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## New Jersey Readoption

Dear Parent:

Thank you for inquiring about the readoption process in the State of New Jersey. Enclosed please find an Application for you to complete and return to me at **4209 Bluff Harbor Way, Wellington, FL 33449**. With this Application, please send a copy of your child's foreign birth certificate, adoption decree, abandonment certificate, USCIS Form I-171H, permanent resident card ("Green Card"), foreign passport showing the photo page and the visa page with alien registration number, and a check payable to "***Patti Urban and/or Legal-Eaze***" in the amount of \$500.

Once we have received this application, we will complete the legal documents necessary for you to use to file for the change of name and validation of foreign adoption of your child. This process will also allow you to obtain a birth certificate for your child.

New Jersey Surrogate Court charges a filing fee payable directly by you to the Court by certified check or money order at the time of filing. This is in addition to the fee paid to Legal-Eaze. We will instruct you of the current amount upon completion of your paperwork (in the area of \$200). You are also required to obtain a home study update (or post placement report) to present to the Court. You can choose to continue with your current home study agency or have the Court randomly select a social worker for you.

As an adoptive mother myself, I look forward to working with you toward the joyful completion of this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time at (561) 324-9371.

Sincerely,

*Legal-Eaze*

International Adoption Specialists LLC

*Debra Dragunat*

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Readoptions Coordinator

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## READOPTION APPLICATION – NEW JERSEY

### MOTHER

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Maiden Name Social Security No.

Mother's Age at Birth of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Residence since \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
Insert date Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip County (not country) Home Phone

Marital Status:  Unmarried  Married and living with spouse  Married/living separate and apart

Prior Marriages, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Ex-Spouse Date of Marriage Date of Divorce

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Citizenship

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### FATHER

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Social Security No.

Father's Age at Birth of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Residence since \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_  
Insert date Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip County (not country) Home Phone

Marital Status:  Unmarried  Married and living with spouse  Married/living separate and apart

Prior Marriages, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Ex-Spouse Date of Marriage Date of Divorce

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Citizenship

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILD

Original Foreign Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Social Security No.

Interim Foreign Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Guatemala only) First Middle Last

New American Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Child Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Province Country

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**CHILD**

Was child personally seen and observed by parent (if single adoption) or **both** parents (if couple adoption) prior or during the adoption proceedings?  Yes  No (explain)\_\_\_\_\_

Child is a citizen of:  United States (give date and place of naturalization)\_\_\_\_\_  Other (please specify which country)\_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER CHILDREN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date of Birth Place of Birth (Hospital, City) Biological/Adopted Residence Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date of Birth Place of Birth (Hospital, City) Biological/Adopted Residence Address

**EXPENSES INCURRED IN ADOPTION**

Name and Address of **Adoption Agency**: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person at **Adoption Agency**: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees paid to Adoption Agency (apart from travel): \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Estimated Amount Paid in Travel Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Orphanage Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

USCIS (INS) Expenses Incurred: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Miscellaneous Expenses Incurred: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Name and Address of **NJ Home Study Agency** (if you'd like them to conduct your home study update; otherwise, the court will randomly assign you a social worker): \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Telephone Number of Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

Do you have any knowledge that the child or an adoptive parent is the subject of an indicated report or is another person named in an indicated report of child abuse or maltreatment or has been the subject of or the respondent in a child protective proceeding which resulted in an order finding that the child is an abused or neglected child?

Yes  No If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any knowledge of any criminal record concerning yourself or any other adult residing in the household?

Yes  No If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

There is  a  **no**  proceeding pending or contemplated in another court affecting the custody of said minor child to the best knowledge and belief of petitioner. If yes, give full details. \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: You must enclose a copy of each of the following:** Attached

- Birth Certificate  Yes  No
- Adoption Certificate  Yes  No
- Certificate of Abandonment  Yes  No
- Alien Registration Card ("Green Card")  Yes  No
- USCIS Form I-171H  Yes  No
- Foreign Passport (photo page and visa page showing IR3 or IR4 visa)  Yes  No

**NJ Surrogate Court charges a filing fee of approximately \$200 payable by you at the time of filing. We will instruct you of the current fee upon completion of your paperwork.**

May we list you as a reference?  Yes  No

**I (We) acknowledge and represent that neither *Legal-Eaze* International Adoption Specialists, Patti Urban, nor any of its partners, contractors, or employees has provided me (us) with any legal service or advice. **A fee of \$500, payable to "Patti Urban and/or Legal-Eaze", must accompany this application form.** Please mail to: Legal-Eaze, 4209 Bluff Harbor Way, Wellington, FL 33449, Attn: Debra Dragunat.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Signature Date

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## Introduction to *Legal-Eaze*

Thank you for inquiring about *Legal-Eaze* International Adoption Specialists LLC and the services we provide.

*Legal-Eaze* is a company I started in 1996 after working for 20 years as a paralegal. Our primary goal is to provide parents who are adopting from overseas easy access to the international adoption system by helping them help themselves. The services provided **pre-adoption** include: completing and filing immigration documents, consultation with your social worker to coordinate dossier documents, dossier preparation, vital records, dossier authentication, visas, and expedited courier service to New York City Consulates and Government Offices. The services provided **post-adoption** include: readoptions, wills, and consultation and assistance with Certificates of Citizenship, U.S. Passports, Social Security Numbers, and Return of Original Documents from USCIS (formerly INS). All post-adoption paperwork is completed under the direct supervision of the parent.

In April of 1997, my husband and I independently adopted our first daughter, Kristen Mingxia, from Yangzhou, China. In October of 1999, we returned from China with our second daughter from Yangzhou, Juliana Xiaoye. In January of 2002, I traveled alone to China to adopt our third child, Mary Kate Xiru, also from Yangzhou. And finally, in September of 2006, we brought home our son, Kevin from Shangrao, through China's Waiting Child program. As an adoptive parent myself, I can easily relate to other families in their adoption journey in addition to offering many years of experience. The costs for these high-quality services are kept low because my staff and I are not lawyers--we do not give legal advice nor do we represent you. We do, however, assist adoptive parents with the many forms they need to complete.

So, whether you are interested in the services provided by *Legal-Eaze*, or just have a question, parent-to-parent, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time at (561) 324-9371 (Florida Office) or (845) 642-2990 (NYC Office) or visit our website at [www.legal-eaze.com](http://www.legal-eaze.com).

Sincerely,

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*Patti Urban*

Patti Urban  
President

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**CONFUSED ABOUT PREPARING/AUTHENTICATING DOSSIERS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION?  
DO YOU NEED HELP PREPARING PRE- AND POST-ADOPTION PAPERWORK?**

*Legal-Eaze* provides courier services for VISAS and expedited courier service of paperwork to NYC CONSULATES and GOVERNMENT OFFICES such as county clerk and secretary of state.

*Legal-Eaze* provides international adoption DOSSIER PREPARATION, including processing of immigration paperwork and obtaining vital records, and DOSSIER AUTHENTICATION, including notarizing documents and certifying them through the appropriate County, State, Embassy/Consulate levels.

*Legal-Eaze* provides post adoption services by helping you prepare your own international READOPTIONS and WILLS without a lawyer. Consultation and Assistance are also available for applications for Certificates of Citizenship, U.S. Passports, Social Security Numbers, and Return of Original Documents from USCIS.

## Prices\* are as follows:

- *Courier Service for Visas (Each)*..... \$50 each
- *Courier Service in NYC\*\* (same as Dossier Authentication Fees)*..... See below
- *Expedited Courier Service in NYC\*\* (in addition to dossier authentication fees, add extra fee for Expedited/Same Day Service, per location/per visit)*..... \$90/visit
- *Dossier Authentication-County Clerk (minimum 6 documents or \$90)*..... \$15 each
- *Dossier Authentication-Secretary of State (minimum 6 documents or \$90)*..... \$15 each
- *Dossier Authentication-U.S. Department of State (minimum 6 documents or \$90)*..... \$15 each
- *Dossier Authentication-Consulate/Embassy (minimum 6 documents or \$90)*..... \$15 each
- *Dossier Preparation (for preparation of the actual documents in dossier)*..... \$75/hour
- *Readoption (CA, CT, FL, GA, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, SC and VA only at this time)*..... \$500
- *Social Security or U.S. Citizenship Applications*..... \$150
- *Vital Records (Birth, Marriage, Divorce Certificates)*..... \$ 90 each
- *Wills*..... \$150 each

\*Prices are strictly for services provided by Legal-Eaze. Court costs, social worker fees, overnight mailings (billed at \$50 per mailing), photocopies (billed at \$.50 per copy), and/or government filing fees, etc., if any, are not included. \*\* This is in addition to any Dossier Authentication fees.

*Legal-Eaze* provides post-adoption services at low cost because **we are not lawyers and do not give legal advice**. Instead, our services are **limited** to providing quality legal form preparation and typing under the supervision of the family. In short, we help our families solve their own legal issues.

*Legal-Eaze* helps you better inform yourself about the laws and legal procedures that affect you. **Always consult an attorney for legal advice.**

**Patti Urban -- President  
Paralegal and Notary Public**

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