



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2012-11

**PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO
THE ILLINOIS GESTATIONAL SURROGACY ACT 750 ILCS 47/25**

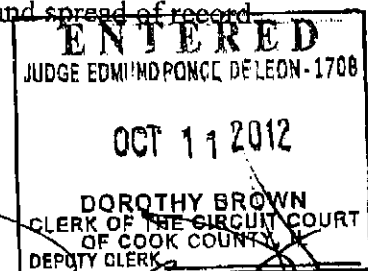
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, all Petitions for Declaratory Judgments seeking a declaration of parentage under the Illinois Gestational Surrogacy Act ("GSA"), Section 750 ILCS 47/25 shall henceforth be processed as follows:

1. Petitions seeking declaration of parentage under the GSA shall be verified and filed with the Clerk's Office on the 12th floor of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois, with the proper filing fee paid;
2. The Clerk shall assign a miscellaneous case number ("COMS") for such petitions;
3. All such Petitions, whether uncontested or contested, shall be assigned to Calendar 3 of the County Division, until further order of this Court;
4. The Petitioner may seek an *expedited* order provided the petitioner signs a Verified Petition and states the following:
 - a. That petitioners are qualified pursuant to 750 ILCS 45/6(1) and have complied with the requirements under the Gestational Surrogacy Act section 750 ILCS 57/25;
 - b. That Petitioners are of lawful age and under no legal disability;
 - c. Petitioner(s) country of residency;
 - d. That the Petitioners are the legal parents of the child or children in question (stating the name(s), date(s) of birth, hospital born and county and state of birth);
 - e. That the petitioners entered into a gestational surrogacy arrangement as required under the Illinois Gestational Surrogacy Act, 750 ILCS 47/25 and that the child(ren) in question was/were conceived and born pursuant to said surrogacy arrangement.
 - f. That the petitioners legally established their parent and child relationship with the child prior to the child's birth by filing the necessary certifications with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the pertinent hospital of birth, pursuant to 750 ILCS 47/1 *et seq* and duplicate originals of said certifications are filed with the petition as an Exhibit;

- g. That the Illinois Department of Public Health issued a birth certificate for the child in accordance with the GSA recognizing the petitioners as the legal parents of the pertinent-named child, with a copy of the birth certificate of the child to be attached with the petition as an Exhibit;
 - h. That petitioners have been advised by their attorneys in the pertinent country of the named the country that they have been advised that in order to have their parentage recognized by that named-pertinent country, said named-pertinent country requires a court in the state of Illinois to declare that the petitioners are the legal parents of the named child or children, to be attached as an exhibit;
 - i. A proposed "Order for Declaration of Right" accompanies the Petition, and
 - j. Another other requirements as so ordered by the court.
5. Unless otherwise contested, the Petitioners may deliver the filed petition, proposed order and required documents as ordered herein, to the Office of the Presiding Judge of the County Division, for Calendar #3, located at Suite 1701 of The Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois.
6. If all documents are in order, the Court shall issue the proposed order and, if a courtesy has been provided, an "ENTERED" courtesy copy(ies) of the Order shall be left in the Calendar #3 outbox for the attorneys to pick up as soon as allowable.

Entered this 11 day of October 2012. This order shall be published and spread of record.

ENTERED:



Judge Edmund Ponce de Leon
Presiding Judge, County Division

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