

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LASALLE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Petitioner(s)  
vs

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s)

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTION SUMMONS**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby summoned and required to file an answer in this case, or otherwise file your appearance, in the office of the Clerk of this Court within 30 days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief prayed in the petition.

This summons must be returned by the officer or other person to whom it was given for service, with endorsement thereon of service and fees, if any, immediately after service. If service cannot be made, this summons shall be returned so endorsed.

You, as the parent of the minor children who are subject to this adoption petition have the following rights:

- 1. The right to be present.
- 2. The right to be heard.
- 3. The right to present evidence material to the proceedings.
- 4. The right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 5. The right to examine pertinent court files and records.
- 6. The right to be represented by counsel.

If you are financially unable to employ counsel, you may request that the court appoint an attorney to represent you in the proceedings. If the court determines that you are indigent, the court shall appoint the public defender or such other counsel as the case may require.

You may be able to attend this court date by phone or video conference. This is called a 'Remote Appearance.' Call the Circuit Clerk at (815) 434-8671 or visit their website at [www.lasallecounty.com](http://www.lasallecounty.com) to find out how to do this.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local Circuit Clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). If you are unable to pay your court fees, you can apply for a fee waiver. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

This summons may not be served later than 30 days after its date.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney for \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
ARDC # \_\_\_\_\_

Witness, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Court  
(Seal of Court)

Date of Service \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be inserted by officer on copy left with defendant or other person)

I have duly served the within by leaving a copy thereof, together with a copy of the petition filed in this cause, with each of the within-named \_\_\_\_\_ personally, as I am therein commanded, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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I have duly served the within upon the within-named \_\_\_\_\_ by leaving a copy thereof, together with a copy of the petition filed in this cause, at \_\_\_\_\_ usual place of abode with \_\_\_\_\_ a person of the family or a person residing there, of the age of 13 years or upwards, and informing that person of the contents thereof, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_ as I am therein commanded.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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I \_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff of said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in the County and State aforesaid, I sent by United States mail a copy of this summons, together with a copy of the petition filed in this cause, in a sealed envelope, with postage fully prepaid, addressed to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ the same being \_\_\_\_\_ usual place of abode.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff

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Deputy

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**SHERIFF'S FEES**

Service..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Copy..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mileage..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Return..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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