

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE APPALACHIAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 2000-11**

**IN RE: FILING AND PROCESSING – ADOPTION PETITIONS**

A **copy** of a Petition for Adoption and each exhibit attached thereto shall be submitted to the law clerk with each request for the entry of an Order fixing the date upon which the Petition for Adoption is to be considered. In the event the petitioner is requesting the Court to waive a home evaluation, the Petition for Adoption shall include a written motion stating the reasons why the home evaluation is not required. The original order setting the case for a hearing and order granting or denying the request to waive the home evaluation shall be returned to the petitioner. The order(s) must be accompanied by a stamped, self addressed envelope for return to the petitioner.

It is **not necessary** to have the **approval** of the Petition for Adoption by the court prior to filing the petition.

**So ORDERED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2000.

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Brenda S. Weaver, Chief Judge  
Superior Courts  
Appalachian Judicial Circuit

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Ronald J. Armstrong, Judge  
Superior Courts  
Appalachian Judicial Circuit