

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY JUN 22 2026  
STATE OF GEORGIA

CHÉ ALEXANDER  
Clerk of Superior Court

Fulton County, Georgia

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IN RE: PROCEDURE FOR ALL )  
ADOPTION / PARENTAGE CASES ) 26-EX - 000799  
ASSIGNED TO JUDGE )  
ELLERBE'S DIVISION ) JUDGE KELLY LEE ELLERBE  
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**STANDING CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER FOR**  
**ADOPTION / PARENTAGE CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KELLY LEE**  
**ELLERBE'S DIVISION**

For all adoption, termination, or parentage cases assigned to this division, the Court **HEREBY ORDERS** that the following deadlines, policies and procedures govern. Absent express permission from the Court, no exceptions, extensions or waivers to the requirements set forth herein are allowed.

While the Court encourages counsel to communicate with Chambers, such communication shall be in writing and delivered in hard copy or emailed to the Staff Attorney with copies of such communication also provided to all counsel of record unless the matter is a proper ex parte filing. In no instance should counsel directly email the Judge.

After the filing of the Petition and Rule Nisi, counsel shall email courtesy copies of such with the case number to the Staff Attorney.

If there are additional filings beyond the Petition and Rule Nisi (e.g., motion to serve by publication, acknowledgment of service, answers, home studies), courtesy copies of such filings shall be delivered to Chambers via email. Further, all documents shall be filed prior to the hearing.

If a background check is required, petitioner(s) shall submit fingerprints in a timely manner so the background check is completed prior to the hearing date.

Prior to the hearing, counsel shall email a proposed final order to the Staff Attorney in Word format.

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SO ORDERED, this, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.

*Kelly Lee Ellerbe*

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KELLY LEE ELLERBE, JUDGE  
FULTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT