

[Date]

[Client 1 Name]

[Client 2 Name]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip Code]

**RE: Conflict of Interest Waiver for Joint Representation in Adoption of [Child's Name]**

Dear [Client 1 Name] and [Client 2 Name]:

You have asked [Law Firm Name] to represent both of you as co-petitioners in the legal adoption of [Child's Name]. This letter serves to explain the implications of joint representation and to obtain your informed consent regarding potential conflicts of interest.

**1. Duty of Loyalty and Potential Conflicts**

In a joint representation, an attorney owes an equal duty of loyalty to both clients. While your interests currently appear aligned, disagreements could arise regarding legal strategy, financial obligations, or parental rights. If a serious conflict develops that prevents me from maintaining my duty to both of you, I may be required to withdraw from representing both parties.

**2. Confidentiality and Attorney-Client Privilege**

Under joint representation, there is no expectation of confidentiality between the two of you. Information shared by one spouse regarding the adoption will be available to the other spouse. However, your communications remains protected by the attorney-client privilege against third parties.

**3. Future Disputes**

Should you decide to separate or divorce in the future, or if a dispute arises regarding this adoption, I will not be able to represent either of you against the other in any matter related to this proceeding.

**4. Consent**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have been advised of the risks of joint representation, have had the opportunity to consult with independent counsel, and waive any conflict of interest arising from this joint representation.

Sincerely,

[Attorney Name]

[Law Firm Name]

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER**

We have read this letter, understand the potential conflicts of interest, and hereby consent to joint representation.

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**[Client 1 Name]**

Date:

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**[Client 2 Name]**

Date: