

PROBATE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION PETITION OF

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Case Number _____

ORDER

This cause came before the Court on _____, for a pretrial conference *or* status hearing of the above referenced case. Appearances were noted in the record. This cause is properly before the Court pursuant to its jurisdiction and authority as conferred by statute and Constitutional provisions. Upon due consideration of the pleadings and after consultation with the parties, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The _____, and the Petitioner(s), _____, are each **ORDERED** to post a \$ _____ cash deposit with the Court (totaling \$ _____) *on or before* _____, 20__, relating to expected court costs in this cause. Upon receipt of the same, the Court will proceed to appoint a Guardian ad Litem to represent the minor in this cause.
2. No discovery shall be conducted until the Guardian ad Litem is appointed. All discovery in this cause shall be completed on or before _____. All parties are under a duty to supplement responses with respect to discovery as provided by Rule 26(e)(3) of the *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*.
3. This cause shall be set for trial on _____, 20__, at _____.m. in Courtroom __, _____ County, Alabama.
4. The triable issues in this cause identified at this time are:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. Each party shall furnish all documents, exhibits and physical evidence, or copies thereof, expected to be used at trial to the other parties on or before _____, 20__. The same shall then be considered **authenticated** and will be considered admissible into evidence **without further proof on authenticity grounds**, unless written objections to any such documents or exhibits be made to the Court on or before _____, 20__, specifying the grounds for objection and evidence in opposition to the authenticity of the proposed document, exhibit or physical evidence.
6. Documents, exhibits or physical evidence not timely exhibited to other parties prior to trial may not be offered in evidence at the trial unless the ends of justice so require.

7. Documents, exhibits, or physical evidence to be offered by parties during the course of their case in chief (but not rebuttal), as well as an exhibit list, shall be presented to the Court Reporter for marking into evidence on _____, 20__.
8. Unless previously obtained by discovery, each party will furnish to all other parties the names, addresses and qualification of all expert witnesses expected to testify, together with a brief summary of their opinions, on or before _____, 20__. Opposing parties may make written objection to the qualification to the Court on or before _____, 20__, stating therein the specific objection and evidence in support thereof.
9. The *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure* shall apply, with the Court exercising its Constitutional and statutory jurisdiction (see Rule 1, *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure*).
10. The parties shall submit to the Clerk of the Court on or before _____, 20__, subpoenas and/or subpoenas duces tecum with copies of said requests to be served on all other counsel.
11. The Court will reconsider any portion of this Order upon **timely** application of any party.
12. The Clerk of the Court shall forward a copy of this Order by electronic service or U.S. First Class Mail to all counsel of record and to all parties in interest, and all *pro se* parties by U.S. First Class Mail to the last address provided to the Court.

Done this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Judge of Probate