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HOW TO OBTAIN A CERTIFIED COPY OF ADOPTION DECREE

In most states Adoption Decrees are sealed and neither the birth parent nor adoptive parents can get them. In some states the adoptee's child may be able to obtain the documents. In order to begin the search, the adopted person must know the state and county where the Decree was entered. Once the county is identified, contact the clerk or records department of that county and ask who is permitted to obtain the record, and what identification needs to be produced. If the Adoption Decree is required to secure a government-issued photo ID, explain to the clerk that your client doesn't have this ID, and that he seeks to obtain a certified copy of his Adoption Decree in order to get it. Ask if there are secondary identifying documents that can be considered. If you are unsuccessful in getting help from the clerk, ask to speak to the Supervisor. If the Supervisor turns you down, ask what your client's legal recourse would be in order to obtain the Decree.

Note: Only persist if that state's law would otherwise permit the client to obtain a copy of the Decree.