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Comissão Distrital Judiciária de Adoção
(District Judiciary Commission on Adoption)
Tribunal de Justiça do Distrito Federal e Territórios
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WHAT IS THE CDJA

The District Judiciary Commission on Adoption (Comissão Distrital Judiciária de Adoção – CDJA) is a special commission subordinate to the Department of Judicial Internal Affairs for the Tribunal of Justice for the Federal District and State Territories (Corregedoria da Justiça do Distrito Federal e Territórios) with a staff consisting of professionals in the areas of Social Works, Psychology and Law.

The CDJA aims to assist the Judge of the First Court of Infancy and Adolescence for the Federal District with the procedures related to national and international adoption and with the qualification of foreigners interested in the adoption of children and adolescents in the Federal District.

The CDJA is responsible for all adoptions in the Federal District. Their duties go from the early stages of child-family acquaintance/familiarization to the post-adoption follow up of children and adolescents abroad. It should be mentioned that international adoption is an exceptional measure (article 3 of “The Child and Adolescent Act” – ECA) only granted if Brazilian candidates for adoption are neither eligible nor available.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

1. A foreigner residing abroad or permanently established in Brazil and Brazilians living abroad.

2. A couple residing abroad consisting of the union between a Brazilian national and a foreigner living in marital status or in legal wedlock.

STEPS FOR ADOPTION

1 - Search for an authorized agency or the Central Authority in the host country to qualify for international adoption. (For information: www.sedh.gov.br)

2 - Forward application to the CDJA followed by all documents required for eligibility or eligibility notarization.

3 - Further to eligibility the family must await to meet a child or adolescent according to the profile chosen for adoption by the CDJA.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ELIGIBILITY

Application (see sample on site www.thdft.jus.br/cdja) which should be accompanied by the following documents:

1 - Document issued by the competent authority in the host country confirming the applicant's eligibility according to the laws of the country.

2 - Psychosocial study drawn up by the competent authority in the applicant's country of origin, whether temporarily or permanently residing abroad, or by the CDJA technical team in case the applicant is temporarily or permanently residing in the Federal District.

3 - Copy of passport.

4 - Certificate of criminal records issued by both the competent authority in the country where the applicant is temporarily or permanently residing and in his/her country of origin, if not the same.

5 - Proof of residence.

6 - Marriage certificate and birth certificates of children, if applicable.

7 - Medical reports of the applicant(s) and their children, if applicable.

8 - Proof of payment.

9 - Photos of the applicant(s), their family and home.

10 - Ruling document pertinent to the host country legislation on adoption.

11 - Certificate of acknowledgement on the part of the applicant that adoption in Brazil is free and irrevocable and that he/she is not allowed to maintain any kind of contact with the parents or person legally responsible for the child to be adopted before fulfillment of all requirements established by the CDJA Regiment.

Observation: All documents presented in a foreign language should bear a consular stamp and should be accompanied by an official translation signed by a sworn translator.

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