

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008 - 4

**SUBJECT: REQUIRED COMPLIANCE WITH 750 ILCS 50/4.1
(Adoption of Foreign Born Child)**

Effective immediately in all cases which seek the adoption of a foreign born child filed on and after the date of this Order or where a Judgment of Adoption has not been entered, the County Division will require strict compliance with 750 ILCS 50/ 4.1.

The petition filed in such cases must state facts which establish the date the proposed adoptee entered the United States and the immigration status of that person. In cases where a child is brought to the United States for purposes of adoption, the petition must allege facts which establish that the child was legally free for adoption prior to entering the United States and that the placement complies with rules promulgated by the agency of the federal government which regulates immigration and naturalization.

Compliance with the pleading requirements relating to the availability of the child for adoption found in 750 ILCS 50/4.1 shall be presumed in those cases where the petition for adoption establishes that the child sought to be adopted in this Court was the subject of a judgment of adoption entered by a court or civil authority of a foreign country or entered the United States subsequent to the creation of guardianship in a foreign country which placed the child under the care of said guardian and granted the guardian full authority to place the child with an adoptive family.

In all cases where the placement is a private arrangement not involving a licensed child welfare agency, the Court upon entry of an interim order shall require a report of

investigation by a licensed child welfare agency or by the social service agency under the supervision of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. The report of investigation shall be ordered regardless of whether the adoption is of a "Related child" as defined by 750 ILCS 50/1B. Nothing in this Administrative Order precludes a petitioner from seeking a waiver of the investigation requirement by written motion addressed to the judge's discretion and establishing good cause.

Dated this 4th day of March 2008 and spread upon the records of this Court.

ENTER: _____

Patrick E. McGann
Presiding Judge

