

NYA AFF

New York Attorneys for Adoption & Family Formation



Membership Application

Admission to New York Attorneys for Adoption and Family Formation (NYA AFF) is subject to a vote of approval by the Board of NYA AFF. The criteria for membership are set forth in Article II of NYA AFF's Bylaws. **Please email complete application to membership co-chairs: gfranklin@afylaw.com and jeanine@jcadoptionlaw.com**

1. Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Firm Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Office Phone: _____ Fax : _____

Cell Phone (optional): _____

Home Phone (optional): _____

E-Mail: _____

Website URL: _____

Jurisdictions in which you are licensed to practice law: _____

2. The applicant must disclose any past and pending disciplinary actions, findings or adverse outcomes from every jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed to practice. Please initial to indicate whether you have been professionally disciplined, have pending any matter of professional discipline.

Yes No

If yes, please provide a detailed explanation of each matter by attachment.

3. Every applicant must be a member (either Full, Provisional or Judicial) in good standing with the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys and have paid their application fee to NYA AFF.
4. Every applicant whose principal place of legal practice is not located in New York State shall have represented a party in at least twenty (20) assisted reproduction and/or adoption cases filed in New York Courts and/or that have applied New York law, and in which the applicant has drafted or negotiated the material documentation related to the matter. Please initial here to affirm that you have satisfied the requirement of this Paragraph. NYA AFF reserves the right to request substantiation of this representation.

Initials

5. For applicants whose principal place of legal practice is not located in New York, the applicant must submit three references from current NYA AFF members attesting to the applicant's proficiency in New York adoption and/or assisted reproduction laws and procedures; at least one of the references shall have represented a party in at least one of the applicant's twenty cases. *References should be emailed to gfranklin@afylaw.com and jeanine@jcadoptionlaw.com.*
6. Every applicant must confirm a commitment to bettering the practice of assisted reproduction or adoption in New York and/or demonstrated advocacy to positively enact or amend New York adoption and/or assisted reproduction laws (SEE FORM ATTACHED).
7. The Applicant must provide a current Certificate of Good Standing from every jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed to practice law.

NYAAFF APPLICATION
and
Release of Liability

I, _____, hereby apply for membership in New York Attorneys for Adoption and Family Formation (NYAAFF). I shall abide by NYAAFF's rules and regulations, and confirm my commitment to bettering the practice of assisted reproduction and adoption in New York and have, or shall, advocate to positively enact or amend New York adoption and/or assisted reproduction laws.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements in this application for membership are true, accurate and complete. I authorize any bar association, court, lawyer disciplinary organization, or law enforcement agency to disclose matters pertaining to me to NYAAFF in connection with its investigation of my application for membership.

I hereby release, discharge and exonerate NYAAFF, its officers, directors, members, fellows, agents and representatives, and any and all persons or agencies furnishing information in connection with this application, from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of the furnishing of such information, whether communicated orally or in writing. I further waive any claims which may arise with respect to such information or its disclosure. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless NYAAFF, its officers, directors, members, fellows, agents and representatives from any and all liability arising from or in any way related to its investigation, processing and decision making with regard to any membership application I make, have made, or will make in the future to NYAAFF, including this application.

I have read the Bylaws and Code of Ethics of NYAAFF.

I understand and agree that membership in NYAAFF is by invitation only and that applying for membership does not necessarily mean that the Board will extend an invitation to me. I understand and agree that invitations for membership, and continuing membership in the organization, are within the sole discretion of the Board, and that its decision is final.

Date

Signature of Applicant