

WASHTENAW COUNTY PROBATE COURT ADOPTION DEPARTMENT

Confidential Intermediaries

Confidential Intermediaries are individuals appointed by the court to search for and contact (if requested) former family members, adult adoptees, or adult children of deceased adult adoptees. [MCL 710.68b\(2\)](#)

The following individuals may file a [Petition and Order to Appoint Confidential Intermediary \(PCA 342\)](#) to appoint a confidential intermediary in the court where the final order of adoption was entered:

- an adult adoptee
- an adoptive parent of a minor adoptee
- an adult child of a deceased adoptee
- a former family member. [MCL 710.68b\(2\)](#)

Once the court receives the petition to appoint a confidential intermediary, the court must contact the central adoption registry to determine whether there is currently a statement from the individual being sought that denies consent to the release of identifying information. [MCL 710.68b\(2\)](#) If there is no denial of consent for that individual, the court must appoint in writing a confidential intermediary who meets the requirements of [MCL 710.68b\(3\)](#) and [MCL 710.68b\(2\)](#).

Select the link for a detailed [procedure](#) on how to request a Confidential Intermediary.

If you do not require the assistance of a Confidential Intermediary search but would like to receive identifying or non-identifying information, please submit the [Petition for Adoption Information and Order \(PCA 327\)](#) to the Probate Court. [MCL 710.68](#) provides for the release of non-identifying and identifying information based upon whether the former parents, former adult siblings, or adult adoptees have filed a consent to or denial of the release of identifying information.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the [Probate Court](#) Adoption Unit at:
(734) 222-6938.