



Indianapolis Adoption Attorney Helps Same-Sex Couples Adopt

Loving couples often find that they want to extend their love by bringing a child into their home, sometimes biologically, and sometimes through adoption. And if you and your partner are in a LGBT relationship, Indiana adoption lawyer Barbara J. Baird has the knowledge to help you either start your own family through adoption or legally adopt your stepchildren. She works compassionately with every kind of family to ensure that they are able to give their love and care to the children who need it.

Second-Parent, or Co-Parent Adoptions by Same-Sex Couples

Second-parent or co-parent adoption is the legal process that allows a same-sex partner to adopt his or her partner's biological or adopted child without ending the first parent's legal status as a parent. Second-parent adoptions often involve two women who decided to have a child together and one parent is the biological or adoptive "legal" parent and the other parent is the "second parent" or "co-parent" who has no legal parental rights. Male couples can also do this kind of adoption, in which one partner has already legally adopted a child as a single parent or has become a parent through an arrangement with a surrogate.

Same-Sex Adoptions in Indiana

As a same-sex couple, you may find that you encounter discrimination, prejudice, and doubt about your ability to parent effectively. However,

studies show that children raised by same-sex parents are as well-adjusted as children raised by heterosexual parents. The child you want to extend your home to needs a loving and financially secure home — and with the help of Indiana Co-Parent Adoption Lawyer Barbara J. Baird, you can provide it to him or her.

Changing laws require an Experienced Attorney

Throughout the United States, same-sex adoption laws continue to change. In Indiana, LGBT individuals may adopt children, but there are often challenges along the way that only an experienced Indiana adoption attorney can help you work through. Since Indiana does not have a state law specifically permitting second-parent adoptions by a same-sex partner, a court may rule the adoption is not in the child's best interests. As a result, it is very important that you hire an experienced and effective Indiana adoption lawyer to fight for you in court and help you make the family you deserve.

Contact Same-Sex Adoption Attorney Barbara J. Baird at her Indianapolis office today at (317) 426-9334 to start the process of creating your family.