



About Robert B. Kirsh

Attorney Robert B. Kirsh earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree from Indiana University in 1991, his Juris Doctor degree from The University of Tulsa College of Law in 1994, and his Master of Science in Management (MBA) degree from the Purdue University Krannert Graduate School of Management in 1997.

Rob is drawn to adoption law because of its rewarding nature. He believes adoption is the only area of the law where everyone wins. Rob feels strongly about enhancing the public image of adoption and improving the process to make his adoption practice responsive to the needs of all parties, including birth parents, adoptive family, and child.

Rob believes in doing things with excellence, and is supremely committed to practicing adoption law in a manner that is professional, thorough, ethical, respectful, compassionate, and caring.

Rob comes from an "Adoption Family." His two older brothers, Steve and Joel Kirsh, are nationally recognized pioneers in the adoption field, have been practicing adoption law in Indiana for more than 25 years, and have handled over 2,500 adoptions. Brother Steve has been President of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, has served on the United States Delegation to the Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption, is a recipient of the Congressional "Angel in Adoption" award, and has been instrumental in drafting the adoption laws of Indiana that make it one of the most "adoption friendly" states in America. Rob works closely with, and receives the counsel of, both Steve and Joel.

Rob is a member of the Tennessee Bar.

Rob and his wife Amy have two children and live in Germantown, Tennessee.



Mission Statement

Robert B. Kirsh endeavors to be the best at what he does by pursuing excellence in adoption through a law practice that is supremely committed to providing a "win-win-win" result for birth parents, adoptive families, and adopted children in a manner that is uncompromisingly professional, thorough, ethical, respectful, compassionate, and caring.



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Why Consider Adoption?



Few moments in life are more difficult and confusing than suddenly finding yourself unexpectedly pregnant. Many women who find themselves in this position frequently do not know all the options available to them.

Typically, expectant mothers initially think of two options: parenting the child or having an abortion. Although every mother wishes to parent the child, her present circumstances may make doing so very difficult. Most parents will admit that being a parent is much more difficult than they ever imagined, even for those who have high incomes, extensive educations, and a parent who can afford to stay at home with the child. Raising children is very expensive, too. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that a child born in 2007 will cost up to \$400,000 to raise just to age 17, before college, and not including any extraordinary expenses like private school or unforeseen medical expenses. In short, raising children is an incredible responsibility that isn't for everyone at every stage of life.

Abortion, although perhaps a seemingly appropriate decision, given the circumstances, at the time, often causes a birth mother to feel a tremendous amount of guilt and anguish in the long-term. Many birth mothers, for religious reasons, moral reasons, or otherwise, do not even consider abortion to be an option.

Adoption, whether it's handled through an attorney or by an agency, provides a wonderful solution to what are distressing problems for the people involved. A birth mother can feel good about her decision to place the best interest of the child above her own; adoptive parents, unable to conceive children biologically, are able to offer both love and a secure, happy home to the child they adopt; and the child receives the benefit of loving parents and good home. Adoption can be a "win-win-win" solution to a bad situation. A birth mother who sets this process in motion by deciding to make an adoption plan for her child is a "hero" in every sense of the word.

Many birth mothers are surprised to learn some of the details about the adoption process, such as the home-study process adoptive parents must go through, and that adoptive parents, if she proceeds with an adoption, can pay for counseling to help her come to peace with her decision and reasonable and actual expenses for housing, food, clothing, utilities, and transportation for a certain period prior to and after the birth of the child. Of course, adoptive families pay the birth mother's medical expenses, to the extent she does not have insurance or Medicaid, and her legal expenses.

MORE INFORMATION

Attorney Rob Kirsh would be happy to speak with you by phone or meet with you in person anywhere that is convenient for you. By speaking or meeting with Rob, there is **no cost to you whatsoever and there is no obligation to proceed with an adoption.** If you would like to schedule a no-pressure, no-obligation appointment to discuss adoption, learn about the process, and have all of your questions answered, **please call or SMS text Rob Kirsh at (901) 825-3960, email him at rob@kirsh.com, or check out his website at www.AdoptTennessee.com** (which contains a lot of good information about adoption, including answers to many of the questions you might have). Rob makes himself available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to help you.

FREE SEMINARS

Rob also holds periodic, free seminars on adoption. Check out www.AdoptTennessee.com or contact Rob for upcoming seminars.

A Personal Message from Rhonda to Prospective Birth Mothers...

What I really wanted was to have the baby and be a mom. I wanted to be a parent. I think just like most women who are pregnant and make a decision to carry the pregnancy. I think it surprises people. It wasn't about not wanting to do that. It was about realizing that I just wasn't capable of it at that point in time. It wasn't that I didn't want the baby or that I didn't want to be a mom or that I didn't want to parent. I just couldn't do it. Even after all of these years and now having a family and hopefully being a little bit more mature, it is still the most difficult decision and the most heart wrenching. I think it was hard to know, at the age that I was, with the education that I had, I just wasn't capable. I could not possibly give a baby everything it needed to have. The adoption attorney has said that had I chosen to parent Zach, he would have been just fine. We still disagree on that. I explained that it takes so much more than just the desire to be a mom. It takes much more than wanting to be a parent. I had all the desire in the world. I had all the love that I needed to have. I just didn't have the maturity. I knew that I would not be able to come home at the end of a long day and be the kind of mom that I am now. Also, I think it was really hard for people to understand that I really wanted the baby to have two parents. I really wanted Zach to have a dad. I wanted him to have a stable, happy environment and at that time in my life, that wasn't going to be with me.

Rhonda