

**GEAUGA COUNTY PROBATE COURT  
JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GREDELL**

**CHECKLIST - ADOPTION-FOREIGN**

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**Filing Requirements**

- 1. Form 19.2 - Petition to Recognize Foreign Adoption**
- 2. Form 19.3 - Order For Ohio Birth Record For Foreign Born Child**
- 3. Form HEA2727 - Certificate of Adoption**
- 4. Court Cost Deposit -** arrange for payment of court cost deposit. See the "Probate Court Costs" on the Court's website.

**Additional Documents**

1. Copy of Foreign Adoption Decree
2. Translation of Foreign Adoption Decree
3. Form Verifying Foreign Adoption by INS