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THE NUT AND BOLTS OF ADOPTION: HOW TO AVOID PITFALLS

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

This program provides you with the fundamentals, as well as extensive resource materials, that will help you with adoption in New Jersey from the unique perspectives of the attorney, the Surrogate's Court, and the judge. In addition to providing you with the nuts and bolts, the speakers' goal is to help you to avoid pitfalls that may negatively affect the adoption process.

Topics include:

- Role of the Petitioning Attorney
 - Understanding Types of Adoption
 - Gestational Carrier Agreements
 - Assisted Reproduction
 - Ethical Issues
- Role of Surrogate's Court
 - Review of Petition
 - Fees and Fee Waivers
 - Closing and Sealing Records
- Judicial Perspective
 - Parental Rights
 - Contested Adoptions

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