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OCT 30 2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

~~CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT~~ IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
23 SP 002083-590

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

DOUGLAS TERRY SIMONS, PETITIONER

FOR THE ADOPTION OF  
OF CATHLEEN ESTOCONING SIMONS

IT IS SO ORDERED THAT service of the Petition for Adoption of a Minor Child (Stepparent), Application, License and Certificate of Marriage, and Certificate of Live Birth and all court-issued documents in the case For the Adoption of CATHLEEN ESTOCONING SIMONS, Case No. 23 SP 002083-590 be published in Global Legal Notices, LLC, a publication of general circulation in The Philippines, for a period of three (3) consecutive weeks and that Proof of Publication be filed with this court no later than thirty (30) days after completion of the publication.

This the 30 day of Oct. 2023

  
Ansley M. G. [illegible]  
Clerk of Court of Superior Court  
Mecklenburg County

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
23 SP 002083-590  
MOTION FOR SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
OCT 30 2023

DOUGLAS TERRY SIMONS, PETITIONER

For the Adoption of:  
Cathleen Estoconing Simons  
A minor child,  
Vs. Michael Graco Castilla, Respondent.

#### MOTION

NOW COMES PETITIONER, DOUGLAS TERRY SIMONS who submits the Application for Order for Service by Publication NOW MOVES THE Court for an Order for Service by Publication and shows onto the court that this case is related to the adoption of a minor child as described in the Petition for Adoption of a Minor Child (Stepparent). Petitioner is unable to locate the Respondent.

#### REQUEST

Petitioner has been unable to locate or effect service of process on the known biological father, Michael Graco Castilla, Respondent in the above-captioned case. Petitioner hereby requests that the Court issue an Order for Service by Publication for a minimum period of once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the online legal notice publication, Global Legal Notices®, a website of general circulation in The Philippines and surrounding regions which offer numerous benefits over traditional print newspapers. Their publication policy is to publish the Order, any notices, and all court-issued documents continuously for a period of three (3) consecutive weeks.

This method allows for a greater opportunity to give actual notice to the known father, Michael Graco Castilla, Respondent, than service by publication in a traditional newspaper. It provides publication of the Court Order, plus the entire set of Court- issued documents. Further, the publication period exceeds the customary once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks by continually publishing the documents for an indefinite period, as allowed by law or necessity. In addition, a Google search by the Respondent's name and country will typically appear on page one of the Google search after approximately five (5) days, thus, providing a greater opportunity to give actual notice to the Respondent, the unknown father.

#### CONCLUSION

Global Legal Notices® offers an improved method of providing actual notice to a Respondent of a pending lawsuit while satisfying the Court's requirements for service by publication. It is widely held that service by publication has a limited success rate in providing actual notice to a Respondent that a legal case is pending. Yet, courts routinely issue an order allowing for service by publication in a newspaper, either print or online, as a last resort method to complete service

of process.

Wherefore, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court issue an Order for Service by Publication in this case.

This the ~~26~~<sup>30</sup>th day of October 2023.

*Douglas Terry Simons*

Signature  
Douglas Terry Simons

10-30-2023

Date

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 30 day of  
October, 2023.

*Takesha Lee Prather*

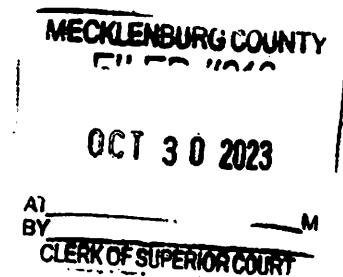
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

September 9, 2028

TAKESHA LEE PRATHER NOTARY PUBLIC Mecklenburg County North Carolina My Commission Expires Sep. 09, 2028
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Legal notice: Adoption  
October 28, 2023  
by Douglas Simons



NORTH CAROLINA  
MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS  
23 SP 002083-590

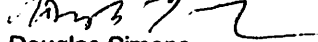
For the Adoption of:  
Cathleen Estoconing Simons  
A minor child,  
Vs. Michael Graco Castilla, Respondent.

TO: Michael Graco Castilla (biological father of the adoptee)

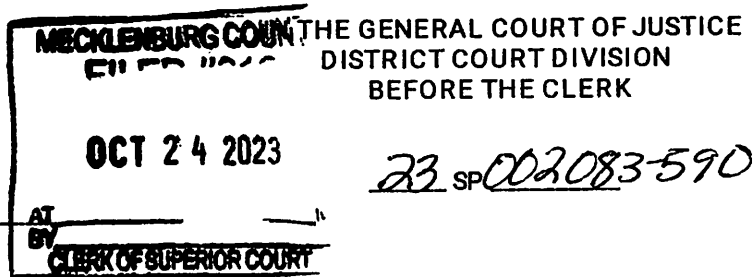
Take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed by DOUGLAS TERRY SIMONS on the 24th day of October 2023 with the Clerk of Superior Court for Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, NC, in the above entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a female child born on 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009 in a medical facility located in the Philippines. The birth mother's name is Realyn Estoconing Calleo.

TAKE NOTICE that you are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the Decree of Adoption.

This the 28 day of October 2023.

  
Douglas Simons  
Petitioner  
3124 Lakewood Edge Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28269  
Telephone 919-741-2188

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Mecklenburg COUNTY



Douglas Terry Simons

Full name of petitioning parent

PETITION FOR ADOPTION

OF A MINOR CHILD

(STEPPARENT)

FOR THE ADOPTION OF

Cathleen Estoconing Simons

(Full name by which adoptee is to be known if adoption granted)

To the Honorable Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County:  
I, the undersigned, Douglas Terry Simons, Male  
Name of petitioning parent (Sex)

whose address is:

3124 Lakewood Edge Drive Charlotte Mecklenburg County NC 28269  
(Street & Number) (RFD) (City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

do hereby petition the Court to adopt Cathleen Estoconing Simons  
(Name by which the adoptee is to be known)

a female minor child, and do represent to the Court:  
(Sex)

1. That the petitioner herein seeking adoption ☒ has lived in or been domiciled in North Carolina for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition; or ☐ the adoptee has lived in North Carolina for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition or from birth.

2. That the petitioner's spouse is the parent of the adoptee and has had legal and physical custody of the child since the birth of Kithlee Estoconing Simons under the following circumstances:

since the birth of Cathleen Estoconing Simons on March 4, 2009

The child has resided primarily with this parent and the petitioner during the six months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition, or a waiver of that requirement is sought under G.S. 48-4-101(3) for the reasons set out in #13 below;

3. That all necessary consents, relinquishments, or terminations of parental rights have or will be obtained and will be filed as additional documents with the Petition; that all necessary parties to this proceeding are properly before the Court or a document listing the names of any other individuals whose consent or termination of rights may be necessary but has not been obtained is attached.

4. That the adoptee was born in the State/Country of Philippines on or about the 4 day of March 2009.

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Douglas Terry Simons

being duly sworn, depose and say

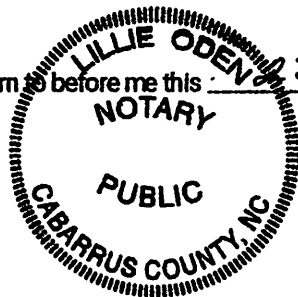
Full name of petitioning parent

that he has read the foregoing Petition and that the facts set forth therein are true to his own knowledge, except as to matters therein set forth upon information and belief, and as to such matters he believes them to be true.

*Douglas T. Simons* Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of OCTOBER, 2023

(SEAL)



*Lillie Oden*  
Clerk Superior Court or Notary Public

My commission expires 06/18/2027

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Attorney for Petitioner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Town)

**NOTE:**

The DSS-5162 is prepared in triplicate. The original form is held in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court; a copy is forwarded within ten days by the Clerk of Court to the Division of Social Services, State Department of Health and Human Services; and a copy is attached to the Order for a Report to the Court which is directed to the county department of social services or licensed private child-placing agency.





(Copy for OCRG)

Municipal Form No. 102 (Revised January 1993)		(To be accomplished in quadruplicate)		REMARKS/ANNOTATION
<p align="center">Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL <b>CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH</b></p> <p align="center">(Fill out completely, accurately and legibly. Use ink or typewriter. Place X before the appropriate answer in Items 2, 5a, 5b and 19a.)</p>				
Province <u>CEBU</u>		Registry No. <u>20097000</u>		
City/Municipality <u>CEBU CITY</u>				
CHILD	1. NAME (First) (Middle) (Last) <u>CATHLEEN</u> <u>ESTOCONING</u> <u>CASTILLA</u>		For OCRG USE ONLY: Population Reference No. <div></div>	
	2. SEX <u>X</u> <u>1</u> Male <u>2</u> Female		3. DATE OF BIRTH (day) (month) (year) <u>04</u> <u>MARCH</u> <u>2009</u>	
	4. PLACE OF BIRTH (Name of Hospital/Clinic/Institution/ (City/Municipality) (Province) <u>WELL-FAMILY MIDWIFE CLINIC, GUADALUPE, CEBU CITY</u>		TO BE FILLED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR	
	5a. TYPE OF BIRTH <u>X</u> <u>1</u> Single <u>2</u> Twin <u>3</u> Triplet, etc.		b. IF MULTIPLE BIRTH, CHILD WAS <u>1</u> First <u>2</u> Second <u>3</u> Others, Specify _____	
	c. BIRTH ORDER (live births and fetal deaths including this delivery) <u>FIRST</u> (first, second, third, etc.)		d. WEIGHT AT BIRTH <u>3,182</u> grams	
MOTHER	6. MAIDEN NAME (First) (Middle) (Last) <u>REALYN</u> <u>CALLAO</u> <u>ESTOCONING</u>		41 <div></div>	
	7. CITIZENSHIP <u>FILIPINO</u>		48 <div></div>	
	8. RELIGION <u>R. CATHOLIC</u>		49 <div></div> 50 <div></div>	
	9a. Total number of children born alive: <u>1</u>		b. No. of children still living including this birth: <u>1</u>	
	c. No. of children born alive but are now dead: <u>0</u>		56 <div></div>	
FATHER	10. OCCUPATION <u>NONE</u>		61 <div></div>	
	11. Age at the time of this birth: <u>21</u> years		62 <div></div> 64 <div></div>	
	12. RESIDENCE (House No., Street, Barangay) (City/Municipality) (Province) <u>198 DON MARIANO CUI ST. CAPITOL SITE, CEBU CITY</u>		68 <div></div> 69 <div></div>	
	13. NAME (First) (Middle) (Last) <u>MICHAEL</u> <u>GACO</u> <u>CASTILLA</u>		70 <div></div> 72 <div></div> 74 <div></div>	
	14. CITIZENSHIP <u>FILIPINO</u>		76 <div></div> 78 <div></div>	
15. RELIGION <u>R. CATHOLIC</u>		81 <div></div>		
16. OCCUPATION <u>NONE</u>		86 <div></div> 87 <div></div>		
17. Age at the time of this birth: <u>27</u> years		88 <div></div> 91 <div></div>		
18. DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OF PARENTS (If not married, accomplish Affidavit of Acknowledgment/Admission of Paternity at the back.) <u>NOT MARRIED</u>				93 <div></div>
19a. ATTENDANT <u>1</u> Physician <u>2</u> Nurse <u>X</u> <u>3</u> Midwife <u>4</u> Hilot (Traditional Midwife) <u>5</u> Others (Specify) _____				94 <div></div>
19b. CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH I hereby certify that I attended the birth of the child who was born alive at <u>2:29</u> am. o'clock am/pm on the date stated above.				
Signature <u>FLORANTE N. QUILARIO</u> Name in Print <u>FLORANTE N. QUILARIO</u> Title or Position <u>REGISTERED MIDWIFE</u>		Signature <u>DON GERVACIO QUIJADA</u> Name in Print <u>DON GERVACIO QUIJADA</u> Title or Position <u>REGISTERED MIDWIFE</u>		
20. INFORMANT Signature <u>REALYN C. ESTOCONING</u> Name in Print <u>REALYN C. ESTOCONING</u> Relationship to the child <u>MOTHER</u>		Signature <u>OSCAR B. MOLO</u> Name in Print <u>OSCAR B. MOLO</u> Title or Position <u>REGISTRATION OFFICER</u>		
21. PREPARED BY Signature <u>FLORANTE N. QUILARIO</u> Name in Print <u>FLORANTE N. QUILARIO</u> Title or Position <u>REGISTERED MIDWIFE</u> Date <u>04 MAR 2009</u>		22. RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR Signature <u>OSCAR B. MOLO</u> Name in Print <u>OSCAR B. MOLO</u> Title or Position <u>REGISTRATION OFFICER</u> Date <u>MAR 10 2009</u>		

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CLAIRE DENNIS S. MAPA, Ph. D.



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
MARRIAGE LICENSE

COUNTY OF

Hinds

To any Judge, Minister, Justice or any other Person Lawfully authorized to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:

YOU ARE HEREBY LICENSED TO CELEBRATE THE  
RITES OF MATRIMONY

BETWEEN

Mr. DOUGLAS TERRY SIMONS and

Miss REALYN CALLAO ESTOCONING

and for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 11TH day of OCTOBER

in the year of our Lord 2019

ZACK WALLACE, Circuit Clerk.

By CANILLE WILLIAMS D. C.



The State of Mississippi, Hinds County  
By Virtue of a License

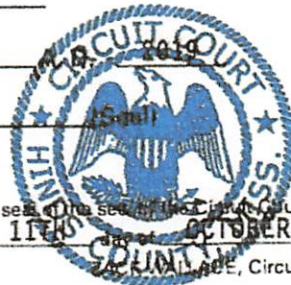
from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Hinds, I have this day celebrated the  
Rites of Matrimony between

Mr. DOUGLAS TERRY SIMONS and

Miss REALYN CALLAO ESTOCONING

Given under my hand, this the 11TH day of OCTOBER

TABITHA BRITTON PORTER



I, Zack Wallace, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and  
for the said State and County do hereby certify that  
the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy  
of the original MARRIAGE LICENSE and the same is  
of record in this office in Book No. 278  
at page 211.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Circuit Court  
at JACKSON this the 11TH day of OCTOBER 2019  
ZACK WALLACE, Circuit Clerk  
By C. Williams D. C.