

**§ 48-2-303. Caption of petition for adoption.**

The caption of the petition shall be substantially as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY  
BEFORE THE CLERK

\*(Full name of petitioning father)  
and

\*(Full name of petitioning mother)  
and

FOR THE ADOPTION OF

PETITION FOR ADOPTION

\*(Full name by which the adoptee is to be known if the adoption is granted). (1949, c. 300; 1961, c. 186; 1969, c. 982; 1973, c. 476, s. 138; 1995, c. 88, s. 5; c. 457, s. 2; 1997-215, s. 9(d).)