



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT MILIMANI**  
**ADOPTION CAUSE NO. 168 OF 2012 (OS)**  
**AND**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE CHILDREN'S ACT**  
**(NO. 8 OF 2001)**  
**AND**  
**IN THE MATTER OF BABY M (MINOR)**

**JUDGEMENT**

The applicants, P M M and S M M, are Kenyan citizens. They are a married couple. Their Originating Summons is dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012, in which they seek, among other orders, to adopt a female child, Baby M (minor).

Baby M (minor), the subject of these adoption proceedings is an abandoned child. She was abandoned in (withheld), Nairobi, at the house of H M, on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010, and a report was made at the Kamukunji Police Station. She was admitted to an institution, the Missionaries of Charity Children Home, to which she was later to be committed by the Children's Court. She was placed with the applicants on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and has been with them to date. The parents of the child have never been traced. Consequently, she was freed for adoption by the Little Angels Network adoption agency by their certificate of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

To facilitate this adoption, the applicants have been assessed by the Little Angels Network, the guardian *ad litem*, P S L, and the Director of Children Services. Three have compiled and filed their reports in court, dated 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013. All these reports are favourable and recommend the proposed adoption. The applicants have demonstrated that they have the financial and emotional capability and capacity to take care of the child. The child appears to have bonded well with them and she considers them to be her parents.

In the opinion of this court it would be in the best interests of the child that she is adopted by the applicants. The applicants will be able to provide a home and a family for the child to grow up in and thereafter be a useful member of the family. Consequently, the applicants shall assume all parental rights and duties of the biological parents in respect of the adopted child; they shall treat the adopted child as if she was born to them. The applicants have been made aware that once the adoption order is made it shall be final and binding during the lifetime of the child and that the child shall have the right to inherit their property. The applicant cannot give up the child owing to any subsequent unforeseen behaviour or other changes in the child.

I am satisfied that all the legal requirements for a local adoption have been met. I will allow the applicants' application to adopt the child. The applicants, P M M and S M M, are hereby allowed to adopt the child, Baby M (minor). She shall hereafter be known as P M M M. D N M is hereby appointed legal guardian of the child in the event something happens to the applicants. The Registrar-General is directed to enter this adoption order in the adoption register. The guardian *ad litem* is hereby discharged.

**DATED, SIGNED and DELIVERED at NAIROBI this 28th DAY OF June, 2013.**

**W.M. Musyoka**

**Judge**