

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI

ADOPTION CAUSE NO.42 OF 2012

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHILDREN ACT, 2001

AND

IN THE MATTER OF BABY R aka Z O M- MINOR

E O M

E E O..... APPLICANTS

J U D G M E N T

The applicants E O M and E E O, are husband and wife. They were married on 6th December 2003. The 1st applicant is a telecommunication engineer while the 2nd applicant is an IT professional cum administrator. The Applicants have not been blessed with biological children of their own due to medical reasons. They wish to adopt a child. They have applied to this court to be allowed to adopt baby Z O M (the child). The child was found abandoned at Kamukunji Police Station canteen. At the time, it was presumed that the child was one day old, his date of birth being 20th October 2010. A report was made on the same day to Kamukunji Police Station. The child was placed with Missionaries of Charity Huruma Children's Home for care and protection. She was committed by the Nairobi Children's Court to the custody of the said Children's Home on 27th May 2011 pending formal adoption proceedings. The Applicants were given custody of the child for mandatory foster care pending adoption pursuant to a foster care agreement which was signed on 9th July 2011. They took custody of the child on the same day. Since then, the child has been in the continuous custody and care of the applicants.

Prior to the hearing of the adoption, the Adoption Society, KKPI, prepared a report which is filed in court. They also issued a certificate declaring the child free for adoption. The certificate is dated 29th June 2011. The Director of Children's Services prepared a report which is on record. The guardian ad litem, B A O, prepared a report which has been filed in court. All the reports are favourable and recommend that the court allows the applicants to adopt the child. I have evaluated the facts of this adoption. This is a local adoption. It is evident that the applicants have fulfilled all the legal requirements pertaining to the adoption of the child. The consent of the biological parents of the child was dispensed with since the child was abandoned at birth. They cannot be traced to give their consent. This court is satisfied that the applicants are qualified and able to take care of the child. The home visits by the guardian ad litem, the Adoption Society and the Director of the Children Services established that the applicants have the financial capability to provide for the upkeep and education of the child. This court observed that the applicants with the child in court. It was evident that in the period that the applicants have had the custody of the child, the child has bonded well with them. The child considers the applicants his parents.

This court formed the opinion that it would be in the best interest of the child to be adopted by the applicants. I allow the applicants' application for adoption. The applicants, E O M and E E O, are hereby allowed to adopt Baby R. Henceforth, the child shall be known as Z O M. His date of birth shall be 20th October 2010. His place of birth shall be Nairobi Kenya. L M K and S L, family friends of the applicants, shall be the legal guardian of the child should such eventuality arise. I direct the Registrar General to enter this order in the adoption register. I hereby discharge the guardian ad litem. It is so ordered.

DATED AT NAIROBI THIS 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013

L. KIMARU

JUDGE