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**In re TW (Minor) (Adoption Cause E221 of 2025)  
[2025] KEHC 17437 (KLR) (Family) (27 November 2025) (Judgment)**

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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
IN THE HIGH COURT AT NAIROBI (MILIMANI LAW COURTS)  
FAMILY**

**ADOPTION CAUSE E221 OF 2025**

**PM NYAUNDI, J**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2025**

**IN THE MATTER OF ABANDONED POST NATAL WARD AKA BABY TW**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**DWN ..... 1<sup>ST</sup> APPLICANT**

**NMM ..... 2<sup>ND</sup> APPLICANT**

**JUDGMENT**

1. Vide Originating Summons, dated 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 the Applicants herein seek the following orders, That:-
  - i. They be authorized to adopt abandoned post natal ward aka baby TW a minor who is to be known as TMW and the Registrar general be directed to enter this adoption into the register of Adoptions.
  - ii. EMW be appointed as the legal guardian of the minor who shall be presumed to have been born in Kenya.
2. This is a Joint Application where the Applicants are Kenyan Citizens residing in Nairobi County. They are married couples having solemnized their marriage on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 as per the annexed marriage certificate serial number XXXX/2025. They are in gainful employment. The 1st Applicant is a Businessman in Nairobi County while the 2nd Applicant is an Assistant Administrator at the United Nations Peace Keeping Operations Department hence financially stable and able to take good care of the child. They have the desire to expand their family as well as to offer the child a loving and care home.
3. They have had custody since June, 2021. The minor is 9 years old. They do not have other children. They both understand the implications of the adoption order, they are aware that the child will have full rights as would a biological child and the order is not reversible.



4. Abandoned Post Natal Ward Aka BABY TW minor herein presumed to have been born on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at Thika Level 5 Hospital. That on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the child was found abandoned at the hospital. The matter was reported at Thika Police Station Vide OB Number 53/27/6/2016. That on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 the child was temporarily placed to Mogra Rescue Centre for care and protection. Thereafter, the child was formally committed at the same facility pursuant to Court order issued by the Resident Magistrate Children’s Court at Nairobi on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021, vide Protection and Care File Number E 152 of 2016. That police issued a final letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 stating that the efforts to trace the child’s relatives bore no fruit.
5. The Applicants approached the KKPI Adoption Society, they were taken through an Explanatory Memorandum they signed Certificate of Acknowledgment dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Subsequently, KKPI Adoption Society, through their committee sitting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021, confirmed that they had assessed the Applicants and found them suitable adoptive parents and further that the adoption would be in the child’s best interest therefore declared the child free for adoption vide freeing certificate Serial Number 1005 and placed with the Applicants.
6. All the Statutory Reports that have been filed in respect of the proposed adoption of the child by the Applicants have recommended that this Court allows the Applicants to adopt the child. Nyaranga Odundo, Children’s Officer filed a report dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025, through her visit she noted that the Applicants have met all legal requirements for local adoption as stipulated in the *Children Act* 2022, they are socially, mentally and financially stable, they are clear of any criminal claim as evidenced police clearance certificates number PCC-6QSLYMNRM and PCC-AAAHJLY9 respectively. The home environment was found to be conducive for the growth and development of the child thus Officer recommending the adoption process. Consequently, PNM, Guardian Ad Litem, presented report dated 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 in which during her home visit, she observed that the home is stable, secure and filled with warmth providing a nurturing environment for the child continued growth and development. Additional, the Applicants are capable, loving, and well prepared to raise the child hence highly recommending Applicants to adopt the child since it is in the child’s best interests.
7. Proposed Legal Guardian (EMW) a business lady residing in Nairobi County, testified in Court that she is a long-term friend of the Applicants and she has consented to the adoption proceedings. Further, she understands the legal implications and she will assume full parental responsibilities in the event the Applicants are unable to discharge their responsibilities.
8. The Court interviewed the minor and it was observed that he acknowledged the Applicants as his parents and also asserted that she has a brother by name Travis.

### **Determination**

9. After carefully assessing the records herein, the Court is satisfied that the Applicants have fulfilled all the legal requirements relating to the Child’s adoption. Section 186 of the *Children Act*, 2022 provides. The Court may make an adoption order on application by-
  - (1)
    - (a) Sole applicant; or
    - (b) Two spouses jointly.
  - (2) The court shall not make an adoption order in any case unless-



- i. the applicant has attained the age of twenty-five years, but is not above the age of sixty-five years; and
  - ii. The applicant, or both of the applicants in a joint application, is more than twenty-one years older than the child.
- (3) The restrictions in subsection (2) shall not apply in any case where a sole applicant or one of the joint applicants is the mother, father, or relative of the child.
10. This Court is alive to the jurisdiction of the High Court vide Article 165 Constitution of Kenya 2010 and Section 183(1) *Children Act* 2022. The Court is conscious of the law; Article 53 Constitution of Kenya 2010, Section 8 of *Children Act* 2022 and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child & Banjul Charter on the Rights & Welfare of the Child all amplify on the best interests of the child.
11. The Court has evaluated the facts of this Local Adoption from the Reports filed. It is evident that the Applicant has fulfilled all the legal requirements of a Local Adoption as required under Section 193 of the Children’s Act, 2022. The guiding principle remains in the best interests of the child pursuant to Section 8 and 194 (1) (c) of the Children’s Act Cap 141 of the Laws of Kenya. The consent of the biological parents of the child was dispensed with since the child was abandoned at birth. This Court has satisfied itself that the Applicant is qualified and able to take care of the child. All the necessary Reports and consents required for this Adoption have been filed. They desire to expand their family as well as to offer the child a loving and care home cannot be disregarded as they have adopted another child in Adoption Cause No. E 222 of 2025.
12. Article 14 (4) of *the Constitution* of Kenya 2010 provides that: -

“(4)A child found in Kenya who is, or appears to be less than eight years of age and whose nationality and parents are not known, is presumed to be a citizen by Birth.”
13. This Court is therefore allow the application and orders as follows that;
  - a. The Applicants, DWN and NMM are hereby allowed to adopt BABY TW.
  - b. Henceforth, the child shall be known as TMW.
  - c. She is presumed to be a Citizen of Kenya by birth.
  - d. Her date of birth shall be 14<sup>TH</sup> May, 2016 At Thika Level 5 Hospital
  - e. EMW is hereby appointed as Legal Guardian of the child.
  - f. The Registrar General to enter this order in the Adoption Children Register.
  - g. The Registrar General do issue the child with Birth Certificate.
  - h. The Director Immigration is authorised to issue the child with a Kenyan Passport.
  - i. The guardian ad litem is hereby discharged.

It is so ordered.

**SIGNED DATED AND DELIVERED IN VIRTUAL COURT THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.**

**P. M. NYAUNDI**

**JUDGE**



In the presence of;-  
Fardosa Court Asistant  
Ambaka for Applicants

