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October 5, 2017

Joseph Stanton, Clerk

Appeals Court

John Adams Courthouse  
One Pemberton Square  
Boston, MA 02108

Re: *Adoption of the \_\_\_ Children* (IMPOUNDED)

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Stanton,

At oral argument in this matter on October \_, 2017, Justice \_\_\_\_\_ noted that the Appellant-Mother had filed for divorce before the care and protection trial but specifically asked the undersigned counsel about the Appellant-Mother’s current marital status. Per that request, under Rule 22(c), I am enclosing a copy of the docket of the Hampden Probate and Family Court that reflects my client’s divorce from the Appellant-Father. This document may be judicially noticed by the Court. See Jarosz v. Palmer, 436 Mass. 526, 530 (2002) (court may take judicial notice of the records of other courts); Mass. Guide Evid. § 201(c) (Notes) (“[J]udicial notice may be taken at any time by a trial or appellate court”), citing Maguire v. Director of Office of Medicaid, 82 Mass. App. Ct. 549, 551 n. 5 (2012).

I hereby certify that this letter has been served on all counsel; a certificate of service is attached. Please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

[counsel]

cc: Appellate Counsel