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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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RE: **THE ADOPTION PROCESS FROM A TO Z**

"The Adoption Process from A to Z," a seminar presented by Chicago and Northbrook Attorney Sally Wildman, will be offered through the **Clarendon Hills Public Library**, 7 North Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514, on Saturday, **September 15, 2018, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Register in person at the Clarendon Hills Public Library,  
by phone at: (630) 323-8188, or online at: <http://bit.ly/CHPLAdoption>  
Registration by September 13, 2018 is requested.

**This program is free and open to the public.**

**Attorney-at-Law Sally Wildman**, a Chicago and Northbrook attorney with many years of experience in adoption practice, helps you explore the world of adoption. She presents the fundamentals and legal steps of the process with focus on preparing you to adopt. Ms. Wildman distinguishes the many types of adoption available, including agency, private, foreign and foster parent adoptions. She will guide you through home study, foster parent licensing and immigration steps required in this process. Identify your best options as Ms. Wildman shares resources on choosing adoption agencies, attorneys, adoption organizations and related professionals. Discussion concludes by considering the common needs of adopted children and the current trend toward openness in adoption.

Sally Wildman, a member of the **Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys**, has represented adopting parents in all types of adoptions used in Illinois practice. While **Chair** of the **American Bar Association Adoption Committee** (1991-1992), she initiated a bar association resolution urging Congress to enact benefits for adoptive families. A key benefit enacted, **federal adoption tax credit**, is available to many families. Ms. Wildman participates in ongoing review and update of Illinois Adoption laws through **Chicago Bar Association** Adoption Law Committee.

In addition to representing adopting parents, Ms. Wildman currently assists adult adopted persons who search for biological family. Access to birth family information has expanded for adopted adults. Illinois law created an Adoption Registry, <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/birth-death-other-records/adoption/iarmie> allowing adopted adults and their birth families to share family and updated medical information. A growing trend in other states, adopted adults born in Illinois can apply for a copy of their original birth certificate by request to Illinois Department of Public Health [<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/birth-death-other-records/birth-records>].