

## **COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS RULING ON ADOPTEE ACCESS TO BIRTH RECORDS**

**On April 16, 2009 the Colorado Court of Appeals Ruled adoptees can access their adoption records.**

### **Process and Requirements:**

**Adoptee to complete *Application to Open Sealed Adoption File to release original birth certificate*, provide a copy of a valid Id (driver license, State or Federal Id) and \$37.75 non refundable fee, check, money order payable to Vital Records.**

**A certified copy of the original Colorado birth certificate, if located, will be issued along with copies of the contents of the sealed file.**

**Requests for original birth certificates will be mailed within 30 days after receipt of the above requirements.**

**Contact 303.692.2188-Closed Records Specialist**

**Or 303.692.2227-Adoption Specialist**

**Or 303.692.2225-Manager of Modifications Unit**

<b>Adoptions finalized</b>	<b>Process</b>
<b>Prior to July 1, 1951</b>	<b>Records remain sealed except via court order</b>
<b>July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1967</b>	<b>Records open to adoptee</b>
<b>July 1, 1967 to August 31, 1999</b>	<b>Records remain sealed except via court order</b>
<b>September 1, 1999 to present</b>	<b>Records open to adult adoptee (18 years of age or older)</b>