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59-2122.   Files and records of adoption. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the files and records of the court in adoption proceedings shall not be open to inspection or copy by persons other than the following:

(1)   The party filing for adoption or termination and that party's attorney;

(2)   an adoptee who has reached the age of majority;

(3)   representatives of the Kansas department for children and families;

(4)   the disciplinary administrator; and

(5)   the commission on judicial qualifications.

(b)   Prior to the final decree of adoption, any party in interest may request access to the files and records of an adoption proceeding. After notice and a hearing, and upon a written finding of good cause, the court may order that some or all of the files and records of an adoption proceeding be open to inspection or copy by the moving party.

(c)   After the final decree of adoption, the court may permit access to some or all of the files and records of an adoption proceeding for good cause shown.

(d)   The Kansas department for children and families may contact the adoptive parents of the minor child or the adopted adult at the request of the birth or genetic parents in the event of a health or medical need. The Kansas department for children and families may contact the adopted adult at the request of the birth or genetic parents for any reason. Identifying information shall not be shared with the birth or genetic parents without the permission of the adoptive parents of the minor child, the adopted adult or the legal guardian of the adopted adult. The Kansas department for children and families may contact the birth or genetic parents at the request of the adoptive parents of the minor child, the adopted adult or the legal guardian of the adopted adult in the event of a health or medical need. The Kansas department for children and families may contact the birth or genetic parents at the request of the adopted adult for any reason.

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