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Abstract:

The establishment or termination of adoption bonds affects the civil status of the adopted person. First of all, it means the change legal parenthood with regard to the adoptee and, secondly, it usually results in changing their names and surnames. These changes of civil status entail the necessity of making appropriate entries in the civil status register, which is the official source of information on the personal and family position of the individual. The registration activities have a special dimension when they concern adoptions in the international context. The author analyses several different scenarios. Starting from adoption decrees issued by the Polish courts (according to Polish or foreign law), through foreign judgments (which might require recognition in Poland) to adoption contracts made abroad and invoked in front of the Polish Registrar in order be duly recorded. A number of remarks concerning the daily registration practice is also made with regard to the termination of adoption. Finally, a separate section of the article is devoted to the transcription to the Polish register of birth certificates issued abroad, which concern adopted persons.