

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 10: Children

Chapter 2A: Uniform Adoption Act

§ 60.16. Effect of final decree—Grandparental rights

Cite as: 10 CNCA § 60.16

A. After the final decree of adoption is entered, the relation of parent and child and all the rights, duties, and other legal consequences of the natural relation of child and parent shall thereafter exist between the adopted child and the adoptive parents of the child and the kindred of the adoptive parents. From the date of the final decree of adoption, the child shall be entitled to inherit real and personal property from and through the adoptive parents in accordance with the statutes of descent and distribution, and the adoptive parents shall be entitled to inherit real and personal property from and through the child in accordance with said statutes.

B. After a final decree of adoption is entered, the natural parents of the adopted child, unless they are the adoptive parents or the spouse of an adoptive parent, shall be relieved of all parental responsibilities for said child and shall have no rights over the adopted child or to his property by descent and distribution.

C. A grandparent, who is the parent of the child's natural parents, may be given reasonable rights of visitation to the child, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CNCA § 5.