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Biological Relatives of Adopted Children Barred from Claiming Inherited Property

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In a landmark ruling on June 5, the Madras High Court, led by Justice GK Ilanthiraiyan, declared that biological relatives of individuals adopted under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act of 1956 cannot claim any property inherited from the adoptive parents. Justice Ilanthiraiyan emphasized that Section 12 of the Act unequivocally states that once an individual is adopted, all ties with their biological family are severed. This means that after...

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