General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Filing Information Form

✓ Superior or □ State Court of DEKALB County For Clerk Use Only Date Filed ___ Case Number _____ MM-DD-YYYY Plaintiff(s) Defendant(s) First Middle I. Suffix First Middle I. Suffix Last Prefix Last **Prefix** First Middle I. Suffix Prefix Last First Middle I. Suffix **Prefix** Last First Middle I. Suffix Prefix First Middle I. Suffix **Prefix** Last Last First Middle I. Suffix First Middle I. Suffix Last Prefix Last Prefix State Bar Number Self-Represented

✓ Plaintiff's Attorney Check one case type and one sub-type in the same box (if a sub-type applies): **General Civil Cases Domestic Relations Cases Automobile Tort** Adoption Civil Appeal Contempt Contempt/Modification/Other □ Non-payment of child support, **Post-Judgment** medical support, or alimony Contract **Dissolution/Divorce/Separate** Garnishment Maintenance/Alimony **General Tort Family Violence Petition Habeas Corpus** Modification Injunction/Mandamus/Other Writ ☐ Custody/Parenting Time/Visitation Landlord/Tenant 4 **Paternity/Legitimation Medical Malpractice Tort** Support - IV-D **Product Liability Tort** Support - Private (non-IV-D) **Real Property Other Domestic Relations Restraining Petition** Other General Civil Check if the action is related to another action pending or previously pending in this court involving some or all of the same: parties, subject matter, or factual issues. If so, provide a case number for each. **Case Number Case Number** V I hereby certify that the documents in this filing, including attachments and exhibits, satisfy the requirements for redaction of personal or confidential information in OCGA § 9-11-7.1. Is a foreign language or sign-language interpreter needed in this case? If so, provide the language(s) required. ______ Language(s) Required

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

		Case No.:	
	Plaintiff		
V	S		
	Defendant		
	S	JMMONS	
You are hereby s		ectronically with the Clerk of said court at boon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name, address and em	nail is:
upon you, exclus		eved upon you, within 30 days after service of this summ fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against y	
This	day of	, 20	
		Honorable Debra DeBerry Clerk of Superior Court	
		By Deputy Clerk	

E-Filing and E-Service

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DEKALB COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF GEORGIA

	,				
***	Petitioner,	Civil Action			
VS.		Case Number			
	Respondent.				
	PETITION FOR	LEGITIMATION			
	The Petitioner files this action, and states	the following in support	of his petition:		
	I believe I am the father of the following	l. minor child(ren), born ou	ut of wedlock:		
	Current Name of Child	Male / Female	Year of Birth		
)			
	2. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court because:				
	[Check and complete only one of the following, (a) through (e) of this paragraph. If none of these applies, you cannot file for legitimation in DeKalb County.]				
□ (a) □ (b)	the Respondent mother resides in DeKalb County, Georgia. the Respondent mother resides in Georgia outside DeKalb County, but the child or I reside in DeKalb County, and the mother has consented to venue here.				
□ (c)	the Respondent mother resides outside the State of Georgia and the child or I reside in				
□ (d)	DeKalb County, Georgia. the whereabouts of the Respondent mother are unknown and the child or I reside in				
□ (e)	DeKalb County, Georgia. the mother of the child is deceased and the child or I reside in DeKalb County, Georgia.				

3.

	The Respondent,, is the child's mother.
	[Check and complete only one of the following.]
□ (a)	The mother's address is
□ (b)	The mother is deceased.
	4.
	No other man is shown as the father on the birth certificate, and the mother was not
marrie	d to any other man at the time of the child's conception or birth.
	5.
	[Check and complete all that apply below.]
	The child lives with the following person who takes care of the child:
□ (a)	The Respondent / mother
□ (b)	The Petitioner / father
□ (c)	Neither the child's mother nor the Petitioner. Instead, the child lives with
	, whose relationship to the child is
	They reside at the following address:
	inCounty,
	in the State of

6.

My paternity of the child has been established by a court or by operation of law based on the child's birth certificate or, if paternity has not been legally established, I state that I am the child's natural father. I want to legitimate my relationship with the child, as provided in OCGA §19-7-22, so that the child will have full rights as my child, and I will have full rights as the father of the child. I believe that legitimation would be in the child's best interests.

[Check and complete all that apply below.]

	I want the birth records of the child to be changed as follows:		
□ (a)	I want the child's last name to be changed on the birth record to my last name.		
□ (b)	I want my name to be entered as the father on the birth record.		
□ (c)	No changes are necessary on the birth record concerning either the father's name or the child's last name.		
	8.		
	[Check and complete part (a) or part (b), but not both.]		
□ (a)	There is already a child support order concerning the child. The current order was issued		
by the	Court / Agency in court case number		
	It requires me to pay per		
	There is currently no child support order concerning the child.		
THER	EFORE, the Petitioner asks:		
	[Check and complete only the ones that apply below.]		
□ (a)	That process issue and the Respondent be served with a copy of this <i>Petition for Legitimation</i> ;		
□ (b)	That the Court order service by publication for the Respondent mother, whose address is unknown. I am filing my <i>Affidavit(s)</i> of <i>Diligent Search</i> with this <i>Petition</i> , and incorporate it here by reference.		
□ (c)	I ask that the Court enter an Order legitimating my relationship with the child, so that the child will be recognized as my legitimate child, capable of inheriting in the same manner as if born in lawful wedlock;		
□ (d)	That the last name of the child be changed to my last name;		
□ (e)	That the Department of Vital Statistics be ordered and directed to amend the child's birth record and to reissue the birth certificate as follows: [If you checked (e) here, you must also check and complete all that apply out of the two below.] [1] (1) entering my name as the father on the birth record [2] changing the child's last name to my last name.		
□ (f)	I ask that the Court enter an Order providing for specific, liberal visitation privileges for me with the minor child.		

□ (g)	 I ask that the Court enter an Order granting the following custody: □ (1) Joint legal custody of the minor child to be shared between the parents, with shared decision-making authority and full access to all information concerning the child's education, religious training and medical care. □ (2) Sole legal and physical custody of the minor child to me. 		
□ (h)	That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court deems fair and proper.		
Dated:			
		Petitioner, Pro se (Signature)	
		Name:	
		Address:	
		Phone (day): _ ()	
		Email:	
VERIFICATION My name is and I am the Petitioner in this action. I hereby swear or affirm, before a notary public, that I have read this <i>Petition for</i>			
_	nation, which I am filing in court with nent are true.	this Verification, and the facts stated in the	
		Petitioner	
	ribed and sworn before me on, 20		
Notary	Public Public		
pro se I	egitimation Petition solo - Tech rev 2015-10	2017-05 wpd	