

General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Filing Information Form

Superior or  State Court of FAYETTE County

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Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff(s)

Defendant(s)

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Plaintiff's Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar Number \_\_\_\_\_ Self-Represented

Check one case type and one sub-type in the same box (if a sub-type applies):

General Civil Cases

- Automobile Tort
- Civil Appeal
- Contempt/Modification/Other Post-Judgment
- Contract
- Garnishment
- General Tort
- Habeas Corpus
- Injunction/Mandamus/Other Writ
- Landlord/Tenant
- Medical Malpractice Tort
- Product Liability Tort
- Real Property
- Restraining Petition
- Other General Civil

Domestic Relations Cases

- Adoption
- Contempt
  - Non-payment of child support, medical support, or alimony
- Dissolution/Divorce/Separate Maintenance/Alimony
- Family Violence Petition
- Modification
  - Custody/Parenting Time/Visitation
- Paternity/Legitimation
- Support – IV-D
- Support – Private (non-IV-D)
- Other Domestic Relations

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

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

Do you or your client need any disability accommodations? If so, please describe the accommodation request.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

\_\_\_\_\_ Civil Action Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DEFENDANT

**SUMMONS**

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Sheila Studdard  
Clerk of Superior/State Court

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**Petitioner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vs.**

**Respondent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Civil Action File No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION**

The Petitioner files this action, and states the following in support of his *Petition*:

1

I believe am the father of the following minor child(ren), born out of wedlock:

Child's Name	Year of Birth

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Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court because:

*[Check and complete only one (1) of the following choices.]*

- (a) the Respondent mother resides in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia.
- (b) the Respondent mother resides in Georgia outside \_\_\_\_\_ County, but the child or I reside in \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia.
- (d) the whereabouts of the Respondent mother are unknown, and the child or I reside in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia.
- (e) the mother of the child is deceased, and the child or I reside in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia.

The Respondent, \_\_\_\_\_, is the child's mother.

*[Check and complete only one (1) of the following choices.]*

- (a) The mother's address is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The mother is deceased.

No other man is shown as the father on the birth certificate, and the mother was not married to any other man at the time of the child's concept or birth.

*[Check and complete all that apply.]*

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:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ County, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

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 O.C.G.A. § 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.]*

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 certificate to my last name. The child's full name should be changed to: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Write neatly. Do not use initials or nicknames)**
- (b) I want my name to be entered as the father on the birth certificate.
- (c) No changes are necessary on the birth certificate concerning either the father's name or the child's last name.

[Check and complete only one (1) of the following.]

- (a) There is already a child support order in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, concerning the child. The current order was issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ Court/Agency in the court case number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). It requires me to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) There is currently no child support order concerning the child.

THEREFORE, the Petitioner asks:

[Check and complete only those that apply.]

- (a) That process issue and the Respondent be served with a copy of this *Petition for Legitimation* (**must be checked**);
- (b) That the Court order service by publication for the Respondent mother, whose address is unknown. I am filing my *Affidavit(s) of Diligent Search* with this *Petition*, 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:
- (1) entering my name as the father on the birth record.
- (2) changing the child's last name to my last name, and making the child's full legal name:

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(Write neatly and use no initials or nicknames)

- (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.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.  
[day] [month] [year]

Sworn to and affirmed before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign your name here before Notary) Petitioner, *Pro se*

Petitioner's Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

