

**WARNING to Respondent:** Without the advice and help of an attorney, you may be putting yourself and your children at risk. For help finding an attorney, call the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 1-800-252-9690. If you or your children are a victim of family violence, or if at any time you feel unsafe, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or the Texas Family Violence Legal Line at 1-800-374-4673.

Cause Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fill in Cause number and court information exactly as it is written on the Petition.

**In the Interest of the following Minor Child(ren):**

(Print the full name of each child.)

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

In the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Court Number

- District Court
- County Court at Law

of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

**Waiver of Service Only (Specific Waiver)**

**INSTRUCTIONS to Respondent:**

Talk to an attorney about your legal rights. If you decide to use this form:

- Fill it out completely. You MUST include a mailing address and email address.
- Do not sign it until **at least one day after** the *Petition in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship* is filed (turned in to the court). The official court stamp on your copy of the *Petition* will tell you when it was filed. If you sign this form before then, you will have to redo it.
- **Sign it in front of a notary.** Do not sign until you are standing in front of the notary.
- Give the original signed form back to the Petitioner or file it (turn it in to the court) where the *Petition* was filed. Keep a copy for your records.
- To finish this case by agreement, you, the Petitioner and any other Respondents named in the *Petition* may complete and sign the *Order in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship* form. The Petitioner (or you) may then take the agreed *Order* to Court for the Judge's signature.
- If you are not able to reach an agreement, the Petitioner must give you notice of any hearings in the case.

**The person who signed this affidavit appeared, in person, before me, the undersigned notary, and stated under oath:**

"I am the Respondent in this case.

"My name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT First Middle Last

"My mailing address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT Mailing Address City State Zip

"My email address is \_\_\_\_\_.

"My phone number is: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.

"The last three numbers of my driver's license number are: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. My driver's license was issued in (State): \_\_\_\_\_.

Or  I do not have a driver's license number.

"The last three numbers of my social security number are: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_.

Or  I do not have a social security number.

"I have been given a copy of the *Petition in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship* filed in this case. I have read the *Petition in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship* and understand what it says. I do not give up my right to review a different *Petition in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship* if it gets changed (amended).

"I understand that I have the right to be given a copy of the *Petition in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship* and official notice of this case by a constable, sheriff or other official process server (legal notice). I give up my right to legal notice.

"I ask that the Court **not** enter any orders if they are not signed by me or if I have not received prior written notice of the date, time and place of hearing.

"If I reach an agreement and sign an order in this case, the Court can enter the order without giving me notice and without my being present. If I reach an agreement and sign an order in this case, I do not want a court reporter to make a record of the testimony.

**"I understand that I must give written notice to the Court, the Petitioner and any other Respondents named in the *Petition in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship* if my mailing address or email address changes during this case. I understand that if the Petitioner or a Respondent is represented by an attorney I must give written notice to the attorney. If I don't, then I understand that any notices about this case will be sent to me on the mailing address or email address on this form.**

**Military Status**

*(Check only one.)*

I am not in the military."

I am in the military. I agree to the provisions stated above and I waive only the rights, privileges, and exemptions I have under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that are contrary to those provisions."



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent *(Do not sign until you are in front of notary.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Notary fills out below.**

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of state where this affidavit is notarized) (Name of county where this affidavit is notarized)*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned notary, on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /20\_\_\_\_  
*Month day year*

at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.  
*time circle one*

by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print name of person who is signing this Affidavit. NOT the notary's name.)*

[Notary Stamps Here ]



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Notary's Signature*