

**WARNING:** This is a case to determine the father of the children named in the *Petition to Adjudicate Parentage*. Once that determination is made by the court, you may not be able to change it. This is a complicated area of the law. It is important that you talk to a lawyer who can explain your legal rights. Without the advice and help of an attorney, you may be putting your rights at risk. To get a referral to an attorney, or if you are poor to the nearest Legal Aid Office, call the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 1-800-252-9690. If you are a victim of domestic violence, or if at any time you feel unsafe, you can get confidential help from the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or legal help from the Texas Advocacy Project Family Violence Legal Line at 1-800-374-4673.

(Print court information exactly as it appears on the *Petition to Adjudicate Parentage*.)

**In the interest of** (List children):

1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause No:** \_\_\_\_\_

In the \_\_\_\_\_  District  County Court of:  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

**Respondent's Waiver of Service Only  
(Specific Waiver)**

**INSTRUCTIONS to Respondent:** Talk to an attorney if you have questions. If you decide to use this form:

- Do not sign this form until **at least one day after** the *Petition to Adjudicate Parentage* has been filed (turned in to the court). If you sign this form before then, you will have to redo it. The Petitioner should have given you a copy of the *Petition to Adjudicate Parentage*. The official court stamp on the *Petition* will tell you when it was filed.
- Fill out the Waiver of Service completely. You MUST include your address.
- Sign the Waiver of Service in front of a notary.
- Give the Waiver of Service to the Petitioner or file it in the clerk's office.

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

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

"I am a Respondent in this case to determine the genetic father of the children named above.

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

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

"My email address 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 to Adjudicate Parentage*. "I have read it and understand what it says. I do not give up my right to review a different *Petition to Adjudicate Parentage* if it gets changed (amended).

"I understand that I have the right to be given a copy of the *Petition to Adjudicate Parentage* by a constable, sheriff or other official process server (legal notice). I do not want to be given legal notice. I give up my right to legal notice.

"I enter my appearance in this case for all purposes.

"I ask that the Court not enter any orders in this case unless the order is signed by me or unless I have received prior written notice of the date, time, and place of hearing.

"If the Petitioner and I reach an agreement and I sign an *Order Adjudicating Parentage*, the Court can enter the *Order* without me being present and without giving me notice. If I sign an agreed *Order*, I do not want a court reporter to make a record of the testimony.

**"I understand that I must let the Court, the Petitioner's attorney (or the Petitioner if s/he is not represented by an attorney) and any other party to this case know in writing if my mailing address, phone number or email address changes during this case. If I don't, then I understand that any notices about this case will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form."**

**Military Status**

*(Check 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.

*(Check, and initial only if applicable.)*

"I am the biological father of the children named in this case." ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Your Initials*

▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's signature  
**Do not sign until you are in front of a Notary**

**Notary fills out below**

State of Texas, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print the name of county where this affidavit is notarized.)*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned Notary, on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print the first and last names of the Respondent who is signing this affidavit.)*

I, the Notary Public, who signature appears below, certify that I am not an attorney in this case.

*(Notary's seal here)* ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Notary's signature*