

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

District Court County Court at Law

(Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.)

County, Texas

A Child

Petition to Change the Name of a Child

1. Discovery Level

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is Level 2.

2. Petitioner

My name is: _____
First Middle Last

I am the **Petitioner**, the person asking the Court to change the name of a child.

The last three numbers of Petitioner's driver's license number are: _____.

Petitioner's driver's license was issued in (state)_____.

Or I do not have a driver's license.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: _____.

Or I do not have a social security number.

I am the child's: (Check one.) parent nonparent managing conservator or legal guardian.

3. Respondent A – Other Parent (Check a or b.)

a. Respondent A is the child's other parent. The other parent is named:

Print full name of the child's other parent.

(Check one.)

I think Respondent A will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent A with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address City State Zip

If this is a work address, name of business: _____

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent A by "Official Service of Process). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file an Affidavit of Indigency or Declaration of Indigency form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent A. I ask that Respondent A be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent A.

b. There is no Respondent A because: (Check one.)

the child's other parent is dead. (Attach a copy of the death certificate.)

the child's other parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. (Attach a copy of the court order of termination.)

4. Respondent B – Other Person with Legal Relationship (Check a or b.)

- a. There is no Respondent B. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.
- b. Respondent B's name is: _____
Print Respondent B's full name.

Respondent B is the child's (Check one.)

- Nonparent Managing Conservator or Guardian
- Second Parent (Only if the Petitioner is not the child's parent.)

(Check one.)

- I think Respondent B will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).
- I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent B with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
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I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent B by "Official Service of Process). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file an Affidavit or Declaration of Indigency form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

- I cannot find Respondent B. I ask that Respondent B be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent B.

5. Child's Information

The child's information is as follows:

a. Child's Current name: _____
First
Middle
Last

b. Home Address: _____ County: _____

c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** The child does not have a Social Security #.

d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year

e. Place of birth: _____
City
State
Country

f. Consent by Child (Check one.)

- Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
- Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.

g. Sex Offender Registration (Check one.)

- The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
- The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition.

h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (Check one.)

- There are no court orders regarding the child.
- A court made orders involving the child in the following case:
Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County
State
Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)

6. Name Change Request

a. I ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First *Middle* *Last*

b. I want to change the child's name because:

c. I believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

7. Request for Judgment

I ask the Court to order the child's name changed as requested above. I ask for general relief.

Respectfully submitted,



Your Signature

Date

Your Printed Name

Phone

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address: _____

*Fax #
(if any)*

8. Petitioner's Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury

My name is: _____ . My date of birth is _____ .

My address is: _____ .

My email address is _____ . My phone number is: _____ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that all information in this Petition to Change the Name of a Child is true and correct.

Completed and formally signed on _____ in _____ County, _____ .



Your Signature

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Child's Consent to Change Name (For Child Age 10 or Older)

Print your answers

1. My name is _____
first middle last


2. My age is _____

3. The name change is for me.

4. I want my name changed to

_____ *First middle last*

Child **prints** his/her current name here: _____

 _____
Child **signs** here

Date the child signed

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_____ County, Texas

A Child

Order Changing the Name of a Child

A hearing took place on (date) _____.

1. Appearances

Petitioner

Petitioner's name is: _____

Petitioner is the child's: Parent Nonparent Managing Conservator or Guardian

Petitioner was present, representing him/herself, and announced ready.

Respondent A – Other Parent (Check one.)

Respondent A's name is: _____

Respondent A is the child's other parent.

(Check one.)

Respondent A **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.

Respondent A **was not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.

Respondent A **was not present**, but was served and has defaulted.

There is no Respondent A because: (Check one.)

the child's other parent is dead. A copy of the other parent's death certificate is attached to this Order as Exhibit 1.

the child's other parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. A copy of the court order of termination is attached to this Order as Exhibit 1.

Respondent B - Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child (Check one.)

There is no Respondent B. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

Respondent B's name is: _____

Respondent B is the child's: (Check one.)

Nonparent Managing Conservator or Guardian

Second Parent (Only if the Petitioner is not the child's parent.)

(Check one.)

Respondent B **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.

Respondent B **was not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.

Respondent B **was not present**, but was served and has defaulted.

2. Record *(The Court fills out this section.)*

- A Court reporter recorded today's hearing.
- A Court reporter did not record today's hearing because the parties and judge agreed not to make a record.

3. Jurisdiction

The Court finds that it has jurisdiction over this case and the child and that all persons entitled to citation were properly cited.

4. Findings

The Court finds that:

- a. The child's current name is: _____
First Middle Last
- b. The child was a resident of this county at the time this case was filed.
- c. The child's birth date is: _____
Month / Day / Year
- d. The child's place of birth is _____
City State Country
- e. The child's social security # is: _____ **or** The child does not have a social security number.
- f. Consent by Child *(Check one.)*
 - The child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
 - The child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.
- g. Sex Offender Registration *(Check one.)*
 - The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
 - The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached as Exhibit 2.
- h. Court of Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction *(Check one.)*
 - There are no court orders regarding the child.
 - A court made orders involving the child in the following case:

<i>Case Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Case type (custody, support, divorce etc.)</i>
- i. The requested name change is in the best interest of the child and the public.

5. Orders

The Court ORDERS that the child's name is changed

from this name: _____
First Middle Last

to this name: _____
First Middle Last

Any orders requested that do not appear above are denied. This is a final order.

Date of Judgment

Judge's Signature

Judge's Printed Name

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THIS ORDER CHANGING THE NAME OF A CHILD:

Petitioner: _____
Petitioner's Signature

Respondent A: _____
Respondent A's Signature

Respondent B: _____
Respondent B's Signature