

Cause No. _____
(Print case information exactly as it appears on the Petition to Adjudicate Parentage.)

In the interest of the following Minor Child(ren):
(Print the initials or full names of the children exactly as they appear on the Petition.)

1. _____ In the _____
2. _____ Court Number
3. _____ District Court
4. _____ County Court
5. _____ of _____ County, Texas

Respondent's Original Answer to Petition to Adjudicate Parentage

Warning: This case will decide the legal father of the children named in the Petition to Adjudicate Parentage. Once the court makes that decision, you may not be able to change it. This is a complicated area of the law. It is important that you talk to legal aid or a private family law attorney to understand your legal rights. Call the State Bar at 800-252-9690 for legal aid and attorney referrals. If you are a victim of domestic violence, or if at any time you feel unsafe, you can get counseling and resources through the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233, or legal help from the Texas Advocacy Project at 800-374-4673.

Warning: If you 1) are the alleged father, 2) do not live in Texas, and 3) do not agree that a Texas court should order that you are the father of the children, talk to a lawyer before filing an Answer. Once you file an Answer, you waive your right to argue that Texas lacks the power to make orders about you.

My name is: _____
First Middle Last

I am a Respondent in this case to determine the father of the children listed in the Petition to Adjudicate Parentage.

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 driver's social security number.

1. Answer

This is my answer. I want to be notified of all hearings in this case.

(Check all applicable boxes.)

I **am** the genetic father of the children named in this case. I ask the Court to order that I am the legal father of the children.

I **am not** the genetic father of the children named in this case.

I ask the Court to order **genetic testing**.

This case is barred by the Statute of Limitations because the children in this case have an adjudicated, acknowledged, or presumed father and this case was not filed within four years of the adjudication, acknowledgment or birth of the children.

I ask the Court to deny genetic testing and to name the presumed father the legal father of the children. The mother and the presumed father have acted as though the presumed father is the children's father. It would be unfair to disprove the father-child relationship between the children and the presumed father. It is in the children's best interest to name the presumed father the father of the children. The Court should appoint a guardian ad litem for the children.

2. Contact Information

My mailing address is: _____
Mailing address City State ZIP

My phone number is: _____.

My fax number is: *(if applicable)* _____.

My email address is: _____.

I understand I **must** notify the Court, Petitioner, Petitioner's attorney (if Petitioner has an attorney), the other Respondents in this case, and the other Respondents' attorneys (if they have attorneys), in writing, if my mailing address, email address, or phone number changes during this case.

I understand that, unless I provide notice of changes in my mailing address, all information about this case, including the date and time of hearings, will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form.

3. Prayer

I ask the Court for general relief.


Respondent's signature

Date

Certificate of Service

I will give a copy of this document to the Petitioner's attorney or the Petitioner (if the Petitioner does not have an attorney) on the same day this document is filed with (turned in to) the Court as follows: If I file this document electronically, I will send a copy of it to the Petitioner or the Petitioner's attorney through the electronic file manager if possible. If not possible, I will give a copy to the Petitioner or the Petitioner's attorney in person, by mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, or by email.

If I file a paper copy of this document, I will give a copy of it to the Petitioner or the Petitioner's attorney in person, by mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, or by email.

Date



Respondent's Signature