

NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA.

Cause Number: _____
Fill in Cause Number and other court information exactly as it appears in this case.

In the Matter of the Marriage of

Petitioner: _____
Print first, middle, and last name of the spouse who filed for divorce.

and

Respondent: _____
Print first, middle, and last name of other spouse.

In the _____
Court Number

- District Court
- County Court at Law

_____ County, Texas

And in the Interest of:

(Print the initials of each child you and your spouse have together who is under 18 or still in high school.)

- 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
- 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

AND

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 first, middle, and last name of each child.)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

In the _____
Court Number

- District Court
- County Court at Law

_____ County, Texas

Motion to Consolidate and Notice of Hearing

Print your answers.

My name is: _____
First Middle Last

I am the **Petitioner** in this lawsuit.

OR

I am the **Respondent** in this lawsuit.

1. The suit styled In the Matter of the Marriage of _____
and In the Interest of _____
under Cause Number _____, is a suit for the dissolution of marriage between
the parties and affecting the parent-child relationship and was filed on _____.

2. The suit styled In the Interest of _____, (Print full names of each child named in the suit affecting the parent-child relationship.) under Cause Number _____, Cause Number of custody case. is a suit affecting the parent-child relationship and was filed on _____ Date custody case was filed.
3. Both suits relate to substantially the same subject matter in that both suits have to do with the best interest of the child(ren).
4. Accordingly, consolidation of both suits would avoid unnecessary costs or delay, and, therefore, would be in the interest of judicial economy and convenience.
5. I make this request pursuant to Rule 174(a) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Requested Relief

I ask the Court to grant my Motion to Consolidate and consolidate these cases under the divorce cause number. I also ask the Court to make other orders in law and equity to which I am entitled.

→ _____
Your Signature

_____ Date

_____ Phone

_____ Your Printed Name

_____ Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip

_____ Email Address _____ Fax Number (if available)

Go to next page for Notice of Hearing and Certificate of Service.

Notice of Hearing

The above motion is set for a hearing on _____, 20__ at ____:____ a.m.

p.m. at the _____ County courthouse at
County Name

Physical Address of Courthouse City State Zip

Remote-Only Court Proceeding Information

(Check below only if all parties will be participating in the hearing remotely.)

All participants are ORDERED to appear on the date and at the time set for the hearing by the following method: (Check one)

Videoconferencing software: _____
Print name of videoconferencing software (like Zoom)

Telephone.

The participants in the proceeding must use the following information for accessing the meeting: (Below, fill in the information for accessing meeting, for example, the videoconference meeting ID and passcode and the conference call number).

Any participant who cannot participate by the electronic means set forth in this notice, has a technological issue preventing effective electronic participation, or needs help joining the hearing, must contact the Court as soon as the problem is discovered.

Combined Remote and In-Person Court Proceeding Information

(Check only if parties will be appearing for the hearing both in person AND remotely.)

Check if applicable.

Participant(s) _____ must appear in person on the date and at the time set for the hearing in the courtroom of this Court at:

Print Court Full Court Address

Participant(s) _____ must appear on the date and at the time set for the hearing by the following method:

Check one:

Videoconferencing software: _____
Print name of videoconferencing software (like Zoom)

Telephone.

The participants in the proceeding must use the following information for accessing the meeting: (Below, fill in the information for accessing the meeting, for example, the videoconference meeting ID and passcode and the conference call number.)

Any participant who cannot appear physically in the courtroom and who cannot participate by the electronic means set forth in this notice has a technological issue preventing effective electronic participation—or needs assistance joining the hearing—is ORDERED to contact the Court as soon as the issue is discovered.

Warning: Failure of a participant to appear as directed may have prejudicial consequences, including the issuance of an order by default affecting a participant's rights; dismissal of a participant's existing claims, if any; monetary sanctions; or other consequences that detrimentally affect a participant's ongoing involvement in the litigation.

Instructions for Submitting Evidence

Check all that apply:

- See the Court's instructions attached to this notice.
- See the Court's instructions available at _____
_____.

Specify where the Court publishes this information.

Additional Instructions for Participating in the Hearing

Check all that apply:

- None.
- See the Court's instructions attached to this notice.
- See the Court's instructions available at _____
_____.

Specify where the Court publishes this information.

SIGNED on _____, 20__.

Judge or Clerk Presiding

Certificate of Service to Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Sign **only** if the orders you are seeking to transfer are orders issued by the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division. Get contact information for the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Office in the county where this case will be filed at https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/apps/cs_locations/. Bring proof of delivery with you to court.

I certify that a true copy of this *Motion to Consolidate* was served on the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division No. _____ in person, by certified and first-class mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, by email, or through the electronic file manager on this date.

→ _____
Your Signature

Date

Certificate of Service on All Parties of Record

Note: If you are filing your *Motion to Consolidate* at the same time that you are filing a *Petition to Modify the Parent-Child Relationship*, you will personally serve all other parties with this *Motion* at the same time you serve them with your *Petition*, unless they are signing a waiver and this is agreed, in which case, you will not personally serve them. If you are filing this *Motion to Consolidate* after the other parties have already been served with the *Petition to Modify the Parent-Child Relationship* and responded, then you will sign this certificate of service. Bring proof of delivery with you to court.

I certify that a true copy of this *Motion to Consolidate* was served on all parties and attorneys of record in person, by certified and first-class mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, by email, or through the electronic file manager on this date.

→ _____
Your Signature

Date

Note: For a referral to a lawyer call your local lawyer referral service or the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 1-800-252-9690.

For information about free and low-cost legal help in your county go to www.TexasLawHelp.org or call the Legal Aid office serving your area:

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas 1-888-529-5277 (serves Dallas / Ft. Worth area & Northwest Texas)

Lone Star Legal Aid 1-800-733-8394 (serves Houston area & East Texas)

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid 1-888-988-9996 (serves Austin / San Antonio area, El Paso area & South Texas)

If you have been the victim of family violence, or if at any time you feel unsafe, get help by calling the:

National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or

Texas Family Violence Legal Line at 1-800-374-HOPE (4673) or

Advocates for Victims of Crime (AVOICE): AT 1-888-343-4414.