

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):

(Write the full name of each child.)

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

In the _____
Court Number

- District Court
- County Court at Law

of _____ County, Texas

Respondent's Original Answer
(Answer in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship)

WARNING: Filing an Answer with the Court enters your appearance in this case. Talk to an attorney before filing an Answer if you 1) **do not live in Texas** and 2) do not want a Texas court to have the power to make orders that would impose a personal obligation on you, such as an order for child support. If you file an Answer (or any other pleading) before filing a Special Appearance, you will give up your right to argue that Texas can't make such orders because you live out of state. Ask a Texas attorney to help you determine if Texas has personal jurisdiction over you. For help finding a private attorney, call your local lawyer referral service or the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 800-252-9690. To find the Legal Aid office nearest you, go to www.TexasLawHelp.org and click on "Find Legal Assistance." If you are a victim of family violence, get legal help by calling 800-374-4673.

Print your answers.

My name is: _____
First Middle Last

I am a Respondent in this Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship.

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.

Note: If you are the person who filed the Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship, you are the Petitioner, not the Respondent. Only the Respondent can complete and file this Answer.

1. General Denial

I enter a general denial. I want to be notified of all hearings in this case.

However, if the Petitioner and I reach an agreement and I sign an agreed Order in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship, I agree that the Judge can finalize this case without my getting notice of the hearing and without my coming to Court.

2. Contact Information

My mailing address is: _____
Mailing Address City State Zip

My email address is: _____

My phone number is: (_____) _____ - _____.

I understand that if my mailing address or email address changes during this case, I must notify the following parties in writing:

- the Court,
- Petitioner’s attorney (or Petitioner if Petitioner does not have an attorney), and
- the other Respondents’ attorneys (or the Respondent if she or he does not have an attorney),
- the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division (if the child receives public benefits such as CHIP).

I understand that—unless I provide notice of changes in my mailing address and email 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 in this Answer form.

3. Request for Relief

I ask the Court for general relief.

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_____	_____		
Respondent’s Signature	Date		
_____		_____	
Respondent’s Printed Name	Phone Number		
_____		_____	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
_____		_____	
Email Address	Fax (if available)		

4. Certificate of Service

I will give a copy of this document to each party or attorney of record 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 through the electronic file manager if possible. If not possible, I will give a copy to each party or 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 each party or attorney in person, by mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, or by email.

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_____	_____		
Respondent’s Signature	Date		