

State of Minnesota

District Court

County Ramsey

Judicial District: Second

Court File Number: _____

Case Type: _____

In regard to the case of:

Summons

Name of Petitioner

And

Name of Respondent

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The Petitioner has filed a lawsuit against you to have the Court determine the paternity of the following minor children:

_____, BORN _____
Child's full name Date of birth

_____, BORN _____
Child's full name Date of birth

THIS SUMMONS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. Read this summons and attached complaint carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner has filed a lawsuit asking the court to decide custody and parenting time of the parties' minor children.
2. Petitioner
 - A. is requesting the court to establish child support.
 - B. is not requesting the court to establish child support.

3. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written Answer to the Complaint. You must pay the required Court filing fee. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, you may qualify to have the filing fee waived by the court. You must file an In Forma Pauperis application with the court and a judge will decide whether you must pay the fee. All court forms are available from the Court Administrator's office.

4. You must serve your Answer upon Petitioner **within 21 days** of the date you were served with this Summons, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your Answer, the court may grant Petitioner everything he or she is asking for in the attached Complaint

NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Parenting education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact court administration for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.

Dated: _____

Petitioner's Signature

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

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In regard to the case of:

Name of Petitioner

**Complaint to Establish Paternity and
Custody (Minn. Stat. 257.15)**

And

Name of Respondent

Petitioner states and alleges that all of the following statements are true:

1. Information about Petitioner.

First Middle Last

Street Address Apt. #

City State Zip Code

Petitioner's birthdate is: _____

Petitioner is a member of the Armed Forces. YES NO

2. Information about Respondent.

First Middle Last

Street Address Apt. #

City State Zip Code

Respondent's birthdate is: _____

Respondent is a member of the Armed Forces. YES NO UNKNOWN

3. **Children Petitioner and Respondent Have Together (Joint Children)**

Child's Full Name

Date of Birth

First Middle Last Month / Day / Year

First Middle Last Month / Day / Year

The children currently live with: Me Other parent

Other person (*print full name of other parent or person*): _____

If a child is living with someone other than a parent, write the child's address below:

Address: _____
Street Address Apt. No.

City County State Zip Code

Has each child lived in Minnesota for the past six (6) months? YES NO

If NO, list dates and locations of where the children have been living for the last six months:

4. **Parentage.**

Each child's birth certificate (*check a box*) does does not list a father's name.

The name of the father on the birth certificate is _____.

Petitioner and Respondent did NOT sign a Minnesota Recognition of Parentage or a similar paternity statement from a state other than Minnesota.

**IF THIS BOX IS NOT CHECKED, STOP YOU ARE USING THE WRONG FORM.
YOU MUST COMPLETE A SUMMONS AND PETITION TO ESTABLISH CUSTODY
AND PARENTING TIME.**

5. Information about the Parties' Relationship.

(Check all the boxes that apply to you and fill in the information:

- A. The Petitioner and Respondent are not married to each other and were not married to each other when the children were born.
- B. Petitioner and Respondent lived together from _____ (date) until _____ (date) in the County of _____, State of _____.
- C. Petitioner and Respondent did NOT live together.
- D. Petitioner and Respondent had sexual intercourse together during the month(s) of _____, in the year _____, and as a result, the following children were born:
 - 1) Name of Child: _____, born in the City of _____, County of _____, State of _____.
 - 2) Name of Child: _____, born in the City of _____, County of _____, State of _____.

6. Genetic Testing.

The Petitioner: *(check only one box)*

- DOES DOES NOT

request that the Court order paternity blood or genetic tests to determine whether

- Petitioner Respondent is the biological father of the children.

7. Information about Petitioner's Employment, Income and Expenses.

(Check all the boxes that apply to you and fill in the information):

- A. The Petitioner is employed at _____, earning a gross income of \$ _____ per month.
 - The Petitioner is unemployed.
 - The Petitioner is receiving public assistance from _____ County.
- B. Petitioner has monthly expenses in the amount of \$ _____, including expenses for the following people: _____

C. Petitioner has the following minor children from another relationship:

None

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

8. Information about Respondent’s Employment, Income and Expenses.

(Check all the boxes that apply to you and fill in the information):

A. Petitioner has no information about Respondent’s employment or income.

B. The Respondent is employed at _____,
earning a gross income of \$ _____ per month.

The Respondent is unemployed.

The Respondent is receiving public assistance from _____ County.

C. Respondent has monthly expenses in the amount of \$ _____ or

UNKNOWN, including expenses for the following people:

D. Respondent has the following minor children from another relationship:

None

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

9. Child Protection Case.

Has a Child Protection case involving Petitioner and Respondent’s children taken place in Minnesota or another state? YES NO

If YES, the case is in the County of _____ in the State of _____
_____ and the Court file number is _____. The name of
the child or children involved in the Child Protection case is: _____

10. Protection or Harassment Order.

An Order for Protection or a Harassment/Restraining Order is in effect regarding Petitioner and Respondent: YES NO.

If YES, the Order protects: Petitioner Respondent the children. The Order was filed in the County of _____, on the date _____, and the Court file number is _____.

11. Other Proceedings

Has a separate court case for custody, parenting time, or child support involving one or more of the children at issue in this proceeding been started in Minnesota or elsewhere?

YES NO

If YES, the type of court case is _____. The case is in the County of _____ in the State of _____ and the Court file number is _____.

The case has been Dismissed is Pending resulted with a final Order

12. Statutory Authority.

Petitioner brings this action pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 257.57 and Section 257.541, Subd. 2, to declare and adjudicate the existence of a father-child relationship, and to establish the appropriate orders for child support, custody, and parenting time.

13. Custody.

A. Legal Custody means which parents have a say in the major decisions regarding the joint children's lives including education, religious upbringing and medical treatment. It is in the children's best interests that legal custody be granted as follows: (*check one*)

Joint legal custody to both parents

Sole legal custody to Petitioner Respondent

B. Physical custody identifies which parents will handle the routine daily care and control of the joint children. It is in the children's best interests that physical custody be granted as follows: (*check one*)

Joint physical custody to both parents

Sole physical custody to Petitioner Respondent

14. Parenting Time

A. It is in the best interests of the children that:

1) Petitioner's parenting time with the joint children be: *(check one)*

unsupervised supervised reserved

2) Respondent's parenting time with the joint children be: *(check one)*

unsupervised supervised reserved

If parenting time is unsupervised for both parents, skip to Question 15.

B. Supervised parenting time:

Supervision is necessary because unsupervised parenting time is likely to endanger the children's physical or emotional health or impair the children's emotional development. The circumstances supporting this finding are: _____

It is in the best interests of the children that supervision of parenting time be arranged as follows: (State who should supervise parenting time, and if there is a cost involved, who should pay the cost, and any other important details) _____

C. Reserved Parenting time:

It is in the best interests of the children that parenting time should be reserved because: _____

15. Name Change for the Children.

Does Petitioner want to change the children's name(s)? YES NO

IF YES, it is in the children's best interest for the name(s) to be changed as follows:

From _____ to _____

From _____ to _____

WHEREFORE, PETITIONER PRAYS FOR RELIEF AND ASKS THE COURT TO:

1. Determine the paternity of the children named in this Complaint.
2. Order blood or genetic testing, if requested.
3. Grant legal custody as follows:
 Joint Legal Custody to both parents **OR**
 Sole Legal Custody to the Petitioner Respondent
4. Grant physical custody as follows:
 Joint Physical Custody to both parents **OR**
 Sole Physical Custody to the Petitioner Respondent
5. Grant parenting time as follows:
 Grant parenting time to the Petitioner Respondent
 Grant supervised parenting time to the Petitioner Respondent
 Reserve parenting time for the Petitioner Respondent
6. Change the minor children's names as follows:
From _____ to _____
From _____ to _____
7. Establish child support according to the child support guidelines. Child support includes basic support, medical support, and childcare support.
8. Grant such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116.

Dated: _____

Petitioner's Signature

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

VERIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

I have read this whole document. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief the information contained in this document is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law. I have not been determined by any Court in Minnesota, or in any other state, to be a frivolous litigant and I am not the subject of an Order precluding me from serving or filing this document. I am not serving or filing this document for any improper purpose, such as to harass the other party or to cause delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation or to commit a fraud on the court. I understand that if I am not telling the truth or if I am misleading the Court or if I am serving or filing this document for an improper purpose, the Court can order me to pay money to the other party because of the serving or filing of this document, Court costs, and reasonable attorney's fees.

Dated: _____

Petitioner's Signature

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

E-mail address: _____