



Felon Name Change in Divorce in Minnesota

If you have been **convicted of a felony** and you want to change your name through your divorce, you **must** give proper notice to the prosecuting attorney's office that handled your case. If the conviction is from another state or was a federal case, you must **also** give notice to the Minnesota Attorney General at 102 State Capitol Building, St. Paul, MN 55155.

I-CAN! does not have the felon name change Notice form you need to use. Ask your court administrator for the **Felon Name Change Notice Form (#NAM104)** and a copy of the name change **Instructions (#NAM101.)** Or, you may download them from the state court website at: www.mncourts.gov/forms, and click the **"Name Change"** category in the list.

There is a section near the end of those Instructions that you need to read explaining the requirements of Notice and service, and the option the prosecutor has to object to the name change. You should talk with a lawyer or court administrator about how to properly serve your Notice form.

After you serve your Notice form on the prosecuting office(s), you must enter your name change information in the Name Change paragraph in the Findings of Fact section of the following divorce papers:

- *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and*
- *Stipulated Findings of Fact* (if you reach agreement with spouse), **or**
- *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order for Judgment and Judgment and Decree* (if you have a "default" divorce)

Type or hand-write your answers in black ink at the Name Change paragraph on the forms.

- **WARNING!** If you ask for a name change but you do not tell the court that you have a felony conviction, you are guilty of a gross misdemeanor if you ever use the new name. See Minn. Stat. Sections 259.115 and 259.13, Subd. 6.

Need one-on-one help?

Some courts have designated staff or volunteer attorney programs to help explain forms and court procedures. To see if your Minnesota court has this service, go to: www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp.