

DEKALB COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of Child(ren):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Civil Action

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

**PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S)  
OF MINOR CHILD(REN)**

The Petitioner files this *Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Children*, and states the following in support of the petition:

1.

The Petitioner's name is \_\_\_\_\_, and she or he resides in DeKalb County, Georgia. Therefore, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court.

2.

The Petitioner's relationship to the children in this action is: *[Check only one below.]*

Mother       Father       Guardian.

3.

These are the current names, years of birth and proposed new names of the child(ren) for whom the name change is sought:

<i>Current Name of Child</i>	<b>Year of Birth</b>	<i>Proposed New Name</i>

4.

*[Check only one of the following.]*

- The minor children live with the Petitioner in DeKalb County, Georgia.
- The minor children do not live with the Petitioner. They live with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia.

5.

*[Explain here why you want to change the name(s).]*

The reasons for this name change are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

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6.

The mother of the children is \_\_\_\_\_, her address is \_\_\_\_\_, and she:

*[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]*

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgment of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the child(ren).
- Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

7.

The father of the children is \_\_\_\_\_, his address is \_\_\_\_\_, and he:

*[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]*

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgment of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the child(ren).
- Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

8.

*[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]*

- There is no legal guardian for these children, other than their parent(s).
- Both parents are deceased or have abandoned the child(ren), and the guardian of the child(ren) is \_\_\_\_\_, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, and she or he has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

THEREFORE, the Petitioner asks:

- (a) That the name(s) of the minor child(ren) be changed to the names shown in Paragraph 3 of the petition.

*[Check one of the following methods of service for each person who must be served.  
Be sure to carefully read the instructions about service before you complete this part.]*

- (b) That the sheriff's department personally serve the  mother  father  person acting as guardian of the minor children, whose address is shown above.
- (c) That the  mother  father  person acting as guardian of the minor children be served by certified mail, because they reside outside the state of Georgia.
- (d) That the Court order service by publication for the  mother  father  person acting as guardian of the minor children, whose address is unknown.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner, *Pro se* (Signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (day): ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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