

DEKALB COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of Child(ren):

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent.

Civil Action

Case Number _____

**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 they reside in DeKalb County, Georgia. Therefore, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court.

2.

The Petitioner's relationship to the child(ren) in this action is:

[Check only one below.]

Parent 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>	Year of Birth	<i>Proposed New Name</i>

4.

[Check only one of the following.]

- The minor child(ren) live with the Petitioner in DeKalb County, Georgia.
- The minor child(ren) 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: _____

6.

One parent of the child(ren) is _____,
their address is _____
and they:

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

- Have consented to this name change and have acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgment of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Are deceased.
- Have abandoned the child(ren).
- Have 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 other parent of the child(ren) is _____
their address is _____
and they:

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

- Have consented to this name change and have acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgment of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Are deceased.
- Have abandoned the child(ren).
- Have 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 they have 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 parent(s) person acting as guardian of the minor children, whose address is shown above.
- (c) That the parent(s) 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 parent(s) person acting as guardian of the minor children, whose address is unknown.

Dated: _____

Petitioner, *Pro se* (Signature)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (day): (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____