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| My name is: | First | Middle | Last | · |
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| related to the ch | nild(ren). I am the child(r | ren)'s: | te your relationship to tl | ne child(ren). |
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| I. Discovery L The discovery leve | _evel I in this case, if needed, | is Level 2. | | |
| 2. Child(ren) | | | | |
| ask the Court to n | nake orders about the fo | ollowing child(ren): | | County and Ctate whom |
| 1. | Child's name | | Date of Birth | County and State where child lives now |
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3. Standing The law allows me to file this case because I am: (Check one.) the mother of the child(ren). the "legal father" of the child(ren). An Acknowledgment of Paternity form has been signed and filed with the Vital Statistics Unit for each child. A copy of each Acknowledgment of Paternity is attached to this Petition. a person who has had actual care, control, and possession of the child(ren) for at least 6 months ending not more than 90 days before the date this Petition is filed with the Court. I am not a foster parent. a person who lived with the child(ren) and the child(ren)'s parent, guardian or managing conservator for at least 6 months ending not more than 90 days before the date this Petition is filed with the Court, and the child(ren)'s parent, guardian, or managing conservator is now dead. the grandparent, great-grandparent, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew of the child(ren) and: (Check the box below that applies to your case.) both parents are dead. both parents, the surviving parent, or managing conservator agree to me filing this case. the child(ren)'s present circumstances will significantly impair (harm) the child(ren)'s physical health or emotional development. other: (Read the law about standing in Texas Family Code Sections 102.003, 102.004 and 102.006) Note: If you are the mother or biological father of the child/ren and an Acknowledgment of Paternity form has not been signed and filed for each child, you may need to file a paternity case instead of a Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR) case. Get information about filing a paternity case at www.TexasLawHelp.org. 4. Jurisdiction There are no court orders about any of the child(ren). No other Court has continuing jurisdiction over this case or the child(ren). Texas has authority to decide this case because: (Check one.) The children live in Texas now and have lived in Texas for at least the past 6 months or since birth. The children do not live in Texas now, but they have been gone from Texas less than 6 months. The children had lived in Texas for at least 6 months before they moved. A parent or person acting as a parent continues to live in Texas. **Important:** Talk to a lawyer if neither of the above applies. Note: If there is already a court order about any of the children, you may need to file a modification case instead of a Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR) case. Get information about filing a modification case at www.TexasLawHelp.org.

5. Counter-Respondent(s)

| Petitioner/Counter-Respondent |
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| Petitioner and Counter-Respondent's name is: Print Petitioner/Counter-Respondent's full name. |
| Counter-Respondent is the child(ren)'s: (Check one.) |
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| Mother Father Other: Print Petitioner/Counter-Respondent A's relationship to the child(ren |
| I will deliver a copy of this document to the Petitioner/Counter-Respondent as required by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 21a. |
| If the Petitioner/Counter-Respondent has a lawyer, I will deliver it to their lawyer instead of directly to the Petitioner/Counter-Respondent. |
| Counter-Respondent B (Check one.) |
| There is no Counter-Respondent B. No one else is entitled to notice in this case. (Skip to section 8: Information Required if a Party Lives Out-of-State) |
| Counter-Respondent B's name is: Print Counter-Respondent B's full name. |
| Counter-Respondent B is the child(ren)'s: (Check one.) |
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| as required by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 21a. Print full name of Respondent B named in Petition. |
| If Counter-Respondent B has a lawyer, I will deliver it to Counter-Respondent B's lawyer instead of directly to the Counter-Respondent. |
| Counter-Respondent C (Check one.) |
| There is no Counter-Respondent C. No one else is entitled to notice in this case. (Skip to section 8: Information Required if a Party Lives Out-of-State) |
| Counter-Respondent C's name is: Print Counter-Respondent C's full name. |
| Print Counter-Respondent C's full name. |
| Counter-Respondent C is the child(ren)'s: (Check one.) |
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| I will deliver a copy of this document to Counter-Respondent C, |
| Print full name of Respondent C named in Petition. as required by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 21a. |
| If Counter-Respondent C has a lawyer, I will deliver it to Counter-Respondent C's lawyer instead of directly to the Counter-Respondent. |
| Counter-Respondent D (Check one.) |
| There is no Counter-Respondent D. No one else is entitled to notice in this case. (Skip to section 8: Information Required if a Party Lives Out-of-State) |
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| | | | spondent agrees t se with the court. | hat a Texas cou | rt can make c | orders in this case and will file a written |
| | | The chi | ldren live in Texas | because of the | Respondent's | s actions. |
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| 7. | Co | nserva | atorship (Cust | ody) | | |
| las | k th | e court t | o make conservat | orship (custody) | orders namin | g:(Check a, b, c, d, or e.) |
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| | | a-1.∐ | within the following | | | he primary residence of the child(ren) box below.) |
| | | | this county. | this county or | | djacent to this county. |
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| | | a-2.□ | Mother having the within the following | | | the primary residence of the child(ren) |
| | | | this county. | this county or | county adjace | ent to this county. |
| | | | ☐ Texas. | anywhere. | other: | · |

| | | a-3. Neither parent having the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the children but both parents ordered not to remove the children's primary residence from the following specific geographic area: (Check one box below.) | | | | |
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| | | this school district: this county. | | | | |
| | | ☐ this county or county adjacent to this county. ☐ other: | | | | |
| b. | | Mother Sole Managing Conservator of the child(ren). | | | | |
| c. | | Father Sole Managing Conservator of the child(ren). | | | | |
| d. | | Nonparent Sole Managing Conservator of the | | | | |
| | | child(ren). | | | | |
| e. | Ш | and | | | | |
| 8. | Ch | Nonparent Joint Managing Conservators of the child(ren). Child(ren)'s Passports (Check only if applicable.) | | | | |
| o. □ | | | | | | |
| Ш | | k the Court to order that I have the exclusive right to apply for and renew passports for the d(ren). | | | | |
| 9. | Ро | ssession and Access (Visitation) | | | | |
| l as | sk th | e court to make possession and access (visitation) orders as follows: (Check a, b, c, d or e.) | | | | |
| a. | | Father should have "standard visitation." (See Texas Family Code Chapter 153, Subchapter F.) | | | | |
| b. | | Mother should have "standard visitation." (See Texas Family Code Chapter 153, Subchapter F.) | | | | |
| c. | $\overline{\Box}$ | "Standard visitation" would be unworkable or inappropriate. Possession and access to the | | | | |
| | | children should be as follows: | | | | |
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| d. | | One or more of the children is under age 3. Until the child turns 3, possession should be as follows: | | | | |
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| | | After the child turns 3, possession should be as checked above. | | | | |
| е. | | I am concerned about the safety of the children with: Father Mother | | | | |
| | | Therefore, I ask that: (If you checked e, check all that apply below.) | | | | |
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| • □ · | hat parent's possession of the children be limited to day visits |
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| e-3. 🔲 t | hat parent's possession of the children be supervised |
| e-4. 🔲 t | hat parent have no right to possession or access to the children |
| e-5. 🗌 | that parent be ordered not to use alcohol or illegal drugs 24 hours prior to or during possession of the children. |
| e-6. 🗌 | that parent's possession and access to the children be restricted as follows: |
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| Check <u>only</u> if applic | eable.) |
| them. I ask th | ed that the other parent may take the child(ren) to another country and refuse to return the Court to determine if there is a risk of international kidnapping by the other parent and measures as are necessary to protect the child(ren). |
| 10. Child Su | pport and Medical Support |
| ask the court to | make appropriate orders for the support of the child(ren), including regular child support, |
| medical support a | and dental support and, if supported by the evidence, retroactive child support. |
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| 11. Protectiv | ve Order Statement |
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14. Health Insurance Availability for Children

| The children: (Check all that apply.) | |
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| have private health insurance. | |
| Name of insurance company: | |
| Policy number: | Cost of premium: \$ |
| Name of person who pays for insurar | |
| The insurance policy is is is is | not available through the parent's work. |
| have health insurance through Medic | aid. |
| ☐ have health insurance through C.H.I. | P. Cost of premium (if any): |
| do not have health insurance. | |
| If the children do not have private health insurar | ice also complete the following: |
| Private health insurance $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$ | not available to Father at a reasonable cost. |
| Private health insurance is is is | not available to Mother at a reasonable cost. |
| 45 Dental Incurence Availabilit | ny far Children |
| 15. Dental Insurance Availabilit | y for Children |
| The child(ren): (Check one.) | |
| have private dental insurance. | |
| Name of insurance company: | |
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| do not have dental insurance. | |
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| Private dental insurance $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$ | not available to Father at a reasonable cost. |
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| Private dental insurance | not available to Mother at a reasonable cost. |
| 16. Public Benefits The children: (Check all that apply.) have Medicaid now or had in the pas | |

17. Request for Judgment

I ask that citation and notice be issued as required by law and that the Court make the orders I have asked for in this Counter-Petition and any other orders to which I am entitled. I ask for general relief. Respectfully,

| Respondent/Counter-Petitioner's Signature | | Date | |
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| | (|) | |
| Respondent/Counter-Petitioner's Printed Name | F | Phone Number | |
| Mailing Address | City | State | Zip |
| mailing Address | | | |

Warning: Each Respondent will get a copy of this form. If you are concerned about a Respondent learning your address, call the Hope Line at 800-374-4673(HOPE) for free advice <u>before</u> filing this form with the court.

I understand that I must notify the Court and each Counter-Respondent's attorney (or the Counter-Respondent if the Counter-Respondent does not have an attorney) in writing if my mailing address or email address changes during these proceedings. If I don't, any notices about this case will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form.

18. Certificate of Service to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Sign below **only** if your child(ren) receive (or have received) Medicaid or TANF. This tells the judge that you will deliver a copy of this Petition to the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division as required by law. Get contact information for the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Office in the county where this case will be filed at https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/apps/cs_locations/. Bring proof of delivery with you to court.

I certify that a true copy of this Counter-Petition was served on the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division* in person, by certified and first-class mail, by commercial delivery service, by fax, by email, or through the electronic file manager on this date.

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| Respondent/Counter-Petitioner's Signature | Date | |

Note: For Information about how to file an answer go to www.TexasLawHelp.org

For a referral to a lawyer call your local lawyer referral service or the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 800-252-9690.

For information about free and low-cost legal help in your county go to www.TexasLawHelp.org or call the Legal Aid office serving your area:

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas 888-529-5277 (serves Dallas / Fort Worth area & Northwest Texas)

Lone Star Legal Aid 800-733-8394 (serves Houston area & East Texas)

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid 888-988-9996 (serves Austin / San Antonio area, El Paso area & South Texas)

If you have been the victim of family violence, or if at any time you feel unsafe, get help by calling the:

National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE (7233) or Texas Advocacy Project Hope Line at 800-374-HOPE (4673) or Advocates for Victims of Crime (AVOICE): at 888-343-4414.