

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of:

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Child(ren): _____

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CASE NUMBER: _____

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Petitioner: _____

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Respondent: _____

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

The Petitioner files this *Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Child(ren)*, and states the following:

1.

The Petitioner's name is _____, and
Petitioner resides in Columbia 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 ONE and ONLY ONE of the following*]:

- Mother
- Father
- Guardian

3.

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

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

4.

[Check ONE and ONLY ONE of the following]

- The minor children live with the Petitioner in Columbia County, Georgia
- The minor children do not live with the Petitioner. They live with _____ in _____ County, Georgia.

5.

[Explain why you desire the name change(s) in this section]

The reasons for this name change are as follows:

6.

The Mother of the child(ren) is _____.

Her address is *(include street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number)*:

and she:

[*Check ONE and ONLY ONE of the following*]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement 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*.
- Is the Petitioner.

7.

The Father of the child(ren) is _____.

His address is (*include street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number*):

and he:

[*Check ONE and ONLY ONE of the following*]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement 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*.

Is the Petitioner.

8.

[Check ONE and ONLY ONE of the following]

There is no legal guardian for the child(ren), 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
(include street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number):

_____, and
he or she 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

That the name(s) of the minor child(ren) be changed to the name(s) shown in paragraph 3 of this *Petition*.

[Check below ONLY if applicable]

[If necessary party is in State and whereabouts are known, then in person service. If whereabouts are unknown, Petitioner must file an affidavit of diligent search, then can ask for service by publication.]

That the Sheriff's department personally serve the

Mother

Father

Guardian of the minor child(ren)

by certified mail, because they reside outside the State of Georgia.

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That the Court order service by publication for the

Mother

Father

Guardian of the minor child(ren)

whose address is unknown.

Date

PETITIONER [Sign in front of notary]

Address _____

Email Address: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This ___ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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VERIFICATION

I personally appeared before the undersigned Notary Public, and say under oath that I am the Petitioner in the above-styled action and that the facts stated in the corresponding *Petition for Legitimation and Custody/Visitation* are true and correct.

Date

 PETITIONER [Sign in front of notary]
 Address _____

 Email Address: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This ___ day of _____, 20__.

 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: _____