

WARNING: It is always best to hire a lawyer. To get a referral to a lawyer or, if you are poor, to a free Legal Aid program, call the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 1-800-252-9690.

If you are poor, you may be able to talk to an attorney online by live chat at www.TexasLawHelp.org.

(Fill out every blank on this form. Print your answers in blue ink.)

Cause Number: _____
(The Clerk's office will fill out the cause number when you file the form.)

In the Matter of Change of Name of a Child: _____
(Print child's current first, middle, and last legal name.)

In the: _____ (check one) District Court County Court of _____ County, Texas
(Court Number) (County)

Agreed Petition to Change the Name of a Child

I. **Discovery:** The discovery level in this case is Level 1.

II. Parties

1. **Petitioner** (Person filing this petition)

a. My name is:

First Middle Last

b. I am the child's: (Check all boxes that apply)

parent (biological, legal,
or adoptive; *not the*
stepparent).

managing conservator as
ordered by a court.

legal guardian as ordered
by a court.

c. My complete social security number is: _____.

Or I do not have a social security number.

d. My complete driver's license number is: _____. It was issued in _____.
State

Or I do not have a driver's license number.

2. **Other Parties** (Check and complete either a or b)

a. **No Other Party Exists:** No other adult has a legal relationship with this child because:
(check all that apply)

The other parent is dead. (Attach a copy of the death certificate.)

Parental rights were terminated. (Attach a certified copy of the court order of termination.)

No other person has been named by a court as a managing conservator or a legal guardian of the child.

- b. **Co-Petitioner 1:** The following person has a legal relationship to this child and has signed this Petition to show s/he agrees to the child's name change. (Co-Petitioner must sign this Petition in front of a notary or sign a declaration to show s/he agrees with this name change.)

First Middle Last

Co-Petitioner is the child's: (Check all boxes that apply)

parent (biological, legal, or adoptive; *not the stepparent*).

managing conservator as ordered by a court.

legal guardian as ordered by a court.

Co-Petitioner's complete social security number is: _____.

Or Co-Petitioner does not have a social security number.

Co-Petitioner's complete driver's license number is: _____. It was issued in _____.

Or Co-Petitioner does not have a driver's license number.

- c. **Co-Petitioner 2:** The following person has a legal relationship to this child and has signed this Petition to show s/he agrees to the child's name change. (Co-Petitioner must sign this Petition in front of a notary or sign a declaration to show s/he agrees with this name change.)

First Middle Last

Co-Petitioner is the child's: (Check all boxes that apply)

parent (biological, legal, or adoptive; *not a stepparent*).

managing conservator as ordered by a court.

legal guardian as ordered by a court.

Co-Petitioner's complete social security number is: _____.

Or Co-Petitioner does not have a social security number.

Co-Petitioner's complete driver's license number is: _____. It was issued in _____.

Or Co-Petitioner does not have a driver's license number.

III. Jurisdiction. The Court has jurisdiction over this case, the parties, and the child.

IV. Information about the Child

If the child is 10 or older, the *Child's Consent to Name Change form* must be filled out and **signed** by the child.

1. The child's current legal name is:

First *Middle* *Last*

2. The child resides in: _____

City *County* *State*

3. The child's date of birth is: _____

Month *Day* *Year*

4. The child's place of birth was: _____

City *County* *State* *Country*

5. The sex listed on child's birth certificate: Male Female

6. This child: is is not required to register as a sex offender.

If the child is required to register as a sex offender, you must fill out and submit a *Sex Offender Update Form* to local law enforcement authority stating that you are asking the Court to change the child's name. Attach a copy of that form to this Petition and write **Exhibit A** at the top.

v. Court Order Involving Child *(Check one)*

- No court order currently exists that involves, or is about, this child.
- A court has made orders involving this child, in the following case(s) (include divorce decree or orders obtained through the Office of the Attorney General or Child Protective Services):

Case number *County & State* *Type of case (child support, custody, adoption, divorce, CPS, etc.)*

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VI. Name Change Request

1. I/We ask the Court to change this child's current legal name to:

First *Middle* *Last*

2. The reason I/we want to change this child's current legal name is:

We believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

VII. Prayer

The change of name is in the best interest of the child. If the child is required to register as a sex offender, the change of name is also in the best interest of the public. Notice was provided to the local law enforcement authority.

I/We ask the Court to make an Order to change the child's current legal name and any other Orders the child may be entitled to. I/We swear under oath that the facts stated in this *Petition* are true and correct.

VI. Petitioner's Declaration:

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything in this petition is true and correct.

My name is _____ . My birthdate is: ____/____/____ .

My address is _____
Street City State ZIP Country

_____ signed on ____/____/____ in County _____
Signature Month/Day/Year County Name State

VII. Co-Petitioner's Declaration:

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything in this petition is true and correct.

My name is _____ . My birthdate is: ____/____/____ .

My address is _____
Street City State ZIP Country

_____ signed on ____/____/____ in County _____
Signature Month/Day/Year County Name State