

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

District Court County Court at Law

(Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.)

_____ County, Texas

A Child

Order Changing the Name of a Child

A hearing took place on (date)_____.

1. Appearances

Petitioner

Petitioner's name is: _____

Petitioner is the child's: (Check one.)

- Nonparent Managing Conservator.
 Legal Guardian.

Petitioner was present, representing him/herself, and announced ready.

Respondent A – Child's Parent (Check a or b.)

a. Respondent A's name is: _____

Respondent A is the child's parent.

(Check one.)

- Respondent A **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.
 Respondent A was **not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.
 Respondent A was **not present**, but was served and has defaulted.
- b. There is no Respondent A because: (Check one.)
- the child's parent is dead. A copy of the parent's death certificate is attached to this Order as Exhibit A.
 the child's parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. A copy of the court order of termination is attached to this Order as Exhibit A.

Respondent B – Child's Parent (Check a or b.)

a. Respondent B's name is: _____

Respondent B is the child's parent.

(Check one.)

- Respondent B **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.
 Respondent B was **not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.

- Respondent B was **not present**, but was served and has defaulted.
- b. There is no Respondent B because: *(Check one.)*
 - the child's parent is dead. A copy of the parent's death certificate is attached to this Order as Exhibit B.
 - the child's parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. A copy of the court order of termination is attached to this Order as Exhibit B.

Respondent C - Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child *(Check a or b.)*

- a. Respondent C's name is: _____
Respondent C is the child's:
(Check one.)
 - Nonparent Managing Conservator
 - Legal Guardian
(Check one.)
 - Respondent C **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.
 - Respondent C was **not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.
 - Respondent C was **not present**, but was served and has defaulted.
- b. There is no Respondent C. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

Respondent D - Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child *(Check a or b.)*

- c.
Respondent D's name is: _____
Respondent D is the child's:
(Check one.)
 - Nonparent Managing Conservator
 - Legal Guardian
(Check one.)
 - Respondent D **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.
 - Respondent D was **not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.
 - Respondent D was **not present**, but was served and has defaulted.
- d. There is no Respondent D. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

Respondent E - Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child *(Check a or b.)*

- e.
Respondent E's name is: _____

Respondent E is the child's:

(Check one.)

- Nonparent Managing Conservator
- Legal Guardian

(Check one.)

- Respondent E **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.
 - Respondent E was **not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.
 - Respondent E was **not present**, but was served and has defaulted.
- f. There is no Respondent E. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

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2. Record (The Court fills out this section.)

- A Court reporter recorded today's hearing.
- A Court reporter did not record today's hearing because the parties and judge agreed not to make a record.

3. Jurisdiction

The Court finds that it has jurisdiction over this case and the child and that all persons entitled to citation were properly cited.

4. Findings

The Court finds that:

- a. The child's current name is: _____
First Middle Last
- b. The child was a resident of this county at the time this case was filed.
- c. The child's birth date is: _____
Month / Day / Year
- d. The child's place of birth is _____
City State Country
- e. The child's social security # is: _____ **or** The child does not have a social security number.
- f. Consent by Child (Check one.)
 - The child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.

The child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.

g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)

The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.

The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Petitioner attached proof to the Petition that the child notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.

h. Court of Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (*Check one.*)

There are no court orders regarding the child.

A court made orders involving the child in the following case:

_____ Case Number _____ County _____ State _____ Case type (custody, support, divorce etc.)

i. The requested name change is in the best interest of the child.

5. Orders

The Court **ORDERS** that the child's name is changed

from this name: _____
First Middle Last

to this name: ___.
First Middle Last

Any orders requested that do not appear above are denied. This is a final order.

Date of Judgment

Judge's Signature

Judge's Printed Name

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THIS ORDER CHANGING THE NAME OF A CHILD:

Petitioner: _____
Petitioner's Signature