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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
_____COUNTY, ILLINOIS

_____,	)	
	)	
Petitioner/Counter-Respondent,	)	
	)	
and	)	Case No. _____- F -_____
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_____,	)	
	)	
Respondent/Counter-Petitioner.	)	

COUNTER-PETITION FOR ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

I, _____ *(your name)*, Respondent/Counter-Petitioner in this case, ask this Court to enter an Order allocating parental responsibilities of the minor child(ren) listed in this Petition. In support of this Petition, I state as follows:

1. **Information about me:**

Name	Address	Age	Employer	Occupation

2. **Information about Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent)**:

Name	Address	Age	Employer	Occupation

3. **Residency** (*check all that apply*):
   - ☐ I live in Illinois. I have lived in Illinois since _____ *(date)*.
   - ☐ Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) has lived in Illinois since _____ *(date)*.

4. **Our child(ren)**
   A. I am asking the Court to enter an order about the following child(ren) Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other

parent) and I have together:

Name or initials of child	**Age**	**Currently lives with** *(me, Respondent, etc.)*
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

(Attach additional pages if needed)

B. I am the ☐ mother / ☐ father *(check one)* of the child(ren).

C. I ☐ am / ☐ am not *(check one)* currently pregnant by the Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent). *OR* Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) ☐ is / ☐ is not *(check one)* currently pregnant by me.

D. Parentage. Parentage of *(check all that apply, but choose only one option for each child):*

☐ _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* was established by Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity (VAP) signed by both me and Petitioner/Counter Respondent (the other parent).

☐ _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* was established by court or administrative order in case number _____ *(list case number)* in _____ *(list county and state).*

E. Child(ren)'s Living Arrangements for Last 5 Years. The minor child(ren) has/have lived at the following addresses for the last 5 years. *(If there is more than one child and the children have lived apart at any time during the last 5 years, then attach additional pages.)*

Name(s) of Child(ren): _____

From *(date)*	**To** *(date)*	**Address** *(street address, city, state, zip code and county)*	**Lived with** *(me, the other parent, etc.)*
	Current		

(Attach additional pages if needed)

F. Jurisdiction *(check all that apply, but choose only one option for each child):*

☐ _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* is/are **older than** 6 months old and has/have lived in Illinois for at least the last 6 months.

☐ _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* is/are **younger than** 6 months old and has/have lived in Illinois since birth.

☐ Neither of the choices above apply to _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials),* and no other state has home state jurisdiction under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, and the child(ren) and at least one parent have significant connections to Illinois and there is substantial information about the child(ren) available in Illinois.

G. Other People Claiming Rights to the Child(ren) *(check only one option)*:

☐ No one other than me and Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) claims to have rights of significant decision-making, custody, visitation, or parenting time with the minor child(ren).

☐ Someone other than me and Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) claims to have rights of significant decision-making, custody, visitation, or parenting time with the minor child(ren). That person(s) is/are *(list names):* _____

H. Other court cases involving the child(ren) or parents *(check only one option)*:

☐ No other court cases: I know of no other court cases or orders in Illinois, or any other state, concerning the parties or child(ren) (such as orders of protection, parentage, divorce, custody, visitation, allocation of parental responsibilities, child or spousal support, juvenile court cases, cases involving DCFS, etc.).

☐ Other court cases: I know of the following court cases, pending or closed, concerning the parties or child(ren) (such as orders of protection, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, allocation of parental responsibilities, child or spousal support, juvenile court cases, cases involving DCFS, etc.):

County & State	**Case Number**	**Kind of Case** *(paternity, custody, etc.)*	**Pending or Closed**

(Attach additional pages if needed)

I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the court of any legal proceeding in Illinois, or any other state, that could affect allocation of parental responsibilities.

5. Allocation of Significant Decision-Making Responsibilities

I am asking the court to allocate significant decision-making responsibilities for the child(ren) as follows (*check only one option*):

☐ I have all decision-making: It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility for the child(ren) be allocated to me.

☐ Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) has all decision-making: It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility for the child(ren) be awarded to Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent).

☐ Petitioner/Counter-Respondent and I share decision-making: It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that temporary and permanent significant decision-making responsibility for the child(ren) be allocated to both me and Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent).

☐ I am not asking the court to make a decision about significant-decision making responsibility.

6. Allocation of Parenting Time

I am asking the court to allocate parenting time as follows *(check only one option)*:

☐ Both parents have parenting time: It is the best interests of the child(ren) that I be allocated temporary and permanent parenting time with the child(ren), and that Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) be

allocated either unrestricted or restricted parenting time.

☐ I have all of the parenting time: It is in the best interests of the children that I be allocated all of the temporary and permanent parenting time with the child(ren), and that Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) not be allocated parenting time.

7. Child Support

A. I ☐ am / ☐ am not *(check one)* asking the court to order child support.

B. ☐ *(check if applicable)* A child support order has been entered for the support of _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* in case number _____ *(list case number)* entered in _____ *(list county and state)*.

C. Information about me:

I am ☐ employed / ☐ unemployed *(check one).*

I am ☐ able / ☐ unable *(check one)* to contribute to the support of our minor child(ren).

D. Information about Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent):

Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) is ☐ employed / ☐ unemployed *(check one).*

Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) is ☐ able / ☐ unable *(check one)* to contribute to the support of our minor child(ren).

RELIEF REQUESTED:

Therefore, I am asking the court to enter an order which provides as follows (*check all that apply*):

A. Allocation of Significant Decision-Making Responsibility (*check only one option):*

☐ That temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility for the minor child(ren) be allocated to me.

☐ That temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility for the minor child(ren) be allocated to Petitioner/Counter-Respondent.

☐ That temporary and permanent significant decision-making authority be allocated to both me and Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent).

☐ I am not asking the court to enter an order allocating significant decision-making responsibility.

B. Allocation of Parenting Time *(check only one option)*:

☐ That temporary and permanent parenting time be allocated to me, and either restricted or unrestricted parenting time be allocated to Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent).

☐ That all temporary and permanent parenting time be allocated to me, and that no parenting time be allocated to Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent).

C. Child Support *(check only <u>one</u> option)*:

☐ That Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent) pay child support to me.

☐ That I pay child support to Petitioner/Counter-Respondent (the other parent).

☐ I am not asking the court to order child support.

D. Any other appropriate relief.

CERTIFICATION

Under the penalties for perjury provided by Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, I certify that my statements in this document are true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

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