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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

JACKSON COUNTY

_____,	)	
Petitioner *(your name)*,	)	
and	)	Case No. _____- F -_____
_____,	)	
Respondent *(the other parent)*.	)	

Instructions: Use this form to ask the Court to establish parentage and allocation of parental responsibilities of your child(ren). You can use this form if all of these things are true:

- You are the mother of the child(ren) (use a different form if you are the father);
- There are no court or administrative orders about the parentage of the child(ren) (including any divorce orders that describe the child(ren) as "child(ren) of the marriage/civil union");
- You did not sign a valid Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity (VAP) for the child(ren);
- You are not currently married to the Respondent (the other parent), and, if you ever were married to him, you got divorced at least 300 days before the birth of the child(ren); and
- The child(ren) and Respondent (the other parent) have certain connections to Illinois. (See sections 4 and 8 of this form for more information.)

MOTHER'S PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAGE AND ALLOCATE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

I, _____ *(your name)*, Petitioner, ask this Court to enter an order establishing parentage and 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	Occupation

☐ There is a history of domestic violence and listing my address is not in the best interests of me and/or my child(ren).

2. Information about Respondent (the other parent)

Name	Address	Age	Occupation

3. Child(ren)

a. I am the mother of the following child(ren), and I am asking the Court to enter an order establishing their parentage and allocating parental responsibilities:

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

(Attach additional pages if needed)

b. Unborn child(ren) *(check only one)*

☐ I am not currently pregnant.

☐ I am currently pregnant and I believe Respondent is the father.

☐ I am currently pregnant and I believe Respondent is not the father.

4. Personal jurisdiction

Check only a or b. If neither a nor b is true, you cannot use this form and you should talk to a lawyer about your options.

a. ☐ Respondent (the other parent) lives in Illinois.

b. ☐ Respondent (the other parent) does not live in Illinois, but *(check at least one option for each child):*

☐ We had sex in Illinois that may have resulted in the conception of _____ *(name(s)/initials of child(ren))*.

☐ _____ *(name(s)/initials of child(ren))* live in Illinois because of Respondent's actions or demands.

☐ Respondent used to live in Illinois and he helped pay my prenatal expenses and/or provided support in Illinois for _____ *(name(s)/initials of child(ren)).*

☐ Respondent signed the Illinois Putative Father Registry for _____ *(name(s)/initials of child(ren)).*

5. I am the only legal parent of the child(ren)

You cannot use this form unless all of the statements below are true. If any of these is not true, you should talk to a lawyer about your options.

a. There are no court or administrative orders about the parentage of the child(ren) (including divorce orders describing the child(ren) as "child(ren) of the marriage/civil union").

b. I have not signed a valid Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity for the child(ren).

c. I am not currently married to Respondent (the other parent),

d. If I was ever married to Respondent (the other parent) we got divorced at least 300 days before the birth(s) of all of the child(ren) listed in this petition.

6. Presumed parent

a. Married at or before birth *(check if applicable)*

☐ I was married to someone other than Respondent (the other parent) at the time at least one child was born, or within 300 days before that child's birth. *(If you choose this option, you must fill out the chart below and send the person(s) named below the Notice of Presumed Parent.)*

Name or initials of child	Name of person I was married to at the time of birth or within 300 days before that child's birth
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

b. Married after birth *(check if applicable)*

☐ I married someone other than Respondent after the birth of at least one child and that person is listed as the father on that child's birth certificate. *(If you choose this option, you must fill out the chart below and send the person(s) named below the Notice to Presumed Parent.)*

Name or initials of child	Name of person I married after the child's birth and who is listed as the father on the child's birth certificate
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

7. Child(ren)'s living arrangements during the last 5 years

The minor child(ren) has/have lived at the following addresses during 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, fill out one chart for each child and attach additional pages. If you do not know some of this information, write "I don't know.")*

Name(s) or initials of child(ren): _____

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

(Attach additional pages if needed)

☐ There is a history of domestic violence and listing my address is not in the best interests of me and/or my child(ren).

8. <u>Allocation jurisdiction</u>

(Check all that apply, but choose only one option for each child. If neither of the first two choices is true, you should talk to a lawyer about your options.)

☐ _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* is/are **older than** 6 months old and has/have lived in Illinois for at least 6 consecutive months within the past 12 months.

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

☐ _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* is/are **older than** 6 months old and has/have lived in a state other than Illinois _____ *(name of state)* for at least 6 consecutive months within the past 12 months.

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

☐ None of the choices above apply to _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials),* but 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.

9. Other people claiming rights to the child(ren) *(check only one option)*

☐ No one other than me and Respondent (the other parent) claims to have rights to make important decisions for, care for, or spend time with the minor child(ren).

☐ Someone other than me and Respondent (the other parent) claims to have rights to make important decisions for, care for, or spend time with the minor child(ren). That person(s) is/are *(list names):*

_____

10. 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 that might affect the child(ren) (such as orders of protection, parentage, divorce, custody, visitation, allocation of parental responsibilities, child or spousal support, adoption, termination of parental rights, court cases involving DCFS, etc.).

☐ Other court cases: I know of the following court cases, both pending and closed, that might affect the child(ren) (such as orders of protection, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, allocation of parental responsibilities, child or spousal support, adoption, termination of parental rights, court cases involving DCFS, etc.):

County & State	Case number	Kind of case *(paternity, custody, etc.)*
Jackson IL		
Jackson IL		
Jackson IL		

(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. This means that I must let the Court know if I find out about any other court case in Illinois or any other state that could affect my child(ren).

11. 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.

☐ 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 Respondent *(the other parent)*.

☐ 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 Respondent *(the other parent)*.

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

12. 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 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 Respondent (the other parent) not be allocated parenting time.

☐ I am not asking the Court to make a decision about parenting time.

13. Child support

a. *(check one)*

☐ I am asking the Court to order child support including, if appropriate, support back to the birth of the child and/or birth expenses.

☐ I am asking the Court to reserve child support.

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

b. Information about me:

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

ii. I am ☐ able / ☐ unable *(check one)* to help support our minor child(ren).

c. Information about Respondent (the other parent):

i. Respondent (the other parent) is ☐ employed / ☐ unemployed *(check one).*

ii. Respondent (the other parent) is ☐ able / ☐ unable *(check one)* to help support our minor child(ren).

RELIEF REQUESTED:

Therefore, I am asking the Court to enter an order which provides as follows:

A. Parentage *(check one or more options, but only one option for each child):*

☐ That a parent/child relationship exists and is established between Respondent (the other parent) and _____ *(child(ren)'s names or initials)*, without the need for genetic (DNA) testing.

☐ That a parent/child relationship exists and is established between Respondent and _____ *(child(ren)'s names or initials)*, if supported by the results of genetic (DNA) testing.

B. Genetic testing *(check only if applicable)*

☐ That the parties and the following child(ren) _____ *(child(ren)'s names or initials)* submit to genetic (DNA) testing to determine parentage.

C. Allocation of significant decision-making responsibility (*check the same option that you chose in section 11 above):*

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

☐ That temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility of the minor child(ren) be allocated to Respondent (the other parent).

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

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

D. Allocation of parenting time *(check the same option that you chose in section 12 above)*:

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

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

☐ I am not asking the Court to enter an order allocating parenting time.

E. Child support *(check the same option that you chose in section13 above)*:

☐ That Respondent (the other parent) pay child support to me, including, if appropriate, support back to the

birth of the child and/or birth expenses.

☐ That I pay child support to Respondent *(the other parent)*.

☐ That child support be reserved.

☐ I am not asking the Court to enter an order for child support.

F. 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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