

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO.

DIVISION:

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PETITION TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY AND FOR CUSTODY AND VISITATION

NOW INTO COURT, comes _____, a person of full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish/County of _____, State of _____, who respectfully represents:

1.

Made Defendant herein is _____, of full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish/County of _____, State of _____.

2.

The following minor child(ren) was/were born of the parties:

(Child's Name)	(Date of Birth)	(Child's Name)	(Date of Birth)
(Child's Name)	(Date of Birth)	(Child's Name)	(Date of Birth)
(Child's Name)	(Date of Birth)	(Child's Name)	(Date of Birth)

3.

The minor child(ren) currently reside(s) with _____.

4.

Petitioner and Defendant maintained a sexual relationship from _____ to _____ which resulted in the conception and birth of the child(ren) named in paragraph 2 of this Petition.

5.

Petitioner believes that appropriate testing of the blood of the parties will reveal that _____ is the father of the child(ren) named in paragraph 2 of this Petition. Petitioner, therefore, moves this Court to appoint an expert qualified as an examiner of blood and tissue samples for inherited characteristics, including but not limited to blood tissue type, and to order the child to submit to the collection of blood and tissue samples by the appointed expert.

6.

Petitioner further believes that it is in the best interest of the child(ren) that a custody order be set as follows: *(please select one of the following)*

_____ Petitioner requests that the parties be awarded **joint** custody, with _____ designated as the domiciliary parent, and with custodial periods awarded to _____ as follows:

_____.

_____ Petitioner requests that the Petitioner be awarded **sole** custody subject to one of the following by the Defendant: *(please select one of the following)*

_____ Petitioner requests that the Defendant be awarded reasonable visitation as follows:

_____.

_____ Petitioner requests that the Defendant be awarded supervised visitation as follows:

_____.

_____ Petitioner requests that the Defendant be not awarded any visitation.

7.

Petitioner believes that the custody arrangement she/he is requesting is in the best interest of the child(ren) for the following reasons *(Please state with specificity your reasons for the custody arrangement requested above.)*: _____

8.

*(please select **one** of the following)*

_____ Petitioner is poor and does not have the ability to pre-pay the court costs or to pay costs as they accrue, and requests that Petitioner be allowed to file *in forma pauperis* under the Code of Civil Procedure Articles 5185-5188. Uniform IFP form provided by the Clerk of Court should be included with this petition.

_____ Petitioner is able to pay and will pay the court costs in addition to the any service charge and tax.

_____ Petitioner prays that court costs and fees be assessed to the defendant.

WHEREFORE Petitioner prays:

1. For judgment decreeing that _____
is the father of the child;
2. That after all legal delays and due proceeding, this court issue a judgment establishing a custody arrangement between the parties for their minor child(ren), and for all general equitable relief; and
3. That the Defendant be ordered to appear and show cause on a date and time fixed by this Court why a custody judgment should not be rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Street Address)

(City/State/Zip)

(Telephone Number)

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STATE OF _____

PARISH OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in this state and parish, personally appeared:

Petitioner's Name

who after being duly sworn, did depose and state that she/he is the Petitioner in the above and foregoing numbered and entitled cause, that she/he has read the same, and that all of the allegations contained therein are true and correct to the best of her/his knowledge, information, and belief.

Petitioner's Signature

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of

_____, 20____, at _____, Louisiana.

NOTARY PUBLIC

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ORDER

Considering the above and foregoing Petition:

IT IS ORDERED that a hearing in aforementioned Paternity and Visitation matter shall be set on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ o'clock ____m.

Thus signed and rendered in _____, LOUISIANA, on this _____ day _____, 20____.

JUDGE

PLEASE SERVE:

(Defendant's Name)

(Street Address)

(City/State/Zip)

(Telephone Number)