

CLAYTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of Child(ren):

Civil Action

Case Number _____

_____,
Petitioner,

vs.

_____,
Respondent.

**PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S)
OF MINOR CHILD(REN)**

The Petitioner files this *Petition to Change Name(s) of Minor Children*, and states the following in support of the petition:

1.

The Petitioner's name is _____,
and she or he resides in Clayton County, Georgia. Therefore, jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court.

2.

The Petitioner's relationship to the children in this action is: [*Check only one below.*]
 Mother Father Guardian.

3.

These are the current names, birthdates and proposed new names of the child(ren) for whom the name change is sought:

<i>Current Name of Child</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Proposed New Name</i>

4.

[Check only one of the following.]

- The minor children live with the Petitioner in Clayton County, Georgia.
- The minor children do not live with the Petitioner. They live with _____ in _____ County, Georgia.

5.

[Explain here why you want to change the name(s).]

The reasons for this name change are as follows:

6.

The mother of the children is _____,
her address is _____,
and she:

[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the child(ren).
- Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

7.

The father of the children is _____,
 his address is _____,
 and he:

[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]

- Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.
- Is deceased.
- Has abandoned the child(ren).
- Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

8.

[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]

- There is no legal guardian for these children, other than their parent(s).
- Both parents are deceased or have abandoned the child(ren), and the guardian of the child(ren) is _____, whose address is _____

_____,
 and she or he has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

THEREFORE, the Petitioner asks:

- (a) That the name(s) of the minor child(ren) be changed to the names shown in Paragraph 3 of the petition.

[Check one of the following methods of service for each person who must be served. Be sure to carefully read the instructions about service before you complete this part.]

- (b) That the sheriff's department personally serve the mother father person

acting as guardian of the minor children, whose address is shown above.

- (c) That the mother father person acting as guardian of the minor children be served by certified mail, because they reside outside the state of Georgia.
- (d) That the Court order service by publication for the mother father person acting as guardian of the minor children, whose address is unknown.

Dated: _____

Petitioner, *Pro se* (Signature)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (day): (_____) _____