

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

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

District Court County Court at Law
_____ 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: Parent Nonparent Managing Conservator or Guardian

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

Respondent A – Other Parent (Check one.)

Respondent A's name is: _____

Respondent A is the child's other 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.

There is no Respondent A because: (Check one.)

the child's other parent is dead. A copy of the other parent's death certificate is attached to this Order as Exhibit 1.

the child's other 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 1.

Respondent B - Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child (Check one.)

There is no Respondent B. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

Respondent B's name is: _____

Respondent B is the child's: (Check one.)

Nonparent Managing Conservator or Guardian

Second Parent (Only if the Petitioner is not 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.

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. Proof that the child notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached as Exhibit 2.
- 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 and the public.

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

Respondent A: _____
Respondent A's Signature

Respondent B: _____
Respondent B's Signature