



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE: THE INTEREST OF:

CASE NO.: _____

DIVISION _____

MINOR CHILD(REN)

_____ /

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LEGAL CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

COMES NOW, the undersigned Petitioner(s) and alleges the following:

1. This is an action for temporary legal custody under Florida Statutes, Chapter 751.
2. Petitioner(s), _____, is/are 18 years of age or older, has/have not been declared incompetent by the Courts, and is/are a resident of Hillsborough County Florida.
3. The address of the Petitioner(s) is:

4. The name(s) and date(s) of birth of the minor child(ren) the Petitioner(s) is/are seeking custody of is/are: **A copy of the Birth Certificate is attached**

5. The current address(es) of the minor child(ren) the Petitioner(s) is/are seeking custody of is/are:

6. The Petitioner's relationship to the minor children is: (Include a statement as to why Petitioner believes he is the natural father of the minor child(ren) if this is a petition by the putative father).

7. The Petitioner(s) is/are fit and proper person(s) to be awarded temporary legal custody of the minor child(ren) because:

8. The name and current address of the minor child(ren)'s mother is:

9. The name and current address of the minor child(ren)'s father is: (If more than one child and each has a different father, list each father's name and current address).

10. The name and address of the current legal guardian, if any:

11. Within the past five (5) years, to my knowledge, the child(ren) has/have lived with the following person(s) at the following address(es):

- A. 1. Name of the person(s) with whom the child(ren) is/are currently living with:

2. Address: _____

3. Child(ren) lived there from

to _____

- B. 1. Name of the person(s) with whom the child(ren) lived before living with the person(s) living above:

2. Address: _____

3. Child(en) lived there from _____

to _____

C. 1. Name of the person(s) with whom the child(ren) lived before living with the person(s) living above:

2. Address: _____

3. Child(ren) lived there from _____

to _____

D. 1. Name of the person(s) with whom the child(ren) lived before living with the person(s) living above:

2. Address: _____

3. Child(ren) lived there from _____

to _____

E. 1. Name of the person(s) with whom the child(ren) lived before living with

the person(s) living above:

2. Address: _____

3. Child(ren) lived there from _____

to _____

12. List the places the child(ren) has/have lived for the past five years if different from those listed in question 11. Include the dates the child resided at each place.

13. The minor child(ren) [**check one**] _____ **has** _____ **has not** been the subject of litigation in a divorce, paternity, separate maintenance, delinquency, dependency, or other legal proceeding, **in this state or in any other state**, in the past or at the present time, or had an order previously entered regarding custody of the minor child(ren). If the child(ren) has/have been the subject of a prior custody proceeding, the following is a summary of the actions:

<u>COURT</u>	<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

14. The parent(s), guardian(s), or other legal custodian(s) of the minor child(ren) [**check one**] _____ **have** _____ **have not**, consented IN WRITING to this petition. If the consent has been obtained, it is attached to this petition. If the consent has not been obtained, the circumstances of the child(ren) current living situation with the Petitioner is/are as follows:

15. The Petitioner(s) believes that it is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) that the Petitioner(s) is/are awarded temporary legal custody because: (list the reason the Petitioner is requesting custody, such as the need to enroll in school, provide medical care, generally care for the child).

16. The petitioner is requesting temporary legal custody of the minor child(ren) for the following period of time and the reasons the Petitioner is requesting this period of time:

17. The Petitioner [**check one**] _____ **is** _____ **is not** requesting reasonable child support from the parents at this time.

18. The parent(s) [**check one**] _____ **should** _____ **should not** be granted reasonable visitation with the child(ren).

Based upon the above statements, the Petitioner requests this court to enter an Order granting the Petitioner temporary legal custody of the minor child(ren) named in the petition, thereby allowing the Petitioner the authority to consent to all necessary and reasonable medical and dental care for the minor child(ren), including, but not limited to, non-emergency surgery and psychiatric care; to obtain copies of the minor child(ren)'s records held by third parties that are necessary to the care of the child(ren), including, but not limited to, medical, dental, and psychiatric records, birth certificates, birth records, and educational records; to consent to school or daycare enrollment and grant or withhold consent for the minor child(ren) to be tested or placed in special school programs; and to do all other things necessary for the care of the minor child(ren); and other such relief as the Court deems appropriate.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name:

Address

Telephone Number

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____ by _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC—STATE OF FLORIDA

____ Personally known [Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary.]
____ Produced identification
____ Type of identification produced _____

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [✎ fill in all blanks]

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____ ,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____ *{city}* _____ ,
{state} _____ , *{phone}* _____ , helped *{name}* _____ ,
who is the [one only] ___ petitioner or ___ respondent, fill out this form.

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Dated: _____

Signature of Co-Petitioner

Printed Name:

Address

Telephone Number

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