

WARNING: This is a case to determine the father of the children named in the Petition to Adjudicate Parentage. Once that determination is made by the court, you may not be able to change it. It is important that you talk to a lawyer who can explain your legal rights. Call your local lawyer referral service or the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Information Service at 800 252-9690 for help finding a lawyer.

WARNING: If you 1) are the alleged father, 2) do not live in Texas, and 3) do not agree that a Texas court should order that you are the father of the children, talk to a lawyer before filing an Answer. **Once you file an Answer, you waive your right to argue that Texas lacks the power to make orders about you.** Read the law about personal jurisdiction in Texas Family Code 160.604 and 102.011.

(Print court information exactly as it appears on the Petition.)

In the interest of (Print the initials of each child):

1 Name: _____ Cause No: _____
2 Name: _____
3 Name: _____ In the _____ District County Court of:
4 Name: _____
5 Name: _____ _____ County, Texas

Respondent's Answer

My name is: _____
First Middle Last

I am a Respondent in this case to determine the father of the children listed in the Petition to Adjudicate Parentage.

The last three numbers of my driver's license number are: ____ ____ ____ . My driver's license was issued in (State) _____.

Or I do not have a driver's license number.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: ____ ____ ____ .

Or I do not have a social security number.

1. Answer

This is my answer. I want to be notified of all hearings in this case.

(Check all applicable boxes.)

- I **am** the genetic father of the children named in this case. I ask the Court to order that I am the legal father of the children.
- I **am not** the genetic father of the children named in this case.
- I ask the Court to order **genetic testing**.
- This case is barred by the Statute of Limitations because the children, in this case, have an adjudicated, acknowledged, or presumed father, and this case was not filed within four years of the adjudication, acknowledgment, or birth of the children.
- I ask the Court to deny genetic testing and to name the presumed father the legal father of the children. The mother and the presumed father have acted as though the presumed father is the children's father. It would be unfair to disprove the father-child relationship between the children and the presumed father. It is in the children's best interest to name the presumed father the father of the children. The Court should appoint a guardian ad litem for the children.

2. Contact Information

My mailing address is: _____
Print Mailing Address City State Zip

My phone number is: (____) ____-____.

(If applicable) My fax number is: (____) ____-____.

My email address is _____.

I understand I must notify the Court, Petitioner, Petitioner’s attorney (if Petitioner has an attorney), the other Respondents in this case, and the other Respondents’ attorneys (if they have attorneys), in writing, if my mailing address, email address, or phone number changes during this case.

I understand that, unless I provide notice of changes in my mailing address, all information about this case, including the date and time of hearings, will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form.

3. Prayer

I ask the Court for general relief.

→ _____
Respondent’s signature Date

Certificate of Service

I swear that a true copy of this document was given to Petitioner and Petitioner’s attorney (if Petitioner has an attorney) in person, by fax, or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

→ _____
Respondent’s signature Date