

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re custody of:

Children:

Petitioner/s (*person/s who started this case*):

Respondents (*parents and any guardian or custodian*):

No. _____

Motion for Adequate Cause Decision
(Non-Parent Custody)
(MACD)

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To both parties:

Deadline! Your papers must be filed and served by the deadline in your county's Local Court Rules, or by the State Court Rules if there is no local rule. Court Rules and forms are online at www.courts.wa.gov.

If you want the court to consider your side, you **must**:

- File your original documents with the Superior Court Clerk; AND
- Give the Judge/Commissioner a copy of your papers (if required by your county's Local Court Rules); AND
- Have a copy of your papers served on all other parties or their lawyers; AND
- Go to the hearing.

The court may not allow you to testify at the motion hearing. Read your county's Local Court Rules, if any. Bring proposed orders to the hearing.

To the person filing this motion:

You must schedule a hearing on this motion. You may use the *Notice of Hearing* (form FL All Family 185) unless your county's Local Court Rules require a different form. Contact the court for scheduling information.

To the person receiving this motion:

If you do not agree with the requests in this motion, file a statement (using form FL All Family 135, *Declaration*) explaining why the court should not approve those requests. You may file other written proof supporting your side.

1. Request

My name is _____. (Check one):

☐ I **filed** a (check one): ☐ *Non-Parent Custody Petition* ☐ *Petition to Terminate or Change Non-Parent Custody Order*.

I ask the court to find adequate cause (valid reasons) for the *Petition* and allow my case to move forward.

☐ I **received** a (check one): ☐ *Non-Parent Custody Petition* ☐ *Petition to Terminate or Change Non-Parent Custody Order*.

I ask the court to find **no** adequate cause (no valid reasons) for the *Petition*, and to dismiss the *Petition*, ending the case.

2. Service of Summons and Petition

☐ Does not apply. This motion is brought by a Respondent.

☐ The Respondents were or will be served as follows (check all that apply):

Respondent (name): _____:

☐ was or will be served with the *Summons* and *Petition* for this case by:

☐ personal service in Washington State.

☐ personal service outside of Washington State.

☐ publication.

☐ mail.

☐ waived service by joining the *Petition* and

☐ does not need to be notified about the court's hearing or decisions in this case.

☐ must be notified about the court's hearings or decisions in this case.

Other Respondent (name): _____:

☐ was or will be served with the *Summons* and *Petition* for this case by:

☐ personal service in Washington state.

☐ personal service outside of Washington state.

☐ publication.

☐ mail.

☐ waived service by joining the *Petition* and

☐ does not need to be notified about the court's hearings or decisions in this case.

☐ must be notified about the court's hearings or decisions in this case.

3. Reason for Request

This request is based on the *Petition*, any *Response* and the following other documents (if any) filed separately and served on all parties:

☐ My Declaration (form FL All Family 135)

☐ Declaration/s of (name/s): _____

☐ Other documents (list): _____

Person making this motion or his/her lawyer fills out below:



*Person making this motion **or** lawyer signs here*

Date

Print name (if lawyer, also list WSBA No.)

I agree to accept legal papers for this case at *(check one)*:

☐ lawyer's address, listed below.

Lawyer's street address or PO box *city* *state* *zip*

Email *(if applicable)*: _____

☐ the following address *(this does **not** have to be your home address)*:

Street address or PO box *city* *state* *zip*

Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Civil Rule 5 and local court rules.

*(If this address changes before the case ends, you **must** notify all parties and the court clerk in writing. You may use the Notice of Address Change form (FL All Family 120). You must also update your Confidential Information form (FL All Family 001) if this case involves parentage or child support.)*