

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re:

Petitioner/s (as listed on the Petition):

And Respondent/s (as listed on the Petition):

No. _____

Summons: Notice about Petition to
Terminate or Change Non-Parent Custody
Order
(SM)

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Non-Parent Custody Order**

To: _____
(name/s of the party/parties who did **not** file this Summons and Petition)

The person filing this *Summons* and *Petition* asked the court to terminate or change a non-parent custody order. You must respond in writing for the court to consider your side.

Deadline! Your *Response* must be served on the other party within **20 days** of the date you were served this *Summons* (60 days if you were served outside of Washington State). If the case has been filed, you must also file your *Response* by the same deadline. If you do not serve and file your *Response* or a *Notice of Appearance* by the deadline:

- No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and
- The court may approve the requests in the *Petition* without hearing your side (called a *default judgment*).

Follow these steps:

- 1. Read** the *Petition* and any other documents you receive with this *Summons*. These documents explain what the other party is asking for.
- 2. Fill out** the *Response to Petition to Terminate or Change a Non-Parent Custody Order* (form FL Non-Parent 452). You can get the *Response* and other forms at:
 - The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms,
 - The Administrative Office of the Courts – call: (360) 705-5328,

- Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or
- The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).

3. Serve (give) a copy of your *Response* to the person who filed this *Summons* at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule (CR) 5.

4. File your original *Response* with the court clerk at this address:

Superior Court Clerk, _____ County

_____ County
address *city* *state* *zip*

5. Adequate Cause: Before the court will have a full hearing or trial about the *Petition*, one of the parties must ask the court to decide whether there are valid reasons to allow the case to move forward (adequate cause). If there are no valid reasons, the court will dismiss the *Petition*. Either party can file a *Motion for Adequate Cause Decision* (form FL Non-Parent 416).

6. Lawyer not required: It's a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your *Response* and other documents without one.

Person filing this *Summons* fills out below:

▶ _____
Signature of person filing this Summons or lawyer *Date*

 Print name of person filing this *Summons* or lawyer and WSBA No.

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

my lawyer's address:

lawyer's address *city* *state* *zip*

Email (*if applicable*): _____

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

address *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.)

This *Summons* is issued according to the Superior Court Civil Rule (CR) 4.1 of the State of Washington.