

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COBB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

Petitioner: _____

and

Respondent: _____

Civil Action File No.: _____

PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION

The Petitioner files this action, and states the following in support of his *Petition*:

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I believe am the father of the following minor child(ren), born out of wedlock:

Child's Name	Date of Birth

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Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court because:

[Check and complete only one (1) of the following choices.]

- (a) the Respondent mother resides in Cobb County, Georgia.
- (b) the Respondent mother resides in Georgia outside Cobb County, but the child or I reside in Cobb County, and the mother has consented to venue here.
- (c) the Respondent mother resides outside the State of Georgia, and the child or I reside in Cobb County, Georgia.
- (d) the whereabouts of the Respondent mother are unknown, and the child or I reside in Cobb County, Georgia.
- (e) the mother of the child is deceased, and the child or I reside in Cobb County, Georgia.

The Respondent, _____, is the child's mother.

[Check and complete only one (1) of the following choices.]

- (a) The mother's address is _____.
- (b) The mother is deceased.

No other man is shown as the father on the birth certificate, and the mother was not married to any other man at the time of the child's concept or birth.

[Check and complete all that apply.]

The child lives with the following person who takes care of the child:

- (a) The Respondent/ mother
- (b) The Petitioner/ father
- (c) Neither the child's mother nor the Petitioner. Instead, the child lives with _____, whose relationship to the child is _____. They reside at the following address:

in _____ County, in the State of _____.

My paternity of the child has been established by a court or by operation of law based on the child's birth certificate or, if paternity has not been legally established, I state that I am the child's natural father. I want to legitimate my relationship with the child, as provided in O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22, so that the child will have full rights as my child, and I will have full rights as the father of the child. I believe that legitimation would be in the child's best interests.

[Check and complete all that apply.]

I want the birth records of the child to be changed as follows:

- (a) I want the child's last name to be changed on the birth certificate to my last name.
- (b) I want my name to be entered as the father on the birth certificate.
- (c) No changes are necessary on the birth certificate concerning either the father's name or the child's last name.

