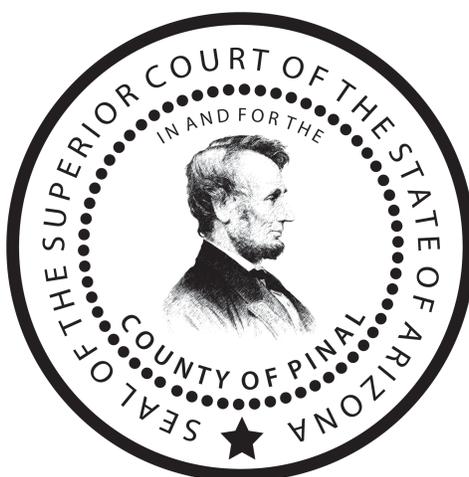


# **ESTABLISH PATERNITY, LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (CUSTODY), PARENTING TIME & CHILD SUPPORT**



## **PINAL COUNTY**

### **Instructions and Forms**

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Clerk of the Superior Court**

# TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY, LEGAL DECISION- MAKING (CUSTODY), PARENTING TIME & CHILD SUPPORT

## CHECKLIST

### ***You may use these forms in this packet if...***

- ✓ You want a court order that declares paternity, legal decision-making (custody), parenting time and support for minor children, **AND**
- ✓ Paternity has NOT already been legally established for at least one of the children to be named in the court order, **AND**
- ✓ The same person is the father of all children to be included in the court order, **AND**
- ✓ The minor Children have lived in Arizona for at least **6** months (or since birth if younger than 6 months) before you file the petition, or you talked to a lawyer who advised that you could pursue the case in Arizona at this time.

### **DO NOT USE THE FORMS** in the packet if:

- Someone other than the person named as the father in this case is already listed as the father on the birth certificate for any child for whom you are asking a court order for in this case.
- Paternity has already been legally established by other means for **ALL** children for whom you are seeking a court order in this matter.
  - *For children born after July 1996: if the father's name appears on the birth certificate as a result of the parents having signed an Affidavit of Paternity in the hospital at the time of birth or afterwards, paternity has already been established for that child and you do not need to establish paternity through the court.*

You have permission to use these documents for any lawful purpose. These forms shall not be used to engage in the unauthorized practice of law. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents. The documents are under continual revision and are current only for the day they were received. It is strongly recommended that you verify on a regular basis that you have the most current documents.

# TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY, LEGAL DECISION- MAKING, PARENTING TIME AND CHILD SUPPORT

This packet contains general information and instructions about filing a Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support. Be sure this packet contains the following documents:

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**\*NO COPIES REQUIRED. File original only. Do not serve on other party.**

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# PROCEDURES

## **How to File Papers with the Court to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making (Custody), Parenting Time and Child**

### **STEP 1: COMPLETE THE FORMS – TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK DO NOT LEAVE ANY QUESTIONS BLANK**

- Please answer all questions.
- If a question does not apply to your case mark “n/a” next to the question. By marking “n/a” next to a question this informs the Judge or Court that a question was “not applicable” and did not apply to your case or situation.
- If there is a question where the information is not known to you, please indicate “unknown to me”.

### **STEP 2: SIGN, DATE AND NOTARIZE DOCUMENTS**

- Documents must be signed and dated in front of ANY Notary Public.
- Please make sure you have a US issued photo ID with you when having your documents notarized.

### **STEP 3: MAKE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS**

- **AFTER** your documents have been signed, dated and/or notarized make (2) copies of the following documents:
  - ✓ **Summons**
  - ✓ **Order to Attend Parent Education Class**
  - ✓ **Parents Worksheet for Child Support**
  - ✓ **Parenting Plan**
  - ✓ **Affidavit Regarding Minor Children**
  - ✓ **Petition for Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support**
- Separate your documents into (3) sets in the following Order:

#### **Set 1: ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS**

1. Summons
2. Order to Attend Parent Education Class
3. Parents Worksheet for Child Support
4. Parenting Plan
5. Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
6. Preliminary Injunction
7. Sensitive Data Form
8. Family Court Cover Sheet
9. Petition for Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support

**Set 2: COPIES FOR YOU THE PETITIONER**

1. Summons
2. Order to Attend Parent Education Class
3. Parents Worksheet for Child Support
4. Parenting Plan
5. Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
6. Preliminary Injunction
7. Petition for Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support

**SET 3: COPIES FOR OTHER PARTY (THE RESPONDENT)**

1. Summons
2. Order to Attend Parent Education Class
3. Parents Worksheet for Child Support
4. Parenting Plan
5. Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
6. Preliminary Injunction
7. Petition for Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support

**STEP 4: FILING FEES**

There is a filing fee to file the Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support and there may be other charges associated with this case. Please check online in our current Filing Fees section to determine your fee.

**DEFERRAL OR WAIVER OF FILING FEES:** If you cannot pay these fees, you may qualify for a deferral or waiver of fees. If you are seeking a deferral or waiver of fees, please have the Deferral or Waiver of Fees Application completed and submitted with your forms.

**ONE** of the following is required to be attached to the completed and notarized Application for Deferral or Waiver of Fees:

- A copy of your last two (2) paycheck stubs.
- A notarized statement of non-employment. Any persons you are living with at this time who is assisting you financially may sign a notarized document stating they are supporting you.
- If you receive Food Stamps, SSI, unemployment or any governmental assistance we will need a copy of your letter of assignment/award or verification of the amount of assistance you receive.

**NOTE:** At the time of filing your documents through a deferral, your fees are only deferred to a later date; **they are not waived**. Only the Judge can waive your fees.

## STEP 5: FILE THE PAPERS WITH THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

### FILING OFFICE LOCATIONS/FILING IN PERSON AND/OR BY MAIL

You may file your documents at any of the Clerk of the Superior Court Office locations:

Florence	971 Jason Lopez Circle Bldg. A Florence, AZ 85132 Open Mon-Fri 8:00 to 5:00
Casa Grande	820 E. Cottonwood Ln Bldg. B Casa Grande, AZ 85122 Open Mon-Fri 8:00 to 5:00 closing 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch (Documents requiring a filing fee are not accepted after 4:30)
Apache Junction	575 N. Idaho Rd Ste. 109 Apache Junction, AZ 85119 Open Mon-Fri 8:00 to 5:00 closing 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch (Documents requiring a filing fee are not accepted after 4:30)
Mammoth	118 Catalina Mammoth, AZ 85618 <b>(Temporarily Closed)</b>

### FILING IN PERSON

To submit the Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support the following must be handed to the Clerk at the Filing Counter:

- ✓ Original plus (2) Copies of:
  - Summons
  - Order to Attend Parent Education Class
  - Parents Worksheet for Child Support
  - Parenting Plan
  - Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
  - Preliminary Injunction
  - Sensitive Data Sheet (*original only*)
  - Family Court Coversheet (*original only*)
  - Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support
  
- ✓ Required Filing Fee (or) a completed Application for Deferral or Waiver of Filing Fees with **ONE** of the following attached to the Application:
  - A copy of your last two (2) paycheck stubs.
  - A notarized statement of non-employment. Any persons you are living with at this time who is assisting you financially may sign a notarized document stating they are supporting you.
  - If you receive Food Stamps, SSI, unemployment or any governmental assistance we will need a copy of your letter of assignment/award or verification of the amount of assistance you receive.

## FILING BY MAIL

If you are filing by mail the following documents must be mailed to:

**Clerk of the Superior Court  
P.O. Box 2730  
Florence, AZ 85132**

To file the Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support by mail, please mail the following documents:

- ✓ Original plus (2) Copies of:
  - Summons
  - Order to Attend Parent Education Class
  - Parents Worksheet for Child Support
  - Parenting Plan
  - Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
  - Preliminary Injunction
  - Sensitive Data Form (*original only*)
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  - Petition to Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Child Support
  
- ✓ Required Filing Fee (or) a completed Application for Deferral or Waiver of Filing Fees with **ONE** of the following attached to the Application:
  - A copy of your last two (2) paycheck stubs.
  - A notarized statement of non-employment. Any persons you are living with at this time who is assisting you financially may sign a notarized document stating they are supporting you.
  - If you receive Food Stamps, SSI, unemployment or any governmental assistance we will need a copy of your letter of assignment/award or verification of the amount of assistance you receive.
  
- ✓ An appropriate sized self-addressed **stamped** envelope for the return of your processed copies.

## STEP 6: SERVE THE RESPONDING PARTY

- Once you have filed your forms with the Court and have received conformed copies back from the Clerk's Office, you will need to serve the responding party with their conformed/stamped copies.
- Service means giving legal notice to the other party (or parties) that you have filed court papers. You must provide proof of service to the court.
- Listed below are the different methods of service:

**ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE:** The other party must sign the "Acceptance of Service" form in front of a Notary Public and return it to you. The other party cannot sign the "Acceptance of Service" until after you have filed the court papers with the court. The other party's signature on the "Acceptance of Service" does not mean that he/she agrees with the court papers. It means that the other party admits receiving the papers, without being served in person by the sheriff or a process server.

**SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL:** This method of service allows you to give notice by a special type of mail. You can send the court papers by giving the post office copies of the court papers in an envelope, postage prepaid, to be sent to the other party by any form of mail requiring a signed and returned receipt. This is often called *Certified Mail, Restricted Delivery* by the post office. This means that the other party must sign for the papers. The Post Office will then return to you a Green Return Receipt containing the other party's signature. The Green Return Receipt will then need to be attached to the completed *Affidavit of Service by Certified Mail*. The *Affidavit of Service by Certified Mail* form must be completed/filled out in full and signed in front of a Notary Public. You will then submit to the Court the original *Affidavit of Service by Certified Mail*.

**SERVICE BY REGISTERED PROCESS SERVER:** This method requires you to hire, and pay, a registered process server to serve the other party with court papers. A process server is a person who will give the papers to the other party at home, work, or other location. The registered process server will give the Court a Sworn Affidavit of Service and/or Certificate of Service stating that the person was served. This method of service costs more than service by acceptance and requires the process server to find the other party. Service is complete at the time the process server hands the other party the court papers. If you decide to use this method, and the other party lives outside of Arizona, you will need to find a registered process server in the state where the other party lives.

**SERVICE BY SHERIFF:** This method requires you to contact the Sheriff's Office in the county where the other party lives to arrange for a Sheriff's deputy to give the other party the court papers. This method requires you to pay a fee to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will give the Court a Sworn Affidavit of Service stating that the person was served.

For more detailed information and forms on service, please refer to our [Service of Court Papers](#) packet on our website.

## STEP 7: WAITING PERIOD

Once you have served the court documents on the other party and filed the appropriate proof of service with the Clerk's office, you now have to give the other party time to review the documents before moving on to the next step.

### TIMEFRAME FOR WAITING

- Service by Acceptance - 21 Days if located in Arizona, 31 Days if located out of State
- Service by Certified Mail - 21 Days if located in Arizona, 31 Days if located out of State
- Service by Registered Process Server - 21 Days if located in Arizona, 31 Days if located out of State
- Service by Sheriff - 21 Days if located in Arizona, 31 Days if located out of State
- Service by Publication - 61 Days from first day of publication if located in or out of Arizona

## STEP 8: FINALIZING YOUR CASE

There are different ways a case may finalize in the Court. Here are three different scenarios to help determine your next step:

- If the Other Party (the Respondent) has been served and proof of service is filed with the Court and the Other Party (the Respondent) has not filed a response with the court within the allotted time frame (waiting period), you may apply for Default. Please go to our website to view and/or print the default packet. At the time you submit your Application and Affidavit for Default to the Court, the Clerk will provide to you a Decree Assistance Project Screening Checklist. The checklist will instruct you to contact the Family Services of the Conciliation Court. You will contact the Conciliation Court ten (10)

Court business days after the mailing of the Application and Affidavit for Default to the Responding party.

- If the Other Party (the Respondent) files a response with the court, your case will be scheduled for an Early Resolution Conference (Hearing). You will be contacted by the Conciliation Court with your hearing date. If you do not hear from the Conciliation Court within a few weeks of a response being filed, please contact them at: 520.866.7349. If you miss your hearing date you will be charged \$166 for not showing.
- If both you (the Petitioner) and the Other Party (the Respondent) do not take any type of action within 120 days of filing the Petition; your case could be dismissed due to inactivity.

Name of Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or  Represented by Attorney  
 If Attorney, Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
 PINAL COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Petitioner CASE NUMBER: DO2

**SUMMONS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Respondent HONORABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING: This is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.**

**FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Respondent

1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers are served on you with this **“Summons.”**
2. If you do **not** want a judgment or order taken against you without your input, you must file an **“Answer”** or a **“Response”** in writing with the court, and pay the filing fee. If you do **not** file an **“Answer”** or **“Response”** the other party may be given the relief requested in his/her Petition or Complaint. To file your **“Answer”** or **“Response”** take, or send, the **“Answer”** or **“Response”** to the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 971 Jason Lopez Circle Bldg A , Florence, Arizona 85132 or PO Box 2730, Florence, Arizona 85132-2730; or any satellite office. Mail a copy of your **“Response”** or **“Answer”** to the other party at the address listed on the top of this Summons.
3. If this **“Summons”** and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff, **within** the State of Arizona, your **“Response”** or **“Answer”** must be filed within **TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS** from the date you were served, **not counting the day you were served**. If this **“Summons”** and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff **outside** the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within **THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS** from the date you were served, **not counting the day you were served**. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty **(30)** days after the date of the first publication.

4. You can get a copy of the court papers filed in this case from the Petitioner at the address at the top of this paper, or from the Clerk of the Superior Court at the address listed in Paragraph 2 above.
5. If this is an action for dissolution (divorce), legal separation or annulment, either or both spouses may file a Petition for Conciliation for the purpose of determining whether there is any mutual interest in preserving the marriage or for Mediation to attempt to settle disputes concerning Legal Decision-Making and parenting time issues regarding minor children.
6. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the office of the judge or commissioner assigned to the case, at least five (5) days before your scheduled court date.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

**Amanda Stanford  
Clerk of the Superior Court**

**By** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deputy Clerk**

**ORDER TO PARENT EDUCATION CLASS**

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**THIS IS AN OFFICIAL ORDER. IF YOU DISOBEY THIS ORDER, THE COURT MAY FIND YOU IN CONTEMPT.**

**CASE NUMBER DO**

Pursuant to A.R.S. '25-352, **IT IS ORDERED** you must attend and complete a parent education course within the following time limits:

1. **Petitioner:** You must complete the course within 45 days from the filing of the petition.
2. **Respondent:** You must complete the course within 45 days of being served with or accepting service of the petition. The *Respondent* must complete the course whether or not a response to the action is filed.
3. **Paternity Proceeding:** If paternity has been established, you must complete the class as described above. If paternity has not been established, you are welcome to complete the class at your earliest convenience. However, you are not required to complete the class until paternity has been established by the court.
4. **Compliance:** A.R.S. '25-353. Failure to comply - if a party fails to complete the educational program as ordered pursuant to section 25-352, the court may deny relief in favor of that party, hold that party in contempt of court or impose any other sanction reasonable under the circumstances. The court will be notified if you fail to complete the class. ***Exceptions: If you have completed the class within less than 1 year or the court excuses a party's participation.***
5. **Class Fee:** Each party shall pay the \$40.00 fee to, or obtain a valid fee deferral from, the Clerk of the Superior Court (see attached *Notice* for fee payment instructions).
6. **Disability:** If, due to a disability, you need special accommodations for your attendance such as auxiliary aids, or materials in alternative formats, please contact Family Services of the Conciliation Court as soon as you receive this notice.
7. **Information:** Additional information about Parent Education is available at [www.pinalcountyz.gov/Judicial/ConciliationCourt](http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/Judicial/ConciliationCourt).
8. **Registration:** You may register for the course online at [www.pinalcountyz.gov/Judicial/ConciliationCourt](http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/Judicial/ConciliationCourt), or by phone at 520-866-7349.

*Karl C. Eppich*

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Honorable Karl C. Eppich,  
Presiding Judge, Family Court

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Date

# PARENT EDUCATION CLASS NOTICE

You have been ordered to attend a Parent Education Class. The Parent Education Class is taught by counselors from Family Services of Conciliation Court. You are required to complete the entire class to receive a copy of the *Notice of Completion and Certificate* that will be filed with the court. If you fail to comply, the Court may deny relief, hold you in contempt of court, or impose any other sanction reasonable under the circumstances. (A.R.S. 25-352)

**The court will be notified if you fail to attend the class.**

## THIS IS A 3 STEP PROCESS.

1. **PAY** FOR THE CLASS WITH CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
2. **REGISTER** FOR THE CLASS WITH FAMILY SERVICES OF CONCILIATION COURT
3. **ATTEND** the 4 HOUR CLASS IN FLORENCE WITH PROOF OF PAYMENT

1. **Use one of the following methods to pay for the Class:** The cost is \$40.00 per person.

- **ONLINE:** Make payment to via website:  
<https://client.pointandpay.net/recurring/PinalCountySuperiorCourtAZ>
- **PHONE:** Call 800.487.4567.
- **MAIL:** Mail personal checks, cashier's check or money order for \$40.00 payable to Clerk of the Superior Court at the following address:

Clerk of the Superior Court  
Parent Education Course  
P.O. Box 2730  
Florence, AZ 85132-2730

**Write your court case number** and "**Parent Education Class**" on the cashier's check, money order or personal check. **IMPORTANT:** You **MUST** enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the clerk's office will mail your receipt to you.

- **IN PERSON:** Payments can be made by cash, money order, MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express with valid ID of card holder at any of our office locations listed below.

Clerk of the Superior Court Offices:

Florence - 971 Jason Lopez Cir., Building A, Tel: 520.866.5300

Apache Junction - 575 N. Idaho, Ste. 109 Tel: 520.866.5300

Casa Grande - 820 E. Cottonwood Ln., # B Tel: 520.866.5300

For information about obtaining a *fee deferral*, contact any clerk's office.

2. **Register for the Class with Family Services of Conciliation Court:** Sign up online at [www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/Judicial/ConciliationCourt](http://www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/Judicial/ConciliationCourt), or by phone at 520-866-7349.

3. **Attend the Class:** Bring **photo I.D. and proof of payment** or fee deferral to the class. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Justice Complex (Highway 79)  
Pinal County Superior Courthouse  
971 Jason Lopez Cir., Bldg. A  
Florence, AZ 85132

**\*No children are allowed in class\***

If you reside outside of Pinal County, you are still required to complete a parent education class (A.R.S. 25-352). Please visit the website for information:  
[www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/Judicial/ConciliationCourt](http://www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/Judicial/ConciliationCourt)

***CHILD SUPPORT CALCULATOR for  
Parent's Worksheet to determine Child Support Amount***



**The Court Self Help website offers a Free Child Support Calculator and Fillable Forms.**

**Simple      Quick      Accurate**

**If you have a personal computer with Internet access,  
you can access the Child Support Calculator at:**

**<http://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw>**

**You may also visit the Law Library at the  
Pinal County Superior Court House for access and further assistance.**

**Calculate Support for Parent's**

Your computer must be connected to a printer. Begin by selecting which Child Support Calculator applies to you, 2005 or 2011, and then press the Tab button on your keyboard to move through the form, or click on each field with your mouse.

Enter the appropriate information in each blank field. Not every blank field needs to be completed in every case. If you are not sure whether you should complete a blank field, click on the question mark (?) next to the blank field. You will receive additional information in accordance with the Arizona Child Support Guidelines.

When you have completed the Entry Form, click the "Print Worksheet" button to receive an estimate of the amount of child support the non- custodial parent may have to pay to the custodial parent for the support of their child(ren).

After clicking on "Print Worksheet" the form will automatically be filled in with the information from the Entry Form. Print the form and bring it with you at the time of filing your initial paperwork.

The Court Self Help website also offers the following fillable forms required to set up Child Support, select the "Forms" tab to make your selection:

- Child Support Order
- Post Paternity Establishment of Child Support Order
- Paternity Judgment Child Support Order

To have the Child Support amount automatically deducted from payroll, either of the below forms must be submitted:

- Income Withholding Order – May be completed by either party
- Current Employer Information – To be completed by the non-custodial parent/obligor/payer only

**Name of Person Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ATLAS Number (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Representing Self (No Attorney)** or  **Represented by Attorney**  
**If Attorney, Bar Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
PINAL COUNTY**

<b>Name of Petitioner</b>	<b>CASE NUMBER:</b> <u>DO</u> <b>PARENTING PLAN FOR:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING</b> <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>TO PETITIONER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>TO RESPONDENT</b>
<b>Name of Respondent</b>	<b>HONORABLE:</b> _____

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. MINOR CHILDREN** This Plan concerns the following children common to the parents:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**B. LEGAL DECISION-MAKING: Select One.** If you select sole legal decision-making, you have the option of also selecting restrictions on the parenting time of the other parent.

**SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING**

Sole legal decision-making should be granted to

- Petitioner** or
- Respondent**

**JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING**

Both parents will make major **educational** decisions together.

- Optional: If the parents do not agree, **select one**
  - the final decision will be with Petitioner
  - the final decision will be with Respondent
  - the decision will be addressed as follows:

Both parents will make major **religious** decisions together.

- Optional: If the parents do not agree, **select one**
  - the final decision will be with Petitioner
  - the final decision will be with Respondent
  - the decision will be addressed as follows:

Both parents will make major **medical** decisions together.

- Optional: If the parents do not agree, **select one**
  - the final decision will be with Petitioner
  - the final decision will be with Respondent
  - the decision will be addressed as follows:

Both parents will make major **personal care** decisions together.

- Optional: If the parents do not agree, **select one**
  - the final decision will be with Petitioner
  - the final decision will be with Respondent
  - the decision will be addressed as follows:

**C. PARENTING TIME** Write your detailed parenting plan below. Include specific times, locations, and details regarding transportation. You will have the opportunity to request supervised parenting time or no parenting time, later in this document.

**1. Regular Parenting Time:**

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**2. Summer Months:**

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**3. School Breaks Longer Than 4 Days:**

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**4. Three Day Weekends:**(for example, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day and Memorial Day)

The parents agree that whichever of them has the child(ren) for the weekend occurring nearer in time to the holiday will spend time with the child(ren) for the holiday, OR

**Explain your request:**

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**5. Transportation:** Write your procedure for exchanges of the child(ren) including location and responsibility for transportation.

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**6. Holiday, Birthday and Special Occasion Schedule** Use the table below or the blank space to write your schedule.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Even Years</b>		<b>Odd Years</b>	
New Year's Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
New Year's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Easter	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
4 <sup>th</sup> of July	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Halloween	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent

Veteran's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Thanksgiving	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Christmas Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Christmas Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Child(ren)'s Birthday	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Mother's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Father's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Petitioner's Birthday	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
Respondent's Birthday	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent

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**7. Telephone Contact with Children**

Each parent may have telephone contact with the child(ren) during the child(ren)'s normal waking hours, OR

Explain your request:

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**8. Travel with Child(ren) (all of the following are optional)**

Each parent is entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive days of vacation time per year with the child(ren). Each parent will give the other parent \_\_\_\_ days notice prior to the vacation.

Should either parent travel out of the area with the minor child(ren), each parent will keep the other parent informed of travel plans, address(es), and telephone numbers at which that parent and the minor child(ren) can be reached.

Neither parent shall travel with the minor child(ren) outside of Arizona for longer than \_\_\_\_\_ days without the prior written consent of the other parent or order of the court.

**SUPERVISED PARENTING TIME**

Supervised parenting time is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) because:

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Name of the agency or person who will supervise:

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- NO PARENTING TIME BETWEEN CHILD(REN) AND**  
 **PETITIONER**  
**OR**  
 **RESPONDENT**

No parenting time is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) because:

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**D. Medical and Dental Arrangements**

Both parents have the right to authorize emergency medical treatment, if needed, and the right to consult with physicians and other medical practitioners. Both parents agree to advise the other parent with physicians and other medical practitioners. Both parents agree to advise the other parent immediately of any emergency medical/dental care sought for the minor children, to cooperate on health matters concerning the children and to keep one another reasonably informed. Both parents agree to keep each other informed as to names, addresses and telephone numbers of all medical/dental care providers.

**E. Other Arrangements**

- Each parent will inform the other parent of any change of address and/or phone number in advance OR within \_\_\_\_ days of the change.
- Both parents will promptly inform the other parent of any emergency or other important event that involves the minor children.
- Both parents will consult and agree with the other parent regarding any extra activity that affects the minor children's access to the other parent.
- Each parent will consider the other parent as care-provider for the minor children before making other arrangements.
- Each parent will keep all communication regarding the minor child(ren) between the parents and will not use the minor child(ren) to convey information or to set up parenting time changes.
- Each parent will encourage love and respect between the minor child(ren) and the other parent and neither parent shall do anything that may hurt the other parent's relationship with the minor children.
- Both parents will exert their best efforts to work cooperatively in future plans consistent with the best interests of the minor children and to amicably resolve such disputes as may arise.
- If either parent is unable to follow through with the time-sharing arrangements involving the minor child(ren), that parent will notify the other parent as soon as possible.
- Both parents agree that if either parent moves out of the area and returns later, they will use the most recent "Parenting Plan/Access Agreement" in place before the move.

If the parents are unable to reach a mutual agreement regarding a legal change to their parenting orders, they will request mediation through the court or a private mediator of their choice.

**Obtain Written Consent or Court Order Before Moving:** Notice required by ARS 25-408 shall be made by certified mail, return receipt requested, or pursuant to the Arizona rules of family law procedure. The court shall sanction a parent who, without good cause, does not comply with the notification requirements of this law. The court may impose a sanction that will affect the legal decision-making or parenting time only in accordance with the child's best interests.

**Parental Access to Records and Information** Pursuant to Arizona law, unless otherwise provided by court order or law, on reasonable request both parents are entitled to have equal access to documents and other information concerning the minor child(ren)'s education and physical, mental, moral and emotional health including medical, school, police, court and other records. A person who does not comply with a reasonable request for these records shall reimburse the requesting parent for court costs and attorney fees incurred by that parent to make the other parent obey this request. A parent who attempts to restrict the release of documents or information by the custodian of the records without prior court order is subject to legal sanctions.

**Notice: Do not deviate from Parenting Plan until dispute is resolved. Both parents are advised that while a dispute is being resolved, neither parent shall deviate from this Parenting Plan or act in a way that is inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.**

**Once this plan has been made an order of the Court, if either parent disobeys the court order related to parenting time with the children, the other parent may submit court papers to request enforcement.**

**SIGNATURE OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS**

Signature of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE REQUESTING SOLE LEGAL DECISION MAKING, THE FORM IS COMPLETE. DO NOT SIGN SECTION F OR G.**

**F. STATEMENT REGARDING CONTACT WITH SEX OFFENDERS AND PERSONS CONVICTED OF DANGEROUS CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.**

According to A.R.S. §25-403.05, a child's parent or custodian must immediately notify the other parent or custodian if the person knows that a convicted or registered sex offender or someone who has been convicted of a dangerous crime against children may have access to the child.

According to A.R.S. §13-705 (P) (1), "Dangerous crime against children" means any of the following that is committed against a minor who is under fifteen years of age:

- (a) Second degree murder.
- (b) Aggravated assault resulting in serious physical injury or involving the discharge, use or threatening exhibit on of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.
- (c) Sexual assault.
- (d) Molestation of a child.
- (e) Sexual conduct with a minor.
- (f) Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor.
- (g) Sexual exploitation of a minor.
- (h) Child abuse as prescribed in section 13-3623, subsection A, paragraph 1.
- (i) Kidnapping.
- (j) Sexual abuse.
- (k) Taking a child for the purpose of prostitution as prescribed in section 13-3212.
- (l) Child prostitution as prescribed in section 13-3212.
- (m) Involving or using minors in drug offenses.
- (n) Continuous sexual abuse of a child.
- (o) Attempted first-degree murder.
- (p) Sex trafficking.
- (q) Manufacturing methamphetamine under circumstances that causes physical injury to a minor.
- (r) Bestiality as prescribed in section 13-1411, subsection A, paragraph 2.
- (s) Luring a minor for sexual exploitation.
- (t) Aggravated luring a minor for sexual exploitation.
- (u) Unlawful age misrepresentation.

The parent or custodian must provide notice by first class mail, return receipt requested, by electronic means to an electronic mail address that the recipient provided to the parent or custodian for notification purposes or by another form of communication accepted by the court.

I/We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the requirements of A.R.S. §25-403.05(B) concerning notification of other parent or custodian if someone convicted of dangerous crime against children may have access to the child.

**Signature of Petitioner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Respondent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**G. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING: If requested or agreed to by the parties, the following will apply, subject to approval by the Judge:**

**1. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Arizona Law (A.R.S. §25-403.03) states that joint Legal Decision-Making shall NOT be awarded if there has been “a history of significant domestic violence”.

Domestic Violence has **not** occurred between the parties, **OR**

Domestic Violence **has** occurred but it has not been “significant” or has been committed by both parties.\* **Complete Section 3 below.**

**2. DUI or DRUG CONVICTIONS:**

Neither party has been convicted of driving under the influence or a drug offense within the past 12 months, **OR**

One of the parties HAS been convicted of driving under the influence or a drug offense within the past 12 months, but the parties feel Joint Legal Decision-Making is in the best interest of the children. \* **Complete Section 3 below.**

**3. \* IF THERE HAS BEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR A DUI OR DRUG CONVICTION:**

**Explain why Joint Legal Decision-Making is still in the best interests of the children:**

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**4. REVIEW:** The parents agree to review the terms of the / this agreement and make any necessary or desired changes every \_\_\_\_\_ months from the date of this document.

**5. CRITERIA.** Our joint Legal Decision-Making agreement meets the criteria required by Arizona law A.R.S. §25-403.02, as listed below:

- a. The best interest of the minor children are served;
- b. Each parent’s rights and responsibilities for personal care of the minor children and for decisions in education, health care and religious training are designated in this Plan;
- c. A schedule of the physical residence of the minor children,, including holidays and school vacations is included in the Plan;
- d. The Plan includes a procedure for periodic review;
- e. The Plan includes a procedure by which proposed changes, disputes and alleged breaches may be mediated or resolved;
- f. A procedure for communicating with each other about the child, including methods and frequency.

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT(S) REQUESTING JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING**

Signature of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or  Represented by Attorney  
 If Attorney, Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
 PINAL COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_ CASE NUMBER: DO2  
 Name of Petitioner

**AFFIDAVIT REGARDING  
 MINOR CHILDREN**

\_\_\_\_\_ HONORABLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Respondent

**NOTICE: This "Affidavit Regarding Minor Children" is required for all legal decision-making cases. You must fill out this Affidavit completely, and provide accurate information. Use additional paper if necessary. You must give copies of this Affidavit and all other required documents to the other party, and to the judge.**

**1. CHILDREN OF THE PARTIES WHO ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD.** The following child(ren) are under age 18 and were born to, or adopted by, me and the other party:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Birth Date: _____ Age: _____	Birth Date: _____ Age: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Birth Date: _____ Age: _____	Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

**2. INFORMATION REGARDING WHERE THE CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD HAVE LIVED FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS:** (Attach additional pages if necessary)

Child's Name: _____	Dates: From _____ To _____
Address: _____	Lived with _____
City, State: _____	Relationship to Child: _____
Child's Name: _____	Dates: From _____ To _____
Address: _____	Lived with _____
City, State: _____	Relationship to Child: _____
Child's Name: _____	Dates: From _____ To _____
Address: _____	Lived with _____
City, State: _____	Relationship to Child: _____

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
Lived with \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. COURT CASES IN WHICH I HAVE BEEN A PARTY/WITNESS THAT INVOLVED THE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING PARENTING TIME OF THE CHILD(REN):** (Check one box)

I have or  I have not been a party/witness in court in this state or in any other state that involved the legal decision-making parenting time of the child(ren) named above. (If so, explain on separate paper. If not, go on.)

Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Court: \_\_\_\_\_ Court Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Court Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
How the child is involved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Summary of any Court Order: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. INFORMATION REGARDING PENDING COURT CASES RELATED TO THE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OF THE CHILD(REN):** (Check one box)

I do have or  I do not have information about a legal decision-making parenting time court case relating to any of the children named above that is pending in this state or in any other state. (If so, explain. If not, go on.)

Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Court: \_\_\_\_\_ Court Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Court Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
How the child is involved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Summary of any Court Order: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR PARENTING TIME CLAIMS OF ANY PERSON:** (Check one box)

I do know or  I do not know a person other than the Petitioner or the Respondent who has physical legal decision-making or who claims legal decision-making or parenting time rights to any of the children named in this Affidavit.

(If so, explain below. If not, go on.)

Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person with the claim: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of person with the claim: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature of the claim: \_\_\_\_\_

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION:**

**I swear or affirm that the information on this document is true and correct under penalty of perjury.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

**State of Arizona** )  
)  
**County of** \_\_\_\_\_ )

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
(Day) (Month) (Year)

by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Signer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Affix notary seal here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Public** (Notary's Signature)

Name of Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representing:     Self     Petitioner     Respondent

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
PINAL COUNTY**

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Petitioner)

**PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION  
LEGAL DECISION MAKING OR PARENTING TIME**

AND

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Respondent)

**WARNING: This is an official Order from the court. It affects your rights. Read this Order immediately and carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.**

An action has been filed to establish “*Legal Decision Making*” or “*Parenting Time*” for a child born out of wedlock. Petitioner must serve a copy of this Preliminary Injunction on the Respondent along with a copy of the papers filed to initiate this court proceeding. This Order is made at the direction of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County. This Order has the same force and effect as any order signed by the judge, and is in effect on Petitioner from the date of filing, and on Respondent from the date of service.

You and the other party in this case must obey this Order. This Order may be enforced by any remedy available under the law, including an “*Order of Contempt of Court*.” To help you understand this Order, we have provided this explanation. Read the explanation and then read the statute itself. If you have any questions, you should contact a lawyer for help.

EXPLANATION: (What does this Order mean to you?)

1.     **ACTIONS FORBIDDEN BY THIS ORDER:** From the time the “*Petition*” is filed with the court, until the judge signs the final order, or until further order of the court, both the Petitioner and the Respondent shall not do any of the following things:

- ✓     Do not harass or bother the other parent or the children, AND
- ✓     Do not physically abuse or threaten the other parent or the children, AND
- ✓     Do not take the minor children, common to the parties, out of the State of Arizona for any reasons without a written agreement between the parties or a Court Order, AND
- ✓     Do not remove, or cause to be removed, the other party or the minor children of the parties from any existing insurance coverage, including medical, hospital, dental, automobile and disability insurance. Both parties shall maintain all insurance coverage in full force and effect.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:** Arizona Law, A.R.S. 25-808 provides, in part, that:

- B1. Both parties are enjoined from all of the following:
  - (a) Molesting, harassing, disturbing the peace of or committing an assault or battery on the person of the other party or any natural or adopted child of the parties.
  - (b) Removing any natural or adopted child of the parties then residing in this state from the jurisdiction of the court without the prior written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.
  - (c) Removing or causing to be removed any child of the parties from any existing insurance coverage, including medical, hospital, dental, automobile or disability insurance.
- B2. That both parties maintain all insurance coverage in full force and effect.

**WARNING**

**This is an official court order. If you disobey this order the court may find you in contempt of court. You may also be arrested and prosecuted for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order. You or the other party may file a certified copy of this order with your local law enforcement agency. A certified copy may be obtained from the clerk of the court that issued this order. If you are the person who brought this action, you must also file evidence with the law enforcement agency that this order was served on the other party. This court order is effective until a final order of paternity, legal decision-making or parenting time is filed or the action is dismissed.**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES:**

**Petitioner:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Height: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female  
Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

**Respondent:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Height: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female  
Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COURT** this date: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMANDA STANFORD  
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk**

Name of Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or  Represented by Attorney  
 If Attorney, Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
 PINAL COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Petitioner

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**SENSITIVE DATA SHEET  
 (CONFIDENTIAL RECORD)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Respondent

HONORABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill out. File with Clerk of Court. Social Security Numbers should appear on this form only and should be omitted from other court forms. Access Confidential pursuant to A.R.F.L.P. 43(G)(1).**

A.	Personal Information:	Petitioner	Respondent
	Name	_____	_____
	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male or <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male or <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)	_____	_____
	Social Security Number	_____	_____
	Driver's License Number	_____	_____

**WARNING: DO NOT INCLUDE MAILING ADDRESS ON THIS FORM IF REQUESTING ADDRESS PROTECTION**

Mailing Address	_____	_____
City, State, Zip Code	_____	_____
Contact Phone	_____	_____
Email Address	_____	_____
Current Employer Name	_____	_____
Employer Address	_____	_____
Employer City, State, Zip Code	_____	_____
Employer Telephone Number	_____	_____
Employer Fax Number	_____	_____

B. Child(ren) Information:			
Child Name	Gender	Child Social Security Number	Child Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Clerk of Court Issued:

**\*For Court Use Only. NOT Public Record. Do NOT Provide A Copy Of This Document To The Other Party.**

## Arizona Superior Court, Pinal County Family Court Cover Sheet

CASE NUMBER <u>DO 2</u> ATLAS NUMBER(S) _____	Judge _____
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PETITIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS</b></p> Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____ DOB: _____	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESPONDENT'S NAME AND ADDRESS</b></p> Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____ DOB: _____
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY</b></p> Name/State Bar #: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EMERGENCY ORDER SOUGHT</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <span style="margin-left: 100px;">(Specify)</span>
<p><b>Do you or the other party need an interpreter?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> If yes, what language: _____	<p>FEEs:   <input type="checkbox"/> PAID   <input type="checkbox"/> NOT PAID - REASON</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political Subdivision/Government Agency  <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred  <input type="checkbox"/> Waived         </p>

**ACTION REQUESTED: Check Only One Box**

**DISSOLUTION (Divorce)**

- With Children
- Without Children

- Legal Separation
- Paternity/Maternity
- Annulment
- Legal Decision-Making
- Order of Protection
- Foreign Judgment
- Domesticated Decree
- Foreign Judgment for Legal Decision-Making
- Establish Support
- Habeas Corpus
- Visitation
- Emergency Order of Protection
- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify)



Name of Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
ATLAS Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or  Represented by Attorney  
If Attorney, Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
PINAL COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Petitioner

CASE NUMBER: DO2  
PETITION FOR PATERNITY, CHILD LEGAL  
DECISION-MAKING, PARENTING TIME AND  
CHILD SUPPORT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Respondent

HONORABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**1. INFORMATION ABOUT ME, THE PETITIONER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation or Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Relationship to Minor Children for whom I want the Paternity order:  
 Mother  
 I Claim to be the Father  
 I am a Court-Appointed Guardian, Conservator or "Best Friend" for the Minor Child(ren) Born  
out of Wedlock

**2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESPONDENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation or Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Other Party's Relationship to Minor Children for whom I want the Paternity Order:  
 Mother  
 Father

**3. WHY I AM FILING THIS COURT CASE IN ARIZONA AGAINST THE RESPONDENT:**

(Check one or more boxes that are true)

- The person is a resident of Arizona
- I believe that I will personally serve the person in Arizona (see packet on service to know about this.)
- The person agrees to have the case heard here and will file written papers in the court case;
- The person lived with the minor child in this state at some time;
- The person lived in this state and provided pre-birth expenses or support for the child;
- The minor child lives in this state as a result of the acts or directions of the person;
- The person had sexual intercourse in this state as a result of which the minor child may have been conceived;
- The person signed a birth certificate that is filed in this state;
- The person did any other acts that substantially connect the person with this state (see a lawyer to help you determine this).

**4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE MINOR CHILDREN FOR WHOM I WANT PATERNITY ORDER:**

**NAMES:**

	First	Middle	Last
(a)			
(b)			
(c)			

**WHO WERE BORN ON THIS DATE AND AT THIS PLACE:** (List in same order as above)

	Month/	City, State, Nation of Birth
(a)		
(b)		
(c)		

**STATEMENTS ABOUT PATERNITY:**

**5. WHY YOU THINK THE PERSON IS THE FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD(REN):**

(Check which box applies)

- AFFIDAVIT:** Petitioner and Respondent signed an Affidavit of Paternity acknowledging that  Petitioner or  Respondent is the minor child(ren)'s natural father. A copy is attached.
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE:**  Petitioner or  Respondent is named as the natural father on each of the minor child(ren)'s birth certificate(s). Copy (or copies) attached.
- BLOOD TEST:** DNA Testing indicates  Petitioner or  Respondent is the minor child(ren)'s natural father. Report(s) of test results attached.
- PARTIES LIVING TOGETHER:** Petitioner and Respondent were not married to each other at any time during the ten months before birth of the minor child(ren). However, the parties lived together during the period(s) when the minor child(ren) could have been conceived.
- SEXUAL INTERCOURSE:** Petitioner and Respondent were not living together but had sexual intercourse at the probable date(s) of conception of the minor child(ren). The mother of the minor children did not have sexual intercourse with anyone else during the periods in which the minor child(ren) could have been conceived.

**OTHER:** (explain)

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**6. ABOUT MARRIAGE AND HUSBAND** (if applicable, check one box.)

Mother was not married at the time minor child(ren) were born or conceived or at least 10 months before minor child(ren) were born or conceived, **OR**

Mother was married when minor child(ren) were born or conceived or at least 10 months before minor child(ren) were born or conceived, but husband is not father of minor child(ren). Husband is a party to this court case because of marriage.

**7. LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OF THE MINOR CHILDREN.**

(If Applicable. Court must make findings in contested Legal Decision-Making cases.)

Sole Legal Decision-Making to  Petitioner or  Respondent **OR**

Joint Legal Decision-Making is in the best interests of the minor children for the following reasons:

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**OTHER STATEMENTS TO THE COURT:**

**8. MEDICAL EXPENSES:**  **THERE ARE** or  **THERE ARE NO** unreimbursed medical expenses incurred by the mother, resulting from the birth of the minor child(ren). If there are, these costs and expenses should be awarded to  Petitioner or  Respondent according to law.

**9. OTHER EXPENSES:** The parties should be ordered to divide between them any uninsured medical, dental, or health expenses, reasonably incurred for the minor child(ren), in proportion to their respective incomes.

**10. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** (Check here if you are asking for joint Legal Decision-Making.)

Domestic Violence has not occurred between the parties. **OR**

Domestic Violence has occurred but it has not been significant. Explain why joint Legal Decision-Making is still in the best interest of the minor child(ren) even though domestic violence has occurred.

**11. VENUE:** (Check here if the following statement is true):

This is the proper court to bring this lawsuit under Arizona law because it is the county of residence of the Petitioner, or the Respondent, or the minor child(ren).

**12. DRUG CONVICTION WITHIN LAST TWELVE MONTHS:** (Check one box.)

I have not been convicted for a drug offense or driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in the last twelve (12) months. **OR**

I have been convicted for a drug offense or driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in the last twelve (12) months. However, the parenting time arrangement I am requesting appropriately protects the minor child(ren). Explain how this arrangement appropriately protects the minor children.

**REQUESTS I MAKE TO THE COURT:**

A. **PATERNITY: Order that** (legal name of the father, as on *his* birth certificate)  
First Middle Last

\_\_\_\_\_ **be declared the natural father of the minor child(ren).**

B. **BIRTH CERTIFICATE:**  
Order that the name of the father \_\_\_\_\_ be added to each minor child's birth certificate;  
(name)

C. **LAST NAME:** (check the box and fill in the blank if you want this):  
 Order that each minor child's last name be changed to the last name of : \_\_\_\_\_

D. **LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OF MINOR CHILDREN:** (check and complete 1 or 2):  
1. **SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:**  Sole Legal Decision-Making of the minor child(ren) awarded to  Petitioner or  Respondent, subject to Parenting Time as follows:

A.  Reasonable parenting time rights to the parent not having Legal Decision-Making, as will be described in a Parenting Plan attached to the Final Order. **OR**

B.  Supervised parenting time between the minor children and  Petitioner or  Respondent, or no parenting time by the  Petitioner or  Respondent is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) for the following reasons: (explain here reasons for supervision or no parenting time):

i.  Supervised parenting time to the parent not having Legal Decision-Making, only in the presence of another person, who is named by the court below upon a finding that supervised access is in the best interest of the minor child(ren),

- 1. Person to supervise:
- 2. Requested restrictions on parenting time: (explain here)

3. The cost of supervised parenting time shall be paid by  the parent being supervised;  the parent having Legal Decision-Making;  shared equally by the parties.

**OR**

ii.  No parenting time rights to the parent not having Legal Decision-Making. **OR**

2. **JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:**  Petitioner and Respondent agree to act as joint custodians of the minor children, as set forth in the Parenting Plan by the parties, signed by both parties, if the Court adopts the agreed terms of the joint Legal Decision-Making agreement setting forth the Legal Decision-Making and parenting time agreement between the parties. There have been no significant acts of domestic violence by either parent.

E. **CHILD SUPPORT:** Order that child support shall be paid by (check one box)  Petitioner or  Respondent in a reasonable amount as determined by the Court under the Arizona Child Support Guidelines. Support payments shall begin on the first day of the first month following the entry of the Paternity Decree/Order. These payments, and a fee for handling, shall be paid through the Support Payment Clearinghouse and collected by automatic wage assignment. Further, that costs for past child support and care for child(ren) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid by  Petitioner or  Respondent in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month until paid in full. Payments shall be made as stated above.

- F. **EXPENSES OF MOTHER:** Order that  Petitioner or  Respondent pay a reasonable amount to cover unreimbursed expenses incurred by the mother related to the birth of each child(ren).
- G. **HEALTH, MEDICAL, DENTAL AND VISION CARE INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE EXPENSES FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18:** Order that  Petitioner shall pay for  medical  dental insurance  vision care coverage **AND /OR**  Respondent shall pay for  medical  dental insurance  vision care coverage, AND Order that Petitioner and Respondent pay for all reasonable unreimbursed medical, dental, vision care, and health-related expenses incurred for the minor child(ren) in proportion to their respective incomes as described on the Parents' Worksheet, which shall be submitted with the Judgment and Order.
- H. **TESTING and COSTS:** Order that if paternity is contested, Petitioner and Respondent be ordered to submit to such blood and tissue tests as may be necessary by this Court to establish paternity, and that Respondent must pay all costs and expenses of this lawsuit, if he/she contests these proceedings, including the costs of the blood tests or other genetic testing; filing each child's birth certificate; attorneys' fees and court costs;
- I. **OTHER ORDERS I AM REQUESTING** (explain request here):

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**OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION**

I state to the Court under penalty of law that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

State of Arizona                    )  
   )  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_  
   **Name of Signer**

\_\_\_\_\_ Commission Expires

\_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public

**Name of Person Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ATLAS Number (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Representing Self (No Attorney)**    or     **Represented by Attorney**  
**If Attorney, Bar Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
PINAL COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Petitioner**

**CASE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGMENT AND ORDER FOR  
PATERNITY AND/OR**

- Legal Decision-Making**
- Child Support**
- Parenting Time**
- Vital Records** (Check this box if any minor child was born in Arizona and the father's name is to be added and/or the minor child's last name is to be changed on the birth certificate.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Respondent**

**HONORABLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. This case has come before the Court for a final Order. If necessary, the Court has taken any testimony needed to enter a final Order.
2. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties under the law.
3. Where it has the legal power to do so and where it is applicable to the facts of this case, this Court has considered, approved, and made an Order relating to paternity, legal decision-making, support, parenting time, and expenses related to birth of the minor child(ren).
4. Petitioner and Respondent are the natural parents of the minor child(ren) named on birth certificates as:  
**NAME:**

	First	Middle	Last
(a)			
(b)			
(c)			

**WHO WERE BORN ON THIS DATE AND AT THIS PLACE:** (list in same order as above)

	Month/	City, State, Nation of Birth
(a)		
(b)		
(c)		

**5. PARENT INFORMATION PROGRAM:**

- A.** Petitioner  has attended the Parent Information Program class as evidenced by the Certificate of Completion in the court file. **OR,**  
Petitioner  has **not** attended the Parent Information Program class and shall be denied any requested relief to enforce or modify this decree until Petitioner has completed the class.
- B.** Respondent  has attended the Parent Information Program class as evidenced by the Certificate of Completion in the court file. **OR**  
Respondent  has **not** attended the Parent Information Program class and shall be denied any requested relief to enforce or modify this decree until Respondent has completed the class.

**6. DEVIATION FROM CHILD SUPPORT:** The court, having considered the best interests of the child(ren), deviates from the guidelines for the following reasons:

- Application of the guidelines is inappropriate.
- Application of the guidelines is unjust.
- The parties have signed a written agreement with knowledge of the amount of support that would have been ordered by the guidelines but for the agreement.

**The court makes the following finding regarding the deviation:**

The child support order would have been \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The child support order after deviation is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All parties have signed the agreement free of duress and coercion.

**7. PHYSICAL LEGAL DECISION-MAKING ADJUSTMENT, COURT APPROVED DISCRETIONARY PARENTING TIME ADJUSTMENT AND/OR OTHER ADJUSTMENTS.**

(The court must make written findings if any of these adjustments are made.)

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The court finds that the person responsible for paying child support has the ability to pay child support:

- In the amount entered on Line 33 of the Worksheet for

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

- In an adjusted amount calculated using the self-support reserve on line 35 of the Worksheet for

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**8. LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OF THE MINOR CHILD(REN).** (Check and complete only if Legal Decision-Making contested or joint Legal Decision-Making ordered.)

The Legal Decision-Making order or agreement is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) for the following reasons:

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9. **SUPERVISED OR NO PARENTING TIME.** (Check and complete only if supervised or no parenting time is ordered.)

Supervised parenting time between the minor child(ren) and

Petitioner **OR**  Respondent,

**NO** parenting time by  Petitioner **OR**  Respondent, is in the best interests of the minor child(ren), for the following reasons: (Explain the reasons)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.** If the court enters an order for joint Legal Decision-Making of the minor child(ren) check box "1" or box "2" and explain.

1.  Domestic violence has not occurred during this relationship, **OR**

2.  Domestic violence has occurred, but the domestic violence has not been significant. Explain why joint Legal Decision-Making is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) even though domestic violence has occurred:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. **DRUG CONVICTION WITHIN LAST TWELVE MONTHS.** (Check, if applicable).

If either party has been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or was convicted of any drug offense within 12 months of filing the request for Legal Decision-Making, the Legal Decision-Making and/or parenting time arrangement ordered by this Court appropriately protects the minor child(ren).

**THE COURT ORDERS:**

1. **PATERNITY:** (Name of father as on his birth certificate)

First

Middle

Last

\_\_\_\_\_

is declared to be the natural father of the minor child(ren).

**FOR ANY CHILDREN BORN IN THE STATE OF THE ARIZONA, THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THIS ORDER TO THE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS, WHICH IS ORDERED TO AMEND THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE(S) AS FOLLOWS:**

2.  The father's name shall be entered on the minor child(ren)'s birth certificate.

3.  The minor child/children's last name shall be changed to: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AND PARENTING TIME:**

1. **SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:**

Sole Legal Decision-Making of the minor child(ren) is awarded to:

**PETITIONER** or  **RESPONDENT**, subject to parenting time as follows:

(A)  Parenting Time to the parent not having Legal Decision-Making according to the Parenting Plan attached to and made a part of this Order. **OR,**

(B)  Supervised parenting time, but only in the presence of another person, who is named below or otherwise approved by the Court.

Name of supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions on parenting time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The cost of supervised parenting time shall be paid by:

Petitioner or Respondent or shared equally by the parties.

**OR**

No parenting time rights to  Petitioner or  Respondent. (see next page)

**OR**

**2. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:**

Petitioner and Respondent agree to act as joint custodians of the minor child(ren), as set forth in the Parenting Plan signed by both parties and attached to and made a part of this Order. There have been no significant acts of Domestic Violence by either parent. The Court adopts the agreed terms of the Parenting Plan that describes the Legal Decision-Making and parenting time and/or support agreement between the parties. By attaching the Parenting Plan to the Order, the Parenting Plan becomes part of the final Order and carries the same legal weight as any other Order.

**5. CHILD SUPPORT:**

**PETITIONER** or  **RESPONDENT** shall pay child support to the other party in the amount of \$ per month, beginning THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH following the signing of this Decree, according to the Child Support Worksheet. All child support payments shall be made through the Support Payment Clearinghouse, plus an applicable statutory fee.

Payments shall be in equal installments made on the 1st and 15th of each month thereafter through an automatic wage assignment.

Costs for past child support and care for minor child(ren) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid by

**PETITIONER** or  **RESPONDENT** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month until paid in full. Payments shall be made as stated above.

**6. MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION CARE INSURANCE EXPENSES FOR CHILDREN**

**PETITIONER** is ordered to provide  medical, dental  vision care insurance.

**RESPONDENT** is ordered to provide  medical,  dental  vision care insurance.

The party ordered to pay for medical/dental/vision care insurance must keep the other party informed of the insurance company's name, address, and telephone number, and provide the other party with the documents necessary to submit insurance claims.

**PETITIONER** is ordered to pay \_\_\_\_\_% and/or

**RESPONDENT** is ordered to pay \_\_\_\_\_% of all reasonable uncovered and/or uninsured medical, dental, vision care, prescription, and other health care expenses for the minor child(ren), including co-payments.

Costs for past medical expenses for minor child(ren) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid by

**PETITIONER** or  **RESPONDENT** in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ each month until paid in full. Payments shall be made as stated above.

**7. OTHER COSTS:**  **PETITIONER** or  **RESPONDENT** is awarded judgment in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for expenses incurred relating to medical care, hospitalization and other costs related to the birth of the minor child(ren), which shall be paid by

**PETITIONER** or  **RESPONDENT**.

**8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXCHANGES:** The parties shall exchange financial information (tax returns, spousal affidavits, earning statements and/or other related financial statements) every twenty-four months.

**9. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION:** (check box if applicable)

This Court cannot make a legal order, without personal service on \_\_\_\_\_ (the other party) with respect to issues of child support, medical and dental insurance for the minor child(ren) or regarding costs relating to the birth of the child(ren). The court reserves jurisdiction to enter further orders at such time as the Court acquires personal jurisdiction over the Respondent.

**10. OTHER ORDERS:** This Court makes further Orders relating to this matter as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DONE IN OPEN COURT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Judge of the Superior Court)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR ATTORNEYS**

**APPROVED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**  
**State of Arizona** )  
 )  
**County of** \_\_\_\_\_ )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Signer**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Commission Expires** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Public**

**If you are filing a Consent Decree for Judgment and Order for Paternity and/or Child Support, Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Vital Records or if there has been a trial, the Respondent must sign:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

State of Arizona )

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Signer**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Commission Expires**

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**Notary Public**

**If either party is represented by a lawyer, the lawyer must sign:**

Petitioner's Lawyer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Lawyer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_