



WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PRO SE CENTER CUSTODY PACKET

NOTICE

ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN LITIGATION ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SEEK PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN ATTORNEY. Court staff cannot offer any legal advice. The information in this packet is not a substitute for professional legal advice. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents.

If you desire to speak with an attorney and do not know one, you should call the Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) at (724)225-6710 to schedule a half-hour consultation with a licensed, insured attorney who has experience in the area of law related to your legal matter. The initial half-hour consultation with the attorney is \$30; any fees beyond the first half-hour should be discussed and agreed upon by you and the lawyer.

If you have questions about domestic violence or believe that you may be the victim of domestic violence, we strongly recommend that you contact the *Washington County Women's Shelter* at 724.223.8349.

If you suspect child abuse, please contact *CHILDLINE* at 1.800.932.0313. You can report suspected child abuse 24 hours per day and remain anonymous.

EMERGENCY PETITION & ORDER

Emergency Relief: *If there is a TRUE emergency, (i.e. those involving the health, safety and welfare of a child, or risk of flight) motions will be scheduled by chambers as needed. The party presenting the motion is to notify the opposing party and then fax the written motion to the Judge's office for scheduling of the motion. These motions are limited to those of a true emergency nature and will only be scheduled outside of Friday motions as deemed necessary by the Court.*

IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE AN EXISTING COURT ORDER FOR CUSTODY, YOU MUST FILE A CUSTODY COMPLAINT AT THE SAME TIME YOU PRESENT YOUR EMERGENCY PETITION.

Petition for Emergency Filing Procedure

LITIGANTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY.

SUMMARY OF STEPS

- 1. Complete the appropriate forms in ink, not pencil. Incomplete forms may be refused.**
- 2. Notify the opposing party of your intent to fax the Petition to the Judge's office.**
- 3. Fax the Judge's office your written Petition for Emergency Custody. Be sure to provide a telephone number on your petition. The Judge's office will call you with further instructions. DO NOT CALL THE JUDGE'S OFFICE.**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA**

_____,
Plaintiff,
vs. _____, No. _____
Defendant.

NOTICE OF PRESENTATION

TO: _____

(name & address of the other party)

Please take notice that I intend to fax Judge DiSalle’s office a copy of the enclosed Petition for Emergency Custody on the ____ day of _____, 20__ at the Washington County Courthouse, 1 South Main Street, Washington, PA, Courtroom No. 3.

Date _____

Petitioner

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused to be served a true and correct copy of the attached on the above named defendant at least 5 business days prior to the date of presenting the Motion by way of (check all that apply):

_____ regular mail
_____ certified mail
_____ hand delivery

Petitioner

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiff,

vs.

Defendant.

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: No. _____

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: Type of Pleading:
: **Petition for Emergency**

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: Filed on behalf of:

(Your Name)

Filing Party's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL ACTION-LAW

_____,
Plaintiff,
vs. _____, No. _____
Defendant.

EMERGENCY PETITION FOR CUSTODY

1. Petitioner is _____, and is the (circle one) mother/father of the child(ren) (names of children): _____. Petitioner is the (circle one) plaintiff/defendant in this case; Petitioner currently resides at (give full address): _____, Pennsylvania.

2. Respondent is _____, and is the (circle one) mother/father of the child(ren) (names of children): _____. Respondent is the (circle one) plaintiff/defendant in the above-captioned matter; respondent currently resides at (give full address): _____, Pennsylvania.

3. The child(ren):
(a) name _____ age _____, presently resides with _____ at (give full address) _____, Pennsylvania.

(b) name _____ age _____, presently resides with _____ at (give full address): _____

_____, Pennsylvania.

(c) name _____ age _____, presently resides
with _____ at (give full address):

_____, Pennsylvania.

4. Date of Existing Custody Order: _____.

5. Emergency is necessary because:

(Allege facts which indicate why the situation is an emergency should be granted)

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully requests this Court grant the Emergency requested.

Petitioner's Signature

VERIFICATION

I, _____, verify that the statements made in this Petition for Emergency Custody are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities which provides that if I knowingly make false averments, I may be subject to criminal penalties.

Date: _____

Petitioner

