

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

Legal service, or the following written consent must be completed by the child's parent or guardian if they are living and have not abandoned the child.

If both parents are dead or have abandoned the child, the child's guardian must complete the following consent or be legally served.

What is abandonment of a child?

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1, written consent is not required of a parent who has failed to contribute to the support of the child for a continuous period of five years or more immediately prior to filing this petition.

SERVING THE OTHER PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Other parent/guardian resides in Georgia:

- Acknowledgment of service (completion of the following form); or
- Personal service by Sheriff.

Other parent/guardian resides outside the state of Georgia:

- Certified mail; or
- Statutory overnight delivery.

Other parent/guardian's whereabouts are unknown:

- Seek the court's permission for service by publication. You may request this type of service by completing the [publication packet](#) .

SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of Child(ren):

Petitioner,

v.

Respondent.

Civil Action

File No.:

**CONSENT TO CHANGE NAME(S)
OF MINOR CHILD(REN) AND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE**

1. My name: _____

My address: _____

My relationship to the child(ren): Mother Father Guardian

2. I have received a copy of the *Petition* being filed by the Petitioner to change the name(s) of the child(ren), and I hereby give my consent to the name(s) being changed as follows:

Current Name of Child	Year of Birth	Proposed New Name

3. I consent to both jurisdiction and venue as they are stated in the *Petition*. So long as any final order in this action is consistent with this consent form, then I waive formal process, further notice, my right to a hearing and, if I am on active duty in the armed forces, I also waive my rights under the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, 50 USC §521. I give my consent for the Court to hear this matter as soon as possible after thirty days. Should further notice be required for any reason, the notice should be mailed to me at the address shown in Paragraph One (1) above.

Mother Father Guardian
(Check one & sign in front of Notary Public)

Personally appeared before me on
_____, 20____,
and stated under oath that s/he had read
the foregoing document, understood it,
and signed it voluntarily in my
presence.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Commission expires: _____