

SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner, Civil Action
vs. Case Number _____

Respondent.

**PETITION FOR REGISTRATION AND
ENFORCEMENT OF CUSTODY ORDER**

My name is _____ and I am representing myself in this petition. In support of my case, I state the following:

1. **Jurisdiction and Venue:**

[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]

- ☐ (a) The Respondent is a resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- ☐ (b) The Respondent is a resident of _____ County, Georgia, but I live in Gwinnett County. The Respondent has acknowledged service of process and consented to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

2. **Service of Process:** The Respondent shall be served as provided under OCGA §9-11-4, following manner:

[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]

- ☐ (a) The Respondent has acknowledged service of process. I am filing the Acknowledgment of Service (which has been signed by the Respondent) with this Petition.
- ☐ (b) The Respondent may be served by the Sheriff's Department at the Respondent's
☐ home ☐ work address, which is

- ☐ (b-1) [Check only if the Respondent resides outside of Gwinnett County.] The Respondent resides outside of Gwinnett County, and shall therefore be served by second original, as provided under OCGA § 9-10-72. Service shall be made by the Sheriff's Department in the county where the Respondent resides.

3. **Prior Order for Custody:** On _____, the _____ Court of _____, County in the State of _____, File Number _____ issued an order awarding _____ custody of the minor children to the ☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent and visitation to the ☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent. This Order has not been modified. See attached two copies, including one certified copy, of the Order marked Exhibit A and Exhibit B.
4. The Respondent has failed to allow the Petitioner the visitation awarded to him/her by the Court.
5. The Respondent is able to do what the Court ordered, but has willfully refused to do so.

THEREFORE, I request the following relief:

- ☐ (a) That the attached Custody Order be registered and filed as a foreign judgment;
- ☐ (b) That the Court serve notice upon the Respondent and provide him/her with an opportunity to contest the validity of the registered order;
- ☐ (c) That a Rule Nisi be scheduled to decide on the relief I have requested;
- ☐ (d) That the Respondent be held in contempt and incarcerated for his/her failure to comply with the Court's order;
- ☐ (e) That the Respondent be ordered to allow the Petitioner the visitation awarded to him/her by the Court;
- ☐ (f) That _____

_____;
- ☐ (g) That the Court order the parties to participate in mediation to try to resolve this matter;
- ☐ (h) That the Respondent be required to pay all costs of this action; and

☐ (i) That the Court order any and all other relief that the Court finds appropriate.

Dated: _____

Petitioner, Pro se (Signature)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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VERIFICATION

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths, _____ who after having been duly sworn, on oath depose and states that the facts contained in the foregoing PETITION FOR REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CUSTODY ORDER are true and correct.

Petitioner (*Signature*)

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

Notary public
My Commission Expires

_____.