

RESPONSE TO LEGITIMATION

This packet contains forms and information on:

How to File a Response to a Petitioner for Legitimation

IMPORTANT

IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION in your mind concerning these forms, the use of these forms, or your legal rights, it is strongly recommended that the services of an attorney be obtained. If you do not know an attorney you should contact your local Bar Association.

If you are unable to afford the services of an attorney, you should contact the following organizations to see if you are eligible for their services:

- **Georgia Legal Services Program, Piedmont Regional Office (404)894-7707 (Fayette and Spalding Counties)**
- **Georgia Legal Services Program, Columbus Regional Office (706)649-7493 (Pike and Upson Counties)**

DUE TO THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE LAW, the forms and information contained in these packets may become outdated. Therefore, you should review and research statutes and rules of procedure referenced in the instructions to ensure that the forms are accurate and current.

IN NO EVENT will the Clerk of Court or ADR Office or anyone contributing to the production of these forms, commentary, instructions, and appendices be liable for any indirect or consequential damages resulting from the use of the booklet.

USE THESE FORMS AT YOUR OWN RISK. THESE FORMS MAY OR MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE IN YOUR PARTICULAR CASE. ANY DESIRED OUTCOME FROM THE USE OF THESE FORMS CANNOT BE PREDICTED OR GUARANTEED. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU SEEK LEGAL ADVICE.

It is advisable to have an attorney when filing legal papers to be sure that your rights are protected and that all the procedures are correctly followed. **Courthouse personnel are prohibited by state law O.C.G.A. § 15-19-51 from giving legal advice.** Different situations may require special procedures and courthouse personnel cannot advise you on how to proceed or what forms may be necessary in specific situations.

Be aware that answering questions about legal procedure (such as what the law requires you to do, how to prove your case, how to respond to requests by the opposing party or how to get that party to respond to your requests, how to comply with a law or a court order, etc.) constitutes “giving legal advice.” Georgia law strictly forbids anyone employed by the Clerk’s office, Sheriff’s office, judge’s chambers, or ADR office from answering such questions. *When you choose to represent yourself, it is your responsibility to research the law yourself and figure out what the law requires you to do and how you should proceed. The fact that you are not an attorney is not an excuse or an exception to this requirement.*

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

_____,
PETITIONER,

VS.

_____,
RESPONDENT.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER

**RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO PETITIONER'S
PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION**

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

1.

Respondent (CIRCLE ONE: ADMITS OR DENIES) the allegations contained in
Paragraph 1 of Petitioner's Petition for Legitimation.

2.

Respondent (CIRCLE ONE: ADMITS OR DENIES) the allegations contained in
Paragraph 2 of Petitioner's Petition for Legitimation.

3.

Respondent (CIRCLE ONE: ADMITS OR DENIES) the allegations contained in
Paragraph 3 of Petitioner's Petition for Legitimation.

4.

Respondent (CIRCLE ONE: ADMITS OR DENIES) the allegations contained in
Paragraph 4 of Petitioner's Petition for Legitimation.

5.

Respondent (CIRCLE ONE: ADMITS OR DENIES) the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of Petitioner's Petition for Legitimation.

6.

Respondent (CIRCLE ONE: ADMITS OR DENIES) the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of Petitioner's Petition for Legitimation.

7.

Respondent (CIRCLE ONE: ADMITS OR DENIES) the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of Petitioner's Petition for Legitimation.

8.

Respondent (CIRCLE ONE: ADMITS OR DENIES) the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of Petitioner's Petition for Legitimation.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Sign your name here before notary) Respondent, *Pro Se*

Respondent's Name (Print or Type): _____

Respondent's Address: _____

Respondent's Telephone Number: _____

Sworn to and affirmed before me
this _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

(Notary Seal)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

_____, PETITIONER,	CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER _____
VS.	
_____, RESPONDENT.	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This document certifies that on _____, 20____, I sent copies of the following documents:

ANSWER TO PETITIONER'S PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION

to the opposing party by: (CHOOSE ONE: first class mail OR certified mail and return receipt was requested).

The documents were addressed as follows:

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Sign your name here before notary) Respondent, *Pro Se*
Respondent's Name (Print or Type): _____
Respondent's Address: _____
Respondent's Telephone Number: _____

Sworn to and affirmed before me
this _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: _____
(Notary Seal)