

CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS

Sixth Judicial Circuit Champaign County

NOTICE: These instructions are not intended as a substitute for legal advice from your attorney. These are general instructions only. Laws and procedures are subject to change. Questions of a legal nature should be directed to your own attorney.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

1. Before a Petition for Name Change filed with the Circuit Clerk, a notice of the intended application must be given by publication in a newspaper which is published in the municipality where the applicant resides, and, if none, in a newspaper published in the county where the applicant resides.
2.
 - a. There must be publications for three consecutive weeks with the first publication being at least six weeks before the Petition is filed.
 - b. The notice that is published must include the current name of the applicant, the name sought to be assumed, and the date upon which the Petition will be filed.
 - c. A Certificate of Publication must be obtained from the newspaper as proof of having given the required notice.
3. The Petition to be filed must have the proper caption and include the name the applicant then held, the name sought to be assumed, the residence of the applicant, the length of time the applicant has resided in Illinois and the state or country of the applicant's birth.
4. On the date of filing, as provided in the published notice, the Petition and Certificate of Publication must be brought to the Circuit Clerk to be filed and the Clerk will then inform the applicant which Judge is assigned to hear the case.
5. The applicant must thereafter contact the office of the assigned Judge for a hearing date which will be after the date the Petition is filed to allow for the filing of any objection.
6. On the hearing date, the applicant must appear in court and present evidence to prove the Petition to the satisfaction of the Judge hearing the case. If an objection has been filed, that must also be heard and ruled upon by the Judge with either the objector or applicant giving appropriate notice to the other of the hearing on the objection. If the Petition for Name Change is granted, the applicant must present to the Judge a proposed Order for Name Change to be signed by the Judge (which is attached).

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Champaign County

In the matter of:

Case No: _____

Petitioner

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Petitioner, _____, is a resident of the State of Illinois, has resided in the County of Champaign in said State for more than six months prior to the filing of this Petition and states:

1. That the Petitioner desires to change his/her name from: _____.
2. That the Petitioner desires to assume the name of: _____.
3. That the Petitioner's respective date of birth is: _____.
4. That the Petitioner's respective place of birth is: _____.

The Petitioner has given notice of this intended application by publication in a newspaper of general circulation published in the municipality or county for three successive weeks, the first publication being at least six weeks before the filing of this Petition. The Petitioner has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor criminal sexual abuse when the victim of the offense at the time of its commission was under eighteen years of age, felony or misdemeanor sexual exploitation of a child, felony or misdemeanor indecent solicitation of an adult in this state or in any other state within 10 years from completion or discharge from the sentence. Petitioner further states that he/she is not required to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offender Registration Act.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Court grant this Petition for Name Change.

Signature of Petitioner

Certification

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies and swears that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct.

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Affidavit

_____, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he/she is acquainted with _____, the Petitioner in this cause, who has signed this Petition and that he/she has hereby read this Petition, and knows the contents thereof, and that the matters and things herein states are true.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me

_____, 20__

Clerk of the Circuit Court/Notary Public

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Champaign County**

Case No: _____

Petitioner

ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE

This cause coming before this Court on the Petition for Change of Name filed herein, the Petitioner being present personally and this Court having heard the testimony of Petitioner, finding that the required Certificate of Publication has been filed, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that said Petition should be allowed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Petitioner's name is changed to:

_____.

ENTERED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Judge