

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

District Court County Court at Law

(Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.)

_____ County, Texas

A Child

Respondent's Answer

INSTRUCTIONS to Respondent: If you decide to use this form:

- Do not sign it until **at least one day after** the *Petition to change the Name of a Child* has been filed (turned in to the court). The child's parent (the Petitioner) should have given you a copy of the *Petition to Change the Name of a Child*. The official court stamp on your copy will tell you when it was filed.
- Fill out this form completely.
- File (turn in) the original signed form to the court where the Petitioner filed the *Petition to Change the Name of a Child*. Keep a copy for your records. Give a copy to the Petitioner.
- Get additional information about child name changes at www.TexasLawHelp.org.

My name is: _____
Print First Middle Last

I am the **Respondent** in this case to change the name of a child.

The last three numbers of my Social Security # are _____. Or I don't have a Social Security #.

The last three numbers of my driver's license are _____. Or I don't have a driver's license #.

I am a Respondent in this case to change the name of a child.

1. General Denial

I enter a general denial. I want to be notified of all hearings in this case.

However, if the Petitioner and I reach an agreement and I sign an agreed Order Changing the Name of a Child, I agree that the Judge can enter the Order and finalize this case without my getting notice of the hearing and without my coming to Court.

2. Contact Information

My phone number is:

_____.

My mailing address is: _____
Print Mailing Address City State Zip

My email address is: _____.

My phone number is: (_____) _____.

I understand I *must* notify the Court and Petitioner's lawyer (or Petitioner if Petitioner does not have a lawyer), the other Respondents' lawyers (or the Respondent if she or he does not have a lawyer), in writing, if my mailing address or email address changes during this case.

I understand that, unless I provide notice of changes in my mailing address and email address, all information about this case, including the date and time of hearings, will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form.

3. Request for Relief

I ask the Court for general relief.

→ _____
Respondent's Signature _____
Date

4. Certificate of Service

I will give a copy of this document to the each party or attorney of record on the same day this document is filed with (turned in to) the Court as required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

→ _____
Respondent's Signature _____
Date