

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

_____ Plaintiff

DISTRICT COURT

Location (Town): _____

V.

Docket No.: _____

_____ Defendant

_____ Other party (if any)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY ALTERNATE MEANS IN FAMILY MATTER

This court has reviewed the motion of the ☐ plaintiff ☐ defendant ☐ other party for service by alternate means.

The type of action is: _____

Property or credits of the defendant ☐ may be ☐ will not be affected, which include: _____

The name and address of the plaintiff (or attorney), if known: _____

The name and address of the defendant (or attorney) if known: _____

The name and address of the other party (or attorney) if known: _____

The moving party has demonstrated:

1. Due diligence in attempting to obtain personal service of process prescribed by M.R. Civ. P. 4.
2. The address of the party to be served is: ☐ unknown and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence ☐ known, but it appears the person is evading process
3. The requested method of service is reasonable calculated to provide actual notice of the pendency of the action to the party to be served and is the most practical manner of effecting notice of the suit.

It is **ORDERED** that Service be made upon the other party by:

☐ Leaving a copy of this Order, and ☐ summons and complaint ☐ post-judgment motion at the defendant's dwelling house or usual place of abode located at:

☐ Publishing a copy of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, in the _____, a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality most reasonably calculated to provide actual notice of the pendency of the action

☐ **AND**, if the defendant's address is known, mailing a copy of this Order as published to that address

☐ Other alternate means: _____

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Adequate safeguards shall be used to assure that service by alternate means can be authenticated and will be received intact, with all relevant documents and information, including:

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the **party being served** appear and serve an answer to the complaint or post-judgment motion to the **serving party** at the address listed above. The answer must be filed with the court within twenty-one (21) days of service. If service is made by publication in a newspaper, the answer must be filed with the court within forty-one (41) days after the first publication in the newspaper. **Failure to serve an answer will cause judgment by default to be entered, granting relief sought in the motion or complaint.**

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above-named parties be:

1. Prohibited from transferring, encumbering, concealing, selling or otherwise disposing of any property of either or both of the parties, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life, without the written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.
2. Prohibited from imposing any restraint on the personal liberty of the other party or on any natural or adopted child of either or both of the parties.
3. Prohibited from voluntarily removing the other party or any child or children of the parties from any policy of health insurance that provides coverage for the other party or the child or children of the parties.

WARNING: This Preliminary Injunction is an official court Order. If you disobey this Order, the court may find you in contempt of court. This court Order is effective until the earliest of the following: **(1)** the court revokes or modifies it; **(2)** a final judgment is entered in the matter before the court; or **(3)** the action is dismissed.

This order is incorporated into the docket by reference at the specific direction of the court.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____



☐ Magistrate ☐ Judge, Maine District Court

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