

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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Petitioner  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

DISTRICT COURT  
Location (Town): \_\_\_\_\_  
Docket No.: \_\_\_\_\_

V.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

PETITION FOR GRANDPARENT OR  
GREAT-GRANDPARENT VISITATION  
19-A M.R.S. §§ 1801-1805

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1. Petitioner, (name), \_\_\_\_\_, resides in (town) \_\_\_\_\_, (county) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_.

Petitioner, (name), \_\_\_\_\_, resides in (town) \_\_\_\_\_, (county) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please write “confidential” in the space above if you are filing an Affidavit for Confidential Address (FM-057).**

2. Respondent, (name), \_\_\_\_\_, resides in (town) \_\_\_\_\_, (county) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_.

Respondent, (name), \_\_\_\_\_, resides in (town) \_\_\_\_\_, (county) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

Residence of the respondent(s), (name), \_\_\_\_\_, is unknown and the petitioner(s) has used reasonable efforts and cannot locate the respondent(s).

3. The respondent(s) in this matter is/are the parent(s) of the following minor child(ren):

Full name	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Present address(es) (do not list if confidential to other party)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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4. List below where and with whom the child(ren) have lived within the past 5 years in order starting with the most recent, 19-A M.R.S. § 1753 (attach an additional page if more space is needed):

Table with 4 columns: Name of person child(ren) lived with, Present address of the person that child(ren) lived with, Dates lived with that person, Town/State where child(ren) lived with person.

5. Other possible parents (check one):

- OR
[ ] The child(ren) do not have any other acknowledged, adjudicated, intended, de facto, or presumed parents.
OR
[ ] The child(ren) have an acknowledged, adjudicated, intended, de facto, or presumed parent.

Quick Reference Guide:

An acknowledged father is a person who is the genetic father of the child(ren) and signed a valid acknowledgment of paternity with the intent to establish paternity. 19-A M.R.S. § 1861.
An adjudicated parent is a person determined to be a parent of the child(ren) by a court order. 19-A M.R.S. § 1832(2).
A presumed parent is a person who was married to the other parent when the child was conceived or born; or a person that resided in the same household with the child and openly held out the child as that person's own from the time the child(ren) was born or adopted and for a period of at least 2 years thereafter and assumed personal, financial, or custodial responsibilities for the child(ren). 19-A M.R.S. § 1881.
A biological parent is a person who is the genetic parent of the child.
A de facto parent is a person who is recognized as a parent of the child. A person seeking to be adjudicated a de facto parent of a child must complete and file FM-232 (instead of this complaint) with an affidavit alleging under oath specific facts to support the existence of a de facto parent relationship with the child. 19-A M.R.S. § 1891.
An intended parent is a person married or unmarried, who manifests the intent to be legally bound as the parent of a child resulting from assisted reproduction or a gestational carrier agreement. In the case of a married couple, any reference to an intended parent includes both spouses. 19-A M.R.S. §§ 1921-1939.

6. No one other than respondent(s) has physical custody of the child(ren), or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the child(ren), except as follows:

7. Petitioner(s) has/have not been involved in any way in, and has no information about, another court case in any state concerning the custody of the child(ren) except as follows:

- [ ] Protection from Abuse (provide docket number):
[ ] Probate Matter (provide docket number):
[ ] Other (describe what kind of other case and provide docket number):

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8. **STANDING TO SEEK GRANDPARENT OR GREAT-GRANDPARENT VISITATION.** Petitioner(s) who is/are seeking to be granted court-ordered visitation with the child(ren) subject to this matter must file an affidavit along with this complaint to establish standing.

I/We have attached an affidavit describing the specific facts to support standing under 19-A M.R.S. § 1803(1).

9. **PETITIONER(S) REQUEST(S)** that the court (check all boxes that apply):

- Enter an order establishing rights of visitation or access with the subject child(ren); and
- Enter an order for any further relief that the court determines necessary and proper.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that these statements are made for use as evidence in court and that I am subject to prosecution for perjury punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000 if I give false information to the court.

Signature of Petitioner
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

Signature of Petitioner
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

Attorney for Petitioner(s), if any:

Signature of Attorney and Maine Bar Registration Number
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY

Personally appeared the above named, and
, and made oath that the foregoing statements are true under penalty of perjury.
Before me,

Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

Attorney at Law Notary Public Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: Each respondent has 21 days after being served with this petition to file an answer with the court. In addition, each respondent must provide copies of all filings to every other party.

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