

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Plaintiff DISTRICT COURT
Location (Town):
Docket No.:
V.
Defendant
Other Party

PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS
19-A M.R.S. § 1658

PLEASE NOTE: If you are filing this petition after the court entered a final order of parental rights and responsibilities or a final order of divorce, you must use the heading from your original case.

NOW COME(S) the plaintiff defendant other party, hereinafter the "petitioner," and request(s) that the court terminate the rights of the minor's parent(s).

1. Minor child information: (If there are more than three (3) minor children in this case, please attach an additional page with the minor child(ren)'s information.)

Name: First Middle Last
Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):
Place of birth: City/Town State
Legal residence: Street City/Town State/Zip

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Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State

Legal residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State/Zip

2. Petitioner information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State/Zip

Relationship to minor child: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Petitioner information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State/Zip

Relationship to minor child: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Parents' information: (Please provide the information for all parents of the minor child and indicate which parent's rights you are requesting that the Court terminate.)

A. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Legal residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State/Zip

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State/Zip

Are you requesting that the court terminate this parent's rights?  Yes  No

B. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Legal residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State/Zip

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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C. A final order, other than in a protection from abuse matter under chapter 101, which has been in effect for at least 12 months grants the petitioner exclusive parental rights and responsibilities with respect to all aspects of the child's welfare, with the exception of the right and responsibility for support, without reserving for the parent any rights to make decisions, to have access to records or to have contact with the child, **and** termination of the parent's parental rights and responsibilities is necessary to protect the child from serious harm or the threat of serious harm.

**REQUIRED:** Petitioner has attached a copy of the final order that grants petitioner exclusive parental rights and responsibilities to the petitioner.

**REQUIRED: Petitioner(s) has/have attached an affidavit that states facts in support of the allegations.**

### 8. EFFECTS OF A TERMINATION ORDER.

- A. An order terminating parental rights divests the parent and child of all legal rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties, and obligations to each other as a parent and child, except that the child inherits from the child's former parent if so provided in the order.
- B. The termination of one parent's rights shall not affect the rights of the other parent.
- C. A parent whose rights have been terminated shall not be entitled to notice of the child's adoption proceedings, nor shall the parent have any right to object to the adoption or participate in the proceedings.
- D. No order terminating parental rights may disentitle a child to benefits due to the child from any third person, agency, state, or the United States; nor may it affect the rights and benefits that a Native American derives from descent from a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.
- E. If, before the termination of parental rights, the parent was convicted of a crime against the child, the court may include in the termination order the requirement that the parent whose rights are terminated make a lump sum payment to assist in future financial support of the child.

### 9. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT PARENT.

You are entitled to legal counsel in these proceedings. If you want a lawyer and are unable to afford one, you must contact the court as soon as possible to request that the court appoint a lawyer for you. Please note you must submit your request in writing or in person to the court where this Petition has been/will be filed (the court location is listed on the top right of the first page of this petition). Visit [www.courts.maine.gov](http://www.courts.maine.gov) for a list of District Court addresses and phone numbers.

**WHEREFORE**, the petitioner(s) request(s) that the Court grant the termination of parental rights requested in this petition.

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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
Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
Name:
Bar Number:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY

Personally appeared the above named, 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

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