

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Plaintiff/Petitioner

DISTRICT COURT

Location (Town):

V.

Docket No.:

Defendant/Respondent

PLEASE NOTE:

- Look at the order you are requesting to register to determine whether you are the plaintiff/petitioner or defendant/respondent. You will be the same party in Maine for purposes of registering your order.
- If your order also has child support or spousal support provisions that you want to enforce or modify, please make sure to also complete FM-284, *Affidavit and Request to Register a Foreign Support Order under UIFSA*.

**AFFIDAVIT AND REQUEST TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CHILD CUSTODY ORDER
UNDER THE UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA)
19-A M.R.S. §§ 1731-1783**

I am the ☐ plaintiff/petitioner ☐ defendant/respondent in a case from *(name the state or foreign country)*:

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to keep your address confidential, you may complete an Affidavit for Confidential Address (FM-057) and write "confidential" in the space for your address provided below. This form is available at the Clerk's Office or at www.courts.maine.gov.

Address of plaintiff/petitioner:

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
(if different) _____

Address of defendant/respondent:

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____
(if different) _____

I. ATTACHMENT OF FOREIGN CUSTODY ORDER *(please check the box to certify you have attached the required documents):*

☐ Two copies, including one certified copy, of the foreign child custody order to be registered, including any modification of the order (as well as an English translation by a certified translator if the foreign order was issued in a language other than English). I certify that the attached foreign child custody order is in full force and effect in that state/country and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the order has not been modified, vacated, or stayed. I further certify that the court that issued the attached order had jurisdiction to do so.

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II. PURPOSE OF REGISTRATION.

I request that the foreign child custody order be registered in the State of Maine under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) for the purposes of:

- A. ☐ **Registration only**
- B. ☐ **Enforcement** (*complete and serve form FM-070, Motion to Enforce*)
- C. ☐ **Expedited Enforcement Request.** I am also filing a verified enforcement petition along with the Order and request expedited enforcement pursuant to the UCCJEA (*see 19-A M.R.S. § 1768*) (*complete form FM-008, Petition for Expedited Enforcement of Child Custody Determination*).
- D. ☐ **Contempt** (*complete and serve form FM-068, Motion for Contempt*)
- E. ☐ **Modification** (*complete and serve form FM-062, Motion to Modify*). Maine has authority to modify the foreign child custody order because (*select the reason(s) below that apply*):
 - 1. ☐ **Temporary Emergency Jurisdiction.** The child(ren) is/are present in Maine and the child(ren) has/have been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the child(ren) because the child(ren) or a sibling or a parent of the child(ren) is subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse (*see 19-A M.R.S. § 1748(1)*); **or**
 - 2. ☐ **Non-Emergency Jurisdiction.** (*You must select one of the following:*)
 - a. ☐ Maine is the home state of the child(ren) as of the date of this filing. “Home state” means the state in which a child lived with a parent or a person acting as a parent for at least 6 months in a row immediately before the start of a child custody proceeding (*see 19-A M.R.S. § 1745(1)(A)*); **or**
 - b. ☐ Maine was the home state of the child(ren) within 6 months before the date of this filing and the child(ren) is/are absent from Maine, but a parent or a person acting as a parent continues to live in Maine (*see 19-A M.R.S. § 1745(1)(A)*); **or**
 - c. ☐ (*All three of the following must apply*) (*see 19-A M.R.S. § 1745(1)(B)*):
 - i. A court of another state does not have jurisdiction under options (b)(i)(1) or (b)(i)(2), or a court of the home state of the child(ren) has declined to exercise jurisdiction because Maine is a more appropriate forum to determine custody of the child(ren); **and**
 - ii. The child(ren) and the child(ren)’s parents, or the child(ren) and at least one parent or person acting as a parent, have a significant connection with Maine other than mere physical presence; **and**

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- iii. Substantial evidence is available in Maine concerning the child(ren)'s care, protection, training, and personal relationships *(All three must apply) (see 19-A M.R.S. §1745(1)(B))*.

You must also select one of the following:

- a. ☐ **Jurisdiction of other state; more convenient forum.** The court of the other state has determined that it no longer has exclusive, continuing jurisdiction under 19-A M.R.S. § 1746 or that a Maine court would be a more convenient forum under 19-A M.R.S. § 1751; **or**
- b. ☐ **Not residents of other state.** A Maine court or a court of the other state has determined that the child(ren), the child(ren)'s parents, and any person acting as a parent do not presently reside in the other state **or** ☐ I am asking a Maine court to make this determination.

☐ 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.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____



Signature of: ☐ plaintiff/petitioner
☐ defendant/respondent

Attorney Name & Bar No.: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

☐ Address is confidential (if so, leave blank below)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

STATE OF MAINE

_____ County

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

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____



☐ Attorney at Law ☐ Notary Public ☐ Clerk

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