

Supreme Court of Florida

SC10-828

**IN RE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORMS—FORMS 12.982(a), 12.982(c), and
12.982(f).**

[June 24, 2010]

PER CURIAM.

This matter is before the Court for consideration of amendments to the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms. We have jurisdiction. See art. V, § 2(a), Fla. Const.

Under Amendments to the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure and Family Law Forms, 810 So. 2d 1, 13-14 (Fla. 2000), the Court internally reviews and maintains the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms. Revisions to Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms 12.982(a), Petition for Change of Name (Adult), 12.982(c), Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren)), and 12.982(f), Petition for Change of Name (Family), have become necessary as a result of 2009 amendments to section 68.07, Florida Statutes. See Ch. 2009-173, Laws of Fla. The amendments are meant to reflect the new

fingerprinting and criminal history records check requirements and the clarified hearing and costs provisions under the amended statute. Other minor and editorial amendments are also made.

Accordingly, the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms are hereby amended as set forth in the appendix to this petition, fully engrossed and ready for use. The amendments shall become effective immediately upon release of this opinion. Because the amendments were not published for comment prior to adoption, interested persons shall have sixty days from the date of this opinion in which to file comments with the Court.¹ By adoption of these forms, we express no opinion as to their correctness or applicability, or on the substance of the relevant legislation. The forms discussed herein may also be accessed and downloaded from the Florida State Courts website at www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/forms_rules/index.shtml.

It is so ordered.

QUINCE, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, CANADY, POLSTON, LABARGA,
and PERRY, JJ., concur.

1. An original and nine paper copies of all comments must be filed with the Court on or before August 23, 2010. A separate request for oral argument must be filed if the person filing the comment wishes to participate in oral argument, which may be scheduled in this case. Electronic copies of all comments also must be filed in accordance with the Court's administrative order in In re Mandatory Submission of Electronic Copies of Documents, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC04-84 (Sept. 13, 2004).

THE FILING OF A MOTION FOR REHEARING SHALL NOT ALTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE AMENDMENTS.

Original Proceeding – The Family Law Rules Committee

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.982(a), PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT) (06/10)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when an adult wants the court to change his or her name. This form is **not** to be used in connection with a dissolution of marriage or for adoption of child(ren). If you want a change of name because of a **dissolution of marriage** or adoption of child(ren) that is not yet final, the change of name should be requested as part of that case.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink and must be signed before a **notary public** or **deputy clerk**. You should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where you live and keep a copy for your records

What should I do next?

Unless you are seeking to restore a former name, you must have fingerprints submitted for a state and national criminal records check. The fingerprints must be taken in a manner approved by the Department of Law Enforcement and must be submitted to the Department for a state and national criminal records check. **You may not request a hearing on the petition until the clerk of court has received the results of your criminal history records check.** The clerk of court can instruct you on the process for having the fingerprints taken and submitted, including information on law enforcement agencies or service providers authorized to submit fingerprints electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement. The process may take several weeks and you will have to pay for the cost of processing the fingerprints and conducting the state and national criminal history records check.

Next, you must obtain a **hearing** date for the court to consider your request. If you are seeking to restore a former name, a hearing on the petition MAY be held immediately after the petition is filed. The final hearing on any other petition for a name change may be held immediately after the clerk of court receives the results of your criminal history records check. You should ask the clerk of court, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** about the local procedure for setting a hearing. You may be required to attend the **final hearing**. Included in these forms is a **Final Judgment of Change of Name (Adult)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(b), which the **judge** may use. You should check with the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant, to see if you need to bring a **final judgment** form with you. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties' names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

If the judge grants your **petition**, he or she will sign this **order**. This officially changes your name. The clerk can provide you with **certified copies** of the signed order. There will be charges for the certified copies, and the clerk can tell you the amount of the charges.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. For further information, see Section 68.07, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

The heading of the form calls for the name of the **petitioner**. Your current name should go there, as you are the one who is asking the court for something. The judicial circuit, case number, and division may be obtained from the clerk of court's office when you file the petition.

It may be helpful to compile a list of all of the people and/or places that will need a copy of your final judgment. This list may include the driver's license office, social security office, banks, schools, etc. A list will help you know how many copies of your order you should get from the clerk of court after your hearing.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900 (a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner.

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

I, *{full legal name}* _____, being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

1. My complete present name is: _____.
I request that my name be changed to: _____.
2. I live in _____ County, Florida, at *{street address}* _____.
3. I was born on *{date}* _____, in *{city}* _____, *{county}* _____, *{state}* _____, *{country}* _____.
4. My father's full legal name : _____.
My mother's full legal name: _____.
My mother's maiden name: _____.
5. I have lived in the following places since birth:

Dates (to/from)	Address
_____/_____	_____
_____/_____	_____
_____/_____	_____
_____/_____	_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

6. **Family**
[Choose **all** that apply]
 - a. ___ I am not married.
 - b. ___ I am married. My spouse's full legal name is: _____
 - c. ___ I do not have child(ren).
 - d. ___ The name(s), age(s), and address(es) of my child(ren) are as follows (all children, **including those over 18**, must be listed):

Name *{last, first, middle initial}* **Age** **Address, City, State**

(_____ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

7. Former names

[Choose **all** that apply]

___ My name has never been changed **by a court**.

___ My name previously was changed **by court order** from _____
to _____ on *{date}* _____,
by *{court, city, and state}* _____.

A copy of the court order is attached.

___ My name previously was changed **by marriage** from _____
to _____ on *{date}* _____,
in *{city, county, and state}* _____.

A copy of the marriage certificate is attached.

___ I have never been known or called by any other name.

___ I have been known or called by the following other name(s): *{list name(s) and explain where you were known or called by such name(s)}* _____

8. Occupation

My occupation is: _____.

I am employed at: *{company and address}* _____
_____.

During the past 5 years, I have had the following jobs:

Dates (to/from)	Employer and employer's address
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____

(_____ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

9. Business

[Choose **one** only]

___ I do not own and operate a business.

___ I own and operate a business. The name of the business is: _____.

The street address is: _____.

My position with the business is: _____.

I have been involved with the business since: *{date}* _____.

10. Profession

[Choose **one** only]

___ I am not in a profession.

___ I am in a profession. My profession is: _____.

I have practiced this profession:

Dates (to/from)

Place and address

_____/_____

_____/_____

_____/_____

_____/_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

11. Education

I have graduated from the following school(s):

Degree

Date of

Received

Graduation

School

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

12. Criminal History

[Choose **one** only]

___ I have never been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication.

___ I have a criminal history. In the past I have been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication.

The details of my criminal history are:

Date

City/State

Event (arrest, charge, plea, or adjudication)

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

13. Bankruptcy

[Choose **one** only]

___ I have never been adjudicated bankrupt.

___ I was adjudicated bankrupt on {date} _____, in {city} _____, {county} _____, {state} _____.

(___ Please indicate here if you have filed additional bankruptcies, and explain on an attached page.)

14. Creditor(s)' Judgments

[Choose **one** only]

I have never had a money judgment entered against me by a creditor.

The following creditor(s)' money judgment(s) have been entered against me:

Date	Amount	Creditor	Court entering judgment and case number	if Paid{date}
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(_____ Please indicate here if these facts are continued on an attached page.)

15. Fingerprints and Criminal History Records Check

Unless I am seeking to restore a former name, a copy of my fingerprints has been taken in a manner approved by the Department of Law Enforcement and submitted for a state and national criminal history records check. **I understand that I cannot request a hearing on my Petition until the Clerk of Court receives the results of the criminal history records check.**

16. I have no ulterior or illegal purpose for filing this petition, and granting it will not in any manner invade the property rights of others, whether partnership, patent, good will, privacy, trademark, or otherwise.

17. My civil rights have never been suspended, or, if my civil rights have been suspended, they have been fully restored.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this motion and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: _____

Signature of PETITIONER

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____ by _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or
deputy clerk.]

____ Personally known
____ Produced identification
____ Type of identification produced _____

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in
all blanks]

I, {full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer} _____,
a nonlawyer, whose address is {street} _____, {city} _____,
{state} _____, {phone} _____, helped {name} _____, who is
the petitioner, fill out this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.982(c), PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (MINOR CHILD(REN)) (06/10)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when parents want the court to change the name of their minor child(ren). For the purposes of this proceeding, a person under the age of 18 is a minor. This form is not to be used in connection with an adoption, dissolution of marriage, or **paternity action**. If you want a change of name for your child(ren) because of an adoption or paternity action that is not yet final, the change of name should be requested as part of that case.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink and must be signed before a notary public or deputy clerk. You should file the original with the clerk of the circuit court, in the county where you live and keep a copy for your records. The **Petition** should only be completed by one Petitioner for one child. If you wish to change the name of more than one child or if there is more than one Petitioner, you should complete and file a Supplemental Form for Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child) for each child and/or a Supplemental Form for Petition for Change of Name. The supplemental form(s) is an attachment to the petition. **Be sure that the bottom of each page of each supplemental form is initialed by the petitioner(s).**

What should I do next?

Unless you are seeking to restore a former name, each adult petitioner(s)'s fingerprints must be submitted for a state and national criminal history records check. The fingerprints must be taken in a manner approved by the Department of Law Enforcement. The fingerprints must be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a state and national criminal history records check. **The Petitioner(s) may not request a hearing on the Petition until the copy of the fingerprints are filed and the clerk of court has received the results of the criminal history records check.** The clerk of court can instruct you on the process for having the fingerprints taken and submitted, including information on law enforcement agencies or service providers authorized to submit fingerprints electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement. The process may take several weeks and the parent or guardian of the minor must pay the cost of processing the fingerprints and conducting the state and national history records check.

If **both** parents agree to the change of name and live in the county where the change of name is sought, you may both file as **petitioners**. In this situation, **service** is not necessary, and you need only to set a **hearing**. You should ask the clerk of court, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** about the local procedure for setting a hearing.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(c), Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren)) (06/10)

If only one parent is a resident of the county where the change of name(s) is sought **or** only one parent asks for the child(ren)'s name(s) to be changed, the other parent must be notified and his or her consent obtained, if possible. If the other parent consents to the change of name, a **Consent for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren))**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(d), should be filed.

If the other parent does not consent to the change of name, you may still have a hearing on the petition **if** you have properly notified the other parent about your petition and the hearing. If you know where he or she lives, you must use **personal service**. If you absolutely do not know where he or she lives, you may use **constructive service**. For more information about personal and constructive service, you should refer [to] the **"General Instructions for Self-Represented Litigants"** found at the beginning of these forms and the instructions to Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms 12.910(a) and 12.913(b) and Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a). However, the law regarding constructive service is very complex and you may wish to consult an attorney regarding that issue.

Next, you must obtain a **final hearing** date for the court to consider your request. If you are seeking to restore a former name, a hearing on the petition **MAY** be held immediately after the petition is filed. The final hearing on any other petition for a name change may be held immediately after the clerk of court receives the results of your criminal history records check. You should ask the clerk of court, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about the local procedure for setting a hearing. You may be required to attend the hearing. Included in these forms is a **Final Judgment of Change of Name (Minor Child(ren))**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(e), which may be used when a judge grants a change of name for a minor child(ren). If you attend the hearing, you should take the final judgment with you. You should complete the top part of the form, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the name(s) of the petitioner(s) and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete. It should be typed or printed in black ink.

If the judge grants your petition, he or she will sign this **order**. This officially changes your child(ren)'s name(s). The clerk can provide you with **certified copies** of the signed order. There will be charges for the certified copies, and the clerk can tell you the amount of the charges.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. For further information, see section 68.07, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(c), Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren)) (06/10)

The heading of the form calls for the name(s) of the **petitioner(s)**. This means the parent(s) who is (are) requesting the change of their child(ren)'s name(s). The judicial circuit, case number, and division may be obtained from the clerk of court's office when you file the petition.

It may be helpful to compile a list of all of the people and places that will need a copy of the final judgment. This list may include the driver's license office, social security office, banks, schools, etc. A list will help you know how many copies of your order you should get from the clerk of court after your hearing.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF

Petitioner/Father,

Petitioner/Mother.

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (MINOR CHILD(REN))

I/We, {full legal name(s)} _____, being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

I am/We are the birth or legal parent(s) or guardian of the minor child(ren) named in this petition.

[Choose **only** one]

- a. ___ There is only one minor child named in this petition.
- b. ___ There are {enter number of children} _____ children named in this petition. The information on the first child is entered below. I/We have attached the completed supplemental forms for each other child.

The adult petitioner(s)'s fingerprints have been taken in a manner approved by the Department of Law Enforcement and submitted for a state and national criminal history records check. **I /We understand that I/we cannot request a hearing on my/our Petition until the clerk of court receives the results of the criminal history records check.**

A. **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD #** 1 :

- 1. **Minor child's complete present name is:**

I/We request that this minor child's name be changed to:

- 2. The minor child lives in _____ County, Florida, at {street address} _____

_____.

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

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(06/10)

3. The minor child was born on {date} _____, in {city, county, state, country} _____.

4. The minor child's father's full legal name: _____.
The minor child's mother's full legal name: _____.
The minor child's mother's maiden name: _____.

5. The minor child has lived in the following places since birth:

Dates (to/from)	Address
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____

(____ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

6. [Choose **one** only]
____ The minor child is not married.
____ The minor child is married to: {full legal name} _____.

7. [Choose **one** only]
____ The minor child has no children.
____ The minor child is the parent of the following child(ren): {enter full name(s) and date(s) of birth} _____.

8. **Former names.**

[Choose **all** that apply]

____ The minor child's name has never been changed by a court.
____ The minor child's name previously was changed **by court order** from _____
to _____ on {date} _____,
by {court, city, and state} _____.

A copy of the court order is attached.

____ The minor child's name previously was changed **by marriage** from _____
to _____ on {date} _____,
in {city, county, and state} _____.

A copy of the marriage certificate is attached.

____ The minor child has never been known or called by any other name.
____ The minor child has been known or called by the following other name(s): {list name(s) and explain where child was known or called by such name(s)} _____

9. The minor child is not employed in an occupation or profession, does not own and operate a

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

business, and has received no educational degrees. If the minor child has a job, explain: _____

10. Criminal History.

[Choose **one** only]

___ The minor child has never been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication.

___ The minor child has a criminal history. In the past, the minor child was arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication. The details of the criminal history are:

Date	City/State	Event (arrest, charge, plea, or adjudication)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

11. Money Judgments.

[Choose **one** only]

___ The minor child has never been adjudicated bankrupt, and no money judgment has ever been entered against him or her.

___ The following money judgment(s) has been entered against him or her:

Date	Amount	Creditor	Court entering judgment and case number	Indicate if Paid
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT PETITIONER(S):

() FATHER () MOTHER () GUARDIAN

() A Supplemental Form has been attached for the other parent or petitioner.

1. My complete present name is: _____

2. I live in _____ County, Florida, at {street address} _____
_____.

3. I have no ulterior or illegal purpose for filing this petition, and granting it will not in any manner invade the property rights of others, whether partnership, patent, good will, privacy, trademark, or otherwise.

4. My civil rights have never been suspended, or, if ever suspended, they have been fully restored.

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(c), Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren))
(06/10)

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____ by _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]

___ Personally known
___ Produced identification
___ Type of identification produced _____

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks]

I, {full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer} _____,
a nonlawyer, whose address is {street} _____, {city} _____,
{state} _____, {phone} _____, helped {name(s)} _____,
who is (are) the petitioner(s), fill out this form.

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(c), Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren))
(06/10)

ADULT SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (MINOR CHILDREN)

Case No.: _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT PETITIONER(S):

() FATHER () MOTHER () GUARDIAN

1. My complete present name is: _____

2. I live in _____ County, Florida, at {street address} _____
_____.

3. I have no ulterior or illegal purpose for filing this petition, and granting it will not in any manner invade the property rights of others, whether partnership, patent, good will, privacy, trademark, or otherwise.

4. My civil rights have never been suspended, or, if ever suspended, they have been fully restored.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____ by _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]

____ Personally known
____ Produced identification
____ Type of identification produced _____

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(c), Supplemental Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren)) (06/10)

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks]

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, whose address is *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name(s)}* _____,
who is (are) the petitioner(s), fill out this form.

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(c), Supplemental Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren)) (06/10)

SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (MINOR CHILD(REN))

Case No.: _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # _____:

1. Minor child's complete present name is:

_____.

I/We request that minor child's name be changed to:

_____.

2. The minor child lives in _____ County, Florida, at {street address} _____.

_____.

3. The minor child was born on {date} _____, in {city, county, state, country} _____.

_____.

4. The minor child's father's full legal name: _____.

The minor child's mother's full legal name: _____.

The minor child's mother's maiden name: _____.

5. The minor child has lived in the following places since birth:

Dates (to/from)	Address
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____
____/____/____	_____

(____ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

6. [Choose **one** only]

____ The minor child is not married.

____ The minor child is married to: {full legal name} _____.

7. [Choose **one** only]

____ The minor child has no children.

____ The minor child is the parent of the following child(ren): {enter name(s) and date(s) of birth} _____.

_____.

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(c), Supplemental Form for Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren)) (06/10)

8. **Former names**

[Choose all that apply]

___ The minor child's name has never been changed **by a court**.

___ The minor child's name previously was changed **by court order** from _____
to _____ on {date} _____,
by {court, city, and state} _____.

A copy of the court order is attached.

___ The minor child's name previously was changed **by marriage** from _____
to _____ on {date} _____,
in {city, county, and state} _____.

A copy of the marriage certificate is attached.

___ The minor child has never been known or called by any other name.

___ The minor child has been known or called by the following other name(s): {list name(s) and
explain where child was known or called by such name(s)} _____

9. The minor child is not employed in an occupation or profession, does not own and operate a
business, and has received no educational degrees. If the minor child has a job, explain: _____

_____.

10. **Criminal History**

[Choose **one** only]

___ The minor child has never been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere
to or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication.

___ The minor child has a criminal history. In the past, the minor child was arrested for or
charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a
criminal offense, regardless of adjudication. The details of the criminal history are:

Date	City/State	Event (arrest, charge, plea, or adjudication)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

11. **Money Judgments**

[Choose **one** only]

___ The minor child has never been adjudicated bankrupt, and no money judgment has ever
been entered against him or her.

___ The following money judgment(s) has (have) been entered against him or her:

Date	Amount	Creditor	Court entering judgment and case number	Indicate if Paid
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.982(f), PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (FAMILY) (06/10)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when a family wants the court to change its name. This form is **not** to be used in connection with a **dissolution of marriage, paternity,** or adoption action. If you want a change of name because of a dissolution of marriage, paternity, or adoption action that is not yet final, the change of name should be requested as part of that case.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink and must be signed before a **notary public or deputy clerk.** You should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where you live and keep a copy for your records. The petition should only be completed for one adult. If you wish to change the name(s) of another adult and/or any child(ren), you should complete and file with the clerk of court the attached Supplemental Form(s) for Petition for Change of Name (Family) for each additional family member. **Be sure that the bottom of each page of each supplemental form is initialed.**

What should I do next?

Unless you are seeking to restore a former name, each adult petitioner must have fingerprints submitted for a state and national criminal history records check. The fingerprints must be taken in a manner approved by the Department of Law Enforcement and must be submitted to the Department for a state and national criminal history records check. **You may not request a hearing on the petition until the clerk of court has received the results of your criminal history records check.** The clerk of court can instruct you on the process for having the fingerprints taken and submitted, including information on law enforcement agencies or service providers authorized to submit finger prints electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement. The process may take several weeks and you will have to pay for the cost of processing the fingerprints and conducting the state and national criminal history records check.

If any of the children for whom you are requesting this change of name are not the legal children of both adults filing this petition, you must obtain the consent of the legal parent(s). A parent not named as a **petitioner** in this action may consent by submitting a **Consent for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren))**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(d).

If the other parent does not consent to the change of name, you may still have a **hearing** on the **petition** if you have properly notified the other parent about your petition and the hearing. If you know where he or she lives, you must use **personal service.** If you absolutely do not know where he or she lives, you may use **constructive service.** For more information about personal and constructive service, you should refer to the **“General Instructions for Self-Represented Litigants”** found at the beginning of these forms and the instructions to Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms 12.910(a) and 12.913(b) and

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a). The law on constructive service is very complex and you may wish to consult an attorney regarding constructive service.

Next, you must obtain a **final hearing** date for the court to consider your request. If you are seeking to restore a former name, hearing on the petition MAY be held immediately after the petition is filed. The final hearing on any other petition for a name change may be held immediately after the clerk of court receives the results of your criminal history records check. You should ask the clerk of court, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** about the local procedure for setting a hearing. You may be required to attend the hearing. Included in these forms is a **Final Judgment of Change of Name (Family)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(g), which may be used when a judge grants a change of name for a family. If you attend the hearing, you should take the **final judgment** form with you. You should complete the top part of this form, including the circuit, county, case number, division, the name(s) of the petitioner(s) and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete. It should be typed or printed in black ink.

If the judge grants your petition, he or she will sign this **order**. This officially changes your family's name. The clerk can provide you with **certified copies** of the signed order. There will be charges for the certified copies, and the clerk can tell you the amount of the charges.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. For further information, see section 68.07, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

The heading of the form calls for the name(s) of the **petitioner(s)**. This is (are) the parent(s) who is/are requesting the change of their family's name(s). The judicial circuit, case number, and division may be obtained from the clerk of court's office when you file the petition.

It may be helpful to compile a list of all of the people and places that will need a copy of the final judgment. This list may include the driver's license office, social security office, banks, schools, etc. A list will help you know how many copies of your order you should get from the clerk of court after your hearing.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.982(f), Petition for Change of Name (Family)
(06/10)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF

_____,
Petitioner/Father,

_____,
Petitioner/Mother.

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (FAMILY)

I/We, {full legal name(s)} _____, being sworn,
certify that the following information is true:

There are {enter number} ___ adults named in this petition. A supplemental form is attached for each adult not set out below.

There are {enter number} ___ children named in this petition. I am/We are the birth or legal parents or guardian of the minor child(ren) named in this petition. I/We have attached a completed supplemental form for each minor child.

Unless I am seeking to restore a former name, a copy of the fingerprints of each adult person seeking a name change in this petition has/have been taken in a manner approved by the Department of Law Enforcement, and submitted for a state and national criminal history records check. **I/We understand that I/we cannot request a hearing on my/our Petition until the clerk of court receives the results of the criminal history records check.**

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT PETITIONER:

HUSBAND WIFE GUARDIAN

A Supplemental Form has been attached for the other parent or petitioner.

5. My complete present name is:

I request that my name be changed to:

6. I live in _____ County, Florida, at {street address} _____

7. I was born on {date} _____, in {city} _____, {county} _____,
{state} _____, {country} _____.

8. My father's full legal name: _____.
My mother's full legal name: _____.
My mother's maiden name: _____.

9. I have lived in the following places since birth:

Dates (to/from)	Address
_____/_____/_____ /	_____
_____/_____/_____ /	_____
_____/_____/_____ /	_____
_____/_____/_____ /	_____
_____/_____/_____ /	_____
_____/_____/_____ /	_____
_____/_____/_____ /	_____
_____/_____/_____ /	_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

10. **Family**

[Choose **all** that apply]

- a. ___ I am not married.
- b. ___ I am married. My spouse's full legal name is: _____.
- c. ___ I do not have child(ren).
- d. ___ The name(s), age(s), and address(es) of my child(ren) are as follows (all children, **including those over 18**, must be listed):

Name {last, first, middle initial}	Age	Address, City, State
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

11. **Former names**

[Choose **all** that apply]

- ___ My name has never been changed **by a court**.
- ___ My name previously was changed **by court order** from _____
to _____ on {date} _____,
by {court, city, and state} _____.
- A copy of the court order is attached.**
- ___ My name previously was changed **by marriage** from _____

to _____ on {date} _____,
in {city, county, and state} _____.

A copy of the marriage certificate is attached.

- I have never been known or called by any other name.
 I have been known or called by the following other name(s): {list name(s) and explain where you were known or called by such name(s)} _____

_____.

12. Occupation

My occupation is: _____.

I am employed at: {company and address} _____.

During the past 5 years, I have had the following jobs:

Dates (to/from)	Employer and employer's address
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____

(Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

13. Business

[Choose **one** only]

- I do not own and operate a business.
 I own and operate a business. The name of the business is: _____.
The street address is: _____.
My position with the business is: _____.
I have been involved with the business since: {date} _____.

14. Profession

[Choose **one** only]

- I am not in a profession.
 I am in a profession. My profession is: _____.
I have practiced this profession:

Dates (to/from)	Place and address
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

15. Education

I have graduated from the following school(s):

Degree Received	Date of Graduation	School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

16. Criminal History

[Choose **one** only]

___ I have never been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or have been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication.

___ I have a criminal history. In the past I have been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication. The details of my criminal history are:

Date	City/State	Event (arrest, charge, plea, or adjudication)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(___ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

17. Bankruptcy

[Choose **one** only]

___ I have never been adjudicated bankrupt.

___ I was adjudicated bankrupt on {date} _____, in {city} _____, {county} _____, {state} _____.

(___ Please indicate here if you have had additional bankruptcies, and explain on an attached page.)

18. Creditor(s)' Judgments

[Choose **one** only]

___ I have never had a money judgment entered against me by a creditor.

___ The following creditor(s)' money judgment(s) have been entered against me:

Date Paid	Amount	Creditor	Court entering judgment and case number indicate if	
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

(___ Please indicate here if these facts are continued on an attached page.)

19. I have no ulterior or illegal purpose for filing this petition, and granting it will not in any manner invade the property rights of others, whether partnership, patent, good will, privacy, trademark, or otherwise.
20. My civil rights have never been suspended, or, if my civil rights have been suspended, they have been fully restored.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: _____

 Signature of Petitioner
 Printed Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Fax Number: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____ by _____.

 NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

 [Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]

- ___ Personally known
 ___ Produced identification
 ___ Type of identification produced _____

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks]

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
 a nonlawyer, whose address is *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____
 who is the petitioner, fill out this form.

ADULT SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (FAMILY)

Case No.: _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT PETITIONER:

() HUSBAND () WIFE () GUARDIAN

1. My complete present name is:

I request that my name be changed to:

2. I live in _____ County, Florida, at {street address} _____

3. I was born on {date} _____, in {city} _____, {county} _____,
{state} _____, {country} _____.

4. My father's full legal name: _____

My mother's full legal name: _____

My mother's maiden name: _____

5. I have lived in the following places since birth:

Dates (to/from)	Address
/	_____
/	_____
/	_____
/	_____
/	_____
/	_____
/	_____
/	_____
/	_____
/	_____

(____ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

6. Family

[Choose all that apply]

a. ___ I am not married.

b. ___ I am married. My spouse's full legal name is: _____

c. ___ I do not have child(ren).

d. ___ The name(s), age(s), and address(es) of my child(ren) are as follows (all children, including those over 18, must be listed):

Name {last, first, middle initial}	Age	Address, City, State
_____	_____	_____

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

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7. Former names

[Choose **all** that apply]

- My name has never been changed **by a court**.
 My name previously was changed **by court** order from _____
to _____ on {date} _____
by {court, city, and state} _____.

A copy of the court order is attached.

- My name previously was changed **by marriage** from _____
to _____ on {date} _____
in {city, county, and state} _____.

A copy of the marriage certificate is attached.

- I have never been known or called by any other name.
 I have been known or called by the following other name(s): {list name(s) and explain where
you were known or called by such name(s)} _____

8. Occupation

My occupation is: _____.

I am employed at: {company and address} _____
_____.

During the past 5 years, I have had the following jobs:

Dates (to/from)	Employer and employer's address
_____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

(____ Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

9. Business

[Choose **all** that apply]

- I do not own and operate a business.
 I own and operate a business. The name of the business is: _____
The street address is: _____
My position with the business is: _____
I have been involved with the business since: {date} _____.

10. Profession

[Choose **all** that apply]

- I am not in a profession.

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

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PETITIONER # _____, continued

I am in a profession. My profession is: _____.
I have practiced this profession:

Dates (to/from)	Place and address
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____

(Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

11. Education

I have graduated from the following school(s):

Degree Received	Date of Graduation	School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

12. Criminal History

[Choose **all** that apply]

I have never been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication.

I have a criminal history. In the past I have been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication. The details of my criminal history are:

Date	City/State	Event (arrest, charge, plea, or adjudication)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

13. Bankruptcy

[Choose **one** only]

I have never been adjudicated bankrupt.

I was adjudicated bankrupt on {date} _____, in {city} _____, {county} _____, {state} _____.

(Please indicate here if you have had additional bankruptcies, and explain on an attached page.)

14. Creditors' Judgments

[Choose **one** only]

I have never had a money judgment entered against me by a creditor.

The following creditor(s)' money judgment(s) have been entered against me:

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

PETITIONER # _____, continued

Date	Amount	Creditor	Court entering judgment and case number	check if Paid
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

(____ Please indicate here if these facts are continued on an attached page.)

15. I have no ulterior or illegal purpose for filing this petition, and granting it will not in any manner invade the property rights of others, whether partnership, patent, good will, privacy, trademark, or otherwise.

16. My civil rights have never been suspended, or, if my civil rights have been suspended, they have been fully restored.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: _____

 Signature of Petitioner
 Printed Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Fax Number: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
 COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____ by _____.

 NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

 [Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]

____ Personally known
 ____ Produced identification
 ____ Type of identification produced _____

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks]

I, {full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer} _____,
 a nonlawyer, whose address is {street} _____, {city} _____,

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

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{state} _____, {phone} _____, helped {name} _____,
who is the petitioner, fill out this form.

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____

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(Family) (06/10)

CHILD SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME (FAMILY)

Case No.: _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT MINOR CHILD # _____:

1. Minor child's complete present name is:

I/We request that minor child's name be changed to:

2. The minor child lives in _____ County, Florida, at {street address} _____.

3. The minor child was born on _____, in {city, county, state, country} _____.

4. The minor child's father's full legal name: _____.
The minor child's mother's full legal name: _____.
The minor child's mother's maiden name: _____.

5. The minor child has lived in the following places since birth:

Dates (to/from)	Address
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____
_____/_____/_____	_____

(____ Please indicate here if continuing these facts on an attached page.)

6. [Choose **one** only]
 The minor child is not married
 The minor child is married to: {full legal name} _____.

7. [Choose **one** only]
 The minor child has no children.
 The minor child is the parent of the following child(ren): {enter name(s) and date(s) of birth} _____.

8. **Former names**
[Choose **all** that apply]
 The minor child's name has never been changed **by court order**.
 The minor child's name previously was changed **by court order** from _____
to _____ on {date} _____ {court, city, and state} _____.

A copy of the court order is attached.

The minor child's name previously was changed by marriage from _____
to _____ on {date} _____, in {city,
county, and state} _____.

The minor child has never been known or called by any other name.

The minor child has been known or called by the following other name(s): {list name(s) and
explain where child was known or called by such name(s)} _____

_____.

9. The minor child is not employed in an occupation or profession, does not own and operate a
business, and has received no educational degrees. If the minor child has a job, explain:

10. Criminal History

[Choose **one** only]

The minor child has never been arrested for or charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere
to, or been found to have committed a criminal offense, regardless of adjudication.

The minor child has a criminal history. In the past, the minor child was arrested for or
charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found to have committed a criminal
offense, regardless of adjudication. The details of the criminal history are:

Date	City/State	Event (arrest, charge, plea, or adjudication)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Please indicate here if you are continuing these facts on an attached page.)

11. Money Judgments

[Choose **one** only]

The minor child has never been adjudicated bankrupt, and no money judgment has ever
been entered against him or her.

The following money judgment(s) has been entered against him or her:

Date	Amount	Creditor	Court entering judgment and case number	Indicate if Paid
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

PETITIONER(S) MUST INITIAL HERE _____