

SPECIAL RELIEF

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CONSULT AN ATTORNEY

1. Fill in the name(s) of the plaintiff(s) and the defendant(s) as they appear on the initial Custody Complaint.
2. Write the case number from your custody order on the top right side of the form and attach a copy of your current custody order. If you do not currently have a custody case, you will need to file a custody complaint in addition to your request for special relief.
3. Answer all the questions on the form completely. For the Special Relief Petition, you are the “Petitioner” and the other party is the “Respondent”.
4. Place any Confidential Information on the Form labeled **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM**; this includes the full names of any minor children. You need not include additional Confidential Information (such as Social Security Numbers) unless this information is required by law, ordered by the court, or referenced in your document.
5. You are responsible for ensuring that your document complies with all rules regarding confidential information and for signing the certification ensuring that your document is in compliance.
6. File the original Petition with the Prothonotary and pay any required filing fee. Serve the petition on the opposing party and file proof of service once completed.
7. Your Petition will be reviewed and the Court will rule upon it or schedule the matter for a hearing.
8. If the matter is scheduled for a hearing, **you** will be required to file proof of service prior to the hearing. It is your responsibility to serve the opposing party with reasonable notice of the hearing date and time. Failure to do so may result in the matter being dismissed or continued.

DISCLAIMER

THE STAFF IN ANY COURT OFFICE IS UNABLE TO GIVE YOU LEGAL ADVICE. THE INFORMATION IN THIS PACKET IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ADVICE. THE COURT ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCEPTS NO LIABILITY FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY USERS OF THESE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING RELIANCE ON THEIR CONTENTS.

Name Plaintiff

vs.

Name Defendant

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
: WAYNE COUNTY, PA
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: NO. _____-_____ -DR
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PETITION FOR SPECIAL RELIEF

1. The Petitioner's name is _____

2. The Petitioner's address and phone number are: (street, city, state, zip, county, phone number)

3. The Respondent's name is _____

4. The Respondent's address and phone number are: (street, city, state, zip, county, phone number)

5. There IS/IS NOT (circle one) a current custody order. If there is a current custody order, it must be attached.

6. Petitioner represents that an order of special relief is necessary regarding the following children (list initials and age of children):

7. The relief should be granted because: _____

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests the court to grant the Petition for Special Relief because it will be in the best interest of the child(ren).

Respectfully submitted,

Date _____

Petitioner's Signature

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: WAYNE COUNTY, PA

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: NO. _____ - _____ -DR

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VERIFICATION

I verify that the statements made in this petition are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date_____

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that require filing confidential information and documents different than non-confidential information and documents.

Date _____

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ORDER

AND NOW, to wit, this _____ day of _____, _____, it is
the ORDER of this Court that a hearing on Petitioner's Petition for Special Relief SHALL occur on
_____ in the Third Floor Historic
Courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse, Honesdale, PA.

Petitioner _____ SHALL serve the Petition and this Order scheduling a Hearing
on the Respondent(s) and file proof of service prior to the hearing.

BY THE COURT

JANINE EDWARDS
PRESIDENT JUDGE

cc: Plaintiff
Defendant
Court Admin

Name Plaintiff

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
: WAYNE COUNTY, PA
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: NO. _____ - _____ -DR
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Name Defendant

vs.

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PROOF OF SERVICE
Of Legal Papers Other Than Original Process
Pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 440

I, _____ (your name), certify that on _____ (date), I served a true and correct copy of the following documents: (select all that apply)

Special Relief Petition;
 Order for Special Relief Hearing.

These documents were served by: (select all that apply)

First Class mail to the following address: _____

Other: (explain) _____

Date _____

Petitioner