

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
Domestic Relations Branch**

PRINT PLAINTIFF'S NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

PLAINTIFF,

v.

PRINT YOUR NAME

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SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS: CHECK BOX IF YOU
HAVE WRITTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDRESS BECAUSE
YOU FEAR HARASSMENT OR HARM.

DEFENDANT,

_____ DRB _____

Related Cases:

PRINT OTHER PARTY'S NAME

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OTHER DEFENDANT.

**ANSWER CONSENTING TO THIRD PARTY CUSTODY ORDER -
MODIFIABLE ONLY BY AGREEMENT OR BY COURT ORDER**

I, _____, am the Defendant in this case.
PRINT YOUR NAME

1. I agree with ALL of the statements regarding custody, numbered 1 - 13 in Plaintiff's Complaint for Custody and/or Access to Children.
2. *(If applicable)* I agree with the statements regarding child support, numbered 14 in Plaintiff's Complaint for Custody and/or Access to Children.

3. I understand the custody and visitation arrangement that Plaintiff is requesting and I consent to it.
4. I intend that this custody arrangement will remain in effect until (a) the child reaches majority, (b) Plaintiff and I agree to change it, or (c) a judge determines that a change in circumstances justifies a change in the custody arrangement.
5. I understand that signing this written consent answer has important consequences for me:
 - I am giving up the right to appear in court, where I could ask questions about my options concerning custody;
 - I am giving up my right to have a custody trial in which there could be a presumption that I should have custody of the child[ren] and Plaintiff would have to prove that he/she should have custody; AND
 - If I want greater custody rights in the future, and Plaintiff does not agree, I will have to prove that a change in circumstances justifies changing the custody arrangement, and in deciding my request, the judge would not presume that I should have custody of the child[ren].
6. I understand that there are alternatives to signing this type of consent:
 - I understand I could instead sign a power of attorney document giving Plaintiff authority to make decisions for the child[ren] with the condition that I can revoke my consent at any time;
 - I understand that I could consent to giving Plaintiff revocable custody instead; AND
 - I have decided to agree to this custody arrangement instead.
7. I agree to this custody arrangement voluntarily.
8. I also state that **THERE ARE NO CONTESTED ISSUES** for this Court to decide.

Request for Relief

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that the Court grant ALL the relief requested in Plaintiff's Complaint for Custody and/or Access to Children.

I ALSO REQUEST that the Court award any other relief it considers fair and proper.

[CHECK ONE]

I *do not* know of any proceedings in the District of Columbia or in any state or territory involving the same claim or subject matter as this case.

I *do* know of proceedings in the District of Columbia or in any state or territory involving the same claim or subject matter as this case, as listed on the first page of this Answer (“Related Cases”).

Respectfully Submitted,

SIGN YOUR NAME

DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

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I, _____, solemnly swear or affirm under criminal penalties for the making of a false statement that I have read the foregoing Consent Answer to Complaint for Custody and/or Access to Children and that the factual statements made in it are true to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

SIGN YOUR NAME

DATE

PRINT YOUR NAME