

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

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STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

_____ DRB _____

JUDGE: _____

PLAINTIFF,

v.

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PRINT OTHER PARTY'S NAME

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OTHER DEFENDANT.

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.
9. I do ☐ / 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**. Please list s docket number for cases involving the same claim or subject matter.

Court	Case Number	Case Type

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.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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1. I certify that on _____ I served copies of _____ to:

DATE OF SERVICE

NAME(S) OF PLEADING(S)

☐ the other party, _____ **or**
NAME OF OTHER PARTY

☐ the other party's attorney, _____, who represents _____.
NAME OF ATTORNEY NAME OF OTHER PARTY

2. I delivered copies of the papers by: [CHECK ONE]

☐ **handing them to the other party.**

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☐ **leaving them with a person of suitable age and discretion** who lived with the other party at:

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This place is the other party's ☐ TEMPORARY RESIDENCE.

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SPECIFY OTHER TYPE OF RESIDENCE

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