



year. Plf.'s Mot. For Alternative Service ¶¶ 4-5. She also represents that neither she nor any of her family members has any contact information for him, including a physical address, work address, email address, phone number, or social media account. *Id.* at ¶¶ 7, 11. Ms. Tadesse further writes that she does not have contact information for any of Mr. Tesfazghi's family members, and that she posted a notice to her Facebook account seeking information about him and did not receive any responses. *Id.* at ¶¶ 9, 12. Ms. Tadesse writes that she has no reason to believe that Mr. Tesfazghi is or recently has been in the United States. *Id.* at ¶ 6. She further represents that the cost of publishing would cause her substantial hardship, as she receives Medicaid/DC Healthcare Alliance benefits and qualified for an *in forma pauperis* waiver to file her case with this Court. *Id.* at 3.

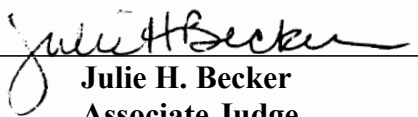
Based on the foregoing, the Court finds that Ms. Tadesse has made diligent efforts to locate Mr. Tesfazghi. In addition, the Court finds that Ms. Tadesse has demonstrated that publication pursuant to SCR-Dom. Rel. Rule 4(f) would impose a substantial financial hardship. *See* D.C. Code § 13-340(a). Therefore, the Court authorizes service by posting of the below notice for a period of twenty-one days in the Clerk's office of the Family Division.

Accordingly, based on the record of this case, it is this 11th day of August, 2022, hereby **ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Alternative Service is **GRANTED**. It is further **ORDERED** that the attached notice shall be posted in the Clerk's Office of the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and on its website for a period of twenty-one calendar days in order to serve Defendant Berhane Tesfazghi, and notify him of the present action in which he is a party. It is further

**ORDERED** that the initial hearing scheduled for September 2, 2022 is **VACATED**. It is further

**ORDERED** that parties shall appear **in person** for an initial hearing on October 28, 2022 at 10:15am in Courtroom 101 (500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001). **This will be your only notice. You will not receive a reminder by email.** Failure to appear may result in issuance of a default, a dismissal, or sanctions. It is further

**ORDERED** that if Mr. Tesfazghi does not file a responsive pleading within twenty (20) days of receiving notice from posting pursuant to SCR-Dom. Rel. Rule 12(a), the Court will enter default by order against him.



**Julie H. Becker**  
**Associate Judge**

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*Defendant*

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FAMILY DIVISION  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH**

<b>GENET TADESSE</b>	:	<b>Case No. 2022 DRB 1580</b>
<i>Plaintiff,</i>	:	
	:	
<b>v.</b>	:	
	:	
<b>BERHANE TESFAZGHI</b>	:	<b>Judge Julie H. Becker</b>
<i>Defendant.</i>	:	
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**NOTICE OF CUSTODY PROCEEDING**

**BERHANE TESFAZGHI**, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a petition for custody of the children Afomey Tesfazghi (DOB: 11/22/2008) and Amanuel Tesfazghi (DOB: 10/28/2005) has been filed in the above-captioned matter.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS PETITION, you must file a written objection with the Court within twenty (20) days of receiving notice and prior to the hearing scheduled for October 28, 2022 at 10:15am in Courtroom 101 (500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001). If you do not file a written objection within twenty (20) days of receiving notice, default may be entered against you. Your objection should be directed to the Domestic Relations Branch Clerk, Family Court, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS PETITION, you may consent to the relief sought prior to the hearing scheduled for October 28, 2022 at 10:15am. For more information on how to file a consent answer, please contact the Self-Help Center, phone number (202) 879-0096 and located at JM-570, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.

FAILURE TO RESPOND IN THIS MATTER MAY RESULT IN THE ENTRANCE OF A PERMANENT CUSTODY ORDER WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION.