

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT

TIFFANY SMITH	:	
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	Case No.: 2025 DRB 666
	:	Magistrate Judge Julie R. Breslow
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RANEHJA JOHNSON	:	
	:	
AND	:	
	:	
UNKNOWN FATHER,	:	
Defendants.	:	

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF’S ORAL MOTION FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE
BY POSTING ON THE UNKNOWN FATHER**

This matter is before the Court upon consideration of Plaintiff Tiffany Smith (“Plaintiff”) oral Motion for Alternative Service by Posting on Defendant Unknown Father (“Defendant”). The instant case involves a Complaint for Third Party Custody for one Minor Child. Defendant Father’s identity and whereabouts are unknown.

ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Oral Motion for Alternative Service by Posting is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff may serve Defendant, the unknown father of the Minor Child, S.J. (DOB: 2/22/2025) by posting on the Superior Court for the District of Columbia’s website for a period of twenty-one (21) calendar days and in the Domestic Relations Clerk’s Office, starting with the date of this order; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that if Defendant Unknown Father does not file a responsive pleading within twenty-one (21) days after service pursuant to the Rules Governing Domestic Relations Proceedings, Rule 12(a), Plaintiff may file a motion for default and the Court may enter default by order and may convert the next hearing into a default/*ex parte* hearing to take

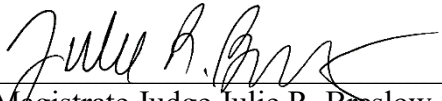
testimony from Plaintiff and file a final judgment without Defendant Unknown Father's participation, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that if Plaintiff is seeking a default judgment, prior to the next scheduling hearing, Plaintiff shall file an Affidavit in Compliance with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that a status hearing on Plaintiff's Complaint for Third-Party Custody is scheduled for **September 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** before Magistrate Judge Julie R. Breslow remotely on WebEx 99. Instructions on how to appear remotely are attached to this order; Defendant Ranehja Johnson and Defendant Unknown Father may appear remotely if they wish; and it is

SO ORDERED.

May 15, 2025
Date


Magistrate Judge Julie R. Breslow
District of Columbia Superior Court

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NOTICE OF CUSTODY PROCEEDING

UNKNOWN FATHER, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a complaint for third party custody has been filed in the above-captioned matter. The mother of the child is Ranehja Johnson.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS COMPLAINT, you must file a written objection with the Court within twenty-one (21) days, and appear for the status hearing scheduled for **September 15, 2025, at 2.p.m.on Webex 99 or in-person in Courtroom HR-99 of the Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001**, that will be held remotely due to the coronavirus pandemic. Instructions to appear remotely are stated below and can be obtained in writing by contacting the chambers of Judge Breslow at MagistrateJudgeBreslowChambers@dcsc.gov in advance of the hearing. If you do not file a written objection within twenty-one (21) days or appear at the hearing, default may be entered against you, the hearing may be converted to a default/*ex parte* proof hearing and judgment may be entered without further proceedings. Your objection should be emailed to FamilyCourtCIC@dcsc.gov, and directed to the Domestic Relations Branch Clerk, Family Court, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS COMPLAINT, you may consent to the relief sought prior to the hearing scheduled for **September 15, 2025, at 2.p.m on Webex 99 or in-person in Courtroom HR-99 of the Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001**. For more information on how to file a Consent Answer, please contact the Family Court Self-Help Center by telephone (202) 879-0096.

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A REMOTE HEARING:

The Court prefers participation by video and below are two options to attend by video. If a participant does not have a device that allows for video participation, participating by telephone is acceptable, and there is one option to do so below. Should you encounter any difficulties, please email MagistrateJudgeBreslowChambers@dcsc.gov

PLEASE NOTE:

When you log in to the remote courtroom, there may already be a hearing in progress. Please wait for the courtroom clerk to address you and mute your video/phone whenever you are not speaking.

**** Or****

The Courtroom may be “locked” and you will be put into a “lobby” and the Courtroom clerk will admit you to the courtroom at the appropriate time

To access the remote courtroom by computer with video (two options):

- (1) Open Web Browser in Google Chrome and copy and paste following address:
<https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb99>

OR

- (2) Open Web Browser in Google Chrome and copy and paste following address:
<https://dccourts.webex.com>. Select JOIN, enter ACCESS CODE: **129 820 3161 #**
(you may have to hit # a second time)

To access the remote courtroom by smartphone or tablet with video:

Go to App Store, Download WebEx App (Cisco WebEx Meetings), Select Join Meeting, Enter URL: <https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb99>, enter your name and e-mail.

To access the remote courtroom by phone, no video:

Call 1 (202) 860-2110 and enter ACCESS CODE **129 820 3161#**, then hit # again.

INSTRUCCIONES PARA PARTICIPAR EN UNA AUDIENCIA A DISTANCIA:

El Tribunal prefiere la participación por video. A continuación, se presentan dos opciones para comparecer por video. Si un participante no tiene un dispositivo que permita la participación por video, se acepta la participación por teléfono, y se presenta una opción para hacerlo a continuación. Si tiene alguna dificultad, envíe un mensaje por correo electrónico a MagistrateJudgeBreslowChambers@dcsc.gov.

POR FAVOR TENGA EN CUENTA:

Cuando ingrese a la sala del Tribunal a distancia, es posible que ya haya una audiencia en curso. Por favor, espere a que el secretario de la sala se dirija a usted y silencie su video/teléfono en todo momento que no esté hablando.

****O****

La sala puede estar “cerrada”. En ese caso, se le dirigirá a un “vestíbulo” y el secretario de la sala lo admitirá en la sala en el momento correspondiente.

Para acceder a la sala a distancia por computadora con video (dos opciones):

- (1) Abra el navegador web en Google Chrome y copie/pegue la siguiente dirección:
<https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb99>

O

- (2) Abra el navegador web en Google Chrome y copie/pegue la siguiente dirección:
<https://dccourts.webex.com>. Seleccione JOIN (entrar) y escribe el CÓDIGO DE ACCESO: **129 820 3161 #** (es posible que tenga que escribir # dos veces)

Para acceder a la sala a distancia mediante un teléfono inteligente o una tableta con video:

Vaya a la App Store, descargue la aplicación de WebEx (Cisco WebEx Meetings), seleccione Join Meeting (entrar a reunión), escriba la URL: <https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctb99>, y escriba su nombre y correo electrónico.

Para acceder a la sala a distancia por teléfono, sin video:

Llame al (202) 860-2110 y marque el CÓDIGO DE ACCESO **129 820 3161#** y marque # de nuevo.