

**MICSUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH**

DORIS CAROLINA PINEDA AYALA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ELIFAS ISAI PORTILLO MARTINEZ,

Defendant.

**Case No. 2019 DRB 001103
Judge STEVEN M WELLNER**

ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

This case came before the Court on May 16, 2019, for an initial hearing on Plaintiff's Complaint for Custody of minor child [REDACTED] (the "minor child"). Plaintiff represented herself. Defendant failed to appear, but Plaintiff testified that she had been unable to serve him by traditional means.

At the hearing on May 16, 2019, Plaintiff described the efforts she has made to locate Defendant and to serve copies of the Complaint and Summons on Defendant and made an oral motion for alternative service. The Court concluded that she met the requirements for alternative service and granted her oral motion. *See* D.C. SCR-Dem. Rel. Rule 4(c)(3), (c)(4), (f) and (g); D.C. Code §§ 13-336, 13-338, 13-340; *see generally Bearstop v. Bearstop*, 377 A.2d 405, 408 (D.C. 1977) (plaintiff must exhaust all fruitful bases "for further inquiry by one truly bent on learning the present whereabouts of the Defendant").

Therefore, the Court authorizes Plaintiff to serve process on Defendant as follows:

1. The Clerk of the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia will post the following order in its office.
2. The Clerk will post the same order on the Court's website.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the **Clerk of the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia SHALL POST** the following Order in its Office and on the Court's website for a period of twenty-one calendar days:

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Case No. 2019 DRB 001103

Doris Carolina Pineda Ayala, Plaintiff

Versus

Elifas Isai Portillo Martinez, Defendant

Plaintiff Doris Carolina Pineda Ayala filed a Complaint for Custody of minor child [REDACTED] against Defendant Elifas Isai Portillo Martinez on March 29, 2019.


The Court will hold a hearing on this request on August 2, 2019, at 9:15 a.m., in Courtroom 101 at 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. If Defendant does not appear at the hearing or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint, the Court may grant Plaintiff's request without further proceedings.

So ordered on May 20, 2019.

Judge Steven M. Wellner, Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: May 20, 2019


STEVEN M WELLNER
Associate Judge

By U.S. Mail:

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Plaintiff

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Defendant