IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
_____ COUNTY, ILLINOIS

_____,	)	
	)	
Petitioner *(your name)*,	)	
	)	
and	)	Case No. _____
	)	
_____,	)	
	)	
Respondent *(the other parent's name)*.	)	

Instructions: Use this form to ask the Court to allocate parental responsibilities (significant decision-making responsibility and/or parenting time) of your child(ren). You should file this form in the county where the child(ren) lives.

You can use this form if all of these things are true:

- You are the mother or father of the child(ren);
- Legal parentage of the child(ren) has already been established by court order (including any divorce order that describe the child(ren) as "child(ren) of the marriage") or by signing of a valid Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity (VAP) for the child(ren);
- You are not currently married to the Respondent (the other parent); and
- The child(ren) have certain connections to Illinois. (See section 4F of this form for more information.)

If you are asking the court to change an order that already exists, you should use a different form.

NOTE: If someone has court ordered guardianship of your child(ren), you cannot use this form and you should talk to a lawyer about your options.

PETITION FOR ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINOR CHILD(REN)

I, _____ *(your name)*, Petitioner, ask this Court to enter an Order allocating parental responsibilities of the minor child(ren) listed in this Petition. In support of this Petition, I state as follows:

1. Information about me:

Name	Address	Age	Employer	Occupation

☐ There is a history of domestic violence and listing my address and employer is not in the best interests of me and/or my child(ren).

2. Information about Respondent (the other parent):

(List as much information as you know. If you don't know something, write "I don't know.")

Name	Address	Age	Employer	Occupation

3. Residency (*check all that apply*):

☐ I live in Illinois. I have lived in Illinois since _____ *(date)*.

☐ Respondent (the other parent) lives in Illinois. Respondent (the other parent) has lived in Illinois since _____ *(date)*.

4. Our child(ren)

A. I am asking the Court to enter an order about the following child(ren) the Respondent (the other parent) and I have together:

Name or initials of child	**Age**	**Currently lives with** *(me, Respondent, etc.)*
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

(Attach additional pages if needed)

B. I am the ☐ mother / ☐ father *(check one)* of the child(ren).

C. Parentage

(Check all that apply, but choose only one option for each child. If neither option applies, you cannot use this form.)

☐ Parentage of _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* was established by Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity (VAP) signed by both me and Respondent (the other parent).

☐ Parentage of _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* was established by court or administrative order in case number _____ *(list case number)* in _____ *(list county and state).*

D. Unborn Child(ren)

i. *Choose one option below if you are the mother:*

☐ I am currently pregnant and believe that Respondent (the other parent) is the father.

☐ I am currently pregnant and believe that Respondent (the other parent) is not the father.

☐ I am not pregnant.

ii. *Choose one option below if you are the father:*

☐ Respondent (the other parent) is pregnant and I believe that I am the father.

☐ Respondent (the other parent) is pregnant and I believe that I am not the father.

☐ To the best of my knowledge, Respondent (the other parent) is not currently pregnant.

☐ I do not know whether Respondent (the other parent) is currently pregnant.

E. Child(ren)'s Living Arrangements During the Last 5 Years.

The child(ren) has/have lived at the following addresses during the last 5 years. *(If there is more than one child and the children have lived apart at any time during the last 5 years, then attach additional pages. If you do not know some of this information, write "I don't know.")*

Name(s) of Child(ren): _____

From *(date)*	**To** *(date)*	**Address** *(street address, city, state, zip code and county)*	**Lived with** *(me, Respondent, etc.)*
	Current		

(Attach additional pages if needed)

☐ There is a history of domestic violence and listing the child(ren)'s address(es) is not in the best interests

of me and/or my child(ren).

F. Jurisdiction

(Check all that apply, but choose only one option for each child. If none of these choices is true, then you cannot use this form.)

☐ _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* is/are **older than** 6 months old and has/have lived in Illinois for at least 6 consecutive months within the past 12 months.

☐ _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* is/are **younger than** 6 months old and has/have lived in Illinois since birth.

☐ Neither of the choices above apply to _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* and the child(ren) have not lived in a state other than Illinois for at least 6 consecutive months within the past 12 months, but the child(ren) and at least one parent have significant connections to Illinois and there is substantial information about the child(ren) available in Illinois.

G. Other People Claiming Rights to the Child(ren) *(check only one option)*:

☐ No one other than me and Respondent (the other parent) claims to have rights to make important decisions for, care for, or spend time with the child(ren).

☐ Someone other than me and Respondent (the other parent) claims to have rights to make important decisions for, care for, or spend time with the child(ren). That person(s) is/are _____ *(names)*.

H. Other Court Cases Affecting the Child(ren) *(check only one option)*:

☐ No other court cases: I do not know of any other court cases or orders in Illinois or any other state that might affect the child(ren) (such as orders of protection, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, allocation of parental responsibilities, child or spousal support, adoption, termination of parental rights, cases involving DCFS, etc.).

☐ Other court cases: I know of the following court cases, both pending and closed, that might affect the child(ren) (such as orders of protection, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, allocation of parental responsibilities, child or spousal support, adoption, termination of parental rights, cases involving DCFS, etc.):

County & State	Case number	Kind of case *(paternity, custody, etc.)*

(Attach additional pages if needed)

I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the Court of any legal proceeding in Illinois or any other state that could affect allocation of parental responsibilities. This means that I must let the Court know if I find out about any other court case in Illinois or any other state that could affect my child(ren).

5. Allocation of Significant Decision-Making Responsibilities

I am asking the Court to allocate significant decision-making responsibilities for the child(ren) as follows (*check only one option*):

☐ I have all decision-making: It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility for the child(ren) be allocated to me.

☐ Respondent (the other parent) has all decision-making: It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility for the child(ren) be awarded to Respondent (the other parent).

☐ Respondent and I share decision-making: It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that temporary and permanent significant decision-making responsibility for the child(ren) be allocated to both me and Respondent (the other parent).

☐ I am not asking the court to make a decision about significant-decision making responsibility.

6. Allocation of Parenting Time

I am asking the Court to allocate parenting time as follows *(check only one option)*:

☐ Both parents have parenting time: It is the best interests of the child(ren) that I be allocated temporary and permanent parenting time with the child(ren), and that Respondent (the other parent) be allocated either unrestricted or restricted parenting time.

☐ I have all of the parenting time: It is in the best interests of the children that I be allocated all of the temporary and permanent parenting time with the child(ren), and that Respondent (the other parent) not be allocated parenting time.

7. Child Support

A. *(check only one)*

☐ I am asking the Court to order child support including, if appropriate, support back to the birth of the child and/or birth expenses.

☐ A child support order has been entered for the support of _____ *(child(ren)'s name(s) or initials)* in case number _____ *(case number)* entered in _____ *(county and state)*.

☐ I am not asking the court to order child support.

☐ I am asking the court to reserve child support.

B. Information about me:

i. I am ☐ employed / ☐ unemployed *(check one).*

ii. I am ☐ able / ☐ unable *(check one)* to help support our child(ren).

C. Information about Respondent (the other parent):

i. Respondent (the other parent) is ☐ employed / ☐ unemployed *(check one).*

ii. Respondent (the other parent) is ☐ able / ☐ unable *(check one)* to help support our child(ren).

RELIEF REQUESTED:

Therefore, I am asking the Court to enter an order which provides as follows (*check all that apply*):

A. Allocation of Significant Decision-Making Responsibility (*check the same option that you chose in section 5 above):*

☐ That temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility for the minor child(ren) be allocated to me.

☐ That temporary and permanent sole significant decision-making responsibility for the minor child(ren) be allocated to Respondent.

☐ That temporary and permanent significant decision-making authority be allocated to both me and Respondent (the other parent).

☐ I am not asking the Court to enter an order allocating significant decision-making responsibility.

B. Allocation of Parenting Time *(check the same option that you chose in section 6 above)*:

☐ That temporary and permanent parenting time be allocated to me, and either restricted or unrestricted parenting time be allocated to Respondent (the other parent).

☐ That all temporary and permanent parenting time be allocated to me, and that no parenting time be allocated to Respondent (the other parent).

C. Child Support *(check the same option you chose in section 7 above)*:

- ☐ That Respondent (the other parent) pay child support to me.
- ☐ That I pay child support to Respondent (the other parent).
- ☐ I am not asking the Court to order child support.
- ☐ I am asking the Court to reserve child support

D. Any other appropriate relief.

CERTIFICATION

Under the penalties for perjury provided by Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, I certify that my statements in this document are true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____