

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

_____ Unit

_____ Docket No.

Plaintiff		v.		Defendant	
Name	DOB / /			Name	DOB / /
Street Address				Street Address	
Apt. or P.O. Box Number				Apt. or P.O. Box Number	
City	State			City	State
Zip				Zip	
Plaintiff's E-Mail Address				Defendant's E-Mail Address	
Phone (Daytime)	Phone (Evening)			Phone (Daytime)	Phone (Evening)
Attorney Name and Phone Number				Attorney Name and Phone Number	

SUMMONS

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: _____
Name of Defendant

1. PLAINTIFF _____ HAS FILED A COMPLAINT TO
Name of Plaintiff

ESTABLISH PARENTAGE AND RELATED OBLIGATIONS for certain minor children.
 The children are named in the Plaintiff s complaint which begins on the next page. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights.

2. TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS YOU SHOULD REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS. Your written response is called an Answer. You can get an official court form for an Answer to a Parentage Complaint at any Vermont family division or on the Judiciary web site at:
<http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/eforms/default.aspx>

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be granted everything requested in the complaint, you should say so in your answer.

4. IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN ANSWER OR FILE AN APPEARANCE, THE COURT IS NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY YOU OF HEARINGS IN THIS MATTER. If you do not attend the court hearings, the Plaintiff may receive everything requested in the complaint. You will not get a chance to tell your side of the story.

5. YOU MUST GIVE OR SEND A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER TO THE PLAINTIFF at the address listed above. If the Plaintiff has an attorney, you must give or send a copy of your answer to the Plaintiff s attorney.

6. YOU MUST GIVE OR SEND YOUR ORIGINAL ANSWER TO THE COURT at this address:

Insert Address of Family Court

7. LEGAL ASSISTANCE: You may wish to get help from a lawyer. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still give the court a written Answer to protect your rights.

Court Clerk	Date
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**COMPLAINT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PARENTAGE
AND RELATED OBLIGATIONS**

FACTUAL INFORMATION

The Plaintiff states that the following facts are true:

1. Minor Children:

The children who are the subject of this parentage action are:

Name of Child	DOB	Name of Child	DOB
Name of Child	DOB	Name of Child	DOB
Name of Child	DOB	Name of Child	DOB

2. Plaintiff is:

- The biological or adoptive mother of the children named above;
- The biological or adoptive father of the children named above;
- A child named above;
- A personal representative of a child named above;
- Other: _____

3. Defendant is:

- The biological or adoptive mother of the children named above;
- The biological or adoptive father of the children named above;
- Other: _____

4. UCCJA Jurisdiction: Information required under 15 V.S.A. § 1037

(A) During the last five years the children listed above have lived at the following addresses with the following household members:
(Begin with the child's residence just before this court case started and list all addresses for the past five years.)

Address Include street, city and state	Dates From when to when	Names of all persons living in the household with the child

Use an additional page if you need more space. If children have lived at different addresses from each other please indicate the addresses for each child.

- (B) **If the current address of any household member listed in the last column is different from the address listed above, please provide a current address for that person in the box above or on another page.**

(C) **Please check the box below if the statement next to it is true. For each box you check, please explain your answer on another page.**

- I have participated as a party, witness, or in some other way in a court case about the custody of this child or these children in Vermont or another state.
- I have information about a case concerning this child or these children that is now pending in a Vermont court or a court in another state.
- I have knowledge about a person who is not a party to this case who has physical custody of this child or these children or who claims to have custody of or visitation rights with this child or these children.

5. Public Assistance:

- I receive public assistance from the Division of Economic Services (DES).
(Examples: Food Stamps; Reach Up)
- Defendant receives public assistance from the Division of Economic Services.

6. Earlier actions for parentage, divorce, annulment or separate support:

- I have not filed for establishment of parentage, divorce, legal separation, annulment or separate support in any court against the defendant AND, as far as I know, the defendant has not brought an action for divorce, legal separation, civil union, annulment or separate support against me.
- I have filed or the Defendant has filed for establishment of parentage, divorce, legal separation, annulment or separate support before the date of the filing of this petition.
(If you check this box, you must complete the information below. Use an additional page if necessary.)

Type of Action	Who Filed	Where Filed (Court, County, State)	Year Filed

Please attach a copy of any Court Order issued in a case listed above.

7. Relief from abuse or protective order proceedings:

- I have not filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against defendant AND, as far as I know, the defendant has not filed such an action against me.
- I have filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against this defendant OR defendant has filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against me. *(If you check this box, you must complete the information below. Use an additional page if necessary.)*

Type of Action	Who Filed	Where Filed (Court, County, State)	Year Filed

Please attach a copy of any Court Order issued in a case listed above.

8. Military Service:

- Defendant is in the military service.
- Defendant is not in the military service.
- I am in the military service.
- I am not in the military service.

9. Verification

- My parentage affidavit (Form No. 818) is attached in support of the facts alleged in this complaint.
- A certified copy of a Voluntary Acknowledgment of Parentage is attached.
- A copy of a genetic testing report is attached.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

I ask that the Family Court grant the following requests:

(check each box that applies)

- 1. Parentage Order: A finding that the parties are the parents of the child(ren) named in section one of this complaint.**
- 2. Parental Right and Responsibilities**
Legal parental rights and responsibilities:
 - Shared jointly
 - Given solely to Plaintiff; Defendant**Physical parental rights and responsibilities**
 - Shared jointly
 - Given solely to Plaintiff; Defendant
- 3. Parent Child Contact for Plaintiff; Defendant**
- 4. Child support and medical support for the minor children.**
- 5. Court costs.**
- 6. Attorney fees.**
- 7. I have attached a written agreement signed by Defendant and myself. I ask that the court issue an order that includes the provisions of our written agreement. (In order to qualify for the reduced filing fee, the attached agreement must cover all the issues that the plaintiff seeks to have the court resolve.)**

I hereby swear or affirm that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
Signature of Plaintiff		Date / /
Printed Name		
Signed and sworn to before me:		
Date / /	Signature of Notary Public	Expiration Date / /