

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
_____ Unit

FAMILY DIVISION
Case No. _____

Plaintiff

Defendant

Name	DOB		Name	DOB
		v.		

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE and INTENT TO REPRESENT MYSELF

I do not have an attorney and will represent myself. If I decide to be represented by an attorney in the future, my attorney will notify the court of the change.

In representing myself, I understand that I **MUST**:

1. **Notify the court in writing of any changes in my mailing address, phone number, or email address.**
2. **Give or send copies of any papers I file with the court to every other party in this case. If another party has an attorney, I will give or send copies to that party's attorney.**
3. **File a certificate of service with the court certifying that I have sent the papers I am filing (including this form) to all parties. I understand that I can find that form on the Vermont Judiciary website <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/> or at the courthouse.**

Court Notices and Orders

I understand that the court will send all notices and orders to me at the mailing address provided below.

Documents from Other Parties in the Case

I understand that the other parties in the case are required to provide me with a copy of all documents they file with the court. If I consent, the other parties may send me documents by email instead of by mail.

I consent to receive documents from the other parties at the email provided below:

☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

My Mailing Address:

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (day): _____

Email Address: _____

MOTION TO MODIFY PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES and/or PARENT CHILD CONTACT

1. I am the ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
2. I request that the Court modify the current court order issued on *(date)* _____.
☐ By this Court
☐ By another Court: *(name & address of Court)* _____
3. **Mediation**
- a. The order currently in effect requires the parties to mediate any dispute before returning to court to request a modification of the order:
☐ Yes
☐ No
- b. The parties have attended mediation in order to try to resolve this dispute:
☐ Yes
☐ No

PLEASE NOTE: If there is a provision in your current order that requires mediation, you must try to resolve your dispute through mediation before returning to court unless there is immediate danger to your child(ren) that requires immediate intervention by the Court.

4. The children who are the subject of this order are:

Name	DOB	Name	DOB
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

5. **Parental Rights and Responsibilities**

- a. Modification
- ☐ I am **not** requesting a change in legal or physical parental rights and responsibilities. *(Please go to paragraph 6.)*
- ☐ I am requesting the parental rights and responsibilities be changed so that: *(Please describe the change you are looking for)*

- b. Under the current order, legal parental rights and responsibilities are held:

- ☐ Jointly by both parents
- ☐ Primarily or Solely by: _____

And physical parental rights and responsibilities are held:

- ☐ Jointly by both parents
- ☐ Primarily or Solely by: _____

6. Parent Child Contact Schedule

a. Modification

- ☐ I am **not** requesting a change in the parent child contact schedule. *(If you check this box, please go to paragraph 7.)*
- ☐ I am requesting that the schedule be changed as follows: *(Please describe the change you are looking for*

b. Current Order

Under the current order, the schedule of parent child contact is *(please describe)*:

7. Parent Child Contact Conditions

a. Modification

- ☐ I am not requesting a change in conditions
- ☐ I am requesting that the conditions of contact be changed as follows: *(Please describe the change you are looking for)*

b. Current Order

Under the current order, the conditions of parent child contact are *(please describe)*:

8. Change in Circumstances

The change I am requesting is necessary because there has been a real, substantial, and unanticipated change in circumstances since the current order.

REQUEST TO THE COURT

I request that the court:

- ☐ Modify Parental Rights and Responsibilities as described above.
- ☐ Modify the schedule of Parent Child Contact as described above.
- ☐ Modify the conditions of Parent Child Contact as described above.
- ☐ Grant any other relief this Court determines is appropriate.

AFFIDAVIT

Please **briefly** describe what has changed since the last order with a more detailed description.
In support of the motion, I state the following facts:

I declare that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the above statement is false, I will be subject to the penalty of perjury or other sanctions of the court.

Date

Signature

Printed Name
