

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

Unit

FAMILY DIVISION

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff Name		Defendant Name
	v.	

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT  
AND COUNTERCLAIM**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

I am the Defendant in this case. This is my answer to the facts in the Plaintiff's Complaint: *(Please refer to the Plaintiff's Complaint and check whether you agree or disagree with the facts in each paragraph of the Complaint.)*

	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
1. Minor Child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Relationship of Plaintiff to Child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Relationship of Defendant to the Child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Other possible parents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Facts related to the UCCJEA Jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Public Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Earlier Actions for Parentage or Separate Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Relief from Abuse or Protective Order Proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Military Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you disagree with any of the facts in Plaintiff's Complaint, please write the paragraph number below and state the facts you believe to be true:

## COUNTER CLAIM

**Quick Reference Guide: NOTE if you are unsure if you meet the criteria to be established as a "parent", seek legal advice before submitting this Complaint with the Court.**

**"Presumed parent"** means a person who is married to the person who gave birth to the child(ren) during the marriage or a person who is married to the person who gave birth to the child(ren) and the child(ren) is/are born no later than 300 days after the marriage is terminated.

**"Acknowledged parent"** means a person who has given birth to the child(ren) or who is the alleged genetic parent that has signed a Voluntary Acknowledgement of Parentage form.

**"Adjudicated parent"** means a person who has been adjudicated by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be a parent of a child(ren).

**"De Facto Parent"** is a person who has resided with the child(ren) as a regular member of the household for a significant period of time

**"Intended parent"** is a person, whether married or unmarried, who manifests the intent to be legally bound as a parent of a child(ren) resulting from assisted reproduction or a gestational carrier agreement

**I ask that the Family Court grant the following requests** *(check each box that applies)*

1. ☐ **Parentage Order:** A finding that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Name*  
\_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable) are the parents of the child(ren) named in the complaint.  
*Name*

2. ☐ **Parental Right and Responsibilities**

**Legal parental rights and responsibilities:**

- ☐ Shared jointly  
☐ Given solely to ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant ☐ Other

**Physical parental rights and responsibilities:**

- ☐ Shared jointly  
☐ Given solely to ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant ☐ Other

3. ☐ **Parent Child Contact for** ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant ☐ Other

**4. Name change of child(ren)**

☐ Not seeking name change

☐ Order that the names of the child(ren) be changed

Is now \_\_\_\_\_ changed to \_\_\_\_\_

Is now \_\_\_\_\_ changed to \_\_\_\_\_

Is now \_\_\_\_\_ changed to \_\_\_\_\_

Is now \_\_\_\_\_ changed to \_\_\_\_\_

Is now \_\_\_\_\_ changed to \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ **Order Genetic Testing**

6. ☐ **Child support and medical support for the minor child(ren)**

7. ☐ **Court costs**

8. ☐ **Attorney fees**

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name