

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FAMILY COURT  
Domestic Relations Branch**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT PLAINTIFF'S NAME

PLAINTIFF,

DR \_\_\_\_\_

v.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT DEFENDANT'S NAME

DEFENDANT.

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY and/or ACCESS TO CHILDREN**

**Does the Other Party Consent to this Motion?  yes  no**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the  PLAINTIFF in this case.  
PRINT YOUR NAME  DEFENDANT

**1. I believe it is in the best interests of the child(ren) for temporary custody to be as follows: [CHECK ONE]**

- According to our written agreement.
- Joint legal custody & joint physical custody to me and the other party.
- Joint legal custody & sole physical custody.  
[Sole *physical* custody  TO ME  
 TO THE OTHER PARTY]
- Sole legal custody & joint physical custody.  
[Sole *legal* custody  TO ME  
 TO THE OTHER PARTY]
- Sole legal custody & sole physical custody.  
[Sole *legal and physical* custody  TO ME  
 TO THE OTHER PARTY]

The presumption in favor of joint custody does not apply because there has been:

- domestic violence.
- child abuse.
- child neglect.
- parental kidnapping.

*OR*

- because joint custody is not in the best interest of the child(ren).

**2. I believe it is in the best interests of the child(ren) for the other party to be with the child(ren) in this way:**

- The other party and I will agree to a reasonable schedule.
- A specific schedule needs to be set.
- The other party's access to the children needs to be supervised.
- The other party should have no access to the children at all.

**3. My reasons for asking this Court to do this are**

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**Request for Relief**

**I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that** the Court award temporary custody of the child(ren) as requested above until the Court issues a final custody order in this case.

**I ALSO REQUEST that the Court award any other relief it considers fair and proper.**

I  Do  Do NOT request an oral hearing in front of the judge on this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGN YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER

SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS: CHECK BOX IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDRESS BECAUSE YOU FEAR HARASSMENT OR HARM.

**If by consent:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER PARTY'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear or affirm under criminal penalties for the making of a false statement that I have read the foregoing Motion for Temporary Custody and/or Access to Children and that the factual statements made in it are true to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGN YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT YOUR NAME

**POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF  
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY and/or ACCESS TO CHILDREN**

In support of this Motion, I refer to:

- 1. Super. Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 7(b).
- 2. D.C. Code §§ 16-911(a)(5) and 16-914.
- 3. The record in this case.
- 4. The attached supporting document(s), if any.

[LIST ANY DOCUMENTS THAT YOU ARE ATTACHING]

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

PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF,

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\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT RESPONDENT'S/DEFENDANT'S NAME

RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT.

**RULE 5  
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SERVED THE OTHER PARTY, YOU CAN FILL OUT AND FILE THIS CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ON THE SAME DAY YOU FILE YOUR PAPERS.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SERVED THE OTHER PARTY, YOU MUST FILL OUT AND FILE THIS CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AFTER YOU SERVE THE OTHER PARTY.**

**I certify that I served a copy of my Motion for Temporary Custody and/or Access to Children to the other party or the other party's attorney on \_\_\_\_\_.**  
PRINT DATE OF SERVICE

**The papers were delivered [CHECK ONE]**

**by handing it to the other party**

**by first class mail to:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

**by fax to:**

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PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAX NUMBER

**by leaving a copy at the other party's workplace** with a clerk or person in charge, or because there was no one in charge, by leaving it in a conspicuous place:

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PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

**by leaving a copy at the other party's home** with a person of suitable age and discretion who lives there:

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PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

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STREET ADDRESS

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SIGN YOUR NAME

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DATE