



# DALLAS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Family Law Forms at the Law Library

One of the greatest resources for the pro se litigant at the Dallas County Law Library is our extensive collection of Texas family law forms. The Law Library offers family forms found on [texaslawhelp.org](http://texaslawhelp.org) that involve [Divorce](#), [Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship \(SAPCR\)](#), [Modification](#), [Name Change](#) and [Paternity](#).

Library staff have printed out the complete set of forms for each type of case and included some specific Dallas County additions, such as the [Dallas County Standing Orders](#) and [Citation by Posting or Publishing](#) which can be found on the Dallas County [District Clerk's](#) website. The packets include extensive instructions and are fill-in-the-blank. Texas Law Help designed these forms for self-representing litigants and is “dedicated to providing free and reliable legal information to Texans.”

[Texaslawhelp.org](http://texaslawhelp.org) has multiple legal resources and information and every page is now available in Spanish and Vietnamese. In addition to the [texaslawhelp.org](http://texaslawhelp.org) forms, the Law Library maintains a complete Texas family law collection in print. Library staff have printed out many of the frequently requested family forms for patrons to make copies of. These forms, such as the *Original Petition for Grandparent Possession or Access*, are templates that help patrons draft their own legal documents.

Patrons may also conduct their own research using the print collection, such as O'Connor's Family Law Forms and the State Bar of Texas Family Law Practice Manual.

If you have any questions about the Library's resources, please contact us at 214-653-7481

### Petition for Divorce (Set A)

NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA.

Cause Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(The Clerk's office will fill in the Cause Number and Court Number when you file this form.)

**In the Matter of the Marriage of**

**Petitioner:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Print first, middle and last name of the spouse filing for divorce.

And

**Respondent:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Print first, middle and last name of other spouse.

In the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Court Number)

- District Court
- County Court at Law

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

## Original Petition for Divorce

Print your answers.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

I am the **Petitioner**, the person asking for a divorce.

The last three numbers of my driver's license number are: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ . My driver's license was issued in (State) \_\_\_\_\_.

or  I do not have a driver's license number.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ .

or  I do not have a social security number.

My spouse's name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**My spouse is the Respondent.**

### 1. Discovery

#### 1A. Discovery Level.

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is: (Check one box.)

- Level 1. (Check here if you and your spouse have less than \$250,000 in property.)
- Level 2. (All other couples check here.)

#### 1B. Required Initial Disclosures

I understand that spouses in a divorce must usually exchange **initial disclosures** of the information and material described in Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 194.2.

Check all that apply.

- I believe my spouse and I will agree to waive the exchange of initial disclosures.
- This action involves domestic violence and is exempt from the required initial disclosure requirement.

### Petition for Divorce (Set B)

NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA.

Cause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of the Marriage of

In the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Court Number)

**Petitioner:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Print first, middle and last name of the spouse who filed for divorce.

And

- District Court
- County Court at Law

**Respondent:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Print first, middle and last name of other spouse.

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

And in the Interest of:

(Print the initials of each child you and your spouse have together who is under 18 or still in high school.)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

### Original Petition for Divorce

Print your answers.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

I am the **Petitioner**, the person asking for a divorce.

The last three numbers of my driver's license number are: ..... My driver's license was issued in (State): \_\_\_\_\_.

or  I do not have a driver's license number.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: \_\_\_\_ \_ .

or  I do not have a social security number.

My spouse's name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

My spouse is the **Respondent**.

#### 1. Discovery Level

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is Level 2.

#### 2. Legal Notice (Check one box.)

I think my spouse will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer). Do not send a sheriff, constable, or process server to serve my spouse with a copy of this Petition for Divorce at this time.

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server or clerk serve my spouse with this Petition for Divorce here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

If this is a work address, name of business: \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask the clerk to issue a Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to my spouse by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to **pay the fee** (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs if I am unable to pay the fee) and **arrange for service**.

I cannot find my spouse. I ask that my spouse be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for my spouse.

Texas Family Law Packets.



**STATE BAR OF TEXAS: TEXAS FAMILY LAW PRACTICE MANUAL, 2022 ed.****(Legal Template)**

	<b>SAMPLE ONLY</b>	
Original Petition for Grandparent Possession or Access		Form 44-2
 <b>Form 44-2</b> 		
<b>NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA</b>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>See § 6 of the Introduction in volume 1 of this manual concerning protection of sensitive data in filed documents.</p> </div>		
[Caption. See § 3 of the Introduction in volume 1 of this manual.]		
 <b>Original Petition for Grandparent Possession or Access</b> 		
<p><b>1. Discovery Level</b> <i>TRCP 190.1</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>1. Discovery Level</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Discovery in this case is intended to be conducted under [level 2/level 3] of rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. [If level 3, see form 5-1.]</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;"> <p>Include 2. if applicable.</p> </div>		
<p><b>2. Objection to Assignment of Case to Associate Judge</b> <i>§ 201.005</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>2. Objection to Assignment of Case to Associate Judge</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Petitioner[s] object[s] to the assignment of this matter to an associate judge for a trial on the merits or presiding at a jury trial.</p>		
<p><b>3. Parties</b> <i>§ 102.008(b)(3); TCPRC § 30.014</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>3. Parties</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">This suit is brought by [name of first petitioner] [include if applicable: and [name of second petitioner]], who [is/are] the [maternal/paternal] grandparent[s] of the child[ren] the subject of this suit. Petitioner[s] [has/have] standing to bring this suit as more fully detailed below.</p>		
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*Please visit the Law Library's website for more  
information about these resources.*

*Website: [dallascountylawlibrary](http://dallascountylawlibrary)*