

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THE ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM TO COMPLAINT FOR PATERNITY, CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT

NOTE: THE MAJORITY OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED ON THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND ON THE COMPLAINT FOR PATERNITY, CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME AND CHILD SUPPORT WITH WHICH YOU WERE SERVED.

HEADING:

Note: The heading on the Answer and Counterclaim should match the heading on the Complaint that you received.

- Enter the name of the county where the Complaint was filed. This is where you will file the Answer and Counterclaim.
- Enter the name of the plaintiff as it appears on the Complaint.
- Enter your name as it appears on the Complaint. You are the defendant.
- The clerk of the district court assigned a case number when the Complaint was filed. You must include the case number on any papers you file. It is found on the copy of the Complaint that you received.

The numbers below give instructions for completing the paragraphs with the same numbers in the Answer.

BODY OF ANSWER:

Enter your name as it appears on the Complaint in the first paragraph. This paragraph does not have a number.

Paragraph 1. Enter the paragraph numbers, separated by commas, from the Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support with which you agree.

Paragraph 2. Enter the paragraph numbers, separated by commas, from the Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support with which you disagree.

BODY OF COUNTERCLAIM:

Enter your full name in the first paragraph. This paragraph does not have a number.

The numbers below give instructions for completing the paragraphs with the same numbers in the Counterclaim.

Paragraph 1. Enter your address. NOTE: If your address is confidential under Nebraska or Federal law, enter only the county and state on this line and provide an alternative address for mailing of notices.

Paragraph 2. Enter the other party's address.

Paragraph 4. Enter the name(s) and year(s) of birth for the child(ren) whose custody and welfare will be affected by this proceeding.

Paragraph 5. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether paternity has or has not been previously established. If paternity has been established, enter the name of the county in which paternity was established and the case number in the spaces provided.

Paragraph 6. Check the appropriate box.

Paragraph 7. (a) Enter the names, dates, and addresses of person(s) that the child(ren) has/have lived with in the last 5 years.

(b) Check the appropriate box. IF you HAVE been a party or a witness in another proceeding concerning the custody or parenting time with the child(ren), enter the name of the court, the case number, and the date of the determination.

(c) Check the appropriate box. IF you DO know of any other actions or proceedings that could affect this action, enter the name of the court, the case number, the type of case, and determination. (This includes actions about domestic violence, protection orders, termination of parental rights, and adoptions.)

(d) Check the appropriate box. IF you DO know of any other person besides the other party in this action who has physical custody of the child(ren) or claims to have custody or parenting time rights, enter their names and addresses.

Paragraph 8. Enter either "I am" or "The other party is" to complete the statement.

Paragraph 10. Check the appropriate box. IF there ARE existing restraining orders, protection orders, or criminal no-contact orders regarding one or more of the parties, provide the type of case, the name of the court, case number, and date of each.

Paragraph 11. Check the appropriate box.

Paragraph 12. Check the appropriate box.

CLOSING PARAGRAPH:

(a) Enter the name of the party to be named as the natural father, and enter the name(s) of the minor child(ren) in this case.

(b) Enter the name of the party that you wish to receive physical custody of the child(ren).

SIGNATURE BLOCK:

- On the first line sign your first, middle, and last names.
- On the next line enter the date that you are signing.
- On the third line enter or print your first, middle and last names.
- On the fourth line enter your full street address/P.O. Box.
- On the fifth line enter your city, state, and ZIP code.
- On the sixth line enter your telephone number, including the area code.
- On the seventh line enter your e-mail address, if any.

NOTARY VERIFICATION STATEMENT:

- Enter the name of the county in which the document is being signed. Enter your first, middle and last names.
- **STOP - DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU ARE PRESENT IN FRONT OF A NOTARY.**
- The notary will then complete the remainder.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

- In the first, second and third blanks, print the day, month, and year when you mailed the copy of the Answer and Counterclaim to the Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time and Child Support to the other party.
- In the fourth blank, put the other party's full address, including the street address, city, state and ZIP code.
- Sign your name in the last blank.