

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PETITION FOR SPECIAL RELIEF

Note: The filing of a Petition for Special Relief is reserved for emergency situations only and is not to be used for the ultimate resolution of a custody situation. It is always better that the parties attempt to negotiate their differences through all other means possible prior to the filing of a petition.

***It is highly recommended that an attorney be contacted in order to determine the appropriateness of a petition and to provide representation in the scheduled proceeding.**

TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY ON THE FORM

STEP 1 – The Caption

Fill in the names of the parties and the docket number exactly how they appear on any existing custody complaint or custody order.

STEP 2 – The Petition

Line 1. You are the Petitioner. Put your name on the line.

Line 2. Circle whether there is or is not a custody order and indicate the date of the order.

Line 3. Circle whether a custody complaint or petition to modify has or has not been filed along with this petition for special relief.

Line 4. Fill in the child(ren) information on the Confidential Information Form first column. (204 Pa.Code § 213.81)

Line 5. Describe the events and/or situation that you believe present immediate safety concerns for the child(ren).

Line 6. Circle whether Children & Youth Services has or has not been notified of the allegations described in this petition.

Line 7. Describe what type of custody order you are requesting the court to enter.

STEP 3 – Signature

Sign and date the petition

STEP 4 – Addresses

Complete the current mailing address for all parties and or indicate any attorneys involved.

STEP 5 – Filing

File the original Petition for Special Relief at the Blair County Prothonotary's Office. **There is a \$25 filing fee** made payable to Blair County Prothonotary's Office.

STEP 6 – Scheduling

Your petition will be processed by the Custody Office on an Order called a Rule that will be signed by a Judge setting a date for hearing. You are responsible for serving a copy of the Rule and Petition on the opposing party by certified mail, Sheriff's service or by person.

_____ : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 Plaintiff : OF BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 vs. :
 : NO. _____
 :
 _____ : CIVIL ACTION – CUSTODY
 Defendant

PETITION FOR SPECIAL RELIEF

1. Petitioner is _____.
2. There **is/is not** a Custody Order in this case, dated _____.
(please circle)
3. A Custody Complaint or Petition to Modify **has/has not** been filed in this case.
(please circle)
4. List the names and ages of the child (ren) on the Confidential Information Form first column.
(204 Pa.Code § 213.81).

*****Do not list names and date of birth of children on this form, identify by numerals or initials corresponding to attached Confidential Information Form.**

Child ____ **Child** ____ **Child** ____ **Child** ____ (ist additional children as necessary.)

5. The Petitioner presents the following allegations that put the child(ren) **in immediate danger of physical injury or serious emotional harm**: _____

6. Children and Youth Services **has/has not** been contacted regarding these allegations.
(please circle)
7. The Petitioner requests the following court intervention: _____

The foregoing statement of fact are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 relating to sworn falsifications to authorities.

Date _____

_____ Petitioner

Name and Address of Plaintiff

Name and Address of Defendant

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____