

\_\_\_\_\_  
(MOVER)

NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DIV. \_\_\_\_\_

VERSUS

22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEFENDANT)

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

**RULE TO ESTABLISH CUSTODY BY PARENT**

*[Initial and complete the following information. If there are no initials or information is not provided, the court may not grant you relief.]*

NOW INTO COURT, comes \_\_\_\_\_, a person of the full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish/County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ who respectfully represents:

1.

Made Defendant-in-rule herein is \_\_\_\_\_, a person of the full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish/County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

2.

Custody of the following minor child(ren) is at issue:

_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)	_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)
_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)	_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)
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*[Attach a copy of each child's birth certificate.]*

3.

This court has jurisdiction because the minor child(ren) is either:

*[Initial at least ONE of the following]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Domiciled in the State of Louisiana;

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Physically located in the State of Louisiana.

4.

This court is a court of proper venue because either:

*[Initial at least ONE of the following]*

\_\_\_\_\_ One of the parties is domiciled in this Parish;

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ This is the parish of the last matrimonial domicile.

5.

The minor child(ren) listed in Paragraph 2 above was:

*[Initial ONE of the below paragraphs]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Born of/adopted [circle as appropriate] during the marriage between the Mover and Defendant;

**OR**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The parties were never married but *[Also initial ONE of the below subparagraphs]:*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mover and Defendant are listed as the parents on the minor child(ren)'s birth certificate [attach a copy];
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Defendant has acknowledged his paternity of the child(ren) [attach a copy of the document];
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A Judgment establishing Defendant's paternity was signed by a court [attached a copy of the Judgment].

**6.**

Mover believes it is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the custody order be established as follows: *[Initial only ONE of the following paragraphs and provide a brief description as requested]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the parties be awarded joint custody with no designation of a domiciliary parent and the parties will submit a Joint Custody Implementation Plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the parties be awarded joint custody, with \_\_\_\_\_ designated as domiciliary parent, and with the parties sharing equal time with the minor child(ren) as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the parties be awarded joint custody, with \_\_\_\_\_ designated as domiciliary parent, and with custodial periods awarded to Defendant as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that Mover be awarded sole custody, with Defendant to have the following time with the child(ren): *[Initial ONE of the following subparagraphs]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the Defendant be awarded reasonable visitation as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the Defendant be awarded supervised visitation as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the Defendant not be awarded any visitation, for the following reasons:

**7.**

Mover believes the custody arrangement requested is in the best interest of the child(ren) for the following reason(s):

*[Attach additional page(s), if necessary].*

**8.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover acknowledges that they have the right to seek child support by contacting the Louisiana Child Support Enforcement Agency and intends to do so.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that Defendant be ordered to pay child support because Defendant has income or is capable of earning sufficient money to contribute to the support of the minor child(ren) and asks the Court to order the Defendant to pay child support.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ No child support is requested.

**9.**

Other relief requested by Mover *[include a brief factual statement]:*

10.

Mover requests:

[Initial **ONE** of the following paragraphs below:]

- Each Party pay their own costs.
- Defendant be cast with all costs for the following reason(s):

**WHEREFORE**, Mover prays that:

1. Defendant be served with a certified copy of this Rule.
2. A Rule to Show Cause issue herein ordering the Defendant to appear and show cause on a date and time to be fixed by this Court why a judgment of custody and child support award (if requested) should not be awarded as requested herein and any other relief requested by Mover herein.

*By signing below, I do hereby certify that all of the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that any false statements may constitute perjury and may subject me to being held in contempt of court.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Initials of Mover*

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINTED FULL NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TELEPHONE NUMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(FACSIMILE NUMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(EMAIL ADDRESS)

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**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ [State where signed and notarized]

PARISH/COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ [Parish/County where signed and notarized]

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in this state and parish, personally appeared:

\_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME

who after being duly sworn, did depose and state that he/she is the Mover in the above and foregoing Rule, has read same, and that all of the allegations contained therein are true and correct to the best of Mover's knowledge, information, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED**

before me, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

NOTARY PUBLIC, No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL:

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**RULE TO SHOW CAUSE**

Considering the above and foregoing Rule to Establish Custody by Parent:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Defendant, \_\_\_\_\_, show cause on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_ .m. before the Hearing Officer and on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_ .m. before the Judge why the relief sought in the Rule to Establish Custody by Parent should not be granted as prayed for.

Signed in Covington/Franklinton, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DEFENDANT TO ACCEPT SERVICE**

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE SERVE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEFENDANT'S FULL NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEFENDANT'S PHONE NUMBER)

[NOTE: EACH DEFENDANT MUST EITHER BE SERVED OR SIGN ONE OF THESE FORMS.]

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**WAIVER OF SERVICE**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/County of \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned Notary Public, on the date mentioned below, personally came and appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who is the Defendant in the above-captioned suit for divorce, and who after being duly sworn, did depose and say:

I have been furnished with a certified copy of the Rule to Establish Custody by Parent filed on \_\_\_\_\_ entitled "\_\_\_\_\_", bearing docket number \_\_\_\_\_ Division "\_\_\_\_\_" on the docket of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court for the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Louisiana and the Rule to Show Cause.

I do hereby formally and expressly acknowledge and accept service of a certified copy of said pleading and the rule to show cause and waive the rule nisi and service of process.

**THUS SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** in the presence of the undersigned Notary Public on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINTED FULL NAME)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS)  
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(FACSIMILE NUMBER)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(EMAIL ADDRESS)

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED**

before me, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC, No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
SEAL: