

VISITATION MOTION / PETITION

Attached is a pro se form for motion / petition for visitation or modification of visitation. These instructions are intended to be a general guide to help you get the forms filled out, filed with the Court and to get your motion properly before the Court. The instructions are not intended to be a legal analysis of your motion or whether or not your motion will be granted, but merely to assist you in preparing and presenting your request.

FILLING OUT THE FORMS

You should fill out these forms before you go to the Courthouse to file them. Other than telling you the time and date of the hearing, the Court staff will **NOT** help you in completing these forms.

You **WILL NEED** a separate motion for each child.

A deposit (for each motion) for Court costs **MUST** accompany this motion. The deposit amount is **\$150.00**. However, if service is requested by a sheriff, out of county sheriff or by publication, additional costs will be necessary. Payment may be in the form of cash, check, money order or by credit card (Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express).

Should you need assistance in completing this motion, feel free to contact Southeastern Ohio Legal Services at 100 North Third Street, Steubenville, Ohio 43952 (telephone number 740-283-4781 or toll free 1-800-837-4781).

The Belmont County Bar Association legal clinic is held on every other month, the second Wednesday of that month beginning at 5:30 o'clock P.M. You may contact the Grace Church at (740) 633-2699.

The form titled **MOTION /PETITION FOR VISITATION** needs the following lines filled out:

- a. the minor child's name and date of birth.
- b. Leave the case number line blank as the case number will be given by the Court staff at the time of filing at the Court.
- c. The mother's full name, address and telephone number.
- d. The father's full name, address and telephone number.
- e. List your name as petitioner (person filing this motion / petition)
- f. Check mark the box which applies to your case (either for establishing visitation rights or modification / change of visitation). **Please NOTE: you must attach a copy of the visitation order that you are wishing to have modified / changed.**
- g. List in detail what type of visitation or modification (change) of visitation you are requesting.

h. Sign on the line indicated as petitioner and include your address and telephone number

The form titled **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE** needs the following lines filled out:

- a. list the name of the person(s) who need notified of this motion and hearing.
Please NOTE: that as the petitioner (person filing the custody) you will receive a judgment entry with the hearing date listed. You do not need to list your name and address as a person to be notified of this filing.
- b. list the address of the person(s) who need notified of this motion and hearing
Please NOTE: that additional costs are ordered if service is requested by a sheriff on a person(s) who resides outside of this county or service by publication.
- c. sign this document

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

In the Matter of:

(Minor child's name)

_____/_____/_____

(Minor child's date of birth)

(name of minor child's mother)

(address)

(telephone)

Case No. _____

**MOTION /PETITION
FOR VISITATION**

*Juvenile Judge
Magistrate Amy Basic*

(name of minor child's father)

(address)

(telephone)

I, _____, am the natural MOTHER the natural FATHER other: _____ petitions this Honorable Court to:

(List your relationship to the child)

- Establish visitation rights for the above named child.
- Modify (change) visitation rights for the above named child. ***(Please attach a copy of the current visitation order that you are requesting to be modified by this Court.)***

I am requesting visitation or a modification (change) of visitation for the following specific reasons: _____

A hearing is requested to enable me to establish these facts as true.

Respectfully submitted,

PLEASE PRINT NAME OF PETITIONER

Signature of petitioner (person wanting visitation)

Address

City State Zip Code

Telephone number

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE

TO THE CLERK OF THE JUVENILE COURT:

Please serve: _____
at the following address _____

Also please serve (if necessary) _____
At the following address _____

Also please serve (if necessary) _____

At the following address _____

a copy of the motion and notice of hearing/Mediation hearing by CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. Should service fail, please notify me so a better address may be found.

Thank you.

Signature of petitioner