

STATE OF MAINE

PROBATE COURT
County:
Docket No.

DISTRICT COURT
Location:
Docket No.

In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of:

Name of Adoptee

PETITION TO TERMINATE
PARENTAL RIGHTS
IN AN ADOPTION MATTER
18-C M.R.S. §§ 9-204
22 M.R.S. § 4052

NOW COME(S) the petitioner(s) seeking to adopt the above-named minor, who, as part of the adoption petition, request(s) that the court terminate the rights of the minor's parent(s). In support of this request, the petitioner(s) state(s) as follows:

1. Minor child information:

Name: Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Legal residence:

2. Petitioner information:

Name: Date of birth:
Legal residence:
Mailing address:
Relationship to minor child:

3. Petitioner information:

Name: Date of birth:
Legal residence:
Mailing address:
Relationship to minor child:

4. Legal parent information:

Name: Date of birth:
Legal residence:
Mailing address:

**5. Legal parent information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Legal residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City/Town Zip*

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City/Town Zip*

**6. Guardian ad litem information (if applicable):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City/Town Zip*

**7. Summary of statement of facts which the petitioner(s) believe(s) constitute(s) a basis for the request for termination.**

**A.** The minor child has been removed from the parents' custody and the parents now consent to termination;  
**OR**

**B.** One or more of the following is true:

The parent(s) is/are unwilling or unable to protect the child from jeopardy and these circumstances are unlikely to change within a time which is reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs;

The parent(s) is/are unwilling or unable to take responsibility for the child within a time which is reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs; or

The parent(s) has/have abandoned the child.

**REQUIRED: Petitioner(s) has/have attached an affidavit that states facts in support of the allegations.**

**8. EFFECTS OF A TERMINATION ORDER.**

A. An order terminating parental rights divests the parent(s) and child of all legal rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties, and obligations to each other as a parent and child, except that the child inherits from the child's former parent(s) of so provided in the order.

B. The termination of one parent's rights shall not affect the rights of the other parent.

C. A parent whose rights have been terminated shall not be entitled to notice of the child's adoption proceedings, nor shall the parent have any right to object to the adoption or participate in the proceedings.

D. No order terminating parental rights may disentitle a child to benefits due to the child from any third person, agency, state, or the United States; nor may it affect the rights and benefits that a Native American derives from descent from a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

E. If, prior to the termination of parental rights, the parent was convicted of a crime against the child, the court may include in the termination order the requirement that the parent whose rights are terminated make a lump sum payment to assist in future financial support of the child.

**9. NOTICE TO PARENTS.**

You are entitled to legal counsel in these proceedings. If you want a lawyer and are unable to afford one, you must contact the court as soon as possible to request that the court appoint a lawyer for you. Please note you must submit your request in writing or in person at the following court location:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of court Street City/Town Zip*

WHEREFORE, the petitioner(s) request(s) that the court grant the termination of parental rights requested in this petition.

**Signature of Petitioner**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Petitioner**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attorney for Petitioner(s), if any:**

Signature of Attorney and Maine Bar Registration Number

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF MAINE**

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

Personally appeared the above named, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_, and made oath that the foregoing statements are true under penalty of  
perjury.

Before me,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney at Law / Notary Public / Register / Clerk