

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF _____

IN JUVENILE COURT
_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE INTEREST OF _____, DOB _____, A CHILD.

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_____))
PETITIONER(S),)
vs.)
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_____))
RESPONDENTS.)

Case No. _____

SUMMONS
(Hearing Waived)

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENTS:

1. The Petitioner has started a case in Juvenile Court asking the Court to appoint a Guardian for the child listed above. You must respond in writing for the Juvenile Court to consider what you want. Paragraph 4 of this Summons gives more information about responding.
2. The Juvenile Court has decided that if the Petitioner's statements are true, court appointment of a guardian for the child may be in the child's best interest. A copy of the Petition for Guardianship is served with this Summons.
3. The Petitioner requested that the Juvenile Court not hold, or waive, an in-court hearing. The request was granted by the Juvenile Court and an in-court hearing is not scheduled.
4. **HOWEVER**, if you do not agree with this appointment of a guardian and you want the Juvenile Court to schedule an in-court hearing, you **MUST** file a written objection and request for hearing within **TEN DAYS** of service of this Summons and copy of the Petition. An Objection and Request for Hearing form is available at www.ndcourts.gov/legal-self-help.

5. If you do not object, the Juvenile Court will make a decision on the appointment of a guardian based on the documents filed in the case and without an in-court hearing.

RIGHT TO HEARING BEFORE JUDGE

6. If a Judicial Referee will hear this Petition for Guardianship, you are entitled to have the Petition heard by a Judge of the Juvenile Court, instead of a Referee, by filing a written request for a Judge with the Clerk of this Court within seven (7) days after receiving this Summons.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL

7. A biological or legally adoptive parent has the right to be represented by legal counsel throughout this proceeding; if you wish to be represented by counsel and are indigent, legal counsel will be appointed for you. Contact the Juvenile Court, phone (701) _____, to request an application for indigent defense services.

FAMILY LAW MEDIATION PROGRAM

8. Any party to a guardianship proceeding may request a referral to family mediation. The Family Law Mediation Program provides up to 6 hours of combined pre-mediation orientation and mediation at no cost to the parties to attempt to resolve any disputes. The requests shall be made during the initial appearance phase of the juvenile guardianship proceeding. A judge or referee may also order the matter into the Family Law Mediation Program at any time.

Dated _____.

 Judge/ Judicial Referee