# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(d)

# UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA) AFFIDAVIT (02/18)

## When should this form be used?

This form should be used in any case involving parental responsibility for, custody of, or time-sharing or visitation with, any minor child(ren). This <u>affidavit</u> is required even if the parental responsibility for, custody of, or time-sharing or visitation with, the minor child(ren) is not in dispute.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>. You should then <u>file</u> it with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed** 

# What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Rules of Judicial Administration. If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you must review Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the

A-Z Topical Index.

**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO.** If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see sections 61.501-61.542, Florida Statutes.

# Special notes...

With this form, you must also file a **Notice of Confidential Information within Court Filing,** Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Appendix to Rule 2.420 Form.

Effective October 1, 2008, terms such as custodial parent, noncustodial parent, primary residential parent, secondary residential parent, and visitation were removed from Chapter 61, Florida Statutes; however, because the UCCJEA uses the terms, custody and visitation, they are included in this form. Parents must develop a Parenting Plan that includes, among other things, their time-sharing schedule with the minor child(ren). If the parents cannot agree, a parenting plan will be established by the Court.

If you are the petitioner in an injunction for protection against domestic violence case and you have filed a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), you should write confidential in any space on this form that would require you to write the address where you are currently living.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE IN AND FOR		JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COUNTY, FLORIDA	
		Case No.: Division:	
	Petitioner,		
and	I		
	Respondent.		
UNIFORM	-	SDICTION AND ENFORCEMI AFFIDAVIT	ENT ACT
I, {full legal name} _ statements are true		, being sworn, certify that	the following
birth, birth where each relationship	date, and sex of each child; the child has lived within the past to the child of each person wit		, and places address, and t time are:
Child's Full Legal Na Place of Birth:	child's Full Legal Name: Date of Birth: Sex: Sex:		
Child's Residence fo			
Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child
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THE FOLLOWING IN	FORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHI	LD# :		
		n: Sex:		
Place of Birth:	Date of Birtl	n: Sex:		
	or the past 5 years:			
Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child	
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD #:				
Child's Full Legal Name: Date of Birth: Sex:				
Child's Residence for the past 5 years:				
Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child	
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2. Participation in custody or time-sharing proceeding(s):  [Chaose only one]			

4.	Persons not a party to this proceeding:
	[Choose only one]  I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PERSON in this or any other state, jurisdiction, or country, who is not a party to this proceeding and who has physical custody or claims to have parental responsibility for, custody of, or time-sharing or visitation with respect to any child subject to this proceeding.
	I KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON(S), not a party to this proceeding, has (have) physical custody or claim(s) to have parental responsibility for, custody of, or timesharing or visitation with respect to any child subject to this proceeding:  a. Name and address of person:
	has physical custody claims parental responsibility or custody rights claims time-sharing or visitation  Name of each child:
	Relationship to child, if any:
	b. Name and address of person:
	has physical custody claims parental responsibility or custody rights claims time-sharing or visitation  Name of each child: Relationship to child, if any:  c. Name and address of person:
	has physical custody claims parental responsibility or custody rights claims time-sharing or visitation Name of each child:
	Relationship to child, if any:
5.	Knowledge of prior child support proceedings:  [Choose only one]  The child(ren) described in this affidavit are NOT subject to existing child support order(s) in this or any other state, jurisdiction, or country
	The child(ren) described in this affidavit are subject to the following existing child support order(s):  a. Name of each child:  b. Type of proceeding:  c. Court and address:  d. Date of court order/judgment (if any):

	e. Amount of child support ordered to	o be paid and by whom:
6.	custody, time-sharing or visitation, ch dissolution of marriage, separate main	g duty to advise this Court of any parental responsibility, wild support, or guardianship proceeding (including intenance, child neglect, or dependency) concerning the ite about which information is obtained during this
7.	A completed Notice of <b>Confidential Inf</b> Administration Appendix to Rule 2.420	<b>formation within Court Filing</b> , Florida Rules of Judicial Form, is filed with this Affidavit.
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Sworn	to or affirmed and signed before me on	by
	NOTAF	RY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

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Personally known			
Produced identification			
Type of identification produced			
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{name of business}		,	
{address}			
{city}, {state}, {zip	code},{telephone number}	·	