

F.C.A. § 523  
[NOTE: Personal Information Form 4-5/5-1-d,  
containing social security numbers of parties and  
dependents, must be filed with this Petition]

Form 5-3  
(Paternity)  
8/2010

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF

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In the Matter of a Paternity Proceeding Under  
Article \_\_\_\_\_ of the Family court Act

Docket No.

(Commissioner of Social Services, Assignee,  
on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, Assignor)

Petitioner,

PATERNITY PETITION  
(Social Services Official)

-against-

Respondent.  
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TO FAMILY COURT:

The undersigned Petitioner respectfully shows that:

1. Petitioner is a Social Services official of the  County  City of [specify]:  
\_\_\_\_\_, whose official address is [specify]:

2. Upon information and belief, [specify name of mother or mother-to-be]:  
\_\_\_\_\_, who resides at <sup>1</sup>

gave birth to a  male  female child out of wedlock on or about [specify date]  
\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.

The child resides with \_\_\_\_\_  
at [specify, unless ordered confidential]:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

is pregnant with a child which is likely to be born out of wedlock.

3. The name and date of birth of the child are:

Name

Date of Birth

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<sup>1</sup> Unless ordered confidential, pursuant to Family Court Act § 154-b, because disclosure would pose an unreasonable risk to the health or safety of the mother or mother-to-be. See Forms GF-21 and 21a, available at [www.nycourts.gov](http://www.nycourts.gov).

4. Upon information and belief, the above-named Respondent, who resides at [specify]:<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, is the father of the child.

5. At the time of conception of the child, the mother  was not married  was married to [name] \_\_\_\_\_, whose last known address is \_\_\_\_\_

6. Upon information and belief, the mother and/or child  is likely to become a public charge on the County  City of [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_.

7. No individual has been adjudicated father of this child, either in this court, or any other court, including a Native American court; and no individual has signed an Acknowledgment of Paternity admitting paternity for this child, (except) [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_

8. The subject child is is not a Native-American child subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. § 1961-1963).

9. Upon information and belief, no previous application has been made to any court or judge for the relief requested herein except [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that this Court issue a summons or warrant requiring the Respondent to show cause why the Court should not enter a declaration of paternity, order of filiation, order of support<sup>3</sup> and such other and further relief as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

NOTE: (1) A COURT ORDER OF SUPPORT RESULTING FROM A PROCEEDING COMMENCED BY THIS APPLICATION (PETITION) SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY THE APPLICATION OF A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT NO EARLIER THAN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AFTER SUCH ORDER IS ISSUED, LAST MODIFIED OR LAST ADJUSTED, UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY PARTY TO THE ORDER OR PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) BELOW. SUCH COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT SHALL BE ON NOTICE TO BOTH PARTIES WHO, IF THEY OBJECT TO THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT, SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT AND TO PRESENT EVIDENCE WHICH THE COURT WILL CONSIDER IN ADJUSTING THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, KNOWN AS THE CHILD SUPPORT STANDARDS ACT.

(2) A PARTY SEEKING SUPPORT FOR ANY CHILD(REN) RECEIVING FAMILY ASSISTANCE SHALL HAVE A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SUPPORT

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<sup>2</sup> Unless ordered confidential, pursuant to Family Court Act § 154-b, because disclosure would pose an unreasonable risk to the health or safety of the Respondent. See Forms GF-21 and 21a, available at [www.nycourts.gov](http://www.nycourts.gov).

<sup>3</sup>Pursuant to Section 111-g of the Social Services Law, where an order of support directs that support payments be made to the support collection unit of a social services district, the petition in such proceedings shall be deemed to be an application for support services.

COLLECTION UNIT NO EARLIER THAN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS AFTER SUCH ORDER IS ISSUED, LAST MODIFIED OR LAST ADJUSTED BY THE SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT, WITHOUT FURTHER APPLICATION BY ANY PARTY. ALL PARTIES WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE ADJUSTED ORDER.

(3) WHERE ANY PARTY FAILS TO PROVIDE, AND UPDATE UPON ANY CHANGE, THE SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT WITH A CURRENT ADDRESS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-THREE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, TO WHICH AN ADJUSTED ORDER CAN BE SENT, THE SUPPORT OBLIGATION AMOUNT CONTAINED THEREIN SHALL BECOME DUE AND OWING ON THE DATE THE FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ORDER OF SUPPORT WHICH WAS REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED OCCURRING ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ADJUSTED ORDER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PARTY HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE ADJUSTED ORDER.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Attorney, if any

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Attorney's Name (Print or Type)

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Attorney's Address and Telephone Number

VERIFICATION IN PROCEEDING  
BY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
                                  : ss.:  
COUNTY OF                )

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That (s)he is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
is acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the above-entitled proceeding; that (s)he has read the  
foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to (his)(her) own knowledge  
except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those  
matters (s)he believes it to be true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Sworn to before me this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy) Clerk of the Court  
Notary Public