



# REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE

(Adult Name Change)

IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
*The County Where You Are Filing the Case*

REQUEST OF:

YOUR CURRENT  
LEGAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
*First, Middle, and Last Name*

Case Number  
(Clerk fills in)



This form may take between 30-45 minutes to fill out. In general, there are fees to file court forms like this one, but you may qualify to file for free. Check with your local Circuit Clerk for cost and fee waiver information.



## 1. INFORMATION ABOUT MYSELF (YOU)

I ask the court to enter an order to change my name, and I state:

a. My current name is:

*Enter your complete current name. Make sure your current name matches exactly as it appears on your birth certificate (or most recent or current legal name) to avoid any delays or issues.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

b. I wish my name to be changed to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

c. I have lived continuously in Illinois for at least 6 months beginning: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month, Day, Year*

d. My birth date is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month, Day, Year*

e. My place of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City County State/Province Country*

f. I received a divorce judgment (dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage) and wish to change my name **back to a former or maiden name**:

*If you are changing your name after a marriage, you do not have to publish notice.*

☐ No ☐ Yes I received a court order from \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
*County State/Province Month, Day, Year*



**WARNING:** If you are required to register under the **Sex Offender Registration Act, the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Act, or the Arsonist Registration Act** in this State or a similar law in any other state and have not been pardoned, you will be committing a felony under those respective Acts by seeking a change of name during the registration period **UNLESS** your request for legal name change is due to marriage, religious beliefs, status as a victim of trafficking, or gender related identity as defined by the Illinois Human Rights Act.

## 2. CRIMINAL HISTORY

*Check the boxes that apply to your criminal history.*

- a. Have you been convicted or placed on probation for a **misdemeanor** in Illinois or any state for which a pardon has not been granted?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. Do you have an arrest for which **charges have not been filed**?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. Do you have a **pending felony or misdemeanor** charge?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. Have you been convicted or placed on probation for a **felony** in Illinois or any state for which a pardon has not been granted?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- e. Have you been convicted of or placed on probation for a crime that requires registration under the **Sex Offender Registration Act, the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Act, or the Arsonist Registration Act in Illinois** or a similar law in any other state?  
☐ Yes ☐ No



*If you checked "Yes" in **e** and have not been pardoned, it is a **felony to file a petition** unless you fit one of the exceptions listed below. Please see the instructions (page 1) for more info.*

Although required to register, I am asking to be allowed to change my name because of:

- |                                                          |                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Beliefs                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Status as victim of trafficking | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender-related identity as defined by the Illinois Human Rights Act |

- f. Have you been convicted of or placed on probation for **identity theft or aggravated identity theft** in Illinois or any other state?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

*If you checked "yes" in **f** and you have not been pardoned, you may still file a Petition.*

g. If you checked "Yes" in **d, e** or **f** complete the following:

Brief Description of Conviction	Date of Conviction or Probation	Sentence Received (include parole and supervised release)	Date Sentence Completed	Pardoned? (Yes or No)

*If you run out of space, use a separate piece of paper.*



**If you are filing this petition only for yourself, skip section 3 and 4 and sign the form under the certification.**



### 3. SPOUSE'S INFORMATION

*If your spouse also wants to change their name enter your spouse's information below. If not, skip section 3 and 4.*

The spouse of the Petitioner asks the court to change their name, and states:

a. Spouse's current name is:

*Enter your complete current name. Make sure the current name matches exactly as it appears on the birth certificate (or most recent or current legal name) to avoid any delays or issues.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

b. Spouse's name to be changed to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

c. Spouse has lived continuously in Illinois for at least 6 months beginning: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month, Day, Year*

d. Spouse's **birth date** is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month, Day, Year*

e. Spouse's **place of birth** is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City County State/Province Country*

#### 4. SPOUSE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY

Check the boxes that apply to your spouse's criminal history.

- a. Has your spouse been convicted or placed on probation for a **misdemeanor** in Illinois or any state for which a pardon has not been granted?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. Does your spouse have an arrest for which **charges have not been filed**?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. Does your spouse have a **pending felony or misdemeanor** charge?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. Has your spouse been convicted or placed on probation for a **felony** in Illinois or any state for which a pardon has not been granted?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- e. Has your spouse been convicted of or placed on probation for a crime which requires registration under the **Sex Offender Registration Act, the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Act, or the Arsonist Registration Act in Illinois** or a similar law in any other state?  
☐ Yes ☐ No



*If you checked "Yes" in e and have not been pardoned, it is a **felony to file a petition** unless you fit one of the exceptions listed below. Please see the instructions (page 1) for more info.*

Although required to register, I am asking to be allowed to change my name because of:

- ☐ Marriage ☐ Religious Beliefs  
☐ Status as victim of trafficking ☐ Gender-related identity as defined by the Illinois Human Rights Act

- f. Has your spouse been convicted of or placed on probation for **identity theft or aggravated identity theft** in Illinois or any other state?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

*If you checked "yes" in f and your spouse has not been pardoned, you may still file a Petition.*

- g. If you checked "Yes" in d, e or f complete the following:

Brief Description of Conviction	Date of Conviction or Probation	Sentence Received (include parole and supervised release)	Date Sentence Completed	Pardoned? (Yes or No)

*If you run out of space, use a separate piece of paper.*



Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

### SIGN:

Under [735 ILC 5/1-109](#), your signature means that you:

1) certify that everything in this document is true and correct, and 2) understand that making a false statement on this form is perjury and has penalties provided by law.

If you are filling out this form online, sign your name by typing it. If you are filling out this form by hand, sign and print your name.

Your Signature /s/ \_\_\_\_\_ Print Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street, Apt. # City State Zip Code*

☐ I am using an alternative address because disclosing my address would put me or my household at risk.

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to **check your email every day** so you do not miss important information, court dates, or documents from other parties.

### SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE (if changing your spouse's name too)

Spouse's Signature /s/ \_\_\_\_\_ Print Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street, Apt. # City State Zip Code*

☐ I am using an alternative address because disclosing my address would put me or my household at risk.

Spouse's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to **check your email every day** so you do not miss important information, court dates, or documents from other parties.



### NEXT STEP:

File this form along with your other paperwork with the Circuit Court Clerk in the county you live.

Find your Circuit Clerk here: [ilcourts.info/CircuitClerks](http://ilcourts.info/CircuitClerks).



Learn more about each step in the process by reading through our Instructions:

[ilcourts.info/nc-adult-instructions](http://ilcourts.info/nc-adult-instructions).

### THEN:

Once you have filed your petition, you must publish notice of the name change in a newspaper in the county where you live. You must publish the notice at least once a week for three consecutive weeks. The newspaper will provide you with an affidavit of publication that you must file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

If publishing notice in a newspaper would pose a hardship to you (including a negative impact to your health and safety), you can go to court and ask the judge to let you skip that step. The judge will review your petition and ask you some questions about the name change.