



MOTION TO IMPOUND (MAKE COURT RECORDS PRIVATE)

(NAME CHANGE)

IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY: _____
County Where You Are Filing the Case

YOUR CURRENT
LEGAL NAME: _____
First, Middle, and Last Name

Case Number _____



Impound: This means the court records will be kept private. Only the people involved in the case, the judge, and the court clerk can see them unless the judge gives someone else permission.

You can only use this form if you believe that having the court file be public would be a hardship and have a negative impact to your health or safety.

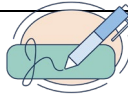
Note: Until the *Motion* is granted or if the *Motion* is denied, this form will be a public record.

WHY I NEED MY COURT FILE TO BE PRIVATE

1. I am asking the court to keep my court records for this name change private (impound my case).
2. Making my court file public would be a hardship for me and have a negative impact on my health or safety.
3. It would be a hardship because:
 - ☐ Petitioner is one or more of the following categories: transgender, an adoptee, a survivor of domestic or intimate partner abuse, a survivor of gender-based violence, a survivor of human trafficking, a refugee, a person who has been granted special immigrant status by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, a person who has survived reparative or conversion therapy, or a person who has been granted asylum in this country.
 - ☐ Other: I have another reason that includes but is not limited to physical harm, discrimination, harassment, bullying, or threats of violence.

You may attach supporting documents, such as court orders to help explain why it would be a hardship, but official documentation is not required—this motion alone is enough.

SIGN



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

- 1) everything in this document is true and correct, or I have been informed or I believe it to be true and correct, and
- 2) I 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 Phone Number _____ Attorney Number (if any) _____

Your Email _____

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.

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