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Circuit Court of Springfield
456 Maple Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: In the Matter of the Marriage of John Doe and Jane Smith
Case No.: 2024-FC-1234

PETITION FOR CUSTODY

To the Honorable Judge Jane Roberts, Judge of the Circuit Court of Springfield:

1. PARTIES

- a. Petitioner: John Doe, the father, residing at 123 Elm Street, Springfield, IL 62701.
- b. Respondent: Jane Smith, the mother, residing at 789 Oak Avenue, Springfield, IL 62701.

2. JURISDICTION

This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 601 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

3. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- a. Petitioner and Respondent were married on June 15, 2015, in Springfield, Illinois, and have two minor children: Emily Doe, born April 10, 2016, and Michael Doe, born November 5, 2018.
- b. The parties separated on July 1, 2024, and have since been living apart.

4. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant the following relief:

- a. Sole custody of the minor children, Emily and Michael Doe, be awarded to Petitioner.
- b. An order for visitation for the Respondent that is in the best interests of the children.

5. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

- a. Petitioner intends to provide evidence demonstrating that it is in the best interest of the children to reside primarily with him, including but not limited to character references, financial stability, and the children's educational needs.

6. CONCLUSION

Petitioner prays that the Court grant the relief requested and any other relief that it deems just and proper.

Dated: October 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

John Doe
[Signature]
Petitioner