



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 beginning: _____

Month, Day, Year

d. My birth date is: _____

Month, Day, Year

e. My place of birth is: _____

City

County

State/Province

Country

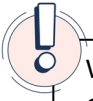
f. I received a divorce judgment (dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage) and wish to change my name **back to a former or maiden name**:

☐ 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 for which a pardon has not been granted?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. Have you been convicted or placed on probation for a **misdemeanor** in another state (not Illinois) for which a pardon has not been granted?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. Do you have an arrest for which **charges have not been filed**?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. Do you have a **pending felony or misdemeanor** charge?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- e. 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
- f. 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 **f** 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:

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

- g. 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 **g** and you have not been pardoned, you may still file a Petition.*

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

Brief Description of Conviction and State Where Sentenced	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 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 for which a pardon has not been granted?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. Has your spouse been convicted or placed on probation for a **misdemeanor** in another state (not Illinois) for which a pardon has not been granted?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. Does your spouse have an arrest for which **charges have not been filed**?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. Does your spouse have a **pending felony or misdemeanor** charge?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- e. 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
- f. 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



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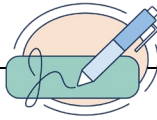
- ☐ Marriage ☐ Religious Beliefs
- ☐ Status as victim of trafficking ☐ Gender-related identity as defined by the Illinois Human Rights Act
- g. Has your spouse been convicted of or placed on probation for **identity theft or aggravated identity theft** in Illinois or any other state?
☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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Case Number _____

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 (if you have one) _____

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.

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

Your Signature /s/ _____ Print Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____ Attorney Number (if any) _____

Your Email (if you have one) _____

Your Address _____

Street, Apt. #

City

State

Zip Code

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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/clerks.



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

ilcourts.info/how-to-nc-adult.

THEN:

If having the court file be public would be a hardship and have a negative impact to your health or safety, you can ask the judge to remove the file from the public record by filing a *Motion To Impound (Make Court Records Private)*. The judge will review your petition and ask you some questions about the name change.

Note: Publication for adult name changes has been repealed from the law as of March 1, 2025.