

State of Minnesota

District Court

County of: _____

Court File Number: _____

Judicial District: _____

Case Type: Custody

Petitioner

Co-Petitioner, if any

AND

Respondent Parent A

Respondent Parent B

Respondent Legal Guardian or Custodian, if any

Summons for Third Party Custody (CHC602)

Minn. Stat. ch. 257C

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENTS:

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The Petitioner has filed a **lawsuit** against you to ask for custody of the following minor children:

Child 1

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Child 2

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Child 3

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Child 4

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

A copy of the *Petition for Third Party Custody* is served on you with this *Summons*.

This *Summons* is an official document that affects your rights, even if it does not have a court file number listed. Read this *Summons* and the attached *Petition* carefully. If you do not understand something in these documents, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner has filed a lawsuit against you asking the Court to give Petitioner custody of the minor children.
2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written Answer to the Petition, and you must pay the required filing fee unless it is waived by the Court. Answer forms are available on the Minnesota Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms.
3. You must serve your Answer upon the Petitioner **within 21 days** of the date you were served with this Summons, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file an Answer, the Court may decide custody and give Petitioner everything they are asking for in the attached Petition.

Date: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Co-Petitioner

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____