

**SAGINAW COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT**  
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING**  
**RESPONSE TO MOTION REGARDING JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY DISPUTE (FOC 201)**

Use this Response if: you received a Motion Regarding Joint Legal Custody Dispute. By filling out this response, you are answering the statements made in that Motion.

**FILING YOUR RESPONSE:**

- 1) Fill out the FOC 201 Response to Motion Regarding Joint Legal Custody Dispute (use a separate sheet and attach if you need more room to explain).
- 2) Bring, mail, or email your FOC 201 and four copies of your documents to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse at [111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602](#), [circuitcourtreCORDSfiling@saginawcounty.com](mailto:circuitcourtreCORDSfiling@saginawcounty.com). Please see the County Clerk's website for further electronic filing instructions. If you mail your motion, include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the Clerk to return copies to you.
- 3) There is no fee to file a response to a motion.
- 4) The Court Clerk will keep the original and one copy and return the remaining copies to you.

**SERVING YOUR MOTION**

- 1) You MUST serve the Response to the other party (and attorney if represented) as soon as possible after filing your motion and at least **5 days before your hearing**. This is done by mailing the Response and all attachments by first class mail to other party/attorney. If you do not have the other party's address, you can obtain it from the Circuit Court Clerk's office.
- 2) After mailing the Response, complete the CERTIFICATE OF MAILING section on the bottom of the Response form.
- 3) YOU MUST FILE YOUR CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: Return to the Clerk's office to file two copies of the certificate of mailing. The court clerk will route a copy to the Friend of the Court.

**PREPARING FOR YOUR HEARING**

- 1) You must attend the hearing on this motion. If you do not appear, the Court may make a decision without your attendance. Hearings may be conducted by video conferencing (Zoom). Please review the notice of hearing for Zoom instructions.
- 2) Your hearing may result in a referral to the Friend of the Court for an evidentiary hearing before the Referee.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
10TH JUDICIAL  
FAMILY DIVISION**

111 S. MICHIGAN  
SAGINAW, MI 48602

**RESPONSE REGARDING  
JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY  
DISPUTE  
(FOC 201)**

CASE # \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff's name, address, city, state and zip.

Defendant's name, address, city, state and zip.

**v**

1.  **a.** On \_\_\_\_\_ a Judgment or Order was entered regarding joint legal custody.  
Date

**b.** There is currently no order regarding joint legal custody.

2. The  Plaintiff  Defendant was ordered to have custody of the following child(ren):

3. The child(ren) listed above have been living with  Plaintiff  Defendant since \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date

4. I  agree  do not agree with the dispute as stated in the petition (Explain in detail what you do not agree with and why. Use a separate sheet if necessary).

**5. I ask the Court to order a resolution to the joint legal custody dispute as follows** (you may use a separate sheet to explain in detail what you are asking the Court to order).

I declare that the above statements are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

**J.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Responding Party's signature

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify on this date I mailed a copy of this response on the other party (and Attorney if represented) by ordinary mail at the above address.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Responding Party's signature