

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 or mail 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. If you mail your motion, include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the Clerk to return your 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 Referee 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 investigation that will be set at a later date. The investigation has an additional \$100.00 fee. The Referee will determine how this fee is paid at the hearing.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 10TH JUDICIAL FAMILY DIVISION 111 S. MICHIGAN SAGINAW, MI 48602	RESPONSE REGARDING JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY DISPUTE (FOC 201)	CASE # _____
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Plaintiff's name, address, city, state and zip.

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

- a.** On _____ a Judgment or Order was entered regarding joint legal custody.
Date
 b. There is currently no order regarding joint legal custody.
- The Plaintiff Defendant was ordered to have custody of the following child(ren):

- The child(ren) listed above have been living with Plaintiff Defendant since _____.
Date
- 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).
- 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