

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please read this notice before requesting a custody trial!

A custody trial is a formal legal proceeding in a courtroom before a Common Pleas Judge (not the Conference Officer). Unlike the custody conference, the trial is “on the record,” meaning that a court reporter will be recording all of the testimony.

THE TRIAL IS NOT A SECOND CUSTODY CONFERENCE

At the custody trial, you will be required to follow formal courtroom procedures and all court rules for trials, including all rules governing the presentation of evidence – whether or not you have an attorney.

You must bring with you all witnesses you intend to call in your case, and any children who you feel the judge should talk to. Also, if you are residing with another adult who, therefore, interacts with the child(ren), you should have that person available to testify.

Your witnesses will be required to swear or affirm that they will give truthful testimony, and they may be questioned by any other party in this custody action (or by the party’s attorney, if represented by counsel).

Once you file a request for a trial, you can only withdraw your request if you have the consent of all other parties in the custody action.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION – LAW

_____,
 Plaintiff
 v. _____
 Defendant

 Intervenor

No. FD 20____ - _____

REQUEST FOR CUSTODY TRIAL

AND NOW, _____, 20____, (check one) Plaintiff Defendant
 Intervenor, by his/her attorney, _____, respectfully
 requests the Court Administrator to schedule the above case for trial for the following reasons:

 _____.

The trial is not limited in scope to the reasons set forth herein.

 Plaintiff / Defendant / Intervenor

Email: _____

Attorney for Plaintiff: _____

Attorney for Defendant: _____

Attorney for Intervenor: _____

Judge (if any) who has heard previous custody matter(s): _____

Date of Custody Order: _____ Estimated Court time required: _____

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_____,
Plaintiff
v. _____
Defendant

Intervenor
No. FD 20____ - _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify under penalty of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904, relating to Unsworn Falsification to Authorities, that a copy of this Request was mailed to all parties or counsel of record on _____, 20____, by first class mail, postage prepaid.

By: _____

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	Address	Telephone Number
PLAINTIFF:	_____	_____

DEFENDANT:	_____	_____

INTERVENOR:	_____	_____

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION – LAW

_____,
Plaintiff :
v. : No. FD 20____ - _____
_____,
Defendant :
_____,
Intervenor :

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that the Request for Trial dated _____, 20_____,
complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial
System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently
than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Attorney No. (if applicable): _____