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(PETITIONER)  
  
VERSUS  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEFENDANT)  
  
Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DIV. \_\_\_\_\_  
  
22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
  
PARISH OF \_\_\_\_\_  
  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**RULE TO ESTABLISH CUSTODY BY NON-PARENT**

*[Initial and complete the following information. If there are no initials or information is not provided, the court may not grant you relief.]*

**NOW INTO COURT**, comes \_\_\_\_\_, a person of the full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish/County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ who respectfully represents:

1.

Made Defendant(s) in this rule are:

a. Mother, \_\_\_\_\_, a person of the full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish/County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_;

b. Father, \_\_\_\_\_, a person of the full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish/County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_;

c. \_\_\_\_\_, a person of the full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish/County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

2.

Custody of the following minor child(ren) is/are at issue:

_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)	_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)
_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)	_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)
_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)	_____ (CHILD'S NAME)	_____ (DATE OF BIRTH)

*[Attach a copy of each child's birth certificate.]*

3.

Mover is related to the minor child(ren) as follows: *[describe relationship]*

4.

Defendant(s) is related to the minor child(ren) as follows: *[describe relationship of each named Defendant]*

5.

This court has jurisdiction over this matter because the minor child(ren) is either:

*[Initial at least ONE of the following]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Domiciled in the State of Louisiana;

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Physically located in the State of Louisiana.

6.

This court is a court of proper venue because at least one of the parties is domiciled in this Parish.

7.

Mover should be granted custody of the minor child(ren) at issue because an award of joint custody or of sole custody to either parent would result in substantial harm to the minor child(ren) **AND** either:

*[Initial ONE of the paragraphs below]*

\_\_\_\_\_ The minor child(ren) has been living with Mover in a wholesome stable environment for a period of time;

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover is able to provide an adequate and stable environment for the minor child(ren).

Describe the facts upon which you rely in making the allegations immediately above:

8.

Mover believes it is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the custody order be established as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that Mover be awarded sole custody, with Defendant(s) to have the following time with the child(ren): *[Initial ONE of the following and provide a brief description as requested]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the Defendant be awarded reasonable visitation as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the Defendant be awarded supervised visitation as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that the Defendant not be awarded any visitation, for the following reasons:

9.

Mover believes the custody arrangement requested is in the best interest of the child(ren) for the following reason(s):

10.

*[Initial ONE of the paragraphs below]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover acknowledges that he/she has the right to seek child support by contacting the Louisiana Child Support Enforcement Agency and intends to do so.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mover requests that Defendant be ordered to pay child support because Defendant has income or is capable of earning sufficient money to contribute to the support of the minor child(ren) and asks the Court to order the Defendant(s) to pay child support.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ No child support is requested.

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**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ [State where signed and notarized]  
PARISH/COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ [Parish/County where signed and notarized]

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in this State and Parish, personally appeared:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME

who after being duly sworn, did depose and state that he/she is the Mover in the above and foregoing numbered and entitled cause, has read the same, and that all of the allegations contained therein are true and correct to the best of Mover's knowledge, information, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED**

before me, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC, No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seal:

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Deputy Clerk

**RULE TO SHOW CAUSE**

Considering the above and foregoing Rule to Establish Custody by Non-Parent:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Defendant(s), \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_, show cause on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
[Print Defendant's Name]  
20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_m. before the Hearing Officer and on the \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_m. before the Judge why the relief  
sought in the Rule should not be granted as prayed for.

Signed in Covington/Franklinton, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**JUDGE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DEFENDANT(S) TO ACCEPT SERVICE**

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE SERVE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEFENDANT'S FULL NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEFENDANT'S PHONE NUMBER)



[NOTE: EACH DEFENDANT MUST EITHER BE SERVED OR SIGN ONE OF THESE FORMS.]

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**WAIVER OF SERVICE**

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish/County of \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned Notary Public, on the date mentioned below, personally came and appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who is the defendant in the above-captioned action, and who after being duly sworn, did depose and say:

I have been furnished with a certified copy of the Rule to Establish Custody by Non-Parent filed on \_\_\_\_\_ entitled "\_\_\_\_\_", bearing docket number \_\_\_\_\_ Division "\_\_\_\_\_" on the docket of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court for the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Louisiana and the Rule to Show Cause.

I do hereby formally and expressly acknowledge and accept service of a certified copy of said pleading and the rule to show cause and waives the rule nisi and service of process.

**THUS SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** in the presence of the undersigned Notary Public on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINTED FULL NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TELEPHONE NUMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(FACSIMILE NUMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(EMAIL ADDRESS)

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Signature  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Id/Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seal: