

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY
LAW FORM 12.950(d)
SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO PERMIT RELOCATION WITH
MINOR OR DEPENDENT CHILD(REN)
(02/18)**

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are asking the court to permit the relocation of your principal residence and :

1. You plan to relocate your residence more than 50 miles from your principal residence at the time of entry of the last order which established or modified primary residence, custody, visitation, or time-sharing;
2. The court has not entered an order granting permission to relocate.
3. The relocation will be for a period of 60 consecutive days or more, not including any absence for purposes of vacation, education, or health care for the child(ren).
4. Your order regarding custody, primary residence, visitation, time-sharing or parenting plan was entered before October 1, 2009, and the order does not expressly govern the relocation of the child(ren); was entered on or after October 1, 2006; or your case was pending on October 1, 2009.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. **You must fill in all sections of the form.** After completing the form, you should sign the form before a **notary public** or **deputy clerk**. You should **file** this form in the county where the original order was entered. If the order was entered in another state, or if the child(ren) live(s) in another state, you should speak with an **attorney** about where to file this form. You should file the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** and keep a copy for your records.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. **You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Rules of Judicial Administration.** If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you **must** review Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO. If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

What should I do next?

For your case to proceed, you must properly notify the other parent and every other person entitled to, access, time-sharing, or visitation with the child(ren) in your case of the **supplemental petition**. "Other Person" means an individual who is not the parent but with whom the child resides pursuant to court order, or who has the right of access to, time-sharing with, or visitation with the child(ren). If you know where he or she lives, you should use **personal service**. If you absolutely do not know where he or she lives, you may use **constructive service**. You may also be able to use constructive service if the other party resides in another state or country. However, if constructive service is used, the court may only grant limited relief. For more information on constructive service, see **Notice of Action For**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2), and **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b). If the other party is in the military service of the United States, additional steps for service may be required. See, for example, **Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a). The law regarding constructive service and service on an individual in the military service is very complex. If you have any questions about service, you may wish to consult an attorney regarding these issues.

If personal service is used, the other party has 20 days to **answer** after being served with your supplemental petition. Your case will then generally proceed in one of the following three ways:

DEFAULT. If after 20 days, no answer has been filed, you may file a **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a), with the clerk of court. Then, if you have filed all of the required papers, you may contact the clerk, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** to set a **final hearing**. You must notify the other party of the hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

UNCONTESTED. If the **respondent** files either an answer that agrees with everything in your supplemental petition or an answer and waiver, **and** you have complied with **mandatory disclosure** and filed all of the required papers, you may contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to set a final hearing. You must notify the other party of the hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

CONTESTED. If the respondent files either an answer or an answer and **counterpetition**, which disagrees with or denies anything in your supplemental petition, **and** you are unable to settle the disputed issues, you should file a **Notice for Trial**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.924, after you have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers. Some circuits may require the completion of **mediation** before a final hearing may be set. Then you should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant for instructions on how to set your case for **trial** (final hearing). If the respondent files an answer and counterpetition, you should answer the counterpetition within 20 days using an **Answer to Counterpetition**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(d).

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read “General Information for Self-Represented Litigants” found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in “**bold underline**” in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

If you do not have the money to pay the filing fee, you may obtain an Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status from the clerk, fill it out, and the clerk will determine whether you are eligible to have filing fees deferred.

If there is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone number, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h).

With this form, you must also file the following:

- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.950(d), Supplemental Petition to Permit Relocation with Minor or Dependent Child(ren)(02/18)

Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d).

- **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). (If you do not know the other party's income, you may file this worksheet after his or her financial affidavit has been served on you.)
- **Agreement for Relocation**, if you have reached an agreement on any or all of the issues attach the proposed Agreement For Relocation with Minor Child(ren). Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law 12.950(a). Both parties must sign this agreement before a **notary public**. Any issues on which you are unable to agree will be considered **contested** and settled by the judge at the final hearing.
- **Notice of Social Security Number**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), if not previously filed.
- **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c).
- **Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932. (This must be filed within 45 days of **service** of the supplemental petition on the respondent, if not filed at the time of the supplemental petition, unless you and the other party have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

Updating Information. A parent or other person seeking to relocate has a continuing duty to provide current and updated information required by the relocation statute when that information becomes known.

Parenting and Time-Sharing. If you and the other parent and every other person entitled to access to or time-sharing with the child(ren) are unable to agree on the parenting arrangements and a time-sharing schedule, a judge will decide for you as part of establishing a Parenting Plan. The judge will decide the parenting arrangements and a time-sharing schedule based upon the child(ren)'s best interests. Regardless of whether there is an agreement, the court reserves jurisdiction to modify issues relating to the minor child(ren).

Failure to obtain an Order prior to relocation renders the supplemental petition to relocate legally insufficient.

The judge may request a **parenting plan recommendation** or appoint a **guardian ad litem** in your case. This means that a neutral person will review your situation and report to the judge concerning parenting issues. The purpose of such intervention is to be sure that the best interests of the child(ren) is (are) being served. For more information, you may consult section 61.13, Florida Statutes.

If one has not already been completed, the court may require the completion of a **parenting course** before a final hearing is set. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about requirements for parenting courses or mediation where you live.

Child Support. Both parents are required to provide financial support for their minor or dependent child(ren); however, the court may order one parent to pay child support to the other parent. Florida has adopted guidelines for determining the amount of child support to be paid. These guidelines are based on the combined income of **both** parents and take into account the financial contributions of both parents and the number of overnights the child(ren) spend with each parent. You must file a **Family Law Financial Affidavit**. Florida Family Law Rules

of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and the other parent will be required to do the same. From your financial affidavits, you should be able to calculate the amount of child support that should be paid using the **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). Because the child support guidelines take several factors into consideration, change over time, and vary from state to state, your child support obligation may be more or less than that of other people in seemingly similar situations.

Temporary Relief. If you need temporary relief regarding relocation of the minor child(ren), complete paragraph eleven contained in the Supplemental Petition To Permit Relocation of Minor Child(ren).

Final Judgment Form. These family law forms contain a **Final Judgment/Supplemental Final Judgment Permitting Relocation**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.950(i), which the judge may use. You should check with the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to see if you need to bring it with you to the hearing. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties' names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

Nonlawyer. Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: _____
Division: _____

Petitioner,
And

Respondent.

SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO PERMIT RELOCATION WITH MINOR CHILD(REN)

I, {full legal name} _____, being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

1. The parties to this action were granted a final judgment of:
____ dissolution of marriage
____ paternity
on {date} _____.
A copy of the final judgment and any modification(s) is/are attached to this supplemental petition.
2. {If applicable} The following other person is an individual who is not a parent but with whom the child resides pursuant to court order, or who has the right of access to, time-sharing with, or visitation with the child(ren) _____.
3. Paragraph(s) _____ of the _____ final judgment or _____ most recent modification thereof describes the present custody, visitation, and/or time-sharing ordered.
4. The parties _____ have _____ have not reached an agreement on relocation. If yes, a copy of the agreement is attached to this supplemental petition.
5. The parties' dependent or minor child(ren) is (are):

Name

Birth Date

6. I seek to relocate my principal residence at least 50 miles from my principal residence established in the final judgment or last modification thereof. This relocation is for a period

of 60 consecutive days or more, not including any absence for purposes of vacation, education, or health care for the child(ren). Pursuant to Section 61.13001(3), Florida Statutes, the following information is provided:

a. The location of the intended new residence, including the state, city, and physical address, (if known), is: _____

b. The mailing address of the new physical residence, if not the same as the physical address, is: _____

c. The home telephone number of the intended new residence, (if known), is: _____

d. The date of the intended move or proposed relocation is: _____

7. The specific reasons for the proposed relocation are: _____

_____.

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

8. One of the reasons for the proposed relocation is a job offer. *{Choose only one}* ____ Yes ____ No. The job offer is in writing. *{Choose only one}* ____ Yes ____ No. A copy of the written job offer is attached to this supplemental petition.

9. I ask the Court to modify access and time-sharing as follows:

_____.

10. This modification is in the best interests of the child(ren) because: *{explain}* _____

_____.

11. ____ *{Indicate if applicable}* If the requested modification is granted, I request that child

support be modified, consistent with the modification of visitation or time-sharing. A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), _____ is, or _____ will be filed.

12. I am requesting a temporary relief hearing to permit relocation prior to the final hearing. {Choose only **one**} _____ Yes _____ No. If yes, explain why you cannot wait for a final hearing date.

Failure to obtain an Order prior to relocation renders the supplemental petition to relocate legally insufficient.

13. A completed **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), _____ is, or _____ will be, filed.

14. A completed **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed with this petition.

15. If not previously filed in this case, a completed **Notice of Social Security Number**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), is filed with this petition.

16. Other: _____
_____.

A RESPONSE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION OBJECTING TO RELOCATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING, FILED WITH THE COURT, AND SERVED ON THE PARENT OR OTHER PERSON SEEKING TO RELOCATE WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO RELOCATE. IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY OBJECT TO THE RELOCATION, THE RELOCATION WILL BE ALLOWED, UNLESS IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND WITHOUT A HEARING.

A response is in the form of an Answer and it must be sworn to under oath and must include the specific factual basis supporting the reasons for objecting to the relocation, including a statement of the amount of participation or involvement you currently have or have had in the life of the child(ren).

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: _____

Signature of Party

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Designated E-mail Address(es): _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____ by _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or deputy clerk.]

- _____ Personally known
- _____ Produced identification
- _____ Type of identification produced _____

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS

BELOW: [fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the _____ Petitioner _____ Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____,

{name of business} _____,

{address} _____,

{city} _____, {state} _____, {zip code} _____ {telephone number} _____.