

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.950(d), SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO PERMIT RELOCATION WITH MINOR CHILD(REN) (09/10)**

## **When should this form be used?**

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

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.

## **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 Dissolution of Marriage**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a), 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 call 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 call 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 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...** The court may order one parent to pay **child support** to assist the other parent in meeting the child(ren)'s material needs. **Both parents are required to provide financial support**, but one parent may be ordered to pay a portion of his or her support for the child(ren)

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. 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. Since the final judgment or last modification thereof, there has been a substantial change in  
circumstances, requiring a modification of the present visitation or time-sharing schedule  
because I seek to relocate my principal residence at least 50 miles from my principal  
residence. 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. If the requested modification is granted, Petitioner requests 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. [Choose only **one**] ( ) Yes ( ) No.
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.

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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 PETITIONER \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

**B BELOW:** [fill in all blanks]

I, {full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer} \_\_\_\_\_,  
a nonlawyer, whose address is {street} \_\_\_\_\_, {city} \_\_\_\_\_,  
{state} \_\_\_\_\_, {phone} \_\_\_\_\_, helped {name} \_\_\_\_\_,  
who is the petitioner, fill out this form.