

# FATHER'S PETITION FOR CUSTODY OR VISITATION AFTER LEGITIMATION

The forms and instructions in this Packet can be used if:

1. You are the **father** of the minor child(ren); **and**
2. You have an **Order for Legitimation**; **and**
3. The child(ren) have lived in Georgia for at least **six months** before you file this petition.
4. You want physical or legal custody or visitation with the child(ren);
5. There is no other court order concerning custody of your child(ren).

**A petition for custody can be complicated.  
Please consult an attorney if you have questions  
about the procedure or what action is best for  
you to take.**

It is advisable to have an attorney when filing legal papers to be sure your rights are protected and that all the procedures are correctly followed. **Courthouse personnel are prohibited by state law O.C.G.A. ' 15-19-51 from giving legal advice.** Different situations may require special procedures and courthouse personnel cannot advise you on how to proceed or what forms may be necessary in specific situations.