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In and For  New Castle County  Kent County  Sussex County

**PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR**

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| **Petitioner** | |  |  | **Respondent** | | |
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| Attorney Name: |  |  |  | Attorney Name: |  |  |
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| Interpreter needed? | Yes  No |  |  | Interpreter needed? | Yes  No |  |
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| **Guardian Ad Litem (if any)** | |  |
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| Law Firm: |  |  |
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| **Does this matter relate to a federal immigration case?** YES  NO |

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| IN THE INTEREST OF THE FOLLOWING CHILD(REN): |
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| **Complete the table below for each child for which petitioner wants guardianship.** |
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| Attach additional sheets if necessary. |

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| **Child’s Name:** |  |  |  | **Child’s Name:** |  |  |
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| Gender: | (check one)  Male  Female |  |  | Gender: | (check one)  Male  Female |  |
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| Gender: | (check one)  Male  Female |  |  | Gender: | (check one)  Male  Female |  |
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| Petitioner’s relationship to the child(ren): |
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| Select one relationship from the choices below. |

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|  | non-relative |  |  | |  |  | |
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|  | brother or sister |  | grandparent or great-grandparent | |  | aunt or uncle | |
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|  | grandaunt or granduncle |  | half-brother or half-sister | |  | stepparent | |
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|  | stepgrandparent |  | stepaunt or stepuncle | |  | first cousin | |
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|  | stepbrother or stepsister |  | first cousin once removed | |  |  | |
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|  | other relative (please explain): | | |  | | |  |

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| 1. Complete the table below regarding the child(ren)’s parents (individuals holding parental rights): | | | | | | |
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| **MOTHER** | |  |  | **FATHER** | | |
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| 2. If you do not know the name/address of the child(ren)’s mother and/or father, write in the space | | |
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| provided below what you have done to try to locate him/her/them. | | |
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| * I have attached to this Petition the following affidavit: | | |
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| **Affidavit that a Party’s Address is Unknown (Form 241)** | | |

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| 3. Name(s) and address of the person(s) or organization **holding parental rights** of the child(ren): | | |
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| 4. Name(s) and address of the person(s) or organization **having the guardianship, care, control or** | | |
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| **custody** of the child(ren): | | |
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| If address is the same address as Petitioner(s), please write “same as Petitioner(s).” | | |
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| 5. Name(s) and address of the person(s) or organization **to whom guardianship** shall be vested if | | |
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| this Petition is granted: | | |
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| If address is the same address as Petitioner(s), please write “same as Petitioner(s).” | | |
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| 6. Proposed guardian(s)’ relationship to child(ren) if proposed guardian is **NOT** the Petitioner: | | |
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| Relationship: |  |  |

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| 7. Please check all that apply: | | |
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| The following children are under 14 years of age: | | |
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| **OR** | | |
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| The following children are 14 years of age or older and consent to (agree with) this | | |
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| Petition. (*Attach Affidavit of Consent executed by each child who consents.*) | | |
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| List the name of each child 14 years of age or older who consents: | | |
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| The following children are 14 years of age or older and do NOT consent to (agree with) | | |
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| this Petition. List the name of each child 14 years of age or older who DOES NOT consent: | | |
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| 8. I am filing this petition because: | | | | |
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| Check ALL that apply. | | | | |
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| The child(ren)’s parent(s) agree that I/we should become the guardian(s) of the child(ren). | | | | |
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| The guardianship is needed because (a reason must be provided; check all that apply): | | | | |
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| parent(s) lack stable housing | | | | |
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| parent(s) dealing with substance abuse issues | | | | |
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| parent(s) physical health | | | | |
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| parent(s) mental health | | | | |
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| parent(s) lack of financial resources | | | | |
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| other (please explain): | | |  |  |
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| (*Attach an Affidavit of Consent (Form 202) executed by the parent(s) who agree.*) | | | | |
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| The child(ren)’s parent(s) are deceased. (*Attach a certified copy of the death certificate.*) | | | | |
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| The child(ren) is/are dependent, neglected, and/or abused based on the following | | | | |
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| reason(s): | | | | |
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| 9. I believe that this guardianship is in the child(ren)’s best interest for the following reason(s): | | |
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|  | **NOTICE – This request for guardianship, if filed by a non-relative or a relative whose relationship is not captured in the definition of “relative” found in 13 *Del. C.* § 2302*,* is subject to an assessment conducted by the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families or a licensed agency, as required by 13 *Del. C*. § 2324A.** |  |
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| **WHEREFORE**, Petitioner(s) seek appointment as Guardian(s) of the above-named minor child(ren). |

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| Petitioner |  | Date |  | 2nd Petitioner (if any) |  | Date |
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| Clerk of Court/Notary Public |  | Date |  | Clerk of Court/Notary Public |  | Date |