

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (NAME AND ADDRESS): TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): FAX NO. (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name):	FOR COURT USE ONLY CASE NUMBER:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA STREET ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER: RESPONDENT:	
REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN MEXICO (LETTER ROGATORY)	

FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL AUTHORITY IN THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO IN REGARD TO THE SERVICE OF PROCESS IN _____ MEXICO:

This Court presents its compliments to the appropriate judicial authority of _____, Mexico, C. Juez de Primera Instancia de lo Familiar, and requests international judicial assistance for the Service of Process in a family law proceeding before this Court in the above-captioned matter, as necessary in the interests of justice.

This request is made under the Inter-American Convention on Letters Rogatory, Principles of International Reciprocity, California Rules of Court section 5.68 (a) (5)(A-B), the Mexican Federal Code of Civil Procedures, Sections 549–551, 568–571, and the Code of Civil Procedure for the State of _____, Mexico, _____, Sections _____.

The facts of the case pending before the requesting Court are as follows: On _____, a Petition for:

- Dissolution of Marriage, based upon irreconcilable differences.
- Legal Separation, based upon irreconcilable differences.
- Nullity, based upon:
 - Petitioner’s age at time of marriage
 - prior existing marriage
 - unsound mind
 - fraud
 - force
 - physical incapacity
- Establish Parental Relationship
- Custody and Support of Minor Child, based upon:
 - voluntary declaration of paternity
 - marital presumption
 was filed by _____, Petitioner, against _____, Respondent in Case Number _____.

The minor child(ren) named in the Petition are:

1. Name: _____, born _____;
2. Name: _____, born _____;
3. Name: _____, born _____;
4. Name: _____, born _____;

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In addition, the Petition requested:

- Joint legal custody; sole legal custody to Petitioner Respondent of said minor child(ren);
- Joint legal custody; sole physical custody to Petitioner Respondent of said minor child(ren);
- Visitation rights for the Petitioner Respondent;
- Possible support for the child(ren); termination of spousal support for the Petitioner Respondent;
- Property orders; other: _____.

The current address of Petitioner, _____, is _____.

The undersigned judicial authority has the honor to transmit the documents listed below in duplicate, and requests prompt service of process of one copy thereof on Respondent, _____, at the address of _____.

The undersigned judicial authority further requests that service be carried out in the following manner: (a) by personal service on the identified addressee, or (b) if personal service not possible, then in accordance with the law of the State of destination.

If Respondent cannot be located for personal or substitute service, the undersigned judicial authority requests that service be accomplished by publication or posting in accordance with the law of the State of destination. A *Declaration of Diligence Re Attempts to Locate Respondent in California and Mexico* signed by Petitioner is included with the documents to be served.

The documents to be served are authenticated copies of:

- SUMMONS
- ORDER AND NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT
- PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
- BLANK RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
- PETITION FOR LEGAL SEPARATION
- BLANK RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR LEGAL SEPARATION
- PETITION FOR NULLITY
- BLANK RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR NULLITY
- PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP
- BLANK RESPONSE TO PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP
- PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND SUPPORT OF MINOR CHILD
- BLANK RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND SUPPORT OF MINOR CHILD
- DECLARATION UNDER THE UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT
- BLANK DECLARATION UNDER THE UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT
- PROPERTY DECLARATION
- BLANK PROPERTY DECLARATION
- DECLARATION OF DISCLOSURE (PRELIMINARY)
- BLANK DECLARATION OF DISCLOSURE
- INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION
- BLANK INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION
- COPY OF THIS LETTER ROGATORY
- DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE RE ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE RESPONDENT
- ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR THE RESPONDENT
- OTHER:

This Court further requests that the judicial authority of the State of destination return to this Court an executed Certificate of Execution, as attached hereto, once service of process is completed. The requesting Court agrees to willingly provide similar assistance to the judicial authorities of the Receiving State, _____ Mexico.

Date:

The Honorable:
Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara

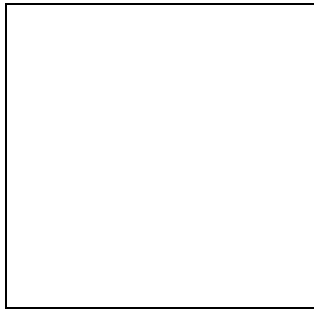
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AUTHENTICATION

As Clerk of the Court for the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, I do hereby certify that the Honorable _____, whose signature is affixed to the Request for International Judicial Assistance for Service of Process Abroad, annexed hereto, was at the time and date thereof, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara; that the official acts and doings of said Judge are entitled to full faith and credit; and that the attestation to said Request is in due form of law. I further certify that the seal attached to said Request is the official seal of the Court.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California,

on this _____, day of _____, 20____.



(Official Seal)

Clerk of the Superior Court

By: _____, Deputy

AUTHENTICATION

As Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, I do hereby certify that _____, whose signature is affixed hereto, was at the time and date thereof, Clerk of the Court for the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara; that the official acts and doings of said Clerk are entitled to full faith and credit; and that this authentication to said Request is in due form of law.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California,

on this _____, day of _____, 20____.

The Honorable:
Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara