

NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD

This packet has forms and instructions on changing the name of a minor child (under 18 years of age).

NOTE: The legal procedure of minor name change does not change the legal status of the child or father in any way. If you are a **biological father** who wants to become the **legal father**, please review the packets on Legitimation.

It is advisable to have an attorney when filing legal papers to be sure that 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.