After paternity is established, does the father have any rights to the child?

Under Georgia law, the birth mother is the only person entitled to custody of a child born out of wedlock, unless the father has gone through the process of legitimating the child. In a paternity action if the court finds that a man is the father of a child, the court can also order that the man have visitation rights with the child (if the court finds that visitation would be in the best interests of the child).

If the father's name is on the birth certificate, does he have any rights to the child?

Under Georgia law, the birth mother is the only person entitled to custody of a child born out of wedlock, unless the father has gone through the process of legitimating the child. This is the case even if the father's name is on the birth certificate. The father must go through legitimation to have rights to a child born out of wedlock.

Does it matter if the father's name or social security number is on the child's birth certificate?

If a man's name or social security number is on the child's birth certificate and someone files a petition to establish paternity, the burden of proof is on the man to prove that he is not the father.

If the birth certificate of the child does not contain any information about the father, the person or agency that filed the paternity action must prove that the man is the father.

Can DNA testing be used to prove or disprove paternity?

Any party to the action may make a motion for the court to order DNA testing. The court must grant the motion unless someone shows that there is good cause not to order DNA testing. The person who requests the testing is responsible for any costs of the testing.

What is the result of a finding that the man is the father of the child in a paternity case?

If the court finds that a man is the father of a child, the father has a duty to support the child financially. This means that the man must pay child support. The court's order may also provide that the father has the right to visit with the child (visitation privileges) if the court finds that visitation would be in the best interests of the child.

What happens if a paternity action is brought before the child is born?

In this situation, all legal proceedings will be stayed until after the birth except service of process, discovery, and the taking of depositions.

SUPERIOR COURT OF BIBB COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Plaint	iff	
Vs.		Civil Action No
Defend	dant	
		PETITION FOR PATERNITY AND CHILD SUPPORT
in this 1	My 1 modi	name is and I am representing myself fication petition. In support of my case, I state the following:
		ect Matter Jurisdiction: I am the Plaintiff in this action and ck only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]
ſ	□ (a)	I am a resident of the State of Georgia.
Г	⊐ (b)	I am not a resident of the State of Georgia but Defendant is a resident of the State of Georgia.
		liction and Venue: k only one of the following, either (a), (b), or (c).]
	i (a)	Defendant is a resident of Bibb County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
	(b)	Defendant is a resident of County, Georgia, but I live in Bibb County. The Defendant has acknowledged service of process and consented to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

	Service of Process: The Defendant shall be served as provided under O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4, in the following manner: [Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]				
	☐ (a) Defendant has acknowledged so of Service (which has been sign Petition.	-	_		
	☐ (b) The Defendant may be served b	y the Sheriff's Depart	ment at the Defendant's		
	□ home □ work address, which	is			
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	Minor Child(ren):				
	The Defendant and I are the parents of _	minor ch	ild(ren), listed below:		
	Name of Child	Male / Female	Date of Birth		
	The Defendant has: [Check only one of the following with (a)) or (b).]			
	☐ (a) had his paternity of the child(ren) d number and the nature of the proceeding a		action. The court and case		
[☐ (b) has acknowledged paternity of the o	child(ren).			
	The Defendant and I have a joint and seve		pport for the minor		

- 7. The Defendant has failed to provide adequate support for the child(ren).
- 8. Child Support: The Defendant has income or is capable of earning sufficient money to support minor child(ren).

9. Health Insurance for Child(ren):

[Check only one, either (a), (b) or (c).]

- ☐ (a) The Defendant should be ordered to maintain a policy for medical, dental, and hospitalization insurance for minor child(ren).
- □ (b) I already provide health insurance for the child(ren) and the Defendant should be required to reimburse me for a fair share of the cost each month.
- \Box (c) I am not asking the Court to address this issue.

10. Other Medical Expenses for Child(ren):

[Check only one, either (a), (b) or (c).]

- ☐ (a) The Defendant should be responsible for all expenses incurred for the child(ren)'s medical, dental and hospital care, that are not covered by insurance.
- □ (b) The Defendant and I should share the cost of expenses incurred for the child(ren)'s medical, dental and hospital care, that are not covered by insurance.
- \Box (c) I am not asking the Court to address this issue.

11. Life Insurance to Support Child(ren):

[Check only one, either (a) or (b).]

- □ (a) The child(ren) depend on the Defendant for support, and therefore the Defendant should maintain a policy of insurance on the Defendant's life with a face amount of \$______, for the benefit of the minor child(ren). The Defendant should maintain the policy for so long as at least one of the child(ren) is a minor or is otherwise entitled to child support.
- \Box (b) I am not asking the Court to address this issue.
- 12. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 19-7-42 and 19-7-43, Plaintiff requests Defendant's paternity of the child(ren) be determined and Defendant be ordered to provide support for the child(ren).

THEREFORE, I request the following relief: [Check all that apply.]

(a) That Defendant be served notice of this Petition as provided by law;

□ (b)	That Defendant's paternity of the minor child(ren) be determined pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 19-7-42 and 19-7-3;				
□ (c)	That Defendant be ordered to pay the Plaintiff support for the minor child(ren) in accordance with the child support guidelines, O.C.G.A. §19-6-15;				
□ (d)	That the Defendant be ordered to maintain medical and dental insurance for the child(ren), and be ordered to pay any medical and dental expenses incurred on behalf of the child(ren);				
□ (e)	That the Defendant be ordered to maintain an insurance policy on his/her life for the benefit of the child(ren);				
□ (f)	That Defendant be ordered to pay through the Bibb County Superior Court Receivers Office;				
□ (g)	That Defendant be ordered to pay through income deduction;				
□ (h)	That a Rule Nisi be scheduled by the Court decide on the relief I have requested;				
□ (i)	That the Court order the parties to participate in mediation to try to resolve this matter;				
□ (j)	That Defendant be required to pay all costs of this action; and				
□ (k)	That the Court order any and all other relief that the Court finds appropriate.				
Date:					
	Plaintiff, Pro Se (Signature)				
	Name:				
	Address:				
	Phone:				

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF BIBB

VERIFICATION

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer authorizes by law to					
administer oaths, the deponent herein, who, an oath, deposes and says that the					
facts contained in the foregoing document are true and correct.					
DEPONENT					
Sworn to and subscribed before me					
this, 20					
Notary Public					

AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSON FILING CASE WITH NO ATTORNEY (All questions must be answered.)

Plain	ntiff					
vs.		Civil Action No.				
Defe	endant					
	PERSONALLY appeared before me t	he undersigned officer,				
		(Plaintiff)				
who	after being duly sworn deposes and state	s under oath the following:				
(1)	That affiant has this date filed a suit for does not have an attorney at law representation.	or divorce or other complaint in this County and senting affiant.				
(2)		wing person prepared the Complaint and/or other				
	Name of Person (and business name)	who prepared papers				
	Address of such person and business	Address of such person and business				
	Telephone number of such person and	l business				
		prepared the paper (was/was not) paid to prepare				
	the papers. The total amount paid \$					
(3)		not) any further money due anyone for assisting in nt owes money to the preparer the amount is				
(4)		any other consideration of money for helping in ring,				
(5)		what information, or give you advice regarding the				
(6)		about how to file your papers? (YES / NO)				
(7)	(YES / NO)	about how to present your case to the judge?				
(8)	Are you willing to discuss this matter (YES / NO)	with a State Bar or Georgia investigator?				
I hav	e answered all the about questions truths	fully, under criminal penalties of perjury.				
Swoı	rn to and subscribed before me					
	, day of, 20	Affiant				
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	ry Public					
My (Commission Expires	_ City State Zip				
		Phone No. (required):				

SUPERIOR COURT OF BIBB COUNTY PARTIES INFORMATION SHEET TO BE FILED WITH COMPLAINT/PETITION

Plaintiff's Contact Information: Plaintiff's Name: Address: City: State: Daytime Phone Number: Cell Phone Number: Email Address: Defendant's Contact Information: Defendant's Name: Address: City: State: Daytime Phone Number: Cell Phone Number: Email Address:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BIBB COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Plaintiff					
v.	Ci	Civil Action No.			
Defendant					
DOMESTIC REI	LATIONS FINANCIAL	AFFIDAVIT OF P	LAINTIFF		
1. AFFIANT'S NAME:		Age			
Spouse's Name:	A	age			
Date of Marriage:	Date of S	Separation			
Names and year of birth of ch	ildren for whom support	s to be determined in	n this action:		
Name	Year of Birth	Resides with			
Names and year of birth of aff	fiant's other children: Year of Birth				
2. SUMMARY OF AFFIANT	'S INCOME AND NEED	os			
(a) Gross monthly income (from (b) Net monthly income (from			\$		
(c) Average monthly expenses			\$		
Monthly paym	ents to creditors		+		

Total monthly expenses and payments to creditors (item 5C)

 AFFIANT'S GROSS MONTHLY INCOME (complete this section of Schedule A) 	r attach Child Support
(All income must be entered based on monthly average regardless of date	e of receipt.)
Salary or Wages	\$
ATTACH COPIES OF 2 MOST RECENT WAGE STATEMENTS Commissions, Fees, Tips	\$
Income from self-employment, partnership, close corporations, and independent contracts (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income)	¢.
ATTACH SHEET ITEMIZING YOUR CALCULATIONS	\$
Rental Income (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income)	
ATTACH SHEET ITEMIZING YOUR CALCULATIONS	\$
Bonuses	\$
Overtime Payments	\$
Severance Pay	\$
Recurring Income from Pensions or Retirement Plans	\$
Interest and Dividends	\$
Trust Income	\$
Income from Annuities	\$
Capital Gains	\$
Social Security Disability or Retirement Benefits	\$
Workers' Compensation Benefits	\$
Unemployment Benefits	\$
Judgments from Personal Injury or Other Civil Cases	\$
Gifts (cash or other gifts that can be converted to cash)	\$
Prizes/Lottery Winnings	\$
Alimony and Maintenance From Persons Not in This Case	\$

Assets Which are Used	for Support of Fa	amily		\$
Fringe Benefits (if significantly reduce living expenses)				\$
Any Other Income (do N public assistance, such a				\$
GROSS MONTHLY IN	ICOME			\$
B. Affiant's Net Monthl (deducting only state and	•	<u> </u>		\$
Affiant's Pay Period (i.e	e., weekly, month	aly, etc.)		
Number of Exemptions	Claimed			
4. ASSETS (If you claim or agree tunder the appropriate sinheritance, source of funderitance)	spouse's column			
Cash	\$			
Stocks, Bonds	\$			
CD's/Money Market Accounts	\$			
Bank Accounts (list each account):	\$ \$ \$			
Retirement Pensions, 401K, IRA, or Profit Sharing	\$			
Money owed you:	\$			

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AUTOMOBILE	
Gasoline and Oil	\$
Repairs	\$
Auto Tags and License	\$
Insurance	\$
OTHER VEHICLES	
(boats, trailers, RVs, etc.)	
Gasoline and Oil	\$
Repairs	\$
Tags and License	\$
Insurance	\$
CHILDREN'S EXPENSES	
Child Care (total monthly cost)	\$
School Tuition	\$
Tutoring	\$
Private Lessons (e.g., music, dance)	\$
School Supplies/Expenses	\$
Lunch Money	\$
Other Educational Expenses (list)	
	\$
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Allowance	\$
Clothing	\$
Diapers	\$
Medical, Dental, Prescription	
(out of pocket/uncovered expenses)	\$
Grooming, Hygiene	\$
Gifts from Children to Others	\$
Entertainment	\$
Activities (including extra-curricular,	
school, religious, cultural, etc.)	\$
Summer Camps	\$
AFFIANT'S OTHER EXPENSES	
Dry Cleaning/Laundry	\$
Clothing	\$
Medical, Dental, Prescription	_
(out of pocket/uncovered expenses)	\$

Affiant's Gifts (special holidays)		\$			
Entertainment		\$			
Recreational Expenses (e.g., fitness	3)	Φ			
Vacations	·)	Φ			
Travel Expenses for Visitation					
Publications		\$			
Dues, clubs		\$			
Religious and charities		\$			
Pet Expenses		\$			
Alimony Paid to Former Spouse		\$			
Child Support Paid for other					
children		\$			
Date of Initial Order:					
Other (attach sheet)					
OTHER INSURANCE					
Health		\$			
Child(ren)'s Portion:		\$			
Dental		\$			
Child(ren)'s Portion:		\$			
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Vision		\$			
Child(ren)'s Portion:		\$			
Life		\$			
Relationship of Beneficiary:		Ψ			
-		Φ.			
Disability		\$			
Other (specify):		\$			
TOTAL ABOVE EXPENSES		\$			
B. PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS (please check one)					
To Whom: Balance Due	Monthly Payment	J	oint Plaintiff]	Defendant
TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS	TO CREDITORS:			\$	
C. TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSE	ES:			\$	

	_	Affiant
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this	_day of	
Notary Public		
My commission expires:		

Personally appeared before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned affiant, who upon being sworn, swears that he/she is legally competent to make this affidavit, that the affidavit is based upon personal knowledge, and that the contents of the affidavit are true.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING REQUIRED CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET

- 1. Child Support Worksheet is required by the State of Georgia.
- 2. Bibb County Judges *require* that the Child Support Worksheet be printed.
- 3. Complete the worksheet to the best of your ability. The Superior Court Clerk's Office cannot help fill out the forms.
- 4. Go to http://csc.georgiacourts.gov/ complete the form, submit it and print it out.
- 5. You **MUST** file the worksheet along with your case.

General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Filing Information Form

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IN THE SUPERIOR/STATE COU	COUNTY	
STATE		
	CIVIL ACTION · NUMBER	
PLAINTIFF		•
VS.		
DEFENDANT		
5	SUMMONS	
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:		
You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk and address is:	of said court and serve upon the Plaint	iff's attorney, whose name .
an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default w		
This day of, 20		
	Clerk of Superior/State Court	

SHERIFF'S ENTRY OF SERVICE			
Civil Action No.		Superior Court ☐ State Court ☐ Juvenile Court ☐	Magistrate Court ☐ Probate Court ☐
Date Filed		Georgia,	COUNTY
Attorney's Address			
			Plaintiff
		VS.	
Name and Address of Party to Served			
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	SHERIFF'S ENT	FRY OF SERVICE	
PERSONAL I have this day served the defendant of the within action and summons.			personally with a copy
NOTORIOUS I have this day served the defendant copy of the action and summons at his most notoring.	ious place abode in this Cou	nty.	by leaving a
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CORPORATION Served the defendant			a corporation
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TACK & MAIL I have this day served the above styled affidavit an designated in said affidavit and on the same day of			
envelope properly addressed to the defendant(s) at to the defendant(s) to answer said summons at the			ed thereon containing notice
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Thisday of,	20		

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ATTACHMENTS

Parenting Plan
Child Support Order Addendum
Case Disposition Form & 3907 Form
Other

General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Disposition Information Form

\square Superior or \square State Cour					of		County		
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eFile and Serve Registration & Quick Tips

		(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)					
•	Email:						
•	Address:						
•	Phone #:						
•	Security Quest	cion? EX: What high school did you attend?					
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•	Password: Abcd1234						
•	Click on link sent to your email to activate your account.						
•	Login to www.efilega.com from Kiosk or phone and change your password under manage security.						
•	Scan documents						
•	File your case						
	• Tutorials a	nd user guides are available online. To learn more, visit					
		<u>www.efilega.com</u>					
Cas	se / Envelope #: _						
Cas	ses filed with an a	greement: File your Request Letter 46 days after filed date:					

Cases filed with Sheriff Service: File your Request Letter 46 days after defendant has been served. You will receive notification once the defendant has been served with the email that you have on file.

Divorce by Publication: File Request Letter 60 days after 1st day of Publication; Publisher's Affidavit must be on file.

Adult Name Change: Take filed stamp Notice of Name Change to The Telegraph, File Request Letter 46 days after filing date, Publisher's Affidavit must be on file. Minor Name Change: File Request Letter 46 days after filing date, , Publisher's Affidavit must be on file.

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES OR TO UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS BY FILING A NOTICE TO CHANGE ADDRESS.

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CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA

"Families in Transition" Seminar Schedule 2024

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Online		
Tuesday, January 16 th		
1:00pm - 4:00pm		
Tuesday, February 20 th		
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Tuesday, March 19 th		
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Tuesday, December 17 th		
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