

SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Petitioner,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Respondent.</p>	<p>Civil Action</p> <p>Case Number _____</p>
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PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF
 CHILD SUPPORT **ALIMONY**

My name is _____ and I am representing myself in this modification petition. In support of my case, I state the following:

1. **Jurisdiction and Venue:**

[Check only one of the following, either (a), (b), (c) or (d).]

(a) The Respondent is a resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

(b) The Respondent is a resident of _____ County, Georgia, but I live in Gwinnett County. The Respondent has acknowledged service of process and consented to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

(c) The Respondent is not a resident of Georgia, but I am a resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia, and:

[Check only one of the following, either (1) or (2).]

(1) The Respondent was formerly a resident of Georgia, but currently resides in the State of _____. The Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Court under Georgia's Long Arm Statute, OCGA § 9-10-91(5).

(2) The Respondent has acknowledged service of process and consented to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

(d) *[Check only if you are requesting a modification of child support.]* This Court has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify child support because a child support order was issued by a Georgia court and the child(ren) or a party to that case lives in Gwinnett, County, Georgia, OCGA § 19-6-26(c).

2. **Service of Process:** The Respondent shall be served as provided under OCGA § 9-11-4, in the following manner:

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

(a) The Respondent has acknowledged service of process. I am filing the *Acknowledgment of Service* (which has been signed by the Respondent) with this Petition.

(b) The Respondent may be served by the Sheriff's Department at the Respondent's home work address, which is

(b-1) *[Check only if the Respondent resides outside of Gwinnett County.]* The Respondent resides outside of Gwinnett County, and shall therefore be served by second original, as provided under OCGA § 9-10-72. Service shall be made by the Sheriff's Department in the county where the Respondent resides.

3. **Prior Order for Child Support:** On _____, the Superior Court of _____, County in the State of _____, Civil Action File Number _____ issued an order awarding child support to the Petitioner Respondent _____ in the amount of \$ _____ per _____.

[Check all that apply.]

(a) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the income or financial status of the Petitioner Respondent which increases

decreases his/her ability to pay the amount of child support previously awarded. Specifically, at the time that the order was issued the Petitioner Respondent was earning \$ _____ per _____ and his/her earnings have increased decreased to _____ per _____.

(b) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the income or financial status of the Petitioner Respondent which increases decreases his/her ability to provide for the minor child. Specifically, at the time that the order was issued the Petitioner Respondent was earning \$ _____ per _____ and his/her earnings have increased decreased to _____ per _____.

(c) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the needs of the children as follows: _____

_____.

(d) Since that date: _____

_____.

4. **Prior Order for Alimony:** On _____, the Superior Court of _____, County in the State of _____, Civil Action File Number _____ issued an order awarding alimony to the Petitioner Respondent in the amount of \$ _____ per _____.
[Check all that apply.]

(a) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the income or financial status of the Petitioner Respondent which increases decreases his/her ability to pay the amount of alimony previously awarded. Specifically, at the time that the order was issued the Petitioner Respondent was earning \$ _____ per _____ and his/her earnings have increased decreased to _____ per _____.

(b) Since that date there has been a substantial change in the income or financial status of the Petitioner Respondent which increases

decreases his/her ability to provide for himself/herself. Specifically, at the time that the order was issued the Petitioner Respondent was earning \$ _____ per _____ and his/her earnings have increased decreased to _____ per _____.

(c) The Respondent is voluntarily cohabiting with a third party of the opposite sex in a meretricious relationship.

5. I have not filed a petition for modification within two years of the filing of this petition.

THEREFORE, I request the following relief:

[Check all that apply.]

(a) That the order awarding child support be increased decreased terminated ;

(b) That the order awarding alimony be increased decreased terminated ;

(c) That _____

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(d) That a Rule Nisi be scheduled by the Court to decide on the relief I have requested;

(e) That the Court order the parties to participate in mediation to try to resolve this matter;

(f) That the Respondent be required to pay all costs of this action; and

(g) That the Court order any and all other relief that the Court finds appropriate.

Dated: _____

Petitioner, Pro se *[Signature]*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____