

SAMPLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF:)	
NAME)	
Sex:)	Petition Number:
DOB:)	
Name,)	Life Number:
Petitioner/Plaintiff,)	
v.)	
Name,)	
Respondent/Defendant.)	

AFFIDAVIT FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Comes, now (state name) attorney for (state name), Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s) and after being duly sworn upon his/her oath, deposes and states pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 54.12, that the Defendant/Respondent cannot be personally served in this state because:

1. (Explain with specificity the actual reason personal service cannot be attained; e.g. Defendant/Respondent has moved stating last known address, and/or whether last known address is unknown, whether Defendant/Respondent moved out of state, naming city and state moved to, and whether address is unknown. Provide names and dates of individual(s) and their relationship to the Defendant/Respondent who provided information that the Defendant/Respondent has moved. List all known addresses and dates where service was attempted)
2. (Explain with specificity all efforts made to attain personal service; e.g. _____ whether Defendant/Respondent had been served or appeared in the underlying case,

____ whether an absent parent search has been done by the Children’s Division and the results,
____ attempts to contact the attorney for the Defendant/Respondent in the underlying case,
____ attempts to contact family members of Defendant/Respondent, contact with former employers,
____ results on the Federal Parent Locator Service search,
____ attempts to access Missouri Court records search, internet or other social media search, Sex Offender Registry search,
____ attempts to access Missouri Prison System search, Federal Prison System search or other state prison search,
Provide dates and names of any persons involved in providing information for any of the above.)

Wherefore, counsel for Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s) verifies that the above-mentioned attempts at personal service have been made and have failed warranting the need for service by publication.

(Signature block)

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF JACKSON } ss

Subscribed and sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 201__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Defendant/Respondent (state full legal name and any known alias)

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Missouri, at Kansas City, the object and general nature of which is (general description of the nature of the lawsuit, e.g., termination of parental rights, adoption, etc.)

You are further notified, pursuant to Section _____ R.S.Mo., (please enter appropriate statute) of your right to have counsel, and if you request counsel and are financially unable to employ counsel, counsel shall be appointed by the Court.

The names and all the parties to the action are stated above in the caption and the name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff is _____ (state full address including city, state and zip code).

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the petition within forty-five (45) days after the _____ day of _____, 2013, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Court Administrator's Office
Family Court Records

By: _____

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 2013, I mailed a copy of the foregoing Notice Upon Order for Service for Publication and a copy of the Petition to each Defendant/Respondent whose address was stated in the verified statement filed by the party desiring service by publication.

Court Administrator's Office
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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Rule 54.12, upon motion of petitioner/plaintiff for service by publication and examination of the accompanying affidavit, it is hereby ordered that Defendant/Respondent (name) be served by publication of notice according to law.

It is ordered that such notice be published in _____, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri or in another newspaper of general circulation published within this circuit.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date

Judge/Commissioner

Certificate of Service

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was hand delivered/faxed/mailed and/or sent through the eFiling system to the following on _____

Copies to: