

**\*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\_\_.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: