

State of North Dakota

In District Court

County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District

\_\_\_\_\_)
   
\_\_\_\_\_)
   
Plaintiff, )
   
vs )
   
\_\_\_\_\_)
   
Defendant. )
   
\_\_\_\_\_)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Complaint**  
*(Contested Parenting Responsibility)*

1. Plaintiff is bringing this action to establish parenting responsibility under North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) Chapter 14-09, and N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-14.1.

2. No separate proceeding for parenting responsibility has been started or is pending in the State of North Dakota or elsewhere.

3. Plaintiff's full legal name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Plaintiff's address is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Plaintiff's employer's name and address: \_\_\_\_\_.

Plaintiff's birth year: \_\_\_\_\_. Last 4 digits of social security number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_.

Length of Residence in North Dakota (*Months/Years*): \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Defendant's full legal name is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Defendant's address is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Defendant's employer's name and address: \_\_\_\_\_.

Defendant's birth year: \_\_\_\_\_. Last 4 digits social security number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_.

Length of Residence in North Dakota (*Months/Years*): \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Plaintiff and Defendant have never been married to each other.
6. *(Choose one)*
- Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant is currently in the Armed Services of the United States of America or its allies.
- (Choose all that apply)*  Plaintiff/  Defendant is/are currently in the Armed Services of the United States of America or its allies but is not/are not currently deployed or notified of deployment.
7. Plaintiff and Defendant have minor children together, namely:
- a. Minor Child's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Minor Child's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Minor Child's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- (Choose if applicable)* Additional sheets are attached for Paragraph 7.
8. Plaintiff is the *(choose one)*  mother **or**  father of the minor child(ren) listed in Paragraph 7.
9. Defendant is the *(choose one)*  mother **or**  father of the minor child(ren) listed in Paragraph 7.
10. Paternity of the minor child(ren) listed in Paragraph 7 **is not** at issue.

**11.** It is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) that residential responsibility and parenting time is granted as follows (*choose one*):

- Shared equally between the Plaintiff and the Defendant.
- Primary residential responsibility granted to the Plaintiff, subject to the Defendant's reasonable parenting time.
- Primary residential responsibility granted to the Defendant, subject to the Plaintiff's reasonable parenting time.

**12.** This Court has jurisdiction to establish parenting rights and responsibilities and decision making of the minor child(ren) under North Dakota Century Code Section 14-14.1-12 because (*choose and complete one*):

The child(ren) has/have lived in North Dakota with a parent or person acting as a parent for at least six consecutive months immediately before the start of this parenting responsibility proceeding. If a child is less than six months old, the child has lived in North Dakota with a parent or person acting as a parent since their birth. Name of parent(s) residing in North Dakota: \_\_\_\_\_

North Dakota was the home state of the child(ren) within six months of the start of this proceeding, and one parent continues to reside in North Dakota. Name of parent(s) residing in North Dakota: \_\_\_\_\_

**13.** (*Choose one*)

- Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant is pregnant.
- (*Choose one*) Plaintiff/ Defendant is pregnant. However, the (*choose one*) Plaintiff/  
Defendant is not the father, and the child is not at issue in this proceeding.

14. This parenting responsibility proceeding will affect the custody of the minor child(ren).

The following information is required by North Dakota Century Code Section 14-14.1-20:

a. Within the past five (5) years, the child(ren) has/have lived at the following addresses:

Child's Initials	Address (street, city, state, zip code)	Date From	Date To

b. The names and current addresses of the persons with whom the child(ren) has/have lived in the past five (5) years are as follows:

Child's Initials	Name of Person(s)	Current Address (street, city, state, zip code)

c. (Choose one; Paragraph 14(c) continues on next page)

Plaintiff has not participated, as a party or witness or in any other capacity, in any other proceeding concerning the custody of or visitation with the child(ren).

Plaintiff participated in the following proceeding(s) concerning the child(ren) as a party or witness, or in another capacity concerning custody of or visitation with the child(ren):

Name of Court	State	Case Number	Date of Determination

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**d.** *(Choose one)*

Plaintiff does not know of any of any proceeding that could affect this current parenting responsibility proceeding, including proceedings for enforcement and proceedings relating to domestic violence, protective orders, termination of parental rights, adoptions, neglect, abuse, deprivation, guardianship, or paternity.

Plaintiff knows of the following proceeding(s) that could affect this current parenting responsibility proceeding, including proceedings for enforcement and proceedings relating to domestic violence, protective orders, termination of parental rights, adoptions, neglect, abuse, deprivation, guardianship, or paternity.

Name of Court	State	Case Number	Type of proceeding

**e.** *(Choose one; Paragraph 14(e) continues on next page)*

Plaintiff does not know of any person who is not a party to this parenting responsibility proceeding who has physical custody of the child(ren) or claims rights of legal custody or physical custody of, or visitation with, the child(ren).

- Plaintiff knows of the following person(s) who is/are not a party to this parenting responsibility proceeding who has physical custody of the child(ren) or claims rights of legal custody of physical custody of, or visitation with, the child(ren).

Name of Person(s)	Address (street, city, state, zip code)

(Choose if applicable) Additional sheets are attached for Paragraph 14.

15. (Choose one)

- There is a child support order already in existence. The case number is

\_\_\_\_\_.

- (Choose one) Plaintiff/ Defendant is an able-bodied person and is able to contribute toward the support of the minor child(ren).

**Wherefore,** Plaintiff asks for judgment as follows:

16. For residential responsibility and parenting time that serve the minor child(ren)'s best interests.

17. For child support obligations, if requested in Paragraph 15 above, that serve the minor child(ren)'s best interests, including those related to traditional child support, dependent medical and dental insurance coverage, and contribution to the child(ren)'s uninsured dental and medical expenses.

18. For such further and additional relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

**19.** I verify, under penalty of perjury under the law of North Dakota, that I am the Plaintiff in the above-entitled parenting responsibility action; that I have read the Complaint and know the contents and that the same is true and correct, except as to matters stated therein upon information and belief as to those matters I state that I believe them to be true and correct.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in \_\_\_\_\_ (city),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (county), \_\_\_\_\_ (state), \_\_\_\_\_ (country).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff's Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email Address)