

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF _____

IN DISTRICT COURT
_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF

Case No. _____

VERIFICATION

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the law of North Dakota, that I am the _____ (*petitioner, respondent, guardian, ward, interested person, etc*) in the above-entitled action; that I have read the _____ (*title of pleading*) and know the contents thereof and that the same is true, except as to matters stated therein upon information and belief as to those matters I state that I believe them to be true.

Signed on _____ (*date*), at _____ (*City*),
_____ (*County*), _____ (*State*), _____ (*Country*).

Signature

Printed Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VERIFICATION FORM

ND Legal Self Help Center Staff and Court employees can't help you fill out forms. If you're unsure how to proceed, consult a lawyer.

There's no guarantee that all judges and courts will accept forms available through the ND Legal Self Help Center. Use at your own risk.

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THE "GUARDIANSHIPS AND CONSERVATORSHIPS" SECTION – "Guardianship of Adults" link of the [ND Legal Self Help Center website](#) has additional information and resources.

Verification of a document is a statement of the correctness, truth or authenticity of the document by the party submitting the document. For example, a verified petition has a statement of the petitioner that the petition is true.

The general rule is a pleading isn't required to be verified. A petition is a pleading. See [Rule 7 of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure](#) for a list of legal documents that are pleadings.

However, if a [rule](#) or [law](#) specifically says a pleading or other document must be verified, verification is required.

Review the rules or laws that apply to your legal document to determine if your document must be verified. Look for words in the rule or law like "verified petition," or "petition must be verified."

Pleadings that must be verified include, but aren't limited to, the following:

- Petition for Adoption (See [North Dakota Century Code Chapter 14-15](#))
- Petition for a Deposition Before the Civil Action is Filed (See [Rule 27 of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure](#))
- Petition for Domestic Violence Protection Order (See [North Dakota Century Code Chapter 14-07.1](#))
- Petition to Establish Date and Place of Birth (See [North Dakota Century Code Chapter 32-37](#))
- Petition for Nonparent Custody or Visitation (See [North Dakota Century Code Chapter 14-09.4](#))

If a rule or law says your legal document must be verified, you have three options:

1. Use a separate verification form (as above), which you attach to your legal document as the last page;
2. Copy and paste the verification statement and the date and signature block from the form above directly after the date and signature block on the legal document; or
3. Copy and paste the verification statement as the last paragraph of your legal document, AND use the verification date and signature block as the date and signature block of your legal document.

Caption (Top of Verification Form):

(ONLY fill in the caption IF you plan to use option 1 above. If you plan to use option 2 or 3 above, skip this step.)

- Complete the caption (top of the Verification form) exactly as it appears in the Petitioner's petition.
- Fill in the name of the North Dakota county and the name of the judicial district where action is or will be filed. County and judicial district information and maps are available at ndcourts.gov.
- Fill in the case number, if known. If the action has not been filed in a North Dakota district court, the case number will be assigned by the clerk of court when the action is filed.

Verification Statement:

(If you plan to use option 2 or 3 above, copy and paste the verification statement into your legal document and fill in the blanks using the following checkboxes.)

- Full, legal name of the party verifying the contents of the document.
- Fill in the party's designation. (Petitioner, Respondent, etc.)
- Fill in the title of the document the party is verifying. (Petition, etc.)

Sign and Date the Verification Statement:

(If you plan to use option 2 or 3 above, copy and paste the date and signature block from the Verification form into your legal document and fill in the blanks using the following checkboxes.)

- The self-represented party must date and sign the verification statement.

WARNING: By signing your name you're telling the Court that you're telling the truth and that you have a good faith reason for your requests. If you're not telling the truth, if you're misleading the Court, or if you're serving or filing this document for an improper purpose, the Court could find you in contempt or you may be prosecuted for perjury.

- The self-represented party making the motion fills in their printed name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- If you have a physical address and a mailing address, type or write both addresses using the lines provided, and the space next to the address lines.

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