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[CLIENT NAME REDACTED]
[MAILING ADDRESS REDACTED]
[CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE REDACTED]

Re: [CASE NAME REDACTED] parentage and custody packet

Dear [CLIENT NAME REDACTED],

We looked through the documents you sent us. A few items appear worth checking before anything is filed or signed, so we listed them below in the order that may be most helpful.

Here are the items that may be worth checking before the documents are filed or signed:

1. The Declaration Under Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act appears to use one combined residence history for both children, even though one child was born after some of the listed residence periods. Please check whether each child needs a separate and complete five-year history so the dates do not appear to describe a child before birth.
2. The same residence-history form appears to show overlapping current residence periods at two different addresses beginning on different dates. This may reflect a shared arrangement, but the form may be clearer if the entries explain which child lived at each address and during what exact period.
3. The custody attachment states that joint physical and legal custody are requested, while the visitation section requests a reasonable right of visitation for the party without physical custody. Those entries may not describe the same arrangement. Please check which wording is intended and make the selections consistent.
4. The supporting attachment says the requested orders will provide a clear parenting schedule, but the custody attachment's schedule pages are blank. Please check whether a specific schedule, exchange arrangement, holiday plan, or other parenting-time details were intended to be included.
5. The Petition to Determine Parental Relationship appears to check both that the respondent is the parent and that parentage has already been determined by a voluntary declaration. These selections may be intentional, but please check whether both statements are intended and whether any referenced supporting copy is part of the packet.
6. The third-party preparation declaration leaves the case-number area blank, which may be appropriate for a new case, but the date line also appears to contain the client's typed name instead of a date. Please add the intended date when the final document is signed.
7. The third-party preparation declaration lists one telephone number for the document preparer, while the court forms list a different telephone number. Please check which number is current and make the preparer information consistent throughout the packet.

8. The third-party preparation declaration uses the title wording “Inpropria Persona.” That wording appears unusual, and the compensation sentence may read more clearly if “were \$770.00. Fees” is revised into one complete sentence. Please check the intended title and grammar.
9. The third-party preparation declaration lists the petition, summons, confidential identification form, venue declaration, custody-jurisdiction form, and custody attachment, but it does not list the fee-waiver request or proposed fee-waiver order. Please check whether the document list is intended to include every document prepared in this packet.
10. The fee-waiver request appears to select both the low-income household option and the basic-needs option even though the form appears to ask for one basis. Please check which selection is intended and make the supporting entries consistent with it.
11. On page 2 of the fee-waiver request, the line for the client's total monthly income appears blank, while the household total is entered. Please add or confirm the intended total so the income section reads consistently.
12. The fee-waiver request lists monthly income and monthly expenses that are very close in amount. The expense total appears to match the listed line items, but please recheck all amounts before filing so the figures reflect the client's current information.
13. The proposed fee-waiver order has the case name filled in but leaves the case number and all court-decision fields blank. That may be appropriate for court completion. Please keep it with the packet as a proposed order and make sure no client-completed field was unintentionally omitted.
14. The summons and several other forms leave the case number blank, which may be appropriate before a new case number is assigned. Please make sure the same assigned number is added consistently to every page that is later used, served, or separated from the packet.
15. Several documents are signed and dated, while the third-party declaration still appears to need a date. Please make sure every intended signer signs and dates the final version and that no earlier draft is included by mistake.

Pleading Perfect is happy to help you make these corrections, or you may make the corrections yourself. We can also efile the documents for you, or you may efile them directly at EFileSystem.com. Please call us at Royal Legal (769-255-3425) if you would like our help.

Sincerely,

Pamela Perez
Pleading Perfect

P.S. I thought a checklist might help you, so I've added one at no extra charge.

[CASE NAME REDACTED] - Checklist

- ☐ Prepare a complete residence history for each child if the children did not share the same history.
- ☐ Clarify the overlapping current residence periods and who lived at each address.
- ☐ Make the joint-custody and visitation selections describe the same intended arrangement.
- ☐ Add the intended parenting schedule and exchange details if a specific schedule is requested.
- ☐ Check whether both parentage statements on the petition are intended and whether a supporting copy is included.
- ☐ Add the intended date to the third-party preparation declaration.
- ☐ Use one current document-preparer telephone number throughout the packet.
- ☐ Check the third-party declaration title and revise the compensation sentence for grammar.
- ☐ Check whether the fee-waiver documents should be added to the third-party preparation list.
- ☐ Select the intended fee-waiver basis on page 1.
- ☐ Complete or confirm the total monthly income line on page 2 of the fee-waiver request.
- ☐ Recheck the fee-waiver income, expense, asset, and debt amounts.
- ☐ Confirm that only court-completion fields are blank on the proposed fee-waiver order.
- ☐ Add the assigned case number consistently after the court issues one.
- ☐ Confirm that every intended signer signs and dates the same final packet.

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