

STATE OF MAINE

SUPERIOR COURT

DISTRICT COURT

\_\_\_\_\_, ss

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff

v.

**ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM  
FOR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES**

\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant

**ANSWER**

1. Defendant admits paragraphs # \_\_\_\_\_ of Plaintiff's complaint for determination of parental rights and responsibilities.

2. Defendant denies paragraphs # \_\_\_\_\_ of Plaintiff's complaint for determination of parental rights and responsibilities.

3. In further answer to Plaintiff's complaint Defendant states:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTERCLAIM**

1. The parties, who are not married, are the parents of the following child(ren):

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Present Address</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Plaintiff now resides in (town) \_\_\_\_\_, (county) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Defendant now resides in (town) \_\_\_\_\_, (county) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_.

4. A. List below where and with whom the children have lived within the past 5 years:

<i>Name and present address of person child(ren) lived with</i>	<i>Dates child(ren) lived with that person</i>	<i>Town and State where child(ren) lived with that person</i>
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. Defendant has not been involved in any way in, and has no information about, another court case in any state concerning the custody of the child(ren) except as follows:

- Protection from Abuse
- Protective Custody
- Other (*describe what kind of case*) \_\_\_\_\_

C. No one other than the parties has physical custody of the child(ren), or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the child(ren) except as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. (*Check all boxes that apply*)

- No public assistance benefits have ever been received for the child(ren).
- OR**
- Public assistance benefits have been, are now, or will be received for the child(ren).
- AND**
- Defendant has sent a copy of this answer and counterclaim to the Department of Human Services at the following address: *Support Enforcement Division, Central Office Supervisor, State House Station 11, Augusta, ME 04333-0011*. (A copy must be sent when the child(ren) have been, are now, or will be receiving public assistance benefits).
  - The Department of Human Services **has** issued a child support order regarding the child(ren). (*If such an order has issued, a copy of the order must be attached to this Complaint*).
  - The Department of Human Services **has** been contacted to set up, review, change, or enforce a child support order regarding the child(ren).

WHEREFORE, DEFENDANT REQUESTS that the Court; (**check all boxes that apply**)

- Order blood or tissue typing tests pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 1558;
- Establish that the parties are the parents of the child(ren) listed in this complaint;
- Determine parental rights and responsibilities for the minor child(ren) pursuant to 19-A M.R.S. § 1653, including child support;
- Determine the amount of any past due child support and order payment of the past support;
- Allocate reimbursement of birth expenses and medical expenses for the child(ren); and
- Award reasonable attorney's fees to Defendant's attorney.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Defendant's signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF MAINE**

\_\_\_\_\_ County

Personally appeared the above named Defendant, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and made Oath that the foregoing statements are true.

Before me,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney at Law/Notary Public/Deputy Clerk