



**ANSWER TO VERIFIED COMPLAINT TO
ESTABLISH DE FACTO PARENTAGE
UNDER G. L. c. 209C, § 25**

Docket No.

**Massachusetts Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant 1

Defendant 2

Division

1. ☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 1.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits _____
but denies _____
or doesn't know _____

2. ☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 2.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits _____
but denies _____
or doesn't know _____

3. ☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 3.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits _____
but denies _____
or doesn't know _____

4. ☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 4.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits _____
but denies _____
or doesn't know _____

5. ☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 5.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits _____
but denies _____
or doesn't know _____

6. ☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 6.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits _____
but denies _____
or doesn't know _____

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7.

☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 7.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits
but denies
or doesn't know

8.

☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 8.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits
but denies
or doesn't know

9.

☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 9.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits
but denies
or doesn't know

10.

☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 10.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits
but denies
or doesn't know

11.

☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 11.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits
but denies
or doesn't know

12.

☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 12.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits
but denies
or doesn't know

13.

☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 13.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits
but denies
or doesn't know

14.

☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 14.

OR

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22. ☐ The Defendant ☐ admits ☐ denies all allegations in paragraph 22.

OR

☐ The Defendant admits _____
but denies _____

Wherefore, the Defendant requests that the Court:

- ☐ adjudicate _____ as the legal parent(s) of the Child.
Name(s)
- ☐ deny relief requested in paragraph 23.
- ☐ deny relief requested in paragraph 24.
- ☐ deny relief requested in paragraph 25.
- ☐ deny relief requested in paragraph 26.
- ☐ deny relief requested in paragraph 27.
- ☐ dismiss the Complaint to Establish De Facto Parentage.
- ☐ the Defendant requests an interpreter for any court hearings. Language: _____

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY

I certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____

Signature of Defendant, if pro se

(Print name)

(Address)

(Apt, Unit, No. etc.)

(City/Town)

(State)

(Zip)

Primary Phone #: _____

Email, if any: _____

Information on Attorney for Defendant, if any

Signature of Attorney

(Print name)

(Address)

(Apt, Unit, No. etc.)

(City/Town)

(State)

(Zip)

Primary Phone #: _____

B.B.O. # _____

Email: _____

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(Name of the other party, address and e-mail or name, address, and e-mail of the attorney of record)	_____ (Print name)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Custodian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other party to the proceeding: _____ explain
	_____ (Address) _____ (Apt, Unit, No. etc.)
	_____ (City/Town) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)
_____ (e-mail)	
by	<input type="checkbox"/> delivery in hand on _____ at _____ (date) (time) <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.
	<input type="checkbox"/> first-class mail on _____ (date of mailing)
	<input type="checkbox"/> e-mail to: _____ on _____ (e-mail address) (date)
If you are serving this by e-mail on a self-represented party, you must first receive consent in writing. That consent may be an e-mail.	

(Name of the other party, address and e-mail or name, address, and e-mail of the attorney of record)	_____ (Print name)
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<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>	
I, _____, hereby certify that I served a copy of the above answer upon:	
(Name of the other party, address and e-mail or name, address, and e-mail of the attorney of record)	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 10px;"> _____ <small>(Print name)</small> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Custodian </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Other party to the proceeding: _____ <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">explain</div> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> (Address) (Apt, Unit, No. etc.) </div> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> (City/Town) (State) (Zip) </div> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> _____ <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(e-mail)</div> </div>
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<u>SIGN BELOW</u>	
Date: _____	_____ <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Signature</div>