

**IN THE TRIBAL COURT
PUEBLO OF ACOMA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

PETITION FOR CUSTODY

_____,
(Petitioner)

Vs.

Case No. _____-CC-_____

_____,
(Respondent)

And Concerning Minor Child(ren):

1. Child Name: _____ DOB: _____
Tribal Member: Yes No Enrolled: Yes No Tribe: _____
Enrollment Number: _____ Eligible for Enrollment
2. Child Name: _____ DOB: _____
Tribal Member: Yes No Enrolled: Yes No Tribe: _____
Enrollment Number: _____ Eligible for Enrollment
3. Child Name: _____ DOB: _____
Tribal Member: Yes No Enrolled: Yes No Tribe: _____
Enrollment Number: _____ Eligible for Enrollment
4. Child Name: _____ DOB: _____
Tribal Member: Yes No Enrolled: Yes No Tribe: _____
Enrollment Number: _____ Eligible for Enrollment
5. Child Name: _____ DOB: _____
Tribal Member: Yes No Enrolled: Yes No Tribe: _____
Enrollment Number: _____ Eligible for Enrollment

Birth Certificate(s) MUST be attached. (A copy can be made at the Court)

The PETITIONER comes before this court and states:

1. PETITIONER (you are the petitioner)

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Tribal Member: Yes No Enrolled: Yes No Non-Indian

Tribe: _____ Enrollment Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

2. RESPONDENT (The other parent is the Respondent)

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Tribal Member: Yes No Enrolled: Yes No Non-Indian

Tribe: _____ Enrollment Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

1. JURISDICTION

The Acoma Tribal Court has Jurisdiction over this matter because (check all that apply)

- The Petitioner and Respondent are both enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe.
- The Petitioner is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- The Respondent is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.

3. PATERNITY (Choose 1)

- Paternity has not been established.

OR

Paternity has been established as follows: (check all that apply)

- Respondent has acknowledged his paternity of the minor child(ren) in writing filed with the Department of Vital Statistics in the State in which the child was born.
- Respondent has consented to paternity and is named as father on the minor child's birth certificate.
- Paternity of the minor child has been established by blood tests.
- Respondent has openly held out the minor child as his natural child and established a personal, financial or custodial relationship with the minor child.

4. PRIOR OR PENDING LITIGATION (Choose 1)

Petitioner knows of no other litigation, past or present, concerning custody or visitation involving the minor child of the parties in New Mexico or within any other Tribal Court in which Petitioner has participated as a party, as a witness, or in any other capacity.

OR

Issues concerning custody or visitation involving the minor child(ren) of the parties were previously litigated in the following court action(s):

Name and Location of Court	Case No.	Case Name

5. CUSTODY REQUEST (Choose 1)

The parties should be awarded joint legal custody of the minor child(ren), with primary physical custody with _____ and periods of care and responsibility consistent with the best interests of the child(ren).

OR

_____ should be awarded sole legal and physical custody of the child(ren) subject to the other parent's reasonable rights of visitation. Sole legal and physical custody is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) because: _____

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court order the following:

1. Award child custody in accordance with this Petition.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Date: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Print Name

Petitioner Address

City/State/Zip

E-mail Address (Optional)

Home Phone

Cell/Work Phone