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## **NAME CHANGE INFORMATION FOR OREGON**

*The content of this document is from "Forms and Instructions for Change of Name (ORS 33.410 to 33.440 and UTCR 9.120)*

Changing your legal name is a simple process involving three steps: (1) a public notice of the proposed name change must be posted in the Courthouse for 14 days; (2) a brief appearance before a judge who will sign the name change decree; (if the judge finds the name change is not consistent with the public interest, it will be denied.) and (3) a public posting of the name change for your new name to become official.

If you are attempting to change the name of a minor, you must first be appointed by a judge as Guardian Ad Litem for the child. This form may be obtained from your county clerk at no charge. After completing this form, you need to go before a judge. Judges are usually available to sign this form at approximately 8:30 am or 1:30 pm Monday through Friday. Check with your local courthouse to verify these times.

Written notice must be given to the parents of the child, both custodial and non-custodial, and to any legal guardian of the child. Service of the Name Change Petition and Notice of Name Change Hearing must be served on the other parent in accordance with Oregon law and must allow at least 30 days prior to the hearing to permit the other parent to object. The Sheriff or a private process server may serve the notice. The notice may also be served by an adult person who is not a party to the action. A "Return of Service" form must be returned to the Court to make the service complete.

If you need assistance regarding any name change issues, please do not hesitate to contact our firm at 503.693.6641.