

Sample Question & Answer

Q: I am married, but I have been separated from my husband for the last few years. I just had a baby. The father of my child wants to be listed on the birth certificate as the father. How do I do this?

Hi Naomi,

Greeting

Thanks for posting. I will give you step-by-step advice on how to do this. This is a simple thing to do with a little bit of paperwork on your part.

Sympathetic or encouraging message

There are 3 steps.

- 1) Your husband will need to sign a [Voluntary Denial of Parentage](#).
- 2) The father will need to fill out and sign a [Voluntary Acknowledgement of Parentage](#).
- 3) You will need to mail both of these filled out and signed forms to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Legal Information or Advice including link(s) to ILAO Content

This article explains it well: [Voluntary Acknowledgment of Parentage](#).

Link to ISBA Lawyer Finder or local bar association.

If you would like to hire a lawyer to do this for you, the best referrals are always through family and friends. The [Illinois Lawyer Finder](#) is another way to find a lawyer.

This will take a bit of time, but it is pretty easy. Congratulations on the new baby!

Closing and encouragement