

**Superior Court of Washington  
County of King**

In re:

**No.**

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

**FAMILY LAW TRIAL SELECTION  
FORM**

*You must file this form to indicate whether you want a Traditional Trial or an Informal Trial. This form must be filed by the date of your pre-trial conference or fourteen calendar days before the trial date. There is information that explains the differences between the two kinds of trials available at [www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family/fl-trials.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family/fl-trials.aspx). A brief description is below:*

- *In a Traditional Trial, both parties are allowed to call witnesses and to cross-examine the witnesses appearing on behalf of the other party. The Rules of Evidence apply.*
- *In an Informal Trial the Judge, not the parties, questions the witnesses, the Rules of Evidence do not apply, and there are limits on the ability to call witnesses. This is governed by Local Family Law Rule (LFLR) 23.*

1. I am the (*check one*)

- Petitioner  
 Respondent

2. Trial Election (*check one*)

- I want a traditional trial.  
 I want an Informal Trial. By signing below, I agree to the following terms and understand them

3. Experts (*check one, if applicable*)

- I want an evaluator (CASA, GAL or FCS) to be a witness at my trial.  
 I do not want to have an evaluator testify at my trial.

**Waiver of Traditional Trial:** *If you indicated on page 1 that you want an informal trial, you are agreeing to the following terms:*

- I agree to waive the normal question and answer format of trial and I agree the court may ask me questions about the case.
- I agree to waive the use of the Rules of Evidence in this Informal Trial.
- I agree that the other party can submit any document or other evidence they want the judge to review.
- I agree that the other party can tell the court anything they feel is relevant.
- I agree to be bound by the procedures of LFLR 23, the rule on Informal Family Law Trials.

**I understand the following:**

- My participation in an Informal Trial is strictly voluntary, and no one can force me to agree to this process.
- The court will determine what weight will be given to documents, physical evidence, and testimony that is entered as evidence during the Informal Trial.
- I have reviewed the court's brochure about informal trials at [www.TBD.gov](http://www.TBD.gov) and understand how Informal Trials work.
- I have not been threatened or promised anything for agreeing to this Informal Trial process.
- I understand that most of the time, the two people in the case are the only witnesses in an Informal Trial. Sometimes a party needs an expert witness (someone with special training and education) to give an opinion, which is allowed in informal trials.

The parties may ask experts questions.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name