

HOW TO OBJECT TO A COURT PETITION ABOUT EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR

- 1. WHO CAN FILE AN OBJECTION:** Generally, you must have some valid interest in the case to be able to file an OBJECTION TO A PETITION about emancipation. If you received copies of the court papers from the Petitioner or his/her attorney, you will probably be allowed to file an Objection.
- 2. IF YOU CHOOSE TO FILE AN OBJECTION, WHEN SHOULD IT BE FILED:** You must file the Objection with the Clerk of the Court no later than **thirty (30) days** after you received the court papers.
- 3. WHO GETS COPIES OF THE OBJECTION:** **Mail or hand-deliver a copy** of your Objection to the Petitioner or his/her attorney, and the office of the Judge who is scheduled to hold the hearing. If you do not copy the Judge's office, the Judge might not get the paperwork on time, and your Objection might not be considered. You should also **mail or hand-deliver** copies to everyone else to whom the petitioner identified on the petition.
- 4. WHAT TO SAY IN THE OBJECTION:** Tell the Judge as simply as you can what you object to, and why. Write neatly in **black ink**, and be sure you give enough detail about why you disagree with the Petition.
- 5. GOING TO THE HEARING:** If you file the Objection, you should go to the Court hearing to be available to tell the Judge why you disagree with the Petition and to answer any questions the Judge might have. It is up to the Judge to let you testify or not. The Judge will make this decision based upon your relationship with the Minor, the nature of your objections, time available, and other factors.

Note: The Juvenile Court may utilize a digital audio recording system to preserve the official record of proceedings. If a party wants a court reporter to record a proceeding in this Court, a written request must be filed with the Clerk of the Court and a copy provided to Juvenile Court Administration at least 72 hours before the commencement of the proceeding. There may be a fee for this service.

If you need a court interpreter, call the Court at least 10 days before the hearing.

If you require other reasonable accommodations due to disability, submit your request at least 10 days before the hearing by contacting the Court.