Rule 17.200—Form 212: ***Joint Statement on Legal Parent***

- The parties use this form if a child is born or conceived during the marriage and both parties want the court to find that one of the parties is not a **legal parent** of the child. *Note:* For purposes of this form, **legal parent** is a person who is recognized by law as a parent to a child because of marriage.
- This form tells the court that both parties agree that one party is not a **biological parent** and should be *disestablished* as (should no longer be) a legal parent of the child.
- This form can only be used if the party being disestablished is a legal parent of the child because of the marriage of the parties and there is a pending dissolution of marriage action in Iowa. Do not use this form if the party being disestablished is a legal parent of the child because of an affidavit, court order, or action in another state.

If you do not understand how to use this form, or if you should use this form, talk to an attorney.

In the Iowa District Court for _____ County
County where your case is filed

Upon the Petition of _____ **Petitioner** *Full name: first, middle, last* and concerning _____ **Respondent** *Full name: first, middle, last*	Equity case no._____ **Joint Statement on Legal Parent**

1. Legal Parent

Check each that applies

A. ☐ _____ is a legal parent but not a biological parent of
Petitioner's or Respondent's name
Petitioner's or Respondent's unborn child expected to be born _____.
Expected due date

B. ☐ _____ is a legal parent but not a biological parent of the
Petitioner's or Respondent's name
following children born during the marriage:

List children's initials and birth year

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Birth year
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Birth year
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	

☐ *Check this box if you have attached a sheet listing additional children for whom Petitioner or Respondent is not a biological parent.*

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2. Biological Parent

The biological parents, if known, of the children are as follows:

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Biological parent
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Biological parent
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	

3. Best Interests of the Children

It is in the best interests of the children and the parties that _____
Petitioner's or Respondent's name
is found **not** to be a legal parent of the child or children.

4. Guardian Ad Litem

We understand that the court may appoint a guardian ad litem (an attorney) for the child or children, and that we may have to pay the costs of the guardian ad litem.

5. Request

We ask the court to find and conclude that the legal parent, _____
Petitioner's or Respondent's name
is not a biological parent of the child or children, including any unborn child, listed in section 1 above, and that the court disestablish that person as a legal parent of the child or children.

6. Attorney Help

A. Petitioner *Check one*

(1) ◯ An attorney did not help me prepare or fill in this paper.

(2) ◯ An attorney helped me prepare or fill in this paper.

If you check (2), *you must fill in the following information*:

_____ _____
Name of attorney or organization, if any *Attorney's P.I.N. # – Ask the attorney*

_____ _____ _____ _____
Business address of attorney or organization *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____ (_____) _____ _____
Attorney's phone number *Attorney's fax number – optional* *Attorney's email address – optional*

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B. Respondent *Check one*

(1) ◯ An attorney did not help me prepare or fill in this paper.

(2) ◯ An attorney helped me prepare or fill in this paper.
If you check (2), *you must fill in the following information*:

_____ _____
Name of attorney or organization, if any *Attorney's P.I.N. # – Ask the attorney*

_____ _____ _____ _____
Business address of attorney or organization *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____ (_____) _____ _____
Attorney's phone number *Attorney's fax number – optional* *Attorney's email address – optional*

7. Oaths and Signatures

A. Petitioner's Oath and Signature

I, _____, have read this Joint Statement, and I certify under penalty of
Print your name
perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information I have provided in this Joint Statement is true and correct.

_____ _____, 20_____ _____
Month *Day* *Year* *Petitioner's signature**

_____ _____ _____ _____
Mailing address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____ _____ _____
Phone number *Email address* *Additional email address – if available*

* *Whether filing electronically or in paper, you must handwrite your signature on this form. If you are filing electronically, scan the form after signing it and then file electronically.*

B. Respondent's Oath and Signature

I, _____, have read this Joint Statement, and I certify under penalty of
Print your name
perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information I have provided in this Joint Statement is true and correct.

_____ _____, 20_____ _____
Month *Day* *Year* *Respondent's signature**

_____ _____ _____ _____
Mailing address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____ _____ _____
Phone number *Email address* *Additional email address – if available*

* *Whether filing electronically or in paper, you must handwrite your signature on this form. If you are filing electronically, scan the form after signing it and then file electronically.*