



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

Case no. _____

Petitioner *Full name: first, middle, last*

**Joint Statement on
Legal Parent**

and concerning

Respondent *Full name: first, middle, last*

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 page listing additional children for whom Petitioner or Respondent is not a biological parent.

2. Biological parent

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

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Biological parent	First, middle, & last initials of each child	Biological parent
(1)		(4)	
(2)		(5)	
(3)		(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 (1) or (2)*

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

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

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*

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B. Respondent Check (1) or (2)

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

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

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*

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.

_____, _____, _____
Signed on: Month *Day* *Year* *Your signature**

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

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

** This form may be signed either by using a digitized signature, see instructions at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/court-forms/, or by printing and hand signing.*

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_____
Signed on: Month *Day* *Year* *Your signature**

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

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

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