

## CHANGE OF NAME

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### OVERVIEW

Circuit courts have jurisdiction to change the name of any person residing in this state on petition of the person filed in the county in which he or she resides. Before the court hearing on a petition for a name change, the petitioner must have fingerprints submitted for a state and national criminal history records check, except if a former name is being restored.

**Ask your librarian for additional resources.**

### RESOURCES IN THE JAMES J. LUNSFORD LAW LIBRARY

1. [Florida Statute 68.07](#), pertaining to Change of Name (available with and without annotations)
2. [Florida Family Law](#), Brenda M. Abrams, LexisNexis, Volume 5, Chapter 102
3. [Florida Jur2d](#), Thomson Reuters, Volume 37, Names, sections 10-13
4. [Trawick's Florida Practice and Procedure](#), Philip J. Padovano, Thomson Reuters, section 38:7 (2023 Edition)
5. [Florida Pleading and Practice Forms](#), Thomson Reuters, Volume 5A, sections 45:195-45:210
6. GALE Legal Forms Database – has Florida specific forms
7. Westlaw is available for customer use at the following branches: James J. Lunsford Law Library, John F. Germany Library and Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library

### ONLINE RESOURCES

Click on the links below for further online information

- [Florida Statute 68.07](#) – Change of Name
- Florida Courts ([www.flcourts.gov](http://www.flcourts.gov)) - Office of the State Courts Administrator – Florida Supreme Court

Approved Family Law Forms for Change of Name, as follows:

- a. [12.982\(a\) – Petition for Change of Name \(Adult\)](#)
- b. [12.982\(b\) – Final Judgment of Change of Name \(Adult\)](#)
- c. [12.982\(c\) – Petition for Change of Name \(Minor Child\(ren\)\)](#)
- d. [12.982\(d\) – Consent for Change of Name \(Minor Child\(ren\)\)](#)
- e. [12.982\(e\) - Final Judgment of Change of Name \(Minor Child\(ren\)\)](#)

- f. [12.982\(f\) – Petition for Change of Name \(Family\)](#)
- g. [12.982\(g\) – Final Judgment of Change of Name \(Family\)](#)
- Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Administrative Office of the Courts ([www.fljud13.org](http://www.fljud13.org) > Family Law Packets List) – as follows:
  - [Minor Name Change – Both Parents Agree \(Packet 30\)](#)
  - [Minor Name Change – Personal Service or Publication \(packet 31\)](#)
  - [Adult Name Change \(Packet 42\)](#)
  - [Family Name Change – Petition 12.982\(f\)](#)
  - [Family Name Change – Final Judgment 12.982\(g\)](#)

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**IF YOU ARE ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES YOUR CASE.**  
**Remember:** Check with the Clerk of the Court for filing fees/court costs.