Instructions for Applying to the Court for a Waiver of Parental Notification and Consent (Form 1A)

Your situation and the law

An abortion in Texas is available only if a doctor, in the exercise of reasonable medical judgment, determines that you have a life-threatening physical condition aggravated by, caused by, or arising from your pregnancy that places you at risk of death or poses a serious risk of substantial impairment of one of your major bodily functions unless the abortion is performed or induced.

If you are younger than 18 and have not been legally "emancipated," you are "unemancipated," which means that you are legally under the custody or control of your parents (or one of your parents), a managing conservator, or a guardian. (A "managing conservator" is an adult or agency appointed by a court to have custody or control of you.)

If you are pregnant, unemancipated, and younger than 18, you cannot get an abortion in Texas unless:

- your doctor informs one of your parents or your managing conservator or guardian at least 48 hours before the abortion and obtains the consent of your parent, managing conservator, or guardian; *or*
- a judge issues an order that "waives" or removes the requirement that you must let a parent or your managing conservator or guardian know about your planned abortion and obtain his or her consent to it.

How to get a waiver of parental notification and consent

Fill out the application

To get a court order waiving the requirements that you tell a parent or your managing conservator or guardian about your planned abortion and obtain his or her consent, you must complete Forms 2A and 2B, *Confidential Application for Waiver of Parental Notification*. Form 2A is the "Cover Page" for the Application; it requests basic information about why you are seeking the order. Form 2B is the "Verification Page," which requests information about you.

On the Verification Page, you will be asked to tell the court how you may be contacted quickly and confidentially. It is very important that you provide this information because the court may later need to contact you about your application. If you cannot be contacted, your application will be denied. You may list a phone number, email address, or any other way that you can be contacted. You can but need not give your own number—instead, you can ask the court to contact you through someone who is helping

you or acting on your behalf. You may also list a second person who may be contacted on your behalf.

You or someone acting on your behalf must deliver the forms to the clerk in the district court, county court at law, county court, or probate court to be filed. The court clerk can help you complete and file the application, and can help you get a hearing on your request. However, the clerk cannot give you legal advice or counsel you about abortion.

All of the information you put on the application is confidential. You do not have to pay a fee to file this application.

Your hearing

The court will tell you when to come to the courthouse for your "hearing." In your hearing, you will meet with a judge to discuss your request. The court will hold your hearing within five days (not counting weekends and holidays) after you file your application.

After you file your application, the court will appoint a person to meet with you before the hearing and help the judge decide your application. The person is called a "guardian ad litem." In your application you may ask the court to appoint someone you want to be your guardian ad litem (who can be a relative, clergy, counselor, psychiatrist or psychologist, or other adult), but the court is not required to appoint this person.

You must also have a lawyer with you at your hearing. You may hire your own lawyer, or you may ask the court to appoint one to represent you for free.

Keeping it confidential

Your hearing will be confidential and private. The only persons allowed to be there are you, your guardian ad litem, your lawyer, court staff, and any person whom you request to be there.

You already know that your application stays confidential. So will everything from your hearing: all testimony, documents and other evidence presented to the court, and any order given by the judge. The court will keep everything sealed. No one else can inspect the evidence.

The court's decision

The court must "rule"—issue a decision on your application—before 5 p.m. on the fifth day after the day you filed your application, not counting weekends and holidays.

If the court fails to rule within that time, then your request is automatically denied. You can get a certificate from the court clerk that says that your request is "deemed denied." If

you choose to appeal, the certificate will be sent to the appellate court to explain what happened in your case.

If the court *does* rule within the required time, the court issues an order that does one of the following three things:

- (1) approves your request because the court finds that you are mature enough and know enough to choose on your own to have an abortion;
- (2) approves your request because it is in your best interests *not* to notify or to attempt to obtain the consent of your parent or your managing conservator or guardian before getting the abortion; or
- (3) denies your request because the court does not find (1) or (2).

If you say, or if there is evidence, that you have been or may be sexually abused, the court must treat your claim as a very serious matter and may be required to refer it to the police or other authorities for investigation.

Appealing the court's decision

If the court denies your request, you may ask another court to hear your case. This request is called an "appeal," and the new court will be the court of appeals.

To appeal the first court's decision, have your lawyer fill out Form 3A, *Notice of Appeal in Parental Notification Proceeding*. The lawyer must file it with the clerk of the court that denied your request for a waiver of parental notification.

You will *not* have to go to the court of appeals in person. Instead, the court of appeals will review the written record and will issue a written ruling on your appeal no later than 5 p.m. on the fifth day after the day you file the *Notice of Appeal*, not counting weekends and holidays.

The court of appeals will provide its ruling to you, your lawyer, your guardian ad litem, or any other person designated by you to receive the ruling.

The same guardian ad litem and lawyer who helped you with your first hearing can help with your appeal.

Getting the forms you need

Forms 2A and 2B, the Cover Page and Verification Page to the *Confidential Application* for Waiver of Parental Notification, and Form 3A, Notice of Appeal in Parental Notification Proceeding, should all be attached to these instructions.

If these forms are not attached to these instructions, you can get them from the clerk of the district, county court at law, county, or probate court or from the clerk of the court of appeals. These forms are also available on the Texas Judiciary website at www.txcourts.gov.

Attention Clerk: Please Expedite

Confidential Application for Waiver of Parental Notification and Consent: Cover Page (Form 2A)

As prescribed by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas pursuant to Tex. Fam. Code § 33.003(m).

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(Do	(Do not complete this section. Court staff will complete this section.)			
CA	USE NO			
IN	RE JANE DOE	IN THE		
		COUNTY, TEXAS		
ask pag tru	ks for basic information about you ge (Form 2B), which asks for info	o parts: (1) this cover sheet (Form 2A), which ur application; and (2) a separate verification rmation about you and for you to swear to the cover sheet and verification page. You must		
1.	and obtaining the consent of m	allows me to have an abortion without first telling ny parent, managing conservator, or guardian. I check mark in all the blanks for which you		
	_ I am pregnant.			
	_ I am unmarried and younger t	than 18 years of age.		
	_ I do not have an order from a and responsibilities as an adul	a Texas court that gives me the same legal rights lt.		
2.	I request this order for one of the	e following reasons (place a check mark beside		

	the co	nature enough to decide to have an abortion without telling and onsent of my parent, managing conservator, or guardian. I a h about abortion to make this decision.	C
	_	g my parent, managing conservator, or guardian that I want are tempting to obtain his or her consent is not in my best interest.	abortion
	_	g my parent, managing conservator, or guardian that I want are ead to physical or emotional abuse of me.	abortion
	_ `	g my parent, managing conservator, or guardian that I want aread to sexual abuse of me.	abortion
3.	Please che	eck all that apply:	
	_ I live i	in the county where this application is being filed.	
	court,	arent, managing conservator, or guardian is a presiding judge of a county court at law, or a court having probate jurisdiction in the I live, and (check any that apply):	
	_	The county where I live is contiguous to (shares a border with)	this one.
	_	I intend to obtain the abortion in this county.	
		opulation of the county where I live has a population of less that heck any that apply):	n 10,000,
	_	The county where I live is contiguous to (shares a border with)	this one.
	_	I intend to obtain the abortion in this county.	
	_ I am n	ot a Texas resident, but I intend to obtain the abortion in this co	unty.
4.	Please che	eck one of the following statements:	
	_ I do no	ot have a lawyer. (The court will appoint one for you).	
	_ I have	a lawyer, who is:	
	Lawye	er's name:	
	Lawye	er's email address:	
	Lawye	er's address:	

	Lawyer's phone:
5.	The court must appoint a "guardian ad litem" for you. A guardian ad litem meets with you before the hearing and helps the judge decide your application. Please state whether you want the court to appoint someone you know as your guardian ad litem. This person could be a relative, a member of the clergy, a counselor, a psychiatrist or psychologist, or another adult. You do not have to ask the court to appoint someone you know. Keep in mind that the court may appoint the person you request, but it does not have to.
	_ I am requesting that the court appoint someone I know as my guardian ad litem. (You will identify this person on your verification page.)
	_ I am not requesting the court to appoint someone I know as my guardian ad litem. (The court will appoint someone it chooses.)
6.	Please state whether you have filed a Confidential Application for Waiver of Parental Notification and Consent other than this one with respect to your current pregnancy.
	_ I have filed another Confidential Application for Waiver of Parental Notification and Consent with respect to my current pregnancy.
	_ I have not filed another Confidential Application for Waiver of Parental Notification and Consent with respect to my current pregnancy.
7.	If you have filed another Confidential Application for Waiver of Parental Notification and Consent with respect to your current pregnancy, please answer the following questions. If you have not filed another Application with respect to your current pregnancy, do not answer these questions.
	What court ruled on your previous application?
	Has there been a material change in circumstances since the time your previous
	application was denied? (Write "yes" or "no.")

	CAUSE NO (Do not fill in the blank above. Court staff will fill in the blank.) Confidential Application for Waiver of Parental Notification and Consent: Verification Page (Form 2B) As prescribed by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas pursuant to Tex. Fam. Code § 33.003(m)		
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asks (For	portant: Your Application has two parts: (1) the cover sheet (Form 2A), which is for basic information about your application; and (2) this verification page rm 2B), which asks for information about you and for you to swear to the truth everything you say in the cover sheet and verification page. You must complete the of these forms.		
1.	Please provide the following information.		
	Your full name:		
	Your date of birth:		
	Your address (if the place you receive mail is different than the place you actually live, list both addresses):		
	Your telephone number:		
2.	If you are requesting the court to appoint someone you know as your guardian ad litem (see Question 5 on the Cover Sheet, Form 2A), please identify them:		
	Name:		
	Relationship:		
	Address:		

3. If you do not have a lawyer, please complete the two blanks below. Tell us how the court, the lawyer appointed by the court, and the guardian ad litem appointed by the court can quickly contact you. If you cannot be contacted, your application will be denied. You can choose to be contacted by telephone or any other method by which you can be contacted immediately and confidentially. If you share a telephone number with another person, or there is another reason why you do not

Phone:

	want to be contacted at the telephone rus contact someone else who helps you.	number you provided above, you can have			
	Person to be contacted (you or another p	person):			
	Phone number or other contact information:				
	Another person to be contacted (optional	nl):			
	Phone number or other contact informat	zion:			
Important: Please complete either Option 1 or Option 2 below. You do not have to complete both. If you complete Option 1, you must sign your name before a notary public, court clerk, or another person authorized to give oaths. If you complete Option 2, you do not have to sign your name before a notary public or any other person, but you must swear that the information in your Application is true "under penalty of perjury." "Perjury" means lying to a judge, and it is a crime. If you swear that a statement is true "under penalty of perjury," and you make the statement knowing that it is false, you could be prosecuted in criminal court.					
	Optio	n 1			
	ar or affirm that the information in my Aication Page) is true and correct.	Application (both the Cover Sheet and this			
Sign	nature of minor				
Nam	ne of minor printed or typed	Minor's date of birth			
Sworn	n to or affirmed in my presence this	day of, 20			
	Signature of notary public, cle	rk, or other person authorized to give oaths			

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(Option 2 is on the next page)

Option 2

My name is _	(First)			(Middle	e)	(Last), my date of
birth is	,	and	my	address	is	(Street),
	(City),			(State),		(Zip Code), and
	(Country). I dec	lare un	der pe	enalty of p	erjury	that the information in my
Application (l	both the Cover She	et and t	he Ve	erification	Page)	s true and correct.
Executed in	(Cour	ıty), Sta	ate of		, on the	e day of
(<i>Month</i>),		• / /				•
						Signature of minor

Request to Postpone Trial Court Hearing in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent; Designation of Alternate Time for Hearing (Form 2C)

CAUSE NO.	-	
IN RE JANE DOE	IN THE	
	COUNTY, TEXAS	
is due to be held on or by Please rule on my application by 5 p.r	nearing on my application. The hearing currently at a.m./p.m. m. on the fifth business day after (please state a have a hearing) The clerk time of the hearing.	
Attorne	ey's Signature:	
Attorne	ey's Name, Printed:	
Attorne	ey's State Bar No.:	
Attorne	ey's Address:	
Attorne	ey's Telephone:	
Attorne	y's Email Address:	
Attorne	ey's Fax No.:	

Judgment and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Application in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent (Form 2D)

CAUS	SE NO	
IN R	E JANE DOE	IN THE
		COUNTY, TEXAS
testim	This matter was heard on this day	y of, 20 Based on the ds:
1.	The applicant is pregnant.	
2.	The applicant is unmarried and under 18	years of age.
3.	The applicant has not had her disabilities of the Texas Family Code.	es as a minor removed under Chapter 31
4.		rtion without her doctor notifying and arents, her managing conservator, or her
5.	issue for which the court finds in favor	s the following: [State "yes" beside an of the applicant by clear and convincing favor of the applicant, the court need not
		ntly well informed to make the decision at notification to, or the consent of, either ator, or her guardian.
	Finding of Facts and Conclusions of	Law:

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p	Notifying and attempting to obtain the consent of either of the applicant's parents, her managing conservator, or her guardian would not be in her best interest.
F	Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law:
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THEREFO	RE, IT IS ORDERED:
perform	plication is GRANTED and the applicant is authorized to consent to the ance of an abortion without notifying and obtaining the consent of either of ents or a managing conservator or guardian.
Rule 3	olication is DENIED. The applicant is advised of her right to appeal under of the Rules for a Judicial Bypass of Parental Notice and Consent Under 33 of the Family Code and will be furnished a Notice of Appeal form, Form
All costs sh	all be paid by the State of Texas pursuant to Family Code Chapter 33.
	Judge Presiding

Certificate of Deemed Denial of Application in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent (Form 2E)

CAUSE NO.	
IN RE JANE DOE	IN THE
	COUNTY, TEXAS
notice and consent required by Second rule on the application by 5 p.n was filed. Accordingly, under Rule	day of
Signed this day of	,
	Judge Presiding or Clerk

Order that Costs in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent Be Paid by the State Pursuant to Texas Family Code § 33.007 (Form 2F)

Notice: To guarantee reimbursement, this Order must be served on the Director, Fiscal Division, Texas Department of Health, within the deadlines imposed by Rule 1.9(b) of the Rules for a Judicial Bypass of Notice and Consent Under Chapter 33 of the Family Code.			
CAU	SE NO		
IN RI	E JANE DOE		
		IN THE	
		COUNTY, TEXAS	
	In this proceeding filed under Texas F e day of, 20, o nted, pursuant to Texas Family Code §	Family Code § 33.003, the court heard evidence concerning court costs. Based on the evidence 33.007, the State of Texas is ordered to pay: d litem fees and expenses of \$ to:	
2.	Telephone: Federal Tax ID: Reasonable and necessary guardian a Name: Address:	ad litem fees and expenses of \$to:	

	Telephone:
	Federal Tax ID:
3.	Court reporter's fees certified by the court reporter to:
	Name:
	Address:
	Telephone:
	Federal Tax ID:
4.	All court costs certified by the clerk.
	Judge Presiding

Clerk's Certification of Court Costs and Fees and Transmission of Order for Payment in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent (Form 2G)

Texas 1100 V	Depart	cal Division ment of Health Oth Street 3756	
	Re:	In re Jane Doe	
		Cause No.	
		Court:	
		County:	
Dear S	Sir or M	Iadam:	
in the			an Order issued on, 20, to the payees as stated in the Order.
as foll		ordance with the Order, I certify	the following fees and costs for payment
	Amou	nt: \$	
	Name	of the Clerk:	
	Addre	ss:	
	Tax Id	entification No.:	Thank you.
			Sincerely,
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[seal]			Name:
			Position:

Encl.: Certified copy of Order

Order Appointing Interpreter for Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent Under Chapter 33, Family Code (Form 2H)

CAUSE NO	
IN RE JANE DOE	
	IN THE
	COUNTY, TEXAS
	ORDER
	cause, the following person is appointed an interpreter for relief under Chapter 33, Family Code:
Name:	State Bar No
Address:	
Telephone:	Federal Tax ID:
Signed: this day of	, 20
	Judge

OATH FOR INTERPRETER

I,, do swear or affirm that I am language and will: (1) make a true in	nterpretation of all the proceedings to
the applicant; and (2) repeat verbatim all statements,	
who are a part of the proceeding to the applicant,	counsel, the court, and others in the
English language and in the	language, using my best skill and
judgment.	
I will not: (1) participate in any manner other	*
making or adjudicative process; (2) communicate	
proceedings except a literal translation of questions,	
proceeding; or (3) disclose or discuss any of the pr	oceedings with any person following
entry of judgment.	
	Signature
	Deints d Nome
	Printed Name
	Address
	Address
	Telephone Number
	ran Paris and American
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on	, 20 .
	
[Seal]	

Notice to Clerk and Court Reporter to Prepare Records (Form 2I)

CAUSE NO		
IN RE JANE DOE:		
This matter was heard on the has issued a final judgment. Jane Doe n reporter and appropriate clerk to immediate the available to:	iay desire to appeal. Jai	ne Doe request the cour
(Name and address of guardian ad liter	m) (Name and addres	
Immediately upon completion of the rec attorney and the guardian ad litem at the record is available:		
(Telephone number for guardian ad lit	em) (Telephone numbe	r for minor's attorney)
A copy of this notice has been given to no additional request for the record of the document with the clerk constitutes proc record was made.	e trial proceedings is rec	quired. The filing of this
Signed the,,	at [tim	e] a.m./p.m. [circle one]
	ATTORNEY	
	GUARDIAN AD LITE	 M

Caution: no official or court personnel involved in the proceedings may ever disclose to anyone outside the proceedings—including the minor's parent, managing conservator, or legal guardian—that the minor is or has ever been pregnant, or that she wants or has ever wanted an abortion, except as permitted by law.

Notice to Clerk and Court Reporter to Prepare Records (Form 2J)

CAUSE NO					
IN RE JANE DOE:					
This matter was heard on the data a final judgment and no appeal will requests the court reporter and the proceedings and make it available to:	be take	e n. Jane Do	e's attorne	y or guardi	an ad litem
(Name and address of guardian ad li	item)	(Name an	d address	of minor's	
Upon completion of the record, the cl the guardian ad litem at the following available:				_	-
(Telephone number for guardian ad	litem)	(Telephon	e number	for minor's	s attorney)
A copy of this notice has been given and no additional request for the record this document with the clerk constitutival record was made.	rd of th	e trial proce	eedings is	required. T	he filing of
Signed the day of	,	at	[time	a.m./p.m.	[circle one]
	AT	TORNEY			
	$\overline{\mathrm{GI}}$	JARDIAN A	AD LITEM	[

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Attention Clerk: Please Expedite

Notice of Appeal in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent (Form 3A)

As prescribed by the Clerk of the S § 33.004(d).	Supreme Court of Texas pursuant to Tex. Fam. Code
CAUSE NO	
IN RE JANE DOE	
	IN THE
	COUNTY, TEXAS
Important: Your lawye	er should fill out the information below.
referenced cause denying her applica	, 20, notice is hereby given that Jane Doe tof Appeals from the final order entered in the above- ation for a court order authorizing her to consent to an cation and consent required by Sections 33.002 and
	Attorney's Signature
	Attorney's Name, Printed
	State Bar No
	Attorney's Address
	Attorney's Telephone
	Attorney's Email Address
	Attorney's Fax No

Request to Postpone Court of Appeals' Ruling in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent; Designation of Alternative Time for Ruling (Form 3B)

\mathbf{C}_{ℓ}	AUSE NO
IN	RE JANE DOE
	IN THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
	DISTRICT OF TEXAS
	AT, TEXAS
Pl	ease check and complete any questions below that apply:
_	I request that the court postpone its ruling on my appeal. The appeal currently is due to be ruled on by 5 p.m. on
_	Please rule on my appeal by 5 p.m. on the fifth business day after (state a date after which you will be ready to proceed) If the court holds oral argument, the clerk will notify you of its date and time.
_	I will contact you at a later time to determine a time for ruling on my appeal.
	Attorney's Signature
	Attorney's Name, Printed
	Attorney's State Bar No
	Attorney's Address
	Attorney's Telephone
	Attorney's Email Address
	Attorney's Fax No.

Judgment on Appeal in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent (Form 3C)

CAUSE NO.		
IN RE JANE DOE		
	IN THE COU	RT OF APPEALS FOR THE
		DISTRICT, TEXAS
	AT	, TEXAS
It is ORDERED that the trial coapplication for a court order authorizing notice and consent required by Section Affirmed. The minor will be advise for a Judicial Bypass of Parental N Code and furnished a notice of approximate application is GF Opinion to follow. No opinion to follow.	ng her to consent to an alms 32.002 and 33.0021, Fed of her right to appeal of totice and Consent Under beal form, Form 4A.	Poortion without the parental Camily Code, is: under Rule 4 of the Rules
		Justice
Other members of the panel:		
Justice		
Justice		
	Da	nte:

Certification of Deemed Affirmance of Order On Appeal in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent (Form 3D)

CAUSE NO			
IN RE JANE DOE			
		IN THE COU	JRT OF APPEALS FOR THE
			DISTRICT OF TEXAS
		AT	, TEXAS
notice of appeal from consent to an abortiand 33.0021, Family	m an order denying on without the pare y Code. The court by after the day the	ther application for a netal notice and consert of appeals did not ru	, 20, Jane Doe filed her court order authorizing her to nt required by Sections 33.002 le on her appeal by 5 p.m. on a filed. Accordingly, the order
Signed this	day of	, 20	
		Judge Pr	esiding or Clerk

ATTENTION CLERK: PLEASE EXPEDITE

Notice of Appeal to the Texas Supreme Court in Proceeding to Waive Parental Notification and Consent (Form 4A)

	CAUSE NO		
	IN THE SUPREM	ME COURT OF TEXAS	
	IN RE	JANE DOE	
Doe petitions the Su , in the _ a court order author	preme Court of Texas Court of Ap	, 20, notice is hereby given that Jans for review of the order entered in Cause Nappeals affirming the denial of her application to an abortion without the parental notice a 3.0021, Family Code.	lo. foi
	Attor	rney's Signature	-
	Attor	rney's Name, Printed	_
	Attor	rney's State Bar No	_
	Attor	rney's Address	-
	Attor	rney's Telephone	
	Attor	rney's Email Address	-
	Attor	rney's Fax No.	