

Adult Name Changes Research Guide

Overview

This guide contains information and resources for changing the name of an adult in Texas. Adult name changes can be court-ordered as part of a divorce proceeding or as a separate process by itself. They can also happen because of a marriage, which does not require a court order to register the change if done within the required time frames. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov>

Texas Family Code

- Ch. 45 (Subchapter B)
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.45.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

O'Connor's Texas Family Law Forms KFT 1294.A3

- Ch. 45, Subchapter B, Change of Name of Adult

Vernon's Texas Law Annotated KFT 1230.5

- Family Vol. 2, Ch. 45, Change of Name - Subchapter B, Change of Name of Adult

Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure KFT 1294.F35

- Vol. 5, Obj. Z, Task Z1

O'Connor's Texas Family Law Forms KFT 1294.A65 W55

- Ch. 1 FORM 1F:1, Petition

- Ch. 1 FORM 1F:2, Order

O'Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook KFT 1294.A291 O26

- Ch. 1-F

Fast Guide to Family Law: Checklist for Everyday Practice KFT 1294.A25 S83

- Adults, p. 463

Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294.T4S7

- Ch. 61 Miscellaneous Litigation
 - Practice Notes: § 61.3 Change of Name of Adult
 - Vol. 4 Ch. 61: Forms 64-4 and 64-5

Online Resources

Name Change of an Adult and Child (Texas Law Help) <https://texaslawhelp.org/name-change>
Name Changes in Texas (Texas Young Lawyer's Association)
https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Our_Legal_System1&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=23466

Name Changes in Texas (TSLL)
<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/name-changes>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)