

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 timeframes. 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 www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Family Code

- Ch. 45 Subchapter B. Change of Name of Adult <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/FA.45.htm#B>

Secondary Resources in Print

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

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

Vernon's Texas Law Annotated REF KFT 1230.5

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

Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure REF KFT 1294 .F35

- Vol. 5, Task Z1 Changing Name of an Adult

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

- Ch. 1 FORM 1F:1, Petition
- Ch. 1 FORM 1F:2, Order

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

- Ch. 1-F §3 Adult's Name Change

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

- Adults, p. 463

Texas Family Law Practice Manual REF KFT 1294 .T4S7

- Vol. 4, Ch. 61 Miscellaneous Litigation
 - Forms 64-4 and 64-5 Petition and Order for Change of Name of Adult
 - Practice Notes: Vol. 2, § 61.3 Change of Name of Adult

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>

Name Changes After Marriage (TSLL) <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/marriage-in-texas/name-change>

Updating Your Documents After a Name Change (TSLL) <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/name-changes/updating-your-documents>

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)

