

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: ADOPTION OF IDAHO JUVENILE)
RULE 48A. CONSENT TO TERMINATION)
OF PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP)
_____)

ORDER

The Court, having reviewed a recommendation from the Child Protection Committee to amend the Idaho Juvenile Rules, and the Court being fully informed;

IT IS ORDERED that the Idaho Juvenile Rules (I.J.R.) are amended as follows:

1. That Rule 48A is adopted as follows:

Idaho Juvenile Rule 48A. Consent to Termination of Parent Child Relationship (C.P.A.)

(a) **Consent to Termination.** When a petition for termination of parent child relationship (petition for termination) has been initiated by the department of health and welfare pertaining to a child who is in the legal custody of the department, a parent may consent to the termination of their parental rights (consent).

(b) **Form.** The consent must be in the same form prescribed in Appendix B of these rules.

(c) **In State Consent to Termination.** The consent must be witnessed, on the record, by a district or magistrate judge for the state of Idaho.

(d) **Out of State Consent to Termination.** The court must accept a consent, or a surrender and release executed in another state if:

(1) It is witnessed by a magistrate or district judge of the state where signed, or

(2) The court receives an affidavit or a certificate from a court of comparable jurisdiction stating that the consent or surrender and release was executed in accordance with the laws of the state in which it was executed, or the court is satisfied by other showing that the consent or surrender and release was executed in accordance with the laws of the state in which it was executed.

(e) **Hearing on the Petition.** The court must hold a hearing on a petition to terminate a parent's rights unless a consent signed by that parent of the child has been filed.

2. That Appendix B: I.J.R. 48A form is adopted as follows:

Appendix B: Idaho Juvenile Rule 48A. Consent to Termination of Parent Child Relationship

I am the _____ (mother or father) of the following child(ren):

Child(ren):

Birthdate(s):

I give my full and free consent to the complete and absolute termination of my parental rights to this child(ren). I relinquish completely and forever, all legal rights, privileges, duties and obligations, including all rights of inheritance to and from the child(ren). I expressly waive my right to a hearing on the petition to terminate my parental relationship with the child(ren) and ask that the petition be granted.

I understand that I have the right to talk to an attorney. ☐ I had the opportunity to talk to an attorney, or ☐ I chose not to, and I waive this right.

Date: _____
Signature _____

On this day of before me, a Judge of the District Court of the _____ Judicial District of the state of Idaho, in and for the county of _____, personally appeared _____ known to me (or proved to me on the oath of _____) to be the person whose name is subscribed within the instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Date: _____

Judge

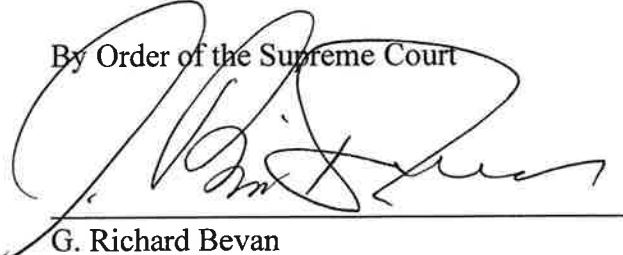
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order and these amendments shall be effective July 1, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above designation of the striking of words from the Rules by lining through them, and the designation of the addition of new portions of the Rules by underlining such new portion is for the purposes of information only as amended, and NO OTHER AMENDMENTS ARE INTENDED. The lining through and underlining shall not be considered a part of the permanent Idaho Juvenile Rules.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that notice of this Order shall be published for three consecutive weeks on the Idaho State Bar's website and in its weekly E-Bulletin, and that as soon as practicable, a summary of the amendment(s) effected by this Order shall be published in one issue of *The Advocate*.

DATED this 30th day of June 2025.

By Order of the Supreme Court

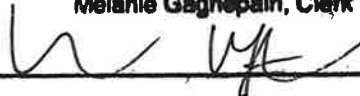


G. Richard Bevan
Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court

ATTEST:


Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the
Order entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court 10-30-25
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy