

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Confidential Petition Addendum

Form Number: GF-179

Statutory Reference: §§767.215(5) & 767.54, Wisconsin Statutes

Benchbook Reference:

Purpose of Form: To provide a method for individuals involved in family court matters to provide information concerning social security numbers to the court in a confidential manner.

Who Completes It: Party filing the pleading in which a social security number is required.

Distribution of Form: Original to Clerk of Court, Copies for service on all of the other parties.

Accompanying Forms: Generally the form will accompany a petition in some type of a family court proceeding, such as a divorce, legal separation, paternity, or child support enforcement action. If the form's instructions indicate an attachment is needed because of space limitations, that attachment should be included.

New Form/Modification: Modified; last update 08/11.

Modification: Incorporated same sex divorce language.

Comments: A set of instructions is added along the left-hand side of the form to explain the information that should be inserted into the blanks.

Federal law requires that the court record contain the social security numbers of the participants and children of participants in certain types of court proceedings. Prior to January 1, 2007, the Wisconsin Statutes required this information to be included in the original Petition. The petition is a public record. As a result of a recodification of the family code effective on January 1, 2007, that information is now to be provided in a separate document that the clerk of court is to retain as confidential. Access to the information on the form is limited to the parties, their attorney, a county child support enforcement agency, or "any other person authorized by law."

About this Form: This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court's Office and a mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial conference.

If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself shall not be altered.