

Roadmap for parentage cases

Case Starts. Petitioner files Petition for Parentage

Summons and Petition are served on respondent and proof of service is filed within 120 days (or parties agree and Respondent signs Acceptance of Service, Appearance, Consent and Waiver)

Parties Disagree*

Respondent files Answer and optional Counterpetition

Parties exchange:

- Financial Declarations
- Initial Disclosures

One party files:

- Certification of Readiness for Trial

Both parties file:

- Proposed settlement
- Updated Financial Declarations

Both parties attend pre-trial conference

Trial – judge decides case and tells one party to prepare and file final documents

Parties Agree*

Either party can file a Motion for temporary order

Parties can agree and file a Stipulation

Respondent Doesn't File Answer within:
21 days (in UT),
30 days (not in UT)*

Petitioner files paperwork for a Default Judgment

At any time...

*Either party can file a Motion for Genetic Testing

File:

- Final documents
- Proof of income for both parties

Judge reviews final documents

Case is finished.
Judge signs Parentage Decree

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