

Filer Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

In the Interest of the Child:

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division - Family Part
_____ County

Docket Number: _____
(To be filled in by the court.)

Civil Action

**Verified Complaint for
Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
Predicate Order**

I, _____ am the person filing this Complaint, and I live at:
(street) _____, (city) _____, New Jersey, and I
certify to the following:

1. I am:

- ☐ the parent/guardian of the minor child.
- ☐ related to the minor child and my relationship to the child is _____.
(For example, aunt, uncle, sibling.)
- ☐ a friend of the minor child.
- ☐ a representative of an agency. Provide agency name _____
and address _____.
- ☐ the minor child and I am filing this complaint on my own behalf.

2. The child's parents are:

Parent 1: _____ whose address
is _____ and
Parent 2: _____ whose address
is _____.

3. The child is unmarried and under the age of 21.

4. The child ☐ is / ☐ is not enrolled in school. If not, explain:

_____.

5. The child's custody status and living arrangement:

- ☐ The child is currently living with _____ who is seeking legal custody of the child.
- ☐ Custody of the child was awarded to a parent, relative, third party, or kinship legal guardian under docket number _____
- ☐ The child is in the custody of (name of parent/guardian) _____ and custody is not being requested.
- ☐ The child was placed in the custody of a state agency as follows:
 - ☐ a. The Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) removed the child from the custody of the parent(s) under docket number _____, or
 - ☐ b. The child is in an out-of-home placement arising out of a juvenile delinquency action under docket number _____.
- ☐ The child is living independently.
- ☐ Other living arrangement/custody (describe):

6. The child cannot be reunited with one or both parents due to:

- ☐ a. abuse, neglect or abandonment as described below.
 - ☐ i. A finding of abuse, neglect or abandonment was made, or
 - ☐ ii. Other (describe): _____.
- ☐ b. death of parent(s).

7. It is not in the best interest of the child to return to their home country of _____ for the following reason(s):

8. It is in the best interest of the child:

- ☐ a. to be in the custody of the person filing this complaint, or
- ☐ b. to continue in their current living arrangement, or
- ☐ c. to live independently, or
- ☐ d. Other (describe): _____.

Explain why it is in the best interest of the child to be in this arrangement:

9. Therefore, the person filing this Complaint requests the following:
- a. That the court make a finding that the child is under the age of 21 and is unmarried.
 - b. That the court make a finding that it is not possible for the child to live with one or both parents due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.
 - c. That the court make a finding that it is not in the best interest of the child to return to their home country of _____.
 - ☐ d. That _____ be granted custody of the child.
 - ☐ e. That custody continues as previously ordered under docket number _____.
 - ☐ f. That the child's current living situation continue.
 - g. And any further relief the court deems appropriate.
10. I further certify to the following: (Include any additional information you want the court to know. You may attach additional pages if needed.)

11. I understand that I must tell the court if any of the facts stated in this Verified Complaint change.

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☐ spoken language interpreter required

language: _____

Wherefore, the petitioner seeks entry of a predicate order for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

Date

Signature of Petitioner

Certification

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Date

Signature of Petitioner