



How to Change your Legal Name in Connecticut's Probate Courts

Applying for a legal name change in Connecticut is a simple, straightforward process. Just follow these 5 steps:

Adult name change

1. Locate the Probate Court that covers the town you reside in by visiting ctprobate.gov.

2. From ctprobate.gov, download the two forms you'll need:

- Name change petition (PC-901 for an adult, PC-900 for a minor)
- Name change affidavit (PC-910 for an adult, PC-910A for a minor)

3. Once complete, file your petition and affidavit along with a certified copy of your

long-form birth certificate. You will also need to provide two forms of identification, one of which must include a photo. You can submit these items together online, in person, or by mail.



4. Wait for a Notice of Hearing to be mailed to you. Notice of the petition for change of name will be sent to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to determine if the petitioner is on the Sex Offender Registry or Deadly Weapons Registry.

5. Attend your Probate Court hearing. If you didn't already submit your two forms of identification, bring them with you. Be prepared to speak to the Judge. Before granting a name change, the Judge will need to make sure it's not being done for any unlawful purpose, such as to avoid pending legal actions or consequences.

Minor name change

For a minor child 17 years old or younger, in addition to the above steps:

- A parent, guardian or other adult person permitted by the Court must file the name change petition and affidavit on the minor's behalf.
- At the hearing, the Judge will want to hear why this change is in the best interest of the minor.



In most circumstances, the Judge will decide the name change petition at the hearing.