



Name Change & Gender Marker Change

FREE Legal Assistance Opportunity
(By Appointment)

Persons seeking a legal name change may access free services:

Contact Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA), 356-8371, & indicate that you would like to apply for the FREE Name Change Project.

Appointments with attorneys are scheduled on the 4th Tues. of odd months at 5:30 at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, 126 West Adams Street: 1/23, 2/27 (extra date added due to demand), 3/27, 5/27, 7/24, 9/25, and 11/27.

JALA is offering legal name change services with law students and pro bono attorneys. This service is available to income qualifying applicants. Gender marker change information will also be provided.

Resources are also available online for persons who would like to proceed without an attorney using form templates at Florida Law Help: <https://www.floridalawhelp.org/node/546>

The information clients need to complete the name change petition:

- Physical address, email address, and phone number
- Mother's full legal and maiden names
- Father's full legal name
- Place and *date of birth*
- *All addresses* lived since birth and dates
- Spouse and children (if applicable) full legal names
- Any and all former names (attach court orders or marriage licenses related to name changes)
- Education (degrees received, dates, schools)
- Criminal history information (dates, cites, charges)
- History of bankruptcy
- Creditor's judgments (money judgments, dates, amount, and creditor)
- Electronic fingerprint card and background check are also required prior to court hearing.*

To apply for free legal assistance clients should be able to provide documents that show:

- Net income (salary, wages, bonuses, tips, etc. *minus* deductions required by law or court order)
- Annual spouse income (if applicable)
- SS benefits, unemployment compensation, veterans benefits, workers comp, retirement, pensions, etc.
- All assets (including cash, bank accounts, stocks, property, vehicles, homestead, etc.)
- Liabilities and debts (credit card debt, child support, house and car payments, medical bills, etc.)

* Before your legal assistance appointment and final hearing you will need to complete your electronic finger print card with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and your background check with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (Total cost for both is about \$46. Take a credit card for the FDLE portion of the cost which is paid online.) It takes about ten days to get background check results so complete the finger print card and submit your request for your background check as soon as possible.

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