## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT
## DECREE(S) FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD

**If you are changing more than one child's name you need to complete a Decree for each child for whom you are requesting a name change. In other words, if you are changing three children's names you will need to prepare three Decrees. The heading of each Decree should be the same as the Petition you filed containing all children's names for whom you are requesting name changes. The body of each Decree should contain only the name of one child and you will need a Decree for each child for whom you are requesting a name change.**

**HEADING**

- Enter the name of the county where you filed the Petition.
- Enter the current first, middle, and last names of the minor child(ren).
- Enter your first, middle, and last names.
- Enter the Case Number. The Clerk of the District Court will have given you a case number when you filed the Petition.

**BODY OF THE DECREE**

Opening Paragraph:
- In the first, second, and third blanks enter the day, month, and year of the hearing.
- In the fourth blank enter your first, middle, and last names.
- In the fifth blank enter the *current* first, middle, and last names of the minor child. **Remember you will need to prepare a separate Decree for each child for whom you are requesting a name change.**

First Paragraph (I): Nothing needs to be entered.

Second Paragraph (II):
- In the first and second blanks enter the county in which you and the minor child live and where the Petition was filed.

Third Paragraph (III): Nothing needs to be entered.

Fourth Paragraph (IV):
- In the first blank enter the minor child's *current* first, middle, and last names.
- In the second blank enter the minor child's preferred *new* first, middle, and last names.

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Fifth Paragraph (V):  Nothing needs to be entered.

**CLOSING PARAGRAPH**

In the final paragraph in the first blank enter the minor child's ***current*** first, middle, and last names.  In the second blank enter the minor child's preferred ***new*** first, middle, and last names.