

# **Status Quo Order Pre-Judgment Application Packet**

## **Instructions**

This process is authorized by ORS 107.097(2) for certain cases involving child custody issues. A petition for divorce, separation, custody or parenting time must have already been filed, or must be filed at the same time as the forms in this packet are filed. These forms cannot be used in a case to modify (change) an existing judgment establishing custody.

### **STEP 1**

Fill out the following forms: Ex Parte Motion and Declaration in Support of Status Quo Order (MOTION and DECLARATION) and Ex Parte Status Quo Order (ORDER).

The case heading (names and case number) at the top of each form will be the same as it is on the petition that started your case. Sign the lines that say “I certify this is a true copy” only on the copies that you make for the other party. You must sign the affidavit in front of a court clerk or notary, and will be asked for picture identification.

Attach any existing custody orders involving the child/ren to the MOTION and DECLARATION.

### **STEP 2**

Get your paperwork reviewed by the courthouse facilitator (if there is one at your court) or an attorney. Ask the court clerk if a judge is available to decide if the order should be signed.

### **STEP 3**

Make two copies of the MOTION and DECLARATION, and signed ORDER (one for service; one for your records).

### **STEP 4**

File the original documents (MOTION and DECLARATION, ORDER) with the court clerk.

### **STEP 5**

Have the MOTION and DECLARATION, and ORDER served on the other parent. You may use the sheriff’s office or a process server to complete service. For information about other service methods, talk to your local courthouse facilitator.