

## Overview – Filing a Consent to a Petition for Name Change of Minor

### **General Information:**

When a Petition for Name Change is filed seeking to change the name of a **minor** (a person under the age of 18), the minor's parent(s) and legal guardian(s) will be served with a copy of the petition unless signed Consent forms from each non-petitioning parent or guardian are filed with the Petition.

This only applies to parents whose rights have not been legally terminated by court order.

A signed Consent form lets the judge in the case know that the parent or guardian agrees to the name change. The filing of a Consent usually speeds up the name change process. There is a Consent form listed below, under "Other Helpful Resources", which may be used by a parent or guardian. A Consent form may be filed any time in the name change process.

If a Consent is filed with the court, a copy must be sent by the consenting party to the Petitioner.

### **Other Helpful Resources:**

RSA:

RSA 547:3-i

RSA 550:4

RSA 547:29

Form(s):

Consent form **(NHJB-2322-FPe)**

### **For Further Information:**

If you have questions, please contact the Information Center at 1-855-212-1234.