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Pro Se Name Change In Texas

“What’s in a name?”

-William Shakespeare

Are you in the middle of a divorce and debating on whether to keep using your soon to be ex-spouse’s last name? Is your life’s goal to legally become “Will Power,” “Chad Ochocinco” or “Metta World Peace”? You don’t have to be a sports star to make your dream come true. Legally changing your name may not be as hard as you think. Your JBSA legal offices are available to assist you in the completion of your paperwork if you would like to pursue a name change without hiring a civilian attorney.

One of your JBSA Legal Assistance Offices can prepare the necessary documents for you to file in court. However, this service is limited to document preparation only; we do not represent you in court. This service is further limited to uncontested Texas cases in which no party is represented by an attorney. While this service is free, you will be responsible for any filing fee charged by the clerk of the court.

Who may file?

An adult may file a petition requesting a change of name in the county of the adult’s place of residence. Name changes post-divorce or annulment are often easily obtained unless the court states in the decree a reason for denying the change of name. The court may not deny a change of name solely to keep last names of family members the same. If you are a parent or step-parent seeking to change the name of a child, please schedule a legal assistance appointment for further information.

Liabilities and Rights Unaffected

A change of name does not typically release a person from liability incurred in the person’s previous name or defeat any right the person had in the person’s previous name.

Summary/Disclaimer

The foregoing is only intended to be a brief summary of Texas name change and divorce law. It is by no means a substitute for speaking with an attorney concerning your unique situation. If you have questions and would like further assistance, visit one of your local legal offices.

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AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL

ADCs are experienced judge advocates outside the local chain of command to allow Airmen completely confidential legal advice for criminal and adverse matters.

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SPECIAL VICTIMS' COUNSEL

SVCs are experienced, independent judge advocates who provide confidential legal advice to victims of sexual assault. They serve both restricted and unrestricted reporters, help victims understand their legal rights, and explain how the legal process works for processing sex assault claims.

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PREPARE FOR YOUR LEGAL ASSISTANCE APPOINTMENT

LOG ONTO: <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>

Wills & Power of Attorney Powers of Attorney

1. Click on tab "Legal Worksheets"
2. Complete worksheet for documents you wish to have created
3. Save your ticket number, then call the Legal Office for an appointment!
4. Please complete survey online

Legal Assistance

1. Click on tab "Legal Information"
2. If the information you are looking for is not listed, call the Legal Office for an appointment!
3. Please complete online survey!

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL
ONE OF THE OFFICES BELOW**

**JBSA-Ft Sam Houston
502 FSG/JA**

**2422 Stanley Road
Ft Sam Houston, TX 78234
(NEW Location)**

Legal Assistance:

**Primarily by Appointment
Walk-in Hours:**

**Tuesday 0830-1030
(All eligible clients)**

Thursday 0830-1030

(Active Duty Clients only)

Will executions: Thursdays

Notary and Powers of Attorney:

M-F 0800-1600

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Randolph AFB, TX 78148
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Legal Assistance:

**Primarily by Appointment
Walk-in Hours:**

**Mon 1000-1100 (AD only)
Wills by Reservation Only**

Fridays 0930-1130

**(Please call with the ticket number
from the website when scheduling)**

Notary and Powers of Attorney:

M - 0830-1230

T-F - 0830 - 1500

Comm 210-652-6781

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Legal Assistance:

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