

**WAIVER OF TEMPORARY CUSTODY HEARING**  
G.L. c. 119, § 24 or § 25

DOCKET NUMBER

**Massachusetts Trial Court  
Juvenile Court Department**



CASE NAME

COURT DIVISION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent, guardian, custodian of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, have been informed of my right to a hearing pursuant  
to G.L. c. 119, § 24 or § 25 regarding temporary custody of my child(ren).

- ☐ I hereby state that I waive my right to a temporary custody hearing.
- ☐ I understand and acknowledge that by waiving this hearing I give up my right
- to be heard and object to the removal of my child(ren) from my custody;
  - to be heard as to whether or not the Department of Children and Families made reasonable efforts prior to removing my child(ren) from me to prevent or eliminate the need for his/her/their removal; and
  - to appeal any determinations made and orders issued at this proceeding.
- ☐ I also waive my right to nominate today a temporary custodian to provide care to my child(ren).
- ☐ I reserve the right to nominate today a temporary custodian to provide care to my child(ren) and request a third-party custody hearing.

I am making this decision intelligently and voluntarily.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL**

I, the undersigned counsel for the above named parent, guardian, custodian in the case captioned above, certify that I have discussed the waiver of the temporary custody hearing with my client. I have explained that the waiver of the temporary custody hearing includes the right to be heard and object to the removal of the child(ren) from the home and to object to any custody orders regarding the child(ren) the judge may make at this hearing. I have explained that the waiver includes the right to be heard as to whether or not the Department of Children and Families made reasonable efforts prior to the removal of the child(ren) to prevent or eliminate the need for removal. I have explained that the waiver includes the right to appeal any determinations and orders the judge may make on these issues at this hearing. I have also explained that they may waive their right to nominate a temporary custodian or reserve the right to a third-party custody hearing.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_