

Termination of Parental Rights Checklist*

ISSUE	LAW	COMPLETE
I. Pre-filing		
A. Standing	<i>Tex. Fam. Code §§102.003, 102.005, 102.006</i>	
B. Jurisdiction		
Determining continuing jurisdiction	<i>Tex. Fam. Code §§103.001(a)(1), 155.001 et. seq.</i>	
Prior Attorney general case	<i>Tex. Fam. Code §102.009(a)(11)</i>	
UCCJEA	<i>Tex. Fam. Code §152.001, et. seq.</i>	
Foreign Decree Registration	<i>Tex. Fam. Code § 152.305, 159.609</i>	
ICWA	<i>25 U.S.C.A. § §1901 et.seq.,</i>	
C. Venue	103.001	
II. The Petition		
A. Parentage		
Understanding parentage: presumed, alleged, adjudicated, acknowledged.	<i>Tex. Fam. Code § 160.201, 160.301 et. seq.,</i>	
Paternity registry - search requirement; notice requirement; no notice requirement	<i>Tex. Fam. Code § Subchapter E. , § 161.109</i>	

Due diligence affidavit	<i>Tex. Fam. Code § 161.002 (b)(4)</i>	
B. Alleging Grounds		
Involuntary	<i>Tex. Fam. Code Chapter 161, Subchapter A</i>	
Affidavit of Waiver of Interest	<i>Tex. Fam. Code § 161.106, 161.204</i>	
C. Pleading Appt of Managing Conservator		
Non-parent		
D. Requesting appt. Ad Litem		
Attorney ad litem /absent father	161.002	
Guardian Ad Litem/child	107.021	
Amicus/child	107.021	
Best Interest Proof	161.001(2);161.003(5);161.004(4); 161.005(a); 161.007(3); 161.101;161.03(a)(6)	
III. The Hearing		
Checklist for Certificate of Readiness		
Motion for hearing		
Who should attend?		
Presentation of evidence		
IV Termination		

Decree		
Termination decree		
Exchange proposed decree before the hearing		
Enter the decree		

* This list is not meant to be exhaustive but is to be used as a guide.