

**Declaration of  
[Legitimacy under section 56(1)  
(b) of the Family Law Act 1986]  
[Legitimation under section  
56(2) of the Family Law Act 1986]**

Name of court	Case No.
Name of Applicant	
Name of Respondent	
Name of Second Respondent	

Date of order

Upon the application of  (the applicant)  
 Previous name (if any)   
 and upon hearing  (the applicant)  
 and upon hearing  (the respondent)

**It is declared that**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (the applicant's parents) were lawfully married at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ [19][20], and that the applicant, born at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ [19][20], is the lawful child of his or her parents \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, [or, where the applicant was born before the marriage] and that by the marriage the \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant, was [or was not] legitimated for the purposes of the Legitimacy Act 1926 as from 1st January 1927, the date of the commencement of the Act [or from the date of the marriage]], [or, where section 1 of the Legitimacy Act 1959 applies, as from the date of commencement of the Legitimacy Act 1959, the 29th day of October 1959 [or as from the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ [19][20], the date of the marriage) (whichever is the later date), [or, where section 2 of the Legitimacy Act 1976 applies, as from the date of the marriage]].

**or, where section 1 of the Legitimacy Act 1976 applies, the following form shall be followed:-**

because \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ father of \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant, was [or was not] domiciled in \_\_\_\_\_ at the date of his marriage with \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_, and the requirements of the law of \_\_\_\_\_ (country of domicile) as to the legitimation of a person, born out of wedlock, by the subsequent marriage of his or her parents had [or had not] been complied with, then by virtue of section 3 of the Legitimacy Act 1976, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (formerly \_\_\_\_\_) were [or were not] lawfully married at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ [19][20], and that \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant, born at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ [19][20], is [or is not] the lawful child of his or her parents, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and that, by the marriage, \_\_\_\_\_ (the applicant) was [or was not] legitimated for the purposes of the Legitimacy Act 1976 as from the date of the marriage.

*or, where there has been a legitimation (whether or not by virtue of the subsequent marriage of the applicant's parents) which is recognised by the Law of England and Wales and effected under the law of any other country, the following form shall be followed:-*

because \_\_\_\_\_, the father of \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant,  
was [or was not] domiciled in \_\_\_\_\_, at the date of his  
marriage with \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_ and  
the requirements of \_\_\_\_\_ (country of domicile) law as to the legitimation of a person, born out of  
wedlock, by the subsequent marriage of his or her parents had [or had not] been complied with, then by virtue of the  
law of England and Wales that the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(formerly \_\_\_\_\_) were [or were not] lawfully married at  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ [19][20], and that  
\_\_\_\_\_, the applicant, born at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ [19][20], is  
[or is not] the lawful child of his or her parents, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
and that, by the marriage, \_\_\_\_\_ (the applicant) was [or was not] legitimated for the purpose of  
the law of England and Wales as from the date of the marriage.

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Ordered by [Mr] [Mrs] Justice  
[His] [Her] Honour Judge  
District Judge (of the Family Division)  
Recorder

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