

## **Rule 42. Child Custody Actions**

- (A) All private actions seeking a determination of custody, parenting time, shared parenting, and/or companionship time of a child shall be initiated by a sworn application, or in preexisting cases, by motion, accompanied by a child custody affidavit pursuant to R.C. 3127.23, a copy of the child's birth certificate, if a copy is not in the court file, and proof of paternity.
- (B) Custody actions filed under section (A) of this rule, unless exempted from mediation pursuant to section Local Rule 43(F), shall be referred to mediation.
- (C) As a condition of obtaining custody, an individual may be required to sign a waiver for a background check.
- (D) Child custody affidavit.

A uniform child custody affidavit shall be filed in all child custody proceedings (excluding complaints for neglected, dependent and abused children). The affidavit must be on a form supplied by the Court or must be in compliance with R.C. 3127.23.