

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE THE PETITION OF:

██████████ PORTER, ██████████  
A/K/A ██████████ PORTER,

FOR A NAME CHANGE TO:  
CHAUNTEY MO'NIQUE PORTER

CIVIL DIVISION

G.D. No. 21-11804

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR A NAME  
CHANGE**

Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed on behalf of Petitioner

James C. Martin (PA 204336)  
Gregory D. Vose (PA 324912)  
Zachary S. Roman (PA 325730)  
Oluwaseyi A. Odunaiya (PA 329124)  
REED SMITH LLP  
225 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
(412) 288-3131

M. Patrick Yingling (PA 311786)  
REED SMITH LLP  
10. S. Wacker Dr., 40th Fl.  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(312) 207-2834

Gabriel Arkles\*  
David Brown\*  
TRANSGENDER LEGAL DEFENSE &  
EDUCATION FUND  
520 8th Ave., Ste. 2204  
New York, NY 10018  
(646) 993-1688  
*\*pro hac vice forthcoming*

DEPT. OF COURT RECORDS  
CIVIL FAMILY DIVISION  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY PA

2021 SEP 27 PM 1:28

FILED



7. The proposed change in the Petitioner's name, if granted, will not be detrimental to the interests of any other person and is not against the public interest.

8. This Petition is not filed to defraud creditors.

9. Contemporaneously with this Petition, Petitioner is also filing: (1) a Memorandum of Law in support of Name Change Petition and Unconstitutionality of the Felony Bar at 54 Pa. C.S. § 702(c)(2); (2) the Expert Declaration of Ayden Scheim; and (3) the Curriculum Vitae of Ayden Scheim.

10. Wherefore, the Petitioner, intending to change Petitioner's name, requests that by an Order of this Court, made and entered herein, the Petitioner's name be changed to and decreed to be Chauntey Mo'nique Porter.

Dated: September 27, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gregory D. Vose

M. Patrick Yingling (PA 311786)  
mpyingling@reedsmith.com  
REED SMITH LLP  
10 S. Wacker Dr., 40th Fl.  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(312) 207-2834

Gabriel Arkles  
garkles@transgenderlegal.org  
David Brown  
dbrown@transgenderlegal.org  
TRANSGENDER LEGAL DEFENSE  
& EDUCATION FUND  
520 8th Ave., Ste. 2204  
New York, NY 10018  
(646) 993-1688

James C. Martin (PA 204336)  
jcmartin@reedsmith.com  
Gregory D. Vose (PA 324912)  
gvose@reedsmith.com  
Zachary S. Roman (PA 325730)  
zroman@reedsmith.com  
Oluwaseyi A. Odunaiya (PA 329124)  
REED SMITH LLP  
225 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
(412) 288-3131

**VERIFICATION**

I, [REDACTED] Porter, [REDACTED] verify that the statements made in the foregoing Verified Petition for a Name Change are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief.

I understand that this verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn fabrication to authorities, which provides that if I knowingly make false averments, I may be subject to criminal penalties.

Date: September 27, 2021

[REDACTED]  \_\_\_\_\_  
[REDACTED] Porter, [REDACTED]

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE THE PETITION OF:

CIVIL DIVISION

██████████ PORTER, ██████████  
A/K/A ██████████ PORTER,

G.D. No.

FOR A NAME CHANGE TO:  
CHAUNTEY MO'NIQUE PORTER

**ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING ON NAME CHANGE**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, upon hearing of the within motion of Reed Smith LLP and the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, attorneys for the Petitioner above named, it is ORDERED and DECREED that the within Petition be heard on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. The Petitioner shall obtain a judgment search from all counties in which Petitioner has resided during the last five (5) years. It is further Ordered that the Petitioner shall advertise once in the Pittsburgh Legal Journal, and once in a newspaper of general circulation in Allegheny County.

BY THE COURT,

\_\_\_\_\_, J.

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE THE PETITION OF:

CIVIL DIVISION

██████████ PORTER, ██████████

A/K/A ██████████ PORTER,

G.D. No.

FOR A NAME CHANGE TO:  
CHAUNTEY MO'NIQUE PORTER

**DECREE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, upon hearing of the within motion of Reed Smith LLP and the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, attorneys for the Petitioner above named, with proof of publication and proof that there are no judgments or decrees of record or any other matter of like effect against Petitioner, and it appearing that there are no legal objections to the granting of the prayer of the Petition, it is ORDERED and DECREED that the name of the Petitioner is, from and after this date, changed to CHAUNTEY MO'NIQUE PORTER.

BY THE COURT,

\_\_\_\_\_, J.

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

*/s/ Gregory D. Vose* \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On September 27, 2021 and pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 235, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served via certified mail on the following:

Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General  
16th Floor, Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

*/s/ Gregory D. Vose*

---