

**100TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF BLACK ACRE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

NO. 123-456

DIVISION "A"

JANE DOE,
Petitioner,
-versus-
JOHN DOE,
Defendant.

FILED: _____

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**MOTION FOR WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT AND REASONS FOR
JUDGMENT¹**

NOW INTO COURT, in proper person, comes JOHN DOE, mover herein and respectfully requests that this Court give in writing its findings of fact and reasons for judgment pursuant to the mandate of Article 1917 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure.

LAW AND ARGUMENT

Article 1917 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure mandates that:

In all appealable contested cases, other than those tried by a jury, the court, when requested to do so by a party shall give in writing, its findings of fact and reasons for judgment...

La. C.C.P. 1917. This is an appealable contested case, and the petitioner is preparing an appeal on the issue of child support, hence these written reasons are required. Moreover, the word "shall" is mandatory and not permissive. Louisiana Revised Statutes 1:3.

CONCLUSION

Mover respectfully requests that this court issue in writing findings of fact and reasons for judgment in this matter pursuant to its duty expressed by Article 1917 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure.

Respectfully Submitted,
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In Proper Person

¹ The United States Supreme Court has held that the allegations of a pro se litigant's pleadings are to be held "to less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers." *Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520, 92 S.Ct. 594, 30 L.Ed.2d 652 (1972). Article 865 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure mandates that every pleading shall be construed as to do substantial justice.