

Instructions: An Affidavit demonstrating that a *diligent* search was performed must be filed for any individual required to be served whom the Petitioner alleges cannot be located. The Court will review the Affidavit to determine whether the Petitioner has sufficiently shown evidence of a diligent search authorizing service by publication. The following sample Affidavit is being provided for your convenience. *Please list all the methods you have used to attempt to locate the individual.*

Please note: you must pay publication fees to the Probate Court for service by publication in the County legal organ.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COBB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Decedent/Minor/Ward

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Estate No. _____

Affidavit of Diligent Search and Request to Serve by Publication

Comes now, _____, who personally appeared before the undersigned officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths, and after being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he/she has made certain efforts described below to locate, find and determine the address of _____ by the following methods. The person is required to be notified of the proceeding.

I hereby swear and affirm that I have made the following efforts to locate the individual listed above:

- Telephoning the person at their last known number, which is _____;
- Searching printed and online directories including the following: _____;
- Completing a web search for the individual;
- Searching the following social media sites _____;
- Contacting the last known employer. The business name and location is: _____;
- Mailing a letter to the last known residence address:

[Address, City, State, Zip Code]

- Contacting the following relatives and friends:

Name of Person	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____

- Checking with the following local jails: _____;
 - Checking with the following state prison systems: _____;
 - I used the following professionals in my search: _____;
- The final results of my search were: _____

I request that the individual listed above be served by publication, and I understand that I will be required to pay publication fees before such notice will run. I further understand that the Court will review this Affidavit and determine if I have made a sufficiently diligent search for the individual listed above before my request for service by publication can be granted.

Respectfully submitted this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this the _____ day of
_____, 20__.

Notary/Clerk of Probate Court
My Commission Expires _____

Affiant Signature

Notary/Clerk Printed Name

Affiant Printed Name

Address:

