

[No. **CASE NUMBER**]

[Name of Court, e.g. COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS OF ALABAMA]

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[**NAME OF APPELLANT**]

Appellant,

v.

[Name of Appellee, e.g., STATE OF ALABAMA], and  
[Name of next Appellee, if any]

Appellee(s).

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Appeal from the Circuit Court of  
[**INSERT**] County, Alabama

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**BRIEF OF THE APPELLANT**  
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[**ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED**]

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[YOUR NAME]  
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[YOUR EMAIL]

## STATEMENT REGARDING ORAL ARGUMENT

Appellant, [INSERT NAME], requests this Court grant oral argument. [STATE WHY ORAL ARGUEMNT WOULD BE HELPFUL.]

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## STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

[E.g., The Court of Civil Appeals has jurisdiction appeal as a domestic relations case pursuant to Code of Ala. § 12-3-10. This is an appeal of orders entered by the Circuit Court of [INSERT NAME] County, Alabama on [INSERT DATE]].

The Notice of Appeal to the Court of Civil Appeals was filed on [INSERT DATE], within the forty-two days provided by Rule of Appellate Procedure 4(a)(3).

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## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

[WHAT'S THE CASE ABOUT?]

## STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

The issues on appeal are:

[USE THE ARGUMENTS ONE THROUGH X AS USED IN THE  
TABLE OF CONTENTS]

## STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

[STATE THE FACTS OF THE CASE, i.e., what happened including  
citation to the record and transcript.]

[E.g., This case involves a dispute over modification of child  
support, and is between Father on one side, and Mother on the other.  
The difference of opinion arises out of...]

## STATEMENT OF THE STANDARD OF REVIEW

[TELL THE COURT THE STANDARD OF REVIEW (the measuring  
stick) BY WHICH THEY SHOULD DECIDE THE CASE, e.g., de novo,  
abuse of discretion, etc.]

## SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS

[GIVE A ONE PARAGRAPH SUMMARY FOR EACH OF THE ARGUMENTS (not sub-arguments) LISTED IN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS]

### ARGUMENT

- I. [STATE AS A SENTENCE, E.G., THE TRIAL COURT'S FAILURE TO CONSIDER MOTHER'S ABILITY TO PAY GUIDELINE SUPPORT WAS AN ERROR OF LAW.]

[Explain your argument.]

*A. [Use Sub-Arguments from the Table of Contents.]*

[Explain your sub-argument.]

*B. [Sub-Argument B.]*

[Explain.]

*C. [Sub-Argument C.]*

[Explain.]

II. [ARGUMENT TWO.]



[Explain.]

**A. [Sub-Argument A.]**

[Explain, e.g., The Fourteenth Amendment provides that no state shall “deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.” U.S. CONST. amend XIV, § 1. That clause guarantees more than fair process. “The Clause also includes a substantive component that provides heightened protection against government interference with certain fundamental rights and liberty interests.” *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57, 65 (2000). The fundamental right at issue in this case, as it was in *Troxel*, is the liberty interest of parents to care, custody, and control of their children. *See id...*]

**B. [Sub-Argument B.]**

[Explain.]

**C. [Sub-Argument C.]**

[Explain.]

### III. [ARGUMENT THREE.]

[Explain.]

#### A. *[Sub-Argument A.]*

[Explain.]

#### B. *[Sub-Argument B.]*

[Explain.]

[CONTINUE ARGUMENTS IN OUTLINE MANNER UNTIL  
FINISHED]

### CONCLUSION

[Briefly summarize why you are right and why you should win.]

WHEREFORE, Appellant, [INSERT NAME], respectfully requests  
this Court [ASK IT TO DO WHAT YOU WANT IT TO DO], e.g. “reverse  
the trial court’s order...”]

Dated this [INSERT DAY] day of [MONTH] [YEAR].

[YOUR NAME OR ORGANIZATION]

/s/ [Your Name]

[YOUR NAME]

[Attorney for] Appellant

[OF COUNSEL:]

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