

## MIAMI COUNTY PROBATE COURT

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DECLARATION OF PATERNITY

- These instructions are intended as a guideline only and should not be relied upon as a comprehensive list of duties in declaring paternity.
- Papers must be typewritten or printed in ink.
- Payment of court costs at time of filing is \$35.00. Please confirm the amount with the court as filing fees may have changed subsequent to the publication of this instruction sheet.
- Whenever an adult child is over the age of 23 and the birth certificate does not designate a father, a Joint Declaration must be filed in the county where the father lives, if the father is a resident of the State of Ohio. If the father is not a resident of the State of Ohio, he may also file the Joint Declaration in this county.
- The child's birth certificate along with the genetic tests must be attached to the Joint Declaration.
- The child's birth certificate must show that no one has been designated as the father.
- As soon as the entry is signed by the Judge the court will forward two (2) certified copies to your attorney or to the address on the Joint Application.
- In order to obtain a new birth certificate you will need to send a certified copy of the **Order Affirming Joint Declaration** to: Bureau of Vital Statistics, Ohio Department of Health, P.O. Box 15098, Columbus, OH 43215-0098. There will be a charge payable to the Bureau of Vital Statistics for your birth certificate.