

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN RE THE MATTER OF:) NOS. 11319, 11320, 11321
)
Kristie Harper on behalf of)
Addison, Benjamin and Kevin)
Panattoni,)
)
)
Petitioners.)

VERBATIM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
(FROM TAPED PROCEEDINGS)

BE IT REMEMBERED that the foregoing proceedings were taken from the hearing in the above-referenced matter, heard on Monday, September 11, 2006, before THE HONORABLE MARK HUTH, District Court Judge.

KRISTIE HARPER, ADDISON PANATTONI, BENJAMIN PANATTONI, and KEVIN PANATTONI, all appeared pro se.

Proceedings Transcribed by: Catherine M. Vernon, CSR, RPR

1 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and
2 done, to wit:

3 THE COURT: All right. We have some name changes on
4 the calendar today. Benjamin Jacob Panattoni, come on up here
5 please to the bar. Whoever else is in the courtroom can come up
6 as well that's here for that matter. Are these other folks with
7 you?

8 MS. HARPER: Yes, they are.

9 THE COURT: You can come on up here, all of you. All
10 right. Which one is Benjamin?

11 BENJAMIN: Me.

12 THE COURT: Okay. And would all three children and
13 their mother raise your right hand, please?

14 MS. HARPER: Raise your right hand.

15 THE COURT: It's your other hand.

16 UNIDENTIFIED CHILD: I'm sorry. (Inaudible)

17 THE COURT: There you go. Do each of you solemnly
18 swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to give will be
19 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

20 BENJAMIN: Yes.

21 KEVIN: Yes.

22 ADDISON: Yes.

23 MS. HARPER: Yes.

24 THE COURT: All right. And you're Ms. Harper. You
25 filed a Petition -- you can lower your hands now. Thank you.

1 You filed a Petition on behalf of Benjamin Jacob Panattoni to
2 change his name to Benjamin Jacob Harper?

3 MS. HARPER: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Has that Petition been filed for any
5 illegal or fraudulent purpose?

6 MS. HARPER: No.

7 THE COURT: How old is Benjamin?

8 MS. HARPER: Ben is ten.

9 THE COURT: All right. And his birth father hasn't
10 signed the Petition?

11 MS. HARPER: That's correct.

12 THE COURT: Do you know whether or not he agrees with
13 this change?

14 MS. HARPER: I don't know.

15 THE COURT: Okay. He's had no contact with you or the
16 children?

17 MS. HARPER: Right.

18 THE COURT: And that's by Court Order?

19 MS. HARPER: Yes. I believe that you had it there,
20 but I do have a copy of the Parenting Plan.

21 THE COURT: All right. No, we have it here, but for
22 the record we need to make a record, a recording of what the
23 circumstances are. So --

24 MS. HARPER: Okay.

25 THE COURT: I may be aware of it, but the recording is

1 not.

2 MS. HARPER: Okay.

3 THE COURT: All right. So, Benjamin, do you want your
4 name to be changed to Harper?

5 BENJAMIN: Yes.

6 THE COURT: And do you feel that that would be better
7 for you?

8 BENJAMIN: Yes.

9 THE COURT: That's your mom's name now, her last name
10 is Harper? And you want to be part of the family and have the
11 family name; is that right?

12 BENJAMIN: Yeah.

13 THE COURT: All right. Then I'll grant the Petition
14 with regard to Benjamin. So your name now is Benjamin Jacob
15 Harper. Congratulations. And you can get copies of all of
16 these Orders out in front.

17 All right. The next one is Kevin John Panattoni. Which
18 one's Kevin? That's you. How old are you, Kevin?

19 KEVIN: I am eight.

20 THE COURT: Eight? Okay. And the same situation
21 applies to him as applies to Benjamin?

22 MS. HARPER: Yes, it does.

23 THE COURT: All right. And, Kevin, you want your name
24 to be changed to Harper?

25 KEVIN: Yes.

1 THE COURT: And you feel that will be better for you?

2 KEVIN: Yes.

3 THE COURT: And you want to be part of the family and
4 have the same name as everyone else?

5 KEVIN: Yes.

6 THE COURT: All right. I'll find that it's in Kevin's
7 best interests as well to change his name to Harper. And I've
8 signed an Order. Congratulations, your name is now Kevin John
9 Harper.

10 The last one is Addison James Panattoni. That must be you.
11 And how old are you, Addison?

12 ADDISON: I'm 11.

13 THE COURT: All right. And you want your name to be
14 changed to Harper as well?

15 ADDISON: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Because you want to be part of the family?

17 ADDISON: Yes.

18 THE COURT: And you feel that will be best for you?

19 All right, Addison, I'm signing the Order, changing your name to
20 Addison James Harper. Congratulations to all three of you and
21 to the whole family. You can pick up copies of the Order -- the
22 Orders out at the window. You'll want to keep those for your
23 record to show their names have been legally changed. Thank
24 you, boys.

25 MS. HARPER: Thank you.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

BENJAMIN: Thank you.

THE COURT: You bet.

(End of proceedings)

