

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTH POLE

MARGARET MARY LANNAN,
ROBERT W. LANNAN IV and
RICHARD FRANCIS LANNAN

Petitioners

vs.

The ELF, n/k/a “ELFIE”

Respondent

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) Case No. 12-_____
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PETITION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF AN ELF

TO THE HONORABLE SANTA CLAUS:

Margaret Mary Lannan (age 6) (“Peggy”), Robert W. Lannan IV (age 4) (“Bobby”) and Richard Francis Lannan (age 4 months) (“Richie”) and, collectively with Peggy and Bobby, “Petitioners”) present this Petition to Change the Name of an Elf (the “Petition”). In support of the Petition, the Petitioners respectfully state as follows:

1. On or about Thanksgiving 2011, Your Honor assigned the respondent in the above-captioned case (the “Case”), a male Elf on the Shelf® (“Respondent” or the “Elf”), to Petitioners Peggy and Bobby.

2. Petitioners Peggy and Bobby hastily selected for Respondent the name “Elfie.” On information and belief, Respondent duly registered this name with Your Honor. Petitioners have no reason to doubt that magic attached to Respondent upon selection of this name. Respondent appears to have dutifully carried out his duties throughout the Advent season of 2011 before returning to the North Pole with Your Honor last Christmas Eve.

3. Respondent reappeared on the mantle above the fireplace in Petitioners’ home on November 25, 2012.

4. Upon reflection, Petitioners Peggy and Bobby have concluded that they selected the name “Elfie” in haste last year, and that this name lacks creativity and originality befitting a dutiful Elf on the Shelf®.

5. Petitioner Richie had not yet been born when his siblings selected a name for Respondent. As a subject of Respondent’s assignment this year and in future years, Petitioner Richie respectfully submits that he is entitled to participate in selection of Respondent’s name, and would not have selected a name as generic as “Elfie.”

6. As minors, Petitioners were entitled to, but were neglected, sufficient parental guidance in the selection of a name for Respondent last year.

7. Upon due reflection and discussion, and following consultation with their parents, Petitioners believe that “**Sebastian**” is a more suitable name for Respondent.

8. It is only in a technical sense that Petitioners are “suing their elf.” While the Elf is a respondent in this Case, Petitioners have no reason to believe the Case is adversarial in nature or that Respondent would oppose the relief requested herein. (Petitioners were unable to discuss with Respondent the possibility of filing a joint motion because Respondent is prohibited from speaking with them.)

9. Although Petitioners are employing the resources of their father’s legal practice, they present this Petition *pro se*, as their father is not admitted to practice law on the North Pole.

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WHEREFORE, Petitioners respectfully request that this Court enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto, changing Respondent's name from "Elfie" to "Sebastian" and granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and appropriate.

Dated: Potomac, Maryland
November 26, 2012

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Mary Lannan



Robert W. Lannan IV


Richard Francis Lannan

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ORDER

This matter coming before the Court upon the Petition to Change Name of an Elf (the "**Petition**")¹ presented by the above Petitioners, the Court having been advised in writing (a hearing being impracticable), and the Court finding that cause exists for the relief requested,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent shall, from and after the date of this Order, be known as **Sebastian**.

_____, 2012

Honorable Santa Claus
Chief Judge
Supreme Ruler of the North Pole

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Petition.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

We hereby certify that on the 27th day of November 2012, we caused copies of the Petition to Change the Name of an Elf to be served upon the persons identified below, by the means identified with each.

By Hand Delivery:

The Elf, n/k/a "Elfie"

By First Class U.S. Mail (Postage Prepaid):

CCA and B LLC, d/b/a The Elf on the Shelf®
1174 Hayes Industrial Drive
Marietta, GA 30062

PEGGY Lannan

Margaret Mary Lannan

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