

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

NOVA MADAY,

Plaintiff,

v.

TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 211

Defendant.

Case No. 17 CH 15791

Hon. Thomas R. Allen

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.,  
or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, we shall appear before  
the Honorable Thomas R. Allen in Courtroom Room 2302 of the Richard  
J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois, and then and there  
present Plaintiffs' Motion to File Under Plaintiff's Preferred Name, a copy  
of which is being served upon you with this Notice.

December 1, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

**NOVA MADAY**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an attorney, hereby certifies that he caused to be served the attached **PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF MOTION** on this 1st day of December, 2017, by messenger delivery, to the following persons and by electronic mail:

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**MOTION TO FILE UNDER PLAINTIFF'S PREFERRED NAME**

Nova Maday ("Nova"), by her attorneys John Knight and Ghirlandi Guidetti of the Roger Baldwin Foundation of ACLU, Inc., and Jeffrey H. Bergman of Mandell Menkes LLC, hereby moves, pursuant to 775 ILCS 5/2-401(e), for leave to file her complaint and other pleadings in the above-captioned matter under her preferred name. In support of her Motion, Plaintiff states as follows:

1. On November 30, 2017, Plaintiff filed her Complaint in this matter under her preferred, rather than her legal, name.
2. Nova is a transgender girl, meaning she was assigned a male gender at birth but she lives and identifies as female.
3. Nova's legal name is currently the male name she was assigned at birth. Her preferred female name is Nova Maday. Nova has filed a petition to legally change her name, which is currently pending and scheduled to be heard on January 8, 2018.
4. Plaintiff has consistently used the name Nova, including at school, since October 2014.

5. It is important to Nova that she be recognized and addressed by her female name. References to her male name are a psychologically distressing reminder to Nova of the time when she presented as male, even though she is a girl.

6. Nova suffers from gender dysphoria, a serious and internationally-recognized medical condition experienced by many transgender people in which the mismatch between a person's gender identity and gender assigned at birth causes them persistent and clinically significant distress. The treatment for gender dysphoria involves social role transition, a process under which the individual should live in all aspects consistent with their gender identity, including by using a name with which they identify. It would be contrary and detrimental to Nova's treatment for gender dysphoria to identify her by her former male name in court records.

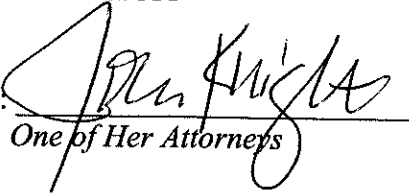
WHEREFORE Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court grant this motion *nunc pro tunc* to the filing of the complaint.

DATED: November 30, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

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