

# Legal Name Change

The task of changing your name can seem difficult, but for many it is worth it. There are several in depth and up to date guides on changing you name in California such as The Transgender Law Center's guide (found here <http://transgenderlawcenter.org/resources/id/id-please>) Here is a short highlight of what the guide covers. (the actual guide is 139 pages.)

1. Go to court to file name change forms.
2. Go to the social security administration and get your new social security card.
3. Go to the California DMV and get a new ID.
4. Update birth certificate, passport, and non governmental records (like HSU school records which is through the registrar's office.)

Note: You DO NOT have to publish your name change in a newspaper any more. These steps also do not necessarily have to be completed in this order!