

Supreme Court of Florida

No. SC2026-1262

**IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF
PROCEDURE AND RULE REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR
10-2.2.**

September 10, 2026

PER CURIAM.

On its own motion, the Court amends the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure to designate all of Florida’s family law forms as “Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms” and to unify the process for creating, amending, abrogating, and maintaining those forms.¹ We also amend Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 10-2.2 (Form Completion by a Nonlawyer) to remove the reference to a prior designation.²

1. We have jurisdiction. *See* art. V, § 2(a), Fla. Const.; *see also* Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.140(d).

2. We have jurisdiction. *See* art. V, § 15, Fla. Const.; *see also* R. Regulating Fla. Bar 1-12.1.

I.

In 1995, the Court adopted the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, which included almost 70 family law forms. *See In re Fam. L. Rules of Proc.*, 663 So. 2d 1049, 1051 (Fla. 1995). At the same time, the Court tasked the Family Law Rules Committee with the ongoing review of the family law rules and forms while also requesting the Family Court Steering Committee to conduct its own review with an emphasis on simplifying the family law process for pro se litigants. *Id.* at 1053. Later, when considering amendments proposed by both committees to the family law rules and forms, the Court acknowledged the overlap in the two committees' duties and asked the committees to recommend ways to streamline the forms revision process. *In re Amends. to Fla. Fam. L. Rules*, 713 So. 2d 1, 9 (Fla. 1998) (noting that “[t]o continue in dual roles appears to be unproductive and costly”). The Court also reiterated in 1998 that “[t]he development of common sense rules and forms in family law cases, understandable by both lawyers and pro se litigants alike, is essential.” *Id.* at 2.

In 2000, the Court considered proposed amendments submitted by both committees and addressed “who shall have the

continuing responsibility of reviewing, revising, and otherwise maintaining the family law forms.” *Amends. to Fla. Fam. L. Rules of Proc. & Fam. L. Forms*, 810 So. 2d 1, 12 (Fla. 2000). The Court explained that both committees had agreed “that the majority of the forms should be removed from the rulemaking process” and that the rules committee should not have responsibility “for the forms that are removed from the rules.” *Id.* (quoting *In re Amends. to Fla. Fam. L. Rules of Proc.*, 724 So. 2d 1159, 1160 (Fla. 1998)). But the rules committee expressed the desire for 16 specific forms to remain part of the rulemaking process, with the rules committee having the responsibility to propose amendments for those 16 rules forms. *Id.* at 14. While “acknowledg[ing] the practicality of [a more] unified approach,” the Court in 2000 deferred to the rules committee’s desire. *Id.* Thus, the rules committee retained responsibility for a select group of forms,³ while the Court decided to “internally review, revise, and otherwise maintain the ‘Supreme Court Approved Forms’ ” with the assistance of the Advisory Workgroup on the

3. As can be gleaned from the stricken text in the appendix for Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.015(a), the number of rules forms has expanded beyond the original 16 rules forms.

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms. *Id.* Changes to either set of forms were to be accomplished by written opinion. *Id.* However, the Court “emphasize[d] that, if this division of the forms becomes unworkable, we will not hesitate to assign total responsibility for the forms to a single entity.” *Id.*

II.

The Court has now determined that the division of Florida’s family law forms has become less than ideal and that a more unified and flexible approach would be more effective. Thus, we amend Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.015 (Family Law Forms) to unify and designate all of Florida’s family law forms as “Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms” and to provide that the Court outside the rulemaking process “may, with or without notice, create, amend, or abrogate a Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form by order or opinion.” The amendments to rule 12.015 further state that “[a]ll Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms will be published and maintained on the Family Courts webpage of the Florida Courts website.” And the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms is given the responsibility, as

directed by administrative order, to provide recommendations to the Court “regarding the creation, amendment, or abrogation” of the forms. The amendments also explain that a form adopted by order will “include notice that any person may submit comments on the form to the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms.”

Additionally, throughout multiple Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, the Court changes the rules forms references to “Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms.” Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure 12.610 (Injunctions for Protection Against Domestic, Repeat, Dating, and Sexual Violence, and Stalking) and 12.750 (Family Self-Help Programs) are updated to reference the justice liaison to the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms. Finally, Bar rule 10-2.2 is amended to remove the reference to rules forms.

III.

We commend the work of the Family Law Rules Committee, the Family Court Steering Committee, and the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms, especially their efforts to make the forms understandable to both

attorneys and pro se litigants. We also thank the Advisory Workgroup for its assistance, dedication, and hard work with these amendments.

Accordingly, the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar are hereby amended as reflected in the appendix to this opinion. New language is indicated by underscoring; deletions are indicated by struck-through type. The amendments shall become effective October 1, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. Form titles will be updated to reflect the redesignation of all Florida's family law forms to Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms in forthcoming form amendments. In the interim, all family law forms remain valid and may continue to be used regardless of how they are titled. And cross-references within court rules and forms to a rules form are to be construed as referencing the corresponding Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form. To be clear, this directive applies solely to the redesignation of form titles and does not affect any other determination by the Court about the validity or use of a particular form.

Because the amendments were not published for comment previously, interested persons shall have 75 days from the date of this opinion in which to file comments with the Court.⁴

It is so ordered.

COURIEL, C.J., and LABARGA, MUÑIZ, GROSSHANS, FRANCIS, BARRIOS, and TANENBAUM, JJ., concur.

THE FILING OF A MOTION FOR REHEARING SHALL NOT ALTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE AMENDMENTS.

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4. All comments must be filed with the Court on or before November 24, 2026, as well as a separate request for oral argument if the person filing the comment wishes to participate in oral argument, which may be scheduled in this case. If filed by an attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar, the comment must be electronically filed via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal (Portal). If filed by a nonlawyer or a lawyer not licensed to practice in Florida, the comment may be, but is not required to be, filed via the Portal. Any person unable to submit a comment electronically must mail or hand-deliver the originally signed comment to the Florida Supreme Court, Office of the Clerk, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

APPENDIX

RULE 12.015. FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORMS

(a) Forms Adopted as Rules~~Incorporation and Redesignation.~~ Effective October 1, 2026, the forms listed in this rule shall be adopted by the rulemaking process in Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.140. The Family Law Rules Committee of The Florida Bar may propose amendments to these forms and any associated instructions. These forms shall be previously designated as the “Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms.” Forms coming under this provision are: incorporated into and redesignated as the “Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms.”

- ~~(1) 12.900(a), Disclosure From Nonlawyer;~~
- ~~(2) 12.900(b), Notice of Limited Appearance;~~
- ~~(3) 12.900(c), Consent to Limited Appearance by Attorney;~~
- ~~(4) 12.900(d), Termination of Limited Appearance;~~
- ~~(5) 12.900(e), Acknowledgment of Assistance by Attorney;~~
- ~~(6) 12.900(f), Signature Block for Attorney Making Limited Appearance;~~
- ~~(7) 12.900(g), Agreement Limiting Representation;~~
- ~~(8) 12.900(h), Notice of Related Cases;~~
- ~~(9) 12.901(a), Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage;~~
- ~~(10) 12.902(b), Family Law Financial Affidavit (Short Form);~~

~~(11) 12.902(c), Family Law Financial Affidavit (Long Form);~~

~~(12) 12.902(e), Notice of Filing Child Support Guidelines Worksheet;~~

~~(13) 12.902(f)(3), Marital Settlement Agreement for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage;~~

~~(14) 12.910(a), Summons: Personal Service on an Individual;~~

~~(15) 12.911(a), Subpoena for Hearing or Trial (Issued by Clerk);~~

~~(16) 12.911(b), Subpoena for Hearing or Trial (Issued by Attorney);~~

~~(17) 12.911(c), Subpoena Duces Tecum for Hearing or Trial (Issued by Clerk);~~

~~(18) 12.911(d), Subpoena Duces Tecum for Hearing or Trial (Issued by Attorney);~~

~~(19) 12.911(e), Subpoena for Deposition (Issued by Clerk);~~

~~(20) 12.913(b), Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry;~~

~~(21) 12.913(c), Affidavit of Diligent Search;~~

~~(22) 12.920(a), Motion for Referral to General Magistrate;~~

~~(23) 12.920(b), Order of Referral to General Magistrate;~~

~~(24) 12.920(c), Notice of Hearing Before General Magistrate;~~

~~(25) 12.928, Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases;~~

~~(26) 12.930(a), Notice of Service of Standard Family Law Interrogatories;~~

~~(27) 12.930(b), Standard Family Law Interrogatories for Original or Enforcement Proceedings;~~

~~(28) 12.930(c), Standard Family Law Interrogatories for Modification Proceedings;~~

~~(29) 12.930(d), Notice of Service of Answers to Standard Family Law Interrogatories;~~

~~(30) 12.932, Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure;~~

~~(31) 12.975, Notice of Compliance When Constitutional Challenge is Brought;~~

~~(32) 12.984(a), Order of Referral to Parenting Coordinator;~~

~~(33) 12.984(b), Response by Parenting Coordinator;~~

~~(34) 12.984(c), Parenting Coordinator Report of an Emergency;~~

~~(35) 12.984(d), Parenting Coordinator Request for Status Conference;~~

~~(36) 12.990(a), Final Judgment of Simplified Dissolution of Marriage;~~

~~(37) 12.996(a), Income Deduction Order (Non Title IV D);~~

~~(38) 12.996(b), Notice to Payor;~~

~~(39) 12.996(c), Notice of Filing Return Receipt;~~

~~(40) 12.996(d), Florida Addendum to Income Withholding Order; and~~

~~(41) 12.999, Final Disposition Form.~~

(b) ~~Other Family Law Forms~~Advisory Workgroup. All additional Supreme Court approved forms shall be adopted by ~~opinion of~~The Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court

Approved Family Law Forms must provide input and recommendations to the Supreme Court of Florida-and outside of the rulemaking procedures required by rule 2.140. These forms shall be designated, as directed by administrative order of the chief justice, regarding the creation, amendment, or abrogation of the “Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms.”

(c) Creation, Amendment, and Abrogation of Forms. The Florida Supreme Court may, with or without notice, create, amend, or abrogate a Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form by order or opinion. Such creation, amendment, or abrogation is not subject to the rulemaking process in Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.140. If the Court adopts a form by order, the Court will attach an engrossed version of the form and include notice that any person may submit comments on the form to the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms. If the Court adopts a form by opinion, the process for opinions in effect at the time applies.

(d) Publication. All Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms will be published and maintained on the Family Courts webpage of the Florida Courts website.

Commentary

2000 Adoption-2009 Amendment. [No Change]

2026 Amendment. The rule was substantially amended to consolidate all of Florida’s family law forms under a single designation; to direct the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms to provide input and recommendations to the Court regarding the creation, amendment, or abrogation of family law forms; to provide for the creation, amendment, or abrogation of family law forms by order or opinion of the Court; and to require the publication and maintenance of all family law forms on the Florida Courts website.

RULE 12.070. PROCESS

(a) Issuance of Summons.

(1) [No Change]

(2) *Contents of Summons.* All summons in family law matters must be patterned after Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a) and must specifically contain the following language:

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

(b)-(d) [No Change]

(e) Constructive Service.

(1) For constructive service of process on the legal father in any case or proceeding to establish paternity which would result in termination of the legal father's parental rights, the petitioner must file an affidavit of diligent search and inquiry that conforms with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(c). If the legal father cannot be located, he must be served with process by publication in the manner provided by chapter 49, Florida Statutes. The notice must be published in the county where the legal father was last known to have resided. The clerk of the circuit court must mail a copy of the notice to the legal father at his last known address.

(2) For constructive service of process in any case or proceeding involving parental responsibility, custody, or time-sharing with a minor child, the petitioner must file an affidavit of diligent search and inquiry that conforms with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b). If the responding party cannot be located, the party must be served with process by publication in the manner provided by chapter 49,

Florida Statutes. The clerk of the circuit court must mail a copy of the notice to the party's last known address.

(3) For constructive service of process in all other cases, an affidavit of diligent search and inquiry in substantial conformity with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law-~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.913(b), must be filed.

(f)-(l) [No Change]

RULE 12.105. SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION PROCEDURE

(a) Requirements for Use. The parties to the dissolution may file a petition for simplified dissolution if they certify under oath that

(1)-(2) [No Change]

(3) the other facts set forth in Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law-~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.901(a) (Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage) are true.

(b) Consideration by Court. The clerk shall submit the petition to the court. The court shall consider the cause expeditiously. The parties shall appear before the court in every case and, if the court so directs, testify. The court, after examination of the petition and personal appearance of the parties, shall enter a judgment granting the dissolution (Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law-~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.990(a)) if the requirements of this rule have been established and there has been compliance with the waiting period required by statute.

(c) Final Judgment. Upon the entry of the judgment, the clerk shall furnish to each party a certified copy of the final judgment of dissolution, which shall be in substantially the form provided in Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law-~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.990(a).

(d) [No Change]

Commentary

[No Change]

RULE 12.285. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE

(a)-(b) [No Change]

(c) Exemption from Requirement to File and Serve Financial Affidavit.

(1) [No Change]

(2) Upon agreement of the parties and filing of a notice of joint verified waiver of filing financial affidavits, the court shall not require that financial affidavits be filed. In the notice, both parties must acknowledge:

(A) [No Change]

(B) they each have provided the other with a fully executed and sworn financial affidavit in conformity with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(b) or 12.902(c), as applicable;

(C)-(E) [No Change]

(d) Disclosure Requirements for Temporary Financial Relief. In any proceeding for temporary financial relief heard within 45 days of the service of the initial pleading or within any extension of the time for complying with mandatory disclosure granted by the court or agreed to by the parties, the following documents must be served on the other party:

(1) A financial affidavit in substantial conformity with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.902(b) if the party's gross annual income is less than \$50,000, or Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of~~

~~Procedure~~ Form 12.902(c) if the party's gross annual income is equal to or more than \$50,000. This requirement cannot be waived by the parties.

(2)-(4) [No Change]

(e) Parties' Disclosure Requirements for Initial or Supplemental Proceedings. A party must serve the following documents in any proceeding for an initial or supplemental request for permanent financial relief, including, but not limited to, a request for child support, alimony, equitable distribution of assets or debts, or attorneys' fees, suit money, or costs:

(1) A financial affidavit in substantial conformity with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.902(b) if the party's gross annual income is less than \$50,000, or Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.902(c) if the party's gross annual income is equal to or more than \$50,000, which requirement cannot be waived by the parties. A party may request, by using the Standard Family Law Interrogatories, or the court on its own motion may order, a party whose gross annual income is less than \$50,000 to complete Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.902(c). All documents supporting the income, assets, and liabilities figures entered into the financial affidavit must also be produced.

(2)-(17) [No Change]

(f)-(i) [No Change]

(j) Certificate of Compliance. All parties subject to automatic mandatory disclosure must file with the court a certificate of compliance, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.932, identifying with particularity the documents which have been delivered and certifying the date of service of the financial affidavit and documents by that party. The party must swear or affirm under oath that the disclosure is complete, accurate, and in compliance with this rule, unless the

party indicates otherwise, with specificity, in the certificate of compliance.

(k) Child Support Guidelines Worksheet. If the case involves child support, the parties must file with the court at or before a hearing to establish or modify child support a Child Support Guidelines Worksheet in substantial conformity with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.902(e). This requirement cannot be waived by the parties.

(l)-(m) [No Change]

Commentary

[No Change]

Committee Notes

[No Change]

RULE 12.287. FINANCIAL AFFIDAVITS IN ENFORCEMENT AND CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

Any party in an enforcement or contempt proceeding may serve upon any other party a written request to serve a financial affidavit if the other party's financial circumstances are relevant in the proceeding. The party to whom the request is made shall serve the requested financial affidavit and file a notice of compliance within 10 days after the service of the written request. The court may allow a shorter or longer time. The financial affidavit shall be in substantial conformity with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.902(b) (Short Form), all sections of which shall be completed.

RULE 12.340. INTERROGATORIES TO PARTIES

(a) Procedure for Use. Without leave of court, any party may serve on any other party written interrogatories to be answered by the party to whom the interrogatories are directed, or if that

party is a public or private corporation or partnership or association or governmental agency, by any officer or agent, who must furnish the information available to that party. Interrogatories may be served on the petitioner after commencement of the action and on any other party with or after service of the process and initial pleading on that party. A party may serve fewer than all of the approved interrogatories within a form.

(1) *Initial Interrogatories.* Initial interrogatories to parties in original and enforcement actions must be those set forth in Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.930(b). Parties governed by the mandatory disclosure requirements of rule 12.285 may serve the interrogatories set forth in Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.930(b).

(2) *Modification Interrogatories.* Interrogatories to parties in cases involving modification of a final judgment must be those set forth in Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.930(c). Parties governed by the mandatory disclosure requirements of rule 12.285 may serve the interrogatories set forth in Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.930(c).

(b) Additional Interrogatories. Ten interrogatories, including subparts, may be sent to a party, in addition to the standard interrogatories contained in Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.930(b) or Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.930(c). A party must obtain permission of the court to send more than 10 additional interrogatories. The expert interrogatories authorized by rule 12.280 are not included within the limitation of ten additional interrogatories to a party prescribed by this rule.

(c) [No Change]

(d) Serving of Responses. Parties must serve responses to interrogatories on the requesting party. Responses must not be filed with the court unless they are admitted into evidence by the court

and are in compliance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.425. The responding party must file with the court Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.930(d), Notice of Service of Answers to Standard Family Law Interrogatories.

(e)-(h) [No Change]

Commentary

[No Change]

Committee Note

[No Change]

RULE 12.490. GENERAL MAGISTRATES

(a) [No Change]

(b) Referral.

(1) [No Change]

(2) The order of referral must be in substantial conformity with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.920(b), and must contain the following language in **bold** type:

A REFERRAL TO A GENERAL MAGISTRATE REQUIRES THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE THIS MATTER HEARD BEFORE A JUDGE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THIS MATTER HEARD BEFORE THE GENERAL MAGISTRATE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE REFERRAL WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE TIME OF SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. IF THE TIME SET FOR THE HEARING IS LESS THAN 10 DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER, THE OBJECTION MUST BE FILED BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HEARING. IF

THIS ORDER IS SERVED WITHIN THE FIRST 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF PROCESS, THE TIME TO FILE AN OBJECTION IS EXTENDED TO THE TIME WITHIN WHICH A RESPONSIVE PLEADING IS DUE. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION WITHIN THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD IS DEEMED TO BE A CONSENT TO THE REFERRAL.

REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDED ORDER MADE BY THE GENERAL MAGISTRATE MUST BE BY A MOTION TO VACATE AS PROVIDED IN RULE 12.490(e), FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE. A RECORD, WHICH INCLUDES A TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO VACATE, UNLESS WAIVED BY ORDER OF THE COURT PRIOR TO ANY HEARING ON THE MOTION TO VACATE.

(3)-(4) [No Change]

(c) [No Change]

(d) Hearings.

(1)-(3) [No Change]

(4) The notice or order setting the cause for hearing must be in substantial conformity with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Forms 12.920(b) and (c) and must contain the following language in **bold** type:

SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEEK REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDED ORDER MADE BY THE GENERAL MAGISTRATE, YOU MUST FILE A MOTION TO VACATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 12.490(e), FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A RECORD SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT YOUR MOTION TO VACATE OR YOUR MOTION WILL BE DENIED. A RECORD ORDINARILY INCLUDES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT OF ALL RELEVANT PROCEEDINGS

UNLESS WAIVED BY ORDER OF THE COURT PRIOR TO ANY HEARING ON THE MOTION TO VACATE. THE PERSON SEEKING REVIEW MUST HAVE THE TRANSCRIPT PREPARED FOR THE COURT’S REVIEW.

(5) [No Change]

(e)-(f) [No Change]

Commentary

[No Change]

Committee Notes

[No Change]

RULE 12.610. INJUNCTIONS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC, REPEAT, DATING, AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND STALKING

(a)-(b) [No Change]

(c) Orders of Injunction.

(1) [No Change]

(2) *Issuing of Injunction.*

(A) Standardized Forms. The temporary and permanent injunction forms approved by the Florida Supreme Court for domestic, repeat, dating, sexual violence, and stalking injunctions shall be the forms used in the issuance of injunctions under chapters 741 and 784, Florida Statutes. Additional standard provisions, that are not inconsistent with the standardized portions of those forms, may be added to the special provisions section of the temporary and permanent injunction forms, or at the end of ~~each~~the section to which they apply, on the written approval of the chief judge of the circuit, ~~and upon~~ final review and written approval by the ~~chief justice~~Supreme Court justice serving as

liaison to the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms. ~~Copies of such additional standard provisions, once approved by the chief justice, shall be sent to the chair of the Family Law Rules Committee of The Florida Bar, the chair of the Steering Committee on Families and Children in the Court, and the chair of The Governor's Task Force on Domestic and Sexual Violence.~~

(B) [No Change]

(3)-(7) [No Change]

Commentary

[No Change]

Committee Note

[No Change]

RULE 12.742. PARENTING COORDINATION

(a)-(b) [No Change]

(c) Order Referring Parties to Parenting Coordinator. An order referring the parties to a parenting coordinator must be in substantial compliance with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.984(a). The order must specify the role, responsibility, and authority of the parenting coordinator.

(d) [No Change]

(e) Response by Parenting Coordinator. The parenting coordinator must file a response accepting or declining the appointment in substantial compliance with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.984(b).

(f)-(k) [No Change]

(l) Written Communication with Court. The parenting coordinator may submit a written report or other written communication regarding any nonconfidential matter to the court. Parenting coordinators are required, pursuant to the parenting coordination section of Chapter 61, Florida Statutes, to report certain emergencies to the court without giving notice to the parties. The parenting coordinator shall use a form in substantial compliance with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.984(c) when reporting any emergency to the court, whether or not notice to the parties is required by law. If the parenting coordinator is unable to adequately perform the duties in accordance with the court's direction, the parenting coordinator shall file a written request for a status conference, and the court shall set a timely status hearing. The parenting coordinator shall use a form in substantial compliance with Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law ~~Rules of Procedure~~ Form 12.984(d) to request a status conference. When notice to the parties is required, the parenting coordinator must contemporaneously serve each party with a copy of the written communication.

(m)-(n) [No Change]

Committee Notes

[No Change]

RULE 12.750. FAMILY SELF-HELP PROGRAMS

(a) [No Change]

(b) Definitions.

(1)-(4) [No Change]

(5) "Approved form" means a:

(A) ~~Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms or Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms;~~ or

(B) family law forms that have been approved in writing by the chief judge of a circuit ~~and that are~~ is not

inconsistent with the any Florida Supreme Court approved Family Law forms, copies of which are to be sent to the chief justice. The chief judge must send a copy of the form to the Supreme Court justice serving as liaison to the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms and to the chair of the Family Law Rules Committee of The Florida Bar, the chair of the Family Law Section of The Florida Bar, and the chair of the Family Court Steering Committee that workgroup. A Form approved by a chief judge may be used unless specifically rejected by the Supreme Court justice liaison.

(c)-(h) [No Change]

(i) Exemption. Self-help personnel are not required to complete Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), Disclosure From Nonlawyer, as required by rule 10-2.1, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. The provisions in rule 10-2.1, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, which require a nonlawyer to include the nonlawyer's name and identifying information on a form if the nonlawyer assisted in the completion of a form, are not applicable to self-help personnel unless the self-help personnel recorded the information on the form as authorized by this rule.

(j)-(m) [No Change]

Commentary

[No Change]

RULE 10-2.2. FORM COMPLETION BY A NONLAWYER

(a) Supreme Court Approved Forms. It is not the unlicensed practice of law for a nonlawyer to engage in limited oral communication to assist a self-represented person in the completion of blanks on a Supreme Court Approved Form. In assisting in the completion of the form, oral communication by

nonlawyers is restricted to those communications reasonably necessary to elicit factual information to complete the blanks on the form and inform the self-represented person how to file the form. The nonlawyer may not give legal advice or give advice on remedies or courses of action. Legal forms approved by the Supreme Court of Florida which may be completed as set forth in this rule are limited to the following forms, and any other legal form, whether promulgated or approved by the Supreme Court of Florida, is not a Supreme Court Approved Form for the purposes of this rule:

(1) forms that have been approved by the Supreme Court of Florida specifically under the authority of rule 10-2.1(a) (formerly rule 10-1.1(b)) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar; and

~~(2) the Family Law Forms contained in the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure; and~~

~~(3) the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms contained in the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.~~

(b) [No Change]

(c) As to All Legal Forms.

(1) Except for forms filed by the petitioner in an action for an injunction for protection against domestic or repeat violence, the following language must appear on any form completed by a nonlawyer and any individuals assisting in the completion of the form must provide their names, titles, business names, addresses, ~~and~~ telephone numbers, and email addresses on the form:

This form was completed with the assistance of:

.....(Name of Individual).....

.....(Title of Individual).....

.....(Name of Business).....

.....(Address).....

.....(Telephone Number).....

.....(Email Address).....

(2)-(3) [No Change]