

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- **TO:** Superior Court and District Court Judges and Commissioners, Court Administrators, County Clerks, Prosecuting Attorneys, Defense Attorneys, and Law Libraries
- **FROM:** Joy Moore, Sr. Legal Analyst AOC, Legal Services and Appellate Court Support Court Services Division (CSD)
- DATE: January 1, 2022
- **RE:** Changes based on a review of comments received

The table below outlines changes to the Domestic Relations forms listed below based upon newly enacted legislation and an existing statue.

Forms		Changes and Authority
1.	FL All Family 104 Motion to Serve By Mail	<u>Changed</u> "publication" to "mail" in information box in paragraph #2.
2.	FL All Family 112 Proof of Mailing or Hand Delivery	<u>Added</u> "( <i>hearing</i> date)" immediately after "Notice of Hearing" in paragraph 3 to clarify for user what goes in that space.
3.	FL All Family 173 Motion for Temporary Change to Parenting/Custod y Order (Military Parent)	<u>Corrected</u> incorrect statutory reference.

4.	FL Divorce 201 Petition for Divorce (Dissolution); FL Divorce 203 Petition for Legal Separation; and FL Divorce 205 Petition to Invalidate (Annul) Marriage	<u>Changed</u> (1) In the note box in paragraph 5: inserted "or the other parent" immediately before "may file" where may file first appears in that box; inserted "other parent" immediately after "child's" in the first sentence of the second paragraph of that box; and removed "biological father" and "notarized and" where the previously appeared in that box. (2) In paragraph 8, changed "later" to "before this case is finished" to clarify for the user by when the user needs to file and serve the user's proposed parenting plan. (3) Added "Note: The law requires that child support be addressed if there are dependent children of the marriage. RCW 26.09.100(1)" immediately after heading for paragraph 9 [child support] to clarify steps users must take if children are involved. (4) Added column to paragraph 14 Debt table allowing for insertion of last four digits of account numbers to capture information needed for final orders. (5) Added email to the joinder line. <i>FL Divorce 205</i> only: <u>Added</u> an alternative pleading option (sec. 3a) to request a divorce or legal separation if the marriage is found valid. Would allow judicial officer to make findings, divide property, and allocate parenting time and child support even if a marriage is valid.
5.	FL Divorce 231 Findings and Conclusions about a Marriage	Changes (1) changed court hearing to trial in paragraph 1. (2) Paragraph 2 [Notice] to clarify how jurisdiction was obtained over Respondent and what information to include in form. Provides three checkbox options. (3) Changed [] Denied to [] other in section 6. (4) Added boxed note after paragraph 7 [Separation Contract] heading clarifying what separation contracts are and how prenuptial and community property agreements may be used. (5) Added "because the real property is not in Washington State" after the word "property" in the paragraph 8 [Real Property] check box beginning with "[t]he court does not have jurisdiction " to clarify why court lacks jurisdiction. (6) Inserted "[a]II personal property is separate property" after 1 <sup>st</sup> sentence in first paragraph 9 [Community Personal Property] checkbox to clarify what it means to have no community personal property is community property after the first clause in the next to last paragraph 9 checkbox to clarify why the court lacks jurisdiction . (8) Added "[A]II personal property is community property" after 1 <sup>st</sup> sentence of first paragraph 10 [Separate Personal Property] checkbox to clarify what it means to have no separate personal property is community property. (70) Inserted "I personal property is community property" after 1 <sup>st</sup> sentence of first paragraph 10 [Separate Personal Property] checkbox to clarify what it means to have no separate personal property (9) Made gender neutralizing changes in paragraph 10. (10) Inserted language in next to last checkboxes in paragraphs 10-12 clarifying why court lacks jurisdiction.

		(11) Made gender neutralizing changes to first paragraph 14 [Fees] checkbox. (12) In paragraph 17 [Pregnancy], adds subsection for "Parentage Findings" w/4 check box/fill-in-the-blank options [None, parentage case filed and joined with subject case, agreed denial of parentage w/ further action required, or other] and specifies what "other action" is required and by whom in agreed denial of parentage situations. Moved boxed note concerning parentage presumptions and time limits and procedures for challenging same to more prominent location on form and relabels "Note" as "Warning." (13) in paragraph 18 [Children of the Marriage]: reorders numbering in table listing children to comport with AOC formatting; inserts 2 additional checkboxes [1 stating that "[n]either spouse gave birth to any other children during the marriage" [other than the children listed in the above table] & 1 stating that "[a] spouse gave birth to the following other children with someone else during the marriage ( <i>list each</i> <i>child's name, age, and how parentage was addressed</i> )"; and adding immediately below the added checkboxes "Warning! If parentage has not been addressed, both spouses are responsible for these children and the court must enter a Parenting Plan and Child Support Order."
6.	FL Divorce 241 Final Divorce, Legal Separation, Invalid Marriage Valid Marriage Order	<u>Changes</u> (1) Added "Clerk's Action Required" provision in caption re discharging GAL. (2) Made paragraph 4 first checkbox language gender neutral and did the same to third column label in paragraph 7. (3) Added "because the real property is not in Washington State." to end of next to last checkbox in paragraph 7 column to clarify why court lacks jurisdiction to divide the real property. (4) Made gender neutralizing changes in paragraphs 8-14 and 19. (5) Added "because the court does not have personal jurisdiction over one of the spouses as described in 3 above" to end of next to last checkbox in paragraph 8 to clarify why court lacks jurisdiction to divide the real property, in paragraph 10 w/respect to Respondent's debt, and to paragraph 11 w/respect to Respondent's debt. (7) Deleted entire checkbox beginning with "[o]ne spouse is pregnant, but" in paragraph 18 [Parenting Plan] indicating that "[i]f you check this box, also check the "Clerk's action required" box in the caption on page 1." and (9) Added space in the paragraph 19 [Child Support] checkbox for "Administrative Order " allowing for insertion of the DHS Div. of Child Support (DCS) case number(s).

7.	FL Parentage 323 Motion for Temporary Family Law Order [] and Restraining Order	<u>Changes</u> (1) Removed "FL Non Parent 423" from "Use this form" note immediately below form name. (2) Corrected form # for Residential Schedule in 2 <sup>nd</sup> checkbox of paragraph 4. (3) Added gender neutralizing language to paragraph 7 [Restraining Order] checkbox for prohibiting weapons and other surrender.
8.	FL Modify 501 Petition to Modify Child Support Order	<u>Changed</u> (1) Just below the warning box after paragraph 14 is a joinder section in case others want to join in petition. (2) In the 1 <sup>st</sup> checkbox of that section, "guardian, or non-parent custodian" were added to the list of who would fill out that section if they agreed to joinder, and a note was added at the end of that checkbox to "(copy this section as needed for other parties)."
9.	FL Modify 510 Final Order & Findings on Petition to Modify Child Support Order	<u>Added</u> an additional "No" checkbox was added to paragraph 6 [Should the Court order a temporary reduction due to Incarceration? (Abatement)] on the basis that "[t]he presumption in favor of abatement has been rebutted because it has been shown that the person who owes support has, or has access to, income or assets to provide support while incarcerated."
10	FL Modify 601 Petition to Change a Parenting Plan, Residential Schedule or Custody Order	<u>Changes</u> (1) Changed form name in case caption and at beginning of form to "Petition to Change a Parenting Plan or Other Custody Order." (2) Immediately above the form name, changed the form number to use if want to terminate or change a non-parent custody order from form "FL Non-Parent 451" to "GDN M 502." (3) Added checkbox to paragraph 4 [Describe the parenting/custody order you have now] for "Final Parentage Order." (4) Made gender neutralizing changes to paragraphs 6-8, 12 and in the joinder section immediately after the warning box below petitioner's signature block.
11	FL Modify 602 Response to Petition to Change a Parenting Plan, Residential Schedule or Custody Order, FL Modify 603 Motion for Adequate Cause Decision (to change a parenting/custod y order), FL	<u>Changed</u> form name in case caption and at beginning of form to reflect Custody Order change from petition, removed Non-Parent Custody references across the forms set, and made forms gender neutral.

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on Adequate Cause to Change a Parenting/ Custody Order, FL Modify 610 Final Order and Findings on Petition to Change a Parenting Plan, Residential Schedule or Custody Order, FL Modify 621 Motion for Immediate Restraining Order [Ex Parte), FL Modify 622 Immediate Restraining Order (Ex Parte) and Hearing Notice, FL Modify 623 Motion for Temporary Family Law Order [] and Restraining Order, FL Modify 624 Temporary Family Law Order	
12. FL Relocate 701 Notice of Intent to Move with Children (Relocate)	<u>Changed</u> (1) Inserted "Use this form" when section to clarify that this form is only for moves outside the local school district. Also advises of what form(s) to use for moves within school district. (2) Adds an "Agreement to Move (if any)" section to end of form to be used if other party agrees, and also adds language near the beginning of the form directing the parent not planning to move to the agreement to move section if they consent to the move.
13. FL Relocate 721 Objection about Moving with Children and Petition about Changing a	<u>Added</u> "use this form" language immediately beneath form name to clarify that form is only to be used to object to moves <i>outside</i> the school district.

Parenting/Custod y Order (Relocation)	
14. FL Relocate 736 Attachment: Summary of the law about moving with children (Child Relocation Act, RCW 26.09430480)	<u>Removed</u> "[a] person who is entitled to residential time or visitation with a child(ren) under a court order may not object to the intended relocation of the child within the same school district, but may request a modification under RCW 26.09.260" from the "Right to Object" section as redundant of other provisions in that attachment.
15. FL Divorce 200, FL Parentage 300, FL Parentage 330, FL Modify 500, FL Modify 600, FL Visits 475 Summons	<u>Changes (1)</u> Simplified the requirements for a response to be valid (Isolated into single sentences the writing requirement, Service requirement, and default judgment requirement.); (2) Moved_the pocket service information to a box below the signature line: moved the lines for addresses after the signature to within the document; (3) Added an oversized warning box that certain sections must be completed for the Summons to be valid. (4) Added an email service option.
16. FL Divorce 211, FL Parentage 302, FL Parentage 332, FL Modify 502, FL Modify 602, and FL Relocate 722 Response	<u>Added</u> an email service option.
17. All Civil 006 Agreement re: Service by Email	New form that allows civil parties to agree to service via email.