

January 1, 2021

TO: Judges, Commissioners, County Clerks, Court Administrators,

Court Facilitators, Libraries, Attorneys, and the Public

FROM: Ashley Tam, AOC Senior Legal Analyst

RE: Summary of Changes for Family Law Forms (January 2021)

The Washington Pattern Forms Committee has added two new pattern forms to the Family Law Form Set in response to the <u>Laws of 2020, ch. 311 (ESSB 6268), Abusive Litigation – Domestic Violence</u>, codified as <u>ch. 26.51 RCW</u>.

The following new forms are effective on January 1, 2021:

Form No.	Title
FL All Family 154	Motion to Restrict Abusive Litigation
FL All Family 155	Order on Motion to Restrict Abusive Litigation

These forms are included on our <u>List of All Forms</u> page as part of the Family Law Form Set at: <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.static&staticID=14#FamLawForms">http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.static&staticID=14#FamLawForms</a>.

They are also listed under a newly created category on our <u>List of All Forms</u> page, Domestic Violence: Abusive Litigation – Chapter 26.51 RCW, at: <a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.static&staticID=14#dspDVAbusiveLitigation">http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.static&staticID=14#dspDVAbusiveLitigation</a>.

At the end of January, we will also be publishing updated Family Law pattern forms that incorporate other changes to the law, including sections of the <u>Laws of 2020, ch. 227 (SHB 2302)</u>, Child Support – Various Provisions. We anticipate that these forms will be available on our <u>List of All Forms</u> page shortly before February 1, 2021, the effective date of the forms.

To provide feedback about this Summary of Changes or any of our court forms, please complete the online form available at:

http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.formsComments.