

The Florida Bar's Family Law Rules Committee (committee) has submitted to the Florida Supreme Court its regular-cycle report of proposed amendments to the Florida Family Law Rules.

The Court invites all interested persons to comment on the committee's proposed amendments, which are summarized below and reproduced in full online at <http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/proposed.shtml>. An original and nine paper copies of all comments must be filed with the Court on or before April 1, 2008, with a certificate of service verifying that a copy has been served on the committee chair, Raymond T. McNeal, 2640 S.E. 45th Street, Ocala, FL 34480-5784, 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 for June. The committee chair has until April 21, 2008, to file a response to any comments filed with the Court. Electronic copies of all comments also must be filed in accordance with the Court's administrative order In re Mandatory Submission of Electronic Copies of Documents, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC04-84 (Sept. 13, 2004).

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES, CASE NO. 08-92

RULE/FORM	EXPLANATION
12.015, Family Law Forms	Editorial change to add two new forms to list of those considered part of the Family Law Rules; correction to conform to renumbering of Florida Rules of Judicial Administration in 2006; amendment to conform to West's <i>Florida Rules of Court</i> .
12.040, Attorneys	In response to a request from the Court, creates new subdivision (c)(2) to require an attorney for the IV-D child support enforcement agency who appears in a family law matter governed by these rules, whether in an initial proceeding or any subsequent modification or enforcement action in the proceeding, to file a notice in compliance with subdivisions (c)(1) and (e)(Notice of Limited

	Appearance), which shall also state whether the recipient of IV-D services is a party to the case, any limits on the legal services being performed for the recipient of IV-D services, and any limits on the issues that may be addressed by the attorney during the proceeding. Grammatical corrections.
12.310, Depositions Upon Oral Examination	In response to amendments to <i>Fla.R.Civ.P.</i> 1.310(b)(8), regarding protections for children being deposed, adds a Committee Note reminding practitioners of the requirement of <i>Fla.Fam.L.R.P.</i> 12.407, to obtain prior court approval before a minor child is deposed or brought to a deposition.
12.400, Confidentiality of Records and Proceedings	Corrects cross-references to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration to conform to renumbering of the rules in 2006. Style corrections.
12.410, Subpoena	In response to amendment to <i>Fla.R.Civ.P.</i> 1.410(h), regarding protections for children being subpoenaed, adds a Committee Note reminding practitioners of the requirement of <i>Fla.Fam.L.R.P.</i> 12.407, to obtain prior court approval before a minor child is subpoenaed to appear at a hearing.
12.490, General Magistrates	Corrects cross-references to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration to conform to renumbering of the rules in 2006. Amends subdivision (f) to clarify that exceptions to the general magistrate's report should be <u>filed</u> within 10 days of service of the report.
12.491, Child Support Enforcement	Corrects cross-reference to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration to conform to renumbering of the rules in 2006.
12.492, Special Magistrates	Amends subdivision (g) to clarify that exceptions to the special magistrate's report should be <u>filed</u> within 10 days of service. Corrects cross-reference to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration to conform to renumbering of the rules in 2006. Grammatical correction.

12.610, Injunctions for Domestic, Repeat, Dating, and Sexual Violence	Corrects cross-reference to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration to conform to renumbering of the rules in 2006.
12.650, Override of Family Violence Indicator	Corrects cross-reference to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration to conform to renumbering of the rules in 2006; style and grammar corrections.
12.750 Rule 12.750, Family Self-Help Programs	Corrects cross-reference to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration to conform to renumbering of the rules in 2006.
12.900(g), Agreement Limiting Representation	As recommended by the Unbundled Legal Services Monitoring Committee, creates supplemental agreement to a standard attorney-client retainer agreement to be used in cases in which representation has been limited by agreement of the attorney and client.
12.900(h), Notice of Related Cases	In conformity with the requirements of <i>Fla.R.Jud.Admin.</i> 2.545(d), creates a new form for a notice of related cases in a family law matter.
12.930(c), Standard Family Law Interrogatories for Modification Proceedings	Amends item 4.d.(4) to add the word “present” in the first sentence and deletes items 4.d.(4)(a)–4.d.(4)(c). Because these interrogatories are for use in modification proceedings, the only relevant information is the value of the party’s <u>present</u> interest in the pension.
12.982(c), Petition for Change of Name (Minor Children)	Amends instructions and petition for change of name to delete requirement of filing set of child’s fingerprints, to conform to section 68.07(2), Florida Statutes.
12.982(f), Petition for Change of Name (Family)	Amends instructions and petition for change of name to delete requirement of filing set of child’s fingerprints, to conform to section 68.07(2), Florida Statutes.