

The Florida Supreme Court, in response to a petition filed by the Task Force on the Management of Cases Involving Complex Litigation, recently adopted new or amended existing Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, Forms for Use With Rules of Civil Procedure, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, and Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms. See In re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure – Management of Cases Involving Complex Litigation, No. SC08-1141 (Fla. May 28, 2009).

Because the Court adopted or amended the rules and forms in ways not proposed by the Task Force and never previously published for comment, either in response to suggestions by a commenter or on its own motion, the Court is publishing changes it made to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.201 (Complex Litigation); Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.440 (Setting Action for Trial); Form for Use with Rules of Civil Procedure 1.997 (Civil Cover Sheet); Form for Use with Rules of Civil Procedure 1.998 (Final Disposition Form); Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.100 (Pleadings and Motions); Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.201 (Complex Litigation); and Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.928 (Family Court Cover Sheet).

The Court invites all interested persons, including the Task Force Chair, to comment on the changes made by the Court. The affected rules and forms are listed above and are reproduced in full below, as well as online at <http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/index.shtml>. An original and nine paper copies of all comments must be filed with the Court on or before July 27, 2009, with a certificate of service verifying that a copy has been served on the Task Force Chair, Mr. Thomas H. Bateman III, Messer, Caparello & Self, P.A., 2618 Centennial Place, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5579. The Task Force Chair has until August 17, 2009, 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). **It is not the intent of the Court to revisit prior comments or to entertain additional comments to the amendments proposed by the Task Force. Comments shall be limited only to the substantive changes made by the Court that are indicated in bold print, save for Form 12.928, which is open to comment in its entirety.**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

**IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RULES OF CIVIL
PROCEDURE – MANAGEMENT OF CASES INVOLVING COMPLEX
LITIGATION, NO. SC08-1141**

RULE 1.201. COMPLEX LITIGATION

(a) Complex Litigation Defined. At any time after all defendants have been served, and an appearance has been entered in response to the complaint by each party or a default entered, any party, or the court on its own motion, may move to declare an action complex. However, any party may move to designate an action complex before all defendants have been served subject to a showing to the court why service has not been made on all defendants. The court shall convene a hearing to determine whether the action requires the use of complex litigation procedures and enter an order within 10 days of the conclusion of the hearing.

(1) – (2) [ADOPTED AS PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE]

(3) If all of the parties, pro se or through counsel, sign and file with the clerk of the court a written stipulation to the fact that an action is complex and identifying the factors in (2)(A) through (2)(H) above that apply, the court shall enter an order designating the action as complex without a hearing.

(b) Initial Case Management Report and Conference. The court shall hold an initial case management conference within 60 days from the date of the order declaring the action complex.

(1) At least 20 days prior to the date of the initial case management conference, attorneys for the parties as well as any parties appearing pro se shall confer and prepare a joint statement, which shall be filed with the clerk of the court no later than 14 days before the conference, outlining a discovery plan and stating:

(A) – (O) [ADOPTED AS PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE]

(2) [ADOPTED AS PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE]

(3) [COURT DELETED “When the case is set to be tried before a jury, counsel shall provide to the court at the case management conference assurances that the trial date has been discussed with their clients.” WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY THE TASK FORCE; OTHERWISE, ADOPTED AS PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE]

(c) The Case Management Order. The case management order shall address each matter set forth under rule 1.200(a) and set the action for a pretrial conference and trial. The case management order also shall specify the following:

(1) – (2) [ADOPTED AS PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE]

(3) Dates by which all parties are to complete all other discovery.

(4) The court shall schedule periodic case management conferences and hearings on lengthy motions at reasonable intervals based on the particular needs of the action. The attorneys for the parties as well as any parties appearing pro se shall confer no later than 15 days prior to each case management conference or hearing. They shall notify the court at least 10 days prior to any case management conference or hearing if the parties stipulate that a case management conference or hearing time is unnecessary. Failure to timely notify the court that a case management conference or hearing time is unnecessary may result in sanctions.

(5) – (6) [ADOPTED AS PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE]

(d) Final Case Management Conference. The court shall schedule a final case management conference not less than 90 days prior to the date the case is set for trial. At least 10 days prior to the final case management conference the parties shall confer to prepare a case status report, which shall be filed with the clerk of the court either prior to or at the time of the final case management conference. The status report shall contain in separately numbered paragraphs:

(1) – (3) [ADOPTED AS PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE]

(4) A list of the names and addresses of all non-expert witnesses (including impeachment and rebuttal witnesses) intended to be called at trial. **However, impeachment or rebuttal witnesses not identified in the case status report may be allowed to testify if the need for their testimony could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time the case status report was prepared.**

(5) – (8) [ADOPTED AS PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE]

RULE 1.440. Setting Action for Trial

(a) – (c) [No Change]

(d) **Applicability.** This rule does not apply to actions to which chapter 51, Florida Statutes (1967), applies or to cases designated as complex pursuant to rule 1.201.

Committee Notes

[No Change]

Court Commentary

[No Change]

Form 1.997 Civil Cover Sheet

The civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form ~~is required~~ shall be filed by the plaintiff or petitioner for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes section 25.075. (See instructions ~~on the reverse of the form~~ for completion).

I. CASE STYLE

(Name of Court) _____

Plaintiff _____

Case #: _____

Judge: _____

vs.

Defendant _____

II. TYPE OF CASE (**Place an x in one box only.**—If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive category.) **If the most descriptive label is a subcategory (is indented under a broader category), place an x in both the main category and subcategory boxes.**

<u>Domestic Relations</u>	<u>Torts</u>	<u>Other Civil</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Simplified dissolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> Contracts
<input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Products liability	<input type="checkbox"/> Condominium
<input type="checkbox"/> Support IV-D	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto negligence	<input type="checkbox"/> Real property/ Mortgage foreclosure
<input type="checkbox"/> Support Non IV-D	<input type="checkbox"/> Other negligence	<input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain
<input type="checkbox"/> UIFSA IV-D		<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge to proposed constitutional amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> UIFSA Non IV-D		<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other domestic relations		

- Condominium
- Contracts and indebtedness
- Eminent domain
- Auto negligence
- Negligence—other
 - Business governance
 - Business torts
 - Environmental/Toxic tort
 - Third party indemnification
 - Construction defect
 - Mass tort
 - Negligent security**
 - Nursing home negligence**
 - Premises liability—commercial**
 - Premises liability—residential**
- Products liability
- Real property/Mortgage foreclosure
 - Commercial foreclosure
 - Residential foreclosure
 - Other real property actions**

- Professional malpractice
 - Malpractice—business
 - Malpractice—medical
 - Malpractice—other professional
- Other
 - Antitrust/Trade regulation
 - Business transactions
 - Constitutional challenge—statute or ordinance
 - Constitutional challenge—proposed amendment
 - Corporate trusts
 - Discrimination—employment or other**
 - Insurance claims
 - Intellectual property
 - Libel/Slander
 - Shareholder derivative action
 - Securities litigation
 - Trade secrets

III. REMEDIES SOUGHT (check all that apply):

- monetary;
 non-monetary declaratory or injunctive relief;
 punitive

IV. NUMBER OF CAUSES OF ACTION: []
(specify) _____

V. IS THIS CASE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT?

- yes
 no

VI. HAS NOTICE OF ANY KNOWN RELATED CASE BEEN FILED?

- no
 yes **If "yes," list all related cases by name, case number, and court.**

VII. IS JURY TRIAL DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT?

- yes
 no

Date: _____ SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR PARTY
INITIATING ACTION _____

I CERTIFY that the information I have provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____ Fla. Bar # _____
Attorney or party (Bar # if attorney)

(type or print name) _____ Date _____

FORM 1.997. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET
Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with first paperwork filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or other county court cases, probate, or family cases). Domestic and juvenile cases should be accompanied by a completed Family Court Cover Sheet, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.928. Failure to file a civil cover sheet in any civil case other than those excepted above may result in sanctions.

I. Case Style. Enter the name of the court, the appropriate case number assigned at the time of filing of the original complaint or petition, the name of the judge assigned (if applicable), and the name (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff(s) and defendant(s).

II. Type of Case. Place an “X” in the appropriate box. If the cause fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive. **If the most definitive label is a subcategory (indented under a broader category label, place an “X” in the category and subcategory boxes.** Definitions of the cases are provided below **in the order they appear on the form.**

~~(A) Simplified Dissolution of Marriage—petitions for the termination of marriage pursuant to Fla.Fam.L.R.P.12.105.~~

~~(B) Dissolution of Marriage—petitions for the termination of marriage other than simplified dissolution.~~

~~(C) Support—IV D—all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has been filed under Title IV D, Social Security Act, except for such matters relating to dissolution of marriage petitions (sections 409.2564, 409.2571, and 409.2597, Florida Statutes), paternity, or UIFSA.~~

~~(D) Support—Non IV D—all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has not been filed under Title IV D, Social Security Act.~~

~~(E) UIFSA—IV D—all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes in which an application for assistance has been filed under Title IV D, Social Security Act.~~

~~(F) UIFSA—Non IV D—all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has not been filed under Title IV D, Social Security Act.~~

~~(G) Domestic Violence—all matters relating to injunctions for protection against domestic violence pursuant to section 741.30, Florida Statutes.~~

~~(H) Domestic Relations—all matters involving adoption, paternity, change of name, child custody, separate maintenance, annulment, or other matters not included in categories (A) through (G).~~

~~(I) Auto Negligence—all matters arising out of a party’s allegedly negligent operation of a motor vehicle.~~

~~(J) Professional Malpractice—all professional malpractice lawsuits.~~

~~(K) Products Liability—all matters involving injury to person or property allegedly resulting from the manufacture or sale of a defective product or from a failure to warn.~~

~~(L) Other Negligence—all actions sounding in negligence, including statutory claims for relief on account of death or injury, not included in categories (I), (J), and (K).~~

~~(M) Condominium—all civil lawsuits pursuant to Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, where a condominium association is a party in the lawsuit.~~

~~(N) Eminent Domain—all matters relating to the taking of private property for public use, including inverse condemnation by state agencies, political subdivisions, and public service corporations.~~

~~(O) Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure—all matters relating to the possession, title, and boundaries of real property. All matters involving foreclosures and sales, including foreclosures associated with condominium associations and condominium units.~~

~~(P) Contract and indebtedness—all contract actions relating to promissory notes and other debts, including those arising from the sale of goods. Excludes contract disputes involving condominium associations.~~

~~(Q) Challenge to proposed constitutional amendment—a challenge to a legislatively initiated proposed constitutional amendment. Excludes challenges to citizen-initiated proposed~~

constitutional amendments, because the Florida Supreme Court has direct jurisdiction of such challenges.

(R) Other Civil—all civil matters not included in categories (A) through (Q).

III. Is Jury Trial Demanded In Complaint? Check the appropriate box to indicate whether a jury is being demanded in the complaint.

DATE AND ATTORNEY SIGNATURE. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

Condominium - all civil lawsuits pursuant to Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, in which a condominium association is a party.

Contracts and indebtedness - all contract actions relating to promissory notes and other debts, including those arising from the sale of goods, but excluding contract disputes involving condominium associations.

Eminent domain - all matters relating to the taking of private property for public use, including inverse condemnation by state agencies, political subdivisions, or public service corporations.

Auto negligence - all matters arising out of a party's allegedly negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Negligence—other - all actions sounding in negligence, including statutory claims for relief on account of death or injury, that are not included in other main categories.

Business governance - all matters relating to the management, administration, or control of a company.

Business torts - all matters relating to liability for economic loss allegedly caused by interference with economic or business relationships.

Environmental/Toxic tort - all matters relating to claims that violations of environmental regulatory provisions or exposure to a chemical caused injury or disease.

Third party indemnification - all matters relating to liability transferred to a third party in a financial relationship.

Construction defect - all civil lawsuits pursuant to Chapter 558, Florida Statutes, in which damage or injury was allegedly caused by a failure to follow acceptable construction trade standards.

Mass tort - all matters relating to a civil action involving numerous plaintiffs against one or more defendants.

Negligent security - all matters involving injury to a person or property allegedly resulting from insufficient security.

Nursing home negligence - all matters involving injury to a nursing home resident resulting from negligence of nursing home staff or facilities.

Premises liability—commercial - all matters involving injury to a person or property allegedly resulting from a defect on the premises of a commercial property.

Premises liability—residential - all matters involving injury to a person or property allegedly resulting from a defect on the premises of a residential property.

Products liability - all matters involving injury to a person or property allegedly resulting from the manufacture or sale of a defective product or from a failure to warn.

Real property/Mortgage foreclosure - all matters relating to the possession, title, or boundaries of real property. All matters involving foreclosures or sales of real property, including foreclosures associated with condominium associations or condominium units.

Commercial foreclosure - all matters relating to the termination of a business owner's interest in commercial property by a lender to gain title or force a sale to satisfy the unpaid debt secured by the property.

Residential foreclosure - all matters relating to the termination of a residential property owner's interest by a lender to gain title or force a sale to satisfy the unpaid debt secured by the property.

Other real property actions - all matters relating to land, land improvements, or property rights.

Professional malpractice - all professional malpractice lawsuits.

Malpractice—business - all matters relating to a business’s or business person’s failure to exercise the degree of care and skill that someone in the same line of work would use under similar circumstances.

Malpractice—medical - all matters relating to a doctor’s failure to exercise the degree of care and skill that a physician or surgeon of the same medical specialty would use under similar circumstances.

Malpractice—other professional - all matters relating to negligence of those other than medical or business professionals.

Other - all civil matters not included in other categories.

Antitrust/Trade regulation - all matters relating to unfair methods of competition or unfair or deceptive business acts or practices.

Business transactions - all matters relating to actions that affect financial or economic interests.

Constitutional challenge—statute or ordinance - a challenge to a statute or ordinance, citing a violation of the Florida Constitution.

Constitutional challenge—proposed amendment - a challenge to a legislatively initiated proposed constitutional amendment, but excluding challenges to a citizen-initiated proposed constitutional amendment because the Florida Supreme Court has direct jurisdiction of such challenges.

Corporate trusts - all matters relating to the business activities of financial services companies or banks acting in a fiduciary capacity for investors.

Discrimination—employment or other - all matters relating to discrimination, including employment, sex, race, age, handicap, harassment, retaliation, or wages

Insurance claims - all matters relating to claims filed with an insurance company.

Intellectual property - all matters relating to intangible rights protecting commercially valuable products of the human intellect.

Libel/Slander - all matters relating to written, visual, oral, or aural defamation of character.

Shareholder derivative action - all matters relating to actions by a corporation's shareholders to protect and benefit all shareholders against corporate management for improper management.

Securities litigation - all matters relating to the financial interest or instruments of a company or corporation.

Trade secrets - all matters relating to a formula, process, device, or other business information that is kept confidential to maintain an advantage over competitors.

III. Remedies Sought. Place an “X” in the appropriate box. If more than one remedy is sought in the complaint or petition, check all that apply.

IV. Number of Causes of Action. If the complaint or petition alleges more than one cause of action, note the number and the name of the cause of action.

V. Class Action. Place an “X” in the appropriate box.

VI. Related Cases. Place an “X” in the appropriate box.

VII. Is Jury Trial Demanded In Complaint? Check the appropriate box to indicate whether a jury trial is being demanded in the complaint

ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE. Sign the civil cover sheet. Print legibly the name of the person signing the civil cover sheet. Attorneys must include a Florida Bar number. Insert the date the civil cover sheet is signed. Signature is a certification that the filer has provided accurate information on the civil cover sheet.

FORM 1.998. FINAL DISPOSITION FORM

This form is required shall be filed by the prevailing party for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes section 25.075. (See instructions on the reverse of the form.)

I. CASE STYLE

(Name of Court) _____

Plaintiff _____ Case #: _____
_____ Judge: _____

vs

Defendant _____

II. MEANS OF FINAL DISPOSITION (Place an "x" in one box only)

- Dismissed Before Hearing
- Dismissed After Hearing
- Disposed by Default
- Disposed by Judge
- Disposed by Non-jury Trial
- Disposed by Jury Trial
- Dismissed Pursuant to Settlement**
- Dismissed Pursuant to Mediated Settlement**
- Other

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR PREVAILING PARTY _____

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS
COMPLETING FINAL
DISPOSITION FORM**

I. Case Style. Enter the name of the court, the appropriate case number assigned at the time of filing of the original complaint or petition, the name of the judge assigned to the case and the names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff(s) and defendant(s).

II. Means of Final Disposition. Place an "x" in the appropriate box. The following are the definitions of the disposition categories.

(A) Dismissed Before Hearing—the case is settled or voluntarily dismissed before a hearing is held;

(B) Dismissed After Hearing—the case is dismissed by a judge, voluntarily dismissed, or settled after a hearing is held;

(C) Disposed by Default—a defendant chooses not to or fails to contest the plaintiff's allegations and a judgment against the defendant is entered by the court;

(D) Disposed by Judge—a judgment or disposition is reached by the judge in a case ~~which~~ that is not dismissed and in which no trial has been held. Includes stipulations by the parties, conditional judgments, summary judgment after hearing, and any matter in which a judgment is entered excluding cases disposed of by default as in category (c) above;

(E) Disposed by Non-Jury Trial—the case is disposed as a result of a contested trial in which there is no jury and in which the judge determines both the issues of fact and law in the case;

(F) Disposed by Jury Trial—the case is disposed as a result of a jury trial (consider the beginning of a jury trial to be when the jurors and alternates are selected and sworn);

(G) Dismissal Pursuant to Settlement—the case is voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff after a settlement is reached without mediation;

(H) Dismissal Pursuant to Mediated Settlement—the case is voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff after a settlement is reached with mediation;

(G) Other—the case is consolidated, submitted to arbitration or mediation, transferred, or otherwise disposed by other means not listed in categories (A) through (H).

DATE AND ATTORNEY SIGNATURE. Date and sign the final disposition form.

RULE 12.100 PLEADINGS AND MOTIONS

Pleadings and motions shall be governed by Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.100, **except that the requirement in rule 1.100(c)(3) that parties file a final disposition form with the clerk if the action is settled without a court order or judgment being entered or if the action is dismissed by the parties, shall not apply to proceedings governed by these rules.**

Commentary

[No change]

RULE 12.201. COMPLEX LITIGATION

Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.201 shall not apply in proceedings governed by these rules.

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.928 Family Court Cover Sheet (01/10)

The Family Court Cover Sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other documents as required by law. This form shall be filed by the petitioner for the use of the clerk of court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes section 25.075. The petitioner must file this cover sheet with first paperwork filed in the action or proceeding for all domestic and juvenile cases.

- I. Case Style. Enter the name of the court, the appropriate case number assigned at the time of filing of the original petition, the name of the judge assigned (if applicable), and the name (last, first, middle initial) of petitioner(s) and respondent(s).

- II. Type of Action /Proceeding. Place a check in the appropriate box beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are simultaneously filing more than one type of proceeding against the same opposing party, such as a modification and an enforcement proceeding, complete a separate coversheet for each action being filed.
- (A) Initial Action/Petition
 - (B) Reopening Case. If you check "Reopening Case," indicate whether you are filing a modification or supplemental petition or an action for enforcement by checking the appropriate box.
 - (C) Modification/Supplemental Petition
 - (D) Petition Enforcement
- III. Type of Case. Place a check in the appropriate box. If the cause fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive. If the most definitive label is a subcategory (indented under a broader category label), place a check in the category and subcategory boxes. Definitions of the categories and subcategories are provided below.
- (A) Simplified Dissolution of Marriage- petitions for the termination of marriage pursuant to Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.105.
 - (B) Dissolution of Marriage - petitions for the termination of marriage pursuant to Chapter 61, Florida Statutes, other than simplified dissolution.
 - (C) Domestic Violence - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against domestic violence pursuant to section 741.30, Florida Statutes.
 - (D) Dating Violence - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against dating violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes. If you check this subcategory, you should also check "Domestic violence."
 - (E) Repeat Violence - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against repeat violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes. If you check this subcategory, you should also check "Domestic violence."
 - (F) Sexual Violence - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against sexual violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes. If you check this subcategory, you should also check "Domestic violence."
 - (G) Support - IV-D - all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act, except for such matters relating to dissolution of marriage petitions (sections 409.2564, 409.2571, and 409.2597, Florida Statutes), paternity, or UIFSA.
 - (H) Support-Non IV-D - all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has **not** been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
 - (I) UIFSA- IV-D - all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
 - (J) UIFSA - Non IV-D - all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has **not** been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
 - (K) Other - all matters involving time-sharing and/or parenting plans relating to minor child(ren), adoption, juvenile dependency, juvenile delinquency, name change, paternity, separate maintenance, annulment, truancy, CINS/FINS, emancipation, declaratory judgment actions related to premarital, marital, or post-marital agreements, or other matters not included in the categories above.

- (L) Adoption - all matters relating to adoption pursuant to Chapter 63, Florida Statutes. If you check this subcategory, you should also check "Other."
- (M) Juvenile Delinquency - all matters relating to juvenile delinquency pursuant to Chapter 985, Florida Statutes. If you check this subcategory, you should also check "Other."
- (N) Juvenile Dependency - all matters relating to juvenile dependency and termination of parental rights pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes. If you check this subcategory, you should also check "Other."
- (O) Name Change - all matters relating to name change, pursuant to section 68.07, Florida Statutes. If you check this subcategory, you should also check "Other."
- (P) Paternity – all matters relating to paternity pursuant to Chapter 742, Florida Statutes. If you check this subcategory, you should also check "Other."

ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE. Sign the family court cover sheet. Print legibly the name of the person signing the family court cover sheet. Attorneys must include a Florida Bar number. Insert the date the family court cover sheet is signed. Signature is a certification that filer has provided accurate information on the family court cover sheet.

Family Court Cover Sheet

I. Case Style

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner

Case No.: _____

and

Judge: _____

Respondent

II. Type of Action/Proceeding. Place a check in the appropriate box beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are simultaneously filing more than one type of proceeding against the same opposing party, such as a modification and an enforcement proceeding, complete a separate cover sheet for each action being filed. **If you are reopening a case, check that box and one of the two boxes below it.**

- Initial Action/Petition
- Reopening Case
 - Modification/Supplemental Petition
 - Petition Enforcement

III. Type of Case. If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive. **If the most definitive label is a subcategory (indented under a broader category label), place a check in the category and subcategory boxes.**

- Simplified dissolution
- Dissolution

- Domestic violence
 - Dating Violence
 - Repeat Violence
 - Sexual Violence
- Support IV-D
- Support Non-IV-D
- UIFSA IV-D

- UIFSA Non-IV-D
- Other
 - Adoption under Chapter 63
 - Juvenile Delinquency
 - Juvenile Dependency under Chapter 39
 - Name Change
 - Paternity

IV. Has notice of any known related case, Family Law Form 12.900(h), been filed?

- No.
- Yes. If "Yes," list all related cases by name, case number, and court.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY that the information I have provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____
Attorney or party

FL Bar No.: _____
(Bar number, if attorney)

(Type or print name)

Date