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SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO
FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORMS

CASE NO. SC13-532

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COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORMS

The undersigned makes the following comments regarding the proposed AMENDMENTS TO FAMILY LAW FORMS in the Florida Bar News (October 1, 2013 edition).

- 1) I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Florida.
- 2) I handle many family law cases for lower socio-economic clients and persons attempting to use the Florida Bar Family Law Forms.
- 3) Florida Bar Forms can be very confusing to members of the general public and I have spent literally hundreds of hours explaining the forms to prospective users so that they may utilize the Florida Supreme Court forms to acquire their Dissolution (or other action) as inexpensively as possible.
- 4) The numbering system utilized in the proposed forms adds to the overwhelming sense of confusion that any non-lawyer user feels when using these forms. This confusion is caused by having sections numbers

utilizing Roman Numerals followed by paragraph numbers starting at number 1 in every section. Preparing an Answer for someone involved in a family law case requires that they identify the section number and the paragraph number for each section.

- 5) Additionally, as Judges go computerized, they are now having to page up or page down looking for page numbers or section dividers because there are many paragraphs numbered “1” (a paragraph one in every Roman Numeral section).
- 6) I request the Court remove the Roman Numerals from the section dividers and start numbering each allegation at number “1” and continue to number following allegations thereafter sequentially through the end of the document- - as is the practice in all other areas of law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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