



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 2022-00-09

RE: THE USE OF FORM PETITIONS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE, REPEAT VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND  
STALKING

WHEREAS, Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(a) fixes administrative responsibility for ensuring the efficient and proper administration of all courts within the circuit in the Chief Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, and other judges which he may designate; and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2022, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms 12.980(a), (f), (n), (q), and (t) were adopted and published in the appendix to Florida Supreme Court Order SC22-1<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the instructions to each of the aforesaid Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms requires the form to be signed in "the presence of a notary or in front of the clerk of the circuit court." (emphasis in the original). However, the bodies of the Forms as published in SC22-1 do not include an attestation signature line labeled for the clerk of the circuit court or his or her deputy clerks. It is the purpose of this Order that the forms hereto attached be used in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, which reflect and clarify that the clerk of court or his or her deputy clerks are duly authorized to take the oath of a Petitioner, endorse the said form petitions, and accept same; and

WHEREAS, Section 92.50(1), Florida Statutes, allows that any oath, affidavit, and acknowledgement required to be taken when filing the petitions which are the subject of this Order, may be taken or administered by any clerk or deputy clerk of any court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, having reviewed the attached Forms and finding them to be compliant with current Florida Law, not inconsistent with approved Family Law Forms, it is

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<sup>1</sup> Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms 12.980(a), (f), (n), (q), and (t) are, respectively, Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence; Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence; Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Dating Violence; Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Sexual Violence; and Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Stalking.

deemed necessary and appropriate for the prompt, effective, and efficient progression of family law cases to approve forms including a signature line for the clerk and deputy clerks;

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** as follows:

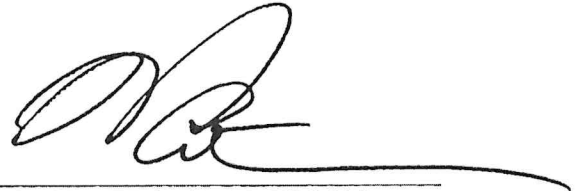
1. The attached form petitions shall be used within the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and disseminated to the public for the reason of self-help.

2. Each Clerk of Circuit Court and Deputy Clerks are instructed to accept properly attested to form petitions without requiring said form petitions to be notarized.

3. As this Order is intended to clarify and endorse long practiced procedure by clerks and deputy clerks throughout the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, nothing in this Order shall be construed to affect the validity of any previously submitted petition by reason of acceptance of same containing a signed endorsement made by a clerk or deputy clerk in accordance with Section 92.50(1) or other applicable Florida Law.

4. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in full for and effect until further order of the Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, at Panama City, Bay County, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.



CHRISTOPHER N. PATTERSON  
Chief Judge



A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
BILL KINSAUL CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By Christina Barber  
Deputy Clerk