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NOTICE OF FAMILY COURT MODIFICATIONS TO OFFICE PROCESSES

Revised Domestic Relations Cover Sheet

Please be advised that effective immediately, there is a revision to Family Court form FC-75 (revised March 9, 2022), "Cover Sheet". The revised cover sheet requires the filing party to disclose whether that party will require the services of an interpreter or other accommodation and whether, to the best of the filing party's knowledge, the opposing party will require the services of an interpreter or other accommodation. Form FC-75 as revised is available in fillable format on the judiciary's website under "Family Court", "Forms". (To view the revised form, click: [Updated Cover Sheet.](#)) The revised cover sheet is a required document for all domestic relations matters. Beginning April 4, 2022, initial filings not accompanied by the required cover sheet as revised will not be accepted.

Revised Procedure for Distributing Links to Remote Hearings in Domestic Relations Matters

Please be advised that as of April 4, 2022, the Family Court's clerks' office will no longer e-mail links to Family Court domestic relations remote-hearings prior to the scheduled hearings. The links enabling participants to access those hearings, including divorce, child custody and visitation, and child support matters, can be accessed on the judiciary's website by clicking on the "Public Access to Court Hearings" button and then the link to the parties' assigned courtroom as listed on the summons. (To view the revised listing of links, click: [Link to Public Access Court Hearings.](#)) The link is also located on the summons. This procedure does not apply to juvenile justice and child welfare matters in Providence County.

The public may continue to access a live stream of domestic relations hearings that are not being held in open court on the judiciary's website in the same location as the participants' links.