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## Implementation of New & Revised 209A Forms Moved to January 17th

Due to delays in production, the revised and new forms to be used in G.L. c. 209A matters will not be received by the court divisions until approximately January 6, 2012. Therefore, the implementation date of the new and revised forms will be moved to January 17, 2012.

Please ensure that the Clerks Office and Probation Office staff handling these matters are aware of this change. Any court that has not received the revised and new forms by January 12, 2012, should contact Jamie Sabino, 617.878.0463 or at [jamie.sabino@jud.state.ma.us](mailto:jamie.sabino@jud.state.ma.us)

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## Update on the 209A Forms

As announced earlier in December 2011, the Administrative Office of the Trial Court has promulgated new and revised forms for use in cases brought pursuant to G.L. c.209A, the abuse prevention order statute. These forms now will take effect on January 17, 2012. The revisions bring existing forms into compliance with statutory changes and clarify and streamline language. The new forms will assist courts in obtaining the information needed to handle certain aspects of these cases.

Packets with the revised forms will be sent to all police for use with the Judicial Response system. No changes have been made to the packets for G.L. c.258E – Harassment Prevention Orders.

A list of revised, new and unchanged forms is provided below. The revisions to existing forms and descriptions of the new forms are detailed on the Trial Court website. A complete set of all forms used in G.L. c. 209A cases, including the revised and new forms, is available at: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/209a/forms/>

### List of Revised and New Forms:

#### Revised forms

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|------------------------------|---------|---|
| • Complaint page 1           | FA-1    | <i>Being printed and sent to courts</i> |
| • Complaint page 2           | FA-1A   | <i>Being printed and sent to courts</i> |
| • Order page 1               | FA-2    | <i>Being printed and sent to courts</i> |
| • Order page 2               | FA-2A   | <i>Being printed and sent to courts</i> |
| • JRS envelope               | FA-3    | <i>Being printed and sent to police</i> |
| • Plaintiff Information form | FA/HA-6 | <i>Being printed and sent to courts</i> |

**New forms**

- Plaintiff's Affidavit in Support of Request for a Child Support Order FA-11  
*Being printed with a pad and sent to courts*
- Defendant's Affidavit in Connection with Request for a Child Support Order FA-12  
*Being printed with a pad and sent to courts*
- Plaintiff's Motion to Modify or Terminate Abuse Prevention Order FA-13  
*Available on the intranet*
- Defendant's Motion to Modify or Terminate Abuse Prevention Order FA-14  
*Available on the intranet*
- Translation of Affidavit FA/HA-15  
*Available on the intranet*

**Forms that have not changed**

- Defendant Information Form FA/HA-5
- Request for Plaintiff Confidential Information FA/HA-7
- Motion Impoundment FA/HA-8
- Affidavit for out-of-state order FA/HA-9