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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS- GENERAL INFORMATION**

Q. How do I find/contact a Probate and Family Court location?

A. Go to the Probate and Family court Courthouses by County Page at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/courthousesbycounty.html>

Q. How do I find papers filed in my case?

A. All filings are in a case folder at the court where the matter has been heard. You should contact the division which your case was heard.

Q. How do I find Probate and Family Court forms?

A. Go to the Probate and Family Court *Forms* page at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/forms.html>

Q. How do I get a copy of a court order, judgment, or decree?

A. Contact the Registry in the Division where the case was filed.

Q. How do I find an attorney?

A. Go to the Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries' Find a Lawyer in Massachusetts page at:

<http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/lawyer/index.html>

Q. How do I get an Interpreter?

A. Advise court personnel an interpreter will be required, Court will contact the Office of Interpreter Services.

Q. How do I find certified Parent Education classes?

A. Go to the Probate and Family Court List of Approved Parent Education Providers at:  
<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/providerlist.pdf>

Q. How do I get a copy of the audio tape of a court hearing?

A. Request a copy at the Registry where the hearing took place, there is a form to complete.

Q. How do I change my name?

A. Complete a Petition for Change of Name, you can find this form by going to:  
<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/forms.html>

Bring the completed form to the division in which you reside.

Q. Where do I go to get a question answered?

A. You may call or visit your local Registry of Probate a full list with telephone numbers can be found at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/courthousesbycounty.html>

or you may contact the Administrative Office of the Probate and Family Court at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/personnel.html>

or you may also contact the Law Library's Self Help Center at:

<http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/askalawlibrarian.html>