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**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES NEW STANDING ORDER 1-10
REGARDING SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR CASES INVOLVING CHILDREN**

PILOT PROGRAM IN HAMPSHIRE DIVISION

The Probate and Family Court Department announces the implementation of Standing Order 1-10 regarding a pilot program in the Hampshire Division of the Probate and Family Court. The Standing Order will require attorneys, parents and care givers in divorce, separate support, paternity, support/custody/visitation, modification, contempt, guardianship and termination of parental rights cases in the Hampshire Division to participate in a child-focused resolution process. The full text of Standing Order 1-10 is available online at www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt.

The Standing Order shall become effective May 5, 2010.
