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**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO RULE 412 OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL
RULES OF THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**

The Probate and Family Court announces changes to Rule 412 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate Court.

The changes were recommended by the Probate and Family Court Bench/Bar Committee on Rules, circulated for comment, approved by Chief Justice Paula M. Carey, and approved and promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court.

The changes to Rule 412 allow parties to jointly request modification of a judgment or order of the Probate and Family Court where the parties are in agreement, the agreement is in writing, and all other requirements of the Rule are met. The changes to the Rule will allow the Probate and Family Court to handle more cases administratively.

The changes to Rule 412 are effective August 1, 2013. Instructions and forms required by the Rule will be released and posted on the Probate and Family Court website prior to the August 1, 2013 effective date.

The changes to Rule 412 can be found at: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/trial-court/pfc/>