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Rules and Forms | Family Law: Technical Changes to Miscellaneous Forms (Action Required)

Summary

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends making revisions, which are technical or minor and noncontroversial in nature, to forms FL-115, FL-117, FL-130, FL-240, and FL-356. The revisions are necessary to correct forms that were inadvertently omitted from a series of parentage forms that the Judicial Council revised, effective January 1, 2020.

Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2021:

1. Revise forms FL-115, FL-117, FL-130, and FL-240, to reflect the current titles of forms FL-200 and FL-235;
2. Revise forms FL-115, FL-240, and FL-356 by deleting gender-specific references, such as “mother” and “father,” and instead using gender-neutral language;
3. Revise form FL-240 by:
 - a) Deleting all instances of the phrase “shall be” (as in, the following terms of custody and support “shall be ordered” or “shall be paid”), and inserting the plain language statement that “the parties stipulate that the court order” the following terms “as proposed in” the attached forms;
 - b) Replacing the word “establishment” with the word “determination” in the title of the form;
 - c) Correcting the titles of Judicial Council forms identified on that form by identifying the category “-Custody and Support” after the form titles, and in the footer of the form; and
 - d) Replacing “visitation” with “visitation (parenting time).”
4. Revise forms FL-115 and FL-117 to include the acronym “(UCCJEA), which was inadvertently omitted from the title of form FL-105.