

TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY

If you have questions or concerns about these forms, instructions, commentary, the use of the forms, or your legal rights, it is strongly recommended that you talk to an attorney. Because the law does change, the forms and information about them may have become outdated. You should be aware that changes may have taken place in the law or court rules that would affect the accuracy of the forms or instructions.

Please note, the Family Court Case Management Self-Help Office provides procedural information and cannot give legal advice.

All forms listed below can be found at WWW.FLCOURTS.GOV under Self Help, Family Law Forms, unless otherwise noted.

- **Petition for Temporary Custody by Extended Family** - [Form 12.970\(a\)](#) Please read all directions and complete the petition entirely. *Child(ren) named in petition must have resided in Florida at least six (6) months prior to the date of filing*
- **Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address** - [Form 12.915](#)
- **Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases** - [Form 12.928](#)
- **Notice of Related Cases** - [Form 12.900\(h\)](#)
- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit** - [Form 12.902\(d\)](#)
- **Affidavit of Military Service** - [Form 12.912\(b\)](#) – One for **each** parent.
- **Waiver of Service of Process and Consent for Temporary Custody by Extended Family**
[Form 12.970\(c\)](#) – When the legal parent(s) are in agreement with the Petition. One for **each** parent is required. If parent(s) are not in agreement, Service of Process on the parent(s) is required. Refer to instructions below.

**SERVICE OF PROCESS IS REQUIRED ON EACH LEGAL PARENT UNLESS
A WAIVER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS AND CONSENT FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY
FORM 12.970(c) IS FILED BY EACH PARENT.**

REFER TO THE [SERVICE OF PROCESS](#) INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT LOCATED ON WWW.CIRCUIT5.ORG. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED ON THE GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS DOCUMENT LOCATED ON WWW.FLCOURTS.GOV.

Personal Service

- **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual** - [Form 12.910\(a\)](#)
- **Process Service Memorandum** - [Form 12.910\(b\)](#)

Constructive Service

MUST attempt Personal Service at respondent's last known address BEFORE proceeding with this type of service
This is a complicated area of the law and you may want to consult with an attorney before using constructive service.

- **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry** - [Form 12.913\(b\)](#) – Attach supporting documentation.
- **Notice of Action** - [Form 12.913\(a\)\(1\)](#) – Read instructions thoroughly.

- **Additional Forms:**

- **Certified Copy of Child(ren)'s Birth Certificate**
- **Motion for Default and Default** - [Forms 12.922 \(a and b\)](#) Filed when more than twenty (20) days from service has passed and Responding party has NOT filed an Answer.
- **Notice for Trial** - [Form 12.924](#)