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To: Angela M. Ordoñez, Chief Justice, Probate and Family Court Department
From: Paula M. Carey, Chief Justice of the Trial Court *plc*
Date: October 27, 2016
Re: *Standing Order No. 3-16*

Pursuant to Trial Court Rule V, Procedure for Regulating the Issuance of Standing Orders, this office has reviewed proposed Probate and Family Court Department Standing Order No. 3-16, Establishment of Specialized Sessions.

The time requirements of paragraph 7 of Trial Court Rule V are hereby waived and Standing Order No. 3-16 is approved with an effective date of November 1, 2016.

Please ensure that Standing Order No. 3-16 and a copy of this memorandum are posted in the office of each Register of the Probate and Family Court Department and that it is submitted to Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly for publication as soon as possible. In addition, Standing Order No. 3-16 is to be added to the index and file of all standing orders in effect in the Probate and Family Court Department maintained in the office of each Register of the Probate and Family Court Department.

Attachment

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
STANDING ORDER 3-16
Effective November 1, 2016
Remote Access to Electronic Court Records
For Probate and Family Court Records

Rule 5 (a) (iii) of the Trial Court Rule XIV, Uniform Rules on Public Access to Court Records, provides that each Department of the Trial Court, subject to the approval of the Chief Justice of the Trial Court after notification to the SJC, may exempt certain civil case types or categories of information from remote access.

Probate and Family Court Estate Administration electronic case information is currently available remotely. Effective November 1, 2016 electronic case information for Equity cases will be available remotely, with the exception of Paternity cases filed in equity pursuant to G. L. c.215, §6.

The following exemptions have been approved for these case types and types of information of the Probate and Family Court:

For all Divorce, Paternity, Guardianship, Conservatorship, Trust, Separate Support, Modification, Contempt, and Change of Name case types not restricted or impounded by other standing orders, rules or orders of the court, the following information shall be available through remote public access:

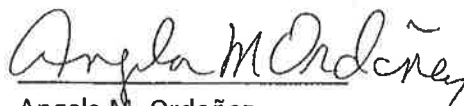
- Case Name
- Party Names
- Attorney Information
- Event Dates
- Subsequent Actions
- Case Disposition

For all Divorce, Paternity, Guardianship, Conservatorship, Trust, Separate Support, Modification, Contempt, and Change of Name case types not restricted or impounded by other standing orders, rules or orders of the court, the following information shall NOT be available through remote public access:

- Addresses for parties, whether represented by counsel or not
- Docket entries

So Ordered

October 26, 2016
Date


Angela M. Ordoñez
Chief Justice
Probate and Family Court