

Rule 12.080. Service of Pleadings and Filing of Documents

(a) Service.

(1) Family Law Actions Generally. Service of pleadings and documents after commencement of all family law actions, except proceedings for injunctions for protection against domestic, repeat, dating, and sexual violence, and stalking is as set forth in Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516, except that rule 2.516 also applies to service on the party during the attorney's limited appearance as provided in rule 12.040(f) and must be expanded as set forth in subdivisions (b) and (c) to include additional requirements for service of recommended orders and for service on defaulted parties.

(2) Domestic, Repeat, Dating, and Sexual Violence, and Stalking Actions. Service of pleadings and documents regarding proceedings for injunctions against domestic, repeat, dating, and sexual violence, and stalking is governed by rule 12.610, where it is in conflict with this rule.

(b) Service and Preparation of Orders and Judgments. A copy of all orders or judgments involving family law matters, except proceedings for injunctions for protection against domestic, repeat, dating, and sexual violence, and stalking, must be transmitted by the court or under its direction to all parties at the time of entry of the order or judgment. The court may require that recommended orders, orders, or judgments be prepared by a party. If the court requires that a party prepare the recommended order, order, or judgment, the party must furnish the court with stamped, addressed envelopes to all parties for service of the recommended order, order, or judgment. The court may also require that any proposed recommended order, order, or judgment that is prepared by a party be furnished to all parties no less than 24 hours before submission to the court of the recommended order, order, or judgment.

(c) Defaulted Parties. No service need be made on parties against whom a default has been entered, except that:

(1) Pleadings asserting new or additional claims against defaulted parties must be served in the manner provided for service of summons contained in rule 12.070.

(2) Notice of final hearings or trials and court orders must be served on defaulted parties in the manner provided for service of pleadings and documents contained in Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

(3) Final judgments must be served on defaulted parties as set forth in Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516(h).