

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORMS 12.931(a), NOTICE OF PRODUCTION FROM NONPARTY AND 12.931(b), SUBPOENA FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS FROM NONPARTY (11/15)

When should these forms be used?

These forms should be used if you need copies of documents (for a purpose relating to your case) from a **nonparty** in your case. Both forms should be typed or printed in black ink.

Notice of Production from Nonparty, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.931(a), is used to notify the other **party** in your case that in 10 days you are going to subpoena documents from a nonparty. **Subpoena for Production of Documents from Nonparty**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.931(b), is the actual subpoena directing the nonparty to produce specific documents. You must **file** the originals of these forms with the **clerk of the circuit court**. A copy of these forms must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to any other party in your case.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. **You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Rules of Judicial Administration.** If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you **must** review Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO. If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida

Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

What should I do next?

Ten days after you serve the **Notice of Production from Nonparty**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.931(a), on the other party in your case (15 days if service is by mail or e-mail), you should ask the clerk of the court to sign the subpoena. You should contact the deputy sheriff or private process server and have the subpoena **personally served** on the person named in the subpoena.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. Because these papers must also comply with rule 12.280, Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure, and rules 1.280, 1.350, 1.351, and 1.410, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, you also should read those rules.

Special Notes

If the other party in your case objects in writing within **10 days** (allow an additional 5 days if served by mail or e-mail) of service of the **Notice of Production from Nonparty**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.931(a), you may not use this procedure to obtain documents from the nonparty unless and until the court orders otherwise.

The nonparty receiving the subpoena may charge you a reasonable fee for copies of the documents.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900 (a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

NOTICE OF PRODUCTION FROM NONPARTY

TO: _____
{all parties}

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that, after **10 days** from the date of service of this notice, the undersigned will apply to the clerk of this Court for issuance of the attached subpoena directed to {name of person, organization, or agency} _____, who is not a party, to produce the items listed at the time and place specified in the subpoena. Objections to the issuance of this subpoena must be filed with the clerk of the circuit court within **10 days**.

I certify that a copy of this document was () mailed () faxed and mailed () e-mailed () hand-delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date} _____.

Other party or his/her attorney (if represented)

Other

Printed Name

Printed Name

Address

Address

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Telephone (area code and number)

Telephone (area code and number)

Fax (area code and number)

Fax (area code and number)

Designated E-mail Address(es)

Designated E-mail Address(es)

Signature of Party
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____
Designated E-mail Address(es): _____

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: *{choose only one}* () Petitioner () Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____,

{name of business} _____,

{address} _____,

{city} _____, *{state}* _____, *{zip code}* _____, *{telephone number}* _____.