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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO RULES, STANDING ORDERS, AND UNIFORM PRACTICES

Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code - Effective as of July 1, 2009

The Probate and Family Court announces changes to the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Appellate Procedure, Trial Court Rules, Rules of the Superior Court, and the General Rules of the Probate Court. In addition, the Probate and Family Court announces changes to the Uniform Practices of Probate Courts of Massachusetts, as well as changes and additions to the Standing Orders of the Probate and Family Court.

These changes were recommended by the MUPC Implementation Committee's Article V Working Group, circulated for comment, approved by Chief Justice Paula M. Carey, and were recently approved and promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court and Chief Justice for Administration and Management Robert Mulligan. The changes are effective **July 1, 2009**.

Rules of Civil Procedure

Rules of Appellate Procedure

Trial Court Rules

Superior Court Rule 51

Rules of Domestic Relations and General Rules of Probate Court

Uniform Practices

Standing Orders