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SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

IN RE OFFICIAL FORMS —
ORDERS OF PROTECTION AND
AMENDMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12

Opinion Delivered November 11, 2010

PER CURIAM

The Arkansas Judicial Council in connection with a project of the National Center for State Courts has developed official forms to be used in order-of-protection cases. They include: (a) Ex Parte Order of Protection, (b) Notice of Hearing on Petition for Order of Protection, and (c) Final Order of Protection. These documents are appended to this order. We adopt and publish these documents as official forms to be effective January 1, 2011. These documents shall also be posted on the Arkansas Judiciary Website: <http://courts.arkansas.gov>.

The adoption of these documents presents the opportunity to revise Administrative Order Number 12 to provide a vehicle for the adoption of official court forms that do not fit under a particular rule or other location in the rules framework.

Administrative Order Number 12 was adopted to facilitate the adoption of probate forms. It will continue to serve that purpose, along with the order-of-protection documents that we adopt today, and analogous documents that we may adopt in the future. This amendment does not affect the probate forms that we previously adopted.¹

We amend Administrative Order Number 12 and republish it, as set out below, to be effective January 1, 2011.

Administrative Order Number 12. Official Forms

¹Text of Administrative Order No. 12 prior to this amendment: “Administrative Order Number 12—Official Probate Forms. The Court, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 28-1-114 and its constitutional and inherent powers to regulate procedure in the courts, has adopted thirty-three probate forms. These official forms supersede all earlier versions. The forms are published in 336 Ark. Appendix (1999).”

The following official court forms adopted by the Arkansas Supreme Court are found in the publications noted below and may also be found at the Arkansas Judiciary website: (<http://courts.arkansas.gov>).

1. *Probate Forms*. The Supreme Court, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 28-1-114 and its constitutional and inherent powers to regulate procedure in the courts, has adopted thirty-three probate forms. These official forms supersede all earlier versions. The forms are published in 336 Ark. Appendix (1999).

2. *Court Forms for Orders of Protection*. The Supreme Court, pursuant to Amendment 80 of the Arkansas Constitution, has adopted the following forms to be used in order-of-protection cases: (a) Ex Parte Order of Protection, (b) Notice of Hearing on Petition for Order of Protection, and (c) Final Order of Protection. The Administrative Office of the Courts in collaboration with the Arkansas Judicial Council and others is authorized to prepare instructions to be used with these documents and to make technical corrections from time to time to the documents. These forms are published in 2010 Ark. 442.