

Rhode Island Family Court

Administrative Order 2026-02

(Vacating and Superseding Administrative Order 2019-02)

Filing and Processing of Matters Arising in The City of Cranston and The Town of North Kingstown, and Reopening and Post-Final Judgment Matters Filed in All Counties

In accordance with the administrative and supervisory responsibilities conferred on the Chief Judge of the Family Court under R.I. Gen Laws § 8-10-14 and in order to promote a more efficient processing of Family Court matters the following shall apply to matters filed after the effective date of this administrative order.

1. All new matters wherein the venue is dependent on the residence of a party or the occurrence of an offense in the city of Cranston shall be filed and heard in Kent County.
2. All new matters wherein the venue is dependent on the residence of a party or the occurrence of an offense in the town of North Kingstown shall be filed and heard in Washington County.
3. All re-opening and post-final judgment matters shall remain in the county in which the matter was last heard.

This Administrative Order vacates and supersedes Administrative Order 2019-02, does not affect any matters already pending in Kent County, and shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

/s/

Michael B. Forte
Chief Judge

Dated: August 27, 2026