



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
FAMILY COURT

Administrative Order 2011-6  
This Amends Administrative Order 2000-01

Appointment of Lawyer by Rhode Island Bar Association  
Volunteer Lawyer Program

When a lawyer appointed by the Rhode Island Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP) files an entry of appearance in a Domestic Relations or Juvenile Justice case, she/he shall advise the Clerk's Office that the entry is an appointment by the Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP) which is affiliated with Rhode Island Legal Services; a copy of the letter which is attached to this Order from the Rhode Island Bar Association will be filed with the Entry of Appearance.

R.I. Gen. Laws § 9-29-14 applies to clients of Rhode Island Legal Services and states in part: "**§ 9-29-14 . . . Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. exempt from fees . . . Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. [shall not] be required to pay any fees to Family Court . . . or the clerks thereof or any fees or charges for the services or travel of sheriffs or deputy sheriffs for serving any writ, citation, subpoena or other process . . .**"

Since the Rhode Island Bar Association and Rhode Island Legal Services have determined that the litigant is indigent, the litigant will not be required to file an Affidavit of Indigency at this time.

The Court Clerk will attach an orange colored sticker to the outside of the file. At a calendar call counsel should advise the Court that she/he is representing a client as part of the Volunteer Lawyer Program.

The case will be given priority as long as all parties are present.

This Order is effective as of January 2, 2012.

  
Haiganush R. Bedrosian, Chief Judge

12-27-11  
Date