

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 97-9
(Amended Administrative Order 97-7)

RE: COURT REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINT FOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE, CHAPTER 15-15 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND

When a clerk receives a complaint for protection from abuse, he or she shall search the information system for any pending cases involving the parties, including a divorce complaint, a complaint for protection from abuse, a Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) case or a juvenile case.

If there is a pending case, the clerk, accompanied by the petitioner, shall take the file(s) and the complaint for protection from abuse to the proper courtroom for review. If a matter is pending in another county, a judge may refer the complaint for protection from abuse to the county in which the pending action has been filed.

11/21/97
Date

Jeremiah S. Jeremiah, Jr.
Chief Judge