



**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

**Proposed amendments to the
Maine Rules of Civil Procedure
and the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure
to establish procedures to effectuate the
Maine Parentage Act, the Act to Ensure a
Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children,
and recommendations of the Family Division Task Force**

Comments due on or before noon on July 19, 2016

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court invites comments on proposed amendments to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure and the Maine Rules of Probate Procedure to establish procedures to (1) effectuate the Maine Parentage Act; (2) effectuate the District Court's expanded jurisdiction under P.L. 2015, ch. 460, "An Act to Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children," which grants the District Court exclusive jurisdiction over adoptions, guardianships, and name change petitions involving children who are the subject of other pending matters in the District Court; and (3) implement recommendations of the Family Division Task Force. The proposed amendments are posted on the Court's website at www.courts.maine.gov/quick/children/.

Any comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court by **noon on Tuesday, July 19, 2016**. Comments may be in writing mailed to the address below or in an email sent to

lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov. If the comments are in an attachment to the email, the attachment must be a document in portable document format (.pdf). The Clerk's Office will acknowledge receipt of the email via reply email.

All comments must contain (1) the name and mailing address of the individual submitting the comments, and (2) the name, mailing address, and primary telephone number of the organization (if any) on whose behalf the comments are submitted. An individual need not be an attorney to submit comments individually or on behalf of an organization.

Comments are public documents and may be posted on the Court's website.

Dated: July 5, 2016

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