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**New Family Law Fillable Forms Can Be Submitted Electronically
“SmartForms” Are Now Available on Court Website**

The Superior Court of California in Orange County has added several new “SmartForms” for Family Law cases. This new set of forms includes all the forms needed to start or respond to a Family Law case. The fillable forms are simple to use, have been made “smart” to guide the user as they are filling out the form, and can be filed with the Court electronically without any additional fees. Users will not need to drive to Court to file, saving time and money.

SmartForms reduce common errors and speed the process for both litigants and the Court. They can be completed at home, at a Self-Help Center, at the library, or anywhere else there is public access to a computer and the Internet. The new forms use Adobe’s SmartForm technology and free Adobe Reader software.

Other advantages of the SmartForm technology include:

- An ability to auto-populate key data, saving users time and eliminating common data entry errors.
- The forms can be completed while online or offline and can be saved for later use, revision, or submission to the Court.
- The forms can be electronically submitted to the Court 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Family Law SmartForms are available online at: <http://www.occourts.org/forms/smartforms.html>

Coming this spring: SmartForm Judgment Packet and SmartForm Self-Help Workshops!

The court has contracted with the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, a partner of the Court, as an Electronic Filing Service Provider (EFSP) to collect any filing fees associated with the forms and send the electronic document to the Court. Once electronically submitted and accepted by the Court, the information is fed directly into the Court’s case management system.

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