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## Family Law Rules Committee Out-Of-Cycle Amendments

The Family Law Rules Committee invites comments on the proposed new collaborative law forms anticipated to be filed in an out-of-cycle report. The full text of the proposals can be found on The Florida Bar’s website at [www.FloridaBar.org/rules/ctproc](http://www.FloridaBar.org/rules/ctproc).

Interested persons have until October 1, 2018, to submit any comments, electronically, to Maria Obradovich, Chair of the Family Law Rules Committee, at [mobradovich@bals.org](mailto:mobradovich@bals.org), and to The Florida Bar staff liaison, Mikalla Davis, at [mdavis@floridabar.org](mailto:mdavis@floridabar.org).

Rule	Vote	Explanation
Introduction and Explanatory Remarks for Forms 12.985(a-g). (Collaborative Law Process for Dissolution of Marriage Forms) New Form	20-0-2	The introduction provides the purpose and considerations for the new forms 12.985 (A-G) for use for the collaborative law process.
12.985(a). (Explanation of Collaborative Dissolution Process Attorney –Client) New Form	20-0-2	A new family law procedure form is added that explains the collaborative law process to prospective clients after a consultation with a collaborative lawyer. This new form is intended to satisfy Florida Bar Rule of Professional Conduct 4-1.19.
12.985(b)(1). (Collaborative Law Participation	20-0-2	A new family law procedure form is added as a guide for attorneys engaging in the collaborative law process. This new form is a detailed form for use as the collaborative law agreement.

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<p>Agreement Principles and Guidelines) New Form 12.985(b)(2) (Collaborative Law Participation Agreement)      20-0-2</p>	<p>A new family law procedure form is added as a guide for attorneys engaging in the collaborative law process. This new form is a shorter collaborative law participation agreement.</p> <p>A new family law procedure form is added as a guide for attorneys engaged in the collaborative law process.</p>
<p>New Form 12.985(c). (Joint Notice of Collaborative Law Participation Agreement)      20-0-2</p>	<p>A new family law procedure form is added as a guide for attorneys engaged in the collaborative law process. This new form is to be filed with the court after a petition for dissolution has been filed but the parties later agree to participate in the collaborative process. The court may order that the proceedings are stayed while the parties engage in the collaborative law process.</p>
<p>New Form 12.985(d). (Confidentiality Agreement (For Neutral or Individual Consultant or Note Taker))      20-0-2</p>	<p>A new family law procedure form is added as a guide for attorneys engaged in the collaborative law process. This new form is to be used by neutral or individual consultants or note takers to maintain confidentiality in the collaborative law process.</p>
<p>New Form 12.985(e). (Amendment to Collaborative Law Process Participation Agreement)      20-0-2</p>	<p>A new family law procedure form is added as a guide for attorneys engaged in the collaborative law process. This new form is to be used when a new collaborative law attorney is substituted for a former collaborative attorney and the collaborative law process continues with the clients and other participants.</p>
<p>New Form 12.985(f). (Notice of Termination of Collaborative Law Process)      20-0-2</p>	<p>A new family law procedure form is added as a guide for attorneys engaged in the collaborative law process. This new form is to be filed with the court when the collaborative law process has been terminated.</p>
<p>New Form 12.985(g) (Joint Verified Petition and Verified Answer for Dissolution of Marriage)      20-0-2</p>	<p>A new family law procedure form is added as a guide for attorneys engaged in the collaborative law process. This new form is to be filed with the court after the parties have resolved their matter through the collaborative law process and requests that the court adopt their collaborative agreement.</p>