

Rules related to coordinating all cases involving one family

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure

Identification of Related Cases

Authorized court staff may advise the court about the existence of related legal proceedings, the legal issues involved, and administrative information about such cases.

Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.004(d) as created by the Florida Supreme Court in In re AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, 132 So. 3d 1114, 1124 (Fla. 2014)

Coordination of Related Cases

Joint hearings or trials permitted. For joint or coordinated hearings, requires notice to all parties. The court is also required to:

- Consolidate as many issues as practical
- Coordinate the progress of the remaining issues
- Determine the attendance/participation of minor children
- Determine party access to records if a case is confidential under Rule 2.420

Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.003(b) as created by the Florida Supreme Court in In re AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, 132 So. 3d 1114, 1123 (Fla. 2014)

Case Monitoring

A judge hearing a family case may access and review the files of any related case either pending or closed, to aid in carrying out his or her adjudicative responsibilities. Authorized court staff and personnel may also access and review the file of any related case.

Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.004(a) as created by the Florida Supreme Court in In re AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, 132 So. 3d 1114, 1123 (Fla. 2014)