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### **PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT COMMUNICATES THE DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE ("CODE") UNTIL MARCH 31, 2012, AMENDED STANDING ORDER 5-11 AND REVISED FORM**

The implementation of the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code, G. L. c. 190B, originally scheduled for January 2, 2012, has been delayed. The delay is the result of the recent vote by the House and Senate to extend the effective date of the Code for ninety days until March 31, 2012. We have received confirmation that the Governor will sign the bill into law tomorrow, December 30, 2011.

As a result of the delay, the Probate and Family Court's Implementation Committee has amended Standing Order 5-11, **Regarding the Application of G. L. c. 190B, Articles I –IV, VI & VII, to Estate Cases Pending on March 31, 2012 or with a Decree Issued Prior Thereto**, and has revised the Supplemental Notice form (MPC 591) and Instructions (MPC 938). The full text of the amended standing order and the revised form/instructions are available at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/mupchub.html>

The delayed implementation also impacts the Probate and Family Court's early release and use of new MUPC forms for estate and administration cases, which have now been removed from the Court's website. The Court's current (pre-MUPC) forms will continue to be used after January 2, 2012 until further notice. They can be found at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/forms.html>

The recently approved Supplemental Rules of the Probate and Family Court will continue to have an effective date of January 2, 2012. Any change to the effective date of revised Uniform Practices will be posted on the Court's website before January 2, 2012.

The revised MUPC Supplemental Notice form (MPC 591) and updated Instructions (MPC 938) may also be obtained at each registry and accessed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/mupcforms.html>

**The amended Standing Order and revised form are effective immediately.**

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