

**NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC
RELOCATION OF PHILADELPHIA FAMILY COURT**

The Philadelphia Family Court will begin relocating its operations to the new Family Court Building at 8:00 AM on Friday, November 7, 2014. Full operations will resume at the new Family Court Building, which is located at 1501 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA, at 8:00 AM on Monday, November 17, 2014.

A. Limited services will be provided by the Domestic Relations Branch during the move as follows:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014

1) All Domestic Relations Branch Units and services will be CLOSED except the following, which will be available during normal business hours (from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM):

- a. Previously scheduled conferences or hearings at **34 S. 11th St.** for which notices to appear were issued and cancellation notices were not received.
- b. Protection From Abuse (PFA) Petitions may be filed at the Domestic Violence Unit (**Room 242, 34 S. 11th St.**)
- c. Petitions for Emergency Custody may be sought at the Custody Masters Unit (**Room 280, 46 S. 11th St.**).

Note: No walk-in agreements or other custody matters will be processed.

2) The *Clerk of Family Court* (1133 Chestnut St.) will maintain normal operations on November 7th.

NOVEMBER 10, 2014 THROUGH NOVEMBER 16, 2014*

1) **All Domestic Relations Branch Units Will Be Closed**

2) Emergency and *time sensitive* services will be available at the following alternate locations:

a. **Protection From Abuse (PFA) Petitions** - May be filed at:

The Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice
Room B03 - 1301 Filbert St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

b. **Petitions for Emergency Custody – May be filed Monday thru Friday ONLY from 8:00am to 4:00pm at:**

The Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice
Room B03 - 1301 Filbert St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

c. **"Time sensitive" Family Court filings – Will be accepted Monday thru Friday ONLY at:**

The Office of Judicial Records
Room 284 - City Hall

*Please note that Petitions for Emergency Custody and time sensitive filings at OJR will not be available on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, due to the Veterans Day holiday; Petitions for Protection From Abuse can still be filed on that date in Room B03 at the CJC.

**For this purpose, "Time sensitive" filings are those that seek emergency relief (other than PFA or custody) and/or filings that must be filed on or before a date certain or within a specified number of business or calendar days, pursuant to an applicable statute, Rule of Procedure, Administrative Regulation, or order of court. Examples of time sensitive filings include appeals, petitions/motions for reconsideration, exceptions, legal briefs or memoranda of law with assigned filing deadlines.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

The Domestic Relations Branch will resume all operations during normal weekday business hours from 8:00AM until 4:00 PM at the new location of the Philadelphia Family Court at 1501 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

B. Supervised Visitation at the Court Nursery. Supervised visitation services will NOT be available as follows:

- 1) Supervised Visitation at the Court Nursery will be CLOSED on Sunday, November 9, 2014 and Sunday, November 16, 2014.
- 2) Supervised Visitation at the Court Nursery will reconvene on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at the Family Court of Philadelphia location **1501 Arch Street**.

We apologize for any inconvenience that you may experience as we move to our new location, and we thank you for your cooperation.

Honorable Kevin M. Dougherty
Administrative Judge, Family Court Division

Honorable Margaret Murphy
Supervising Judge
Domestic Relations Branch, Family Court Division