

Distribution of Alimony and Support

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Family Division staff have inquired as to who is responsible for forwarding copies of signed pay through alimony and support orders to the probation department. In some counties, orders are not being forwarded to the appropriate probation office. This issue has been of particular concern in dissolution cases because it prevents the establishment of a probation account on the Automated Child Support Enforcement System (ACSES) and precludes the enforcement of the order by the probation department. The court rule (*R. 5:7-4*) in this matter provides: "Upon the signing of the order or judgment allowing alimony or support or both through the Probation Office, the court shall send to the appropriate Probation Office two additional copies of the order" Clarification of the term "the court" in the above quoted rule was referred to the Conference of Family Division Presiding Judges for their review and comment.

The Conference of Family Division Presiding Judges recommended that the Family Division Manager of each Vicinage, or designee, forward copies of signed pay through alimony and support orders to the probation department. Assigning this responsibility to the Manager should resolve this issue and assist in the timely establishment of cases on ASCES. Therefore, effective immediately, the Family Division Manager, or designee, will be responsible for sending copies of signed pay through orders to the appropriate probation department.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call (609)292-4634.

EDITOR-S NOTE

The only changes have been the replacement of the family division case manager with the amended title, Family Division Manager and the deletion of the contact person's name.