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**To: Assignment Judges
Trial Court Administrators****DIRECTIVE #12-24**Questions may be directed to the Family
Practice Division at 609-815-2900, ext. 55350.**From: Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.****Subj.: Family – New Form – Dissolution (FM) Judgment for Name Change
and Judgment for Name Change Addendum (CN 13146)****Date: November 22, 2024**

This Directive promulgates for statewide use, “Dissolution (FM) Judgment for Name Change and Judgment for Name Change Addendum” (CN 13146). The form is necessary to ensure the confidentiality of Family Division name change records pursuant to Rule 1:38-3(f)(10).

Traditionally, the language granting a name change was included in the Judgment of Divorce (JOD). However, since JODs that do not contain information on custody, parenting time, or equitable distribution are open to the public, this new form and its addendum ensure compliance with confidentiality requirements. Its use also ensures compliance with N.J.S.A. 2A:52-2, which mandates the inclusion of the applicant’s Social Security number and date of birth in name change judgments.

The new form consists of two parts:

- **Page 1:** Judgment for Name Change – This page is the court order.
- **Page 2:** Judgment for Name Change Addendum – This page must include the party’s Social Security number and date of birth. It should be detached from page 1 when a party submits a name change request to an agency that does not require a Social Security number.

Parties must complete and file this form with the court when requesting a name change as part of:

(1) a Complaint or Counterclaim for Divorce, Dissolution, Termination, Annulment, or Separate Maintenance. This includes requests for a divorce without a court appearance (divorce on the papers); or

(2) an FM post-judgment motion.

When uploading/attaching this document in the Judiciary Electronic Document Submission (JEDS) system, select the document description “Proposed Form of Order.”

The form (CN13146) is available online at [Forms | NJ Courts](#).

cc: Chief Justice Stuart Rabner
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This *Judgment for Name Change* and *Addendum* shall not be made public in any format.

Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Email Address

Telephone Number

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division - Family Part
_____ County

Docket Number: FM-_____
(To be filled in by the court.)

**Civil Action
Dissolution (FM)
Judgment for Name Change**

_____, having made application to this Court to assume the
name of _____ by the filing of a:

- a. ☐ Verified Complaint or Counterclaim for Divorce, Dissolution of Civil Union, Termination of Domestic Partnership, Annulment, or Separate Maintenance, or
- b. ☐ Notice of Motion

And it appearing to the Court that all provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A:34-21, and the New Jersey Court Rules have been complied with:

It is on _____ ORDERED and ADJUDGED
(Leave blank for court to complete.)

that _____, who was born on _____, and whose
Social Security number is contained in the attached *Judgment for Name Change Addendum*, be and
herby is authorized to immediately assume the name of _____, and

It is further ORDERED that you mail a certified, electronically sealed copy of this *Judgment for Name Change* and *Judgment for Name Change Addendum* to the Department of the Treasury within forty-five (45) business days from the date of this Judgment.

Date

Dissolution (FM) Judgment for Name Change Addendum

This *Judgment for Name Change* shall not be made public in any format.

Notice to Litigants: According to N.J.S.A. 2A:52-2, the *Judgment for Name Change* must include your Social Security number and date of birth. To protect your Social Security number from agencies, banks, or other institutions that do not need it to process your name change, detach the *Addendum* page from the *Dissolution (FM) Judgment for Name Change* page.

Pursuant to the Dissolution (FM) Judgment for Name Change dated _____,
(Leave blank for the court to complete.)

_____, whose Social Security number is _____, is
authorized to assume the name of _____.