

TITLE 8: FAMILY LAW AND PROBATE
DIVISION 1: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

§ 1914. Continuing Duty to Inform Court of Other Proceedings; Effect of Other Proceedings; Delay of Relief Prohibited; Omission of Petitioner's Address.

(a) At any hearing in a proceeding to obtain an order for protection, each party has a continuing duty to inform the court of each proceeding for an order for protection, any civil litigation, and each criminal case involving the parties, including the case name, the file number, and the island of the proceeding, if that information is known by the party.

(b) An order for protection is in addition to and not in lieu of any other available civil or criminal proceeding. A petitioner is not barred from seeking an order because other pending proceeding. The court shall not delay granting relief because of the existence of a pending action between the parties.

(c) A petitioner may omit his or her address and/or telephone number from all documents filed within the court. If a petitioner omits his or her address and/or telephone number, the petitioner must provide the court a mailing address. If disclosure of the petitioner's address is necessary to determine jurisdiction or consider venue, the court may order the disclosure to be made:

- (1) After receiving the petitioner's consent;
- (2) Orally and in chambers, out of the presence of the respondent and a sealed record be made; or
- (3) After a hearing, if the court takes into consideration the safety of the petitioner and finds such disclosure in the interest of justice.

Source: PL 12-19, § 2 (204), modified.