

# The Decoder

## NOTICE

### Changes to MUPC Estate Forms Effective April 15, 2016

The Probate and Family Court ("Court") announces the availability of fillable versions of the following new and revised MUPC Estate forms. The forms and all instructions are now available on the Court's website at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/forms/pfc/pfc-mupc-forms-generic.html>.

Effective April 15, 2016, the Court will require the use of the new and revised forms, including in cases initiated before April 15, 2016. For example, if a case is filed prior to April 15, 2016 and is deficient in some manner (such as an erroneous listing of heirs at law), forms filed on or after April 15 must be submitted on the new forms in order to satisfy the deficiency.

The Court will accept for filing any "pre April 15, 2016" forms for a two week grace period.

The new and revised forms are the first of a two part release of MUPC estate form changes to go into effect. The second release is anticipated to take place in May. The form changes are the result of a coordinated effort between the MUPC Procedures and Forms Committee. For any questions on the above, please contact Evelyn Patsos, Esq., at [evelyn.patsos@jud.state.ma.us](mailto:evelyn.patsos@jud.state.ma.us).

#### RELEASE 1

Number	Form/Document Name	New or Revised	Release Date	Effective Date
MPC 170	Voluntary Administration Statement	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 961	Instructions for MPC 170	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 150	Petition for Informal	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 962	Instructions for MPC 150	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 750	Order of Informal Probate	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 160	Petition for Formal	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 963	Instructions for MPC 160	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 755	Decree and Order on Petition for Formal Adjudication	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 162	Surviving Spouse, Children, Heirs at Law	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 958	Instructions for MPC 162	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 163	Devises	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 959	Instructions for MPC 163	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 960	Massachusetts Degree of Kinship Chart	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 161	Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 964	Instructions for MPC 161	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 757	Decree and Order on Petition for Late and Limited	New	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 801	Bond	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 751	Letters of Authority	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 965	Checklist for Voluntary Administration	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 966	Checklist for Informal	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 967	Checklist for Formal	Revised	3/4/16	4/15/16
MPC 968	Checklist for Formal Late and Limited	New	3/4/16	4/15/16