

ADDENDUM

FAMILY COURT ORDERS: Orders issued by the Family Court in regards to **Child Support, Spousal Support (Maintenance), Custody and Visitation**, may be continued (in whole) by the Supreme Court in a divorce judgment, either by agreement of the parties, or by direction of the Court. The existence of such an order can be helpful to the Court when those issues must be determined. If you have such issues, and you have not yet commenced an action for divorce, you may want to secure a Family Court order as to those issues. The Family Court is located at 1200 Old Country Rd. Westbury, NY 11590.

SUPPORT COLLECTION UNIT: The Support Collection Unit (*Child Support Enforcement Bureau*), is an arm of the Department of Social Services. They maintain computerized payment records, and provide many services in the collection and enforcement of court ordered support payments (***Child Support or combined Child and Spousal Support***), whether or not the custodial parent or child is in receipt of public assistance. Such collection and enforcement procedures include, but are not limited to:

- **Immediate income execution**
- **State and Federal Tax Refund Offset**
- **Credit Bureau Reporting**
- **Seizure of Bank Accounts**
- **License suspension**
- **Department of Taxation and Finance collection**
- **Judgments / Liens being filed**
- **Court Enforcement (Contempt proceedings)**

It is suggested that you speak to your local child support enforcement unit for more information.

For correspondence: Nassau County SCU, 60 Charles Lindbergh Blvd. - Suite 160 - Uniondale, NY 11553-3686.

For telephone inquiries: Nassau County SCU, Customer Service Helpline: 1-888-208-4485.

For e-mail inquiries: CSEWEBNassau@dfa.state.ny.us

INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDERS: **Effective May 31, 2012**, the court must issue an income withholding order (“*IWO*”) where it issues a support order in a case not enforced through a local child support collection unit, and involving someone who earns wages that could be subject to income deduction. The court must issue such an order, unless the parties agree to an alternate method of payment, or if the court finds “good cause” not to issue an “*IWO*”.

If you or your spouse is to receive maintenance (spousal support) and/or child support, and if no child support enforcement services are already being provided through a local district Support Collection Unit, you or your spouse may ask the Court to issue an Income Withholding Order/ Notice for Support **or** the Court may decide to issue such an order on its own.

In either case, the Income Withholding Order/ Notice for Support form in the form approved by the federal Office of Management and Budget **must** be used. No other form of Income Withholding Order/Notice for Support can be used.

For more information, go to: <http://www.nycourts.gov/divorce/childsupport/>