

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

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**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING THE APPLICATION  
OF THE AMENDMENT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 4(m)**

In light of the amendment to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) reducing the period to effectuate service from 120 days to 90 days, it is hereby ordered that the amended time period to effectuate service under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) shall apply to all cases filed on or after December 1, 2015, and that the amendment to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) shall not apply to cases already pending prior to December 1, 2015, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge.

It is so ordered.

December 8, 2015

By the Court:

/s/ William E. Smith, Chief Judge