

**Sec. 25-60A. Court-Ordered Evaluations**

(a) If the court orders an evaluation of any party or any child in a family proceeding where custody, visitation or parental access is at issue, a state licensed mental health professional shall conduct such evaluation.

(b) Notice of any orders relating to the evaluation ordered shall be communicated to the evaluator by the guardian ad litem or, where there is no guardian ad litem, by court personnel.

(c) Until a court-ordered evaluation is filed with the clerk pursuant to Section 25-60 (b), counsel for the parties shall not initiate contact with the evaluator, unless otherwise ordered by the judicial authority.

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(d) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of Section 25-60 shall apply to completed courtordered evaluations.

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COMMENTARY—August, 2011: This new section clarifies that the judicial authority oversees the initiation and completion of court-ordered evaluations and further clarifies the evaluation procedure.