



### **SERVICE OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS**

In order to minimize conflict and to facilitate a smooth trade show operation, the service or delivery of legal documents (summons, subpoenas, injunctions, restraining orders, etc.) is restricted to specific protocols, and requires the involvement of DEMA Show Management. Process service must follow these protocols and is otherwise prohibited on the show floor and areas in proximity to the show floor, including Show Registration Area, surrounding hallways, lobby, seminar rooms and convention center grounds. Any Exhibitor, Attendee or Visitor seeking to serve legal documents is instructed to contact the Show Management Office for the proper procedures to follow.

**Please Note:** Any expense incurred by DEMA Show Management or DEMA while in the act of following these required procedures shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor or attendee obtaining the order. Violating or permitting others under your control to violate this or other Show Rules and Regulations could result in disciplinary action up to and including any or all of the following, at the sole discretion of DEMA Show Management:

- Loss of show seniority
- Monetary fine
- Closure of your booth
- Expulsion from the show
- Exclusion from further shows

### **CONFLICT AVOIDANCE POLICY**

Sometimes, Exhibitors or Attendees find themselves in a dispute with others in the dive industry. DEMA strives to keep the trade show atmosphere free from direct conflict when possible. For that reason, the service of legal documents on the premises of the trade show has been restricted and must follow specific procedures.

Show Management has established this procedure to assist trade show exhibitors and attendees when conflicts arise. The goal is to help resolve the conflict without resorting to process service during DEMA Show. When this goal cannot be achieved the following procedures shall be followed to ensure the proper service of any legal documents. Please follow these steps:

1. Alert Show Management of any potential for a conflict between or among exhibitors or attendees. Show Management will attempt to bring the parties together in a meeting at the show office to resolve the matter.
2. If the matter is not resolved, any party may choose to seek a restraining order, injunction, or cease-and-desist order from a court with jurisdiction over the trade show location.
3. If an order is obtained, or if a complaint has been filed in court, do not serve it yourself. Bring the order and/or the process server to the Show Management Office.
4. Show Management will bring the party being served to the show office for service. Upon completion of service, Show Management will assist with the enforcement of the order to ensure that it is adhered to in a timely manner.
5. Any expense incurred by Show Management as a result of an order being served will be the responsibility of the exhibitor or attendee obtaining the order.
6. Show Rules and Regulations must be observed at all times. Violation of any Show Rules and Regulations by either party could result in any or all of the following actions being taken at the sole discretion of Show Management:

- a. Loss of show seniority
- b. Monetary fine
- c. Closure of your booth
- d. Expulsion from the show
- e. Exclusion from future shows

Please note that DEMA reserves the right to maintain confidentiality with regard to the action implemented.

Specific rules that apply in this situation are:

- Do not enter the booth of the offending exhibitor
- Do not confront an attendee or visitor on the trade show floor or in the surrounding areas
- Do not loiter around the offending exhibitor's booth in any way that can be considered antagonizing or harassing the exhibitor
- Do not remove anything from the exhibitor's booth
- Do not give a badge to anyone not properly registered for the show
- Do not register any non-industry people providing them illegal entry to the show
- Do not photograph or video the offending exhibitor's booth