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### THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA [204 PA. CODE CHS. 83, 91]

Proposed Amendments to the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement and Disciplinary Board Rules and Procedures Relating to Eligible Institutions and Mandatory Overdraft Notification

#### Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (the “Board”), the Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Accounts Board (“IOLTA”), and the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board (the “Fund”) are considering recommending to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania amendments to Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement 221 (Funds of clients and third persons. Mandatory overdraft notification) and Disciplinary Board Rules and Procedures § 91.173 (Approval and termination of Eligible Institutions) and § 91.174 (Reports of overdrafts).

#### EXPLANATORY REPORT

The Board, IOLTA, and the Fund propose modifying the procedures governing a financial institution’s approval as an Eligible Institution for lawyer trust accounts and the Eligible Institution’s mandatory overdraft notification obligation.

#### Current Procedures - Eligible Institution Agreement

A financial institution that seeks to be a depository for attorney trust accounts must be approved as an Eligible Institution by the Supreme Court. The financial institution initiates the process by requesting the agreement from the Fund. The financial institution returns the executed agreement to the Fund, which then forwards the agreement to IOLTA. The institution also completes and submits an interest rate certification to IOLTA. IOLTA assigns a bank number to the institution and advises the Fund of that number. The Fund sends an acceptance letter to the institution, copying IOLTA and the Board. The Board then submits the list of Eligible Institutions to the Supreme Court for final approval.

#### Current Procedures - Mandatory Overdraft Notification

An Eligible Institution is required to report an overdraft of an attorney’s trust account to the Fund. Upon receipt of the report, the Fund performs a required preliminary inquiry. According to the Fund’s Rules of Procedure 4.1 et seq., the executive director sends a letter of inquiry to the attorney named in the report and requests a verified written explanation of the circumstances within ten days of the inquiry letter, with documentation. Upon receipt of the explanation, the executive director may request additional information and/or documentation, close the file if the explanation is satisfactory and the necessary documentation has been provided, or refer the matter to the Board’s Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”). The Fund refers the matter to ODC in the following instances, which are not exclusive:

- the overdraft was the result of fraud against the IOLTA
- the bank statements reveal questionable transactions occurring in the IOLTA
- the attorney does not respond to the Fund’s inquiry or does not fully cooperate with the Fund’s inquiry or cannot fully explain how the account came to be overdrawn
- the attorney’s explanation involves earned fees being deposited into the IOLTA

#### The Proposed New Procedures

Review of the current procedures reveals there is a level of interaction among the three Boards that may delay prompt administration of tasks under the rules. The Boards favor assigning the tasks to the entities predominantly associated with the responsibilities of approving Eligible Institutions and receiving and reviewing overdraft notifications, thus creating more efficient and streamlined processes for all involved.

Pertaining to approval of Eligible Institutions, the Boards have determined that IOLTA is best positioned to provide the requisite agreement and other necessary documentation to the financial institution, as well as promptly respond to inquiries from the financial institution regarding the Eligible Institution process and related questions, such as establishing IOLTA accounts, interest rates, and payment of interest to IOLTA. The Boards propose modifying Pa.R.D.E. 221(h) and Board Rule § 91.173 to clarify that IOLTA has the authority to approve

the language of the Eligible Institution agreement forms and to require that the financial institution file the agreement with IOLTA. The Board retains its responsibility to file the agreements with the Supreme Court.

Pertaining to receipt and review of the reported overdrafts, the Boards have determined that ODC is best positioned to receive overdraft reports from Eligible Institutions and perform the preliminary inquiry required by the rules. ODC has the robust investigatory resources and access to information that enables it to dispatch these duties with promptness and efficiency. The Boards propose modifying Pa.R.D.E. 221(h), (k), (o) and (p) and Board Rules §§ 91.173 and 91.174 to assign these responsibilities to ODC.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions or objections by mail, email or facsimile to the Executive Office, The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 5600, PO Box 62625, Harrisburg, PA 17106-2625, facsimile number (717-231-3381), email address Dboard.comments@pacourts.us on or before September 28, 2026.

By The Disciplinary Board of the  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Jesse G. Hereda  
Executive Director

#### PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF DISCIPLINARY ENFORCEMENT

#### Rule 221. Funds of clients and third persons. Mandatory overdraft notification.

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(h) An Eligible Institution shall be approved as a depository for Trust Accounts of attorneys if it shall be in compliance with applicable provisions of Rule 1.15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct and the Regulations of the IOLTA Board and shall file with the [Disciplinary] IOLTA Board an agreement in a form approved by the IOLTA Board to comply with IOLTA Regulations governing approved Eligible Institutions and to make a prompt report to the [Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel whenever any check or similar instrument is presented against a Trust Account when such account contains insufficient funds to pay the instrument, regardless of

- (1) whether the instrument is honored, or
- (2) whether funds are subsequently deposited that cover the overdraft or the dishonored instrument is made good.

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(k) A failure on the part of an Eligible Institution to make a report to the [Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel called for by this rule or to comply with IOLTA Regulations governing approved Eligible Institutions may be cause for termination of approval by the Supreme Court, but such failure shall not, absent gross negligence, give rise to a cause of action, by any person who is proximately caused harm thereby.

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(n) A report filed pursuant to this rule shall not, in and of itself, be considered a disciplinary complaint.

(o) A designated representative of the [Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel shall conduct a preliminary inquiry and shall, where appropriate, refer the

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1. Counsel shall promptly notify the deputy clerk to each judge before whom he/she has a case listed upon becoming attached for trial in another court. To be accorded recognition, a busy slip, using the designated form, MUST be filed in Room 2609 before 1 p.m. on the day after counsel becomes attached.

2. Cases in the trial pools do not necessarily appear in the order in which they will be called. Counsel should therefore be ready to begin trial upon receiving telephone call notice, subject to the following:

(a) Counsel whose cases are in the pools will be given 48 hours’ notice, if feasible, but not less than 24 hours notice to ready for trial with witnesses.

(b) It is counsel’s responsibility to check with each judge’s deputy clerk on the status and movement of criminal and civil cases in that judge’s pool.

(c) Counsel will not be required to commence trial less than 24 hours after completing trial of another case.

W. BEETLESTONE  
Chief Judge

BEETLESTONE, CH. J.

Courtroom 10A  
Courtroom Deputy: Mike Beck  
Phone: (267) 299-7459

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1, 2026  
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USA V. SAVAGE

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SANCHEZ, J.

COURTROOM 14B  
Courtroom Deputy: Nancy DeLisle  
Phone: (267) 299-7789

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COSCIA MOOS ARCHITECTURE, LLC

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USA V. GLOVER

P.S. DIAMOND, J.

Courtroom 14A  
Courtroom Deputy: Lenora K. Wittje  
Phone: (267) 299-7789

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25-cr-0323  
USA V. LEE

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WILSTERMAN V. DELPHINUS ENGINE

QUINONES ALEJANDRO, J.

Courtroom 8B  
Secretary/Civil Deputy: Nicole Phillippi  
(267) 299-7461  
Criminal Deputy Clerk, Nicole Phillippi  
(267) 299-7461

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24-cr-0219  
USA V. AVILA

SCHMEHL, J.

Courtroom The Gateway  
Building Reading, PA  
Courtroom Deputy: Brian Dixon  
Phone: (610) 320-5099

Reading, PA 19601  
3rd flr., Rm. 3041 when in Phila.

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25-cv-6936  
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SCALIA V. BENE MARKET, LLC ET

PAPPERT, J.

Courtroom 11A  
Courtroom Deputy: Katie Rolon  
Phone: (267) 299-7531

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USA V. CROUSET

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USA V. HERRERA CASTILLO

25-cr-0376  
USA V. ORTIZ

J.F. LEESON, JR., J.

Courtroom Edward Cahn  
Federal Bldg Allentown, PA  
Courtroom Deputy: Diane Abeles  
Phone: (610) 391-7020

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25-cr-0104  
USA V. VARGAS-PELLICCIA

J.D. WOLSON, J.

Civil Deputy: Jeannine Abed  
Phone: (267) 299-7321  
Criminal Deputy: Laura Buenzle  
Phone: (267)299-7239

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USA V. CHAYAUD

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USA V. CHAYAUD

K. S. MARSTON, J.

Courtroom 16B  
Courtroom Deputy: Mark Rafferty  
phone: (267) 299-7379

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26-cv-3945  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY V. DRC EM

J. M. GALLAGHER, J.

Courtroom Edward Cahn  
Federal Bldg Allentown, PA  
Courtroom Deputy: Christine Stein  
Phone: (610) 391-7012

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PEREZ, J.

COURTROOM 10B  
Courtroom Deputy: Mia Harvey  
267-299-7589

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26-cv-2999  
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HODGE, J.

Courtroom 15A  
Courtroom Deputy: Leesa Ciamaichelo 267-299-7559

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25-cv-4227  
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MURPHY, J.

Courtroom 3B  
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25-cr-0004  
USA V. BUTLER

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Courtroom 13B  
Courtroom Deputy: Susan Flaherty  
Phone: 267-299-7598

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23-cv-5139  
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HENRY, J.

Courtroom The Holmes Bldg  
Easton, PA  
Courtroom Deputy: Tanya Allender  
Phone: (610) 333-1833

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USA V. SINGH

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Courtroom TBD  
Courtroom Deputy: Sheila McCurry  
Phone: (267) 299-7769

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26-cr-0341  
USA V. DEPETTA

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24-cv-5982  
RODRIGUES V. SHALEEM ENTERPRIS

H. BARTLE, III, S.J.

Courtroom 16A  
Courtroom Deputy: Nicole Spicer  
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| <b>J. R. PADOVA, S.J.</b>                                                           |                                              |
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| 25-cv-4485                                                                          | 11:00 A.M.<br>RIVERA V. HANWHA PHILLY SHIPYA |
| <b>C.M. RUFÉ, S.J.</b>                                                              |                                              |
| Scheduling/Deputy Clerk: Erica Pratt<br>Phone: (267) 299-7499                       |                                              |
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| 16-md-2724                                                                          | 11:30 A.M.<br>IN RE: GENERIC PHARMACEUTICALS |
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| <b>T. J. SAVAGE, S.J.</b>                                                           |                                              |
| <b>Courtroom 9A</b><br>Courtroom Deputy: Alex Eggert<br>Phone: 267-299-7489         |                                              |
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| 26-cr-0048                                                                          | 10:30 A.M.<br>USA V. HAMMOND                 |
| <b>J. H. SLOMSKY, S.J.</b>                                                          |                                              |
| <b>Courtroom 13A</b><br>Courtroom Deputy: Kelly Haggerty<br>Phone: (267) 299-7349   |                                              |
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| <b>REID, M.J.</b>                                                                   |                                              |
| <b>Courtroom 3C</b><br>Ian Broderick, Deputy Clerk<br>(267) 299-7640                |                                              |

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| <b>ARTEAGA, M.J.</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                                              |
| <b>Courtroom 3H</b><br>Courtroom Deputy: Danielle Hauger<br>Phone: (267) 299-7421                                                                                        |                                              |
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| <b>GOLDNER CINQUANTO, M.J.</b>                                                                                                                                           |                                              |
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| <b>COMMON PLEAS COURT CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE LIST</b>                                                                                                                |                                              |
| <b>CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ROOM 613 CITY HALL</b>                                                                                                                        |                                              |
| Any questions regarding the Case Management Program should be directed to <a href="mailto:CivilCaseManagement@courts.phila.gov">CivilCaseManagement@courts.phila.gov</a> |                                              |
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| 0032603-4409M. ClementeHerb v Bernstein Etal                                                                                                                             |                                              |
| A. Graziano; W. Cheesman                                                                                                                                                 |                                              |
| 0042604-1430R. LebovitsFoglia Etal v Paul’S Run Etal                                                                                                                     |                                              |
| E. Underwood; J. Farrell; J. Malloy                                                                                                                                      |                                              |
| 0052605-4027M. StoneKuntz v Center Management Group, Llc Etal                                                                                                            |                                              |
| J. Doyle; S. Montgomery; W. Buckman                                                                                                                                      |                                              |
| <b>9:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                                              |
| 0012512-0044R. FoxworthMolletta Etal v Baghdadi Etal                                                                                                                     |                                              |
| <b>0022512-1842J. LevinLinder Etal v Burgess Anastasia Etal</b>                                                                                                          |                                              |
| 0032604-4220C. CaserioMatch Property Management Llc v Doe Etal                                                                                                           |                                              |
| 0042605-0030M. DoughertyAlly Bank v Madle                                                                                                                                |                                              |
| <b>9:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                                              |
| 0012602-0817R. VanceWilliams v American International Group Etal                                                                                                         |                                              |

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| 0022602-1257Biskup v Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, I                                          |  |
| C. Bohmueller; E. Giradi                                                                               |  |
| 0032602-3227J. HagelgansKeeney Etal v Gibbs                                                            |  |
| 0042604-4365A. GreenJohns-Miller v Johnson Etal                                                        |  |
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| 0012603-0639Collins v Trustees Of The University Of Pennsylv                                           |  |
| G. Samms; K. Pugh; L. Banton; S. Conway                                                                |  |
| 0022603-1327M. LeabmanSmith v Carroll                                                                  |  |
| 0032603-1346Sayas v Kieffer Etal                                                                       |  |
| 0042604-1809S. HoferDalal Etal v D&B General Contractors, Inc. Etal                                    |  |
| N. Sansone                                                                                             |  |
| 0052606-0038Almashhadani v Ygep Llc                                                                    |  |
| J. Odonnell                                                                                            |  |
| 0062606-0039R. WilliamsU.S. Bank National Association Not In Its Individu                              |  |
| <b>10:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                      |  |
| 0012603-4251A. NormanJohnson-Stafford v Gakou                                                          |  |
| J. Devlin                                                                                              |  |
| 0022604-4522K. ProudWhitehead v Matthie                                                                |  |
| 0032606-0049R. WilliamsU.S. Bank National Association Not In Its Individu                              |  |
| 0042606-0050S. HarveyLucas v Lucas                                                                     |  |
| 0052606-0064M. SigalKennedy Etal v Smith                                                               |  |
| A. Latonick; B. Carter                                                                                 |  |
| 0062606-0067T. CrichtonRodriguez Etal v Robertson Trucks, Llc Etal                                     |  |
| D. Burns                                                                                               |  |
| <b>11:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                      |  |
| 0012512-1163Z. SilversteinBronze Capital, Llc v Occupants                                              |  |
| 0022605-0062M. Collins; M. Shannon; S. AbbasikammasaiArthaus Condominium Association, Inc. v City Of P |  |
| D. Holly                                                                                               |  |
| 0032605-3131K. DossantosBenson Etal v Garcia                                                           |  |
| C. Viola                                                                                               |  |
| 0042606-0070C. BurruezoGraham v Nelson Etal                                                            |  |
| C. Viola                                                                                               |  |
| 0052606-0072M. MednickSpence v Dollar General Corporation                                              |  |
| 0062606-0073A. BoydCrawford v Bryant J. Thomas                                                         |  |
| 0072606-0076A. KroupaChitou v Tetzner S. Rush                                                          |  |
| <b>11:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                      |  |
| 0012605-0257Geary v Sanchez                                                                            |  |
| 0022606-0084D. MorelloSavana Caribbean Cuisine, Llc Etal v Next Insuran                                |  |
| R. Ostriak                                                                                             |  |
| 0032606-0086G. BrownsteinKhalid v Yi                                                                   |  |
| J. Thomas                                                                                              |  |
| 0042606-0088Golson-El v Otter Property Management                                                      |  |
| <b>1:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                       |  |
| 0012512-2187M. LeabmanStewart Etal v Dominguez                                                         |  |
| T. Gannon                                                                                              |  |
| 0022601-0351J. McgarrittyWilliams Etal v Dukes Etal                                                    |  |
| 0032601-2551Lemar Etal v Labkoff J. Mcgarritty; W. Labkoff                                             |  |
| 0042601-3533D. Rodkey; J. RodgersDilworth Paxson Llp v Grover Etal                                     |  |
| G. Huling; M. Cioeta; M. Mitts                                                                         |  |
| 0052604-4217German v Carter Etal                                                                       |  |
| 0062604-4322M. HaberPickett v Waller D. Alex                                                           |  |
| <b>2:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                       |  |
| 0012604-4355J. CarnesDifranco v Lin Etal                                                               |  |
| C. Pitchford; J. Mcalee; M. Kaufman                                                                    |  |
| 0022606-0040R. WilliamsU.S. Bank National Association Not In Its Individu                              |  |
| 0032606-0042S. RustvoldCity Of Philadelphia v Jr Contracting Services In                               |  |
| 0042606-0043L. Himmelstein; M. WesoskiAllen Etal v Smith Etal                                          |  |
| N. Maxymuik                                                                                            |  |
| 0052606-0046J. ShorrTurner v Hadi Etal                                                                 |  |
| D. Czap                                                                                                |  |
| 0062606-0048Li v Giglio Etal                                                                           |  |
| <b>3:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                       |  |
| 0012602-3789Gault v Montgomery Etal                                                                    |  |
| 0022604-0027Carena v Intercommunity Action, Inc                                                        |  |
| 0032606-0079R. Dengler; T. RusseckByers v City Of Philadelphia                                         |  |
| A. Sorathia; D. Gavin                                                                                  |  |
| 0042606-0081J. EdelsteinSnipes Etal v Thomas Jefferson University Hospita                              |  |
| L. Miller; T. Lipscomb                                                                                 |  |
| 0052606-0083J. Veloski; R. BrakerMonaghan v Holiday Inn Etal                                           |  |
| A. Webb; C. Saylor                                                                                     |  |

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| <b>Thursday, September 3, 2026</b>                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>8:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 0012605-0133L. Donnelly; S. SpecterThe Estate Of Michaelé Angela Roselli Etal v East                                                                      |  |
| M. Hermanovich                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 0022605-0152R. WisnerMartin v Gerber Products Company Etal                                                                                                |  |
| 0032606-0745A. Watto; I. NorrisCody, Administratrix Of Estate Of Arlene Cody, Dec                                                                         |  |
| C. Neiger                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 0042606-0797Bishop v Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Eta                                                                                             |  |
| 0052606-0802G. Smith; J. MirabellaWineburgh Etal v Bayada Home Health Services, Inc                                                                       |  |
| 0062606-0806D. MoscarielloJones v Sterling Health Care & Rehabilitation, Ll                                                                               |  |
| C. Gordner; P. Callahan                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 0072606-0845K. Hemmings; R. LockmanWassail Etal v Gould Etal                                                                                              |  |
| J. Marinaro                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 0082606-0895A. Dupont; M. Garmisa; S. WallaceCampos Etal v Bp Products North America, Inc. Eta                                                            |  |
| A. Degory; A. Fishkin; B. Freeman; B. Young; C. Comer; C. Mountain; C. Molony; D. Lodge; D. Redding; J. Shafer; J. Peles; J. Snyder; M. Cairone; S. Lucks |  |
| <b>9:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 0012604-1364D. SmirnovRyzinsky v Bleecker Etal                                                                                                            |  |
| 0022606-0163Deleon v Bussey                                                                                                                               |  |
| 0032606-0172Reyes Rivera v Santucci Et Al                                                                                                                 |  |
| 0042606-0174D. DenenbergHoliness Mission Gospel Church, Inc. v Dykes Etal                                                                                 |  |
| D. Ginsburg                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <b>9:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 0012606-0458A. HyderMcnair v Brightview Holdings, Inc. Etal                                                                                               |  |
| A. Kramer                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 0022606-0486M. CopoulosShehata v Prout                                                                                                                    |  |
| 0032606-0487A. KravitzJ.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust 2023-Dsc2 C/O Citibank,                                                                                  |  |
| <b>10:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 0012502-3559Watson v Brooks                                                                                                                               |  |
| 0022604-1307M. AsbellEwall Etal v Action Center Inc. Etal                                                                                                 |  |
| 0032606-0546C. BradleySolano v Schnitzer Etal                                                                                                             |  |
| J. Tolerico                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 0042606-0554G. Bailey; J. OchoaMcclain v Zembron Etal                                                                                                     |  |
| T. Martin                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 0052606-0555J. Zielinski; T. KirkTom Morrow, Inc. v Club Car, Llc Etal                                                                                    |  |
| J. Lantry; J. Macphee; K. Wang                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>10:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 0012605-2782S. GreshLiberona v Benedetto Executrix Of The Estate Of C                                                                                     |  |
| 0022606-0675D. Langsam; M. WhiteGunter v Aramark Services, Inc. Etal                                                                                      |  |
| K. Klemm; R. Pugh                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 0032606-0677K. KofskyLopez v Peco Energy Company Etal                                                                                                     |  |
| A. Bender; B. Hoffman; B. Calistri; C. McLaughlin; J. Giatras; J. Dumont; M. Masciandaro; R. Schiller; T. Williams                                        |  |
| 0042606-0678J. GreenbergMcgee-Mack v Myers Etal                                                                                                           |  |
| M. Thurmond; M. Long; R. Steiger                                                                                                                          |  |
| 0052606-0704A. PattersonSantiago Felton v Isaac Etal                                                                                                      |  |
| 0062606-0714Smith v Daluiso                                                                                                                               |  |
| 0072606-0729E. DisandroSanders Etal v Sarpanch Freightway Inc. Etal                                                                                       |  |
| F. Bibbo                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>11:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 0012604-2808A. Boyd; C. BoyleDelvalle v Pathways To Housing Pa, Inc.                                                                                      |  |
| E. Pentz; J. Ford                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 0022604-4534M. DoughertyAlly Bank v Grimes                                                                                                                |  |
| 0032605-1263J. PowellVip Products Corp. v City Of Philadelphia Etal                                                                                       |  |
| L. Begelman                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 0042606-0842E. GilsonDoss-Hom v Broad Street Kickboxing Etal                                                                                              |  |
| A. Bender; K. Worley; L. Dominic                                                                                                                          |  |
| 0052606-0846B. Baer; M. WhiteMorgan v Pennsylvania State Police Etal                                                                                      |  |
| B. Calistri; C. McLaughlin                                                                                                                                |  |
| 0062606-0847H. Oxman; S. GoodstadtDinardi v Best Buy Company, Inc. Etal                                                                                   |  |
| J. Petrycki                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 0072606-0848M. AlexanianSanon v Stotts                                                                                                                    |  |
| 0082606-0850C. Connor; E. QaqishPnc Bank, National Association v DeJesus Etal                                                                             |  |
| 0092606-0851J. EdelsteinJones v 1300 Fairmount, Llc Etal                                                                                                  |  |
| C. Hilliard; K. Maschke; M. Giannotti; R. Sanzo                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>11:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 0012606-0976H. Reese; J. CoughlinPennymac Loan Services, Llc v Doe Etal                                                                                   |  |

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| 0022606-0977L. HallerU.S Bank Trust National Assoc. For Vrmgt Asset Tru            |  |
| 0032606-0979D. Vassor; D. MorelloEsther Louis v Montas                             |  |
| K. Fox                                                                             |  |
| 0042606-0980M. FreedmanUsb Leasing Lt v Minniefield                                |  |
| 0052606-0988J. ParrisMiraliev v Rahill, Badge 775 Etal                             |  |
| E. Bley                                                                            |  |
| 0062606-0989L. Himmelstein; T. AllesCosby v Philadelphia Housing Authority Etal    |  |
| S. Randazzo                                                                        |  |
| 0072606-0992M. Schlagnhauer; S. FishmanTurk v Uber Technologies Inc. Etal          |  |
| J. Lai; J. Buchanico; L. Seider; M. Hill                                           |  |
| 0082606-0994A. KornblauWilliams Etal v Official Celebrity Boxing Llc Eta           |  |
| <b>1:00 P.M.</b>                                                                   |  |
| 0012604-0332N. Palazzo; V. DefinoCheung v Yunga                                    |  |
| J. Dougherty                                                                       |  |
| 0022604-1096F. MusitiefDavid v American States Insurance Company                   |  |
| 0032606-0177E. Padilla; H. SchweizerCole Etal v Amresorts, L.P. Etal               |  |
| 0042606-0178D. ShermanYates v Eastern Warehouse Distributors, Llc Etal             |  |
| P. Hughes Esq                                                                      |  |
| 0052606-0183W. BishopHayes v Deuel C. Spalding-Daniels                             |  |
| 0062606-0188D. SalamanMill Property Services v 9926 Condominium Owners             |  |
| D. Weisgold                                                                        |  |
| 0072606-0196Rahman v Boukrid                                                       |  |
| 0082606-0199A. PinaLizarraga Navarro v Medley                                      |  |
| <b>1:30 P.M.</b>                                                                   |  |
| 0012606-0491M. GumbelEstate Of Annie E Leaery v Ortiz Etal                         |  |
| D. Garcia-Villarreal Esq; J. Sam; J. Resnick; L. Laszewski; R. Weitzman            |  |
| <b>2:00 P.M.</b>                                                                   |  |
| 0012603-3087R. WolfeMoore v Smith R. Scholer                                       |  |
| 0022606-0559J. SamFidelity National Title Insurance Company v Sprag                |  |
| 0032606-0562E. GabayCohen v Perry Etal                                             |  |
| A. Hill; C. Horn; M. Maselli                                                       |  |
| 0042606-0566J. Quinn; T. OmalleyFurman v Wells Fargo Center Etal                   |  |
| T. Savon                                                                           |  |
| 0052606-0568A. Gilberg; G. MarionCampbell, Jr. v Garth Etal                        |  |
| K. Rogers; M. Long; R. Steiger; S. Scheuerle; S. Dougherty                         |  |
| 0062606-0570N. SerianneCarter v Mcadams                                            |  |
| J. Silli                                                                           |  |
| <b>2:30 P.M.</b>                                                                   |  |
| 0012604-4165L. MargoliesPorello Etal v Nguyen Etal                                 |  |
| 0022606-0731P. DorenSingleton Etal v Paredes Etal                                  |  |
| A. Chakraborty; L. Glynn; M. Abbott                                                |  |
| <b>3:00 P.M.</b>                                                                   |  |
| 0012604-4353J. KingSinnerard Etal v Singh Etal                                     |  |
| 0022605-1067A. SchneiderShuman v Redding Etal                                      |  |
| 0032606-0852Harrison v All Unknown Occupants                                       |  |
| 0042606-0873J. Veloski; R. BrakerElias Etal v Ponte Gadea Compass, Llc Etal        |  |
| H. Nathanson; S. Garson                                                            |  |
| 0052606-0879D. DelucaState Farm Fire And Casualty Company v Air Bnb                |  |
| 0062606-0880G. Badey; M. DigenovaJenaway Etal v Trader Joe'S East Inc.; D/B/A Trad |  |
| E. Bernabei; P. Moran                                                              |  |

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| <b>2910 MAUNE MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 RICKRODE 231202384<br>2 TILLMAN 240900319                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>2911 NASS LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 SHERIN 240500518<br>2 BARBOREK 240601410<br>3 ONEILL 240602093<br>4 SPINETTA 240801158<br>5 VOSS 240803540<br>6 GODEL 241100719                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>2912 SHEIN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 MARSHALL 231202835                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>2913 WEITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 MUSCHLITZ 231201740<br>2 JOHNSON 240300130<br>3 LOUIS 240402840<br>4 DEVERS 240502533<br>5 KESSLER 240800326<br>6 PRINCE 240901204<br>7 WARREN 241103437<br>8 WIGGINS 241200860<br>9 DANCZAK 241202918                                                             |
| <b>OCTOBER 5, 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>2914 SHEIN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 BORRO 240102859<br>2 MARINO 241203097                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>2915 WEITZ MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 PAIT 240200036<br>2 MOODY 240301852<br>3 MAJER 240302912<br>4 GESUALDI 240601996<br>5 SWAIN 240703115<br>6 MORANO 240901320<br>7 SULLIVAN 241200397<br>8 MILOBAR 241201327                                                                                        |
| <b>2916 HALPERN PRTNL MESTLMA</b><br>1 DALPORTO 240801924<br>2 DALPORTO 240901062<br>3 DALPORTO 240901369<br>4 OCONNER 241000431<br>5 TUDOR 241000861                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>2917 BROOKMAN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 BEAUFORD 240503384<br>2 SKELDING 240901494<br>3 BONORA 240901868<br>4 SCHRAMM 241002093<br>5 CUNIKIN 241100950<br>6 ENGLE 241201915<br>7 TUREK 241203223<br>8 BURNS 241203224<br>9 WRIGHT 241203249<br>10 TRAINQUE 241203282                                    |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2, 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>2918 BROOKMAN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 STRANGARITY 240503359<br>2 KLINE 241100135<br>3 OTTENTHAL 241202093<br>4 PEIFFER 241202345<br>5 JANEIRA 241203125<br>6 JANEIRA 260203439                                                                                                                       |
| <b>2919 MAUNE MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 FULLER 241001525                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>2919A MAUNE PRTNL MESTLMA</b><br>1 MARABELLA 240201701<br>2 MARABELLA 240502832                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>2920 MAUNE PRTNL MESTLMA</b><br>1 HUDLER 241000643                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>2921 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 ATKINSON 231102324<br>2 DEWALT 231102260<br>3 KEALEY 231200089<br>4 DEWALT 240300282<br>5 DEWALT 240303358<br>6 ELM 240401445<br>7 SERVIS 240600422<br>8 DURKA 240603228<br>9 DURKA 241003925<br>10 GACHA 241102470<br>11 LLOYD 241102530<br>12 ROGERS 241201934 |
| <b>2922 WEITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 ARCENEUX 240600585<br>2 GALLAGHER 240802189<br>3 BROWN 241000973<br>4 JOHNSON 241002127<br>5 LYONS 241002299<br>6 MASON 241102950<br>7 DERKOWSKI 241201349                                                                                                         |
| <b>2923 MEIROWITZ NON-MALIGNANCY</b><br>1 STAFFIERI 240802676<br>2 BIRES - 241200806<br>3 TINSMAN 241203202                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>2923A LOCKS OTHER CANCER</b><br>1 MOYER 231000169                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>DECEMBER 7, 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>2924 MAUNE MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 OROURKE 240400397<br>2 ROEBUCK 241000109                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>2925 MEIROWITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 NEEDHAM 230800878<br>2 TURNER 231100709<br>3 MAZZANTI 240301532<br>4 MCCAUSLAND 240602968<br>5 HUDNALL 241202935                                                                                                                |
| <b>2027 ASBESTOS LITIGATION GROUPS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>2926 BROOKMAN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 ENGLERTH 240500433<br>2 LANGE 250303891<br>3 GIBSON 250401419<br>4 AGAZZI 250503489                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>2927 HALPERN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 ASTOLOS 250501478<br>2 ASTOLOS 250503012<br>3 250503301<br>4 ASTOLOS 250600084<br>5 ASTOLOS 250602341<br>6 KREITZER 250803472<br>7 KREITZER 250900364<br>8 BAADTE 260103024<br>9 BAADTE 260104065                                |
| <b>2928 NASS MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 COLONNA 250302924<br>2 HAHN 251002465<br>3 GARGANO 251100066                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2929 SHEIN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 HOMA 250801082<br>2 BONNER 251101435<br>3 SOMMERS 251203532                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2930 WEITZ PRTNL MESTLMA</b><br>1 JACQUES 250202696<br>2 PENSKA 250300173<br>3 AYESU 250501047<br>4 FLISZAR 250600437<br>5 WARREN 251000034<br>6 BROWN 251003425<br>7 ROY 251100256<br>8 MAESTAS 251201909                                                          |
| <b>2931 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 BLAINE 250600436<br>2 BOOTHE 250601188<br>3 BAILEY 250900835<br>4 BRADY 251000586<br>5 BEVERLY 251200727<br>6 BARNETT 251201341<br>7 BOYD 251202037                                                                               |
| <b>2932 MEIROWITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 BONNER 250202892<br>2 BERGER 250401264<br>3 MANN 250500937<br>4 BROOKS 250703042<br>5 BALDWIN 250802232<br>6 RIM 251203563                                                                                                      |
| <b>MARCH 1, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>2933 BROOKMAN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 MURPHY 250502023<br>2 KERSHNER 250502432<br>3 ENGART 250601316<br>4 ENGART 250601899<br>5 TATE 250703394<br>6 WHARTON 251003291<br>7 MUSSELMAN 251200349<br>8 SZEKERESH 251201349                                               |
| <b>2934 HALPERN PRTNL MESTLMA</b><br>1 HANSEN 240701036<br>2 HERB 250201758<br>3 NUNEMAKER 250900162                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>2935 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 CAPERTINO 250102987<br>2 DECAROLIS 250601595<br>3 DECAROLIS 250903049<br>4 GODFREY 250603166<br>5 DRAKE 250901133<br>6 GANTZ 250901611<br>7 ELLIOTT 251001771<br>8 COKER 251102666<br>9 GOMBOCZ 251201488<br>10 GOMBOCZ 260103989 |
| <b>2936 NASS LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 RILEY 250402488<br>2 CHARLTON 250403028<br>3 PUCHALA 250403529<br>4 WESSEL 250503073<br>5 DIGNAM 250600671<br>6 SMITH 250603158<br>7 BANKO 250900553<br>8 BOENI 250900718<br>9 KAPALKA 251201994                                     |

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| <b>2937 WEITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 CHEEK 250303972<br>2 FILES 250304150<br>3 WALCZAK 250603281<br>4 MACCONNELL 250702890<br>5 GIACONA 250800882<br>6 SWEINHART 250901768<br>7 IUVARA 251001602                                                                         |
| <b>APRIL 5, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>2938 HALPERN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 SWARTZ 250600665<br>2 DAVIS 250702413<br>3 JOHNSTON 251000435<br>4 JOHNSTON 251202718<br>5 JOHNSTON 260301485<br>6 HODELL 251001198                                                                                              |
| <b>2939 WEITZ MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 SAMACICIA 250102446<br>2 FUHRMANN 250103777<br>3 BROOKS 250701358<br>4 STREET 250801782<br>5 WERTZ 250802776<br>6 BOYLE 250902200<br>7 BITTER 251103358<br>8 FORBES 251103699<br>9 BRENNAN BARRETT 251203008<br>10 WALSH 251203076 |
| <b>2940 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 MACLEES 250103741<br>2 HICKS 250402749<br>3 MARTZALL 250502554<br>4 MACK 250503567<br>5 HANDY 250901444<br>6 HORNE 251002478<br>7 HORNE 251002502                                                                                 |
| <b>2941 WEITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 KUBEIKA 250403526<br>2 MACON 250500934<br>3 HIBBARD 250502007<br>4 CONNER 250502478<br>5 MOHNKE 250701760<br>6 KADLER 250900247<br>7 SUNDAY 251001400<br>8 PALMER 251200014<br>9 GOLLA 251203427<br>10 TURSI 251203531              |
| <b>2942 NASS NON-MALIGNANCY</b><br>1 BALZER 250503620<br>2 SCARBOROUGH 250703052<br>3 UHLMAN 250901921<br>4 POWELL 251001927<br>5 HANLEY 251002553<br>6 CHAPPELL 251103654<br>7 BIANCO 251200358<br>8 WITTMER 251200909<br>9 HARRIS 251202258<br>10 MASON 251202441    |
| <b>MAY 3, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>2943 BROOKMAN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 STRANGARITY 240503359<br>2 HAKE 241000864<br>3 KLINE 241100135<br>4 WEBB 250101150<br>5 PAVONI 250402961<br>6 BITTING 250701726<br>7 BINGHAM 251100724                                                                          |
| <b>2944 NASS MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 WYATT 250101259<br>2 MUSCARA 250501785<br>3 MUSCARA 250700807<br>4 MCCREADY 251002515                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>2945 MAUNE MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 CRAFT 240800990<br>2 WILSON 241103239<br>3 BISHOP 251202876<br>4 POE 251203527                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>2946 WEITZ MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 DELORA 250303287<br>2 JOHNSON 250600643<br>3 JARCHOW 250601249<br>4 IRWIN 250703299<br>5 FAVOROSO 251000429<br>6 COVELLI 251000801<br>7 HERMANN 251001609<br>8 FRYMIRE 251101423<br>9 JORDAN 251101742<br>10 PALZER 251200354      |
| <b>2947 MAUNE PRTNL MESTLMA</b><br>1 THOMPSON 250301716                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>2948 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 REITNAUER 250203602<br>2 STOWERS 250300952<br>3 STOWERS 250602922<br>4 PELLICCIOTTI 250400115<br>5 RIPKA 250401643<br>6 MATTERN 250500161<br>7 PORTER 250703478<br>8 MORROW 250803229                                             |

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| <b>2949 WEITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 BERMAN 250302419<br>2 BLOSS 250500576<br>3 SPREE 250501262<br>4 CAPPARELL 250600570<br>5 CARROLL 250701582<br>6 BLANEY 250703143<br>7 BELCHER 251001290<br>8 BIZZELL 251002207<br>9 PEINE 251003460<br>10 CRAIN 251201156                             |
| <b>JUNE 7, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>2950 HALPERN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 MOLINA CORAL 250200194<br>2 WHITE 250302321<br>3 GANTZ 250501094<br>4 GANTZ 250501487<br>5 MCKINNEY 250903187<br>6 DARCY 251102231                                                                                                                 |
| <b>2951 WEITZ MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 ANVARI 250300461<br>2 MOTZ 250401240<br>3 PAGNOTTI 250503120<br>4 MAUL 250603369<br>5 PHILIPPY 250801455<br>6 LIVENGOD 250900161<br>7 MURPHY 251100127<br>8 OESTERBO 251103352<br>9 WILLIAMS 251103577<br>10 KURTZ 251203366                         |
| <b>2952 BROOKMAN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 AKIN 250501166<br>2 CUMMINGS 250501309<br>3 260302679<br>4 POTTER 250501504<br>5 PONTE 250602336<br>6 ROBERTSON 250900020<br>7 BACH 250900831                                                                                                      |
| <b>2953 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 THOMPSON 250303839<br>2 ROSSI 250502214<br>3 STORY 250602737<br>4 SIMON 250800661<br>5 RUTTER 250801284<br>6 SCHWEINSBERG 251002293<br>7 SHAW 251102208<br>8 SCHWEINSBERG 251202100                                                                 |
| <b>2954 NASS LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 OBRIEN 250902753<br>2 260503840<br>3 WOERNER 251000108<br>4 HAFICH 251000287<br>5 OSENIENKO 251101871<br>6 IANNELLI 251103322<br>7 CAVNESS 251103760<br>8 MANGIAMELE 251200714<br>9 LASORDA 251201131<br>10 DOUGHERTY 251201653<br>11 BOWSER 251201791 |
| <b>2955 SHEIN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 BALL 241202359<br>2 COX 241202369<br>3 RICHARDSON 241202397                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>JULY 6, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>2956 HALPERN MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 PESTER 240701344<br>2 PESTER 260301104<br>3 MERCER 250101919<br>4 MERCER 250300953<br>5 DEMARCHIS 250503687<br>6 DEMARCHIS 250701282<br>7 260300470<br>8 GOLFORD 250901031<br>9 HARTKOPF 250902327<br>10 DENNIG 251003807<br>11 HARTKOPF 260102389 |
| <b>2957 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 WHITE 250702066<br>2 TREICHLER 250702198<br>3 WOODLAND 250702697<br>4 TRACY 250802588<br>5 WEIGLE 250802924<br>6 WILT 250901802<br>7 YAW 251202274                                                                                                  |
| <b>2958 WEITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 HICKS 250200838<br>2 HULINGS 250201824<br>3 JOHNSON 250203300<br>4 BRYANT 250301718<br>5 BRYANT 250400237<br>6 FERGUSON 250403029<br>7 MOSS 250503255<br>8 FOLTZ 250803182<br>9 MALONE 250902185<br>10 HELFENSTEIN 251000408<br>11 JANDREW 251002281  |
| <b>2959 MEIROWITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 DOYLE 250301378<br>2 HOOKS 250500247<br>3 HOPPER 250502603<br>4 KUPER 250502659                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 5 DARLEY 250600039<br>6 BUNCH 250602559<br>7 CROCKER 250901981<br>8 MERRITT 251203202<br>9 HALL 251203221<br>10 HOOPER 251203511                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>2960 NASS OTHER CANCER</b><br>1 BOYLE 250102888<br>2 GRONNEVIK 250103129<br>3 SHAW 250202980<br>4 AMOS 250403523<br>5 SCOGNAMILLO 250500005<br>6 KINSLEY 250500388<br>7 LEITER 250603074<br>8 ESTERLY 250902786<br>9 LEWIS 251000933<br>10 BUNCHALK 251203505                               |
| <b>AUGUST 2, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>2961 WEITZ LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 GATES 250203405<br>2 KLINGER 250300976<br>3 YEAGER 250402850<br>4 THOMAS 250402997<br>5 WEBB 250502904<br>6 LUCAS 250700479<br>7 BOARD 250901186<br>8 PERRY 250902822<br>9 JOHNSON 251001613<br>10 LASH 251202555                                           |
| <b>2962 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 DORRIN 250200591<br>2 PAULHUS 250301852<br>3 PAULHUS 250700345<br>4 EVANS 250302576<br>5 DAVIS 250602395<br>6 DIMM 250701233<br>7 COSTLOW 250801702<br>8 BIALZAK 251101135                                                                                |
| <b>2963 GORI LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 ROBINSON 250201600<br>2 DABRONZO 250303066<br>3 CODELKA 250303973<br>4 GLOVER 250501981<br>5 KARCHNER 250503001<br>6 KIRBY 251002474<br>7 MAXCY 251200278                                                                                                    |
| <b>2964 HALPERN OTHER CANCER</b><br>1 HALIM 250203350<br>2 LEONARD 250901953<br>3 RILEY 251201130<br>4 RILEY 260304557<br>5 CULPEPPER 251201682                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>2965 WEITZ NON-MALIGNANCY</b><br>1 GARGIRELLO 250600571<br>2 MASSAR 250801049<br>3 DAVIDSON 250901447<br>4 CAMPBELL 251101743<br>5 MILLER 251203479                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 7, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>2966 MAUNE MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 COX 250302201<br>2 HUSTON 250602277<br>3 WOLFINGER 251002765<br>4 GERKO 251203480                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>2967 WEITZ MESOTHELIOMA</b><br>1 SHAFFER 250503395<br>2 BATES 250700284<br>3 SWETZ 250700364<br>4 RIGIROZZI 250802620<br>5 BELAIR 250901551<br>6 CLARKE 250902194<br>7 BROOKINS 250903136<br>8 CAIN 251003918<br>9 BURD 251203594                                                           |
| <b>2968 BROOKMAN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 OBERDOESTER 241102319<br>2 OBERDOESTER 260301616<br>3 GIOSSA 250800511<br>4 KLOSS 250900750                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>2969 HALPERN LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 MILLER 250500681<br>2 LANGERT 250502013<br>3 LANGERT 250800567<br>4 LANGERT 251101600<br>5 STRAIGHT-NEFF 250700795<br>6 AIKEN 250701054<br>7 KRYCIA 250703469<br>8 EDWARDS 250802060<br>9 JAMISON 251100143<br>10 OBRIEN 251103031<br>11 ETTERS 251202576 |
| <b>2970 NASS LUNG CANCER</b><br>1 STREICHER 240902107<br>2 STAFFORD 241103066<br>3 SOUTHERLAND 241201245<br>4 DAVOLI 250700829<br>5 WILSON 251201398<br>6 COURTNEY 251202460                                                                                                                   |

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**2971 SHEIN MESOTHELIOMA**  
1 MCLAUGHLIN WILLIAMS 211200382  
2 HOFFMAN 240902121  
3 LUBY 251202193  
4 YEARICKS 251202255  
5 MCQUILKIN 251202888

**2972 BROOKMAN LUNG CANCER**  
1 FASOLI 250502048  
2 STUDDS 250601066  
3 GANNUCH 250602643  
4 GANNUCH 250701889  
5 FENNER 250800781  
6 TELLEVIK 251001126  
7 GROMOFSKY 251101370

**2973 WEITZ LUNG CANCER**  
1 WATSON 240601925  
2 SCHWARTZ 241100011  
3 ZIMMERMAN 250202764  
4 GUILLORY NORTON 250300363  
5 MCLEOD 250301108  
6 MILLER 250501717  
7 STALLWORTH 250601901  
8 HOLLY 250700374  
9 BATTS 250800119  
10 MAJOR 250802446  
11 BARKER 251001653

**2974 MEIROWITZ LUNG CANCER**  
1 SHEEHAN 250202897  
2 ADAMS 250300740  
3 ORR 250500680  
4 ROTTO 250800060  
5 GUILLORY 251001860  
6 EVERHART 251003205  
7 YOUNG 251203218  
8 WENK 251203227  
9 BURKE 251203228  
10 PHILLIPS 251203368

**2975 HALPERN NON-MALIGNANCY**  
1 CAFFEY 250102765  
2 CAIN 250400635  
3 HURAY 250501561  
4 WEBBER 250703088  
5 HOMAY 251000783  
6 BURFORD 251001583  
7 DUCKENFIELD 251100635  
8 DAVIE 251103390  
9 REAGAN 251201129  
10 FEIST 251202742

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**2976 BROOKMAN MESOTHELIOMA**  
1 HOMAN 250901149  
2 PEACHEY 251202281  
3 JOHNSON 251202969  
4 BERK 251203110  
5 LEIB 251203400

**2977 MAUNE MESOTHELIOMA**  
1 DOUAH Y 250502138

**2978 WEITZ MESOTHELIOMA**  
1 VOSOUGH 250403076  
2 TORRECH 250501307  
3 FRIDAY-BAILEY 250502261  
4 SCHMEIDER 250800157  
5 JACKSON 251001997  
6 KEAST 251003423  
7 UNRUH 251003593  
8 WILLIAMS 251101214  
9 ZAGAME 251203462

**2979 BOSWORTH OTHER CANCER**  
1 NAMNUN 240301549  
2 RIVERA 250400845  
3 POLTER 250400852

**2980 WEITZ LUNG CANCER**  
1 LEEMAN 250201378  
2 CHEESEMAN 250303811  
3 DUDA 250403309  
4 PRESTON 250600370  
5 DEVINE 250603120  
6 BONE 250701127  
7 BEASON 250800798  
8 BALKIT 251101585  
9 GROSS 251200845  
10 PASKILL 251201766

**2981 HALPERN NON-MALIGNANCY**  
1 ROCHESTER 250300166  
2 SHELLY 250402751  
3 SHELLY 260302294  
4 NICHOLSON 250800615  
5 BRENNER 250802517

DECEMBER 6, 2027

**2982 MAUNE PR TNL MESTLMA**  
1 NUNES 250102154  
2 CARLSON 250203404  
3 HORN YACK 251202478  
4 WINTER 251203082

**2983 WEITZ LUNG CANCER**  
1 HAYES 250103754  
2 PAISLEY 250400688

3 SMITH 250701373  
4 FIELDS 250800118  
5 FOUNTAIN 250901235  
6 GLANTZ 250902210  
7 RASICH 250903217  
8 HOLTZER 251201684  
9 MATTER 251203428  
10 MILLER 251203540

**2984 MEIROWITZ LUNG CANCER**  
1 YOUNG 250203051  
2 HOUCK 250301564  
3 YOUNG 250402283  
4 HANEY 250502864  
5 STOVER 251101488  
6 STROMAN 251101870

FAMILY COURT DIVISION

AUGUST 31, 2026  
ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS  
1501 ARCH ST.  
OLSZEWSKI, A.J.  
JUVENILE BRANCH  
FAMILY COURT BUILDING  
1501 ARCH ST.  
Juvenile Justice Service Center  
YSC MASTER  
Courtroom-3G  
JCHO CHERNIACK (M@9:30 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.)(T@12:30 P.M.)(W@9:30 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.)(TH@12:30 P.M.)(F@9:30 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.)

3E CASES HEARD IN 3G  
Courtroom--4A  
JCHO STOKES (TH,F Only)  
Courtroom Down (M,T,W)

Courtroom--4B  
JCHO GIUSINI  
Courtroom--4C  
Courtroom Down  
Courtroom--4D  
MCCABE, J.  
Courtroom--4E  
FERNANDES, J.  
Courtroom--4G  
IRVINE, J.  
Courtroom Down (W)

Courtroom--5A  
BARISH, J.  
Courtroom--5B  
MCLAUGHLIN, J. (M,W,F @ 9:30 A.M.; T,TH @ 2:00 P.M.)

Courtroom--5C  
CANTY, J.  
Courtroom--5D  
WASHINGTON, J.  
Courtroom--5E  
IRVINE, J. - FINALIZATIONS/TPR (W); MCLAUGHLIN, J. - DEP/DEL (T,TH)  
Courtroom Down (M,F)

Courtroom--5F  
FURLONG, J.  
Courtroom—5G  
JCHO CICCIONE  
(Shelter Care Hearings M,W,F @ 12:30 P.M.)

Courtroom--6H  
GORDON, J. (TH,F)  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS/  
FAMILY COURT BUILDING  
1501 ARCH ST.

Courtroom—3A  
SANDHER, J. (M,W,F)

Courtroom Down (T,TH)

Courtroom—3B  
WAHL, J.

Courtroom--3C  
JACKSON, J.

Courtroom--3D  
PALMER, J. (M,T,TH,F)  
KRISTIANSSON, J. (W)  
Courtroom--3E  
MALLIOS, J. (M,F)  
LITWIN, J. (W)  
Courtroom--3F  
PAPADEMETRIUO, J. (M,T,TH,F)  
MALLIOS, J. (W)

Courtroom--4F  
KRISTIANSSON, J. (Ex W)

PALMER, J. (W)

Courtroom—6A  
LITWIN, J. (Ex. W)  
Courtroom Down (W)

Courtroom—6C  
RUSSO, J. (Ex. F)

Courtroom Down (F)  
Courtroom--6E  
PAPADEMETRIUO, J. (W)

Courtroom Down (M,T,TH,F)

Courtroom--6F  
SULMAN, J. (Ex. W)

Courtroom Down (W)  
Courtroom—6G  
MALLIOS, J. (T,TH)

Courtroom—7A  
RUSSO, J. (F)

SANDHER, J. (T,TH)  
SULMAN, J. (W)

Courtroom--7B  
Courtroom Down

CRIMINAL TRIAL DIVISION

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026  
Room 502—KAMAU, J.  
Baez-Rios, Michael (Def. Assn.)  
Bussey, Shikirah (Def. Assn.)  
Certaine, Nydir (Def. Assn.)  
Coles, Elise E. (Def. Assn.)  
Coles, Stanley (Def. Assn.)  
Dean, Bilal (Def. Assn.)  
Ditullio, James W. (Def. Assn.)  
Echevarria, John (Def. Assn.)  
Hill, Jerome (Abdul Rahman, Qawi)  
Lee, Eniamaj (Page, Shawn Kendricks Sr.)  
Lee, Kelvin (Def. Assn.)  
Lee, Kelvin H. (Def. Assn.)  
Leonard, Leland (Def. Assn.)  
Mccray, Charli (Latta, Denita Cherell)  
Mcmenamin, Mckinley (Def. Assn.)  
Mitchell, Mark A. (Humble, Brian Francis)  
Montero, Kelvin (Himebaugh, Teri B.)  
Smith, Imer E. (Yee, Adam Sequoyah)

Room 505—PALUMBO, J.  
Abdul-Aziz, Sharef (Humble, Brian Francis)  
Bishop, Kevin (Def. Assn.)  
Curry, Brian (Def. Assn.)  
Dabich, Nicholas (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Davis, Cortez (Def. Assn.)  
Davis, Maquand (Def. Assn.)  
Dessouki, Shereff (Def. Assn.)  
Garland, Anthony (Def. Assn.)  
Henshaw, Craig (Dashields, Charles)  
Holly, Quinyad (Def. Assn.)  
Lindsey, Keshorn (Def. Assn.)  
Matthews, Raheem (Def. Assn.)  
Novakowski, Christopher (Def. Assn.)  
Richardson, Corey (Def. Assn.)  
Richardson, Corey T. (Def. Assn.)  
Rivera, Pedro (Def. Assn.)  
Rosato, Louis (Def. Assn.)  
Smith, Fatima (Shaw, Brianna Corine)  
Stafford, Tameekah (Stretton, Samuel C.)  
Tarvin, Johnathan David (Def. Assn.)  
Tarvin, Johnathan David D (Def. Assn.)  
Walker, Ernest (Def. Assn.)  
Ware, Bahiyah (Def. Assn.)  
Wilson, Terrance (O'Connell, James J.)  
Wright, Maquan (Def. Assn.)  
Wright, Maqurn (Def. Assn.)

Room 601—HAYDEN, J.  
Brown, Lamont (Def. Assn.)  
Dones, Angel (Johnson, Shaka Mzee)  
Falu, Bryan (Def. Assn.)  
Gray, Casandra (Def. Assn.)  
Greenwood, Jothan (Def. Assn.)  
Gupton, Nasiem (Glanzberg, David Seth)  
Harper, Derrick (Def. Assn.)  
Lyles, Larry (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Murphy, Matthew (Marroletti, John A.)  
Sharkey, Joseph T. (Levin, Andrew Joseph)  
Velasquez, Juan (Def. Assn.)  
Walker Cooper, David (Smith, Ronald Allan)

Room 602—LIGHTSEY, J.  
Adams, Torre (Cameron, Angelo Leroy)  
Battle, Anthony (Martino, Andre)  
Beldor-Lawson, Robert (McCaul, John Francis)  
Carrol, Lamont (Def. Assn.)  
Dowd-Hinnant, Johnathan (McCrae-Kane, Kendra)

Gaddy, Kendall (Yee, Adam Sequoyah)  
Goode, Rasheen (McKenna, Emily Dust)  
Mccall, Kahleaf (Martino, Andre)  
Murphy, Khari (Amoriello, Gina A.)  
Nash Barr, Zamir H. (Caserio, Christopher B.)  
Newton, Robert (Def. Assn.)  
Newton, Robert M. (Def. Assn.)  
Pergolese, Joseph (Def. Assn.)  
Popal, Khalid (McAllister, D'Yal K.)  
Trouutt, Devon (Def. Assn.)  
Velez, Gianni (Stern, Douglas Nathaniel)

Room 607—EHRlich, J. (Ex. TH,F)

Hill, Bruce (Chisholm, Walter C.)  
Mathew, Ryan (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Salmond, Jawaun (Mosser, Todd Michael)

Room 702—WILLIAMS, J.  
Abdullah, Marwan (Amoriello, Gina A.)  
Choub, Vath (McCrae-Kane, Kendra)  
Fagan, Branden (Def. Assn.)  
Gillard, Isaiah (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Gilmore, Kareem (Def. Assn.)  
Green, Jamiyah (Consadene, Jonathan D.)  
Howard, Churee O. (Def. Assn.)  
Jordan, Jameel (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Mendoza, Agilberto (Def. Assn.)  
Perez, Jacob (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Perez, James (Pagano, Gregory Joseph)  
Perez, Nelson (ASSOCIATION, DEFENDER)  
Poinson, Joshua (Cameron, Angelo Leroy)  
Rodriguez, Luis (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Sanchez, Angel (Def. Assn.)  
Skinner, Dwayne (McCrae-Kane, Kendra)  
Spiller, Jabari J. (Def. Assn.)  
Stevenson, James (Def. Assn.)  
Stevenson, James J. (Def. Assn.)  
Tunstall, Marc (Def. Assn.)  
Wilson, Sakia (Def. Assn.)

Room 704—SABATINA, J.  
Boney, Leonard (Def. Assn.)  
Boone, Auron (Doherty, Patrick Thomas)  
Carrasquillo, Elliot (Def. Assn.)  
Donlen, Kevin (Kelly, Joseph Kevin)  
Duharte, Luis (Nascimento, Lucas Tavares)  
Edwards, Dashaun O. (Gessner, Scott)  
Figueroa, Filipe (Foster, Edward Joseph)  
Johnson, Yaseem N. (Gamburg, Robert Marc)  
McFadden, Jahi (O'Connor, Lawrence J. Jr.)  
Moreno, Antonio (Humble, Brian Francis)  
Perry, Imad L. (Gustafson, Abigail Beth)  
Poland, Marquis J. (Alva, Jeremy Evan)  
Porter, William (Def. Assn.)  
Smith, John (Def. Assn.)  
Taylor, Wayne (Def. Assn.)  
Tran, Tha (McDermott, Michael I.)  
Whitaker, Tyree (Def. Assn.)

Room 705—STEFANSKI, J.  
Alvarado, Ricardo (Def. Assn.)  
Autry, Danny (Def. Assn.)  
Booker, Bryan D. (Def. Assn.)  
Clark, John (Def. Assn.)  
Clark, Patrick (Coleman, Joseph L.)  
Clark-Hill, Nahjar (Def. Assn.)  
Garris, Jamir (Humble, Brian Francis)  
Jackson, Jared O. (Def. Assn.)  
Kelly, Ryan (Def. Assn.)  
Lockett, Armond (Coleman, Joseph L.)  
Lopez, Roberto V. (Kramer, Max Gerson)  
Mays, Dylan (Def. Assn.)  
Nagbe, Ryshad (Def. Assn.)  
Nichols, Rodney (Major, Rania Maria)  
Peguero, Crystian (Def. Assn.)  
Royal, Christopher (Pagano, Gregory Joseph)  
Saunders, Jamar (Def. Assn.)  
Thomas, Yhatayo (Def. Assn.)  
Thompson, Felton (Trimble, Robert Eugene)  
Trujillo, Moses (Pagano, Gregory Joseph)  
Turnbow, Leondre (Def. Assn.)  
Vaughter, Damiyell T. (Def. Assn.)  
Walton, Tamir (Def. Assn.)  
Whitmore, Rafiq (Piccarreto, Marisa Anne)

Room 801—ROSS, J.  
Dawson, Zachari (Def. Assn.)  
Scott, Darryl (Birley, Kevin Thomas)

Room 802—BRYANT-POWELL, J. (Ex. TH,F)

Bennett, Sean (Auspitz, Charles)  
Bermudez, Isreal (Def. Assn.)  
Bey-Bess, Yacub A. (Def. Assn.)  
Broadnax, Lakia (Def. Assn.)  
Burak, Herschel (Def. Assn.)  
Burns, Isaih C. (Def. Assn.)  
Coles, Jazmine (Cohen, Elliot Marc)  
Days, Marquis (Johnson, Shaka Mzee)  
Deeds, Elijah (Def. Assn.)  
Dixon, Sahiem (Def. Assn.)  
Foster, Nathaniel (Def. Assn.)  
Gaeta, Jasmine (Def. Assn.)  
Haskins, Darryl (Def. Assn.)  
Hernandez, Luis A. (Def. Assn.)  
Hernandez, Luis A. (Def. Assn.)  
Ingram, Marcus (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Jones, Elton (Dolfman, Douglas Lee)  
Martins, Kareem (Foster, Edward Joseph)  
Pitts, Charles (Cohen, Elliot Marc)  
Smith, Nyleik (Def. Assn.)  
Thabit, Dahmeer T. (Def. Assn.)  
Trader, Makiy (Def. Assn.)  
Tymere, Moore M. (Def. Assn.)  
Unruh, Eric (Def. Assn.)  
Williams, Amir (Def. Assn.)  
Wilson, Louis (Def. Assn.)  
Works, Tyeke (Meenan, Conor Liam)  
Yeldell, Zahire A. (Def. Assn.)  
Young, Isaiah ()

Room 804—SAWYER, J.  
Alicia, Ahmed (Def. Assn.)  
Camacho, Wilbert (Def. Assn.)  
Groves, Eugene (Def. Assn.)  
Hampton, Julius (Gessner, Scott)  
Harris, Makhi (Altschuler, Jonathan R.)  
Hartley, Braheem (O'Connor, Lawrence J. Jr.)  
Hewitt, Stephen (Def. Assn.)  
Khalil, Muamar (Def. Assn.)  
Khalil, Muamar R. (Def. Assn.)  
Lopez, Willie (Def. Assn.)  
Malave, Nicky (Def. Assn.)  
Mcbride, Tyrese (Def. Assn.)  
Miles, David (Def. Assn.)  
Pagan, Raymond (Def. Assn.)  
Perez, Louis (Def. Assn.)

Perez, Michael (Def. Assn.)  
Perfidio, Robert J. (Def. Assn.)  
Perkins, William (Def. Assn.)  
Pierson, Brian (Def. Assn.)  
Robichaw, Calvin (Def. Assn.)  
Rodriguez, Roberto (Def. Assn.)  
Scherer, Timothy (Piccarreto, Marisa Anne)  
Vidra, Paul (Def. Assn.)  
Vidra, Paul J. (Def. Assn.)  
Waldo, Brice E. (Def. Assn.)  
Williams, Arron (Def. Assn.)  
Williams, Steven (Stern, Douglas Nathaniel)  
Williams, Steven A. (Def. Assn.)

Room 805—FARNESE, J.  
Alpha Charlie Security, 1 International Plaza, Suite #550, Phila, Pa 19113 ()  
Altare, Bridget (Def. Assn.)  
Atwell, Darien ()  
Atwell, Darin (Keaney, Francis X.)  
Atwell, Darren ()  
Boffa, William (Def. Assn.)  
Bordley, Norman (Def. Assn.)  
Bradford, Michael (Def. Assn.)  
Brewster, Allen (Def. Assn.)  
Cruz, Anthony (Def. Assn.)  
Davis, Alonzo (Def. Assn.)  
Dejesus, Miguel (Def. Assn.)  
Dow, Amir (Def. Assn.)  
Elliot, Durand (Def. Assn.)  
Furlong, Stanley M. (Def. Assn.)  
Gavin, Daniel (Mann, Jessica Consuela)  
Granger, Marquise (Def. Assn.)  
Hall, Anthony (Def. Assn.)  
Jackson, Christa (Def. Assn.)  
Joshua Steeley Dba Aziel Protection, Llc ()  
Leech, Kevin (Def. Assn.)  
Lowery, Toshia ()  
Marte De Jesus, Elizabeth ()  
Mccarty, Thomas (Def. Assn.)  
Mourning, Devonias ()  
Narcisse, David (Def. Assn.)  
Ocasio, Jesus (Def. Assn.)  
Palucis, Jason (Def. Assn.)  
Patrone, Ralph (Def. Assn.)  
Pham, Tony ()  
Rice, Jose ()  
Ross, Najae A. (Def. Assn.)  
Rowe, Kareem (Def. Assn.)  
Saulnier, Christopher (Def. Assn.)  
Scott, Dann ()  
Scutt, Pierre (Def. Assn.)  
Shelley, Aaron A. (Def. Assn.)  
Shevchuk, Victor (Def. Assn.)  
Snowden, Willie ()  
Thompson, Omar (Def. Assn.)  
Townsend, Asia (Def. Assn.)  
Vasquez, Jose (Def. Assn.)  
Wilson, Dionne N. (Def. Assn.)  
Woods, Kennon A. (Def. Assn.)  
Young, Anthony ()

Room 807—ANHALT, J.  
Fischer, Patrick (Def. Assn.)  
Hall, Rasheem (Gamburg, Robert Marc)

Room 808—WATSON-STOKES, J.  
Diamante, Ramon (Szanto, Jules Norris)  
Leggett, Derrick (Def. Assn.)  
Nunez-Perez, Zhara (Def. Assn.)  
Smalls, Catherine (Duckett, Cowanis Lee Jr.)  
Smalls, Robert (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Whaley, Robert (Cameron, Angelo Leroy)

Room 901—BROWN, J.  
Address, Harrison R. (Def. Assn.)  
Boccutto, Anthony (Kelly, Joseph Kevin)  
Cardona, Manuel (Def. Assn.)  
Castro, Edwin (Def. Assn.)  
Claudio, Andre (Def. Assn.)  
Hampton, Demetrius (Def. Assn.)  
Mason, Eugene (Wallace, Han Niko)  
Moye, Ahmir (Def. Assn.)  
Olmo, Miguel (Wallace, Han Niko)  
Ramos, Anthony (Tarpey, Timothy J.)  
Rice, Glen (Kennedy, Thomas)  
Rice, Glen E. (Kennedy, Thomas)  
Roundtree, Damon (Def. Assn.)  
Shynes, Cecil (Def. Assn.)  
Spencer, Mekhi (Def. Assn.)  
Thomas, Percy (Def. Assn.)

Room 902—WOELPPER, J.  
Andrews, Brian J. (Marroletti, John A.)  
Bryant, Sean R. (McKenna, Emily Dust)  
Campbell, Keisha (Def. Assn.)  
Campbell, Kiesha (Def. Assn.)  
Collier, Tyreek (Def. Assn.)  
Dunning, Daniel (Duckett, Cowanis Lee Jr.)  
Fernandez, Danthony (Def. Assn.)  
Garcia, Edwin (Def. Assn.)  
Holmes, Charles E. (Def. Assn.)  
Johnson, Curtis (Coleman, Joseph L.)  
Jones, Aubrey (Def. Assn.)  
Polanco, Jose (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Pritchett, Clarence (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Robbins, Zafear (Sanita, Amato T.)  
Stroman, Dashawn (Def. Assn.)  
Taylor, Zayona (Savino, Louis)

Room 904—KING, J.  
Aquino, Luis (Def. Assn.)  
Burrell, Shareef (Def. Assn.)  
Freeman, Mark (Def. Assn.)  
Glass, Quadir (Def. Assn.)  
Harris, Makhi (Altschuler, Jonathan R.)  
Ivery, Jawine (Dolfman, Douglas Lee)  
Kavanaugh, Cory (Def. Assn.)  
Kelly, Joseph (Def. Assn.)  
Mccaskill, Samear C. (Def. Assn.)  
Mccloud, Clifford (Def. Assn.)  
Roache, Rasheed (Def. Assn.)  
Rodriguez, Shajuan (Def. Assn.)

Room 905—SHAFFER, J.  
Allen, Kryslavon (Fishman, Brian M.)  
Anderson, Kyree (Def. Assn.)  
Ayala, Bryan (Def. Assn.)  
Black, Brian M. (Def. Assn.)  
Blackshear, Montez (Def. Assn.)  
Bolger, Tameer (Jerrehian, Matthew Louis)  
Bush, Clifton (Stern, Douglas Nathaniel)  
Cedeno, Pedro (Pagano, Gregory Joseph)  
Dickens, Demetrius (Capek, Justin Charles)  
Ellis-Ware, Ellis (Def. Assn.)  
Ellis-Ware, Prince (Def. Assn.)  
Fisher, Michael (Funt, James Adam)  
Fulton, Amira (Gessner, Scott)

Gardner, Troy (Def. Assn.)  
Guzman, Sheila (Def. Assn.)  
Henry, Laqwui (Def. Assn.)  
Hill, Christopher (Wallace, Hannah N.)  
Hinds, Brian (Fiore, Todd R.)  
Isaam, Lamar (Def. Assn.)  
Jabelo, Jahlil (Def. Assn.)  
Johnson, Arthur (Def. Assn.)  
Lester, William (Def. Assn.)  
Mendez, Miguel (Mischak, David B.)  
Mojica, Victor (Dolfman, Douglas Lee)  
Porter, Louis (Def. Assn.)  
Rachine, Thomas (Def. Assn.)  
Ransom, Zyaire A. (Def. Assn.)  
Rice, Arielle R. (Walker, Michael Anthony)  
Rodriguez-Dejesus, Ana (Cameron, Angelo Leroy)  
Ruizmiranda, Luis (Trimble, Robert Eugene)  
Russell, Larry (Mischak, David B.)  
Santiago, Domingo (Def. Assn.)  
Slocum, Carnell (Def. Assn.)  
Smith, Markeisha (Def. Assn.)  
Smith, Ricardo (Fiore, Todd R.)  
Smith, Wendell (Def. Assn.)  
West, Malik (Def. Assn.)  
Witherspoon, Marcus (Szanto, Jules Norris)  
Witherspoon, Naseer (Def. Assn.)

**Room 907—O’KEEFE, J.**  
Arnold, Frederick (Def. Assn.)  
Debrady, Jhyree (Cameron, Angelo Leroy)  
Dunkley, Orani (Gustafson, Abigail Beth)  
Fischer, Isaih (Def. Assn.)  
Fuller, Javey (Def. Assn.)  
Hudson-Lawson, Amir (Shuttleworth, Brad Victor)

Hunt, Kani (Cameron, Angelo Leroy)  
Mccall, History (Szanto, Jules Norris)  
Mcinley, Charles (Def. Assn.)  
Pierce, Chrystyan J. (Def. Assn.)  
Polk, Joel (Amoriello, Gina A.)  
Roundtree, Vonzell ()  
Thomas, Kevin J. (Szanto, Jules Norris)  
Warfield, William (Szanto, Jules Norris)

**Room 908—BRANDEIS-  
ROMAN, J.**  
Ponzo, Montell (McCaul, John Francis)  
Smith, James (Steenison, Derek Alan)

**Room 1001—SCHULTZ, J.**  
Bridgeford, Anthony (O’Connor, Lawrence J. Jr.)  
Dade, Antonio J. (Cigainero, Margeaux Kelly)  
Davis, Ervin (Mosser, Todd Michael)  
Duckett, Christophe (Humble, Brian Francis)  
Harper, Keyshawn (Smoker, Philip Andrew)  
Holmes, Joseph (Himebaugh, Teri B.)  
Hook, Brian (Brown, Jerome Michael)  
Mayer, Troy J. (Alva, Jeremy-Evan)  
Montanez, Joanellee (Mosser, Todd Michael)  
Smith, Walter (Harvey, Frances)  
Walker, Shawn T. (Balachandran, Gopalakrishnan)  
Willis, Shaheem (Raynor, Earl Dubois Jr.)  
Willis, Christophe (Foster, Edward Joseph)

**Room 1002—TAYLOR-SMITH, J.**  
Brown, Bryan J. (Steenison, Derek Alan)  
Mcgee-Geathers, Daphne (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1005—GIBBS, J. (Ex. W)**  
Asbell, Asbell D. (Def. Assn.)  
Colon, Jayden (Def. Assn.)  
Curtis, Vanity (Humble, Brian Francis)  
Kennedy, Dana (Mallis, Paul Jared)  
Leslie, Kayla (Def. Assn.)  
Porter, Wadoo (Birley, Kevin Thomas)  
Reyes-Colon, Rodney (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Reyes-Colon, Rodney M. (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Selby, Abdur (Abdul-Rahman, Qawi)  
Spearman, Kahsir (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1007—KYRIAKAKIS, J.**  
Branch, James (Def. Assn.)  
Cintron, Joel (Def. Assn.)  
Epss, Tracey R. (Def. Assn.)  
Johnson, Darrell (Diamondstein, Michael Jay)  
Parker, Sarah (Def. Assn.)  
Pugh, Khalil (Himebaugh, Teri B.)  
Tull, Quamere (Def. Assn.)  
Wilson, Jarrell T. (O’Connell, James J.)  
Zakaau-Deen, Mujihid (Paraboschi, Ethan William)  
Zakaau-Deen, Mujihid Z. (Paraboschi, Ethan William)

**Room 1101—S. JOHNSON, J. (T,TH Only)(STEFANSKI, J. M,F)**  
Alvarez, Gustavo (Def. Assn.)  
Harvey, Kareem (Meehan, Edward C. Jr.)  
Henderson, Thomas (Def. Assn.)  
Love, Mike (Def. Assn.)  
Love, Mike M. (Def. Assn.)  
Poit, Anthony (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1102—COVINGTON, J.**  
Sanchez, Victor (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1104-T/C  
ARRAIGNMENTS**  
Abney, Qadir (Def. Assn.)  
Arroyo, Lydia A. (Nasuti, Carmen Charles III)  
Brauer, Sean M. (Def. Assn.)  
Carter, Marc T. (Johnson, Shaka Mzee)  
Cedrone, Janine (Def. Assn.)  
Davis, Keith T. (Def. Assn.)  
Elham, Mohammad (Def. Assn.)  
Fiorello, Anthony (Def. Assn.)  
Gilyard, Zakia (Def. Assn.)  
Hill-Sanders, Werner (Def. Assn.)  
Lovett, Eric (Def. Assn.)  
Mccall-Burton, Symaj S. (Solomon, Eric Robert)  
Mccoy, Hikeem (Def. Assn.)  
Mumin, Khalif (Def. Assn.)  
Nieves, Luis E. (Def. Assn.)  
Oplinger, James (Def. Assn.)  
Peralta-Teversas, Sebastian (Def. Assn.)  
Ralik, Aquil (Def. Assn.)  
Rene, Jordan (Savino, Louis)  
Vargas, Areceli (Def. Assn.)  
Walton, Darryl (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1108—GREY, J.**  
Burton, Craig (Def. Assn.)  
Johnson, Khemeen (Jerrehian, Matthew Louis)

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**Room 502—KAMAU, J.**  
Alston, Anthony (Mann, Jessica Consuela)  
Echevarria, John (Def. Assn.)  
Miller, Keyenan (Def. Assn.)

**Room 505—PALUMBO, J.**  
Barker, Khaalis (Def. Assn.)  
Blassengale, Geoffrey (Def. Assn.)  
Brooks, Stephan (Jerrehian, Matthew Louis)  
Cahall, James (Def. Assn.)  
Ellis, Malcolm (Def. Assn.)  
Frazier, Earl (Def. Assn.)  
Pomfret, Carl (Def. Assn.)  
Rivera, Marcus A. (Def. Assn.)  
Rivers, Marcus (Def. Assn.)  
Walker, Antoin T. (Def. Assn.)  
Westerfield, Zechariah (Def. Assn.)

**Room 601—HAYDEN, J.**  
Beauford, Hynceef (Def. Assn.)  
Boden, Brandon Z. (Raynor, Earl Dubois Jr.)  
Bonner, Henry (Raynor, Earl Dubois Jr.)  
Connor, Darvin (Walker, John Robert)  
Delgato, Manny (Alva, Jeremy-Evan)  
Diaz, Ignacio (Def. Assn.)  
Parker, Robin (Cameron, Angelo Leroy)  
Riggins, Leonard (Def. Assn.)  
Ugdah, Malika (Abdul-Rahman, Qawi)  
White, Anthony (Capek, Justin Charles)

**Room 602—LIGHTSEY, J.**  
Ayers, Hakeem (Def. Assn.)  
Brinkley, Gregory (Stretton, Samuel C.)  
Coleman, Bryan (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Harris, Crystal L. (Szanto, Jules Norris)  
Hayes, Julian Q. (Mann, Jessica Consuela)  
Leon, Luis (Def. Assn.)  
Talley, Robert J. (Def. Assn.)

**Room 607—EHRlich, J.**  
Fearington, Brandon (Birley, Kevin Thomas)  
Gosson, Roger W. (Amoriello, Gina A.)  
Ponds, Ricardo (Def. Assn.)

**Room 702—WILLIAMS, J.**  
Abbott, Ricardo K. (Def. Assn.)  
Agosto, Carlos (Def. Assn.)  
Washington, Zakie (Def. Assn.)

**Room 704—SABATINA, J.**  
Cooper, Isaiah (Def. Assn.)  
Dash, David (Def. Assn.)  
Ford, Sahir (Def. Assn.)  
Freeman, Mark (Def. Assn.)  
Garcia, Alexander (Palividas, Pantellis)  
Horst, Derek (De Marco, Perry Paul Jr.)  
James, Tina M. (Def. Assn.)  
Rivera-Soto, Juan (Def. Assn.)  
Robinson, Welsey (Def. Assn.)  
Shiver, Laurance (Greenblatt, Ronald)  
Walls, Khalif (Def. Assn.)

**Room 705—STEFANSKI, J.**  
Bailey, Darryl (Def. Assn.)  
Baker, Tyre (Capek, Justin Charles)  
Bellmon, Rashe (Def. Assn.)  
Bigelow, Torrell (Def. Assn.)  
Brookins, Datwan (Johnson, Shaka Mzee)  
Butler, Lateef (Kadish, Jason Christopher)  
Christmas, Jelani M. (Giuliani, Richard J.)  
Derry, Steven (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Dyches, Tyhree (Def. Assn.)  
Fornwald, Mikel (Def. Assn.)  
Goode, Jayson (Def. Assn.)  
Hannah, Nasir (Def. Assn.)  
Ingram, Travis S. (Def. Assn.)  
Jennings, Kurtis (Nenner, David Scott)  
Leech, Kevin (Def. Assn.)  
Mcgeeth, Sheldon (Def. Assn.)  
Mcglone, Quentin L. (Grant, Cyrus)  
Mohammad, Zwayyed M. (Capek, Justin Charles)  
Outlaw, Kellen (Godshall, Anthony Francis)  
Pascal, Nathanael (Osei, Nana Yaw Adom)  
Pavrette, Kalleem (Def. Assn.)  
Price, Kareem Y. (Def. Assn.)  
Rhodes, Reese (Def. Assn.)  
Rodriguez, Christopher (Diamondstein, Michael Jay)  
Scott, Kadir (Def. Assn.)  
Shabazz, Khalifah (Defender, Public Philadelphia)  
Soto-Gonzalez, Marvin A. (Def. Assn.)  
Spriggs-Stewart, Khalil (Def. Assn.)  
Stanley, Thomas (Def. Assn.)  
Trinidad-Razo, Antonio (Def. Assn.)  
Vicenty, Krystian (Capek, Justin Charles)  
Washington, Hassan (Tinari, Eugene P.)  
Williams-Wilson, Brandon (Def. Assn.)  
Young, Zymir (Def. Assn.)

**Room 707—CAMPBELL, J.**  
Dennis, Andrew J. (Server, Gary Sanford)  
Griffin, Kareem (Def. Assn.)

**Room 801—ROSS, J.**  
Marshall, Derrick (Def. Assn.)

**Room 802—BRYANT-  
POWELL, J. (Ex. TH,F)**  
Andrews, Gerald (Def. Assn.)  
Austin, George E. (Foster, Edward Joseph)  
Berg, Martin D. (Godshall, Anthony Francis)  
Berrios, Alexander (Clemens, Thomas C.)  
Bond, Aquil (Jalon, Andres)  
Clark, Zyrei (Def. Assn.)  
Collier, Tyree D. (Godshall, Anthony Francis)  
Dejesus, Hector H. (Def. Assn.)  
Fields, Stephon (Def. Assn.)  
Gryadunor, Konstantin (Def. Assn.)  
Harris, Cardell A. (Coleman, Joseph L.)  
Leibowitz, Scott V. (McMonagle, Brian J.)  
Moreno, Melvin (Def. Assn.)  
Rainford, Jermaine (Wallace, Han Niko)

**Room 804—SAWYER, J.**  
Bennett, Brianna M. (Def. Assn.)  
Bey, Kacim (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Bey, Kacim A. (Def. Assn.)  
Dixon, Joey I. (Steenison, Derek Alan)  
Gathers, Kwaman (Def. Assn.)  
Gonzalez, Manuel (Def. Assn.)  
Hassell, Christian (Colon, Christian)

Hassell, Christian J. (Colon, Christian)  
Herbert, Casey R. (Def. Assn.)  
Maduro, Julio (Def. Assn.)  
Miller, Nicholas ()  
Pressley, Jabriel (Mann, Jessica Consuela)  
Ragland, Nymir (Def. Assn.)  
Robinson, Nazeer (Def. Assn.)  
Rodriguez, Joseph (Def. Assn.)  
Scott-Dunlap, Dishon (Def. Assn.)  
Thompson, Quamar (DEFENDER ASSOCIATION)  
Tirado, Jose (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Tirado, Jose T. (Goldstein, Zak Taylor)  
Whitley, Wayne (Def. Assn.)  
Williams, Shawn (Schiraldi, Tara Jeanne Mannix)

**Room 805—FARNESE, J.**  
Alicea, Juan ()  
Aquino-Tirado, David (Def. Assn.)  
Beattee, John ()  
Christopher, Jose (Def. Assn.)  
Clark, Marcus (Tarpey, Timothy J.)  
Clark, Robert (Capek, Justin Charles)  
Clay, Brian ()  
Coleman, Drew (Santaguida, Joseph C.)  
Collins, Legend (McCrae-Kane, Kendra)  
Colon Martinez, Jeffelson ()  
Cooper, Van (Walker, David Michael)  
Davis, Frank (Def. Assn.)  
Davis, Lamar (Def. Assn.)  
Derricks, Mathew ()  
Erwin, Walter J. (Def. Assn.)  
Falu, Robert ()  
Falu, Roberto ()  
Garcia, Elijah (Def. Assn.)  
Garcia, Faheem Lee ()  
Gardiner, Deangelo (Def. Assn.)  
Gladden, Aaron ()  
Hadfield, Keith (Def. Assn.)  
Hanton, Deon ()  
Henry, Helena ()  
Hutchins, Michael (Def. Assn.)  
Jackson, Markeece ()  
Jackson, Michael (Powers, Phyllis Joan Rebecca)  
Jeter, Yolanda (Def. Assn.)  
Jones, Dakeith R. (Def. Assn.)  
Kamel, Kamour (Gamburg, Robert Marc)  
Knight, Donna ()  
Ladarreun, Taylor ()  
Leonard, Kia ()  
Lewis, Corey ()  
Llano, Julio ()  
Maldonado, Juan ()  
Martin, Johnzell ()  
Murray, Gregory (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Neris, Raina (Def. Assn.)  
Pfaffenrath, Christopher (Def. Assn.)  
Rivera, Rubin ()  
Rodriguez, Gianna (Godshall, Anthony Francis)  
Rosario, Jean ()  
Rosario, Juan ()  
Rosario, Rafael (Stern, Douglas Nathaniel)  
Samuel, Morgan S. ()  
Sanderlin, Bernard (Freeman, Jordan Jahaire)  
Silfa-Montero, Amauri (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Silipena, Angela (Def. Assn.)  
Smith, Jaikell ()  
Stubbs, Nysir ()  
Trippit, Gary ()  
Walker, Martino ()

**Room 901—BROWN, J.**  
Leon, Luis (Def. Assn.)  
Mercuri, Christopher A. (Kadish, Jason Christopher)  
Shynes, Cecil (Def. Assn.)

**Room 902—WOELPPER, J.**  
Allen, Deshone (Szanto, Jules Norris)  
Bush, Derrick (Def. Assn.)  
Carrasquillo, Rafael (Def. Assn.)  
Carwell-Hall, Rhymeire (Def. Assn.)  
Cutler, Christopher Anthony (Def. Assn.)  
Garvin, Theodore (Def. Assn.)  
Germano, Eric A. (Gessner, Scott)  
Johnson, Tyrik (Osei, Nana Yaw Adom)  
Machuca, Wilfredo (Def. Assn.)  
Miller, Larry (Tinari, Eugene P.)  
Pope, Carl (Def. Assn.)  
Robinson, Ryshon (Def. Assn.)  
Root, Bridgett C. (Def. Assn.)  
Washington, Marlon (Def. Assn.)  
Williams, Rodney (Def. Assn.)

**Room 904—KING, J.**  
Baynes, Zamir (Def. Assn.)  
Carroll, Zieem (Rainey, Debra Denise)  
Murray, George (Def. Assn.)  
Rodriguez, Frandy (Def. Assn.)

**Room 905—SHAFFER, J.**  
Abdul, Nasheem (Def. Assn.)  
Alphonse, Ken (Def. Assn.)  
Ambusavage, Nathan (Clemens, Thomas C.)  
Bevins, Dominic (Pagano, Gregory Joseph)  
Buxton, Zahmir (Mischak, David B.)  
Chisolm, Alonzo (Def. Assn.)  
Coker, Tierra (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Colon-Martinez, Jeffelson (Def. Assn.)  
Cosby-Jones, Yaquies (Tall, Sidney III)  
Eddis, Andrew (Def. Assn.)  
Flowers, Shaquanna M. (Def. Assn.)  
Foulds, Michael (Marroletti, John A.)  
Gordon, Bryan (Kadish, Jason Christopher)  
Hayes, Tyrone (Def. Assn.)  
Henderson, Thomas (Gamburg, Robert Marc)  
Herring, Lakee (Def. Assn.)  
Horton, Zamer (Def. Assn.)  
Hunt, Thomas (Def. Assn.)  
Jackson, Rashay (McMullen, Kelleen)  
Johnson, Myiesha (Def. Assn.)  
Larose, Rebekah (Keller, Robert Craig)  
Leray, Demetrius (Def. Assn.)  
Lester, Tedi (Def. Assn.)

Littlepage, Robert (Altschuler, Jonathan R.)  
Logan, Christopher (Kelly, Joseph Kevin)  
Lynch, Tasmen (Def. Assn.)  
Plummer, Kentarra (Def. Assn.)  
Rhedrick, Amir (Coleman, Joseph L.)  
Sbhatu, Sem (Johnson, Shaka Mzee)  
Smith, Zakier (Osei, Nana Yaw Adom)  
Toler, Naeem S. (McLaughlin, Brandi L.)  
Tucker, Marcus (Def. Assn.)  
Tucker, Muslim T. (Sanita, Amato T.)  
Venziale, William (Def. Assn.)  
Vozaarth, Joanie (Def. Assn.)

Washington, Tysheema (Def. Assn.)  
Yates, Steven A. (De Ritis, Joseph Edward)

**Room 907—O’KEEFE, J.**  
Barbosa, Edwin (Def. Assn.)  
Branch, Khafi (Dolfman, Douglas Lee)  
Carroll, Zayaan (Kadish, Jason Christopher)  
Carter, Raheem (Savino, Louis Theodore Jr.)  
Defarias, Guilherm A. (Weiss, William Alfred)  
Edwards, Jaylan (McKenna, Emily Dust)  
Fripps, Nyhir (Def. Assn.)  
Grone, Raymone (Def. Assn.)  
Hale, Shawn (Abdul-Rahman, Qawi)  
Jackson, Ativa (Berardinelli, James F.)  
Jenkins, Jay (McCaul, John Francis)  
Johnson, Temaj (Chisholm, Walter C.)  
Johnson, Zakah (Fish, Illon Ross)  
Mcklin, John (Walker, John Robert)  
Mcklin, John E. (McDermott, Michael I.)  
Medycki, Julius (Def. Assn.)  
Moore, Hakeem (Yacoubian, George Setrag Jr.)  
Ortiz, Christian (Def. Assn.)  
Richmond, Jahlil (Levin, Andrew Joseph)  
Smith, Walter R. (Johnson, Shaka Mzee)  
Suarez, Patrick (Levin, Andrew Joseph)  
Woodland, Donte (Ahmad, Wadud)  
Woods, Tahaja (Amoriello, Gina A.)

**Room 908—BRANDEIS-  
ROMAN, J.**  
Bradley, Syair (Tinari, Eugene P.)  
Cruz Vazquez, Franklyn (Savino, Louis T J Jr.)  
Herbert, Salim (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Mok, Seagull (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1001—SCHULTZ, J.**  
Christian, Walter (Yacoubian, George Setrag Jr.)  
Green, Tyrik (Mann, Jessica Consuela)

**Room 1002—TAYLOR-  
SMITH, J.**

Allen, Romance P. (Martino, Andre)  
Anderson, Vaughn (Yacoubian, George Setrag Jr.)  
Bryant, Hakim A. (Dolfman, Douglas Lee)  
Charles, Steven (Levin, Peter Alan)  
Hull, Richard (Def. Assn.)  
Hyman, Kareem T. (Levin, Peter Alan)  
Meadows, James (Piccarreto, Marisa Anne)  
Scott, Dann (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Sharaif, Akbar (Burrows, William Gordon)  
Tabora, Jossua (Steenison, Derek Alan)  
Tabora, Jossua J. (Steenison, Derek Alan)  
Vaughn, Alphonso (Def. Assn.)  
Walters, Lynell (Def. Assn.)  
Woods, Isiah M. (Szanto, Jules Norris)

**Room 1004—GAGNON /  
HEARINGS (T,W,F at 10:00  
AM – TC)**

Ballard, Eric (Def. Assn.)  
Brewer, Tyrell (Def. Assn.)  
Falu, Roberto (Def. Assn.)  
Flowers, Nyem (Def. Assn.)  
Giles, Terrence (Def. Assn.)  
Grisby, Jason (Defender, Public)  
Harris, Nasir (Def. Assn.)  
Kelsey, Julian (Def. Assn.)  
Offenback, Daniel (Def. Assn.)  
Rochester, Michael (Def. Assn.)  
Watson, Maury (Kadish, Jason Christopher)  
Weaver, Victor (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1005—GIBBS, J. (Ex. W)**  
Beverly, Thayree (Def. Assn.)  
Brauer, Sean M. (Def. Assn.)  
Brown, Keisha (Def. Assn.)  
Brown, Kyon (Def. Assn.)  
Brown, Shymeer (Def. Assn.)  
Brunetti, Christina (Def. Assn.)  
Burton, Armaan (Birley, Kevin Thomas)  
Butler, Tymir (Cameron, Angelo Leroy)  
Campbell, Justin (Def. Assn.)  
Cope, Malik N. (Def. Assn.)  
Crawford, Zymir (Def. Assn.)  
Cruz, Eddie (Ward, Annemarie Elizabeth)  
Cruz, Gabriel (Rivera, Edwin R.)  
Cuevas, Angel (Giuliani, Richard J.)  
Dahzy, Jason A. (Snyder, Marni Jo)  
Damiano, Gianni M. (Def. Assn.)  
13 Arter v. O & R Homes Llc  
Daniels, Freddie (Def. Assn.)  
Derricks, Mathew (Def. Assn.)  
Devine-Tutte, Christian (Humble, Brian Francis)  
Duff, Michael (Def. Assn.)  
Farrar, Jysir (Def. Assn.)  
Gallagher, Daniel (Def. Assn.)  
Gallagher, Daniel E. (Def. Assn.)  
Gibson, Thomas G. (Def. Assn.)  
Green, Markeem Q. (Def. Assn.)  
Griffin, Michael (Leasure, Adam Michael)  
Harris, Ronald D. (Def. Assn.)  
Harvey, Quahmeer (Def. Assn.)  
Hayworth, James (Def. Assn.)  
Henry, Shijee (Def. Assn.)  
Hill, Porshia L. (Def. Assn.)  
Lee, Seok (Def. Assn.)  
Lewis, Terrell (Walker, John Robert)  
Magras, Anwar (Def. Assn.)  
Mansoor, Thompson (Gessner, Scott)  
Mccoy, Armani Y. (Def. Assn.)  
McKnight, Jaquan (Walker, John Robert)  
Merrill, Aaron (Def. Assn.)  
Moore, Demetrius (Def. Assn.)  
Murray, Tyler (Whitmore, Roy L.)  
Perez-Marrero, Gabriella (Def. Assn.)  
Pratt, Anyea (Mann, Jessica Consuela)  
Pressley, Raheem M. (Def. Assn.)  
Reid, Jordan (Def. Assn.)  
Reyes, Julio (Duckett, Cowanis Lee Jr.)  
Robins, Monica (Def. Assn.)  
Robinson, Yaseen (McKenna, Emily Dust)  
Rodriguez, German (Def. Assn.)  
Rodriguez, Gregory (Def. Assn.)  
Rodriguez-Cruz, Luis (Def. Assn.)  
Rondon-Fabian, Keylin (Kadish, Jason Christopher)

Rosa Pagan, Lia (Def. Assn.)  
Rouse, Umar (Def. Assn.)  
Sanchez, Hector L. (Def. Assn.)  
Santa, Teresa (Def. Assn.)  
Skipworth, Veronica (Def. Assn.)  
Smith-Chew, Damar B. (Mandell, Lee)  
Stokes, Dominique (Def. Assn.)  
Stokes, Shamere (Piccarreto, Marisa Anne)  
Torres, Carlos (Walker, John Robert)

Torres, Edwin (Sigman, Scott Philip)  
Vasquez, Julian (Def. Assn.)  
Velazques, Orlando (Def. Assn.)  
Walker, Chaz (Def. Assn.)  
Walters, Daniel (Coleman, Joseph L.)  
Washington, Paul (Def. Assn.)  
Watson, Amir (Def. Assn.)  
Watson, Darryl (Def. Assn.)  
Williams, Kyriq (Def. Assn.)  
Witherspoon, Maurice (Def. Assn.)  
Worthington, Steven J. (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1007—KYRIAKAKIS, J.**  
Hamilton, Ivy (Def. Assn.)  
Manlee, Ameen (Def. Assn.)  
Sanders, Randolph (O’Hanlon, Stephen Thomas)  
Warren, Shaheed (Taylor, Nyssa E.)

**Room 1101—S. JOHNSON, J. (T,TH Only)(STEFANSKI, J. M,F)**  
Johnson, Dymair (Def. Assn.)  
Robles, Nicholas (Def. Assn.)  
Speight, Nickolas (Def. Assn.)  
Tippie, William (Def. Assn.)

**Room 1104-T/C  
ARRAIGNMENTS**

Alem, Alexander (Def. Assn.)  
Anderson, Vincent (Def. Assn.)  
Autry, Tyfiq A. (Def. Assn.)  
Berger, Michael (Latta, Denita Cherell)  
Blackwell, Eric W. (Marsh, James T.)  
Cook, Reginald (Def. Assn.)  
Cooper, Troy (Def. Assn.)  
Gomes, Wilson (Fish, Illon Ross)  
Gomez, Eli (Dolfman, Douglas Lee)  
Harm, Samnang (Def. Assn.)  
Hidey, Robert (McCaul, John Francis)  
Hopkins, Joseph (Latta, Denita Cherell)  
Hurt, Kye (Def. Assn.)  
Jones, Selassi (McCrae-Kane, Kendra)  
Knowles, Markhai (Def. Assn.)  
Little, Bobby (Def. Assn.)  
Lyles, Dahjon (Def. Assn.)  
Martin, Darnell M. (Fishman, Brian M.)  
Montgomery, Shaquan (Mischak, David B.)  
Moore, Anthony (Def. Assn.)  
Perez, Victor (Def. Assn.)  
Pope, Shahid (Def. Assn.)  
Robinson, Vincent E. (Def. Assn.)  
Rogers, Jbree (Def. Assn.)  
Roundtree, Rashan (Fiore, Todd R.)  
Santiago, Frances (Def. Assn.)  
Smith, Antonio (Lehman, David K.)  
Thompson, Emon J. (Def. Assn.)  
Trawick, Derrick (Gamburg, Robert Marc)  
Walker, Anthony L. (Altschuler, Jonathan R.)  
Watkins, Darrion (Johnson, Shaka Mzee)  
Williams, Zahir (Walker, John Robert)

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2—TWARDY, J.  
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- Ikari v. Faust
- Geico A/S/O Adeeb Refela v. Taylor
- State Farm Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company A/S/O Wilmarie Santiago Filomeno v. Chapman
- Pechter v. Dependable Concrete Llc
- Comprehensive Medical Supplies, Llc v. Aiu Insurance Company
- Newsome v. Boss Towing Llc
- Wilson v. Brown
- Cooper v. Aleen Auto Repair Llc
- Paindexter v. Erik’S Auto Center
- Miller v. Persaud
- Bayuk v. Ocf Realty, Llc
- Kafazi v. Ocf Realty Llc
- Arter v. O & R Homes Llc
- Kop’S Repair’S Llc v. Hutchings
- Kennedy v. Portfolio Recovery Assoc Llc
- Giacomucci v. Bonza Landscaping & Hardscaping, Inc
- King v. Simmons
- West v. Active Motion Printing Llc
- Weisberg v. Kumar

**3—DICICCO, J.  
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- 20 A & K Acquisitions Llc v. Mayhew
- The Tower At Henry Llc v. Lopez
- Parkside Apt Llc v. Maccani
- Bethesda Project Inc v. Fisher
- A&E Enterprise Group Llc v. Gilliam
- Eastwick Joint Venture v. Brown Holmes
- Willows Apartments Lp v. Smith
- Shayne Brother Inc v. Dancy
- Terminal Property Owner Llc v. Nobrun
- 2900 Huntingdon Llc v. Villatoro
- Poplar Ground Tenant Llc v. Rogers
- Dang v. Moon Wireless Inc
- Willow Court Apartments Llc v. Purnell
- Ftr 1 Llc v. Garnett
- Hasis v. Davenport
- Steamboat Scm Fund B, Llc v. Johnson-Lucas
- Rare Rentals Llc v. Torres
- Idj Fund B, Llc v. Aponte
- Song v. Techiemensah
- 1954 N 6Th Street Llc v. Logan
- Thatwamasi Investments Llc v. Mcknight
- Idj Fund A, Llc v. Aponte
- R&P Realtor Llc v. Konneh
- Philly Sfr Iv, Llc v. Zapata
- Stradford Arms Owner v. Harris
- Equinox Glenwood Llc v. Smith
- Philly Sfr Ii, Llc v. Fernandez
- Lawndale Enterprises Llc v. Fenelon
- Oxford Success Llc v. Campbell
- Zheng v. Guayllas Zhunio
- Woods And Ruff, Llc v. Williams
- Liberty Crossing 2012 Lp v. Cromartie
- Carriage House Owner Llc v. Williams
- Fc Barschow And Sons Inc v. Clark
- Washington Lane 2005 Lp v. Lovelace

55 Ardleigh Gardens 2007 Llc v. Capers  
56 Downing Jackson Llc v. Patterson  
57 Mt. Airy Manor 2004 Lp v. Young  
58 Treeview Ii Llc v. Bell  
59 Kendrick v. Adams  
60 Li v. Gill  
61 Chien Trust Chornglee v. Scott  
62 Chang Hua Lin v. Mitchell  
63 Henry On The Park Llc v. Colston  
64 Rogers v. Culler  
65 Waters Edge Apartments Holdings Ll v. Fraser  
66 Sharswood Iii Part 2 Llc v. Cooper  
67 1600 West Hunting Park Llc v. Henley  
68 Henry On The Park Llc v. Hively  
69 Philly Sfr I, Llc v. Copeland  
70 Jdj Fund B Llc v. Whittington  
71 Afamefuna Ojemeni v. Hardin  
72 1539 N 26Th Llc v. Hopkins  
73 Buchanan v. Allen  
74 Vuu v. Nacisse  
75 Sunshine Blossom Llc v. Righter  
76 Walton v. Little  
77 Palmer v. Alta Cocina For Chef Jose Luis Llc

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78 905 Cliveden Llc v. Fontaine  
79 Philadelphia Lotus 20 Llc v. Bell  
80 Neighborhood Restoration Lpiii v. Bard  
81 Eastwick Joint Venture v. Southerland  
82 Warwick Holdings Llc v. White-Thorpe  
83 Afessa v. Dukuly  
84 6610 North 8Th Street Llc v. Harris  
85 Family And Friend Llc v. Mason  
86 60Th St Corridor Commercial v. Anderson  
87 2106 N. Reese Street Llc v. Ford-Ellison  
88 1010 North Hancock Partners Lp v. Nguyen

**4—TO BE ASSIGNED**  
**9:00 AM**  
89 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Grabfelder Robert  
90 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Ngo Real Estate Llc  
91 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Association  
92 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Llc  
93 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Anita  
94 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Lm Furniture Rentals Llc  
95 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. J & J Real Estate Investments Llc  
96 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Geahteah Management Llc  
97 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Jeffrey  
98 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Bernardo  
99 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Yang Vivian  
100 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Jash Realty Llc  
101 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Morris Desiree  
102 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Ambika  
103 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Davis Laura  
104 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Inc  
105 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Llc  
106 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Llc  
107 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. 5823 Foster Avenue Llc  
108 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Llc  
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112 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Inc  
113 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Lena M Pickett  
114 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Genesis Llc  
115 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Two Nuts Lp  
116 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. 1501 Locust Commercial Llc  
117 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Licenses And Inspections v. Stevenson

**10:00 AM**  
118 City Of Philadelphia: Department Of Public Health, Air Management Services v. Speed Petroleum, Inc.

**5—LAMBERT, J.**  
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119 Discover Bank v. Griffin  
120 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Robinson  
121 Capital One , N.A. v. Krzemienski  
122 Capital One , N.A. v. Tribbitt  
123 Portfolio Recovery Associates, Llc v. Jones  
124 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Carter  
125 Velocity Investments, Llc v. Corcoran  
126 Capital One, N.A. v. Diaz  
127 Bath Saver, Inc. v. Delemma  
128 Capital One, N.A. v. Felder  
129 Velocity Investments, Llc v. King  
130 Velocity Investments, Llc v. Summerville  
131 Capital One, N.A. Assignee Of Synchrony Bank v. Taylor  
132 Evolus, Llc v. Nirvana Health & Beauty Llc  
133 The John Richard Collection, Llc v. K&O Furniture, Inc.  
134 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Morena  
135 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Dupree  
136 Capital One, N.A., Successor By Merger To Discover Bank v. Strickland  
137 Lvnv Funding Llc v. Greene  
138 Lvnv Funding Llc v. Hughes

139 Lvnv Funding Llc v. Miscavage  
140 Multi-Flow Industries, Llc v. Daddario  
141 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Gonzalez  
142 Control Point Associates Inc. v. Pa Realty Advisors Llc  
143 Hrac, Llc v. Brown  
144 Lvnv Funding Llc v. Barton  
145 Police And Fire Federal Credit Union v. Logan  
146 The Sherwin-Williams Company v. Bryant  
147 The Sherwin-Williams Company v. Oberholtzer  
148 Abc Supply Interiors Inc. v. Abreu  
149 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Cutter  
150 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Trout  
151 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Nnedy  
152 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Davis  
153 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Hernandez  
154 Hess Equine Veterinary Services, Llc v. Dunham  
155 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Lewis  
156 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Bradley  
157 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Mulholland  
158 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Dilorenzo  
159 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Aly  
160 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Wiley  
161 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Malave  
162 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Bradford  
163 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Siam  
164 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Meadows  
165 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Barclay  
166 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Zayas  
167 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Manley  
168 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Reyes  
169 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Gates  
170 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Garcia  
171 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Williams  
172 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Jackson-Drake  
173 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Graham  
174 Americredit Financial Services, Inc., DbA Gm Financial v. Miles  
175 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Branch  
176 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Knorr  
177 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Killen  
178 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Torres  
179 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Thompson  
180 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Avent  
181 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Sanchez  
182 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Santos  
183 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Vigo  
184 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Mezquita  
185 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Mckoy-Jones  
186 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Amos  
187 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Lipovoy  
188 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Neisser  
189 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Stewart  
190 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Jackson  
191 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Stewart  
192 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Meadows  
193 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Ruppenthal  
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196 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Jesus  
197 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Adams  
198 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Thomas  
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202 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Cooper  
203 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Townes  
204 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Taylor  
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206 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Warner  
207 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Breaker-Scott  
208 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Hopkins  
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210 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Ramirezpichardo  
211 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Porterfield  
212 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Paige  
213 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Jacobs  
214 Toyota Motor Credit Corporation v. Roldan  
215 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Smith  
216 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Madden  
217 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Nunez  
218 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Pedrosa  
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221 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Hannibal  
222 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Singer  
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224 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Richardson  
225 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Mccullough  
226 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Zaroff  
227 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Thomas  
228 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Osorio  
229 Resurgent Receivables Llc v. Wheatley  
230 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. White  
231 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Comitale  
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233 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Celik  
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235 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Calvo  
236 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Hargust  
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239 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Cappello  
240 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Covington  
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245 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Pankey  
246 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Woods  
247 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Lee  
248 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Sledge  
249 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Watt  
250 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Allen  
251 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Johnson  
252 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Williams  
253 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Wesley  
254 Carmax Business Services, Llc D/B/A Carmax Auto Finance v. Barlow  
255 Lvnv Funding, Llc v. Capizzi  
256 Creatacor, Inc. v. Oui The People Llc  
257 Lvnv Funding Llc v. Ramos  
258 Lvnv Funding Llc v. Varughese  
259 Lvnv Funding Llc v. Williams  
260 Portfolio Recovery Associates, Llc v. Davis  
261 Portfolio Recovery Associates, Llc v. Lentine  
262 Capital One, N.A. v. Echevarria  
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**6—LAMBERT, J.**  
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273 Samarco v. Mcglynn  
274 Barclays Bank Delaware v. Torres  
275 Lvnv Funding Llc v. Cush  
276 Howard v. Elegance Dentistry  
277 Bay Property Management Group Philadelphia, Llc v. Farinella  
278 Portfolio Recovery Associates, Llc v. Webber  
279 Lebron v. Smith  
280 Faison v. Key Automotive Car Dealership  
281 Hossan v. Warrick  
282 Comprehensive Medical Supplies, Llc v. Trinity Health  
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**406 STOUT CENTER—TO BE ASSIGNED**  
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284 Kvitashvili v. Otfinoski  
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**COURT OF APPEALS**

**NOT PRECEDENTIAL OPINIONS FILED**  
AUGUST 27, 2026

**BY SHWARTZ, J.**  
**John Koehler v. Secretary Pennsylvania Department of Corrections;** 24-9000; judgment of the district court affirmed.

**BY MCKEE, J.**  
**Patricia Holmes v. American HomePatient, Inc;** 24-2875; judgment of the district court affirmed.

**BY CHUNG, J.**  
**USA v. Race Miner;** 20-3216; judgment of the district court affirmed.

**DISTRICT COURT**

**MEMORANDA AND ORDERS**  
AUGUST 26, 2026

**BY RUFÉ, J.**  
**In Re: Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation;** 16-2724; For the reasons stated herein, the Joint Motion for Summary Judgment on the overarching conspiracy will be denied; Mylan's individual motion for summary judgment will be denied in its entirety; Lannett's motion for summary judgment will be denied in its entirety; and Lannett's Motion to Dismiss will be denied.

**BY RUFÉ, J.**  
**Humana Inc. v. Actavis Elizabeth, LLC et al;** 18-3299; For the reasons stated herein, the Joint Motion for Summary Judgment on the overarching conspiracy will be denied; Mylan's individual motion for summary judgment will be denied in its entirety; Lannett's motion for summary judgment will be denied in its entirety; and Lannett's Motion to Dismiss will be denied.

**BY RUFÉ, J.**  
**Watson v. McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs;** 24-3043; For the reasons stated herein, Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment will be granted on Counts I and III as to Ms. Watson's claims regarding her suspensions, isolation and reduction of duties, and reassignment. The Motion for Summary Judgment will be denied on Counts I and III as to Ms. Watson's claims regarding her non-promotion.

**BY COSTELLO, J.**  
**Martinez v. U.S. Junior Nationals, Inc.;** 25-851; The Court will grant Defendant's motion to dismiss with leave to amend.

**BY YOUNGE, J.**  
**Hospitality Insurance Company v. Sam 939 LLC et al;** 25-6582; For the foregoing reasons, Third-Party Defendants' motion to dismiss is DENIED.

**BY SLOMSKY, J.**  
**Paul C. Piantone et al v. Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company;** 25-7018; For the foregoing reasons, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss the FAC pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) (Doc. No. 12) will be denied. Defendant shall file an Answer to the FAC by September 10, 2026.

**BY MARSTON, J.**  
**Zimmermann v. The US Department of Health and Human Services;** 26-281; For the reasons set forth above, the Government's motion to dismiss is granted and Plaintiff's request to enjoin Plaintiff as a vexatious litigant is granted.

**BY SCHMEHL, J.**  
**Oliver v. Norristown State Hospital et al;** 26-2465; The Court will grant Oliver leave to proceed in forma pauperis and dismiss his Complaint. All claims against Norristown State Hospital will be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) and it will be terminated as a Defendant. All other claims will be dismissed without prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii). Oliver may file an amended complaint in the event he can address the defects the Court has noted as to his claims.

**BY SCOTT, J.**  
**Lyles v. Taylor Real Estate et al;** 26-3974; For the foregoing reasons, the Court will dismiss Lyles's Complaint for failure to state

a claim pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) (ii). All claims except the Fair Housing Act claims against Taylor Real Estate, Dylan Taylor, and Miles Taylor are dismissed with prejudice because amendment would be futile. See Grayson v. Mayview State Hosp., 293 F.3d 103, 108, 110 (3d Cir. 2002). Lyles will be permitted to amend his Complaint as to the Fair Housing Act claims only.

**BY BEETLESTONE, J.**  
**Grossinger v. Google LLC;** 26-4820; For these reasons, the Complaint will be dismissed on statutory screening because Grossinger's retaliation claim under the ADA is not plausible and there is no jurisdiction over any state law claim. A dismissal Order will be entered separately. Fed. R. Civ. P. 58(a).

**BY COSTELLO, J.**  
**Chillogallo Once v. J.L. Jamison;** 26-6177; Section 1226 applies to Chillogallo Once's detention because he is not actively seeking admission and has been living in the United States for more than three years. Therefore, his continued detention under § 1225 is unlawful. As a result, the Court will grant his Petition.

**BY LEESON, JR., J.**  
**USA v. Costello et al;** 14-107; Costello's stated reasons seeking compassionate release do not rise to the level of extraordinary and compelling necessary to warrant such relief. Accordingly, there is no basis for consideration, and the Court need not address the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) sentencing factors. Costello's motion for Compassionate Release is denied.

**BY REID, J.**  
**Amanda H. v. Frank Bisignano;** 25-6947; In accordance with the above discussion, I conclude that the Plaintiff's Request for Review should be DENIED, and judgment entered in favor of the Commissioner.

**BY SCHMEHL, J.**  
**Butcher et al v. Morris et al;** 25-7381; Even holding the allegations in Plaintiffs' pro se First Amended Complaint "to less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers," results in the Court having to dismiss this matter. However, given the Plaintiffs' pro se status, the Court does believe that any dismissal should be without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to file a second amended complaint addressing the deficiencies the Court has identified in the First Amended Complaint.

**BY COSTELLO, J.**  
**Garcia Maldonado v. J.L. Jamison;** 26-6154; Section 1226 applies to Garcia Maldonado's detention because he is not actively seeking admission and has been living in the United States for more than three years. Therefore, his continued detention under § 1225 is unlawful. As a result, the Court will grant his Petition.

**CIVIL ACTIONS**  
The defendant's name appears first, followed by the name of the plaintiff, the number, the nature of the suit and the name of plaintiff's attorney.

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**Early Warning Services, LLC--Jamal Berry;** 25-04638; Fed. Question; H. Bartle, III.  
**Secretary, U.S. Depa Markwayne Mullin: U.S. Department of Homeland Security;** Atty Gen Todd Blanche--Firuzjon Murodov; 26-06350; U.S. Government Defendant; A.M. Pozos.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Anna Wise; 26-06352; Diversity; N.I. Quinones Alejandro.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Billy Shell; 26-06353; Diversity; A.M. Pozos.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Brad Arnold; 26-06354; Diversity; J.R. Sanchez.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Brett Markman; 26-06355; Diversity; N.I. Quinones Alejandro.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Brian Elliott; 26-06357; Diversity; G.A. McHugh.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Deletrice Hollins; 26-06358; Diversity; P.S. Diamond.  
**Novo Nordisk, Inc.;** Novo Nordisk A/S--Amy Harris; 26-06359; Diversity; K.S. Marston.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Diane Styles; 26-06360; Diversity; C.F. Kenney.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Jason Noel; 26-06361; Diversity; A.M. Pozos.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Juan Paez; 26-06362; Diversity; C.F. Kenney.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Keion Darns; 26-06363; Diversity; G.J. Pappert.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Mark Pidcock; 26-06364; Diversity; P.S. Diamond.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Mark Rankin; 26-06365; Diversity; C.F. Kenney.  
**Eli Lilly and Company;** Lilly USA, LLC--Burjis N. Shroff; 26-06366; Diversity; K.S. Marston.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Kevin Robinson; 26-06367; Diversity; W. Beetlestone.

**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Randy Workman; 26-06368; Diversity; G.A. Weilheimer.  
**City of Philadelphia Police Officer James Anderson: Currently Unknown and Unnamed City of Philadelphia Police Officers: Currently Unknown and Unnamed City of Philadelphia Department of Prisons' Employees--Mark Culler;** 26-06369; Fed. Question; K.N. Scott.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Rick Albertson; 26-06370; Diversity; C.M. Rufe.  
**Novo Nordisk, Inc.;** Novo Nordisk A/S; Eli Lilly and Company--Melissa Landon; 26-06371; Diversity; K.S. Marston.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Teresa Woodard; 26-06372; Diversity; J.H. Slomsky.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Thomas Taylor; 26-06373; Diversity; P.S. Diamond.  
**Equifax Information Services LLC;** Experian Information Solutions, Inc.; Trans Union LLC--Bruno Dias; 26-06374; Fed. Question; A.M. Pozos.  
**J.L. Jamison: John E. Rife: Markwayne Mullin--Jose Luis Cabrera Cabrera;** 26-06375; U.S. Government Defendant; G.A. McHugh.  
**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;** Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC; Sanofi US Services Inc.--Timothy Ward; 26-06376; Diversity; J.R. Sanchez.  
**United States Liability Insurance Group--Briana McCLOUD;** 26-06377; Fed. Question; G.A. Weilheimer.  
**United States of America;** Aisha Burnett--Vincent James; 26-06378; Fed. Question; J.M. Younge.  
**Warden J. L. Jamison: John E. Rife: Secretary Markwayne Mullin--Waem Aslam Nasif;** 26-06380; U.S. Government Defendant; K.N. Scott.  
**J.L. Jamison: John E. Rife: Markwayne Mullin--Miguel Morales Cruz;** 26-06382; U.S. Government Defendant; K.B. Hodge.  
**Novo Nordisk A/S;** Novo Nordisk Inc.--Brian Slaton; 26-06384; Diversity; K.S. Marston.  
**Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings;** Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings; Laboratory Corporation of America--Lifeng Liao; Brian Kirk; 26-06385; Diversity; G.A. Weilheimer.  
**True Cable Holdings, LLC--Katelyn Hart;** 26-06387; Fed. Question; C.F. Kenney.  
**Secretary Markwayne Mullin: Acting Attorney Gen. Todd Blanche: John E. Rife--Hector Cortez Barreto;** 26-06389; U.S. Government Defendant; M.K. Costello.  
**J.L. Jamison: Act Field off Direct John E. Rife: David J. Venturella--Ahmed Yanogo;** 26-06390; U.S. Government Defendant; M.R. Perez.  
**Target Corp.--Mary Sun: Barbara Grazioli: William Wolf;** 26-06391; Diversity; K.S. Marston.  
**Riddle Memorial Hospital;** Main Line Health, Inc.; Main Line Healthcare--Charity McDaniels; 26-06392; Fed. Question; M.A. Kearney.  
**Jamal L. Jamison: John Rife--Mihir Dilipbhai Darji;** 26-06393; U.S. Government Defendant; J.H. Slomsky.  
**Equifax Information Services, LLC--Andrea Bell;** 26-06394; Fed. Question; A.M. Pozos.  
**Novo Nordisk, Inc.;** Novo Nordisk A/S--Melanie Thompson; 26-06397; Diversity; K.S. Marston.  
**Ethan Dakota Thomas: Raymond S Thomas--Linda Jones-Lyles;** 26-06398; Diversity; J.F. Murphy.  
**Bright Way Services, Inc.--Diamond Johnson;** 26-06399; Fed. Question; M.R. Perez.  
**Novo Nordisk A/S;** Novo Nordisk Inc.--Adam Baker; 26-06400; Diversity; K.S. Marston.  
**Novo Nordisk A/S;** Novo Nordisk Inc.--Stanley Cataline; 26-06401; Diversity; K.S. Marston.  
**Novo Nordisk Inc.;** Novo Nordisk A/S; Eli Lilly and Company--John Runk; 26-06402; Diversity.  
**J.L. Jamison: John E. Rife: Secretary Markwayne Mullin--Masumkhon Uvaysov;** 26-06403; U.S. Government Defendant.  
**Warden J.L. Jamison: John E. Rife: Secretary Markwayne Mullin--Martin Chaman Chub;** 26-06404; U.S. Government Defendant.  
**Capital One, N.A.--Wilkins Sharon;** 26-06405; Fed. Question.  
**Warden J.L. Jamison: John E. Rife: Secretary Markwayne Mullin--Bety Desir;** 26-06406; U.S. Government Defendant.  
**Frank Bisignano--Ms. Bethany Warner;** 26-06381; U.S. Government Defendant; C.M. Straw.  
**Commissioner of Social Security--Trina S. Kaluga;** 26-06383; U.S. Government Defendant; K.M. Copeland.  
**J.L. Jamison: John E. Rife: Markwayne Mullin--Jhon Fredy Pena Giraldo;** 26-06386; U.S. Government Defendant; N.I. Quinones Alejandro.  
**State Farm Fire and Casualty Company--Madmik LLC;** 26-06395; Diversity; J.M. Gallagher.  
**Kyraskin LLC--Hydrfacial LLC;** 26-06396; Fed. Question; J.M. Gallagher.

**BANKRUPTCY COURT**

**PETITIONS FILED**  
AUGUST 27, 2026  
(READING)  
Chapter 7  
**Jonathan A. Figueroa,** 217 Grape Street, Whitehall, PA 18052 -- Harry Giacometti; United States Trustee; 26-13571; no summaries listed; P.H. Young, atty.; P.M. Mayer, B.J.  
**Rebecca Anna Dominguez,** 314 E. 12th St., Northampton, PA 18067 -- Lynn E. Feldman; United States Trustee; 26-13573; no summaries listed; C. Laputka, atty.; P.M. Mayer, B.J.

**Michael A Hogentogler**, 430 West King Street, Apt 1, Lancaster, PA 17603 -- **Lynn E. Feldman**; United States Trustee; 26-13585; no summaries listed; J.L. Quinn, atty.; P.M. Mayer, B.J.

**Chapter 13**  
**Kenneth Edward Lawrence, III**, 50 Boyer Rd, Fleetwood, PA 19522 -- **Scott F. Waterman** [Chapter 13]; United States Trustee; 26-13572; no summaries listed; K.E. Lawrence, III., atty.; P.M. Mayer, B.J.

**Matthew Gerard Joseph Cutano, II**, 2952 Huron St, Allentown, PA 18103 -- **Scott F. Waterman** [Chapter 13]; United States Trustee; 26-13576; no summaries listed; C. Laputka, atty.; P.M. Mayer, B.J.

**Ruben S. Falcon, Jr.**, 7867 Red Hawk Court, Breinigsville, PA 18031 -- **United States Trustee**; 26-13581; no summaries listed; P.H. Young, atty.; P.M. Mayer, B.J.

**Brianna J. Johns**, 2927 Avon Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 -- **United States Trustee**; 26-13582; no summaries listed; D.S. Gellert, atty.; P.M. Mayer, B.J.

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**Chapter 7**  
**Voltage Restaurant Management**, 1400 S 2nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19147 -- **Harry Giacometti**; United States Trustee; 26-13577; no summaries listed; V.R. Management, atty.; A.M. Chan, B.J.

**Diarra Shapri Mayo**, 5531 Ardleigh Street, Philadelphia, PA 19138 -- **Lynn E. Feldman**; United States Trustee; 26-13579; no summaries listed; D.S. Mayo, atty.; A.M. Chan, B.J.

**Hunter Bergman**, 1321 Spruce Street, Apt 2C, Philadelphia, PA 19104 -- **Harry Giacometti**; United States Trustee; 26-13584; no summaries listed; H. Bergman, atty.; D.J. Baker, B.J.

**April May Baker**, 1011 W Oxford Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 -- **Lynn E. Feldman**; United States Trustee; 26-13590; no summaries listed; D.M. Offen, atty.; D.J. Baker, B.J.

**Chapter 11**  
**Chester County Pediatrics, P.C.**, 1244 Cornerstone Blvd., Downingtown, PA 19335 -- **Richard E. Furtek**; United States Trustee; 26-13578; no summaries listed; D.B. Smith, atty.; D.J. Baker, B.J.

**Chapter 13**  
**Shannan Lucas**, 1222 E Barringer St., Philadelphia, PA 19119 -- **Kenneth E. West**; United States Trustee; 26-13574; no summaries listed; S. Lucas, atty.; A.M. Chan, B.J.

**Yuk Yung Chan**, 1810 Fox Chase Road, Philadelphia, PA 19152 -- **Kenneth E. West**; United States Trustee; 26-13575; no summaries listed; B.E. Allen, atty.; D.J. Baker, B.J.

**Mohamed Ali Mohamed**, 8643 Augusta Street, Philadelphia, PA 19152 -- **United States Trustee**; 26-13580; no summaries listed; P.H. Young, atty.; A.M. Chan, B.J.

**Tamika Ann Jones**, 6816 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19142 -- **United States Trustee**; 26-13583; no summaries listed; T.A. Jones, atty.; A.M. Chan, B.J.

**Bruce Wayne Thomas**, 80 Mary Street, Coatesville, PA 19320 -- **United States Trustee**; 26-13586; no summaries listed; J.L. Quinn, atty.; P.M. Mayer, B.J.

**Ryan Patrick McGuire**, 2412 Memphis Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125 -- **United States Trustee**; 26-13587; no summaries listed; D.M. Offen, atty.; D.J. Baker, B.J.

**Tiffany Josephine Thompson**, 136 E 64th Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120 -- **United States Trustee**; 26-13588; no summaries listed; D.M. Offen, atty.; D.J. Baker, B.J.

**Lucretia Desha Smith**, 1503 Carpenter Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146 -- **United States Trustee**; 26-13589; no summaries listed; D.M. Offen, atty.; A.M. Chan, B.J.

## SUPREME COURT

### ORDERS & DECREES

**August 17, 2026**  
**Com., v. Brown, Petitioner**; 74 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Fairiron, Petitioner**; 82 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Nole, Petitioner**; 82 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Granted, Limited To the issue set forth below. Allocatur is Denied as to all remaining issues.  
**Com., v. Gibson, Petitioner**; 85 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Patterson, Petitioner**; 98 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Godlewski, Petitioner, v. Kelly**; 99 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Dortch, Petitioner**; 65 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Dortch, Petitioner**; 66 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Dortch, Petitioner**; 67 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Gigi Dadi Inc. v. Gray, Petitioner**; 69 EM 2026; The "Application for Extraordinary Relief / Emergency Motion for Stay of Eviction Pursuant to Extrinsic Fraud and to Modify Supersedes Parameters," "Emergency Application for Relief Demanding a Forensic Audit and Lift of Eviction [sic] Track Based on Counsel's On-Record Confession of Ledger Fabrication and Double Hearsay," and "Emergency Application for Relief and Compulsory Forensic Audit Pursuant to the King's Bench Jurisdiction (42 Pa.C.S. § 726), Pa.R.A.P. 123, and Pa.R.A.P. 1737 Exposing Fraud on the Court, Specific Accounting Deficits, Contradictory Litigation Tracks, and Illegal Security Deposit Conversion" are Denied.  
**Com., v. Jackson, Petitioner**; 104 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Township Of Marple, Petitioner v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission**; 125 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Robinson, Petitioner**; 126 EAL 2026;

The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Uhlman, Petitioner v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission**; 126 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Santiago, Petitioner**; 136 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., Petitioner v. Goodwin, Petitioner**; 164 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Burnett, Petitioner**; 166 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Torner, Petitioner**; 174 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Paternoster, Petitioner**; 180 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Boria, Petitioner**; 198 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Madera, Petitioner**; 199 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**August 18, 2026**  
**In Re: Constance Ruggere, Deceased Petition Of: Joseph Melodick**; 185 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Watkins-Lauber, Petitioner**; 165 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Holly Ridge Estates, Inc., Petitioner v. Pennsylvania-American Water Company**; 230 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Shade, Petitioner**; 256 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Hunter, Petitioner**; 268 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Vargo, Petitioner**; 292 WAL 2025; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Vargo, Petitioner**; 293 WAL 2025; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Johnson, Petitioner**; 482 EAL 2025; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Mark, Petitioner**; 487 EAL 2025; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Nazaarah Sabree, Small Business Advocate v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission**; 722 MAL 2025; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied at 722 MAL 2025 and 723 MAL 2025. The Petition for Allowance of Appeal at 724 MAL 2025 is Granted, Limited To the issue set forth below. Allocatur is Denied as to the remaining issue.

**Nazaarah Sabree, Small Business Advocate v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission**; 723 MAL 2025; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied at 722 MAL 2025 and 723 MAL 2025. The Petition for Allowance of Appeal at 724 MAL 2025 is Granted, Limited To the issue set forth below. Allocatur is Denied as to the remaining issue.

**Nazaarah Sabree, Small Business Advocate v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission**; 724 MAL 2025; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied at 722 MAL 2025 and 723 MAL 2025. The Petition for Allowance of Appeal at 724 MAL 2025 is Granted, Limited To the issue set forth below. Allocatur is Denied as to the remaining issue.

**Com., v. Saunders, Petitioner**; 735 MAL 2025; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Daniels, Petitioner**; 143 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Ortiz, Petitioner**; 149 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Lindsey v. County Of Bucks, Petitioner**; 150 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**In Re: Condemnation By The General Municipal Authority Of The City Of Nanticoke Petition Of: General Municipal Authority Of The City Of Nanticoke**; 131 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Granted.

**In Re: Condemnation By The General Municipal Authority Of The City Of Nanticoke Petition Of: General Municipal Authority Of The City Of Nanticoke**; 132 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Granted.

**Com., v. Bailey, Petitioner**; 110 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Dennis, Petitioner**; 102 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Marfisi, Petitioner**; 113 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Marfisi, Petitioner**; 114 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Lewis, Petitioner**; 116 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**Com., v. Vazquez, Petitioner**; 1 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Carboni, Petitioner**; 6 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Wakeel, Petitioner**; 8 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Howland, Petitioner**; 10 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Howland, Petitioner**; 11 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Howland, Petitioner**; 12 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**May, Petitioner v. Unity Township And Frola Family Trust Of December 17, 2017**; 10 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**Bush, Petitioner v. Adams**; 14 MAL 2026; The "Application to Supplement the Record Under Pa.R.A.P 1926" and the Petition for Allowance of Appeal are Denied.

**Bush, Petitioner v. Adams**; 15 MAL 2026; The "Application to Supplement the Record Under Pa.R.A.P 1926" and the Petition for Allowance of Appeal are Denied.

**Com., v. Peterman, Petitioner**; 19 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.  
**Com., v. Cunningham, Petitioner**; 23 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**Reading Housing Authority, Petitioner v. Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission**; 25 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**Maxwell v. Department of Corrections**; 28 EAP 2025; The order of the Commonwealth Court is Affirmed.

**Trumark Financial Credit Union v. Perry, Petitioner**; 31 EAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**Zurburg, Petitioner v. Mark Whal And Dauphin County District Attorney Office**; 42 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**Brook Farms Development II, LLC, Petitioner v. Zoning Hearing Board Of The City Of Lancaster**; 47 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**In The Interest Of: R.D., A Minor Petition Of: R.D., A Minor**; 61 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**Reisz, Petitioner v. Township Of Penn**; 62 WAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**Frempong, Petitioner v. Court Of Common Pleas Of Philadelphia County**; 70 EM 2026; The "Application for Leave to File Original Process Under Pa.R.A.P. 3307" is Granted to the extent it seeks leave to file original process and is Denied in all other respects. The "Emergency Petition for Writ of Prohibition and, in the Alternative, King's Bench / Extraordinary Relief and Emergency Application for Immediate Stay of August 19, 2026 Sheriff's Sale" and "Amendment and Supplementatio to Paragraphs 93 and 94" are Denied.  
**Com., v. Kilgore, Petitioner**; 71 MAL 2026; The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is Denied.

**August 19, 2026**  
**Maxey, Petitioner v. Nydick**; 43 EM 2026; The "Application for Extraordinary Relief" is Denied.  
**Dixon, Petitioner v. Unemployment Compensation Board Of Review**; 54 EM 2026; The Petition for Leave to File Petition for Allowance of Appeal Nunc Pro Tunc is Denied.

**Dixon, Petitioner v. Unemployment Compensation Board Of Review**; 53 EM 2026; The Petition for Leave to File Petition for Allowance of Appeal Nunc Pro Tunc is Denied.

**Reaves, Petitioner v. Com.**; 41 EM 2026; The Application for Leave to File Original Process is Granted to the extent it seeks leave to file original process and is Denied in all other respects. The Petition for Writ of Mandamus is Denied.

**Ali, Petitioner v. Court Of Common Pleas Of Philadelphia County**; 19 EM 2026; The Application for Leave to File Original Process is Granted to the extent it seeks leave to file original process and is Denied in all other respects. The "Complaint in Mandamus" is Denied.

**Com., v. Polk, Petitioner**; 116 MM 2026; The Petition for Leave to File Petition for Allowance of Appeal Nunc Pro Tunc is Denied.  
**Beiler, Petitioner v. Pennsylvania Milk Board**; 119 MM 2026; The Application for Leave to File Original Process is Granted to the extent it seeks leave to file original process and is Denied in all other respects. The Petition for "Writ of Mandamus" is Denied.

**Com., v. Schwartz, Petitioner**; 132 MM 2026; The "Petition for Leave to File for Reconsideration of Denial of Allowance of Appeal Nunc Pro Tunc" is Denied.

**Beiler, Petitioner v. Pennsylvania Milk Board**; 133 MM 2026; The Application for Leave to File Original Process is Granted to the extent it seeks leave to file original process and is Denied in all other respects. The Petition for "Writ of Prohibition" is Denied.

**August 20, 2026**  
**Zied-Campbell v. Department of Human Services**; 26 EAP 2026; The Notice of Appeal is Quashed

**August 21, 2026**  
**In Re: Appointments To The Minor Court Rules Committee**; No. 563; Magisterial District Judge Daniel E. Baranoski, Bucks County, Magisterial District Judge Hilary K. Wheatley, Allegheny County, and Magisterial District Judge Karen Eisner Zucker, Montgomery County, are hereby appointed as members of the Minor Court Rules Committee for a term of six years, commencing October 1, 2026.

## SUPERIOR COURT

### OPINIONS FILED & JUDGMENT ORDERS

PER CURIAM

**August 12, 2026**  
**Com. v. White**; 3188 EDA 2024; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Scott**; 1656 EDA 2025; Affirmed - Application to Withdraw as Counsel Granted.  
**Francis Joseph Capital v. Braud**; 1696 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Tyler**; 1736 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**White Coleman v. Duncan**; 2489 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Meadows**; 2513 EDA 2025; Vacated/ Remanded; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Corez v. Schlier**; 541 EDA 2026; Vacated/ Remanded; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Com. v. Willims**; 1397 EDA 4; Affirmed; Associated: 1398 EDA 2024.

**August 11, 2026**  
**Com. v. Thompson**; 642 EDA 2025; Vacated/ Remanded; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**S.M.G. v. D.G.**; 2102 EDA 2025; Affirmed/ Vacated/Remanded; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Com. v. Peay**; 2627 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Robinson**; 2929 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Cortis**; 3110 EDA 2025; Affirmed.

**August 10, 2026**  
**Com. v. Lawson**; 1078 EDA 2025; Affirmed; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Norman v. Silver**; 1169 EDA 2025; Affirmed; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Com. v. Baker**; 1254 EDA 2025; Affirmed- Application to Withdraw as Counsel Granted.  
**Com. v. Hess**; 1883 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Henderson v. Kardosh**; 2013 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Tirado**; 2078 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Perry**; 2106 EDA 2025; Quashed; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Com. v. Le**; 2605 EDA 2025; Affirmed.

**August 7, 2026**  
**Com. v. Rothwell**; 1855 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Henderson v. Kardosh**; 1874 EDA 2025; Appeal Dismissed.  
**Henderson v. Kardosh**; 2012 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Henderson v. Kardosh**; 2064 EDA 2025; Vacated/Remanded; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Com. v. Navarro**; 2725 EDA 2025; Affirmed- Application to Withdraw as Counsel Granted; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Com. v. Wood**; 3009 EDA 2025; Affirmed- Application to Withdraw as Counsel Granted; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Williams v. Espada**; 3211 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Fata**; 699 EDA 2026; Affirmed; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.

**August 6, 2026**  
**Com. v. Douglas**; 57 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Wilson**; 895 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Darby v. Matas Post Road Construction, LL**; 1737 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Smith-Goodman v. Boyer**; 3013 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Sharpe**; 3061 EDA 2024; Vacated/ Remanded; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.

**August 13, 2026**  
**Com. v. Banks**; 75 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Warren**; 626 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Dooley**; 883259 EDA 2025; Affirmed; Associated: 884 EDA 2025 ; 885 EDA 2025.  
**Com. v. Speights**; 1129 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Hinton v. iKEA**; 1927 EDA 2025; Jurisdiction Retained; Comments: Accordingly, consistent with Judge Vera's reasoning in Ramos, we conclude that the interests of justice and judicial economy favor a stay. The law governing this lawsuit should be issued by the relevant state court, and it is not our role to independently discern and shape California statutory law. We therefore stay this appeal for six months pending a decision from the California Court of Appeal addressing whether California Civil Code section 1670.8(a)(1) authorizes a private right of action absent enforcement, threatened enforcement, or other conduct prohibited by section 1670.8(a)(2). The parties art directed to advise this Court as soon as a California Court of Appeals decision addressing this matter is filed. Appeal stayed. Jurisdiction retained.

**Com. v. Torres**; 2193 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Hunt**; 2295 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Copeland**; 2620 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Hogan**; 2755 EDA 2025; Vacated/ Remanded; Comments: Jurisdiction relinquished.  
**Com. v. Ryak**; 2956 EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Locketto**; 3046EDA 2025; Affirmed.  
**Com. v. Gaitan**; 3075 EDA 2025; Affirmed - Application to Withdraw as Counsel Granted.  
**In the Int. of: J.S., Appeal of: S.L.D.**; 567 EDA 6; Affirmed; Associated: 568 EDA 2026; 572 EDA 2026; 570 EDA 2026; 571 EDA 2026; 569 EDA 2026.

## OPINIONS FILED

PER CURIAM

August 25, 2026

**PANELLA, P.J.E.**  
**Com. v. McKnight**; No. 1394 MDA 2025; Appeal from the Judgment of Sentence Entered June 2, 2025 In the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County Criminal Division at No(s): CP-22-CR-0000938-2024; Judgment of sentence affirmed.

August 19, 2026

NICHOLS, J.

**Kaspryak v. Stadarskyy**; No. 2781 EDA 2025; Appeal from the Order Entered September 26, 2025 In the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County Civil Division at No(s): 250700810; Order affirmed. Jurisdiction relinquished.

## ORDERS & DECREES

PER CURIAM

**Com. v. King**; 1162 EDA 2025; The application of Appellant, James Rodney King, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant's Brief shall be filed on or before October 19, 2026.  
**Bryant v. Pottstown School District**; 1498 EDA 2026; Appeal and docketing statement filed by pro se Appellant Shaniqua Bryant, plaintiff below, Appellant appeals from the April 6, 2026 order granting the motion for judgment on the pleadings filed by Appellee Pottstown School District, defendant below, and dismissing Appellant's complaint with prejudice. The Commonwealth Court has exclusive jurisdiction of appeals from final orders of the courts of common pleas in local government civil matters "arising under" any municipality, school district, planning or zoning code.  
**Lawton v. UMB National Bank**; 1532 EDA 2026; The "Application for Relief Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 123 Seeking Clarification of the Status of the Certified Record Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1931" (docketed as "Application for Relief") filed by Appellants Kimberly Lawton and Leo Lawton, the application is Dismissed as moot where this Court has received and docketed the trial court record.  
**Com. v. Peterson**; 1556 EDA 2026; Appeal, amended notices of appeal, certified trial court records and criminal docketing statements filed at the above-captioned appeals, the above-captioned appeals are hereby consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1556 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Both parties are directed to list all Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption of all future filings with this Court, but all filings shall only be filed at 1556 EDA 2026. Appellant's consolidated brief shall be filed on or before September 22, 2026.  
**Andela v. LYFT, Inc.**; 1569 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by pro se Appellant Valentine Andela, plaintiff below, this appeal is taken from: (1) the May 20, 2026 order dismissing all of Appellant's federal

causes of action for lack of jurisdiction; (2) the May 20, 2026 order granting Appellee's "Oral Motion to Vacate Default Judgment Entered in Error" and vacating the default judgment entered against Appellee Lyft, Inc., defendant below; and (3) the May 20, 2026 order dismissing all of Appellant's remaining state causes of action. To the extent that Appellant seeks to appeal from more than one order, filing one appeal from multiple orders is improper.

**In The Interest Of: A.J., A Minor Appeal Of: K.J., Father**; 2136 EDA 2026; Appellant filed this pro se Notice of Appeal on July 24, 2026 from a June 22, 2026 Order. As Appellant is represented by Appointed Counsel Elliott Love in this matter, Appointed Counsel Love was added as Appointed Counsel on this Court's docket. It appears that this appeal is duplicative of the appeal filed by Appellant's Appointed Counsel at 2082 EDA 2026 from the same June 22, 2026 Order.

**Cohen v. HSO Properties, L.P.**; 1446 EDA 2026; This Court having received a response to the July 15, 2026 show-cause Order, the rule is discharged and the appeal shall proceed. This ruling, however, is not binding upon this Court as a final determination as to the propriety of the appeal. The parties are advised that the issues may be revisited by the merits panel to be assigned to this appeal, and the parties should be prepared to address, in their briefs or at the time of oral argument, any concerns the panel may have concerning these issues.

**Zuckerman v. Brown & Brown of PA, LP**; 1724 EDA 2025; It Is Hereby Ordered. That the application filed June 19, 2026, requesting reargument of the decision dated June 5, 2026, is Denied.

**Dear v. Dear**; 1529 EDA 2026; Appellant's "Application for Reconsideration," filed July 17, 2026, is Denied.

**In The Interest Of: T.W., A Minor Appeal Of: S.W., Father**; 1729 EDA 2026; Appellant counsel's, James J. O'Connell, Esquire, "Application to Withdraw as Counsel" for Appellant, filed August 7, 2026, it is hereby Ordered. The Prothonotary of this Court is directed to transmit the August 7, 2026 "Application to Withdraw as Counsel" to the Honorable Tamika Washington. On or before August 20, 2026, the trial court is Directed to address Counsel O'Connell's Application to Withdraw as Counsel. The Prothonotary of this Court is directed to transmit a copy of this Order to the Honorable Tamika Washington, Counsel O'Connell, Father, and all parties.

**Com. v. Jones**; 1781 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Mr. Arthur Jones, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant's Brief shall be filed on or before October 16, 2026.

**Young v. Greater Refuge Tabernacle Ministries International**; 864 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal filed by Greater Refuge Tabernacle Ministries International, defendant below, the appeal is taken from the February 20, 2026 order denying its motion to open or strike the default judgment entered against it. On March 26, 2026, after this appeal was taken, the trial court entered an order pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b) directing Appellant to file a concise statement of the errors complained of on appeal within 21 days. Appellant is directed show cause, in the form of a letter addressed to the Prothonotary of this Court with a copy to opposing counsel, as to why the appeal should not be dismissed. The response shall be filed within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order. Failure to comply with this Order may result in dismissal of the appeal without further notice.

**Lowman v. Cousar**; 1914 EDA 2026; This pro se appeal has been taken from the June 8, 2026 Final Custody Order. Docketing Statement review revealed that the trial court timely and expressly granted Appellant's motion for reconsideration on July 8, 2026. Therefore, it appeared that this Court did not have jurisdiction over the June 8, 2026 Final Custody Order. On July 24, 2026, this Court entered a show cause order directing Appellant to respond as to the appealability of this June 8th Order within ten (10) days or this appeal would be dismissed or quashed without further notice of court. As of the date of this Order, Appellant has failed to file a response to the July 24th show cause order and the June 8th Order is not appealable.

**Appeal Of: Sergei Kovalev**; 1794 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. The Commonwealth Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction of appeals involving tort claims against either a Commonwealth or local agency. Appellant is directed to show cause, in a response filed of record in this Court with a copy to opposing counsel, as to why the above-captioned appeal should not be transferred to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

**Com. v. Aguilar-Ledesma**; 3308 EDA 2025; Application of Appellant, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted. Appellant's Brief filed on July 7, 2026, is considered timely filed.

**Robinson v. Best Buy In Town, Inc.**; 2680 EDA 2025; It Is Hereby Ordered. That the application filed June 15, 2026, requesting reargument/reconsideration of the decision dated June 2, 2026, is Denied.

**Cohen v. HSO Properties, LP**; 1447 EDA 2026; This Court having received a response to the July 15, 2026 show-cause Order, the rule is discharged and the appeal shall proceed. This ruling, however, is not binding upon this Court as a final determination as to the propriety of the appeal. The parties are advised that the issues may be revisited by the merits panel to be assigned to this appeal, and the parties should be prepared to address, in their briefs or at the time of oral argument, any concerns the panel may have concerning these issues.

**Kovalev v. City Of Philadelphia Water Department**; 1795 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal

at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. Appellant is directed to show cause, in a response filed of record in this Court with a copy to opposing counsel, as to why the above-captioned appeal should not be transferred to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. The response shall be transmitted so as to be actually received by the Prothonotary of this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of docketing of this Order. Failure to comply with this Order may result in transfer of the appeal without further notice.

**Purity Homes, Inc. v. All Unknown Occupants Of 7956 Temple Road Appeal of: Cecil and Kerry Wheeler;** 52 EDA 2026; On April 10, 2026, this Court entered an Order staying all proceedings in this Court and remanding the above-captioned appeal for Appellant Kerry Wheeler to file a suggestion of death with the trial court and for the trial court to certify and transmit to this Court the certified record containing the suggestion of death and a copy of Appellant Cecil Wheeler's death certificate. On July 30, 2026, the trial court transmitted to this Court the certified record containing the suggestion of death and a copy of Appellant Cecil Wheeler's death certificate. Accordingly, the stay of proceedings in this Court is Lifted. The briefing schedule, however, shall remain Suspended pending further Order of this Court.

**Purity Homes, Inc. v. All Unknown Occupants Of 7956 Temple Road Appeal Of: Cecil and Kerry Wheeler;** 3295 EDA 2025; On April 10, 2026, this Court entered an Order staying all proceedings in this Court and remanding the above-captioned appeal for Appellant Kerry Wheeler to file a suggestion of death with the trial court and for the trial court to certify and transmit to this Court the certified record containing the suggestion of death and a copy of Appellant Cecil Wheeler's death certificate. On July 30, 2026, the trial court transmitted to this Court the certified record containing the suggestion of death and a copy of Appellant Cecil Wheeler's death certificate.

**Romano v. Romano;** 301 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Denise Romano, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby Granted, in part. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 16, 2026.

**Kovalev v. Instant Brands Holdings LLC;** 1802 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. Of particular note, 1793, 1795, 1796, 1797 and 1798 EDA 2026 all involve either the City of Philadelphia and/or its employees, agents, and officers. Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 762(a)(l)(i) and (7), the Commonwealth Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction of appeals involving tort claims against either a Commonwealth or local agency.

**Kovalev v. Dang;** 1801 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. Of particular note, 1793, 1795, 1796, 1797 and 1798 EDA 2026 all involve either the City of Philadelphia and/or its employees, agents, and officers. Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 762(a)(l)(i) and (7), the Commonwealth Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction of appeals involving tort claims against either a Commonwealth or local agency.

**Kovalev v. Vata;** 1791 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. Of particular note, 1793, 1795, 1796, 1797 and 1798 EDA 2026 all involve either the City of Philadelphia and/or its employees, agents, and officers. Appellant is directed to show cause, in a response filed of record in this Court with a copy to opposing counsel, as to why the above-captioned appeal should not be transferred to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. The response shall be transmitted so as to be actually received by the Prothonotary of this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of docketing of this Order.

**Kovalev v. Rogers;** 1792 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. Of particular note, 1793, 1795, 1796, 1797 and 1798 EDA 2026 all involve either the City of Philadelphia and/or its employees, agents, and officers. Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 762(a)(l)(i) and (7), the Commonwealth Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction of appeals involving tort claims against either a Commonwealth or local agency.

**Kovalev v. City Of Philadelphia Fortune;** 1796 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. Of particular note, 1793, 1795, 1796, 1797 and 1798 EDA 2026 all involve either the City of Philadelphia and/or

its employees, agents, and officers. Moreover, generally, the Commonwealth Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of appeals from final orders of the courts of common pleas in civil cases involving our state government or its officers.

**Kovalev v. Wakefield;** 1798 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases.

**Kovalev v. Tuyet NGA THI Dang and Transcend Plumbing LLC;** 1799 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. Appellant is directed to show cause, in a response filed of record in this Court with a copy to opposing counsel, as to why the above-captioned appeal should not be transferred to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

**Hunte v. King;** 1517 EDA 2026; Appellant's failure to file a Brief, the appeal is Dismissed.

**Kovalev v. Best Choice Plumbing Inc.;** 1797 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal and docketing statement filed by Sergei Kovalev, Appellant purports to appeal at 1791 EDA 2026 through 1802 EDA 2026 from nearly identical trial court orders, all entered by the Honorable Daniel J. Anders, striking Appellant's in forma pauperis status and ordering him to pay all outstanding filing fees or risk dismissal of the underlying cases. Of particular note, 1793, 1795, 1796, 1797 and 1798 EDA 2026 all involve either the City of Philadelphia and/or its employees, agents, and officers. Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 762(a)(l)(i) and (7), the Commonwealth Court has exclusive appellate jurisdiction of appeals involving tort claims against either a Commonwealth or local agency. The briefing schedule is Stayed pending further order of this Court.

**Com. v. Miranda;** 972 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 13, 2026.

**Com. v. Burrell;** 509 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 13, 2026.

**Dekunchak v. SSN Hotel Management, LLC;** 1589 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, SSN Hotel Management, LLC, Hilton Hotel Corp., et al, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before September 21, 2026.

**Com. v. Whitfield;** 2887 EDA 2025; The original record in the above-captioned appeal was initially due to be transmitted to this Court by January 5, 2026, sixty days after the notice of appeal was filed. On April 16, 2026, we notified the trial court that the record was overdue. Later, on May 15, 2026, we mailed the court a second letter reminding it of the overdue record. However, as of the date of this order, the record remains outstanding, and the record is now over six months overdue. As this Court's prior correspondence advised the trial court that the certified record was overdue, the trial court is Ordered to complete, certify, and transmit the record to this Court with a trial court opinion within 60 days of this Order.

**Com. v. Mayo;** 117 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 13, 2026.

**PHH Mortgage Corporation v. Braccili;** 2067 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by pro se Appellant John Braccili, defendant below, the appeal is taken from (1) the July 21, 2026 order accepting the terms of the July 1, 2026 stipulation as a binding court order; and (2) the July 21, 2026 order denying Appellant's petition to vacate the sheriff's deed. By way of background, default judgment was entered in this mortgage foreclosure matter in 2023 against Appellant John Bracciliand in favor of Appellee PHH Mortgage Corporation, plaintiff below. Importantly, Appellant never filed a petition to open and/or strike default judgment.

**Herndon v. Swen;** 2025 EDA 2026; This pro se appeal is taken from a March 11, 2026 Order in a Child Support matter. This appeal appears to be untimely, and this Court is without jurisdiction to review the March 11th Order. Docketing Statement review revealed that the March 11th Order was entered on the trial court docket pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 236 on March 11, 2026. Therefore, the Notice of Appeal was required to be filed within thirty days of the March 11th Order, or by April 10, 2026. However, Appellant filed her Notice of Appeal on June 30, 2026. Appellant is directed to show cause within ten (10) days of the date of this order as to why the appeal should not be quashed. Please respond in writing and copy all parties involved on your reply. Failure to respond to this directive may result in dismissal or quashal of this appeal without further notice.

**928 N Leithgow, LLC v. Unknown Occupants Of 928 N Leithgow Street;** 1552 EDA 2026; Pro se Appellant Sharrod Reddy, one of eleven defendants below, appeals from the April 23 2026 order denying with prejudice Appellant's petition to strike judgment and the May 5, 2026 order prohibiting Appellant from filing "any further motions raising the same claims that have been denied on numerous occasions." This Court has found that filing a single notice of appeal from multiple orders is unacceptable practice. Review of the trial court docket reflects that Appellant may have left or been

ejected from the subject residence. Application to Quash Appeal" filed by Appellee 928 N Leithgow, LLC is Dismissed as moot.

**TP Investment Properties, LLC v. Naama, LLC;** 3084 EDA 2025; We Grant Appellee's Application for Relief. Appellee's brief is accepted, nunc pro tunc, as timely filed. Furthermore, Appellee shall not be precluded from participating in oral argument.

**O'Keefe v. Hill;** 682 EDA 2026; Pro se Appellant Fahcem R. Hill, defendant below, Appellant appeals from the February 26, 2026 order ("Order") granting Appellant's motion for temporary extension of supersedeas payment on the condition that Appellant deposit \$2,900.00 into escrow by 4:00 p.m. on March 4, 2026. The Order also noted that if Appellant made the required payment, that the supersedeas would be reinstated. Furthermore, review of the trial court docket reveals that Appellant deposited a \$2,900.00 payment into escrow on March 6, 2026 in accordance with the Order. Additionally, it appears that the escrow funds have been released.

**Mullan v. Costello;** 1604 EDA 2026; Application for Relief," docketed as "Application for Relief," filed by pro se Appellants Kurt Costello and Kristina Karen Talley, and noting the response filed thereto by Appellees Michael and Marsha Mullan, this Court observes that Appellants request nunc pro tunc relief for the trial court to accept their Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b) statement, which is included in the instant application, and to remand this appeal for the trial court to submit a supplemental opinion following receipt of the Rule 1925(b) statement. Review of the trial court docket reveals that on June 12, 2026, the trial Court directed Appellants to file a Rule 1925(b) statement. The June 12, 2026 order, however, does not fully comply with the requirements of Rule 1925(b) where it does not direct that the statement shall be filed of record, that the statement shall be served on the judge, and does not contain both the place the appellant can serve the Statement in person and the address to wh ch the appellant can mail the Statement.

**Com. v. Bennett;** 1519 EDA 2026; It is noted that Appellant Desmond Tyon Bennett has failed to pay the filing fee for the appeal. Appellant is hereby Ordered to either pay the requisite filing fee for the appeal at 1519 EDA 2026 in the amount of \$91.25 or, if applicable, file a request to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP) before the trial court. Payment of the fee or proof of filing of the IFP petition must be received by the Prothonotary of this Court within ten (10) days from the date of this Order. The failure to comply with this Order may result in the appeal being dismissed without notice.

**Wells Fargo Bank NA v. Sample;** 1865 EDA 2026; Pro se Appellant Jamal Tyson, one of the defendants below, appeals from the order dated June 15, 2026, and entered June 16, 2026 (the "Order"), that denied a motion for reconsideration. In his docketing statement, Appellant contends that the Order is a final, appealable order; however, it is well-settled that orders denying reconsideration are not appealable. Cheatham v. Temple Univ. Hosp., 743 A.2d 518, 521 (Pa. Super. 1999). By order of July 24, 2026, this Court directed Appellant to show cause as to why the appeal should not be quashed. Appellant did not respond.

**Mullan v. Costello;** 1604 EDA 2026; Application for Stay of Execution," docketed as "Application to Stay," filed by pro se Appellants Kurt Costello and Kristina Karen Talley, this Court observes that Appellants appeal from the June 4, 2026 jury verdict entered in the underlying landlord/tenant matter. This Court further observes that Appellants seek a stay of the August 5, 2026 writ of possession issued following the termination of supersedeas. In their application, Appellants do not analyze the factors required to seek a stay pursuant to Pennsylvania Pub. Util. Comm'n v. Process Gas Consumers Group, 467 A. 2d 805, 808-09 (Pa. 1983). Accordingly, the application for stay is Denied due to Appellants' failure to analyze all of the factors required to seek a stay.

**Com. v. Scott;** 2134 EDA 2025; Application for Correction or Modification of Record Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1926," the trial court is Directed to certify and transmit a supplemental record to this Court containing the documents referenced in and/or attached to Appellant's petition (Exhibits C-1, C-2, C-19, C-22) within twenty-one (21) days of the date that this Order is filed. The Prothonotary of this Court is Directed to forward a copy of this Order and Appellant's application to the Honorable Chesley A. Lightley and the Clerk of Courts.

**LT Investment, LLC v. Brinton;** 418 EDA 2026; Application for Extension of Time to File Brief - Third Request," filed by Appellant Dana Brinton, the application is Granted. Appellant's brief is now due on or before August 28, 2026. No Further Extensions of Time Shall Be Granted.

**Com. v. Nelson;** 2896 EDA 2025; Application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before August 24, 2026.

**Com. v. Hill;** 527 EDA 2026; Appellant's July 27, 2026 "Motion for Leave of Court to Proceed Pro Se/Ineffective Assistance of PCRA Counsel," the application is deferred to the panel assigned to decide the merits of the instant appeal.

**Chmielewski v. Phoenixville Driving Range;** 1566 EDA 2026; It is noted that Appellant Andrew Chmielewski, Vanessa Chmielewski, Benjamin Garrison, and Jaclyn Garrison has failed to pay the filing fee for the appeal. The appellant upon filing the notice of appeal shall pay any fees therefor (including docketing fees in the appellate court) prescribed by Chapter 27"). Accordingly, Appellant is hereby Ordered to either pay the requisite filing fee for the appeal at 1566 EDA 2026 in the amount of \$91.25 or, if applicable, file a request to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP) before the trial court.

**McCarthy v. Hahn;** 427 EDA 2026; Application to Consolidate Appeals Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 513," docketed as "Application for Consolidation," filed by Appellants, and noting no response filed thereto, the application is Granted and the appeals are Consolidated in

accordance with Pa.R.A.P. 513. The appeal at 427 EDA 2026 is Designated as the lead appeal and all future filings with this Court shall be made only at the lead docket number but contain both docket numbers in the case caption.

**U.S. Bank Trust National Association v. Barnes;** 1371 EDA 2026; It is noted that Appellant Sky Wakefield Trust has failed to pay the filing fee for the appeal. Appellant is hereby Ordered to either pay the requisite filing fee for the appeal at 1371 EDA 2026 in the amount of \$91.25 or, if applicable, file a request to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP) before the trial court. Payment of the fee or proof of filing of the IFP petition must be received by the Prothonotary of this Court within ten (10) days from the date of this Order. The failure to comply with this Order may result in the appeal being dismissed without notice.

**Terry v. Jefferson Methodist Hospital;** 1810 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by Appellant Donald Terry, plaintiff below, the appeal is taken from the trial court's May 28, 2026 order (the "Order") entering judgment of non pros against Appellant. Procedurally relevant here, the trial court entered the May 28, 2026 Order entering judgment of non pros against Appellant. Importantly, to obtain relief from the judgment of non pros, Appellant was required to file a petition to open and/or strike judgment. The only means by which relief can be sought from a judgment of non pros is through a petition to open and/or strike judgment pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 3051. An appeal related to a judgment of non pros lies not from the judgment itself but from the denial of a petition to open or strike the judgment.

**Com. v. Roberts;** 1711 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Christopher S. Roberts, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant's Brief shall be filed on or before October 26, 2026.

**Williams v. Williams;** 1951 EDA 2026; This pro se appeal has been taken from the June 26, 2026 Order, entered on the parties' Custody docket on June 30, 2026, that denied Mother's "Notice of Proposed Relocation" and "Petition for Relocation and Modification of Custody" ("June 30th Order"). It was initially unclear whether the June 30th Order was appealable in light of the fact that it appeared that Father's Petitions for Special Relief regarding school placement and educational testing remained outstanding and were scheduled for further hearing on July 27, 2026. Therefore, on July 31, 2026, this Court issued an Order directing the trial court to respond as to whether the June 30th Order on appeal was entered after the completion of the trial court's hearings on the merits and was intended to constitute a complete resolution of the parties' custody claims.

**Com. v. Abdel-Aziz;** 1581 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Tamir Irshad Abdel-Aziz, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant's Brief shall be filed on or before October 19, 2026.

**Com. v. Williams;** 2535 EDA 2025; The "Motion for Extension of Time to File Appellate Brief and Request for Documents" filed in this Court on May 15, 2026 by Appellant Williams is Granted. Appellant Counsel shall also provide this Court with written confirmation of compliance with the foregoing and proof of service of same. Such proof of service shall include Appellant as an individual who has been served. The Application to Compel filed by Appellant Williams on July 31, 2026 is denied as moot.

**Com. v. Hernandez;** 1538 EDA 2025; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before September 14, 2026.

**Com. v. Vilayphunh;** 1788 EDA 2026; The notices of appeal, the criminal docketing statements filed at 1788 EDA 2026, 1789 EDA 2026, and 1790 EDA 2026, and Appellant counsel's July 1, 2026 "Application To Consolidate Multiple Separately Docketed Appeals," the appeals are hereby Consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1788 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Accordingly, all filings for these consolidated appeals shall list 1788 EDA 2026, 1789 EDA 2026, and 1790 EDA 2026 in the caption but shall only be filed at 1788 EDA 2026.

**Gigi Dadi Inc. v. Gray;** 1740 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by pro se Appellant Alyssa Gray, the appeal is taken from the June 11, 2026 order (the "Order") denying her petition for stay. Briefly, this case arises from a Philadelphia landlord-tenant dispute that began in the Municipal Court of Philadelphia and was appealed by Appellant to the Court of Common Pleas in December 2025. Over the next six months, the trial court held five hearings on stay-related matters, granting and denying stays multiple times, ordering two remands to Municipal Court, and ultimately denying Appellant's fifth stay request on June 10, 2026, with prejudice. Appellant now appeals from the June 10, 2026 Order denying the stay.

**Com. v. Ward;** 596 EDA 2026; On July 8, 2026, Appellant filed a brief through the PACFile electronic filing system. As of the date of this order, a paper version and the requisite number of copies have not been provided to this Court. See Order, 418 Judicial Administration Docket, at II(I). (Pa. 2014) (per curiam) ("Within seven days of the submission of any electronic filing, the electronic filer shall submit to the court a paper version of the electronic filing with as many copies as the court requires."). This Court's Office of the Prothonotary attempted, via letter on July 20, 2026, to contact Appellant, but has yet to receive the requisite paper copies of his brief.

**Com. v. Dickerson;** 1432 EDA 2025; It Is Hereby Ordered: That the application filed June 15, 2026, requesting reargument of the decision dated June 4, 2026, is Denied.

**Com. v. McGee;** 1092 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Turon Derrick McGee, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellant's Brief shall be filed on or before September 1, 2026.

**Com. v. Beyah;** 406 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 13, 2026.

**Com. v. VO;** 299 EDA 2025; We hereby grant Appellant's application to submit on briefs. The prothonotary is directed to remove the within case from the September 16, 2026 argument list.

**Bentley Square Condominium Association v. Waters;** 731 EDA 2026; This Court has received a response to the order of July 28, 2026. Accordingly, the rule is Discharged and this appeal shall proceed. This ruling, however, is not binding upon this Court, as a final determination as to the propriety of the appeal. The parties are advised that the issue may be revisited by the panel assigned to decide the merits of this appeal. The parties should be prepared to address, in their briefs or at the time of oral argument, any concerns the panel may have regarding the issue. The Prothonotary of this Court is Directed to reestablish the briefing schedule for the above-captioned appeal.

**Pierce v. Westfield;** 2016 EDA 2026; Appeal is taken from the July 1, 2026 Order in a Child Support matter. Appellant shall order the pertinent transcripts no later than August 24, 2026

**Com. v. Williams;** 1695 EDA 2026; The trial court docket, judgment of sentence was imposed on April 9, 2026. On April 24, 2026, 15 days later, Appellant Counsel, Briana Corine Shaw, Esquire, filed an untimely post-sentence motion. Accordingly, Appellant Counsel is directed to show cause, in a written response filed of record in this Court, within ten (10) days of the date that this Order is entered, why this appeal should not be quashed as untimely filed on June 11, 2026, from the judgment of sentence imposed on April 9, 2026, where the post-sentence motion was untimely filed on April 24, 2026.

**H.C. Pody Company v. Mitchell Commons, LLC;** 1719 EDA 2026; Consideration of the notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by Appellant H.C. Pody Company, the appeal is taken from the May 22, 2026 order denying Appellant's post-trial motion in the underlying action docketed in the trial court at No. 200202497. After this appeal was taken, judgment was entered against Appellant on July 7, 2026 at No. 200202497. Therefore, the above-captioned appeal properly lies from the July 7, 2026 judgment. Accordingly, Appellant is Directed to show cause, in the form of a response letter filed of record in this Court with a copy served on opposing counsel, as to why the above-captioned appeal should not be remanded for the trial court to sever the underlying action from the other actions, to the extent that the actions remain consolidated, where the May 22, 2026 order and subsequent judgment entered appear only to resolve issues at trial court docket Nos. 200202497, 200800471, and 220802959. The response letter shall be filed of record in this Court within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order. Appellant's failure to comply with this Order may result in remand of the appeal without further notice for the trial court to clarify whether the six actions are consolidated and to what extent, if any, and, further, to sever the actions upon a directive from this Court, if necessary.

**Com. v. Al-Azzam;** 1442 EDA 2026; Appellant is directed to show cause, in a response filed of record in this Court, within ten (10) days of the date that this Order is filed, why the above-captioned appeal should not be dismissed as duplicative of the appeal docketed at 1510 EDA 2026. Failure to respond to this directive may result in dismissal of this appeal without further notice.

**Mitchell Commons, LLC v. H.C. Pody Company;** 1721 EDA 2026; Consideration of the notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by Appellant H.C. Pody Company, the appeal is taken from the May 22, 2026 order denying Appellant's post-trial motion in the underlying action, purportedly entered in the trial court at No. 220802959. Accordingly, Appellant is Directed to show cause, in the form of a response letter filed of record in this Court with a copy served on opposing counsel, as to why the above-captioned appeal should not be remanded for the trial court to sever the underlying action from the other actions, to the extent that the actions remain consolidated, where the May 22, 2026 orders and any judgments entered on those orders appear to resolve issues only at trial court docket Nos. 200202497, 200800471, and 220802959. The response letter shall be filed of record in this Court within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order. Appellant's failure to comply with this Order may result in remand of the appeal without further notice for the trial court to clarify whether the six actions are consolidated and to what extent, if any, and, further, to sever the actions upon a directive from this Court, if necessary.

**H.C. Pody Company v. Mitchell Commons, LLC;** 1718 EDA 2026; Appellant H.C. Pody Company, the appeal is taken from the May 21, 2026 order denying Appellant's post-trial motion in the underlying action docketed in the trial court at No. 1912M0024. After this appeal was taken, judgment was entered against Appellant on July 7, 2026 at No. 1912M0024. Therefore, the above-captioned appeal properly lies from the July 7, 2026 judgment. Accordingly, Appellant is Directed to show cause, in the form of a response letter filed of record in this Court with a copy served on opposing counsel, as to why the above-captioned appeal should not be remanded for the trial court to sever the underlying action from the other actions, to the extent that the actions remain consolidated, where the May 21, 2026 order and subsequent entry of judgment appear to resolve issues at trial court docket No. 1912M0024 only. The response letter shall be filed of record in this Court within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order. Appellant's failure to comply with this Order may result in remand of the appeal without further notice for the trial court to clarify whether the six actions are consolidated and to what extent, if any, and, if necessary, to sever the underlying action from the other actions upon

further directive from this Court.

**Com. v. Mitchell;** 1237 EDA 2026; The trial court dockets, notices of appeal, and the criminal docketing statements, the above-captioned appeals are hereby Consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1237 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Accordingly, all filings for these consolidated appeals shall list all of the above-captioned Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption but shall only be filed at 1237 EDA 2026.

**Cruz v. Adams;** 1431 EDA 2026; This Court has received a response to the Order of July 17, 2026 directing Appellant to praecept the trial court prothonotary to enter judgment on the decision of the trial court. Judgment was entered on July 20, 2026. The case caption in the above-captioned appeal has been corrected to reflect that the appeal is taken from the judgment entered July 20, 2026. Accordingly, the rule is Discharged and the appeal shall proceed.

**Com. v. Hoopes;** 1701 EDA 2026; the trial court dockets, notices of appeal, and criminal docketing statements filed at the above-captioned appeals, the above-captioned appeals are hereby consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1701 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Both parties are directed to list all Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption of all future filings with this Court, but all filings shall only be filed at 1701 EDA 2026.

**Turton v. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP;** 1565 EDA 2026; The “Request for Correction or Information” (docketed as “Application for Relief”) and the documents (docketed as “Other”) filed by Appellant Adeayo Turton, the application is Dismissed as moot where this Court’s prothonotary was directed to make the corrections and the corrections have been made.

**Com. v. Patti;** 955 EDA 2026; This Court notified and/or directed Appellant either to pay the requisite filing fee, or to provide proof of filing with the trial court of an application to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP). Appellant was directed to comply within ten (10) days of each Order. Appellant has not paid the filing fee for the notice of appeal or apprised this Court of any intent to seek IFP status. Accordingly, the above-captioned appeal is Dismissed.

**Com. v. Corbin;** 2652 EDA 2025; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 13, 2026.

**Lipton v. Drumheller Construction Company, Inc.;** 618 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Glenn E. Lipton and Jill S. Lipton, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 11, 2026.

**Com. v. Brown;** 144 EDA 2025; The Commonwealth’s petition for an extension of time to file a brief is Granted. The Commonwealth’s brief shall be filed no later than fourteen days from the date of this order.

**Stack v. SSM Group Inc.;** 1676 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by Appellants, some of the defendants below, the appeal is taken from the May 12, 2026 order (the “Order”) denying Appellants’ motion for summary judgment in the underlying products liability action. Appellants contend that the Order is a collateral order pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 313. Appellants further contend that they are entitled to governmental immunity under the Political Subdivision Torts Claim Act, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8541, as the underlying action involves services performed in their capacity as the appointed engineer for the Western Berks Water Authority.

**Com. v. Gerber;** 3276 EDA 2025; Application of Appellant, for extension of time to file Reply Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant’s Reply Brief shall be filed on or before August 31, 2026.

**Com. v. Fortune;** 1162 EDA 2026; Consideration of the July 20, 2026 pro se “Appellant’s Motion For Remand And P.A.R.CRIMP. Rule 905 Leave To Amend,” the motion is Denied.

**Com. v. Lecomte;** 1201 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 9, 2026.

**Stack v. SSM Group Inc.;** 1678 EDA 2026; Consideration of the notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by Appellants, some of the defendants below, the appeal is taken from the May 12, 2026 order (the “Order”) denying Appellants’ motion for summary judgment in the underlying products liability action. Appellants contend that the Order is a collateral order pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 313. Appellants further contend that they are entitled to governmental immunity under the Political Subdivision Torts Claim Act, 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 8541, as the underlying action involves services performed in their capacity as the appointed engineer for the Western Berks Water Authority.

**6127 Ridge Holdings, LLC v. Holloway;** 285 EDA 2026; Appellant’s pro se “Motion for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument Remotely,” we hereby Deny that motion. Appellant is directed to appear in person for oral argument on September 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

**Com. v. Jones;** 1881 EDA 2025; Appellant’s July 9, 2026 “Application For Correction Of Omission In The Original Record Pursuant To Pa. R.A.P. 1926,” filed by Matthew Francis Sullivan, Esq., the application is Denied.

**Com. v. Savage;** 1831 EDA 2026; Appellant’s July 8, 2026 “Application For Leave To Withdraw As Counsel,” filed by Thomas Francis Coleman, Esq., the application is Denied.

**Com. v. Siderio;** 642 EDA 2026; Application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 9, 2026.

**Stenger v. Regional Women’s Health Group, LLC;** 2864 EDA 2025; The application of Appellee, Regional Women’s Health Group, LLC, et al, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellee’s Brief

shall be filed on or before September 25, 2026.

**Com. v. Clark;** 2776 EDA 2025; The application of Appellee, Sadeeq Clark, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 16, 2026.

**Com. v. Carter;** 176 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 15, 2026.

**Com. v. Guess;** 766 EDA 2026; Application of Appellant, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 8, 2026.

**Farmer v. Lanier;** 211 EDA 2026; Appellee Cheyenne Lanier’s “Application for Continuance of Oral Argument Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 2313(b),” the Application is hereby Granted. We direct the Prothonotary to list this appeal on the next available argument panel sitting in the Eastern District.

**Alkholy v. Shypulya;** 1214 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Moustafa Alkholy, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellant’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 9, 2026.

**Com. v. Pettway;** 1888 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Bennie Pettway, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellant’s Brief shall be filed on or before August 17, 2026.

**Com. v. Sisler;** 226 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 8, 2026.

**Gehman v. Shawnee Holding, Inc.;** 87 EDM 2026; Petition for permission appeal, and the answers filed thereto, the petition is Denied.

**Com. v. Lopez;** 1222 EDA 2026; The existing briefing schedule is Vacated pending further Order of this Court.

**Evans v. Earl Properties, LLC;** 728 EDA 2026; Application of Appellant, Ronnie E. Evans Jr., for Extension of Time to File Brief of Appellant,” docketed as “Application for Extension of Time to File Brief - Third Request,” filed by Appellant Ronnie E. Evans, Jr., the application is Granted. Appellant’s brief is now due on or before August 20, 2026.

**Com. v. Darrin Orr;** 3068 EDA 2025; Application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 6, 2026.

**Com. v. Primus;** 669 EDA 2026; Application of Appellant, Michael R. Primus, for extension of time to file Brief and Reproduced Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant’s Brief and Reproduced Record shall be filed on or before September 9, 2026.

**Com. v. Pennypacker;** 357 EDA 2026; Application of Appellant, Michael Pennypacker, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 9, 2026.

**McLean v. Hegarty;** 310 EDA 2026; This Court is in receipt of correspondence from the Chester County Court of Common Pleas, docketed in this Court as an application to reinstate appeal, but which appears to be an appellate brief that Appellant sent to Chester County. The above-captioned appeal was dismissed on May 11, 2026, and the record remitted on June 23, 2026. Accordingly, the June 24, 2026 docket entry is Stricken and we deem this appellate docket as closed, as this Court no longer has jurisdiction.

**Com. v. Gurley;** 2232 EDA 2025; The trial court dockets, the notices of appeal, the amended notices of appeal, the criminal docketing statements filed at 2232 EDA 2025 and 2233 EDA 2025, and Appellant counsel’s July 18, 2026 “Appellant’s Motion To Consolidate Appeals Pursuant To Pa.R.A.P. 512,” the appeals are hereby Consolidated. Appellant’s brief filed on August 8, 2026, is accepted as the consolidated Brief for Appellant. The Commonwealth’s consolidated Brief for Appellee shall be filed on or before September 8, 2026.

**Post Rittenhouse Hill, LP v. Byrd-Norwood;** 1342 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by pro se Appellant, defendant below, Quejaunzia Byrd-Norwood, Appellant seeks to appeal from the May 18, 2026 order denying her emergency motion for reconsideration. The order is not a final order or otherwise appealable pursuant to relevant law or statute. As such, by order entered July 21, 2026, this Court directed Appellant to show cause as to why the appeal should not be quashed or dismissed as moot. Appellant did not file a response.

**Jeannine Bako v. Fargo;** 1266 EDA 2026; Application To Quash Appeal Of Appellee Wells Fargo Bank N.A.,” (docketed as “Application to Quash Appeal”) filed by Appellee Wells Fargo Bank N.A., and the response in opposition thereto, the application is Granted, and the appeal is Quashed.

**Carpet Inn v. Hutnick;** 1077 EDA 2026; Application for Leave to File Supplemental Reproduced Record,” docketed as “Application to File Supplemental,” filed by pro se Appellant George Hutnick, the application is Denied.

**Gordan v. Leake;** 537 EDA 2026; Application for Extension of Time Nunc Pro Tunc to File Initial Brief,” docketed as “Application for Extension of Time to File Brief - Second Request,” and noting no response filed thereto, the application is Granted. Appellant’s brief and reproduced record filed August 4, 2026 is accepted as timely filed.

**Com. v. Ramsey;** 2165 EDA 2026; The trial court dockets, notices of appeal, and criminal docketing statements filed at the above-captioned appeals, the above-captioned appeals are hereby consolidated. The appeal docketed at

2165 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Both parties are directed to list all Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption of all future filings with this Court, but all filings shall only be filed at 2165 EDA 2026.

**Com. v. Gibson;** 1885 EDA 2026; Court dockets, notices of appeal, and criminal docketing statements filed at the above-captioned appeals, the above-captioned appeals are hereby consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1885 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Both parties are directed to list all Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption of all future filings with this Court, but all filings shall only be filed at 1885 EDA 2026.

**Nationstar Mortgage, LLC D/B/A Mr Cooper, and US Bank Trust National Association v. McGonagle;** 908 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by pro se Appellants, defendants below, Thomas McGonagle and Betty Anne McGonagle, Appellants appeal from the March 9, 2026 order denying the “Motion to Vacate Sheriff’s Sale” in the underlying mortgage foreclosure action. Upon review of the trial court record, it appears that the subject property was sold at Sheriff’s Sale on December 13, 2024, and that the deed to the new owner of the property was recorded on February 21, 2025. This Court has noted that the recording of the deed constitutes prima facie evidence of delivery of the deed and creates a rebuttable presumption that the deed has been delivered.

**Com. v. Brittingham;** 1838 EDA 2026; The Prothonotary of this Court is Directed to list the above-captioned appeal Consecutively with the appeals at Commonwealth v. Smith, 1836 EDA 2026 and Commonwealth v. Shulder, 1837 EDA 2026.

**Com. v. Deloatch;** 1336 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 9, 2026.

**Krolicki v. Main Line Health - Lankenau Medical Center;** 867 EDA 2026; Application for Relief to File and Serve out of Time Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 123, Designation of The Reproduced Record, Brief Statement of Issues for Review, and The Reproduced Record” (docketed as “Application for Relief”) filed by Appellant, the application is Granted and Appellant’s brief and reproduced record shall now be due on or before September 9, 2026. Appellant’s designations of the reproduced record are deemed timely, and Appellee may file counter designation of those parts of the record not designated by the appellant within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.

**Com. v. Smith;** 1836 EDA 2026; The Prothonotary of this Court is Directed to list the above-captioned appeal Consecutively with the appeals at Commonwealth v. Shulder, 1837 EDA 2026 and Commonwealth v. Brittingham, 1838 EDA 2026.

**Com. v. Ortiz;** 1771 EDA 2026; The trial court dockets, notices of appeal, and criminal docketing statements filed at the above-captioned appeals, the above-captioned appeals are hereby consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1771 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Both parties are directed to list all Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption of all future filings with this Court, but all filings shall only be filed at 1771 EDA 2026.

**Com. v. Marion;** 895 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 9, 2026.

**Aviator Properties, LLC v. Barakat;** 977 EDA 2026; for the County of Philadelphia

**Com. v. Shulder;** 1837 EDA 2026; The Prothonotary of this Court is Directed to list the above-captioned appeal Consecutively with the appeals at Commonwealth v. Smith, 1836 EDA 2026 and Commonwealth v. Brittingham, 1838 EDA 2026.

**Williams v. Bailey;** 1072 EDA 2026; Appellant having failed to file a Brief, the appeal is Dismissed.

**Com. v. Steele;** 1082 EDA 2026; This Court’s June 9, 2026 show cause Order is hereby discharged without prejudice for the panel assigned to decide the merits of the appeal to revisit the issue. Moreover, this discharge Order is not a final determination as to the propriety of the appeal. The Prothonotary of this Court is Directed to reinstate the briefing schedule.

**Mandel v. Custer;** 1258 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by pro se Appellant Miriam Roth Mandel, Appellant purports to appeal from the March 23, 2026, trial court order sustaining preliminary objections, dismissing her complaint, and granting Appellant leave to file an amended complaint within twenty (20) days. Generally, appeals may be taken only from final orders. A final order must dispose of all claims and all parties. As such, this Court directed Appellant to show cause as to why the appeal should not be quashed or dismissed. Appellant failed to respond.

**Valerio v. Taylor;** 976 EDA 2026; Application to Quash Appeal,” filed by Appellees Steven Valerio and Maria Veras, and the answer thereto, the application is Denied without prejudice to the moving party’s right to again raise this issue, if properly preserved, in the brief or, if the brief has already been filed, then in a new application that may be filed after the appeal has been assigned to the panel of this Court that will decide the merits of the appeal.

**Corbett v. Friends Hospital;** 1348 EDA 2026; The notice of appeal and docketing statement filed by pro se Appellant Donyai Corbett, Appellant purports to appeal from the December 18, 2025, entry of judgment of non pros. The trial court docket reflects that Appellant failed to timely petition to strike/open the judgment of non pros within thirty days. Pa.R.Civ.P. 3051 (providing that relief from entry of non pros shall be sought in the form of a petition to strike/open judgment). Instead, Appellant filed the instant, untimely appeal on February 4, 2026. Consequently, no issues were preserved for appeal. As such, this Court directed Appellant to show cause as to

why the appeal should not be dismissed due to waiver. Appellant failed to respond.

**Com. v. Cooper;** 2352 EDA 2025; Consideration of the August 5, 2026 nunc pro tunc application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted In Part. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 3, 2026.

**Bryan v. Stike;** 1385 EDA 2026; Application for Extension of Time to File Docketing Statement” filed by pro se Appellants Ernest Joseph Stike and Amy Stike, the application is Granted and Appellants’ docketing statement shall now be due on or before September 8, 2026.

**Com. v. Moore;** 768 EDA 2026; Appellant’s July 13, 2026 “Application To Proceed In Forma Pauperis,” filed by Walter C. Chisholm, Esq., is Denied without prejudice to seek the requested relief in the PCRA court. Upon consideration of Appellant’s July 26, 2026 “Application For Relief Pursuant To Pa.R.A.P. 123 (Request for 30-Day Extension to File Paper Copies of Brief and Reproduced Record),” filed by Walter C. Chisholm, Esq., the application is Granted, and the paper copies of Appellant’s brief shall be due on or before August 19, 2026.

**Rivera v. Kulp-Heckler;** 77 EDM 2026; Petition for permission to appeal, and the answer filed thereto, the petition is Denied.

**Com. v. Rivera;** 1306 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Alexander Rivera, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 19, 2026.

**Darby v. Lawrence;** 486 EDA 2026; Pro se Appellant Hassien Sistrunk, one of two defendants below, appeals from the January 5, 2026 order (“Order”) that, among other things, announced the non-jury decision in favor of Appellee Sharnell Darby, plaintiff below, and directed partition of the subject property. A notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after the entry of the order from which the appeal is taken. On June 15, 2026, this Court directed Appellant to show cause as to why this appeal should not be quashed or dismissed. Appellant timely responded. Appellant’s response, however, is legally insufficient to demonstrate that the appeal is not untimely.

**Com. v. Winn;** 1976 EDA 2026; The trial court dockets, notices of appeal, certified trial court records and criminal docketing statements filed at the above-captioned appeals, the above-captioned appeals are hereby consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1976 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Both parties are directed to list all Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption of all future filings with this Court, but all filings shall only be filed at 1976 EDA 2026. Appellant’s consolidated brief shall be filed on or before September 14, 2026.

**Com. v. Carter;** 981 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 5, 2026.

**Com. v. Strohe;** 602 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 5, 2026.

**Lerner v. Fifteen Hundred Locust LP;** 1808 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Helen B. Lerner, M.D., for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellant’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 8, 2026.

**Yaffe v. Boyds, LP;** 997 EDA 2025; We Grant the application, filed by Appellees Jeffrey Glass and Lisa Glass, for a continuance of the scheduled oral argument in the above-captioned case. The Prothonotary shall list the case before the next available argument panel in the Eastern District. The Court will contact counsel concerning details for the rescheduled argument session.

**Com. v. Miller;** 449 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 9, 2026.

**Ahmed v. Marc Ginlet;** 1006 EDA 2026; Appellant’s failure to file a Brief, the appeal is Dismissed.

**Com. v. James;** 2346 EDA 2025; Appellant’s failure to file a Brief, the appeal is Dismissed.

**Com. v. Guerra;** 1844 EDA 2026; Application of Appellant, for extension of time to file docketing statement, the application is hereby Granted. Appellant’s docketing statement filed on August 4, 2026, is considered timely filed.

**Com. v. Dorsey;** 866 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 11, 2026.

**Com. v. Coleman;** 1506 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Samuel Leroy Coleman, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. Appellant’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 9, 2026.

**Com. v. Johnson;** 1168 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before September 11, 2026.

**Com. v. James Law;** 1175 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or before October 9, 2026.

**Com. v. Ward;** 596 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee’s Brief shall be filed on or

before October 6, 2026.

**Henderson v. Kardosh;** 2034 EDA 2026; This appeal is taken from the July 2, 2026 Temporary Custody Order. The July 2nd Order is not final or otherwise appealable. Therefore, on July 24, 2026 this Court entered a show cause order directing Appellant to respond within ten days as to why this appeal should not be quashed as taken from an interlocutory order. Appellant’s “Application to Stay,” filed August 4, 2026 is Dismissed as Moot. The Prothonotary of this Court is not to accept any further filings in the above captioned appeal from Appellant.

**Com. v. Martin;** 491 EDA 2025; Appellee’s Application to Submit on Briefs, it is hereby ordered that said application is Denied. This case shall proceed with oral argument on August 11, 2026. Counsel for Appellee shall decide whether it is in his client’s best interest to appear or not appear for oral argument.

**Pierce v. Westfield;** 2016 EDA 2026; This pro se appeal has been taken from a July 1, 2026 Child Support Order. Appellant filed this Notice of Appeal and In Forma Pauperis (“IFP”) Petition with the trial court on July 15, 2026. Docketing Statement review revealed that the July 15th IFP Petition remains pending. The trial court confirmed that it has made no determination on the IFP Petition. Accordingly, it is hereby Ordered that the trial court is directed to enter an order as to Appellant’s IFP status on or before August 14, 2026 and to send to this Court a copy of its decision as a “Response”. The Prothonotary of this Court is directed to send a copy of this order to the Honorable Rajinderpal S. Sandher, Philadelphia County Domestic Relations, and all parties.

**Moynihan v. Moynihan;** 1918 EDA 2026; This Notice of Appeal has been taken from the interlocutory Divorce Order dated March 19, 2026 that, in pertinent part, directs Appellant in the parties ongoing Divorce proceeding to issue a subpoena to Samuel T. Swanson Esquire, as to discovery requests that are not privileged regarding the administration of the Estate of Anna Gavigan and to issue a subpoena to BAR Financial, LLC. The March 24th Discovery Order does not appear final or otherwise appealable. Generally, only final orders are appealable. Therefore, on July 23, 2026, this Court entered a show cause order directing Appellant to respond as to why this appeal should not be quashed as taken from an interlocutory Divorce Order. On July 30, 2026, Appellant filed a response that does not justify this Court’s jurisdiction to review the interlocutory Divorce Order.

**Williams v. Martinez;** 1728 EDA 2026; This appeal has been taken from the May 27, 2026 Order entered by the trial court that denied Appellant’s third motion seeking a paternity test of same Child. On July 13, 2026, this Court received correspondence from the Honorable Ourania Papademetriou requesting that the appeal be quashed pursuant to the coordinate jurisdiction rule citing Commonwealth v. Starr, 664 A.2d 1326, 1321 (Pa. 1995) since on April 30, 2025, the trial court denied Appellant’s first motion for genetic testing and motion to establish paternity, on February 4, 2026, the trial court denied Appellant’s second motion for paternity testing of the same Child and on May 27, 2026 the trial court denied Appellant’s third motion for paternity testing of the same child.

**Dear v. Dear;** 1528 EDA 2026; Appellant’s “Application for Reconsideration of Order,” filed July 17, 2026, is Denied.

**In Re: G.L.W., A Minor Appeal Of: M.J.W., Jr., Father;** 1459 EDA 2026; On July 20, 2026 Appellant’s counsel electronically filed an electronic “Application for Extension to File Appellant’s Brief” and reproduced requesting an extension due to computer issues so that Appellant’s brief and reproduced record would be filed on July 20, 2026 rather than the due date of July 17, 2026. On July 20, 2026, an order was entered by this Court that granted Counsel’s requested relief and ordered Counsel to file Appellant’s brief and reproduced record by end of day on July 20, 2026 or file Appellant’s late brief and reproduced record on or before July 27, 2026.

**Com. v. Marlon;** 1982 EDA 2026; Appeal, amended notices of appeal, and the criminal docketing statements, the above-captioned appeals are hereby Consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1982 EDA 2026 is designated as the lead appeal. Accordingly, all filings for these consolidated appeals shall list both of the above-captioned Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption but shall only be filed at 1982 EDA 2026. Accordingly, Appellant’s consolidated brief shall be filed on or before September 8, 2026.

**Petrikowsky v. Lefkowitz;** 2876 EDA 2025; The parties’ August 6, 2026 “Joint Response Letter Regarding Status of Settlement,” filed in response to this Court’s July 30, 2026 Order granting the parties’ request to extend the stay of briefing schedule, the following is Ordered. The briefing schedule in the above-captioned appeal is Stayed for an additional period of fifteen (15) days, or until, August 21, 2026, for the parties to finalize the settlement documents.

**Bugg v. Desvigne;** 1232 EDA 2025; This 7th day of August, 2026, we hereby grant Appellant’s Emergency Application for Leave to File a Limited Verified Reply to Appellee’s Answer to Application to Stay. Appellant may file the “Limited Verified Reply” in the form attached to the application.

**Mendoza Properties, LLC v. Pacheco;** 288 EDA 2026; Application for a Stay of Execution on the Writ for Possession,” docketed as “Application to Stay,” filed by Appellants Alexandra Hundley, Robert Buck, and Patricia McCarthy, and the answer thereto, the application is Denied for failure to successfully demonstrate satisfaction of any of the requirements for issuance of a stay as set forth in Pa. Public Utility Cmm’n v. Process Gas Consumers Group, 467 A.2d 805 (Pa. 1983), (1) likely to prevail on the merits of an appeal; (2) without the requested relief, will suffer irreparable injury; (3) the issuance of a stay will not substantially harm other interested parties; and (4) the issuance of a stay will not adversely affect the public interest.

**Com. v. Yadiel;** 1868 EDA 2026; Appeal, certified trial court records and criminal docketing statements filed at the above-captioned appeals, the above-captioned appeals are hereby consolidated. The appeal docketed at 1868 EDA 2026

is designated as the lead appeal. Both parties are directed to list all Superior Court Docket Numbers in the caption of all future filings with this Court, but all filings shall only be filed at 1868 EDA 2026. Appellant's consolidated brief shall be filed on or before September 9, 2026.

**Rifkin v. Schwartz;** 3237 EDA 2025; Application to Amend" filed by Appellants, the application is Granted. Appellants may file an amended brief within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

**Com. v. Williams;** 2109 EDA 2025; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 9, 2026.

**Com. v. Joyner;** 615 EDA 2026; Application of Appellant, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant's Brief shall be filed on or before August 28, 2026.

**Com. v. TY Nathan;** 3118 EDA 2025; Application of Appellant, for extension of time to file Brief, the application is hereby Granted. No further extensions will be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant's Brief shall be filed on or before September 21, 2026.

**Nan Yan v. Zonga;** 1697 EDA 2026; Application for Relief Pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 123 to Relinquish Jurisdiction or, in the Alternative, Stay the Briefing Schedule," docketed as "Application for Relief," filed by pro se Appellant Abdou Karin Zonga, in which Appellant requests that this Court "relinquish jurisdiction" of this appeal or discontinue the appeal, the application is accepted as a praecipe to discontinue under Pa.R.A.P. 1973 and the appeal is Discontinued. The August 4, 2026 "Emergency Application For Stay," docketed as "Application to Stay," filed by Appellant is Dismissed as moot.

**Com. v. Noel;** 1381 EDA 2026; Appellant's failure to file a Brief, the appeal is Dismissed.

**Com. v. Claypoole;** 1091 EDA 2026; Appellant's failure to file a Brief, the appeal is Dismissed.

**Com. v. Lewis;** 914 EDA 2026; The application of Appellant, Shondale Paul Lewis, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellant's Brief shall be filed on or before September 4, 2026.

**Com. v. Song;** 2884 EDA 2025; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 2, 2026.

**Com. v. Long;** 649 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 5, 2026.

**Com. v. Smith;** 687 EDA 2026; The application of Appellee, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for extension of time to file Brief the application is hereby granted. No further extensions shall be granted absent extenuating circumstances. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 15, 2026.

**APPEALS FILED**

**Com. v. Pulliam;** 2148 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0008303-2023.

**Sanchez v. Ford;** 2154 EDA 2026; from order of Lehigh Cty; CR-3652-2001.

**Daniels v. Glenny;** 2141 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; 0C2209831.

**In Re: M.Q.J, a minor FID: 51-FN-001398-2022;** 2142 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-0000107-2023; A. Martino.

**In Re: M.Q.J, a minor FID: 51-FN-001398-2022;** 2143 EDA 2026; from order of Phila

Cty; CP-51-AP-0000221-2025; A. Martino.

**In Re: M.Q.J, a minor FID: 51-FN-001398-2022;** 2144 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-0001003-2022; A. Martino.

**In Re: M.Q.J, a minor FID: 51-FN-001398-2022;** 2145 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-AP-0000222-2025; A. Martino.

**In The Interest of T.G., a Minor Appellant;** 2146 EDA 2026; from order of Montgomery Cty; CP-46-JV-0000716-2025; D. Greenspan.

**In the Interest of: JW Appeal of: DC (Mother).;** 2147 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-AP-0000422-2025.

**Smith v. Taylor-Smith;** 2149 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0004727-2025.

**Com. v. Velasquez;** 2150 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0418641-1974.

**Eckhart v. Eckhart;** 2152 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; 24-FC-1792.

**Com. v. Chan;** 2153 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0010167-2017; A. Marcus.

**Choi v. KRE Spring View Apartments Limited Partnership and Through Their Counsel William J. Ferren & Associates, Kusher Real Estate Group, also known as KRE Property Management Limited Liability Company, John Does 1-10, XYZ Corps 1-10;** 2155 EDA 2026; from order of Lehigh Cty; 2023-C-0472.

**Estate of Georgann R. Cobb An Incapacitated Person;** 2156 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; OC 0219 AI of 2026; A. Quinn.

**120 Northampton, LLC v. Darb;** 2157 EDA 2026; from order of Northampton Cty; C-48-CV-2022-01773.

**Fauntleroy v. Fauntleroy;** 2158 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; 1374 CV -2021.

**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Johnson;** 2159 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; 10040118.

**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Johnson;** 2160 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; 10040118.

**Com. v. Cisne;** 2161 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0008115-2024; S .Sigman.

**Com. v. Chacsn;** 2162 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-7552-2023.

**Com. v. Mamuzich;** 2129 EDA 2026; from order of Northampton Cty; CP-48-CR-1415-2021; M. Potts.

**Edgmont LLC v. Ali;** 2130 EDA 2026; from order of Delaware Cty; CV-2026-004798; C. Johnson.

**Odell v. Cascade Funding Rm1 Alternative Holdings LLC;** 2131 EDA 2026; from order of Chester Cty; 2025-02241-CT.

**Royal v. Township;** 2132 EDA 2026; from order of Chester Cty; 2024-08761-TT; S. Anyan.

**The Giant Company LLC v. Brandywine Village Associates LLP et al.;** 2133 EDA 2026; from order of Chester Cty; 2020-07118-TT.

**Freckleton v. Compass Group Usa, Inc.;** 2134 EDA 2026; from order of Northampton Cty; C-48-CV-2025-08847.

**Com. v. Presbery;** 2163 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0008125-2024; A. Marcus.

**Com. v. Wood;** 2164 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0005920-2021.

**Com. v. Tyree;** 2168 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0007705-2022.

**Com. v. Tyree;** 2169 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-007667-2022.

**Gdula v. Wasserman;** 2170 EDA 2026; from order of Bucks Cty; A06-13-61179-C-37.

**In the Interest of M.K.L., a Minor;** 2171 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-0001098-2022; J. De Ritis.

**In the Interest of M.K.L., a Minor;** 2172 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-AP-00000061-2025; J. De Ritis.

**In the Interest of M.A.L., a Minor;** 2173 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-0001097-2022; J. De Ritis.

**In the Interest of M.A.L., a Minor;** 2174 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-AP-00000062-2025; J. De Ritis.

**Com. v. McGraw;** 2175 EDA 2026; from order

of Monroe Cty; 1351 Criminal 2025; M. Matthews.

**In The Matter of M.Q.J. JR., A Minor;** 2176 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-0000107-2023; J. Martin.

**In The Matter of M.Q.J. JR., A Minor;** 2177 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-AP-0000221-2025; J. Martin.

**In The Matter of M.J. JR., A Minor;** 2178 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-0001003-2022; J. Martin.

**In The Matter of M.J. JR., A Minor;** 2179 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-AP-0000222-2025; J. Martin.

**In The Matter of K.D.D., A Minor;** 2180 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-0001002-2022; J. Martin.

**In The Matter of K.D.D., A Minor;** 2181 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-AP-0000223-2025; J. Martin.

**Com. v. Johnson;** 2182 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-45-CR-294-22; M. Rakaczewski.

**Com. v. Bowman;** 2183 EDA 2026; from order of Delaware Cty; CR-976-2025; D. Spigarelli.

**Com. v. Munford;** 2184 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-3018-17.

**In the Interest of: Kais Shawn Douglas, a Minor;** 2185 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-0000105-2023; M. Rogers.

**In the Interest of: Kais Shawn Douglas, a Minor;** 2186 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-AP-0000092-2026; M. Rogers.

**Discover Bank v. Gondalia;** 2187 EDA 2026; from order of Bucks Cty; 2024-01928; T. Crawford.

**In the Interest of: ZMP Appeal of NL;** 2188 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-DP-5792-22.

**In re: J. H. G. an alleged incapacitated person;** 2189 EDA 2026; from order of Chester Cty; 15-26-1553; T. Martin.

**In Re: Q.H.;** 2190 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-000081-2025.

**In Re: S.H.;** 2191 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-FN-000109-2025.

**Com. v. Carr-Hanks;** 2192 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0002210-2025; G. Amoriello.

**Com. v. Clayborne;** 2193 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-23-CR-0009696-1990.

**Com. v. Hill;** 2194 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0014013-2008.

**Com. v. Wilson;** 2195 EDA 2026; from order of Bucks Cty; CP-09-CR-4629-2020.

**Com. v. Jacobs;** 2196 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-1003721-1995.

**Com. v. Thorpe;** 2197 EDA 2026; from order of Delaware Cty; CP-23-000308-2025; V. Bellino.

**Com. v. Ramzee;** 2198 EDA 2026; from order of Carbon Cty; 47-CR-1998.

**Com. v. Lewis;** 2199 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-46-CR-0002223-2025; S. Lin.

**Com. v. Purnell;** 2201 EDA 2026; from order of Chester Cty; CP-15-CR-4353-2016.

**Iwanczewski v. Dickerson;** 2200 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-09-CV-2026-01099.

**Com. v. Clark;** 2202 EDA 2026; from order of Lehigh Cty; CR-3612-2022.

**Com. v. Morrone;** 2203 EDA 2026; from order of Lehigh Cty; 2149 CR 2022; M. Mottola.

**Com. v. Lord;** 2204 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-23-CR-0001580-2011.

**Showell v. Com.;** 2205 EDA 2026; from order of Delaware Cty; CP-23-CR-0002477-2021.

**Showell v. Com.;** 2206 EDA 2026; from order of Delaware Cty; CP-23-CR-0002468-2021.

**Com. v. Tymes;** 2207 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0008526-2024; A. Marcus.

**Com. v. Tymes;** 2208 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0008525-2024; A. Marcus.

**Com. v. Fulton;** 2209 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-0003414-2014; D. Fulton.

**Com. v. Wilkins;** 2210 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; CP-51-CR-6087-2025.

**City of Phila v. Perry;** 2211 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; 1608.

**Asanov v. American Neighbor, LLC;** 2212 EDA 2026; from order of Pike Cty; 1311-2022-Civil; R. Fischer.

**Winters v. Winters;** 2213 EDA 2026; from order of Chester Cty; 2021-00093-DI; J. Winters.

**Rivera v. Reich;** 2214 EDA 2026; from order of Monroe Cty; 1359 CV 2026; L. Rivera.

**Jimenez v. Lopez;** 2215 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty; D18088513.

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Ahmed v. Rosman; 1867 EDA 2026; from order of Phila Cty.

COMMONWEALTH COURT

ORDERS & DECREES

Per Curiam

August 25, 2026

**Burns, Petitioner v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation;** 685 C.D. 2025; Appellee's application for reargument and Appellant's answer in response thereto, the application is Denied.

August 26, 2026

**Young, Petitioner v. City of Philadelphia, City of Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment;** 360 C.D. 2026; Appellant Jeffery Young, Jr.'s "Application for Reargument of Opinion and Order Dated July 13, 2026" (Application) and the answers filed by Appellee City of Philadelphia in favor of reargument, and Appellees Pennrose, LLC and Strawberry Mansion Housing, LLC (Pennrose) and the Philadelphia Housing Authority opposing reargument, the Application is Granted.

ORPHANS' COURT

DIVISION

HEARINGS AND CONFERENCES

Before RAMY I. DJERASSI, J.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2026

MON., AUGUST 31, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

TUES., SEPT. 01, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

WED., SEPT. 02, 2026

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NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

FRI., SEPT. 04, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

HEARINGS AND CONFERENCES

Before OVERTON, J.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2026

MON., AUGUST 31, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

TUES., SEPT. 01, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

WED., SEPT. 02, 2026

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THURS., SEPT. 03, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

FRI., SEPT. 04, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

HEARINGS AND CONFERENCES

Before SHEILA WOODS-SKIPPER, J.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2026

MON., AUGUST 31, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

TUES., SEPT. 01, 2026

9:30 A.M. AIP ADJUDICATION, via ZOOM

Estate of Delphine Gause, AI, ACT, 908AI of

2026, #262969; D. Nagel, J. Kingston.

WED., SEPT. 02, 2026

9:30 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE, via ZOOM

Estate of Rita J. Intelisano, IV, ACT, 104IV of 2025, #250606; M. Kancher, J. Rutala.

10:00 A.M. HEARING, COURTROOM 425

Estate of Eugene Herbert, DE, 1057DE of 2025, #253815; S. Kamenitz.

THURS., SEPT. 03, 2026

9:30 A.M. TRIAL, COURTROOM 425

Estate of John W. Burns, DE, 959DE of 2025, #262511; A. Attia, J. McDonald, B. Collier.

FRI., SEPT. 04, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

HEARINGS AND CONFERENCES

Before IRINA G. EHRlich, J.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2026

MON., AUGUST 31, 2026

11:00 A.M. HEARING, via ZOOM

JOSE HIDALGO, 00682AI 2026, Control No. 262321; J. Kingston, H. Kemp.

1:00 P.M. HEARING, via ZOOM

PHILIP HEKIMIAN, 01173IC 2024; K. Mirsky, D. Nagel, et al.

TUES., SEPT. 01, 2026

10:30 A.M. HEARING, via ZOOM

BETTY A. MCNEFFER, 00035DE 2026, Control No. 260158; D. Nagel, T. Lawson.

WED., SEPT. 02, 2026

10:30 A.M. HEARING, via ZOOM

KATHERINE TETKOWSKI, 00265AI 2026, Control No. 260859; S. Alboum, K. Kramer.

1:30 P.M. HEARING, via ZOOM

MARY ABDEL-AZIZ, 00788AI 2026, Control No. 262661; M. Fioravanti, Y. Rogers.

THURS., SEPT. 03, 2026

1:30 P.M. HEARING, via ZOOM

JORGE RAMIREZ, 00794AI 2026, Control No. 262677; C. Leotta, J. Tyler.

FRI., SEPT. 04, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

HEARINGS AND CONFERENCES

Before RANSOM, J.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2026

MON., AUGUST 31, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

TUES., SEPT. 01, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

WED., SEPT. 02, 2026

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

THURS., SEPT. 03, 2026

9:00 A.M. REVIEW HEARING, COURTROOM 504

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John F. Young, Incapacitated Person, O.C. No. 2015012061C; D. Blake.

Jaydon Scott, Incapacitated Person, O.C. No. 2023004221C; A. Burgstahler.

Aaron Tessler, Incapacitated Person, O.C. No. 2001008181C; J. McShea, N. Meyer.

Brandon Bonilla, Incapacitated Person, O.C. No. 2017004211C; S. Cottle.

Katherine Rockmore, Incapacitated Person, O.C. No. 2022003201C; K. Rockmore-Carruth.

Suzanne Harris, Incapacitated Person, O.C. No. 2025004931C; W. Huskey.

Kevin Lee Taylor, Incapacitated Person, O.C. No. 20222000811C; B. Taylor.

Lisa Alderman, Incapacitated Person, O.C. No. 2005007941C; M. Tention.

FRI., SEPT. 04, 2026

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matter to [the Office of] Disciplinary Counsel for further investigation. [Neither a report filed with the Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board pursuant to this rule nor a referral of such report to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel shall, in and of itself, be considered a disciplinary complaint.]

(p) Reports required to be made under this rule shall be made to the [Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel within five business days of the presentation of the instrument.

## DISCIPLINARY BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES

### § 91.173. Approval and termination of Eligible Institutions.

(a) *Approval.* Enforcement Rule 221(h) provides that an Eligible Institution shall be approved as a depository for Trust Accounts if it shall file with the **IOLTA** Board an agreement in a form approved by the IOLTA Board in which the Eligible Institution agrees to comply with IOLTA Regulations governing approved Eligible Institutions and to make a prompt report to the **[Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel** under the circumstances described in § 91.174 (relating to reports of overdrafts). Upon receiving a signed **Eligible Institution** agreement from **the IOLTA Board [an Eligible Institution as required by this subsection]**, the **Disciplinary** Board shall report that fact to the Supreme Court with a recommendation that the Court enter an order approving the Eligible Institution as a depository for Trust Accounts.

(b) *Termination of approval.* Enforcement Rule 221(k) provides that a failure on the part of an Eligible Institution to make a report to the **[Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel** called for by this subchapter or to comply with IOLTA Regulations governing approved Eligible Institutions may be cause for termination of its approval by the Supreme Court, but such failure shall not, absent gross negligence, give rise to a cause of action by any person who is proximately caused harm thereby. Upon learning that a financial institution has failed to make a report called for by this subchapter, the **Disciplinary** Board shall report that fact to the Supreme Court with a recommendation that the Court enter an order terminating the approval of the financial institution as a depository for Trust Accounts.

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### § 91.174. Reports of overdrafts.

(a) General rule. Enforcement Rule 221(h) provides that an Eligible Institution shall report to the **[Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel** whenever any check or similar instrument is presented against a Trust Account when such account contains insufficient funds to pay the instrument, regardless of:

- (1) whether the instrument is honored; or
- (2) whether funds are subsequently deposited that cover the overdraft or the dishonored instrument is made good.

(b) *Timing of report.* Enforcement Rule 221(p) provides that the report required to be made under this subchapter shall be made by the Eligible Institution to the **[Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel** within five business days of the presentation of the instrument.

(c) *Handling of report.* Enforcement Rule 221(o) provides that a designated representative of the **[Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel** shall conduct a preliminary inquiry regarding the report and shall, where appropriate, refer the matter to **[the Office of] Disciplinary Counsel** for further investigation.

(d) *Effect of report or referral.* Enforcement Rule 221 [(o)] (n) also provides that [neither] a report filed with the **[Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board] Office of Disciplinary Counsel** pursuant to this subchapter **[nor a referral of such report to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel]** shall **not**, in and of itself, be considered a disciplinary complaint.

## SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

#### Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.1, 1901.3, 1901.4, 1901.6, 1905, and 1930.4; Proposed Adoption of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.9 and 1901.10

The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee is considering proposing to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania the amendment of Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 1901.1, 1901.3, 1901.4, 1901.6, 1905, and 1930.4, and the adoption of Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 1901.9 and 1901.10, governing actions pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6101 et seq. for the reasons set forth in the accompanying publication report. Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(a)(1), the proposal is being published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for comments, suggestions, or objections prior to submission to the Supreme Court.

Any report accompanying this proposal was prepared by the Committee to indicate the rationale for the proposed rulemaking. It will neither constitute a part of the rules nor be adopted by the Supreme Court.

Additions to the text of the proposal are bolded and underlined; deletions to the text are bolded and bracketed.

The Committee invites all interested persons to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in writing to the:

Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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All communications in reference to the proposal should be received by **October 30, 2026**. E-mail is the preferred method for submitting comments, suggestions, or objections; any e-mailed submission need not be reproduced and resubmitted via mail. The Committee will acknowledge receipt of all submissions.

By the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee,  
Jenna A. Neidig, Esq., Chair

## SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

### PUBLICATION REPORT

#### Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.1, 1901.3, 1901.4, 1901.6, 1905, and 1930.4; Proposed Adoption of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.9 and 1901.10

The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee (Committee) is considering proposing the amendment of Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 1901.1, 1901.3, 1901.4, 1901.6, 1905, and 1930.4, and the adoption of Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 1901.9 and 1901.10, governing actions pursuant to the Protection From Abuse (PFA) Act, 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6101 et seq. The Committee previously published a proposal for comment. See 55 Pa.B. 8564 (December 20, 2025). This Publication Report is intended to describe the revisions made to the previous proposal.

### Venue

The Committee received a comment indicating that the custodial remedies available in the PFA Act, together with the potential length of a final order, have led to disjointed or interrupted custody proceedings pending in other counties. Further, the expeditious nature of a PFA proceeding does not permit the full development of a record and consideration of the custody factors. The commenter sought to require that, if there is a pending custody proceeding in another county, any PFA petition seeking custodial relief had to be filed in that county. This approach would be similar to how venue is restricted when possession of the residence or household is sought. See Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.1(b).

As stated in the prior Publication Report, the Committee is reluctant to propose an additional venue restriction for a PFA petition seeking custodial relief given that such relief is conditioned upon the risk posed by the defendant to the children. Delaying relief until a PFA petition could be filed in the same county as the pending custody action did not seem consistent with the purpose of the PFA Act.

To respond to the concerns of the commenter, the Committee proposes amending Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.1 to include a subdivision recognizing that a party or court may seek a change of venue after the temporary order but prior to the evidentiary hearing for a PFA petition seeking custody. Venue may then only be transferred to the county in which a custody order has been entered involving the parties and the child. Accompanying commentary would emphasize that any transfer should be decided promptly. The commentary would also reference the temporary custody lapse provision in the final order and the need to consider the custody factors.

### Temporary Custody

The Committee previously proposed amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(e) that would, inter alia, order a designated party to initiate custody proceedings if the PFA final order provided custodial relief. Several commenters objected to this provision because it would force the parties to reinitiate contact, which may place the petitioner at risk of harm. Further, the provision may deter domestic violence victims from seeking a PFA order because a custody petition requires the payment of a filing fee.

Informed by the comments, the Committee removed the checkboxes in Section 5 of the final order that would direct a party to file a custody order. Instead, the existing language indicating that either party may initiate a custody proceeding would be retained.

The Committee also proposed adding a provision to the final order allowing the court to limit the term of any custody relief, separate from the term of the overall protection order. Several commenters opposed this provision because it creates a situation where the child may be left unprotected and vulnerable to harm, as well as allowing the defendant to attempt to reassert control.

The Committee reaffirms that judges should have the discretion to impose a lapse of the custody provisions prior to the end date of the order, especially because final orders may be effective for three years. See 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(d). The custody awarded under the PFA Act was intended to be temporary until a formal custody action could be initiated or completed. See also Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.7(d). The proposed amendment provides judges with an option to limit PFA orders from operating as long-term custody orders without full consideration of the custody factors and safety conditions in Title 23, Chapter 53. Additionally, the Committee observes that, even though the custodial provision may lapse, other aspects of the protective order would remain in effect. See, e.g., 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(a)(1) (“directing the defendant to refrain from abusing the plaintiff or minor children”); (a)(6) (“prohibiting the defendant from having any contact with the plaintiff or minor children, including, but not limited to, restraining the defendant from entering the place of employment or business or school of the plaintiff or minor children and from harassing the plaintiff or plaintiff’s relatives or minor children”).

The need for separate custody proceedings is precisely why the Committee proposes to amend the final order form to accommodate a different term for custody provisions. The Act of April 15,

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2024, P.L. 24, No. 8 (“Kayden’s Law”) expanded the factors to be considered in the custody court’s best interest analysis and requires the court to give “substantial weighted consideration” to, inter alia, the “safety of the child,” which is defined in Kayden’s Law as including “the physical, emotional and psychological well-being of the child,” and any “violent or assaultive behavior committed by a party.” See 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 5322(a), 5328(a). Kayden’s Law also amended § 5323(e), which requires the court, if it grants custody to a parent with a history of abuse, to implement safety precautions and explain why the award is in the child’s best interest. See 23 Pa.C.S. § 5323(e). Further, a child is also able to receive counsel in a custody proceeding. See 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 5334(c), 5335(b) (permitting the appointment of a guardian *ad litem* and counsel for a child if there are “substantial allegations of abuse”). As the Superior Court has pronounced, a PFA order “is designed only to implement emergency reprieve until a court can grant permanent relief through a custody action.” *Goldner v. Manigault*, 345 A.3d 1212, 1218 (Pa. Super. 2025) (emphasis added). “[T]he provisions of Kayden’s Law are not triggered unless and until a court is asked to consider a custody matter pursuant to the Child Custody Act.” Id. (footnote omitted).

With utmost respect to the opposing commenters, the Committee does not believe that the term of a custody provision within a final PFA order was intended to potentially remain in effect for three years without consideration of the Kayden’s Law provisions in a custody proceeding. If the term of the custody provision cannot differ from the other terms of the protection order, then potentially the duration of the final order may shorten so that Kayden’s Law can be applied.

## Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification

The Comment to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1915.3-2 indicates that a Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form is required in a PFA action if custody is sought. The Committee sought to codify the verification requirement in the rules applicable to PFA proceedings by proposing Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.3(e) to require the plaintiff to file a Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification if custody is sought. Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4(a) would require the plaintiff’s Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification to be served on the defendant with the hearing notice, petition and temporary order, and final order. Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.6 would relieve the defendant of filing a completed Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification prior to the initial appearance.

Several commenters opposed the use of the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form because doing so improperly interjects the custody requirements of Title 23, Chapter 53 into PFA proceedings. The Committee believes the information contained on the form can serve multiple purposes. It can be used both for a factor analysis in a custody proceeding and to provide the court with information relevant to determining whether a current or proposed custodial arrangement may place a child at risk of harm in a PFA proceeding.

A commenter suggested that the rules should prohibit imposing a fee on the defendant for filing a Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification. The commenter believed it was important to receive this information, and a filing fee may impede the filing of the form by the defendant. The Committee agreed the defendant should not be required to pay a filing fee and revised Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.6(b) to indicate that the form should be filed without fee.

The commenter also suggested that a blank form be served on the defendant along with the hearing notice, petition, and temporary order. The Committee weighed whether service of the form may increase compliance by the defendant for completing the form. The Committee was in favor of including the form with service of the petition and temporary order when custody is being sought by the plaintiff. Responsive revisions were made to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.3(e), 1901.4(a), and 1905(c).

## Copies to Non-Custodial Parents

The Committee previously proposed Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4(e) to require the court to serve via first class mail or electronically the hearing notice, petition, temporary order, and the final order on anyone having or claiming custodial rights of a minor child listed in the petition. That approach seemed consistent with Kayden’s Law concerning abuse in the household and child custody.

A commenter suggested that “court” in subdivision (e) be changed to “clerk/prothonotary.” The Committee agreed to change the term to “prothonotary” to be consistent with subdivision (c).

Concerning Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(b), which sets forth the form petition, the commenter recommended that Section 10(b) of the petition solicit the cellular telephone number of the persons who have rights to the child so the prothonotary can direct message those persons pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4(e). The Committee did not believe that information should be disclosed for reasons of privacy and security. Further, the Committee removed “direct messaging” from the Comment to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4(e) and stated that the use of “electronically,” as a method of service, is intended to include service by email.

Another commenter believed that serving copies on other persons having custodial rights was beneficial provided there was an existing custody agreement. Further, service should be limited to when custody is being sought, or minor children are listed as protected parties.

The Committee notes that the existence of abuse by a party or a household member is sufficient to trigger the safety conditions in an award of custody. See 23 Pa.C.S. § 5323(e)(1). Accordingly, the PFA petition and orders may be relevant even if the child is not a protected party or petitioner is not seeking custody. Further, conditioning service on the existence of a custody “agreement” seemed overly restrictive in circumstances when parents may not have a written agreement, but rather an oral understanding or an ad hoc custody arrangement.

One commenter opined that Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4(e) would be misinterpreted by the third parties as providing standing in the PFA proceeding. The Committee observes that the proposed commentary states: “Concerning subdivision (e), service on a person known to have or claiming to have a right to custody of a child is not intended to provide standing in a PFA proceeding unless a motion to intervene has been granted.” Thus, any misinterpretation would result from an incomplete reading of the rule and not the rule itself.

## Service of Petition and Orders

The Act of June 30, 2025, P.L. 76, No. 23, in part, amended 23 Pa.C.S. § 6106(d) as to who is to serve PFA petitions and orders. It eliminated “individuals” and required service by a sheriff or appropriate law enforcement agency. The service provisions amended by Act 23 ostensibly did not extend to the protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation. See 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 62A01 et seq.

The Committee proposed amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4 governing the service of hearing notices, petitions, temporary orders, and final orders. Service would be restricted to a sheriff or law enforcement officer. Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.4(a)(3)(ii). Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(d), governing the Affidavit of Service form, would also be amended to make it a dual-use form for hearing notices, petitions, temporary orders, and final orders.

A commenter expressed concern that sheriff office staffing limitations may impede personal service of a final order by the sheriff. Further, the commenter questioned whether the sheriff was required to personally serve the final order on the defendant if the defendant was in court. Finally, the commenter suggested that service be permitted by electronic means as an example of court-approved alternative service. Another commenter stated that most counties serve final orders via mail pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 440.

The Committee believes that the final order should be provided to the defendant in a timely manner and that personal service is the best method to ensure that the defendant has been provided with the order. The Committee is aware that service of the final order is not required for a defendant to be considered having notice of the order for purposes of indirect criminal contempt. See *Commonwealth v. Stevenson*, 283 A.3d 196 (Pa. 2022).

As depicted by textual indicators, Act 23 amended 23 Pa.C.S. § 6106 to remove subdivision (e) and amend (f) concerning service:

**[(e) Court to adopt means of service. -- The court shall adopt a means of prompt and effective service in those instances where the plaintiff avers that service cannot be safely effected by an adult individual other than a law enforcement officer or where the court so orders.]**

**(f) Service [by sheriff]. -- [If the court so orders, the sheriff or other designated agency or individual shall serve the petition and order.] The court shall adopt a means of prompt and effective service and order that the sheriff or appropriate law enforcement agency serve the petition and order.**

23 Pa.C.S. § 6106(e), (f), as amended by the Act of June 30, 2025, P.L. 76, No. 23.

The Committee submits that the amendment of these subdivisions should be read in *pari materia* with subdivision (g):

(g) Service of petition and orders. -- The petition and orders shall be served upon the defendant, and orders shall be served upon the police departments and sheriff with appropriate jurisdiction to enforce the orders. Orders shall be promptly served on the police and sheriff. Failure to serve shall not stay the effect of a valid order.

23 Pa.C.S. § 6106(g) (emphasis added). The result of Act 23 appeared to have removed the discretionary use of sheriffs and police departments for service and instead mandated their use to serve the defendant with both the temporary order and the final order. An attempt to parse between the singular and plural terms of “order” in § 6106(f) and (g) as a method of distinguishing between service of the temporary order and the final order yielded to 1 Pa.C.S. § 1902 (“The singular shall include the plural, and the plural, the singular.”). Nor does personal service of the final order appear unreasonable. See *Stevenson*, 283 A.3d at 215 (Wecht, J., dissenting) (suggesting amendment of PFA Act or rules to require law enforcement to effectuate service).

However, if the defendant attends the evidentiary hearing, personal service by the sheriff or law enforcement does not seem necessary for the defendant to know whether a final order was granted and the relief ordered. Accordingly, the Committee has revised the proposed amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4(a) to provide an exception for personal service by the sheriff or law enforcement of the final order when the defendant appears at the evidentiary hearing. The Committee specifically invites comments on this pragmatic attempt to address concerns about sheriff resources and to implement § 6106, as amended.

Regarding the suggested mention of alternative service via email, that manner of service is not foreclosed. The examples included in the Comment to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4, as well as Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.4(a)(3)(ii), were intended to be illustrative, not limiting.

A commenter requested revised language in Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4 to clarify that the Pennsylvania State Police only serves if there is no municipal police department. Another commenter asked suggested a revision of the phrasing of “sheriff or law enforcement officer” in the proposal. The Committee has revised that phrase to “sheriff or appropriate law enforcement agency,” which is the phrasing used in the Act, as well as defined in the Act. A reference to the statutory definitions of “sheriff” and “appropriate law enforcement agency” has been added to the Comment to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4.

## PFA Return of Firearms, Other Weapons, or Ammunition

The Committee previously proposed Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.9 governing the return of firearms, other weapons, or after a PFA order has expired or been vacated. No comments were received regarding this aspect of the proposal. Readers may consult the prior Publication Report for a discussion of this rule. See 55 Pa.B. 8564 (December 20, 2025).

## Companion Animals

The PFA Act permits a court to grant temporary ownership of “companion animals” and to protect “companion animals” from abuse. See 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6108(a)(9.1), (a.1)(2), (e)(1)(i), (j); 6113(a).

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The Committee proposed amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(b)-(c), and (e) to implement this aspect of the Act.

While several comments were supportive of this aspect of the proposal, one commenter suggested that the court be able to limit the term of temporary ownership and to order the parties to commence a civil action to determine ownership of a companion animal. This suggestion was analogous to the proposed amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(e) governing child custody.

Obviously, the temporary ownership of companion animals and the temporary custody of children are distinguishable and warrant differing approaches. Unlike companion animals, child custody is subject to myriad other follow-on statutory and procedural requirements, conditions, and safeguards through Title 23, Chapter 53 and Chapter 1915 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. For reasons discussed elsewhere in this Publication Report, the Committee believes that judicial discretion in setting a separate term for a custody provision contained in a PFA order is merited. The procedural avenue to modify a protection order with a companion animal provision is through Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.8(c).

## Expungement

The Committee received a rulemaking request to codify the Court’s holding in *Carlacci v. Mazaleski*, 798 A.2d 186 (Pa. 2002) and provide a rule to permit expungement-by-praeipec when a defendant is entitled to automatic expungement of court records. The Committee also took note of the 2025 amendment of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure Governing Actions and Proceedings Before Magisterial District Judges concerning denied PFA petitions for emergency relief. See 55 Pa.B. 708 (January 25, 2025). As evident within the Committee’s deliberations on this rulemaking request, the Committee appreciates there may be varied opinions about the merits of expunging any record related to a PFA proceeding.

Notwithstanding, Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.10 has been added to the proposal. The rule text is intended to reflect the language adopted by the Court in its opinion. See *Carlacci*, 798 A.2d at 191. The rule does not establish a procedure for seeking a discretionary expungement. See *Commonwealth v. Wexler*, 431 A.2d 877 (Pa. 1981).

A question arose whether the proposed rule would apply to discontinuances governed by Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.8(a)-(b). Given that a discontinuance pursuant to the aforementioned rule and subdivisions would terminate proceedings that have not progressed beyond the temporary order stage, it is submitted that Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.10 would apply to discontinuances pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.8(a)-(b).

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All comments, concerns, and suggestions concerning this rule proposal are welcome.

## Rule 1901.1. Venue.

(a) **Generally.** Except as provided in subdivision (b), an action for protection from abuse may be brought in a county in which:

- (1) the plaintiff resides, either temporarily or permanently, or is employed[, or];
- (2) the defendant may be served[,]; or
- (3) the abuse occurred.

(b) **Possession of Residence or Household.** If the relief sought includes possession of the residence or household to the exclusion of the defendant, the action shall be brought only in the county in which the residence or household is located.

(c) **Custody.** A party may seek a change of venue, or the court may transfer venue sua sponte, prior to the evidentiary hearing if an award of custody is sought and a custody order is entered in another county. Venue may only be transferred to the county in which the custody order has been entered.

(d) **Indirect Criminal Contempt.** An action for indirect criminal contempt may be filed in, and heard by, the court in the county in which the order was issued or where the violation occurred.

**Comment:** Subdivision (c) is intended as a mechanism to coordinate or consolidate concurrent custody proceedings in another county. The court should promptly determine whether venue for an award of custody should be transferred to the county in which a custody order has been entered and may continue the evidentiary hearing only to the extent necessary to make that determination.

Alternatively, the court may limit the duration of any custody provision in the final order so that an award of custody can be made after full consideration of the factors in 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 5328, 5329, 5329.1 and 5330, as well as safety conditions, id. § 5323(e)-(e.1). See also 23 Pa.C.S. § 5323(g) (contempt for noncompliance with any custody order).

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking:

## Explanatory Comment—1991

The statute and rules governing actions for protection from abuse formerly contained no provision for venue. Recommendation No. 84 of the Civil Procedural Rules Committee proposed a new rule to fill that void and the rule has been adopted as Rule 1901.1.

Subdivision (a) provides for venue in the following counties: (1) the county in which the abuse occurred, (2) the county in which the defendant may be served, (3) the county in which the plaintiff resides, either permanently or temporarily, and (4) the county in which the plaintiff is employed. These are the counties with which the plaintiff has the most significant contacts and the greatest interest in remaining free from abuse. The county of temporary residence is included because an

abused person may have to flee the county of permanent residence to escape further abuse.

The rule imposes limited venue when the relief sought includes the sole possession of the residence or household. In that instance, the action must be brought in the county in which the residence or household is located.

## Explanatory Comment—2006

The 2005 amendments to the Protection From Abuse Act grant jurisdiction over indirect criminal contempt complaints in either the county in which the order was issued or the county where the violation occurred. This rule allows for flexible and immediate enforcement of protection from abuse orders. With this amendment, indirect criminal contempt jurisdiction is parallel to prosecution for stalking and harassment. 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 6114 (a.1).

## Rule 1901.3. Commencement of Action.

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a plaintiff shall commence an action by presenting to the court or filing with the prothonotary a petition setting forth the alleged abuse by the defendant. The petition shall be substantially in the form set forth in [Pa.R.C.P. No.] Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(b) and shall have as its first page the Notice of Hearing and Order set forth in [Pa.R.C.P. No.] Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(a).

(b) An action may be commenced by filing with the prothonotary a certified copy of an emergency order entered pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 6110, including orders issued by a hearing officer.

(c) Any fees associated with this action shall not be charged to the plaintiff.

(d) The hearing officer shall follow the procedures set forth in the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure Governing Actions and Proceedings Before Magisterial District Judges for emergency relief under the Protection From Abuse Act.

**(e) An action seeking an award of custody shall have appended:**

- (1) a Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1915.3-2 completed, signed, and filed by the plaintiff; and**
- (2) a blank Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1915.3-2 to be completed, signed, and filed by the defendant in accordance with Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.6(b).**

**[Note] Comment:** See [Pa.R.C.P. No.] Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.1(b). This rule may require attorneys or unrepresented parties to file confidential documents and documents containing confidential information that are subject to the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania*.

## Rule 1901.4. Service of Hearing Notice, Petition, Temporary Order, Final Order, and Registration of Orders.

**[(a) Service of the petition and temporary order shall be in accordance with Rule 1930.4.**

**(b) An Affidavit of Service of the petition and temporary order substantially in the form set forth in Rule 1905(d) shall be filed with the prothonotary.]**

**(a) Service on Defendant Within Pennsylvania.**

**(1) Hearing Notice; Petition; Temporary Order.** The sheriff or appropriate law enforcement agency shall serve the hearing notice, petition and temporary order, and final order on a defendant located within Pennsylvania in the manner prescribed by Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.4(a)(2).

**(2) Custody.** If a plaintiff seeks custody, the plaintiff’s completed Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification filed pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.3(e)(1), together with a blank Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form, shall be included with the documents served pursuant to subdivision (a)(1).

**(3) Final Order.** If a defendant is not present at the evidentiary hearing, the sheriff or appropriate law enforcement agency shall serve the final order on a defendant located within Pennsylvania in the manner prescribed by Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.4(a)(2).

**(4) Alternative Service.** If the sheriff or appropriate law enforcement agency cannot complete personal service within 48 hours after an order is filed, the court may authorize alternative service by special order as set forth in Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.4(a)(2)(ii).

**(b) Affidavit of Service.** An Affidavit of Service of the hearing notice, petition and temporary order, or the final order, substantially in the form set forth in Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(d) shall be filed with the prothonotary.

**(c) PFA Registry.** Upon the filing of a **temporary or final** protection order with the prothonotary, the prothonotary shall transmit a copy of the order to the State Police PFA Registry in the manner prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police.

**[Note: This provision also applies to an order denying a plaintiff’s request for a final protection order.]**

**(d) No Plaintiff Fee.** No fee shall be charged to the plaintiff or petitioner for service of any protection from abuse order or pleading or for the registration, filing or service of any foreign protection order.

**(e) Service on Other Persons.** The prothonotary shall serve a copy of the hearing notice, petition and temporary order, and final order by first class mail or electronically on any person identified by the plaintiff as known to have or claiming to have a right to custody of any minor child listed in the petition.

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**Comment: For the definitions of “sheriff” and “appropriate law enforcement agency,” as used in subdivision (a), see 23 Pa.C.S. § 6102.**

**Concerning subdivision (a)(4), court authorized alternative service may include, but is not limited to, service by mail or service by commercial carrier pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.4(b)-(c). For service on a defendant located outside of Pennsylvania, see Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.4(e)(2)(ii).**

**Subdivision (c) also applies to an order denying a plaintiff’s request for a final protection order.**

**Concerning subdivision (e), service on a person known to have or claiming to have a right to custody of a child is not intended to provide standing in a PFA proceeding unless a motion to intervene has been granted. The use of “electronically,” as a method of service, is intended to include service by email for the purpose of informing a person known to have or claiming to have a right to custody of a child, subject to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.1(b).**

**The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking:**

### Explanatory Comment—1997

Subdivision (c) reflects the prothonotary’s role in ensuring that all protection orders reach the new statewide PFA Registry. Pursuant to the 1994 amendments to the Protection From Abuse Act, the Pennsylvania State Police Department is mandated to establish this registry for all protection orders issued or registered in the Commonwealth.

Once it becomes fully operational, it will be available at all times to inform law enforcement officers, dispatchers and courts of the existence and terms of protection orders. The Registry represents a major improvement in the manner in which protection orders are registered and verified by not only eliminating the need to register the order in every county where the victim believes enforcement is necessary, but also enabling the police to immediately verify the order for purposes of enforcement. In order to ensure that the information in the Registry remains current, subdivision (c) requires the prothonotary to transmit all protection orders issued or registered in the Commonwealth, including temporary, final, modified and consent orders as well as any orders withdrawing, extending or denying the plaintiff’s request for a protection order.

### Explanatory Comment—2006

New subdivision (d) reflects the prohibition against charging fees to the plaintiff, even those related to foreign protection orders, as set forth in the 2005 amendments to the Protection From Abuse Act. 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 6106(b) and (g.1).

#### Rule 1901.6. Responsive Pleading Not Required.

(a) The defendant is not required to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the petition or the certified order, and all averments not admitted shall be deemed denied.

(b) **Notwithstanding Pa.R.Civ.P. 1915.3-2(a)(3), a defendant served with the plaintiff’s Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4(a)(2) shall complete, sign, and file, without fee, a Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification at the defendant’s initial court appearance. The court shall thereafter provide the plaintiff with a copy of the defendant’s Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification.**

[Note] **Comment:** For procedures as to the time and manner of hearings and issuance of orders, see 23 Pa.C.S. § 6107. For provisions as to the scope of relief available, see 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108. For provisions as to contempt for violation of an order, see 23 Pa.C.S. § 6114.

See [Pa.R.C.P. No.] **Pa.R.Civ.P.** 1930.1(b). This rule may require attorneys or unrepresented parties to file confidential documents and documents containing confidential information that are subject to the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania.

**Subdivision (b) is intended to provide the court and the plaintiff with a defendant’s Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification when custody is sought without requiring service by the defendant on the plaintiff. This is a departure from Pa.R.Civ.P. 1915.3-2(a)(3), which requires the defendant to serve the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification on the plaintiff.**

- The following text is entirely new. -

#### Rule 1901.9. Return of Firearms, Other Weapons, and Ammunition.

(a) **Scope.** This rule applies to the return of any firearms, other weapons, and ammunition ordered to be relinquished when a protection from abuse action has been discontinued pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.8(a)-(b), dismissed, or the protection order has expired.

(b) **Petition.** If a defendant is determined to be ineligible for the return of firearms, other weapons, and ammunition for failing to satisfy the conditions of 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(a.1), the defendant or owner may file a petition seeking review of the determination substantially in the form provided in subdivision (k).

(c) **Answer.** An answer shall not be required.

(d) **Docket.** The petition shall be filed on the same docket as the protection from abuse petition.

(e) **Exhibits.** The petitioner shall attach as exhibits to the petition:

- (1) a certified copy of any dismissal order or expired protection from abuse order;
- (2) the submitted weapons return form;
- (3) the determination of ineligibility; and
- (4) any order granting relief from the disabilities imposed pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105, or a certified and corrected copy of Petitioner’s criminal history record information pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 9152(d)(2).

(f) **Scheduled Hearing.** Upon receipt of the petition, the court shall schedule a hearing on the petition to be conducted within ten business days of its filing.

(g) **Service.** The court shall promptly serve the petition and hearing notice on the sheriff or law enforcement office rendering the determination, the district attorney, and the plaintiff pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 440.

(h) **Hearing.** The plaintiff shall have the opportunity to be heard at the hearing, but not accorded standing unless a motion to intervene is granted by the court. The absence of a filed answer shall not preclude the sheriff or law enforcement office rendering the determination, and the district attorney, from introducing evidence.

(i) **Notice of Decision.** The court’s ruling on the petition shall be served on the petitioner, the plaintiff, the sheriff, and the district attorney.

(j) **Fees.** The petitioner shall not be required to pay any fees, costs, or charges, including filing fees, associated with the return of the relinquished firearms, other weapons, or ammunition.

(k) **Form.** The petition for return of relinquished firearms, other weapons or ammunition shall be substantially in the following form:

(CAPTION)

### Petition for Review of Denied Return of Relinquished Firearms, Other Weapons, and Ammunition

1. Petitioner’s name is \_\_\_\_\_, the (indicate below):  
\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant in the above-captioned protection from abuse action.

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner of the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition identified in Exhibit A appended to this petition.

2. Petitioner’s address is \_\_\_\_\_

3. A protection from abuse order was entered on \_\_\_\_\_. Pursuant to that order, Petitioner relinquished to: (name of sheriff or law enforcement office)  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. The firearms, other weapons, and ammunition relinquished are set forth in Exhibit A appended to this petition.

5. Indicate below and append to this petition a certified copy of any dismissal order or expired protection from abuse order:

\_\_\_\_\_ The petition for protection from abuse was dismissed.

\_\_\_\_\_ A temporary protection from abuse order was dismissed or expired on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ The final protection from abuse order was dismissed or expired on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ There have been no extensions of the final protection from abuse order.

6. A weapons return form was completed by Petitioner and submitted to the sheriff or law enforcement office having custody of the relinquished firearms, other weapons, and ammunition. A copy of the submitted form is appended to this petition.

7. The sheriff or law enforcement office has determined that Petitioner is ineligible to regain possession of the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition. A copy of the determination of ineligibility is appended to this petition.

8. Petitioner is able to lawfully possess under all applicable federal and state laws to possess firearms, other weapons, and ammunition for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any order granting relief from the disabilities imposed pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105, or a certified and corrected copy of Petitioner’s criminal history record information pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 9152(d)(2), is appended to this petition.

9. The relinquished firearms, other weapons, or ammunition are not evidence of a crime.

Wherefore, Petitioner requests the court order the return of all relinquished firearms, other weapons, and ammunition to Petitioner.

### VERIFICATION

I verify that I am the petitioner in the above captioned action and that the facts and statements in the above petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that any false statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Exhibit A

The firearms, other weapons, and ammunition relinquished pursuant to the protection from abuse order that was entered on \_\_\_\_\_ are (identify each item):

**NOTICE:** Exhibit A shall be withheld from public inspection except as permitted by 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(a)(7)(v)(A)-(a)(7)(v)(C).  
**Comment:** For court orders for the relinquishment of firearms, other weapons, and ammunition, see 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(a)(7), (a.1); Pa.R.Civ.P. 1905(c), (e).

This rule is intended to implement 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.1(a)-(a.3), providing for a PFA defendant's return of relinquished firearms, other weapons, and ammunition. For the ability of a lawful owner, other than the defendant, to seek the return of firearms, other weapons, and ammunition, see id. § 6108.1(b). For the ability of the defendant to seek alternative means of relinquishing firearms, other weapons, and ammunition, see id. § 6108(c).

Concerning subdivision (c), given the ten-business day statutory deadline for a hearing, see 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.1(d), an answer is not required to be filed.

Concerning subdivision (d), a court, by local rule of judicial administration, may assign petitions to another division for adjudication.

- The following text is entirely new. -

**Rule 1901.10 Expungement.**  
Upon the defendant's *praece*, the prothonotary shall expunge the record if:  
(a) the petition has been dismissed by court order; or  
(b) the proceedings have not progressed beyond the temporary order stage.

**Comment:** This rule is intended to codify *Carlacci v. Mazaleski*, 798 A.2d 186 (Pa. 2002). Subdivision (b) would include discontinued actions. See Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.8(a)-(b). Concerning the record of a denied petition for an emergency order, see Pa.R.Civ.P.M.D.J. 1208(b).  
For sealing of the record if the parties have entered into a consent agreement accepted by the court, see 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.7.

## Rule 1905. Forms for Use in PFA Actions. Notice and Hearing. Petition. Temporary Protection Order. Final Protection Order.

(a) **Notice of Hearing and Order.** The Notice of Hearing and Order required by [Pa.R.C.P. No.] Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.3 shall be substantially in the following form:

(Caption)

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following papers, you must appear at the hearing scheduled herein. If you fail to do so, the case may proceed against you and a FINAL order may be entered against you granting the relief requested in the petition. In particular, you may be evicted from your residence, prohibited from possessing any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license, and lose other important rights, including custody of your children. A protection order granted by a court may be considered in subsequent proceedings under Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, including child custody proceedings under Chapter 53 (relating to custody) and Child Protective Services Law proceedings under Chapter 63 (related to juvenile matters).

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_ .m. in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Courthouse, Pennsylvania.

If an order of protection has been entered, you MUST obey the order until it is modified or terminated by the court after notice and hearing. If you disobey this order, the police or sheriff may arrest you. Violation of this order may subject you to a charge of indirect criminal contempt under 23 Pa C.S. § 6114. Violation may also subject you to prosecution and criminal penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. Under federal law, 18. U.S.C. § 2265, this order is enforceable anywhere in the United States, tribal lands, U.S. Territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. If you travel outside of the state and intentionally violate this order, you may be subject to federal criminal proceedings under the Violence Against Women Act. 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261-2262.

If this order directs you to relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency, you may do so upon service of this order. As an alternative, you may relinquish any firearm, other weapon, or ammunition listed herein to a third party provided you and the third party first comply with all requirements to obtain a safe-keeping permit. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.3. You must relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license listed in the order no later than 24 hours after service of the order. If, due to their current location,

firearms, other weapons, or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, you must provide an affidavit to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency listing the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after service of the order. Failure to timely relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license shall result in a violation of this order and may result in criminal conviction under the Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105.

*NOTICE:* Even if this order does not direct you to relinquish firearms, you may be subject to fed-

eral firearms prohibitions and federal criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) or state firearms prohibitions and state criminal penalties under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT YOU AT THE HEARING, HOWEVER, THE COURT WILL NOT APPOINT A LAWYER FOR YOU. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRESENT EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING, INCLUDING SUBPOENAING WITNESSES TO TESTIFY ON YOUR BEHALF.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE. IF YOU CANNOT FIND A LAWYER, YOU MAY HAVE TO PROCEED WITHOUT ONE.

County Lawyer Referral Service  
[Insert Street Address]  
[Insert City, State, Zip Code]  
[Insert Phone]

(b) **Petition.** The petition in an action filed pursuant to the Act shall be substantially in the following form, but the first page (paragraphs 1 through 4), following the Notice of Hearing and Order, shall be exactly as set forth in this rule:

PETITION FOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

NO.

#### 1. PLAINTIFF

First Middle Last Plaintiff's DOB  
Plaintiff's Address:  
Plaintiff's address is confidential or Plaintiff's address is:

V.

#### 2. DEFENDANT

First Middle Last Suffix  
Defendant's Address:

Defendant's Address:

#### CAUTION:

- ☐ Weapon Involved  
☐ Weapon Present on the Property  
☐ Weapon Requested Relinquished

| DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS |  |        |  |
|-----------------------|--|--------|--|
| DOB                   |  | HEIGHT |  |
| SEX                   |  | WEIGHT |  |
| RACE                  |  | EYES   |  |
| HAIR                  |  |        |  |
| SSN                   |  |        |  |
| DRIVERS LICENSE #     |  |        |  |
| EXP DATE              |  | STATE  |  |

Defendant's Place of employment is: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check here if you have reason to believe that Defendant is a licensed firearms dealer, employed by a licensed firearms dealer or manufacturer; employed as a writer, researcher, or technician in the firearms or hunting industry, or is required to carry a firearm as a condition of employment.

#### 3. I am filing this Petition on behalf of: ☐ Myself or ☐ Another Person

If you checked "myself", please answer all questions referring to yourself as "Plaintiff". If you ONLY checked "another person", please answer all questions referring to that person as the "Plaintiff", and provide your name and address here, as filer, unless confidential.

Filer's Name:

First Middle Last Suffix

☐ Filer's Address is Confidential or Filer's address is: \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked "Another Person", indicate your relationship with Plaintiff:  
☐ parent of minor Plaintiff(s)  
☐ applicant for appointment as guardian ad litem of minor Plaintiff(s)  
☐ adult household member with minor Plaintiff(s)  
☐ court appointed guardian of [incompetent] **incapacitated** Plaintiff(s)

#### 4. Name(s) of all persons, including minor child/ren, who seek protection from abuse:

#### 5. Indicate the relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

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☐ spouse or former spouse of Defendant

☐ parent of a child with Defendant

☐ current or former sexual or intimate partner with Defendant

☐ child of Plaintiff

☐ child of Defendant

☐ family member related by blood (consanguinity) to Defendant

☐ family member related by marriage or affinity to Defendant

☐ sibling (person who shares parenthood) of Defendant

☐ Check here if Defendant is 17 years old or younger.

6. Have Plaintiff and Defendant been involved in any of the following court actions?

☐ Divorce      ☐ Custody      ☐ Support      ☐ Protection from Abuse

If you checked any of the above, briefly indicate when and where the case was filed and the court number, if known:

7. Has Defendant been involved in any criminal court action?

If you answered Yes, is Defendant currently on probation?

Has Defendant been determined to be a perpetrator in a founded or indicated report under the Child Protective Services Law, 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6301 - 6386?

If you answered Yes, what county’s court or child protective services agency issued the founded or indicated report?

8. Plaintiff and Defendant are the parents of the following minor child/ren:

| Name(s) | Age(s) | who reside at (list address unless confidential) |
|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|
|         |        |                                                  |
|         |        |                                                  |
|         |        |                                                  |

9. If Plaintiff and Defendant are parents of any minor child/ren together, is there an existing court order regarding their custody?

If you answered “Yes,” describe the terms of the order (e.g., primary, shared, legal or physical custody):

If you answered “yes”, in what county and state was the order issued?

If you are now seeking an order of child custody as part of this petition, **complete, sign, and file with this petition a Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1915.3-2**, and list the following information:

(a) Where has each child resided during the past five years?

| Child’s name | Person(s) child lived with | Address, unless confidential | When |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------|
|              |                            |                              |      |
|              |                            |                              |      |
|              |                            |                              |      |
|              |                            |                              |      |

(b) List any other persons who are known to have or claim a right to custody of each child listed above.

| Name | Address | Basis of Claim |
|------|---------|----------------|
|      |         |                |
|      |         |                |
|      |         |                |

10. (a) The following other minor child/ren presently live with Plaintiff:

| Name(s) | Age(s) | Plaintiff’s relationship to child/ren |
|---------|--------|---------------------------------------|
|         |        |                                       |
|         |        |                                       |
|         |        |                                       |

(b) List any other persons who are known to have or claim to have a right to custody of each child listed above.

| Name | Address (mailing or electronic) | Basis of Claim |
|------|---------------------------------|----------------|
|      |                                 |                |
|      |                                 |                |
|      |                                 |                |

11. The following companion animal(s) (an animal not used in commercial agriculture or production) is owned, kept, leased, possessed, or held by the Plaintiff, Defendant, their minor child or a minor child presently living with Plaintiff:

| Species | Breed | Name | Color | Sex |
|---------|-------|------|-------|-----|
|         |       |      |       |     |
|         |       |      |       |     |
|         |       |      |       |     |

[11.][12]. The facts of the most recent incident of abuse are as follows:

Approximate Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe in detail what happened, including any physical or sexual abuse, threats, injury, incidents of stalking, medical treatment sought, or calls to law enforcement. (attach additional sheets of paper if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[12.][13]. If Defendant has committed prior acts of abuse against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren, describe these prior incidents, including any threats, injuries, or incidents of stalking, and indicate approximately when such acts of abuse occurred (attach additional sheets of paper if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

[13.][14]. (a) Has Defendant used or threatened to use any firearms or other weapons against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren? If so, please describe the use or threatened use below and list on Attachment A to Petition, which is incorporated by reference into this petition, any firearms, other weapons, or ammunition Defendant used or threatened to use against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Other than the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition Defendant used or threatened to use against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren, does Defendant, to the best of your knowledge or belief, own or possess any additional firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license?

(c) If the answer to (b) above is “yes,” list any additional firearm, other weapon, or ammunition owned by or in the possession of Defendant on Attachment A to Petition, which is incorporated by reference into this petition.

(d) Plaintiff (check one) DOES DOES NOT request that the court order Defendant to relinquish firearms, other weapons, or ammunition listed on Attachment A to Petition. If Plaintiff does seek relinquishment, identify on Attachment A to Petition the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition Plaintiff requests the court to order Defendant to relinquish.

[14.][15]. Identify the sheriff, police department, or law enforcement agency in the area in which Plaintiff lives that should be provided with a copy of the protection order:

\_\_\_\_\_

[15.][16]. There is an immediate and present danger of further abuse from Defendant.

CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOXES ONLY IF THEY APPLY TO YOUR CASE AND PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION

Plaintiff is asking the court to evict and exclude Defendant from the following residence:

\_\_\_\_\_

owned by (list owners, if known): \_\_\_\_\_

rented by (list all names, if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant owes a duty of support to Plaintiff or the minor child/ren:

Plaintiff has suffered out-of-pocket financial losses as a result of the abuse described above. Those losses are:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, I REQUEST THAT THE COURT ENTER A TEMPORARY ORDER, AND AFTER HEARING, A FINAL ORDER THAT WOULD DO THE FOLLOWING (CHECK ALL FORMS OF RELIEF REQUESTED)

A. Restrain Defendant from abusing, harassing, stalking, threatening, or attempting or threaten- ing to use physical force against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren in any place where Plaintiff or the child/ren may be found.

B. Evict/exclude Defendant from Plaintiff’s residence and prohibit Defendant from attempting to enter any temporary or permanent residence of Plaintiff.

C. Require Defendant to provide Plaintiff or the minor child/ren with other suitable housing.

D. Award Plaintiff temporary custody of the minor child/ren and place the following restrictions on contact between Defendant and the child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

E. Prohibit Defendant from having any contact with Plaintiff or the minor child/ren, in person, by telephone, or in writing, personally or through third persons, including but not limited to any contact at Plaintiff’s school, business, or place of employment, except as the court may find necessary with respect to partial custody with the minor child/ren.

F. Prohibit Defendant from having any contact with Plaintiff’s relatives and Plaintiff’s children listed in this petition, except as the court may find necessary with respect to partial custody with the minor child/ren. The following persons are Plaintiff’s relatives or family and household members that Plaintiff believes require protection from stalking and harassment by Defendant.

| Name | Address (optional) | Relationship to Plaintiff |
|------|--------------------|---------------------------|
|      |                    |                           |
|      |                    |                           |

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G. Order Defendant to temporarily relinquish the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition listed on Attachment A to Petition, under Defendant’s control, or in Defendant’s possession, or any firearm license to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency.

H. Prohibit Defendant from acquiring or possessing firearms for the duration of the order.

I. Order Defendant to pay temporary support for Plaintiff or the minor child/ren, including medical support and payment of the rent or mortgage on the residence.

J. Direct Defendant to pay Plaintiff for the reasonable financial losses suffered as the result of the abuse, to be determined at the hearing.

K. Order Defendant to pay the costs of this action, including filing and service fees.

L. Order Defendant to pay Plaintiff’s reasonable attorney’s fees.

**M. Grant Plaintiff temporary ownership rights over a companion animal and order Defendant to refrain from possessing, contacting, attempting to contact, transferring or relocating the companion animal, or contacting or entering the property of any person sheltering the companion animal(s).**

[M.]N. Order the following additional relief, not listed above:

[N.]O. Grant such other relief as Plaintiff requests or the court deems appropriate.

[O.]P. Order the police, sheriff, or other law enforcement agency to serve Defendant with a copy of this petition, any order issued, and the order for hearing. Plaintiff will inform the designated authority of any addresses, other than Defendant’s residence, where Defendant can be served.

[P.]Q. Direct the Pennsylvania State Police, the municipal police, or the sheriff to accompany Plaintiff to his or her residence to retrieve personal belongings or accompany Plaintiff while the petition or order is served on Defendant, if Plaintiff has reason to believe his or her safety is at risk.

## VERIFICATION

I verify that I am the petitioner as designated in the present action and that the facts and statements contained in the above Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Signature

Date

(Caption)

## ATTACHMENT A TO PETITION FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS, OR AMMUNITION INVENTORY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff in this Protection from Abuse Action, hereby

(a) state that Defendant used or threatened to use the following firearms, other weapons, or ammunition against Plaintiff or the minor child/ren (include addresses or locations, if known, such as “front seat of blue truck”, “gun cabinet,” “bedroom closet,” etc.)

| Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition | Location |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. _____                        | _____    |
| 2. _____                        | _____    |
| 3. _____                        | _____    |
| 4. _____                        | _____    |
| 5. _____                        | _____    |

(b) state that Defendant, to the best of my knowledge or belief, owns or possesses the following firearms, other weapons, or ammunition not set forth in (a) above (include addresses or locations if, known):

| Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition | Location |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. _____                        | _____    |
| 2. _____                        | _____    |
| 3. _____                        | _____    |
| 4. _____                        | _____    |
| 5. _____                        | _____    |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice:** This attachment will be withheld from public inspection in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108 (a)(7)(v).

**[Note: See Pa.R.C.P. No. 1930.1(b). This rule may require attorneys or unrepresented parties to file confidential documents and documents containing confidential information that are subject to the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania.]**

(c) **Temporary Order.** The Temporary Order of Court, or any continued, amended, or modified Temporary Order of Court, entered pursuant to the Act shall be substantially in the following form, but the first page shall be exactly as set forth in this rule:

|                                          |                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TEMPORARY PROTECTION<br>FROM ABUSE ORDER | IN THE COURT OF COMMON<br>PLEAS OF _____ COUNTY,<br>PENNSYLVANIA NO. _____ |
| Amended Order                            | Continued Order                                                            |

PLAINTIFF

|       |        |       |                 |
|-------|--------|-------|-----------------|
| _____ | _____  | _____ | _____           |
| First | Middle | Last  | Plaintiff’s DOB |

Name(s) of all protected persons, including minor child/ren and DOB:

V.  
DEFENDANT

|                      |        |       |        |
|----------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| _____                | _____  | _____ | _____  |
| First                | Middle | Last  | Suffix |
| Defendant’s Address: |        |       |        |

Defendant’s Address:

| DEFENDANT IDENTIFIERS |  |        |  |
|-----------------------|--|--------|--|
| DOB                   |  | HEIGHT |  |
| SEX                   |  | WEIGHT |  |
| RACE                  |  | EYES   |  |
| HAIR                  |  |        |  |
| SSN                   |  |        |  |
| DRIVERS<br>LICENSE #  |  |        |  |
| EXP DATE              |  | STATE  |  |

- CAUTION:
- ☐ **Weapon Involved**
  - ☐ **Weapon Present on the Property**
  - ☐ **Weapon Ordered Relinquished**

**The Court Hereby Finds:** That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, and Defendant will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard.

**The Court Hereby Orders:**

- ☐ Defendant shall not abuse, harass, stalk, threaten, or attempt or threaten to use physical force against any of the above persons in any place where they might be found.
- ☐ Except for such contact with the minor child/ren as may be permitted under Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff, or any other person protected under this order, by telephone or by any other means, including through third persons.
- ☐ Additional findings of this order are set forth below.

**Order Effective Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Order Expiration Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

Defendant is hereby notified that failure to obey this order may result in arrest as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6113 and that violation of the order may result in a charge of indirect criminal contempt as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6114. Consent of Plaintiff to Defendant’s return to the residence shall not invalidate this order, which can only be changed or modified through the filing of appropriate court papers for that purpose. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108 (g). If Defendant is required to relinquish any firearms, other weapons, ammunition, or any firearm license, those items must be relinquished to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency within 24 hours of the service of this order. As an alternative, Defendant may relinquish any firearm, other weapon, or ammunition listed herein to a third party provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons, or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, Defendant shall provide an affidavit to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency listing the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after the service of this order. Defendant is further notified that violation of this order may subject him/her to state charges and penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105 and to federal criminal charges and penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) and the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261-2262.

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, upon consideration of the attached Petition for Protection From Abuse, the court hereby enters the following Temporary Order:

- ☐ Plaintiff’s request for a Temporary Protection Order is **denied**.
- ☐ Plaintiff’s request for a Temporary Protection Order is **granted**.
  - ☐ 1. Defendant shall not abuse, harass, stalk, threaten, or attempt or threaten to use physical force against any of the above persons in any place where they might be found.
  - ☐ 2. Defendant is evicted and excluded from the residence at [NONCONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS FROM WHICH DEFENDANT IS EXCLUDED] or any other permanent or temporary residence where Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order may live. Plaintiff is granted exclusive possession of the residence. Defendant shall have no right or privilege to enter or be present on the premises of Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order.
  - ☐ 3. Except for such contact with the minor child/ren as may be permitted under Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant is prohibited from having ANY CONTACT with Plaintiff, or any other person protected under this order, either directly or indirectly, at any location, including but not limited to any contact at Plaintiff’s school, business, or place of employment. Defendant is specifically ordered to stay away from the following locations for the duration of this order: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 4. Except for such contact with the minor child/ren as may be permitted under Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff, or any other person protected under this order, by telephone or by any other means, including through third persons.

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☐ 5. CUSTODY.  
☐ There is a current custody order as to the child/ren of the parties:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (county court) \_\_\_\_\_ (docket number)  
☐ THIS ORDER SHALL NOT SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT CUSTODY ORDER.  
☐ THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR ORDER RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY.  
☐ Until the final hearing, all contact between Defendant and the child/ren shall be limited to the following: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Pending the outcome of the final hearing in this matter, Plaintiff is awarded temporary custody of the following minor child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

The local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the child/ren are located shall ensure that the child/ren are placed in the care and control of [the] Plaintiff in accordance with the terms of this order.  
**Defendant shall complete, sign, and file a Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1915.3-2 at Defendant's initial court appearance.**  
☐ 6. FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS, OR AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS  
Check all that apply.  
☐ Defendant is prohibited from possessing or acquiring any firearms for the duration of this order.  
☐ Defendant shall relinquish to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency the following firearm licenses owned or possessed by Defendant.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Defendant is directed to relinquish to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency any firearm, other weapon, or ammunition listed in Attachment A to Temporary Order, which is incorporated herein by reference, under Defendant's control or in Defendant's possession.

Defendant may relinquish any firearms, other weapons, or ammunition to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency. As an alternative, Defendant may relinquish firearms, other weapons, or ammunition to a third party provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all the requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. Defendant must relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or firearm license ordered to be relinquished no later than 24 hours after service of this order. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons, or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, Defendant shall provide to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency an affidavit listing the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after service of this order. Failure to timely relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license shall result in a violation of this order and may result in criminal conviction under the Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105.

☐ **7. Plaintiff is granted temporary ownership rights over the following companion animal(s), and Defendant is prohibited from possessing, contacting, attempting to contact, transferring or relocating the following companion animal(s), or contacting or entering the property of any person sheltering the following companion animal(s):**

| Species | Breed | Name  | Color | Sex   |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| _____   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

☐ **[7.]8.** The following additional relief is granted:  
☐ Defendant is prohibited from stalking, as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709.1, or harassing, as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709, the following family and household members of Plaintiff:  
Name                      Address (optional)                      Relationship to Plaintiff  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other relief:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ **[8.]9.** The Pennsylvania State Police, the municipal police, or the sheriff shall accompany Plaintiff to his or her residence to retrieve personal belongings or accompany Plaintiff while the petition or order is served on Defendant.

☐ **[9.]10.** A certified copy of this order shall be provided to the sheriff or police department where Plaintiff resides and any other agency specified hereafter: [insert name of agency]

☐ **[10.]11.** THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER OBTAINED BY THE SAME PLAINTIFF AGAINST THE SAME DEFENDANT.

☐ **[11.]12.** THIS ORDER APPLIES IMMEDIATELY TO DEFENDANT AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL [insert expiration date] OR UNTIL OTHERWISE MODIFIED OR TERMINATED BY THIS COURT AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING.

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

Defendant is hereby notified that failure to obey this order may result in arrest as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6113 and that violation of the order may result in a charge of indirect criminal contempt as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6114. Consent of Plaintiff to Defendant's return to the residence shall not invalidate this order, which can only be changed or modified through the filing of appropriate court papers for that purpose. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(g). If Defendant is required to relinquish any firearms, other weapons, ammunition, or any firearm license, those items must be relinquished to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency within 24 hours of the service of this order. As an alternative, Defendant may relinquish any firearm, other weapon, or ammunition listed herein to a third party provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit. If, due to their current location, firearms, other weapons, or ammunition cannot reasonably be retrieved within the time for relinquishment, Defendant shall provide an affidavit to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency listing the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition and their current location no later than 24 hours after the service of this order. Defendant is further notified that violation of this order may subject him/her to state charges and penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105 and to federal criminal charges and penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) and the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261-2262.

## NOTICE TO SHERIFF, POLICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

This order shall be enforced by the police department or sheriff who has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's residence OR any location where a violation of this order occurs OR where Defendant may be located. If Defendant violates Paragraphs 1 through [6]7 of this order, Defendant shall be arrested on the charge of indirect criminal contempt. An arrest for violation of this order may be made without warrant, based solely on probable cause, whether or not the violation is committed in the presence of a police officer or sheriff.

Subsequent to an arrest, the law enforcement officer or sheriff shall seize all firearms, other weapons, or ammunition in Defendant's possession which were used or threatened to be used during the violation of the protection order or during prior incidents of abuse and any other firearms in Defendant's possession. Any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license must be delivered to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency, which sheriff or agency shall maintain possession of the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition until further order of this court, unless the weapon(s) are evidence of a crime, in which case, they shall remain with the law enforcement agency whose officer or sheriff made the arrest.

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Caption)

## ATTACHMENT A TO TEMPORARY ORDER FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS, OR AMMUNITION INVENTORY

It is hereby ordered that Defendant relinquish the following firearms, other weapons, or ammunition to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency:

| Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition | Location |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. _____                        | _____    |
| 2. _____                        | _____    |
| 3. _____                        | _____    |
| 4. _____                        | _____    |
| 5. _____                        | _____    |
| 6. _____                        | _____    |
| 7. _____                        | _____    |
| 8. _____                        | _____    |
| 9. _____                        | _____    |
| 10. _____                       | _____    |

☐ All firearms, other weapons, or ammunition owned or possessed by Defendant.

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTICE:** This attachment will be withheld from public inspection in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(a)(7)(v).

(d) **Affidavit of Service.** The form of the Affidavit of Service in a Protection From Abuse matter shall be substantially in the following form:

(Caption)

## AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, hereby state that I served a copy of the **(check one)**:

☐ Notice of Hearing and Order, Petition, and Temporary Order

☐ **Final Order**

in the above-captioned action upon Defendant by handing the papers to \_\_\_\_\_ at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_m.

I verify that the statements made in this Affidavit are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.[A.] § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

(Signature)

(Title)

(Address)

(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO SERVES THE DEFENDANT WITH THE NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER, PETITION AND TEMPORARY ORDER. IT MUST BE FILED WITH THE PROTHONOTARY OR BROUGHT TO THE COURT ON THE HEARING DATE.

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(e) **Final Order.** The Final Order of Court, or any amended, modified, or extended Final Order of Court, entered pursuant to the Act shall be substantially in the following form, but the first page must be exactly as set forth in this rule:

FINAL PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER

Extended Order

Amended Order

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PLAINTIFF

\_\_\_\_\_  
First

\_\_\_\_\_  
Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff's DOB

Name(s) of all protected persons, including minor child/ren and DOB:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

V.  
DEFENDANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
First

\_\_\_\_\_  
Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
Suffix

Defendant's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CAUTION:

☐ Weapon Involved

☐ Weapon Present on the Property

☐ Weapon Ordered Relinquished

The Court Hereby Finds:

That it has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter, and Defendant has been provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard.

The Court Hereby Orders:

☐ Defendant shall not abuse, harass, stalk, threaten, or attempt or threaten to use physical force against any of the above persons in any place where they might be found.

☐ Except as provided in Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff, or any other person protected under this order, by telephone or by any other means, including through third persons.

☐ Additional findings of this order are set forth below.

Order Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

Order Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

Defendant is hereby notified that failure to obey this order may result in arrest as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6113 and that violation of the order may result in a charge of indirect criminal contempt as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6114. Violation may also subject you to prosecution and criminal penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. A violation of this order may result in the revocation of the safekeeping permit, which will require the immediate relinquishment of your firearms, other weapons, or ammunition to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency. Plaintiff's consent to contact by Defendant shall not invalidate this order which can only be modified by further order of court. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(g).

This order is enforceable in all fifty (50) States, the District of Columbia, Tribal Lands, U.S. Territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico under the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2265. If you travel outside of the state and intentionally violate this order, you may be subject to federal criminal proceedings under that act. 18 U.S.C. §§ 2261-2262. If you possess a firearm or any ammunition while this order is in effect, you may be charged with a federal criminal offense even if this Pennsylvania order does not expressly prohibit you from possessing firearms or ammunition under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) or state criminal offenses and state criminal penalties under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105.

- CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:
- Plaintiff or Protected Person(s) is/are:

spouse or former spouse of Defendant

parent of a child with Defendant

current or former sexual or intimate partner with Defendant child of Plaintiff

child of Defendant

family member related by blood (consanguinity) to Defendant

family member related by marriage or affinity to Defendant

sibling (person who shares parenthood) of Defendant

Defendant was served in accordance with [Pa.R.C.P. No.] Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.4 and provided notice of the time, date, and location of the hearing scheduled in this matter.

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, the court having jurisdiction over the parties and the subject-matter, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

This order is entered by (check one) ☐ by agreement ☐ by agreement without an admission ☐ after a hearing and decision by the court ☐ after a hearing at which Defendant was not present, despite proper service being made ☐ by default. Without regard as to how the order was entered, this is a final order of court subject to full enforcement pursuant to the Protection From Abuse Act.

[Note: Space is provided to allow for 1) the court's general findings of abuse; 2) inclusion of the terms under which the order was entered (e.g., that the order was entered with the consent of the parties, or that Defendant, though properly served, failed to appear for the hearing, or the reasons why the plaintiff's request for a final PFA order was denied); or 3) information that may be helpful to law enforcement (e.g., whether a firearm or other weapon was involved in the incident of abuse or whether Defendant is believed to be armed and dangerous).]

- ☐ Plaintiff's request for a final protection order is denied. OR

☐ Plaintiff's request for a final protection order is granted.

☐ 1. Defendant shall not abuse, stalk, harass, threaten, or attempt or threaten to use physical force against Plaintiff or any other protected person in any place where they might be found.

☐ 2. Defendant is completely evicted and excluded from the residence at (NONCONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS FROM WHICH DEFENDANT IS EXCLUDED) or

any other residence where Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order may live. Exclusive possession of the residence is granted to Plaintiff. Defendant shall have no right or privilege to enter or be present on the premises of Plaintiff or any other person protected under this order.

☐ On [insert date and time], Defendant may enter the residence to retrieve his/her clothing and other personal effects, provided that Defendant is in the company of a law enforcement officer or sheriff when such retrieval is made and [insert any other conditions]: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 3. Except as provided in Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant is prohibited from having ANY CONTACT with Plaintiff, either directly or indirectly, or any other person protected under this order, at any location, including but not limited to any contact at Plaintiff's school, business, or place of employment. Defendant is specifically ordered to stay away from the following locations for the duration of this order.

☐ 4. Except as provided in Paragraph 5 of this order, Defendant shall not contact Plaintiff, either directly or indirectly, or any other person protected under this order, by telephone or by any other means, including through third persons.

☐ 5. Temporary custody of the minor children: [NAMES OF THE CHILDREN SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF THIS PARAGRAPH] shall be as follows:

Check all that apply.

☐ STATE TO WHOM PRIMARY PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS AWARDED; STATE TERMS OF PARTIAL CUSTODY **AND SUPERVISED CUSTODY**, IF ANY.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**These custody provisions of this order are temporary. Either party may initiate custody proceedings pursuant to the custody statute at 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 5321 — 5340. Any valid custody order entered after the final Protection From Abuse order supersedes the custody provisions of this order**

☐ There is a current custody order as to the children of the parties:

\_\_\_\_\_ (county court) \_\_\_\_\_ (docket number)

☐ **This order shall not supersede the current custody order.**

☐ **This order shall supersede any prior order relating to child custody.**

☐ **[A] There is a custody petition [is] pending.**

☐ A hearing is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ (Date, time, and location)

☐ **There is neither a current custody order as to the children of the parties nor a pending custody petition.**

☐ **If there is no subsequent custody order within days of the date of this order, the custody provisions contained herein shall lapse automatically.**

☐ **THIS ORDER SHALL NOT SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT CUSTODY ORDER.**

☐ **THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR ORDER RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY.**

**The custody provisions of Paragraph 5 of this order are temporary. Either party may initiate custody proceedings pursuant to the custody statute at 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 5321 — 5340. Any valid custody order entered after the final Protection From Abuse order supersedes the custody provisions of this order.]**

- ☐ 6. FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS, OR AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS

Check all that apply:

☐ Defendant is prohibited from possessing or acquiring any firearms for the duration of this order.

☐ Defendant shall relinquish to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency the following firearm licenses owned or possessed by Defendant:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Defendant is directed to relinquish to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency any firearm, other weapon, or ammunition listed in Attachment A to Final Order, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Defendant may relinquish any firearms, other weapons, or ammunition to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency. As an alternative, Defendant may either relinquish firearms, other weapons, or ammunition to a third party provided Defendant and the third party first comply with all the requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit, or relinquish firearms, other weapons, or ammunition to a licensed firearms dealer for consignment sale, lawful transfer, or safekeeping pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.2(e). Defendant must relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or firearm license ordered to be relinquished no later than 24 hours after service of this order. Failure to timely relinquish any firearm, other weapon, ammunition, or any firearm license ordered to be relinquished shall result in a violation of this order and may result in criminal conviction under the Uniform Firearms Act, 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105.

- ☐ 7. Any firearm delivered to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency or transferred to a licensed firearm dealer or a qualified third party, who satisfies the procedural and substantive requirements to obtain a safekeeping permit issued under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.3 pursuant to this order or the temporary order, shall not be returned to Defendant, until further order of court or as otherwise provided by law.

☐ **8. Plaintiff is granted temporary ownership rights over the following companion animal(s), and Defendant is prohibited from possessing, contacting, attempting to contact, transferring or relocating the following companion animal(s), or contacting or entering the property of any person sheltering the following companion animal(s):**

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| Species | Breed | Name  | Color | Sex   |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| _____   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

☐ **[8.]9.** The Pennsylvania State Police, the municipal police, or the sheriff shall accompany Plaintiff to his or her residence to retrieve personal belongings.

☐ **[9.]10.** The following additional relief is granted as authorized by § 6108 of the Act:

☐ Defendant is prohibited from stalking, as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709.1, or harassing, as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709, the following family and household members of Plaintiff:

|                                        |                    |                           |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Name                                   | Address (optional) | Relationship to Plaintiff |
| _____                                  | _____              | _____                     |
| _____                                  | _____              | _____                     |
| _____                                  | _____              | _____                     |
| _____                                  | _____              | _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other relief: |                    |                           |
| _____                                  |                    |                           |
| _____                                  |                    |                           |
| _____                                  |                    |                           |

☐ **[10.]11.** Defendant is directed to pay temporary support for: [INSERT THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS FOR WHOM SUPPORT IS TO BE PAID] as follows: [INSERT AMOUNT, FREQUENCY AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUPPORT ORDER]. This order for support shall remain in effect until a final support order is entered by this court. However, this order shall lapse automatically if Plaintiff does not file a complaint for support with the Domestic Relations Section of the court within two weeks of the date of this order. The amount of this temporary order does not necessarily reflect Defendant’s correct support obligation, which shall be determined in accordance with the guidelines at the support hearing. Any adjustments in the final amount of support shall be credited, retroactive to this date, to the appropriate party.

☐ **[11.]12.**

☐ (a) The costs of this action are imposed on Defendant.

☐ (b) Because this order followed a contested proceeding, or a hearing at which Defendant was not present, despite being served with a copy of the petition, temporary order and notice of the date, time and place of the hearing, Defendant is ordered to pay an additional \$100 surcharge to the court, which shall be distributed in the manner set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6106(d).

☐ (c) Upon a showing of good cause or a finding that Defendant is unable to pay, the costs of this action are waived.

☐ **[12.]13.** Defendant shall pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Plaintiff by (insert date) as compensation for Plaintiff’s out-of-pocket losses, which are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

An installment schedule is ordered as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

☐ Plaintiff is granted leave to present a petition, with appropriate notice to Defendant, to [INSERT THE NAME OF THE JUDGE OR COURT TO WHICH THE PETITION SHOULD BE PRESENTED] requesting recovery of out-of-pocket losses. The petition shall include an exhibit itemizing all claimed out-of-pocket losses, copies of all bills and estimates of repair, and an order scheduling a hearing. No fee shall be required by the prothonotary’s office for the filing of this petition.

☐ **[13.]14.** THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PRIOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER OBTAINED BY THE SAME PLAINTIFF AGAINST THE SAME DEFENDANT.

**[14.]15.** All provisions of this order shall expire: CHECK ONE

☐ in [INSERT DAYS, MONTHS OR YEARS] on [INSERT EXPIRATION DATE]

☐ in three years, on [INSERT EXPIRATION DATE]

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

Defendant is hereby notified that failure to obey this order may result in arrest as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6113 and that violation of the order may result in a charge of indirect criminal contempt as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6114. Violation may also subject you to prosecution and criminal penalties under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. A violation of this order may result in the revocation of the safekeeping permit, which will require the immediate relinquishment of your firearms, other weapons, and ammunition to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency. Plaintiff’s consent to contact by Defendant shall not invalidate this order, which can only be modified by further order of court. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(g).

This order is enforceable in all fifty (50) States, the District of Columbia, Tribal Lands, U.S. Territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico under the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2265. If you travel outside of the state and intentionally violate this order, you may be subject to federal criminal proceedings under that act. 18

U.S.C. §§ 2261-2262. If you possess a firearm or any ammunition while this order is in effect, you may be charged with a federal criminal offense even if this Pennsylvania order does not expressly prohibit you from possessing firearms or ammunition under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) or state criminal offenses and state criminal penalties under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105.

## NOTICE TO SHERIFF, POLICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

The police and sheriff who have jurisdiction over Plaintiff’s residence OR any location where a violation of this order occurs OR where Defendant may be located, shall enforce this order. The court shall have jurisdiction over any indirect criminal contempt proceeding, either in the county where the violation occurred or where this protective order was entered. An arrest for violation of Paragraphs 1 through [7]8 of this order may be without warrant, based solely on probable cause, whether or not the violation is committed in the presence of the police or any sheriff. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6113.

Subsequent to an arrest, and without the necessity of a warrant, the police officer or sheriff shall seize all firearms, other weapons, and ammunition in Defendant’s possession that were used or threatened to be used during the violation of the protection order or during prior incidents of abuse and any other firearms in Defendant’s possession. The [insert the appropriate name or title] shall maintain possession of the firearms, other weapons, or ammunition until further order of this court.

When Defendant is placed under arrest for violation of the order, Defendant shall be taken to the appropriate authority or authorities before whom Defendant is to be arraigned. A “Complaint for Indirect Criminal Contempt” shall then be completed and signed by the police officer, sheriff, OR Plaintiff. Plaintiff’s presence and signature are not required to file the complaint.

If sufficient grounds for violation of this order are alleged, Defendant shall be arraigned, bond set, if appropriate, and both parties given notice of the date of the hearing.

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_

Judge

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

This order was entered pursuant to the consent of Plaintiff and Defendant:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Plaintiff’s Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Defendant’s Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Caption)

## ATTACHMENT A TO FINAL ORDER FIREARMS, OTHER WEAPONS, OR AMMUNITION INVENTORY

It is hereby ordered that Defendant relinquish the following firearms, other weapons, or ammunition to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency:

| Firearm/Other Weapon/Ammunition | Location |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. _____                        | _____    |
| 2. _____                        | _____    |
| 3. _____                        | _____    |
| 4. _____                        | _____    |
| 5. _____                        | _____    |
| 6. _____                        | _____    |
| 7. _____                        | _____    |
| 8. _____                        | _____    |
| 9. _____                        | _____    |
| 10. _____                       | _____    |

☐ All firearms, other weapons, or ammunition owned or possessed by Defendant.

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_

Judge

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**NOTICE:** This attachment will be withheld from public inspection in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108(a)(7)(v).

**Comment: Concerning the petition form in subdivision (b), see Pa.R.Civ.P. 1930.1(b), which may require attorneys or unrepresented parties to file confidential documents and documents containing confidential information that are subject to the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania.**

**Concerning the final order form in subdivision (e), space is provided in the order prior to the court’s decision on whether to deny or grant the petition to allow for 1) the court’s general findings of abuse; 2) inclusion of the terms under which the order was entered, e.g., that the order was entered with the consent of the parties, or that the defendant, though properly served, failed to appear for the hearing, or the reasons why the plaintiff’s request for a final PFA order was denied; or 3) information that may be helpful to law enforcement, e.g., whether a firearm or other weapon was involved in the incident of abuse or whether the defendant is believed to be armed and dangerous.**

**Rule 1930.4. Service of Original Process in Domestic Relations Matters.**

(a) **Personal Service.**

(1) **Persons Who May Serve.** A sheriff or competent adult, as defined in Pa.R.Civ.P. 76, may effectuate personal service of original process in domestic relations matters, including Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation matters.

(2) **Manner of Service.**

(i) A sheriff or competent adult may serve original process:

(A) by handing a copy of the original process to the defendant;

(B) at the defendant’s residence by handing a copy of the original process to:

(I) an adult member of the family with whom the defendant resides; but if an adult family member is unavailable, then to an adult in charge of the residence; or

(II) the clerk or manager of the hotel, inn, apartment house, boarding house, or other place of lodging; or

(C) at the defendant’s office or usual place of business by handing a copy of the original process to the defendant’s agent or the person for the time being in charge; or

(ii) pursuant to special order of court.

(3) **Service in Protection From Abuse and Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation Matters.**

(i) **[If the sheriff or competent adult cannot complete personal service within 48 hours after a Protection From Abuse or a Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation petition is filed, the court may authorize alternative service by special order as set forth in subdivision (a)(2)(ii).] For service of Protection From Abuse hearing notices, petitions and orders, see Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901.4.**

(ii) **If the sheriff or competent adult cannot complete personal service within 48 hours after a Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation temporary order is filed, the court may authorize alternative service by special order as set forth in subdivi-**

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sion (a)(2)(ii), including, but not limited to, [Alternative service may include, but is not limited to,] service by mail pursuant to subdivision (b) or service by commercial carrier pursuant to subdivision (c).

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**Comment:** Additional alternative procedures for service outside the Commonwealth are set forth in 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 5323 and 5329(2). For Protection from Abuse and Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation matters served outside of the Commonwealth, the party shall attempt personal service first before service can be made by certified and first class regular mail or by other means prescribed in subdivision (e)(2).

Subdivision (f) addresses service of original process on an incarcerated party, and the incarcerated party’s right to seek permission to appear and testify. See *Vanaman v. Cowgill*, 526 A.2d 1226 (Pa. Super. 1987) and *Salemo v. Salemo*, 554 A.2d 563 (Pa. Super. 1989).

The Domestic Relations Section is the filing office for child support, spousal support, and alimony pendente lite cases. See Pa.R.Civ.P. 1910.4(a).

The timing of an attorney’s solicitation of a prospective client in actions governed by the Family Court Rules, see Pa.R.Civ.P. 1931(a), and actions pursuant to the Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation Act, see 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 62A03—62A20, are restricted until proof of service appears on the docket. See Pennsylvania Rule of Professional Conduct [7.3(b)(4)] 7.3(d)(4).

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking:

## Explanatory Comment—1995

This new rule replaces the numerous rules which previously governed service of process in domestic relations matters.

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

NO. 782

ORDER AMENDING RULE 1931  
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL PROCEDURAL RULES  
DOCKET

RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

## ORDER

## PER CURIAM

**AND NOW**, this 4th day of August, 2026, upon the recommendation of the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee, the proposal having been submitted without publication pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(a)(3) in the interests of justice and efficient administration:

It is Ordered pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that Rule 1931 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure is amended in the attached form.

This Order shall be processed in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. 103(b), and shall be effective immediately.

Additions to the rule are shown in bold and are underlined.  
Deletions from the rule are shown in bold and brackets.

(a) **[Actions] Matters** Governed by **[These Rules] Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901 *et seq.***

- (1) Divorce, Annulment, Dissolution of Marriage.
- (2) **Rule 1931. Family Court Rules.**

(i) Equitable Distribution.

(ii) Alimony/Alimony Pendente Lite.

(iii) Counsel Fees, Costs, and Expenses.

- (2) Child Custody.

(i) Legal Custody.

(ii) Physical Custody.

(iii) Partial Custody**[Visitation]**.

- (3) Support.

(i) Child Support.

(ii) Spousal Support.

(iii) Modification and Enforcement.

- (4) Paternity.
- (5) Protection From Abuse.
- (6) Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation.**
- (7) Mediation.**
- (8) Arbitration.**

**[(b) Commencement of Action.**

**(1) Unified Family Court Docketing.** All actions under these Family Court Rules which involve identical parties shall be entered on the court’s docket under the same primary case number. Additional letters or numbers may be added parenthetically to specify the type of action, judge assigned or other identifying information.

**(2) Custody Agreements.** If, at a support proceeding, it appears that resolution of custody issues will facilitate compliance with the child support order, the conference officer or hearing officer may provide the parties with a form custody complaint and form custody agreement, along with information as to where to file the completed documents, the filing fee, and how

to contact the lawyers referral service. The support conference officer or hearing officer shall not participate in custody negotiations, preparation of the forms, or provide legal advice.

**(c) Consolidation of Family Court Matters.**

**(1) General Rule.** Two or more actions under these Family Court Rules involving the same parties and common questions of law and/or fact shall be consolidated for hearing or trial unless the court determines that it is inappropriate or impractical to do so.

**(2) Trial Continuity.** Trials before a judge or hearings before a hearing officer shall be scheduled to be heard on consecutive days or within a ten-day period. If not completed within the time allotted, the trial or hearing shall be concluded within 90 days of the date of the commencement of the trial or hearing, unless a shorter time frame is required by statute or another procedural rule.

**(3) Prompt Decisions.**

- (i) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(3)(ii), in any matter brought under these Family Court Rules, a decision by a conference officer, hearing officer, or judge shall be entered, filed, and served upon counsel for the parties, or any party not represented by counsel, not later than 30 days after the conference, hearing, or trial concludes, unless a shorter time frame is required by statute or another procedural rule.
- (ii) The time for entering and filing a decision may be extended if, within 30 days of the conclusion of the conference, hearing, or trial, the court extends the date for such decision by order entered of record showing good cause for the extension. In no event shall an extension delay entry of the decision more than 60 days after the conclusion of the conference, hearing, or trial.

**(d) Continuing Education for Family Court Personnel.**

**(1) Program Development.** Courses of instruction that include, at a minimum, the following topics shall be developed or approved by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC):

- (i) The substantive law and procedural aspects of the areas of law governed by these Family Court Rules;
- (ii) Domestic violence;
- (iii) Child development;
- (iv) Family dynamics;
- (v) Addictions and treatments;
- (vi) Asset valuation;
- (vii) Community resources.

**(2) Initial Training.** Within one year of assignment to cases governed by these Family Court Rules, each hearing officer, conciliator, mediator, and other court personnel designated by the president or administrative judge of each judicial district shall successfully complete the coursework developed or approved by the AOPC.

**(3) Continuing Education.** Each hearing officer, conciliator, mediator, and other court personnel designated by the president or administrative judge who is assigned to cases governed by these Family Court Rules shall successfully complete six hours of continuing education developed or approved by the AOPC each calendar year following the calendar year in which the initial training was completed.

**(4) Compliance.** The AOPC shall monitor compliance with the educational requirements of this rule.]

**(b)–(d) Rescinded.**

**Comment: Initially adopted as a pilot program within four judicial districts, this rule was amended in 2026 to rescind subdivisions (b)–(d) and conclude the pilot program.**

## Historical Commentary

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking:

## Explanatory Comment—2002

This new rule is suspended in all judicial districts except the First (Philadelphia), Fifth (Allegheny County), Twenty-third (Berks County) and Forty-fifth (Lackawanna County) Judicial Districts until further order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

## SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

## ADOPTION REPORT

## Amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1931

On August 4, 2026, the Supreme Court amended Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 1931 to remove requirements for “family court rules” applicable to four judicial districts. The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee has prepared this Adoption Report describing the rulemaking process. An Adoption Report should not be confused with Comments to the rules. See Pa.R.J.A. 103, cmt. The statements contained herein are those of the Committee, not the Court.

The Court adopted Pa.R.Civ.P. 1931 on December 17, 2002. See 33 Pa.B. 13 (January 4, 2003). The rule, considered a “pilot project,” was suspended in all judicial districts except for the 1st Judicial District (Philadelphia), the 5th Judicial District (Allegheny), the 23rd Judicial District (Berks), and the 45th Judicial District (Lackawanna). Aside from amendment in 2021 as part of a

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global change from “master” to “hearing officer,” see 51 Pa.B. 6764 (October 30, 2021), the rule has remained static.

Pa.R.Civ.P. 1931 served as the catalyst for further local refinements to improve efficiency, capitalize on available resources, and increase responsiveness to family court proceedings in the four judicial districts. Moreover, during the more than two decades since Pa.R.Civ.P. 1931 was adopted, the statewide rules applicable to family court proceedings in all judicial districts have become more comprehensive. In essence, the “pilot project” concluded and Pa.R.Civ.P. 1931 became an artifact.

Accordingly, the Committee recommended that subdivisions (b)-(d) of the rule be rescinded, together with the addition of commentary explaining the rulemaking. Concerning subdivision (a), the Committee recommended amending subdivision (a)(2)(iii) to remove “visitation” and adding “protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation,” “mediation,” and “arbitration” as separate categories under subdivision (a).

The amendment becomes effective immediately.

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING  
Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 1128 and 1129

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee is considering proposing to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania the amendment of Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 1128 and 1129 governing the presence of parties, including the child, at dependency proceedings for the reasons set forth in the accompanying publication report. Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(a)(1), the proposal is being published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for comments, suggestions, or objections prior to submission to the Supreme Court.

Any report accompanying this proposal was prepared by the Committee to indicate the rationale for the proposed rulemaking. It will neither constitute a part of the rules nor be adopted by the Supreme Court.

Additions to the text of the proposal are bolded and underlined; deletions to the text are bolded and bracketed.

The Committee invites all interested persons to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in writing to the:

Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Judicial Center  
P.O. Box 62635  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-2635  
FAX: 717-231-9541  
juvenilerules@pacourts.us

All communications in reference to the proposal should be received by September 30, 2026. E-mail is the preferred method for submitting comments, suggestions, or objections; any e-mailed submission need not be reproduced and resubmitted via mail. The Committee will acknowledge receipt of all submissions.

By the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee,  
Lisa P. Harvey, Esquire, Chair

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE  
PUBLICATION REPORT  
Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 1128 and 1129

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee (“Committee”) is considering proposing the amendment of Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 1128 and 1129 concerning the presence of the parties, including the child, at dependency proceedings.

Pa.R.J.C.P. 1128(a) would be amended to emphasize the general requirement that all parties, including the child, are required to be physically present in the courtroom at every dependency proceeding. This requirement provides the parties with the opportunity to provide testimony in person and on the record before the judge or juvenile court hearing officer. Further, the parties are able to more readily consult with counsel. It also allows the court to question the parties and for the parties to question witnesses. Moreover, the court is able to observe the interaction between the parents, caregiver, and the child. Finally, the court can observe the child to ensure his or her care, protection, safety, and wholesome mental and physical development.

Subdivision (b)(1) would be amended to provide that a party’s physical presence, including that of the child, may only be excused or excluded upon request for good cause. The use of categorical or “blanket” excuses or exclusions, e.g., age of child, from being physically present would not be permitted. Each requested excuse or exclusion should be determined individually.

Subdivision (b)(2) would continue to permit the court to proceed if a party, including the child, fails to appear, provided there is good cause to do so. This subdivision also retains the existing requirement that the child’s attorney be present notwithstanding a party’s failure to appear.

Subdivision (c) would clarify and provide that advance communication technology may be used if a party, including the child, is excused from being physically present in the courtroom. Readers should observe that subdivision (c) does not contain a similar provision for exclusion.

The Comment accompanying Pa.R.J.C.P. 1128 would be revised to discuss the application of subdivision (b).

Pa.R.J.C.P. 1129, which governs the use of advance communication technology to appear at a proceeding, would be amended to clarify that a child is a “party” to the proceeding for purposes of the rule, Subdivision (a)(2) would be amended to require the child to appear at every proceeding, rather than every six months, unless excused. Commentary repetitive of the rule text is also proposed to be removed.

The Committee invites all comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding this rulemaking proposal.

Rule 1128. Physical Presence at Proceedings.

[A)](a) **General Rule.** All parties, including the child, shall be physically present in the court room at [any] every proceeding unless the exceptions of [paragraph (B)] subdivision (b) apply.

[B)](b) **Exceptions.**

[1] **Absence from Proceedings.** The court may proceed in the absence of a party upon good cause shown except that in no case shall a hearing occur in the absence of a child’s attorney. If a child has a guardian ad litem and legal counsel, both attorneys shall be present.

[2] **Exclusion from Proceedings.** A party may be excluded from a proceeding only for good cause shown. If a party is so excluded, counsel for the party shall be permitted to be present.]

(1) **Excused or Excluded from Proceedings.** For good cause, a party, including the child, may be excused or excluded, upon request, from either being physically present in court or attending a proceeding. If a party is excused or excluded, counsel for the party shall be permitted to be physically present in the court room.

(2) **Failure to Appear.** For good cause, the court may proceed if a party, including the child, fails to appear and has neither been excused nor excluded from the proceeding. No case shall proceed in the absence of a child’s attorney. If a child has a guardian ad litem and legal counsel, both attorneys shall be present.

[C)](c) **Advanced Communication Technology.** A [child] party, including the child, or a guardian, whose physical presence has been excused, may appear by utilizing advanced communication technology pursuant to Rule 1129.

[D)](d) **Court-Ordered Appearance.** The court may order any person having [the] physical custody or control of a child to bring the child to any proceeding.

**Comment:** [In no case is a proceeding to occur in the absence of the child’s attorney. The court has discretion whether to proceed if the court finds that a party received proper notice of the hearing and has willfully failed to appear.]

Requiring the child’s attorney to be present pursuant to [paragraph (B)(2)] subdivision (b)(1) protects the child’s interest if the proceeding is conducted in the child’s absence. However, unless good cause is shown by individual circumstances, a child should be present in court. See also Pa.R.J.C.P. [1129(A)(2)] 1129(a)(2) (child shall appear in person [at least every six months unless presence is] at every proceeding unless excused). It is important that all children, including infants, appear in court so the court can observe the interaction between the caregiver and child and observe the child’s development and health. Because a child may feel uncomfortable while attending proceedings, the court should take measures to ensure that the child understands the courtroom to be a place of safety and security.

Ensuring a child appears in court on a regular basis is critical because the court oversees the child and is to ensure his or her care, protection, safety, and wholesome mental and physical development. However, the court may [ask] order that the child be [removed] excluded from the courtroom during sensitive testimony.

Subdivision (b)(1) is intended to permit the court to excuse or exclude a party, including a child, from either being physically present in the courtroom or appearing at the proceeding, upon good cause. For an excusal, the court has the discretion pursuant to subdivision (c) to permit participation via advanced communication technology. For a party’s excused appearance at a proceeding, see also Pa.R.J.C.P. 1122 (Continuances).

Good cause for court-ordered exclusion pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) may include a party’s disruptive behavior or a child’s exposure to sensitive testimony. Nothing in this subdivision is intended to limit a court’s contempt power to maintain decorum as an alternative to exclusion. The exclusion of a party does not operate to exclude the party’s counsel from the proceeding.

Subdivision (b)(2) permits the court to proceed if an unexcused party, including the child, fails to appear, upon good cause. Good cause exists if proceeding is in the best interest of the child provided the non-appearing party received notice of the proceeding. See also Pa.R.J.C.P. 1243 (Shelter Care Rehearing); Pa.R.J.C.P. 1124(D) (bench warrant if a summoned person fails to appear after sufficient notice was provided).

See *In re Adoption of S.B.B. and E.P.R.*, 539 A.2d 883 (Pa. Super. 1988).

Nothing in [these rules] this rule creates [a] the right of a child to have his or her guardian present. See 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 6310, 6335(b), 6336.1.

[Official Note: Rule 1128 adopted August 21, 2006, effective February 1, 2007; amended April 21, 2011, effective July 1, 2011; amended October 14, 2020, effective January 1, 2021.

Committee Explanatory Reports:

**Final Report** explaining the provisions of Rule 1128 published with the Court’s Order at 36 Pa.B. 5571 (September 2, 2006). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 1128 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 2326 (May 7, 2011). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 1128 published with the Court’s Order at 50 Pa.B. 5841 (October 24, 2020).]

Rule 1129. Appearance by Advanced Communication Technology.

[A.](a) **Generally.**

(1) [The child,] A party, including the child, a guardian, or a witness may appear at a proceeding by utilizing advanced communication technology pursuant to Rules 1140, 1242, 1406,

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1512, and 1608 **if excused pursuant to Rule 1128(b)(1).**  
(2) **[At a minimum, the] The child shall appear in person at [least every six months] every proceeding unless [as otherwise provided by] excused pursuant to Rule 1128(b)(1).**

- [B.](b) Counsel.**  
(1) **[The child] A party, including the child,** or a guardian shall be permitted to confer with counsel before entering into an agreement to appear utilizing advanced communication technology.  
(2) **[The child] A party, including the child,** or a guardian shall be permitted to communicate fully and confidentially with counsel immediately prior to and during the proceeding.

**Comment:** [Paragraph (A) requires that every child is to appear in person at least every six months. There may be instances in which the child is excused from attending pursuant to Rule 1128.]

This rule is not intended to compel the use of advanced communication technology but rather permit appearance by telephone or by a system providing two-way simultaneous audio-visual communication. Advanced communication technology may be utilized for the convenience **[for] of** witnesses[;], efficient use of resources[;], or **[when]** if a party or witness has an illness, is incarcerated, or is otherwise in a remote location. *See [Rules] Pa.R.J.C.P. 1140(D), 1242(b)(4), 1406(A)(2), 1512(A)(3), and 1608(e) [for]* (specific requirements for the use of advanced communication technology). Additionally, special care is to be taken when utilizing advanced communication technology to prevent disclosure of sensitive information to unauthorized persons and entities or to prevent a breach of confidentiality between a party and the party’s attorney.

**[Pursuant to paragraph (B)(1), the child or guardian is to be permitted to confer with counsel prior to agreeing to a proceeding utilizing advanced communication technology.]** “Counsel,” **as used in subdivision (b),** includes legal counsel **[and/or] and** the guardian ad litem. **[Pursuant to paragraph (B)(2), the child or guardian is permitted to confer with counsel privately prior to and during the proceedings.]** The child is to be afforded all the same rights as if the **[hearing] proceeding** was held with all parties present in the courtroom.

**[Official Note: Rule 1129 adopted April 21, 2011, effective July 1, 2011.]**

*Committee Explanatory Reports:*  
Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 1129 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 2327 (May 7, 2011).]

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NO. 564  
ORDER AMENDING RULES 115, 550, CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL RULES 590, AND 591 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DOCKET  
RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

### ORDER

PER CURIAM

**AND NOW**, this 3rd day of August, 2026, upon the recommendation of the Criminal Procedural Rules Committee; the proposal having been published for public comment at 52 Pa.B. 2689 (May 7, 2022):

It is Ordered pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that Rules 115, 550, 590, and 591 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure are amended in the attached form.

This Order shall be processed in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. 103(b) and shall be effective January 1, 2027.

Additions to the rule are shown in bold and are underlined.  
Deletions from the rule are shown in bold and brackets.

Rule 115. Recording and Transcribing Court Proceedings.

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**Comment:** Some form of record or transcript is necessary to permit meaningful consideration of claims of error and an adequate effective appellate review. See, e.g., [Pa.Rs.A.P.] Pa.R.A.P. 1922, 1923, 1924; Commonwealth v. Fields, 387 A.2d 83 (Pa. 1978); Commonwealth v. Shields, 383 A.2d 844 (Pa. 1978). No substantive change in law is intended by this rule, rather it is intended to provide a mechanism to insure appropriate recording and transcribing of court proceedings. For repeal of statutory provisions on this subject, see Judiciary Act Repealer Act § 2(a); 42 P.S. §§ 20002(a) (897), (944).

The rule is intended also to apply to proceedings that occur after the action that is the functional equivalent of holding a defendant for court in those cases in which it is permissible to proceed without a preliminary hearing and, therefore, without specifically holding the defendant for court. See [Pa. Rs.Crim.P.] Pa.R.Crim.P. 541, [550(D)] 550(i), 561, 565, 1010. In addition, the rule is intended to apply to de novo proceedings in the common pleas courts on appeals in summary cases. For application of the rule to proceedings in the Philadelphia Municipal Court, see Pa.R.Crim.P. 1012(A).

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### Rule 550. Pleas of Guilty Before Magisterial District Judge in Court Cases.

**[(A)](a)** In a court case in which a magisterial district judge is specifically empowered by statute to exercise jurisdiction, a defendant may plead guilty before a magisterial district judge at any time up to the completion of the preliminary hearing or the waiver thereof.

**[(B)](b)** The magisterial district judge may refuse to accept a plea of guilty, and **[the magisterial district judge]** shall not accept such plea, unless **[there has been a determination] the magisterial district judge determines,** after inquiry of the defendant **conducted in accordance with subdivisions (e) through (f),** that the plea is **[voluntarily and understandingly] knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily tendered.**

**[(C)](c)** The plea shall be in writing:

- (1) signed by the defendant, with a representation by the defendant that the plea is entered knowingly, **[voluntarily, and intelligently] intelligently, and voluntarily;** and  
(2) signed by the magisterial district judge, with a certification that the plea was accepted after **[a full]** inquiry of the defendant **pursuant to subdivisions (e) through (f),** and that the plea was made knowingly, **[voluntarily, and intelligently] intelligently, and voluntarily.**

- (d) Before accepting a plea, the magisterial district judge shall be satisfied of:**  
**(1) the court’s jurisdiction to accept the plea;**  
**(2) the defendant’s eligibility under the law to plead guilty before a magisterial district judge; and**  
**(3) the defendant’s understanding that the magisterial district judge is not bound by the terms of any plea agreement tendered unless the magisterial district judge accepts such agreement.**

- (e) The magisterial district judge, or, if permitted by the magisterial district judge, either the attorney for the Commonwealth or the attorney for the defendant in the presence of the magisterial district judge, shall question the defendant to confirm, at a minimum, the following:**  
**(1) the defendant’s identity;**  
**(2) the defendant’s capacity to comprehend and communicate in the proceedings;**  
**(3) the defendant’s satisfaction with the representation provided by his or her attorney, if any;**  
**(4) there is a factual basis for the plea; and**  
**(5) the defendant understands:**  
**(i) the nature and elements of the offenses to which the defendant is pleading guilty, the permissible range of sentences, including fines, for those offenses, the maximum aggregate sentence, and any applicable mandatory sentence;**  
**(ii) a conviction may have consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to federal law if the defendant is not a citizen of the United States.**

- (f) The magisterial district judge, or, if permitted by the magisterial district judge, either the attorney for the Commonwealth or the attorney for the defendant, shall question the defendant, either orally or in writing, to confirm, at a minimum, that the defendant understands:**  
**(1) the defendant has the right to counsel;**  
**(2) the defendant has certain rights, including, but not limited to: the right to a trial in the court of common pleas; the right to file and litigate pretrial motions; the right to testify; the right to cross-examine witnesses; and the right to call his or her own witnesses;**  
**(3) if charged with an offense punishable by a maximum term of incarceration exceeding six months, the defendant has the right to a trial by jury consisting of 12 jurors of the defendant’s peers and the right to participate in the selection of that jury;**  
**(4) the defendant has the right to a unanimous verdict;**  
**(5) the defendant is presumed innocent and can only be convicted if proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt;**  
**(6) the plea precludes consideration for ARD and may preclude consideration for other diversionary programs; and**  
**(7) the defendant may, as provided in subdivision (i), change the plea to not guilty within 30 days after sentence by notifying the magisterial district judge who accepted the plea of this decision in writing.**

**(g) If represented, counsel for the defendant shall certify in writing that counsel has had the opportunity to discuss the case with the defendant and that counsel has explained the items enumerated in subdivisions (e)(5) and (f).**

**(h) Any written colloquy must be read, completed, signed by the defendant, and made part of the record of the plea proceedings.**

**[(D)]i** A defendant who enters a plea of guilty under this rule may, within 30 days after sentence, change the plea to not guilty by so notifying the magisterial district judge in writing. In such event, the magisterial district judge shall vacate the plea and judgment of sentence, and the case shall proceed in accordance with Rule 547, as though the defendant had been held for court.

**[(E)]j** Thirty days after the acceptance of the guilty plea and the imposition of sentence, the magisterial district judge shall certify the judgment, and shall forward the case to the clerk of courts of the judicial district for further proceedings.

**Comment:** In certain cases, what would ordinarily be a court case within the jurisdiction of the court of common pleas has been placed within the jurisdiction of magisterial district judges. *See [Judicial Code,]* 42 Pa.C.S. § 1515(a)(5), (5.1), (6), (6.1), and (7). This rule provides the procedures to implement this expanded jurisdiction of magisterial district judges.

In those cases in which either the defendant declines to enter a plea of guilty before the magisterial district judge or the magisterial district judge refuses to accept a plea of guilty, the case is to proceed in the same manner as any other court case.

This rule applies whenever a magisterial district judge has jurisdiction to accept a plea of guilty in a court case.

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Under [paragraph (A)] **subdivision (a)**, it is intended that a defendant may plead guilty at the completion of the preliminary hearing or at any time prior thereto.

Prior to accepting a plea of guilty under this rule, it is suggested that the magisterial district judge consult with the attorney for the Commonwealth concerning the case, concerning the defendant's possible eligibility for ARD or other types of diversion, and concerning possible related offenses that might be charged in the same complaint. See Commonwealth v. Campana, 304 A.2d 432 (Pa. 1973), vacated and remanded, 414 U.S. 808 (1973), on remand, 314 A.2d 854 (Pa. 1974).

**[Before accepting a plea:**

(a) The magisterial district judge should be satisfied of jurisdiction to accept the plea, and should determine whether any other related offenses exist that might affect jurisdiction.

(b) The magisterial district judge should be satisfied that the defendant is eligible under the law to plead guilty before a magisterial district judge, and, when relevant, should check the defendant's prior record and inquire into the amount of damages.

(c) The magisterial district judge should advise the defendant of the right to counsel. For purposes of appointment of counsel, these cases should be treated as court cases, and the Rule 122 (Appointment of Counsel) procedures should be followed.

(d) The magisterial district judge should advise the defendant that, if the defendant wants to change the plea to not guilty, the defendant, within 30 days after imposition of sentence, must notify the magisterial district judge who accepted the plea of this decision in writing.

(e) The magisterial district judge should make a searching inquiry into the voluntariness of the defendant's plea. A colloquy similar to that suggested in Rule 590 should be conducted to determine the voluntariness of the plea. At a minimum, the magisterial district judge should ask questions to elicit the following information:

- (1) that the defendant understands the nature of the charges pursuant to which the plea is entered;
- (2) that there is a factual basis for the plea;
- (3) that the defendant understands that he or she is waiving the right to trial by jury;
- (4) that the defendant understands that he or she is presumed innocent until found guilty;
- (5) that the defendant is aware of the permissible range of sentences and/or fines for the offenses charged;
- (6) that the defendant is aware that the magisterial district judge is not bound by the terms of any plea agreement tendered unless the magisterial district judge accepts such agreement; and
- (7) that the defendant understands that the plea precludes consideration for ARD or other diversionary programs.

See Rule 590 and the Comment thereto for further elaboration of the required colloquy.]

For purposes of appointment of counsel, cases proceeding under this rule are court cases, and Pa.R.Crim.P. 122 (Appointment of Counsel) applies.

[See also *Commonwealth v. Minor*, 356 A.2d 346 (Pa. 1976), overruled on other grounds in *Commonwealth v. Minarik*, 427 A.2d 623, 627 (Pa. 1981); *Commonwealth v. Ingram*, 316 A.2d 77 (Pa. 1974); *Commonwealth v. Martin*, 282 A.2d 241 (Pa. 1971).]

As provided in subdivision (d)(1), before accepting a plea, the magisterial district judge must be satisfied of jurisdiction to accept the plea. This includes determining whether any other related offenses exist that might affect jurisdiction.

Similarly, pursuant to subdivision (d)(2), the magisterial district judge must be satisfied of the defendant's eligibility under the law to plead guilty before a magisterial district judge. When relevant, the magisterial district judge must review the defendant's prior record and inquire into the amount of any damages. It is the responsibility of the attorney for the Commonwealth or the arresting officer to provide the magisterial district judge with this information.

[While the rule continues to require a written plea incorporating the contents specified in paragraph (C), the form of plea was deleted in 1985 because it is no longer necessary to control the specific form of written plea by rule.]  
[Paragraph (C)] **Subdivision (c)** does not preclude verbatim transcription of the colloquy and plea.

While subdivision (e)(5)(ii) requires the court to ensure that a defendant understands that non-citizens may suffer immigration consequences due to a conviction, the court is not to inquire into the defendant's immigration status.

The magisterial district judge must also be satisfied that the defendant's decision to enter the plea has not been induced by promises made beyond those contained in any plea agreement or tainted by coercion.

The time limit for withdrawal of the plea contained in [paragraph (D)] **was increased from 10 days to 30 days in 2014 to place** **subdivision (i) places** a defendant who enters a plea to a misdemeanor before a magisterial district judge closer to the position of a defendant who pleads guilty to the same offense in common pleas court or a defendant who pleads guilty to a summary offense before a magisterial district judge. A 30-day time period for withdrawal of the plea is consistent with the 30-day period for summary appeal and the 30-day common pleas guilty plea appeal period.

Withdrawal of the guilty plea is the only relief available before a magisterial district judge for a defendant who has entered a plea pursuant to this rule. Any further challenge to the entry of the plea must be sought in the court of common pleas.

For the procedures concerning sentences that include restitution in court cases, see Rule 705.1.

At the time of sentencing, or at any time within the 30-day period before transmitting the case to the clerk of courts pursuant to [paragraph (E)] subdivision (j), the magisterial district judge may accept payment of, or may establish a payment schedule for, installment payments of restitution, fines, and costs.

If a plea is not entered pursuant to this rule, the papers must be transmitted to the clerk of courts of the judicial district in accordance with Rule 547. After the time set forth in [paragraph (A)] subdivision (a) for acceptance of the plea of guilty has expired, the magisterial district judge no longer has jurisdiction to accept a plea.

Regardless of whether a plea stands or is timely changed to not guilty by the defendant, the magisterial district judge must transmit the transcript and all supporting documents to the appropriate court, in accordance with Rule 547, **including the signed plea colloquy.**

Once the case is forwarded as provided in this rule and in Rule 547, the court of common pleas has exclusive jurisdiction over the case and any plea incident thereto. The case would thereafter proceed in the same manner as any other court case, which would include, for example, the collection of restitution, fines, and costs; the establishment of time payments; and the supervision of probation in those cases in which the magisterial district judge has accepted a guilty plea and imposed sentence.

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**Rule 590. Pleas and Plea Agreements.**

**[(A)](a) Generally.**

- (1) Pleas shall be taken in open court.
- (2) A defendant may plead not guilty, guilty, or, with the consent of the judge, nolo contendere. If the defendant refuses to plead, the judge shall enter a plea of not guilty on the defendant's behalf.
- (3) **Guilty Pleas and Pleas of Nolo Contendere.**

(i) The judge may refuse to accept a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, and shall not accept [it] **such plea**, unless the judge determines, after inquiry of the defendant **conducted in accordance with subdivisions (a)(3)(ii) – (a)(3)(iv)**, that the plea is [voluntarily and understandingly] **knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily** tendered. Such inquiry shall appear on the record.

**(ii) The judge, or, if permitted by the judge, either the attorney for the Commonwealth or the attorney for the defendant in the presence of the judge, shall question the defendant to confirm, at a minimum, the following:**  
**(A) the defendant's identity;**

**(B) the defendant's capacity to comprehend and communicate in the proceedings;**

**(C) the defendant's satisfaction with the representation provided by his or her attorney, if any;**

**(D) there is a factual basis for the plea; and**

**(E) the defendant understands:**

**(I) the nature and elements of the offenses to which he or she is pleading guilty or nolo contendere, the permissible range of sentences, including fines, for those offenses, the maximum aggregate sentence, and any applicable mandatory sentence;**

**(II) the Commonwealth's right to have a jury decide the degree of guilt if the defendant is pleading guilty to murder generally; and**

**(III) a conviction may have consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to federal law if he or she is not a citizen of the United States.**

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(iii) The judge, or, if permitted by the judge, either the attorney for the Commonwealth or the attorney for the defendant, shall question the defendant, either orally or in writing, to confirm, at a minimum, that the defendant understands:

(A) the defendant has the right to counsel;

(B) the defendant has certain rights, including, but not limited to: the right to a trial; the right to file and litigate pretrial motions; the right to testify; the right to cross-examine witnesses; and the right to call his or her own witnesses;

(C)if charged with an offense punishable by a maximum term of incarceration exceeding six months, the defendant has the right to a trial by jury consisting of 12 jurors of his or her peers and the right to participate in the selection of that jury;

(D) the defendant has the right to a unanimous verdict;

(E) the defendant is presumed innocent and can only be convicted if proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt;

(F) the grounds to appeal after a guilty plea are limited to the legality of the sentence, the voluntariness of the plea, and the jurisdiction of the court; and

(G) the plea precludes consideration for ARD and may preclude consideration for other diversionary programs.

(iv) Counsel for the defendant shall certify, either orally or in writing, that counsel has had the opportunity to discuss the case with the defendant and that counsel has explained the items enumerated in subdivisions (a)(3)(ii)(E) and (a)(3)(iii).

(v) Any written colloquy must be read, completed, signed by the defendant, and made part of the record of the plea proceedings.

**[(B)](b)Plea Agreements.**

(1) At any time prior to the verdict, when counsel for both sides have arrived at a plea agreement, they shall state on the record in open court, in the presence of the defendant, the terms of the agreement, unless the judge orders, for good cause shown and with the consent of the defendant, counsel for the defendant, and the attorney for the Commonwealth, that specific conditions in the agreement be placed on the record in camera and the record sealed.

(2) The judge shall conduct a separate inquiry of the defendant on the record to determine whether the defendant understands and voluntarily accepts the terms of the plea agreement on which the guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere is based, **and whether the defendant understands that the judge is not bound by the terms of the tendered plea agreement unless the judge accepts the plea agreement.**

(3) Any local rule that is inconsistent with the provisions of this rule is prohibited, including any local rule mandating deadline dates for the acceptance of a plea entered pursuant to a plea agreement.

**[(C)](c)Murder Cases.** In cases in which the imposition of a sentence of death is not authorized, when a defendant enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a charge of murder generally, the degree of guilt shall be determined by a jury unless the attorney for the Commonwealth elects to have the judge, before whom the plea was entered, alone determine the degree of guilt.

**Comment:** The purpose of **[paragraph (A)(2)] subdivision (a)(3)(i)** is to codify the requirement that the judge, on the record, ascertain from the defendant that the guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere is **[voluntarily and understandingly] knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily** tendered. On the mandatory nature of this practice, see *Commonwealth v. Ingram*, 316 A.2d 77 (Pa. 1974); *Commonwealth v. Campbell*, 304 A.2d 121 (Pa. 1973); *Commonwealth v. Jackson*, 299 A.2d 209 (Pa. 1973).

[It is difficult to formulate a comprehensive list of questions a judge must ask of a defendant in determining whether the judge should accept the plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere. Court decisions may add areas to be encompassed in determining whether the defendant understands the full impact and consequences of the plea, but is nevertheless willing to enter that plea. At a minimum the judge should ask questions to elicit the following information:

- (1) Does the defendant understand the nature of the charges to which he or she is pleading guilty or nolo contendere?
- (2) Is there a factual basis for the plea?
- (3) Does the defendant understand that he or she has the right to trial by jury?
- (4) Does the defendant understand that he or she is presumed innocent until found guilty?
- (5) Is the defendant aware of the permissible range of sentences and/or fines for the offenses charged?
- (6) Is the defendant aware that the judge is not bound by the terms of any plea agreement tendered unless the judge accepts such agreement?
- (7) Does the defendant understand that the Commonwealth has a right to have a jury decide the degree of guilt if the defendant pleads guilty to murder generally?

The Court in *Commonwealth v. Willis*, 369 A.2d 1189 (Pa. 1977), and *Commonwealth v. Dilbeck*, 353 A.2d 824 (Pa. 1976), mandated that, during a guilty plea colloquy, judges must elicit the information set forth in paragraphs (1) through (6) above. In 2008, the Court added paragraph (7) to the list of areas of inquiry.

Many, though not all, of the areas to be covered by such questions are set forth in a footnote to the Court’s opinion in *Commonwealth v. Martin*, 282 A.2d 241, 244–245 (Pa. 1971), in which the colloquy conducted by the trial judge is cited with approval. See also *Commonwealth v. Minor*, 356 A.2d 346 (Pa. 1976), and *Commonwealth v. Ingram*, 316 A.2d 77 (Pa. 1974). As to the requirement that the judge ascertain that there is a factual basis for the

plea, see *Commonwealth v. Maddox*, 300 A.2d 503 (Pa. 1973) and *Commonwealth v. Jackson*, 299 A.2d 209 (Pa. 1973).]

**While subdivision (a)(3)(ii)(E)(III) requires a defendant be informed of the consequences of a conviction that a defendant who is not a citizen of the United States may suffer, the court is not to inquire into the defendant’s immigration status.**

**In addition to ensuring that the defendant understands the terms of a plea agreement pursuant to subdivision (b)(2), the court must also be satisfied that the defendant’s decision to enter the plea has not been induced by promises made beyond those contained in the plea agreement or tainted by coercion.**

It is advisable that the judge conduct the examination of the defendant. However, **[paragraph (A) does not prevent] subdivisions (a)(3)(ii) and (a)(3)(iii) authorize the judge to permit defense counsel or the attorney for the Commonwealth [from conducting] to conduct** part or all of the examination of the defendant[, as permitted by the judge. In addition, nothing in the rule would preclude the use of a written colloquy that is read, completed, signed by the defendant, and made part of the record of the plea proceedings. This written colloquy would have to be supplemented by some on-the-record oral examination. Its use would not, of course, change any other requirements of law, including these rules, regarding the prerequisites of a valid guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere].

The “terms” of the plea agreement, referred to in **[paragraph (B)(1)] subdivision (b)(1)**, frequently involve the attorney for the Commonwealth—in exchange for the defendant’s plea of guilty or nolo contendere, and perhaps for the defendant’s promise to cooperate with law enforcement officials—promising concessions such as a reduction of a charge to a less serious offense, the dropping of one or more additional charges, a recommendation of a lenient sentence, or a combination of these. In any event, **[paragraph] subdivision [(B)] (b)** is intended to **[insure] ensure** that all terms of the agreement are openly acknowledged for the judge’s assessment. See, e.g., *Commonwealth v. Wilkins*, 277 A.2d 341 (Pa. 1971).

**[The 1995 amendment deleting former paragraph (B)(1) eliminates the absolute prohibition against any judicial involvement in plea discussions in order to align the rule with the realities of current practice. For example, the rule now permits a judge to inquire of defense counsel and the attorney for the Commonwealth whether there has been any discussion of a plea agreement, or to give counsel, when requested, a reasonable period of time to conduct such a discussion.]** Nothing in this rule[, however,] is intended to permit a judge to suggest to a defendant, defense counsel, or the attorney for the Commonwealth, that a plea agreement should be negotiated or accepted.

**[Paragraph (B)(1) was amended and paragraph (B)(3) was added in 2018 to clarify that the intent of this rule is that a plea made pursuant to an agreement may be entered any time prior to verdict. Any local rule that places a time limit for the entry of such pleas prior to verdict is in conflict with this rule and therefore invalid.]**

Under **[paragraph (B)(1)] subdivision (b)(1)**, upon request and with the consent of the parties, a judge may, as permitted by law, order that the specific conditions of a plea agreement be placed on the record in camera and that portion of the record sealed. Such a procedure does not in any way eliminate the obligation of the attorney for the Commonwealth to comply in a timely manner with Rule 573 and the constitutional mandates of *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and its progeny. Similarly, the attorney for the Commonwealth is responsible for notifying the cooperating defendant that the specific conditions to which the defendant agreed will be disclosed to third parties within a specified time period, and should afford the cooperating defendant an opportunity to object to the unsealing of the record or to any other form of disclosure.

**[When a guilty plea, or plea of nolo contendere, includes a plea agreement, the 1995 amendment to paragraph (B)(2) requires that the judge conduct a separate inquiry on the record to determine that the defendant understands and accepts the terms of the plea agreement. See *Commonwealth v. Porreca*, 595 A.2d 23 (Pa. 1991).**

Former paragraph (B)(3) was deleted in 1995 for two reasons. The first sentence merely reiterated an earlier provision in the rule. See paragraph (A)(3). The second sentence concerning the withdrawal of a guilty plea was deleted to eliminate the confusion being generated when that provision was read in conjunction with Rule 591. As provided in Rule 591, it is a matter of judicial discretion and case law whether to permit or direct a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to be withdrawn. *See also Commonwealth v. Porreca*, 595 A.2d 23 (Pa. 1991) (the terms of a plea agreement may determine a defendant’s right to withdraw a guilty plea).]

For the procedures governing the withdrawal of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, see Rule 591.

For the procedures concerning sentences that include restitution in court cases, see Rule 705.1.

[Paragraph (C) reflects a change in Pennsylvania practice, that formerly required the judge to convene a panel of three judges to determine the degree of guilt in murder cases in which the imposition of a sentence of death was not statutorily authorized. The 2008 amendment to paragraph (C) and the Comment recognizes the Commonwealth’s right to have a jury determine the degree of guilt following a plea of guilty to murder generally. See Article I, § 6 of the Pennsylvania Constitution that provides that “the Commonwealth shall have the same right to trial by jury as does the accused.” *See also Commonwealth v. White*, 910 A.2d 648 (Pa. 2006).]

**For the procedures for a guilty plea in a court case before a magisterial district judge, see Pa.R.Crim.P. 550.**

[Note: Rule 319 (a) adopted June 30, 1964, effective January 1, 1965; amended November 18, 1968, effective February 3, 1969; paragraph (b) adopted and title of rule amended October 3, 1972, effective 30 days hence; specific areas of inquiry in Comment deleted in 1972 amendment, reinstated in revised form March 28, 1973, effective immediately; amended June 29,

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1977 and November 22, 1977, effective as to cases in which the indictment or information is filed on or after January 1, 1978; paragraph (c) added and Comment revised May 22, 1978, effective July 1, 1978; Comment revised November 9, 1984, effective January 2, 1985; amended December 22, 1995, effective July 1, 1996; amended July 15, 1999, effective January 1, 2000; renumbered Rule 590 and Comment revised March 1, 2000, effective April 1, 2001; amended September 18, 2008, effective November 1, 2008; Comment revised March 9, 2016, effective July 1, 2016; amended January 18, 2018, effective April 1, 2018.

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Final Report explaining the July 15, 1999 changes concerning references to nolo contendere pleas and cross-referencing Rule 320 published with the Court’s Order at 29 Pa.B. 4057 (July 31, 1999).

Final Report explaining the March 1, 2000 reorganization and renumbering of the rules published with the Court’s Order at 30 Pa.B. 1478 (March 18, 2000).

Final Report explaining the September 18, 2008 amendments to paragraph (C) concerning juries determining degree of guilt published with the Court’s Order at 38 Pa.B. 5431 (October 4, 2008).

Final Report explaining the March 9, 2016 Comment revision concerning the Rule 705.1 restitution procedures published with the Court’s Order at 46 Pa.B. 1540 (March 26, 2016).

Final Report explaining the January 18, 2018 amendments concerning plea agreement deadlines published with the Court’s Order at 48 Pa.B. 730 (February 3, 2018).]

Rule 591. Withdrawal of Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere.

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**Comment:** Under [paragraph] **subdivision** (A), when a defendant moves to withdraw a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, ordinarily the motion should be filed in writing before the date of the sentencing hearing. For the procedures governing motions, see Chapter 5 Part **[F(1)]. (G)(1)**. However, nothing in this rule would preclude a defendant from making an oral and on-the-record motion to withdraw a plea at the sentencing hearing prior to the imposition of sentence.

[For a discussion of plea withdrawals when a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere includes a plea agreement, see the Comment to Rule 590.]

For the procedures for withdrawal of guilty pleas entered before a magisterial district judge in a court case, see Rule **[550(D)] 550(i)**.

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

ADOPTION REPORT

Amendment of Pa.R.Crim.P. 115, 550, 590 and 591

On August 3, 2026, the Supreme Court amended Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure 115, 550, 590, and 591. The Criminal Procedural Rules Committee has prepared this Adoption Report describing the rulemaking process. An Adoption Report should not be confused with Comments to the rules. See Pa.R.J.A. 103, cmt. The statements contained herein are those of the Committee, not the Court.

Currently, Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 governs procedures for guilty pleas in court cases that are entered before a magisterial district judge. Similarly, Pa.R.Crim.P. 590 governs procedures for guilty and nolo contendere pleas entered before a judge of the court of common pleas. These rules provide, inter alia, that a plea shall not be accepted unless the judge determines, “after inquiry of the defendant, that the plea is voluntarily and understandingly tendered.” See Pa.R.Crim.P. 550(B); Pa.R.Crim.P. 590(A)(3). The Comments to both rules outline specific inquiries for judges to engage in at the time of the plea to ensure that the defendant’s plea is being entered into voluntarily and understandingly, i.e., a guilty plea colloquy. In addition, the Comment to Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 provides that the magisterial district judge should be satisfied of the court’s jurisdiction to accept the plea and that the defendant is eligible to plead guilty before a magisterial district judge.

Upon review, the Committee found it inapt to identify these mandatory inquiries in rule commentary. Accordingly, the Committee proposed relocating them to the rule text. In addition, the Committee proposed expanding upon these inquiries to include additional topics relevant to determining whether the plea is being entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily, e.g., the defendant’s understanding that a conviction may result in immigration consequences if the defendant is not a United States citizen. The Committee also proposed amendments to both rules that would govern the manner of conducting the colloquy.

The proposed amendments to Pa.R.Crim.P. 590 would have also required defense counsel to certify that counsel “has had the opportunity to discuss the case with the defendant and that the defendant has been advised of the defendant’s rights.” The Committee did not initially include a similar certification requirement in proposed Pa.R.Crim.P. 550.

The Committee published the proposal in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, see 52 Pa.B. 2689 (May 7, 2022), and received three comments. The Committee made a number of post-publication revisions. The proposed rules were restyled and Pa.R.Crim.P. 115 and 591 were added to the proposal with corollary amendments. Other post-publication revisions were more substantive.

Post-publication, the Committee revisited the manner in which a guilty plea colloquy would need to be conducted in the magisterial district court. As initially proposed, Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 would have required the magisterial district judge to perform the entire colloquy. This was distinguishable from proposed Pa.R.Crim.P. 590 which gave the court of common pleas judge discretion to allow counsel to perform portions of the colloquy. Certain portions of the colloquy would also be able to be conducted in writing and outside of the judge’s presence.

The Committee observed no reason why the magisterial district judge should be required to conduct the entire colloquy, while the court of common pleas judge would have discretion to delegate certain portions to counsel. Accordingly, proposed Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 was further revised to give discretion to the magisterial district judge to let counsel perform certain portions of the colloquy. As with procedures in the court of common pleas, when counsel performs the colloquy, the rule would require that certain portions be done in the presence of the magisterial district judge.

In addition, the Committee revised proposed Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 to expressly authorize a magisterial district judge to utilize a written colloquy with respect to those inquiries that need not be conducted in the magisterial district judge’s presence. However, the Committee did note that magisterial district judges already utilize a written guilty plea colloquy form provided by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 104 (Design of Forms). The Committee anticipates that AOPC will update the form to effectuate these amendments.

A commenter suggested that Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 require a detailed acknowledgment of all rights that the defendant is waiving by entering a plea. The commenter noted that review of a plea entered before a magisterial district judge is difficult because the magisterial district court is not a court of record and there is no requirement that the colloquy be reduced to writing. The Committee declined to make this revision because magisterial district judges do typically use a written colloquy. However, to address the underlying concern, the proposed Comment to Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 was revised to make clear that the written colloquy should be included in the documents transmitted to the clerk of courts pursuant to subdivision (i).

A commenter raised a concern regarding the requirement in Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 that the magisterial district judge confirms that the defendant is eligible to enter a guilty plea. As originally proposed, the commentary would have directed the magisterial district judge to review the defendant’s criminal record. This was seen as potentially problematic because magisterial district judges do not have access the relevant databases necessary to obtain the defendant’s record. To address this concern, the Committee included additional commentary explaining that the Commonwealth or the arresting officer is responsible for providing the magisterial district judge with the defendant’s record.

The Committee also added additional commentary to Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 that directs the magisterial district judge to confirm that the defendant has not been induced by promises beyond those contained in any plea agreement. This additional commentary is substantially identical to language that has been proposed in the Comment of Pa.R.Crim.P. 590.

Turning to Pa.R.Crim.P. 590, the Committee added a requirement that the defendant understand that a guilty or nolo contendere plea will preclude consideration for ARD and may preclude consideration for other diversionary programs. This addition was meant to mirror similar language included in Pa.R.Crim.P. 550.

The Committee also determined that the certification required from defense counsel in proposed Pa.R.Crim.P. 590 should be more specific. A certification stating that counsel has advised the defendant of his or her “rights” was determined to be too vague and potentially more limited than the inquiries mandated by the proposed rule. Accordingly, the Committee revised proposed Pa.R.Crim.P. 590 to require defense counsel to certify that “counsel has had the opportunity to discuss the case with the defendant and that counsel has explained the items enumerated in subdivisions (a)(3)(ii)(E) and (a)(3)(iii).”

Relatedly, the Committee revised proposed Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 to require a similar certification requirement for defense counsel in proceedings before the magisterial district judge. However, since the magisterial district court is not a “court of record,” Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 would require the certification to be in writing.

The Committee also revised both proposed Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 and 590 by including an additional requirement that the defendant understand that he or she would be allowed to participate in the selection of the jury panel if the case were to proceed to trial. This addition was made for the sake of completeness since the proposal would have already required that the defendant understand his or her right to a jury trial.

Additional provisions were also added to both rules to make clear that any written colloquy would need to be read, completed, and signed by the defendant, and that the colloquy would need to be made part of the record. Similar language is currently found in the Comment to Pa.R.Crim.P. 590. Moving it to the rule text was intended to assist courts when reviewing challenges to guilty pleas and to provide further assurance that the defendant is entering the plea knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. In addition, it aligns with the similar requirements found in other criminal rules involving the waiver of important rights. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 121(B) (waiver of counsel in proceedings before an issuing authority must be in writing, signed by the defendant, and made part of the record); Pa.R.Crim.P. 620 (“The waiver [of a jury trial] shall be in writing, made a part of the record, and signed by the defendant, the attorney for the Commonwealth, the judge, and the defendant’s attorney as a witness.”).

A commenter suggested that both Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 and 590 should require that the defendant be advised of the timeframes for filing a post-sentence motion and for filing a notice of appeal. Upon consideration, the Committee declined to make any revisions to address this issue. The Comment to Pa.R.Crim.P. 550 already advises that “[w]ithdrawal of the guilty plea is the only relief available before a magisterial district judge for a defendant who has entered a plea pursuant to this rule. Any further challenge to the entry of the plea must be sought in the court of common pleas.” Pa.R.Crim.P. 550, cmt. Regarding pleas taken entered in the court of common pleas, Pa.R.Crim.P. 704(C)(3)(a) already addresses these concerns. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 704(C)(3)(a) (requiring a defendant to be advised of the time within which to file a post-sentence motion and to file an appeal).

Finally, the following commentary has also been removed:

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**Pa.R.Crim.P. 550:**

Before accepting a plea:

(a) The magisterial district judge should be satisfied of jurisdiction to accept the plea, and should determine whether any other related offenses exist that might affect jurisdiction.

(b) The magisterial district judge should be satisfied that the defendant is eligible under the law to plead guilty before a magisterial district judge, and, when relevant, should check the defendant’s prior record and inquire into the amount of damages.

(c) The magisterial district judge should advise the defendant of the right to counsel. For purposes of appointment of counsel, these cases should be treated as court cases, and the Rule 122 (Appointment of Counsel) procedures should be followed.

(d) The magisterial district judge should advise the defendant that, if the defendant wants to change the plea to not guilty, the defendant, within 30 days after imposition of sentence, must notify the magisterial district judge who accepted the plea of this decision in writing.

(e) The magisterial district judge should make a searching inquiry into the voluntariness of the defendant’s plea. A colloquy similar to that suggested in Rule 590 should be conducted to determine the voluntariness of the plea. At a minimum, the magisterial district judge should ask questions to elicit the following information:

- (1) that the defendant understands the nature of the charges pursuant to which the plea is entered;
- (2) that there is a factual basis for the plea;
- (3) that the defendant understands that he or she is waiving the right to trial by jury;
- (4) that the defendant understands that he or she is presumed innocent until found guilty;
- (5) that the defendant is aware of the permissible range of sentences and/or fines for the offenses charged;
- (6) that the defendant is aware that the magisterial district judge is not bound by the terms of any plea agreement tendered unless the magisterial district judge accepts such agreement; and
- (7) that the defendant understands that the plea precludes consideration for ARD or other diversionary programs.

See Rule 590 and the Comment thereto for further elaboration of the required colloquy.

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See also *Commonwealth v. Minor*, 356 A.2d 346 (Pa. 1976), overruled on other grounds in *Commonwealth v. Minarik*, 427 A.2d 623, 627 (Pa. 1981); *Commonwealth v. Ingram*, 316 A.2d 77 (Pa. 1974); *Commonwealth v. Martin*, 282 A.2d 241 (Pa. 1971).

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While the rule continues to require a written plea incorporating the contents specified in paragraph (C), the form of plea was deleted in 1985 because it is no longer necessary to control the specific form of written plea by rule.

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**Pa.R.Crim.P. 590**

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- (1) Does the defendant understand the nature of the charges to which he or she is pleading guilty or nolo contendere?
- (2) Is there a factual basis for the plea?
- (3) Does the defendant understand that he or she has the right to trial by jury?
- (4) Does the defendant understand that he or she is presumed innocent until found guilty?
- (5) Is the defendant aware of the permissible range of sentences and/or fines for the offenses charged?
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- (7) Does the defendant understand that the Commonwealth has a right to have a jury decide the

degree of guilt if the defendant pleads guilty to murder generally?

The Court in *Commonwealth v. Willis*, 369 A.2d 1189 (Pa. 1977), and *Commonwealth v. Dilbeck*, 353 A.2d 824 (Pa. 1976), mandated that, during a guilty plea colloquy, judges must elicit the information set forth in paragraphs (1) through (6) above. In 2008, the Court added paragraph (7) to the list of areas of inquiry.

Many, though not all, of the areas to be covered by such questions are set forth in a footnote to the Court’s opinion in *Commonwealth v. Martin*, 282 A.2d 241, 244-245 (Pa. 1971), in which the colloquy conducted by the trial judge is cited with approval. See also *Commonwealth v. Minor*, 356 A.2d 346 (Pa. 1976), and *Commonwealth v. Ingram*, 316 A.2d 77 (Pa. 1974). As to the requirement that the judge ascertain that there is a factual basis for the plea, see *Commonwealth v. Maddox*, 300 A.2d 503 (Pa. 1973) and *Commonwealth v. Jackson*, 299 A.2d 209 (Pa. 1973).

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In addition, nothing in the rule would preclude the use of a written colloquy that is read, completed, signed by the defendant, and made part of the record of the plea proceedings. This written colloquy would have to be supplemented by some on-the-record oral examination. Its use would not, of course, change any other requirements of law, including these rules, regarding the prerequisites of a valid guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere

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The 1995 amendment deleting former paragraph (B)(1) eliminates the absolute prohibition against any judicial involvement in plea discussions in order to align the rule with the realities of current practice. For example, the rule now permits a judge to inquire of defense counsel and the attorney for the Commonwealth whether there has been any discussion of a plea agreement, or to give counsel, when requested, a reasonable period of time to conduct such a discussion.

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Paragraph (B)(1) was amended and paragraph (B)(3) was added in 2018 to clarify that the intent of this rule is that a plea made pursuant to an agreement may be entered any time prior to verdict. Any local rule that places a time limit for the entry of such pleas prior to verdict is in conflict with this rule and therefore invalid.

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When a guilty plea, or plea of nolo contendere, includes a plea agreement, the 1995 amendment to paragraph (B)(2) requires that the judge conduct a separate inquiry on the record to determine that the defendant understands and accepts the terms of the plea agreement. See *Commonwealth v. Porreca*, 595 A.2d 23 (Pa. 1991).

Former paragraph (B)(3) was deleted in 1995 for two reasons. The first sentence merely reiterated an earlier provision in the rule. See paragraph (A)(3). The second sentence concerning the withdrawal of a guilty plea was deleted to eliminate the confusion being generated when that provision was read in conjunction with Rule 591. As provided in Rule 591, it is a matter of judicial discretion and case law whether to permit or direct a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to be withdrawn. See also *Commonwealth v. Porreca*, 595 A.2d 23 (Pa. 1991) (the terms of a plea agreement may determine a defendant’s right to withdraw a guilty plea).

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Paragraph (C) reflects a change in Pennsylvania practice, that formerly required the judge to convene a panel of three judges to determine the degree of guilt in murder cases in which the imposition of a sentence of death was not statutorily authorized. The 2008 amendment to paragraph (C) and the Comment recognizes the Commonwealth’s right to have a jury determine the degree of guilt following a plea of guilty to murder generally. See Article I, § 6 of the Pennsylvania Constitution that provides that “the Commonwealth shall have the same right to trial by jury as does the accused.” See also *Commonwealth v. White*, 910 A.2d 648 (Pa. 2006).

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Note: Rule 319 (a) adopted June 30, 1964, effective January 1, 1965; amended November 18, 1968, effective February 3, 1969; paragraph (b) adopted and title of rule amended October 3, 1972, effective 30 days hence; specific areas of inquiry in Comment deleted in 1972 amendment, reinstated in revised form March 28, 1973, effective immediately; amended June 29, 1977 and November 22, 1977, effective as to cases in which the indictment or information is filed on or after January 1, 1978; paragraph (c) added and Comment revised May 22, 1978, effective July 1, 1978; Comment revised November 9, 1984, effective January 2, 1985; amended December 22, 1995, effective July 1, 1996; amended July 15, 1999, effective January 1, 2000; renumbered Rule 590 and Comment revised March 1, 2000, effective April 1, 2001; amended September 18, 2008, effective November 1, 2008; Comment revised March 9, 2016, effective July 1, 2016; amended January 18, 2018, effective April 1, 2018.

*COMMITTEE EXPLANATORY REPORTS:* Final Report explaining the December 22, 1995 amendments published with the Court’s Order at 26 Pa.B. 8 (January 6, 1996). Final Report explaining the July 15, 1999 changes concerning references to nolo contendere pleas and cross-referencing Rule 320 published with the Court’s Order at 29 Pa.B. 4057 (July 31, 1999). Final Report explaining the March 1, 2000 reorganization and renumbering of the rules published with the Court’s Order at 30 Pa.B. 1478 (March 18, 2000). Final Report explaining the September 18, 2008 amendments to paragraph (C) concerning juries determining degree of guilt published with the Court’s Order at 38 Pa.B. 5431 (October 4, 2008). Final Report explaining the March 9, 2016 Comment revision concerning the Rule 705.1 restitution procedures published with the Court’s Order at 46 Pa.B. 1540 (March 26, 2016). Final Report explaining the January 18, 2018 amendments concerning plea agreement deadlines published with the Court’s Order at 48 Pa.B. 730 (February 3, 2018).

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 591**

For a discussion of plea withdrawals when a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere includes a plea agreement, see the Comment to Rule 590.

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The amendments become effective January 1, 2027.

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NO. 319

ORDER AMENDING RULE 1925 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

APPELLATE PROCEDURAL RULES DOCKET

### ORDER

#### PER CURIAM

**AND NOW**, this 27th day of July, 2026, upon the recommendation of the Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee; the proposal having been published for public comment at 54 Pa.B. 7114 (November 2, 2024):

It is Ordered pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that Rule 1925 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure is amended in the attached form.

This Order shall be processed in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. 103(b), and shall be effective October 1, 2026.

Additions to the rule are shown in bold and are underlined.  
Deletions from the rule are shown in bold and brackets.

### APPELLATE COURT PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE ADOPTION REPORT

#### Amendment of Pa.R.A.P. 1925(c)(3)

On July 27, 2026, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania amended Pennsylvania Rule of Appellate Procedure 1925(c)(3). The Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee has prepared this Adoption Report describing the rulemaking process. An Adoption Report should not be confused with Comments to the rules. See Pa.R.J.A. 103, cmt. The statements contained herein are those of the Committee, not the Court.

Currently, Rule 1925, in relevant part, provides:

If an **appellant** represented by counsel in a criminal case was ordered to file and serve a Statement and either failed to do so, or untimely filed or served a Statement, such that the appellate court is convinced that counsel has been per se ineffective, and the trial court did not file an opinion, the appellate court may remand for appointment of new counsel, the filing or service of a Statement nunc pro tunc, and the preparation and filing of an opinion by the judge.

Pa.R.A.P. 1925(c)(3) (Emphasis added.)

In *Commonwealth v. Baker*, 311 A.3d 12 (Pa. Super. 2024), the Superior Court examined the question of whether the Commonwealth, as the appellant, had waived all issues for failure to file a timely Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b) Statement. The majority interpreted Pa.R.A.P. 1925(c)(3) to apply to the Commonwealth in this circumstance. It ultimately held the Commonwealth did not waive its issues because the trial court had an adequate opportunity to prepare an opinion addressing the issues raised on appeal, and cited to *Commonwealth v. Burton*, 973 A.2d 428 (Pa. Super. 2009) as support for this conclusion.

The concurring opinion questioned whether the waiver exception for appellants in criminal cases, as set forth in Pa.R.A.P. 1925(c)(3), applied to the Commonwealth, and would have found that the Commonwealth waived all issues for failure to file a timely 1925(b) Statement under the Supreme Court’s bright-line waiver standard set forth in *Commonwealth v. Lord*. The concurring opinion also noted that there was some question about the reach of the waiver exception in light of the Superior Court’s holding in *Commonwealth v. Grobowski*, 980 A.2d 113 (Pa. Super. 2009), which reached the same conclusion as the majority in Baker that the exception to waiver in Pa.R.A.P. 1925(c)(3) applies to the Commonwealth when there is a failure to file a timely Statement. Citing to the dissenting opinion in *Grobowski*, the concurrence noted, among other points, that the concept of per se ineffectiveness is a term of art particular to criminal defense lawyers, not prosecutors, and the reason for the exception was to forestall claims under the Post Conviction Relief Act. 311 A.3d at 22 (Olson, J., concurring), citing *Grobowski*, 980 A.2d at 117 (Klein, J., dissenting).

The Committee proposed clarifying this subdivision and its accompanying commentary to explicitly state that it is the criminal defendant-appellant, and not the Commonwealth, who is afforded the exception to the bright-line waiver standard in *Commonwealth v. Lord*, 710 A.2d 306 (Pa. 1988), set forth in subdivision (c)(3) when there is a failure to file a timely Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b) Statement. In doing so, it noted that the dissenting opinion in *Grobowski*, which also questioned whether subdivision (c)(3) applied to the Commonwealth, suggested that if the subdivision were intended to apply to only criminal defendants, “appellant” should be clarified as the “criminal defendant-appellant.” 980 A.2d at 117. The proposed amendment incorporated this language and a similar change was made to the commentary discussing subdivision (c)(3). In addition, the commentary was amended to state that the exception in subdivision (c)(3) is not available to the Commonwealth, and to add a statement indicating that the rule supersedes both *Grobowski* and *Baker* and their progeny.

Following publication, see 54 Pa.B. 7114 (November 2, 2024), the Committee received comments in both opposition to and support of the proposal. Comments opposing the amendment advocated for maintaining the scope of subdivision (c)(3) as interpreted by the intermediate appellate court case law, contending that it should apply to both criminal defendants and the Commonwealth.

A comment in support of the proposal suggested additional commentary to clarify that Pa.R.A.P. 1925(c)(3) also applies to situations when a defense attorney on a first PCRA appeal is per se ineffective for failing to file a timely 1925(b) Statement. The Committee declined to recommend this clarification because the removal of “criminal case” and the insertion of “criminal defendant” would

resolve any ambiguity concerning the application of subdivision (c)(3) to PCRA appeals because it focuses on the party rather than the case type; “criminal defendant” would be applicable in both a direct appeal and a post-conviction collateral appeal.

The amendment becomes effective October 1, 2026.

#### Rule 1925. Opinion in Support of Order.

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##### (c) Remand.

(1) An appellate court may remand in either a civil or criminal case for a determination as to whether a Statement had been filed [and/]or served, or timely filed [and/]or served.

(2) Upon application of the appellant and for good cause shown, an appellate court may remand in a civil case for the filing or service nunc pro tunc of a Statement or for amendment or supplementation of a timely filed and served Statement and for a concurrent supplemental opinion. If an appellant has a statutory or rule-based right to counsel, good cause shown includes a failure by counsel to file or serve a Statement timely or at all.

(3) If [an] a **criminal defendant**-appellant represented by counsel [in a criminal case] was ordered to file and serve a Statement and either failed to do so, or untimely filed or served a Statement, such that the appellate court is convinced that counsel has been per se ineffective, and the trial court did not file an opinion, the appellate court may remand for appointment of new counsel, the filing or service of a Statement nunc pro tunc, and the preparation and filing of an opinion by the judge.

(4) If counsel intends to seek to withdraw in a criminal case pursuant to Anders/Santiago or if counsel intends to seek to withdraw in a post-conviction relief appeal pursuant to Turner/Finley, counsel shall file of record and serve on the judge a statement of intent to withdraw in lieu of filing a Statement. If the appellate court believes there are arguably meritorious issues for review, those issues will not be waived; instead, the appellate court shall remand for the filing and service of a Statement pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b), a supplemental opinion pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1925(a), or both. Upon remand, the trial court may, but is not required to, replace an appellant’s counsel.

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##### [Note:] Comment:

[Paragraph] **Subdivision** (c): The appellate courts have the right under the Judicial Code to “affirm, modify, vacate, set aside or reverse any order brought before it for review, and may remand the matter and direct the entry of such appropriate order, or require such further proceedings to be had as may be just under the circumstances.” 42 Pa.C.S. § 706.

[Subparagraph] **Subdivision** (c)(1): This [subparagraph] **subdivision** applies to both civil and criminal cases and allows an appellate court to seek additional information[--], whether by supplementation of the record or additional briefing[--], if it is not apparent whether an initial or supplemental Statement was filed [and/]or served, or timely filed [and/]or served. **The 2026 amendment was technical in nature and did not alter practice or procedure.**

[Subparagraph] **Subdivision** (c)(2): This [subparagraph] **subdivision** allows an appellate court to remand a civil case to allow an initial, amended, or supplemental Statement and/or a supplemental opinion. See also 42 Pa.C.S. § 706. In 2019, the rule was amended to clarify that for those civil appellants who have a statutory or rule-based right to counsel, [(such as appellants in post-conviction relief, juvenile, parental termination, or civil commitment proceedings)], good cause includes a failure of counsel to file a Statement or a timely Statement.

[Subparagraph] **Subdivision** (c)(3): This [subparagraph] **subdivision** allows an appellate court to remand in criminal cases only when [an] a **criminal defendant**- appellant, who is represented by counsel, has completely failed to respond to an order to file and serve a Statement or has failed to do so timely. It is thus narrower than [subparagraph] **subdivision** (c)(2). See, e.g., *Commonwealth v. Burton*, 973 A.2d 428, 431 (Pa. Super. 2009); *Commonwealth v. Halley*, 870 A.2d 795, 801 (Pa. 2005); *Commonwealth v. West*, 883 A.2d 654, 657 (Pa. Super. 2005). **For purposes of this rule, “criminal defendant-appellant” includes first PCRA petitioners. See Commonwealth v. Parrish, 224 A.3d 682, 701-02 (Pa. 2020).** Per se ineffectiveness applies in all circumstances in which an appeal is completely foreclosed by counsel’s actions, but not in circumstances in which the actions narrow or serve to foreclose the appeal in part. **See Commonwealth v. Rosado**, 150 A.3d 425, 433-35 (Pa. 2016). **[Pro se] Self-represented appellants and the Commonwealth** are excluded from this exception to the waiver doctrine as set forth in *Commonwealth v. Lord*, 719 A.2d 306 (Pa. 1998). **The rule supersedes the holdings in Commonwealth v. Grobowski, 980 A.2d 113 (Pa. Super. 2009), and Commonwealth v. Baker, 311 A.3d 12 (Pa. Super. 2024), and their progeny, to the extent that those cases concluded that Pa.R.A.P. 1925(c)(3) may also apply to the Commonwealth.**

Direct appeal rights have typically been restored through a post-conviction relief process, but when the ineffectiveness is apparent and per se, the court in West recognized that the more effective way to resolve such per se ineffectiveness is to remand for the filing of a Statement and opinion. See West, 883 A.2d at 657; see also Burton (late filing of Statement is per se ineffective assistance of counsel). The procedure set forth in West is codified in [subparagraph] **subdivision** (c)(3). As the West court recognized, this rationale does not apply when waiver occurs due to the improper filing of a Statement. In such circumstances, relief may occur only through the post-conviction relief process and only upon demonstration by the appellant that, but for the deficiency of counsel, it was reasonably probable that the appeal would have been successful. An appellant must be able to identify per se ineffectiveness to secure a remand under this [section] **subdivision**, and any appellant who is able to demonstrate per se ineffectiveness is entitled to a remand. Accordingly, this [subparagraph] **subdivision** does not raise the concerns addressed in *Johnson v. Mississippi*, 486 U.S. 578, 588-89 (1988) (observing that where a rule has not been consistently or regularly applied, it is not[--], under federal law[--], an adequate and independent state ground for affirming petitioner’s conviction.)

[Subparagraph] **Subdivision** (c)(4): See *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and *Commonwealth v. Santiago*, 978 A.2d 349 (Pa. 2009); *Commonwealth v. Turner*, 544 A.2d 927 (Pa. 1988), and *Commonwealth v. Finley*, 550 A.2d 213 (Pa. Super. 1988). These procedures do not relieve counsel of the obligation to comply with all other rules.

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

ORDER AMENDING RULES 15.2, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, AND 15.13; AND ADOPTING RULE 15.24 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF ORPHANS’ COURT PROCEDURE :

SUPREME COURT RULES DOCKET

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 29th day of July, 2026, upon the recommendation of the Orphans’ Court Procedural Rules Committee; the proposal having been published for public comment at 53 Pa.B. 5113 (August 19, 2023):

It is Ordered pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that Rules 15.2, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, and 15.13 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Orphans’ Court Procedure are amended and Rule 15.24 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Orphans’ Court Procedure is adopted in the attached form.

This Order shall be processed in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. 103(b) and shall be effective on October 1, 2026.

Additions to the rules are shown in bold and are underlined.  
Deletions from the rules are shown in bold and brackets.

**Rule 15.2. Definitions.**

(a) In addition to the terms and definitions provided in **[Rule 1.3] Pa.R.O.C.P. 1.3**, the following words and phrases when used in Chapter XV shall have the following meaning:

(1) “Adopted Child” or “Adopted Individual.”~~[- any]~~ **Any** individual for whom a decree of adoption has been entered in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2902 after a hearing, or in accordance with the laws of another country or state of a similar import;

(2) “Adoptee.”~~[-an]~~ **An** individual as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2102;

(3) “Agency.”~~[-an]~~ **An** entity or organization providing adoption services as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2102 or 23 Pa.C.S. § 2732, as applicable;

(4) “Authorized Representative.”~~[-an]~~ **An** individual as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2911 trained by the Department to handle certain requests for identifying information and to search for the subject of the request as necessary;

(5) “Birth Relative.”~~[-an]~~ **An** individual as identified in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2732;

(6) “Child.”~~[-an]~~ **An** adoptee or adopted individual who is a minor, or the individual whose parent’s rights are the subject of a termination proceeding;

(7) “Clerk.”~~[-the]~~ **The** clerk or department as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2102;

(8) “Contact Agreement.”~~[-a]~~ **A** voluntary written agreement between a Prospective Adoptive Parent and a birth relative that is executed and approved by the court in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2731 et seq. and provides for continuing post-adoption contact or communication between the adopted child and the birth relative or between the adoptive parent and the birth relative;

(9) “Court.”~~[-the]~~ **The** division of the Court of Common Pleas conducting any proceeding under the Adoption Act;

(10) “Department.”~~[-the]~~ **The** Department of Human Services of the Commonwealth;

(11) **“Indian Child.” Any unmarried person who is under the age of 18 and is either: (1) a member of an Indian tribe; or (2) eligible for membership in an Indian tribe and is the biological child of a member of an Indian tribe.**

(12) “Intermediary.”~~[-any]~~ **Any** person or agency arranging an adoption placement as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2102;

(13) “Minor.”~~[-a]~~ **A** person who has not attained 18 years of age;

(14) “Presumptive Father.”~~[-the]~~ **The** man married to the child’s mother at any time during the one-year period prior to the child’s birth;

(15) “Prospective Adoptive Parents.”~~[-individuals]~~ **Individuals** with whom the adoptee has been placed for the purpose of adoption, or who have filed a report of intention to adopt under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2531;

(16) “Putative Father.”~~[-an]~~ **An** alleged birth father whose parental status has not been legally established and who is not a presumptive father;

(17) “Statement of medical, personal, or social history information.”~~[-the]~~ **The** information concerning an adopted individual or the birth family of an adopted individual as set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102, 2911. **[The Rules in this Chapter use the term “statement of medical, personal, or social history information” because the Adoption Act refers to these statements in varying ways. Compare 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2503(e), 2504(d), 2511(c) with 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2923, 2934.]**

(b) **For any words and phrases not defined by these rules, see Pa.R.J.A. 106.**

**Comment: The definition for “Indian child” in subdivision (a)(11) originates from the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq., and the Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations, 25 C.F.R. § 23.2.**

**In Philadelphia County, jurisdiction over adoptions, terminations of parental rights, birth records, and related proceedings is exercised through the Family Court Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. See 20 Pa.C.S. § 713. In all other counties, family court judges who have adjudicated a child dependent, conducted permanency hearings, or conducted other dependency proceedings may be assigned to the Orphans’ Court Division for purposes of hearing petitions to terminate parental rights or petitions to adopt a dependent child. See 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(i).**

**The rules in this chapter use the term “statement of medical, personal, or social history information,” as defined in subdivision (a)(17) because the Adoption Act refers to these statements in varying ways. Compare 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2503(e), 2504(d), 2511(c) with 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2923, 2934.**

### Historical Commentary

**The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking.**

**Explanatory Comment:** In Philadelphia County, jurisdiction over adoptions, terminations of parental rights, birth records, and related proceedings is exercised through the Family Court Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. 20 Pa.C.S. § 713. In all other counties, family court judges who have adjudicated a child dependent, conducted permanency hearings, or conducted other dependency proceedings may be assigned to the Orphans’ Court Division for purposes of hearing petitions to terminate parental rights or petitions to adopt a dependent child. 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(i).

### Rule 15.7. Voluntary Relinquishment to Agency.

(a) **Petition.** A petition under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2501 to relinquish parental rights and duties with respect to a child who has been in the care of an agency shall contain the following averments:

(1) the name, address, age, and racial background of each petitioner;

(2) the information required in **[subparagraph (1)] subdivision (a)(1)** as to any parent who is not a petitioner, including the birth father, presumptive father and putative father, or the reasons why the court should find such information is not necessary;

(3) the marital status of the mother as of the time of the child’s birth and during one year prior thereto, and her maiden name;

(4) the name, age, date of birth, place of birth, racial background, and gender of the child;

(5) **whether any petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child as defined in Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.2(a)(11);**

(6) the name and address of the agency having care of the child;

**[(6)](7)** the date when the child was placed with the agency;

**[(7)](8)** the reasons for seeking relinquishment;

**[(8)](9)** whether each petitioner has been informed of counseling services concerning the termination of parental rights and the alternatives thereto and provided with a list of qualified counselors and counseling services;

**[(9)](10)** whether each petitioner has received any counseling concerning the termination of parental rights and the alternatives thereto and, if so, the name of the organization or qualified counselor providing such counseling services;

**[(10)](11)** whether each petitioner has been informed of the opportunity for a birth relative of the child, including the petitioner, to enter into a Contact Agreement with the Prospective Adoptive Parents, once identified;

**[(11)](12)** whether the agency’s consent to accept custody of the child until such time as the child is adopted is attached to the petition; and

**[(12)](13)** that each petitioner understands the petition, has considered the alternatives, and has executed the petition voluntarily.

(b) **Exhibits.** The following exhibits shall be attached to the petition:

(1) Documentation signed by each petitioner as required by 23 Pa.C.S. § 2501(a).

(2) A verified statement from a representative of the agency, counsel for the agency, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the **[petitioner] petitioning** birth parent regarding the opportunity [of] for a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1)(C)**, and the **[date(s)] date** that such notice was given. A copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

(3) If, as part of the hearing on the petition, the parental rights of a putative father could be terminated pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503(d), and if written notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement has been provided to the putative father in advance of the petition’s filing, a verified statement from a representative of the agency, counsel for the agency, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the putative father regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1)(C)**, and the **[date(s)] date** that such notice was given[,] or the reasons why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made

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to identify or locate the subject person. If notice was given, a copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

(4) The joinder or consent of the agency having care of the child, including its consent to accept custody of the child until such time as the child is adopted.

(c) **Hearing and Decree.**

(1) Notice of the hearing on the petition shall be provided in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503(b), and in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503(d) if the rights of a putative father are to be terminated as part of the same proceeding, and shall be served in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1).**

(2) On or before the hearing, the court shall be presented with a certificate of service stating that notice of the hearing on the petition was given to the petitioner and all others entitled to a copy of the notice in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503 and **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1).**

(3) The **[petitioner] petitioning** birth parent voluntarily relinquishing his or her parental rights shall be present at the hearing and available to be examined under oath.

(4) If as part of hearing on the petition, the parental rights of a putative father could be terminated pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503(d), and if notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement was not provided to the subject putative father prior to the petition’s filing, then on or before the hearing, the court shall be presented with a verified statement from a representative of the agency, counsel for the agency, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the subject putative father regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1)(C)**, and the [date(s)] date that such notice was given or the reasons why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made to identify or locate the subject person. If notice was given, a copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

**(5) At the hearing, the court shall inquire as to the efforts made by the petitioner to determine whether the child is an Indian child and whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child pursuant to Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24. All responses shall be placed on the record.**

**Comment: The agency, the intermediary, or an attorney for a party shall provide notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement to the Prospective Adoptive Parents, a birth parent, and, in some instances, the child. See 23 Pa.C.S. § 2733(c). Notice to a birth relative who is not a birth parent is not statutorily required, although birth relatives may enter into and become parties to a Contact Agreement.**

**An original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth must be filed with the clerk by the time of filing the initial petition to terminate parental rights. See Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.3(b) (pertaining to prerequisites for any petition to terminate parental rights).**

**The court is required to inquire and determine whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child. The court is also required to advise the participants of their obligation to report to the court if they subsequently receive information that provides a reason to know the child is an Indian child. See Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24.**

**Historical Commentary**

**The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking.**

**Explanatory Comment:** Section 2733(c) of the Adoption Act requires the agency, the intermediary or an attorney for a party to provide notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement to the Prospective Adoptive Parents, a birth parent, and, in some instances, a child. Notice to a birth relative who is not a birth parent is not statutorily required, although birth relatives may enter into and become parties to a Contact Agreement.

An original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth must be filed with the clerk by the time of filing the initial petition to terminate parental rights. See Rule 15.3(b).

**Rule 15.8. Voluntary Relinquishment to Adult Intending to Adopt Child.**

(a) **Petition.** A petition under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2502 to relinquish parental rights with respect to a child who has been in the exclusive care of Prospective Adoptive Parents shall contain the following averments:

- (1) the name, address, age, and racial background of each petitioner;
- (2) the information required in **[subparagraph (1)] subdivision (a)(1)** as to any parent who is not a petitioner, including the birth father, presumptive father, and putative father, or the reasons why the court should find such information is not necessary;
- (3) the marital status of the mother as of the time of the child’s birth and during one year prior thereto, and her maiden name;
- (4) the name, age, date of birth, place of birth, racial background, and gender of the child;
- (5) **whether any petitioner has reason to know that the child is an Indian child as defined in Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.2(a)(11);**
- (6) the date when the child was placed with the Prospective Adoptive Parents;

**[(6)](7)** the date when the Report of Intention to Adopt was filed;

**[(7)](8)** the reasons for seeking relinquishment;

**[(8)](9)** whether each petitioner has been informed of counseling services concerning the termination of parental rights and the alternatives thereto and provided with a list of qualified counselors and counseling services;

**[(9)](10)** whether each petitioner has received any counseling concerning the termination of parental rights and the alternatives thereto and, if so, the name of the organization or qualified counselor providing such counseling services;

**[(10)](11)** whether each petitioner has been informed of the opportunity for a birth relative of the child, including the petitioner, to enter into a Contact Agreement with the Prospective Adoptive Parents;

**[(11)](12)** whether a Report of Intention to Adopt under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2531 or an adoption petition under [Rule 15.13] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.13 has been filed;

**[(12)](13)** whether the Prospective Adoptive Parents’ consent to accept custody of the child until such time as the child is adopted is attached to the petition; and

**[(13)](14)** that each petitioner understands the petition, has considered the alternatives, and has executed the petition voluntarily.

(b) **Exhibits.** The following exhibits shall be attached to the petition:

(1) A verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel for the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the **[petitioner] petitioning** birth parent regarding the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1)(C)**, and the **[date(s)] date** that such notice was given. A copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

(2) If, as part of the hearing on the petition, the parental rights of a putative father could be terminated pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503(d), and if written notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement has been provided to the putative father in advance of the petition’s filing, a verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel for the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the putative father regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1)(C)**, and the **[date(s)] date** that such notice was given[, or the [reason(s)] reasons why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made to identify or locate the subject person. If notice was given, a copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

(3) The signed consents of the Prospective Adoptive Parents to accept custody of the child until such time as the adoption is completed.

(c) **Hearing and Decree.**

(1) Notice of the hearing on the petition shall be provided in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503(b), and in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503(d) if the rights of a putative father are to be terminated as part of the same proceeding, and shall be served in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1).**

(2) On or before the hearing, the court shall be presented with a certificate of service stating that notice of the hearing on the petition was given to the petitioner and all others entitled to a copy of the notice in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503 and **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1).**

(3) The **[petitioner] petitioning** birth parent voluntarily relinquishing his or her parental rights shall be present at the hearing and available to be examined under oath.

(4) If as part of **the** hearing on the petition, the parental rights of a putative father could be terminated pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 2503(d), and if notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement was not provided to the subject putative father prior to the petition’s filing, then on or before the hearing, the court shall be presented with a verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel for the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the subject putative father regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(1)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1)(C)**, and the **[date(s)] date** that such notice was given or the **[reason(s)] reasons** why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made to identify or locate the subject person. If notice was given, a copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

**(5) At the hearing, the court shall inquire as to the efforts made by the petitioner to determine whether the child is an Indian child and whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child pursuant to Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24. All responses shall be placed on the record.**

**Comment: An original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth must be filed with the clerk by the time of filing the initial petition to terminate parental rights. See Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.3(b) (pertaining to prerequisites for any petition to terminate parental rights).**

**The court is required to inquire and determine whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child. The court is also required to advise the participants of their obligation to report to the court if they subsequently receive information that provides a reason to know the child is an Indian child. See Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24.**

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For additional information about notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement, see Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.7, cmt.

## Historical Commentary

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking.

**Explanatory Comment:** An original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child's birth must be filed with the clerk by the time of filing the initial petition to terminate parental rights. See Rule 15.3(b). For additional information about notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement, see the Explanatory Comment to Rule 15.7.

### Rule 15.9. Alternative Procedure for Relinquishment by Confirmation of Consent to Adoption.

(a) **Petition.** A petition under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2504 to confirm the consent to adoption given by a birth parent, presumptive father, or putative father relinquishing parental rights and agreeing to have the child placed for adoption shall contain the following averments:

- (1) the name, address, age, and racial background of the consenter;
- (2) the information required in **[subparagraph (1)] subdivision (a)(1)** as to any parent who has not signed a consent to adoption, including the birth father, presumptive father, and putative father, or the reasons why the court should find such information is not necessary;
- (3) the marital status of the mother as of the time of the child's birth and during one year prior thereto, and her maiden name;
- (4) the name, age, date of birth, place of birth, racial background, and gender of the child;
- (5) **whether any petitioner has reason to know the child is an Indian child as defined in Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.2(a)(11);**
- (6) the date when the consent to adoption was executed by the consenter and that the consent was executed in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2711 and 2712;

**[(6)](7)** the number of days that have elapsed since the consent to adoption was executed by the consenter;

**[(7)](8)** whether the petitioner, counsel for the petitioner, or the agency or intermediary in those cases where the agency or intermediary is not the petitioner, has received any writing from the consenter revoking or attempting to revoke the previously executed consent to adoption;

**[(8)](9)** whether the consenter was informed of counseling services concerning the termination of parental rights and the alternatives thereto and provided with a list of qualified counselors and counseling services;

**[(9)](10)** whether the consenter received counseling concerning the termination of parental rights and the alternatives thereto and, if so, the name of the organization or qualified counselor providing such counseling services;

**[(10)](11)** whether the consenter has been informed of the opportunity for a birth relative of the child, including the consenter, to enter into a Contact Agreement with the Prospective Adoptive Parents, once identified; and

**[(11)](12)** whether a consent by the Prospective Adoptive Parents or by the agency to accept custody of the child until such time as the child is adopted is attached to the petition, and if custody is to an individual, whether a Report of Intention to Adopt under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2531 or an adoption petition under **[Rule 15.13] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.13** has been filed.

(b) **Exhibits.** The following exhibits shall be attached to the petition:

- (1) The original **[consent(s)] consent** to adoption.
- (2) A verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel for the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the consenter regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(2)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(2)(C)**, and the **[date(s)] date** that such notice was given. A copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.
- (3) If, as part of the hearing on the petition, the parental rights of a putative father could be terminated pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 2504(c), and if written notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement has been provided to the putative father in advance of the petition's filing, a verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel for the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the putative father regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(2)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(2)(C)**, and the **[date(s)] date** on which such notice was given[,] or the reasons why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made to identify or locate the subject person. If a notice was given, a copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

(4) The signed consents of the Prospective Adoptive Parents or agency to accept custody of the child until such time as the adoption is completed.

(c) **Hearing and Decree.**

(1) Notice of the hearing on the petition shall be in the form specified in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2513(b) and shall be provided and served in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2504(b) and **[Rule 15.4(b)(2)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(2)**.

(2) On or before the hearing, the court shall be presented with a certificate of service stating that notice of the hearing on the petition was provided in the form specified in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2513(b) and given to the consenter and all others entitled to a copy of the notice in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2504(b) and **[Rule 15.4(b)(2)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(2)**.

(3) If as part of hearing on the petition, the parental rights of a putative father could be terminated pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 2504(c), and if notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement was not provided to the subject putative father prior to the petition's filing, then on or before the hearing, the court shall be presented with a verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel for the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the subject putative father regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with **[Rule 15.4(b)(2)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(2)(C)**, and the **[date(s)] date** that such notice was given[,] or the **[reason(s)] reasons** why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made to identify or locate the subject person. If notice was given, a copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

**[(4)] At the hearing, the court shall inquire as to the efforts made by the petitioner to determine whether the child is an Indian child and whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child pursuant to Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24. All responses shall be placed on the record.**  
**Comment:** An original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child's birth must be filed with the clerk by the time of filing the initial petition to terminate parental rights. See **Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.3(b)** (pertaining to prerequisites for any petition to terminate parental rights).

**The court is required to inquire and determine whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child. The court is also required to advise the participants of their obligation to report to the court if they subsequently receive information that provides a reason to know the child is an Indian child. See Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24.**

For additional information about notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement, see Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.7, cmt.

## Historical Commentary

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking.

**Explanatory Comment:** An original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child's birth must be filed with the clerk by the time of filing the initial petition to terminate parental rights. See Rule 15.3(b). For additional information about notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement, see the Explanatory Comment to Rule 15.7.

### Rule 15.10. Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights.

(a) **Petition.** A petition for involuntary termination of parental rights under 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2511-2512 shall contain the following averments:

- (1) the name and address of the **[petitioner(s)] petitioners**;
- (2) the basis for the standing asserted by the **[petitioner(s)] petitioners**;
- (3) the name, age, date of birth, place of birth, racial background, and gender of the child;
- (4) **whether any petitioner has reason to know the child is an Indian child as defined in Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.2(a)(11);**
- (5) the name, address, age, and racial background of the birth parents, including the birth father, presumptive father, and putative father;
- [(5)](6)** if a birth father, presumptive father or putative father is not identified in **[subparagraph] subdivision (a)(5)**, whether a claim for paternity has been filed under 23 Pa.C.S. § 5103 (relating to claim of paternity);

**[(6)](7)** the marital status of the mother as of the time of the child's birth and during one year prior thereto, and her maiden name;

**[(7)](8)** the date when the child was placed in the care of the petitioner;

**[(8)](9)** the date when the child was removed from the parent who is the subject of the petition, if different than the date of placement with the petitioner;

**[(9)](10)** specific facts setting forth why the child was voluntarily placed in the custody of an entity or individual or involuntarily removed from the parent who is the subject of the petition;

**[(10)](11)** a reference to the applicable **[subsection(s)] subsections** of 23 Pa.C.S. § 2511(a) providing the **[ground(s)] grounds** for termination and specific facts to support terminating the parental rights of the subject birth parent pursuant to the **[subsection(s)] subsections** referenced;

**[(11)](12)** whether either parent of the child is entitled to benefits under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended (50 U.S.C. §§ 3901 et seq.);

**[(12)](13)** one of the following:

**[(A)](i)** that the parent who is the subject of the petition has been provided with written

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notice regarding the opportunity for a birth relative of the child, including the subject birth parent, to enter into a Contact Agreement with the Prospective Adoptive Parents, once identified;

[(B)](ii) that such written notice will be given to the subject birth parent prior to the hearing by the agency, intermediary or counsel representing a party; or

[(C)](iii) the [reason(s)] reasons why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made to identify or locate the subject person.

[(13)](14) whether a consent by the petitioner, the Prospective Adoptive Parents, or the agency to accept custody of the child until such time as the child is adopted is attached to the petition, and if custody is to an individual, whether a Report of Intention to Adopt under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2531 or an adoption petition under [Rule 15.13] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.13 has been filed or the reason why such consent or filing is not required by law; and

[(14)](15) that each petitioner understands the petition and believes its filing to best serve the developmental, physical and emotional needs and welfare of the child.

(b) **Exhibits.** The following exhibits shall be attached to the petition:

(1) A verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel for the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the subject birth parent regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by such other means as provided in [Rule 15.4(b)(3)(A)(iii)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(3)(A)(iii), and the [date(s)] date that such notice was given[,], or the [reason(s)] reasons why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made to identify or locate the subject person. If notice was given, a copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by law, the signed consent of the petitioner, the Prospective Adoptive Parents, or the agency to accept custody of the child until such time as the adoption is completed.

(c) **Hearing and Decree.**

(1) Notice of the hearing on the petition shall be provided and served in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2513(b) and [Rule 15.4(b)(3)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(3).

(2) On or before the hearing, the court shall be presented with a certificate of service stating that notice of the hearing on the petition was given to the petitioner and all others entitled to a copy of the notice in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2513 and [Rule 15.4(b)(3)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(3).

(3) If notice of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement was not provided to the subject birth parent prior to the petition’s filing, then on or before the hearing, the court shall be presented with a verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel for the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the subject birth parent regarding the opportunity of a birth relative to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by such other means as provided in [Rule 15.4(b)(3)(A)(iii)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(3)(A)(iii), and the [date(s)] date that such notice was given or the [reason(s)] reasons why such notice cannot be given, including efforts made to identify or locate the subject person. If notice was given, a copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

(4) At the hearing, the court shall inquire as to the efforts made by the petitioner to determine whether the child is an Indian child and whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child pursuant to Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24. All responses shall be placed on the record.

(d) **Appointment of Counsel.**

(1) **Child.** In accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2313(a), the court shall appoint counsel to represent the child in an involuntary termination proceeding when the proceeding is contested by one or both parents. If the court determines that the child requires counsel to represent both the best interests and legal interests of the child, the court shall determine on the record whether counsel can represent both interests without conflict before appointing an individual to serve as both guardian ad litem and counsel for the child.

(2) **Parent.** In accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 2313(a.1), the court shall appoint counsel for a parent whose rights are subject to termination in an involuntary termination proceeding if, upon petition of the parent, the court determines that the parent is unable to pay for counsel or that payment would result in a substantial financial hardship.

**Comment:** An original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth must be filed with the clerk by the time of filing the initial petition to terminate parental rights. See Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.3(b) (pertaining to prerequisites for any petition to terminate parental rights).

The court is required to inquire and determine whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child. The court is also required to advise the participants of their obligation to report to the court if they subsequently receive information that provides a reason to know the child is an Indian child. See Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24.

If the petitioner is an agency, Prospective Adoptive Parents need not have been identified prior to the agency’s filing of a petition to involuntarily terminate parental rights. Also, an averment of a present intent to adopt the child is not required if the petitioner is an agency. Where the petitioner is an individual, see Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.6. Neither the averments nor evidence set forth in subdivisions (a)(15) and (b)(2) are required when the petition has been filed by a parent seeking to involuntarily terminate the parental rights of the other parent pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 2511(a)(7) (relating to a child conceived as a result of a rape or incest). See 23 Pa.C.S. § 2514.

Section 2733(c) of the Adoption Act requires the agency or intermediary, counsel representing the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party to provide notice to the Prospective Adoptive Parents, birth parents, and, in some instances, a child, of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement. The statute does not require notice to birth relatives who are not the birth parents, although birth relatives may enter into and become parties to a Contact Agreement.

It is understood that County Agencies may be encouraged early in the process, even during dependency proceedings, to give notice to a birth parent of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement. Requiring the verified statement to set forth the specific date as to when notice was given is only to further ensure that the particular notice was given and not to suggest that providing this notice is time sensitive and expires after a certain time.

## Historical Commentary

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking.

**Explanatory Comment:** An original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth must be filed with the clerk by the time of filing the initial petition to terminate parental rights. See Rule 15.3(b).

If the petitioner is an agency, Prospective Adoptive Parents need not have been identified prior to the agency’s filing of a petition to involuntarily terminate parental rights. Also, an averment of a present intent to adopt the child is not required if the petitioner is an agency. Where petitioner is an individual, see Rule 15.6. Neither the averments nor evidence set forth in subdivisions (a)(13) and (b)(2) are required when the petition has been filed by a parent seeking to involuntarily terminate the parental rights of the other parent pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 2511(a)(7) (relating to a child conceived as a result of a rape or incest). See 23 Pa.C.S. § 2514.

Section 2733(c) of the Adoption Act requires the agency or intermediary, counsel representing the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party to provide notice to the Prospective Adoptive Parents, birth parents, and, in some instances, a child of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement. The statute does not require notice to birth relatives who are not the birth parents, although birth relatives may enter into and become parties to a Contact Agreement.

It is understood that County Agencies may be encouraged early in the process, even during dependency proceedings, to give notice to a birth parent of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement. Requiring the verified statement to set forth the specific date(s) as to when notice was given is only to further ensure that the particular notice was given and not to suggest that providing this notice is time sensitive and expires after a certain time.

## Rule 15.13. Adoption.

(a) **Petition.** A petition for adoption under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2701 shall contain the following averments:

(1) the name, current address, any other addresses for the past five years, marital status, age, occupation, racial background and religious affiliation of the petitioners;

(2) the name of the adoptee as it appears on the birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth;

(3) the relationship, if any, of the petitioners to the adoptee;

(4) whether the adoptee has resided with the petitioners, and if so, the length of time that adoptee has so resided with the petitioners;

(5) the name and address of the intermediary, if any;

(6) whether the home study and preplacement report under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2530, the Report of an Intention to Adopt under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2531, and the Report of Intermediary under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2533 have been filed;

(7) if there is no intermediary, if no Report of the Intermediary has been or will be filed, or if the adoptee has attained 18 years of age, all vital statistics and other information required in the Report of the Intermediary, so far as is applicable;

(8) whether the original birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth has been filed with the clerk where the adoption petition is being filed, and if not whether a birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth is attached to the petition as an exhibit, and if not previously filed or attached, the reason why it is has not been filed or is not attached, the efforts made to obtain the birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth, and evidence available to establish a date and place of the adoptee’s birth;

(9) whether all the consents required by 23 Pa.C.S. § 2711 are attached to the petition as exhibits;

(10) whether the criminal history records information and child abuse clearance certificate for each Prospective Adoptive Parent prepared in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344(b), (d)(1) are attached to the petition as exhibits;

(11) whether there are any court orders that remain in effect as of the date of the petition’s filing and which:

[(A)](i) terminate parental rights of any birth parent, presumptive father, or putative father of the adoptee;

[(B)](ii) establish rights of guardianship or custody of the adoptee in any person or entity other than the birth parent; or

[(C)](iii) establish or set forth any special conditions concerning placement, custody, guardianship, or adoption of the adoptee;

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(12) whether there has been compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children if 62 P.S. §§ 761 et seq. applies to this placement;

(13) whether the petitioners have reason to know the child is an Indian child as defined in Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.2(a)(11);

(14) if any of the reports or exhibits listed in [subparagraphs (a)(6)-(a)(12)] subdivisions (a)(6) – (a)(12) have not been filed or are not attached to the petition, specific averments explaining why such reports have not been filed or exhibits have not been attached and the reasons showing cause why the court may enter a decree of adoption under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2901, notwithstanding the absence of all legal requirements having been met;

[(14)](15) whether the Prospective Adoptive Parents and the minor adoptee, if required by 23 Pa.C.S. § 2733(c), have been informed of the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement with any of the minor adoptee’s birth relatives;

[(15)](16) if an agreement for post-adoption contact and communication has been negotiated and executed by the Prospective Adoptive Parents and one of more birth relatives, an averment of one of the following, as applicable:

[(A)](i) the date of the order and the name of the court approving the Contact Agreement and that the Contact Agreement and court order are attached as exhibits to the petition; or

[(B)](ii) a petition to approve the executed proposed agreement for post-adoption contact and communication has been submitted and is pending before the court or is being filed under a separate petition simultaneously with the filing of this petition;

[(16)](17) whether the adoptee will retain his or her given birth name or the adoptee’s proposed new name if a name change is desired;

[(17)](18) that the petitioners desire to have a “parent-child” relationship established between the petitioners and the adoptee; and

[(18)](19) that each petitioner has read and understands the petition and believes the adoptee’s needs and welfare will be promoted by the adoption.

(b) **Exhibits.** Unless the petition contains averments explaining why an exhibit is not attached, the following exhibits shall be attached to the petition:

(1) Unless previously filed with the clerk where the adoption petition is being filed, a birth certificate or certification of registration of the child’s birth.

(2) The consents required by 23 Pa.C.S. § 2711, as applicable.

(3) Unless previously filed, the Report of the Intermediary with the exhibits required under 23 Pa.C.S. § 2534.

(4) The criminal history records information and child abuse clearance certificate for each Prospective Adoptive Parent prepared in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344(b).

(5) Copies of any court orders referenced in [subparagraph (a)(11)] subdivision (a)(11).

(6) Written approval by the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children if 62 P.S. §§ 761 et seq. applies to this placement.

(7) A verified statement from a representative of the agency or intermediary, counsel representing the agency or intermediary, or counsel representing any other party that written notice was provided to the Prospective Adoptive Parents and to the minor adoptee, if required by 23 Pa.C.S. § 2733(c), regarding the opportunity to enter into a Contact Agreement, that such notice was provided by hand delivery, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address, or by electronic transmission in accordance with [Rule 15.4(b)(1)(C)] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4(b)(1)(C), (b)(2)(C), or (b)(3)(A)(iii), and the [date(s)] date that such notice was provided. A copy of the notice shall accompany this verified statement.

(8) If previously approved, the Contact Agreement and the court order approving the Contact Agreement.

(c) **Notice or Consent--Parents of Child.**

(1) Notice of the hearing on the petition for adoption shall be given to the birth parent, putative father, and presumptive father in accordance with [Rule 15.4] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4 unless the parental rights of such birth parent, putative father, or presumptive father were terminated in a prior proceeding.

(2) If, as part of the adoption hearing, the petitioners are seeking court approval of an executed proposed agreement for post-adoption contact and communication, the petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to approve the proposed agreement and the accompanying exhibits in accordance with [subparagraph (d)(1) of Rule 15.12] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.12(d)(1) to the individuals and entities therein listed, shall file a certificate of service as provided in [subparagraph (d)(2) of Rule 15.12] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.12(d)(2), and shall provide notice of the adoption hearing to these individuals and entities as provided in [subparagraph (f)(3) of Rule 15.12] Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.12(f)(3).

(d) **Investigation.** A petition for adoption shall be subject to investigation as prescribed by local rules. The investigation report shall cover the matters alleged in the petition, any other matters that may affect the welfare of the adoptee, and the information required by 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2535 and 2724.

(e) **Hearing.**

(1) **Generally.** The court shall schedule a hearing to allow for testimony pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2721-2724.

(2) **Appearance.** [Petitioner(s)] The petitioners and the adoptee shall appear at the hearing.

(3) **Indian Child Inquiry.** At the hearing, the court shall inquire as to the efforts made by the petitioners to determine whether the child is an Indian child and whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child pursuant to Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24. All responses shall be placed on the record.

[(1)](4) [After a hearing, if the court determines that the adoption can be granted, the court shall enter a decree conforming to the requirements of 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2901-2902, 2904.] Request for Waiver of Statutory Requirements. If the petition for adoption contains averments requesting that the court waive a statutory requirement of the Adoption Act, the court shall determine if the petitioner has shown cause for failing to meet the statutory requirement and has demonstrated that the adoptee’s needs and welfare nevertheless will be best served by entering a decree of adoption.

[(2)](5) **Expense Report.** At the hearing on the petition for adoption, there shall be offered in evidence a report, verified by the petitioners or counsel, setting forth the amount of fees and expenses paid or to be paid to counsel, and any other fees, costs and expenses paid or to be paid to an intermediary or to any other person or entity, in connection with the adoption. The court may request an itemization of any of the amounts reported.

(6) **Decree.** After a hearing, if the court determines that the adoption can be granted, the court shall enter a decree conforming to the requirements of 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2901-2902, 2904.

(f) **Adult – Change of Name.** When the person to be adopted is over the age of 18 years and desires to assume the surname of the adopting parents, evidence showing compliance with the law relating to change of name [must] shall be introduced before a decree will be made. See 54 Pa.C.S. § 702.

**Comment:** The court, in its discretion, can dispense with any statutory requirement of the Adoption Act for cause shown. See 23 Pa.C.S. § 2901. As a result, if the petitioner is unable to satisfy all the prerequisites or attach all the exhibits required by the Adoption Act, the adoption petition should not be dismissed summarily. Rather, the petitioner should be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate why a statutory requirement has not or cannot be met and why the proposed adoptee’s best interests nevertheless are served by granting the adoption petition. In re *Adoption of R.B.F. and R.C.F.*, 803 A.2d 1195, 1202 (Pa. 2002). If, upon reviewing the petition’s averments as to why a statutory requirement should be waived, the court determines that cause has been demonstrated, the court can grant the relief requested and dispense with the relevant statutory requirement without conducting a hearing. However, if the court is not inclined to waive the pertinent statutory requirement, the petitioner is entitled to a hearing and an opportunity to present evidence in support of the averments in the petition. *Id.*

Subdivision (c)(1) applies if a parent’s parental rights are being terminated as part of the hearing on the adoption petition. In such cases, the birth parent, putative father, or presumptive father whose rights are being terminated must receive notice of the adoption hearing in accordance with Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.4. On the other hand, such persons do not need to be notified of the adoption hearing if (i) he or she previously consented to the adoption and his or her consent was confirmed by the court as provided in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2504 and Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.9; (ii) he or she previously relinquished his or her parental rights as provided in 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2501, 2502 and Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.7 or 15.8 as applicable; or (iii) his or her parental rights were involuntarily terminated by the court as provided in 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2511 et seq. and Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.10.

The court is required to inquire and determine whether any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child. The court is also required to advise the participants of their obligation to report to the court if they subsequently receive information that provides a reason to know the child is an Indian child. See Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24.

## Historical Commentary

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking.

**Explanatory Comment:** The court, in its discretion, can dispense with any statutory requirement of the Adoption Act for cause shown. See 23 Pa.C.S. § 2901. As a result, if petitioner is unable to satisfy all the prerequisites or attach all the exhibits required by the Adoption Act, the adoption petition should not be dismissed summarily. Rather, the petitioner should be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate why a statutory requirement has not or cannot be met and why the proposed adoptee’s best interests nevertheless are served by granting the adoption petition. In re *Adoption of R.B.F. and R.C.F.*, 803 A.2d 1195 (Pa. 2002). If, upon reviewing the petition’s averments as to why a statutory requirement should be waived, the court determines that cause has been demonstrated, the court can grant the relief requested and dispense with the relevant statutory requirement without conducting a hearing. However, if the court is not inclined to waive the pertinent statutory requirement, the petitioner is entitled to a hearing and an opportunity to present evidence in support of the averments in the petition. See *In re Adoption of R.B.F. and R.C.F.*

Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule applies if a parent’s parental rights are being terminated as part of the hearing on the adoption petition. In such cases, the birth parent, putative father, or presumptive father whose rights are being terminated must receive notice of the adoption hearing in accordance with Rule 15.4. On the other hand, such persons do not need to be notified of the adoption hearing if (i) he or she previously consented to the adoption and his or her consent was confirmed by the court as provided in 23 Pa.C.S. § 2504 and Rule 15.9; (ii) he or she previously relinquished his or her parental rights as provided in 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2501, 2502 and Rule 15.7 or Rule 15.8 as applicable; or (iii) his or her parental rights were involuntarily terminated by the court as provided in 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 2511 et seq. and Rule 15.10.

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—The following text is entirely new—

**Rule 15.24. Indian Child.**

(a) **Inquiry.**

(1) At the commencement of the initial proceeding to terminate parental rights or to adopt, the court shall inquire as to the efforts made by the petitioner to determine whether the child is an Indian child and whether any participant has reason to know the child is an Indian child. All responses shall be placed on the record.

(2) The court shall advise the participants of their obligation to report to the court if they subsequently receive information that provides a reason to know the child is an Indian child.

(b) **Finding of Court.** The court shall make a finding as to whether there is reason to know the child is an Indian child.

(c) **Additional Requirements.**

(1) If the court finds there is reason to know the child is an Indian child, but lacks sufficient evidence to determine whether the child is an Indian child, the court shall confirm due diligence has been used to make such determination, and the court shall treat the child as an Indian child until it can determine, from the record, that the child does not meet the definition of an Indian child.

(2) If the court has sufficient evidence to conclude the child is an Indian child, then the notification and rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act shall apply.

**Comment:** The Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq., and the Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations, 25 C.F.R. § 23.107, require the court at the commencement of the initial proceeding to determine if any participant has reason to know whether the child is an Indian child.

For the definition of “Indian child,” see Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.2(a)(11). Nothing in this rule is intended to prohibit the court from continuing to inquire at every subsequent proceeding. For determination of a reason to know whether a child is an Indian child, see 25 C.F.R. § 23.107. When a court knows or has reason to know that a child is an Indian child, see 25 C.F.R. § 23.111 for notice requirements. See also 25 C.F.R. § 23.11.

For additional requirements concerning the emergency removal or emergency placement of an Indian child, see 25 C.F.R. § 23.113. For additional requirements concerning the non-emergent placement of an Indian child, see 25 C.F.R. §§ 23.121-.122. For the transfer of proceedings to the Indian child’s tribe, see 25 C.F.R. §§ 23.115-.119. For requirements concerning voluntary proceedings for the placement of an Indian child, see 25 C.F.R. §§ 23.124-.127. For the placement preferences of an Indian child, see 25 C.F.R. §§ 23.131-.132.

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS’ COURT PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

ADOPTION REPORT

Amendment of Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.2, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, and 15.13  
and Adoption of Pa.R.O.C.P. 15.24

On July 29, 2026, the Supreme Court amended Rules 15.2, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, and 15.13 and adopted Rule 15.24 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Orphans’ Court Procedure. The rule changes are intended to implement the Bureau of Indian Affairs regulation, 25 C.F.R. § 23.107, promulgated pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq. (“ICWA”), in termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings. The Orphans’ Court Procedural Rules Committee has prepared this Adoption Report describing the rulemaking process. An Adoption Report should not be confused with Comments to the rules. See Pa.R.J.A. 103, cmt. The statements contained herein are those of the Committee, not the Court.

In 2016, concurrent with the Committee’s review and rewrite of the rules governing termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings, the Bureau of Indian Affairs promulgated regulations pursuant to ICWA. Specifically, the regulations were amended to, inter alia, add a new Subpart I regarding ICWA. See 25 C.F.R. §§ 23.101-.144. The new Subpart was presented in a question-and-answer format and one of the questions under “pretrial requirements” is “how should a state court determine if there is a reason to know the child is an Indian child?”<sup>1</sup>. See 25 C.F.R. § 23.107. To which, the regulation provides the following answer:

State courts must ask each participant in an emergency or voluntary or involuntary child-custody proceeding whether the participant knows or has reason to know that the child is an Indian child. The inquiry is made at the commencement of the proceeding and all responses should be on the record. State courts must instruct the parties to inform the court if they subsequently receive information that provides reason to know the child is an Indian child.

*Id.* § 23.107(a). Several federal protections apply to child-custody proceedings if there is reason to know the child is an Indian child. See 25 C.F.R. §§ 23.107 – 23.140.

During the course of rulemaking, litigation arose concerning the constitutionality of the Act and validity of the BIA’s regulations. See *Brackeen v. Zinke*, 338 F.Supp.3d 514 (N.D. Tx. 2018). That litigation has since been resolved. See *Haaland v. Brackeen*, 599 U.S. 255 (2023). Upon the resolution of *Brackeen*, the Committee resumed its rulemaking efforts and published proposed amendments to Rules 15.2, 15.3, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, and 15.13 to implement 25 C.F.R. § 23.107. See 53 Pa.B. 5113 (August 19, 2023).

The Committee received one comment in response to the publication suggesting that the pro-

posed amendments place an undue burden on the court and that the inquiry occurs too late in the process to be effective. Rather than having the court make an inquiry and finding at the time of the initial proceeding, it was suggested that the petitioner should provide a responsive certification at the time of filing the petition.

While the Committee was sensitive to concerns regarding burdens on the court, it is the federal regulations that place the burden on the court to ask every participant if there is a reason to know whether the child is an Indian child and to inform each participant of their ongoing obligation to inform the court if they subsequently learn of any reason to believe the child is an Indian child. See 25 C.F.R. § 23.107(a). Thus, the Committee was not persuaded by the suggestion to diminish the role of the courts in identifying Indian children.

The Committee then suspended its efforts during the pendency of similar rulemaking by the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee to ensure consistency with any adopted rules. Following the Court’s adoption of rules implementing these concepts in dependency proceedings, see 55 Pa.B. 244 (January 11, 2025), the Committee resumed rulemaking to incorporate substantive and stylistic post-publication changes before transmittal to the Court.

First, the Committee restyled Rule 15.2 (Definitions) by adding subdivisions and updating the numbering scheme. Second, provisions related to the Indian child inquiry, findings of court, and related requirements were relocated from Rule 15.3, as proposed, to a standalone rule insofar as they are not prerequisites to a petition filing but rather made at the time of filing the petition and at the hearing. New Rule 15.24 (Indian Child) is substantially similar to Pa.R.J.C.P. 1203.

Third, in Rule 15.7(c)(5), pertaining to the court’s inquiry regarding Indian child status, the Committee revised the phrase “whether anyone present” to “whether any participant” to reflect the language of 25 C.F.R. § 23.107(a). Similar changes were made to Rules 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, and 15.13.

Fourth, Rule 15.13(e), pertaining to the adoption hearing, was revised by adding subdivisions and titles for ease of reading due to its extended length and coverage of multiple subjects.

Fifth, the Committee made numerous post-publication stylistic changes to the proposal.

Finally, the Committee considered whether Rules 15.14 and 15.15, pertaining to the adoption of foreign born children, also referred to as “international adoptions,” should be amended to incorporate ICWA provisions. The Committee did not identify any federal or state case law that applied ICWA to the adoption of a minor from a foreign country by a United States citizen. Review of the federal regulations reflected that, while an ICWA review is required for a child who is emigrating from the United States for adoption, there is not a corresponding requirement for a child immigrating to the United States for that purpose. “In placing the child for adoption, the agency or person: ... (3) Complies with all applicable requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act.” See 22 C.F.R. § 96.54(c) (3) (pertaining to placement standards in outgoing international adoption cases). Presumably, if the United States Department of State had intended for ICWA protections to apply to adoptions of foreign born children, a provision similar to § 96.54(c)(3) would have been added to the regulations concerning adoptions of foreign born children. Therefore, the Committee made no further changes to incorporate ICWA considerations in Rules 15.14 and 15.15 relating to adoption of foreign born children.

The new rule and amendments become effective on October 1, 2026.

1. “Indian child” is a defined term in ICWA. See 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4). “Child-custody proceeding” is a defined term and includes, but is not limited to, termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings. See 25 C.F.R. § 23.2.



Press Conference Announcement

The Philadelphia Sheriff’s Office Launches New Auction Search Platform  
to Make Sheriff Sales More Accessible, Transparent, and User-Friendly

Innovative public tool represents Phase II  
of Sheriff Rochelle Bilal’s modernization and reorganization strategy

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The Philadelphia Sheriff’s Office today announced the launch of its new Philadelphia Sheriff’s Auction Search Platform, an innovative public resource designed to help prospective bidders more easily search, understand, and prepare for Philadelphia Sheriff’s property auctions before participating through the official online bidding platform at [Bid4Assets.com/Philadelphia](https://bid4assets.com/Philadelphia).

The new platform represents Phase II of Sheriff Rochelle Bilal’s comprehensive reorganization and modernization strategy aimed at improving transparency, customer service, and public access to Sheriff Sale information. The platform serves as an educational and informational gateway, allowing users to search available properties, access instructional resources, save auction listings, and better understand the auction process before placing bids through Bid4Assets.

The announcement follows Phase I of the Sheriff’s reorganization initiative, highlighted in Sheriff Bilal’s recent *City & State Pennsylvania op-ed*, which outlined the progress the Office has made in modernizing operations, improving accountability, and delivering more efficient public services.

“Our commitment has always been to make government more transparent, accessible, and accountable to the people we serve,” said **Sheriff Rochelle Bilal**. “This new Auction Search Platform removes many of the barriers that have traditionally made Sheriff’s Sales difficult to

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understand. Whether you’re a first-time homebuyer, investor, attorney, or simply someone interested in learning more about the process, this platform provides the information and educational tools necessary to participate with confidence while maintaining the integrity of the official bidding process through Bid4Assets.”

Unlike traditional auction websites, the Philadelphia Sheriff’s Auction Search Platform is designed as an informational resource—not a bidding website. The platform gives users access to comprehensive search tools and educational content while directing all official bidding activity to the secure Bid4Assets platform.

Click here to view the how-to video: <https://youtu.be/ESj4nJu5ICE>

**Key Features Include:**

- Search available Sheriff Sale properties by auction date, property address, Auction ID, OPA number, Book/Writ, ZIP code, or keyword.
- Browse properties through both searchable lists and interactive map views.
- Create personalized user profiles to save and organize properties of interest.
- Watch instructional videos on your desktop/mobile devices explaining the Sheriff Sale process and how to participate in online auctions.
- View official terms and conditions and other important auction documents.
- Access homeowner assistance resources for individuals seeking information on foreclosure prevention and saving their property.
- Seamlessly connect to Bid4Assets to complete the official online bidding process.

The platform also incorporates enhanced consumer protections by requiring users to review educational materials and acknowledge important terms before creating an account.

Throughout the experience, users are reminded that the Philadelphia Sheriff’s Office website is an informational resource and that all live bidding takes place exclusively through Bid4Assets.

The Auction Search Platform is part of the Sheriff’s Office’s broader technology modernization initiative, which has focused on improving customer service, increasing transparency, streamlining operations, and making government services more accessible to Philadelphia residents.

“Innovation is not just about technology—it’s about creating better public service,” Bilal added. “This platform reflects our commitment to educating the public, improving access to information, and ensuring every participant has the tools they need to make informed decisions.”

The Philadelphia Sheriff’s Office expects the new platform to become a valuable resource for homebuyers, investors, attorneys, financial institutions, real estate professionals, and members of the public interested in participating in Sheriff’s Sales.

Additional phases of the Sheriff’s modernization initiative will continue to roll out in the coming months as part of the Office’s long-term commitment to improving government services and public engagement.

The Press Conference was held today at 10:30 AM and was livestreamed on Facebook. Here’s the YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/kjmZOLXrIHQ?si=0wJq7vUQ93DN5GQQ>

Photos and Video are located here (if used, please provide photo and video credit to TML Communications): [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JvwriOOy8z9xP1McUYhCcheO9I9KXlug?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JvwriOOy8z9xP1McUYhCcheO9I9KXlug?usp=share_link)

**About Appture Digital Media** - The Philadelphia Sheriff’s Auction Search Platform was designed and developed by Appture Digital Media, a nationally recognized digital media and technology firm specializing in public safety, government communications, and digital innovation. Founded by Daniel Elliott, Appture has more than 20 years of experience helping law enforcement agencies modernize communications, improve community engagement, and deploy technology solutions that promote transparency and public trust.

**About the Philadelphia Sheriff’s Office** - The Philadelphia Sheriff’s Office is the oldest law enforcement agency in Pennsylvania, serving the residents of Philadelphia through court security, civil process, real estate sales, community engagement, and public safety initiatives. Under the leadership of Sheriff Rochelle Bilal, the Office continues to modernize operations through technology, transparency, and innovative public service.

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SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 205.4, 205.5, 230.2, 236, and 440

The Civil Procedural Rules Committee is considering proposing to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania the amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 205.4, 205.5, 230.2, 236, and 440 for the reasons set forth in the accompanying publication report. Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(a)(1), the proposal is being published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for comments, suggestions, or objections prior to submission to the Supreme Court.

Any report accompanying this proposal was prepared by the Committee to indicate the rationale for the proposed rulemaking. It will neither constitute a part of the rules nor be adopted by the Supreme Court.

Additions to the text of the proposal are bolded and underlined; deletions to the text are bolded and bracketed.

The Committee invites all interested persons to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in writing to:

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All communications in reference to the proposal should be received by **August 28, 2026**. E-mail is the preferred method for submitting comments, suggestions, or objections; any e-mailed submission need not be reproduced and resubmitted via mail. The Committee will acknowledge receipt of all submissions.

By the Civil Procedural Rules Committee,  
Casey Alan Coyle  
Chair

**Rule 205.4. Electronic Filing [and Service] of Legal Papers.**

**[(a)(1) A court by local rule may permit or require electronic filing of legal papers with the prothonotary and shall specify the actions and proceedings and the legal papers subject to the rule.**

**Note: This rule does not require the implementation of electronic filing by a local court.**

**If a court determines that legal papers may be filed electronically with the prothonotary, Rule 239.9(a) requires the court to promulgate Local Rule 205.4 which shall describe the electronic filing system program and set forth the practice and procedure for the matters required by this rule.**

**If a court provides that electronic filing is mandatory, it must also provide the necessary technical assistance to those parties who lack the capability to file legal papers electronically.**

- (2) As used in this rule, the following words shall have the following meanings:
- “electronic filing,” the electronic transmission of legal papers by means other than facsimile transmission,
- “filing party,” an attorney, party or other person who files a legal paper by means of electronic filing, and
- “legal paper,” a pleading or other paper filed in an action, including exhibits and attachments.

(b)(1) Legal papers shall be presented for filing in portable document format (“pdf”) or any other electronic format, if any, that the court by local rule designates. A paper presented for filing in a format other than portable document format shall be converted to portable document format and maintained by the prothonotary in that format.

**Note: Rule 239.9(b)(2) requires that subdivision (b)(1) of Local Rule 205.4 specify the electronic format for presenting legal papers for filing.**

- (2) A legal paper filed electronically shall be deemed the original document.
- (3) The electronic filing of a legal paper constitutes a certification
- (i) by the filing party that a hard copy of the legal paper was properly signed and, where applicable, verified, and
- (ii) as provided by Rule 1023.1(c) governing the signature to a legal paper, the violation of which shall be subject to the sanction provision of Rule 1023.1(d).
- (4) The filing party shall maintain the signed hard copy of the document filed for two years after the later of
- (i) the disposition of the case,
- (ii) the entry of an order resolving the issue raised by the legal paper, or
- (iii) the disposition by an appellate court of the issue raised by the legal paper.
- (5) Any other party at any time may serve upon the filing party a notice to produce for inspection the signed hard copy within fourteen days of the service of the notice. The court upon motion may grant appropriate sanctions for failure to produce the signed hard copy pursuant to the notice.

(c)(1) The prothonotary when authorized to accept filings by electronic transmission shall provide electronic access at all times.

(2) The prothonotary may designate a website for the electronic filing of legal papers. Access to the website shall be available by the attorney identification number issued by the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania. The court by local rule shall designate the manner of access to the website for a filing party who is not an attorney.

**Note: Rule 239.9(b)(3) requires that subdivision (c)(2) of Local Rule 205.4 specify the manner of access to the website by a filing party who is not an attorney.**

(3) The time and date of filing submission and receipt of the legal paper to be filed

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electronically shall be that registered by the electronic filing system. The prothonotary shall provide, through the electronic filing system’s website, an acknowledgment that the legal paper has been received, including the date and time of receipt, in a form which can be printed for retention by the filing party.

- (d)(1) A filing party shall pay the cost of the electronic filing of a legal paper by approved credit or debit card, or by advance deposit of sufficient funds with the prothonotary if the court by local rule so provides.
- (2) A filing party who presents the legal paper for electronic filing in person at the office of the prothonotary shall pay the cost by a method prescribed by paragraph (1) or by check or cash.
- (3) If a court has designated a third party to operate the electronic filing system, the filing party shall pay the cost of the electronic filing to the prothonotary or to the third party operator in the manner provided by local rule.

**Note:** Rule 239.9(b)(4) requires that subdivision (d)(1) of Local Rule 205.4 list the credit and debit cards approved by the court or the prothonotary, and state whether the filing fee may be paid by depositing, in advance, sufficient funds with the prothonotary.

Rule 239.9(b)(5) provides for subdivision (d)(3) of Local Rule 205.4 to govern the payment of the filing fee to a third party operator, if applicable.

- (e)(1) A filing party shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, interruption of the electronic signals and legibility of the document electronically filed, except when caused by the failure of the electronic filing system’s website.

**Note:** The filing party accepts the risk that a document filed by means of electronic filing may not be properly or timely filed with the prothonotary.

- (2) No pleading or other legal paper that complies with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure shall be refused for filing by the prothonotary or the electronic filing system based upon a requirement of a local rule or local administrative procedure or practice pertaining to the electronic filing of legal papers.

**Note:** See also Rule 205.2 governing filing legal papers with the prothonotary.

- (3) If a pleading or other legal paper is not accepted upon presentation for filing or is refused for filing by the electronic filing system, the prothonotary or the electronic filing system, as may be appropriate, shall immediately notify the party presenting the legal paper for filing of the date of presentation, the fact that the document was not accepted or refused for filing by the system, and the reason therefor.
- (4)(i) The court upon motion shall resolve any dispute arising under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subdivision.
- (ii) If a party makes a good faith effort to electronically file a legal paper but it is not received, accepted or filed by the electronic filing system, the court may order that the paper be accepted and filed nunc pro tunc upon a showing that reasonable efforts were made to timely present and file the paper.
- (f) When electronic filing is permitted as set forth in subdivision (a)(1), the court by local rule shall provide for
- (1) a filing status message to the filing party,
- (2) the maintenance by the prothonotary of an electronic file only, or of such electronic and such hard copy files as set forth in the rule,

**Note:** A hard copy file is not required by this rule. If the local rule requires a hard copy file, the requirement may extend to all cases or only to certain specified cases. For example, the court may require hard copy files for cases listed for trial or scheduled for argument while maintaining only electronic files for all other cases.

- (3) additional procedures, if necessary, to ensure the security of the web site and the electronic files,
- (4) procedures for the payment of prothonotary’s fees and costs, and
- (5) such other procedures and matters necessary to the operation of a system of electronic filing.

**Note:** Rule 239.9(b)(6) provides that subdivision (f) of Local Rule 205.4 must set forth the practice and procedure with respect to the matters required by subdivision (f) of this rule.

- (g)(1) Copies of all legal papers other than original process filed in an action or served upon any party to an action may be served
- (i) as provided by Rule 440 or
- (ii) by electronic transmission, other than facsimile transmission, if the parties agree thereto or an electronic mail address is included on an appearance or prior legal paper filed with the court in the action. A paper served electronically is subject to the certifications set forth in subdivision (b)(3).

- (2) Service by electronic transmission is complete when a legal paper is sent

- (i) to the recipient’s electronic mail address, or
- (ii) to an electronic filing system website and an e-mail message is sent to the recipient by the electronic filing system that the legal paper has been filed and is available for review on the system’s website.

**Note:** Upon the electronic filing of a legal paper other than original process, the electronic filing system may automatically send notice of the filing to all parties who have agreed to service by electronic transmission or whose e-mail address is included on an appearance or prior legal paper filed in connection with the action.

If the electronic filing system sends notice of such filing, the party filing the legal paper only need serve those parties who are not served by the electronic filing system.  
An electronic mail address set forth on letterhead is not a sufficient basis under this rule to permit electronic service of legal papers.

See Rule 236(d) providing for the prothonotary to give notice of orders and judgments, and also other matters, by facsimile transmission or other electronic means.

See Rule 440(d) governing service of legal papers other than original process by facsimile transmission.

- (h) A judicial district which implements an electronic filing system pursuant to this rule is exempt from the requirements of Rule 205.5 governing cover sheets, provided the electronic filing system has the capability of gathering and transmitting to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts all the information required by Rule 205.5(e).]

(This is entirely new text.)

- (a) **General Rule.**
- (1) A court by local rule may permit or require electronic filing of legal papers with the prothonotary and shall specify the actions and proceedings and the legal papers subject to the rule.
- (2) As used in this rule, the following words shall have the following meanings:

- “electronic filing,” the electronic transmission of legal papers by means other than facsimile transmission;
- “filing party,” an attorney, party or other person who files a legal paper by means of electronic filing; and
- “legal paper,” a pleading or other paper filed in an action, including exhibits and attachments.

- (b) **Legal Papers Presented for Electronic Filing.**

- (1) Legal papers shall be presented for filing in portable document format (“pdf”) or any other electronic format, if any, that the court by local rule designates. A paper presented for filing in a format other than portable document format shall be converted to portable document format and maintained by the prothonotary in that format.
- (2) A legal paper filed electronically shall be deemed the original document.
- (3) The electronic filing of a legal paper constitutes a certification:
- (i) by the filing party that a hard copy of the legal paper was properly signed and, where applicable, verified; and
- (ii) as provided by Rule 1023.1(c) governing the signature to a legal paper, the violation of which shall be subject to the sanction provision of Rule 1023.1(d).
- (4) The filing party shall maintain the signed hard copy of the document filed for two years after the later of:
- (i) the disposition of the case;
- (ii) the entry of an order resolving the issue raised by the legal paper; or
- (iii) the disposition by an appellate court of the issue raised by the legal paper.

- (5) Any other party at any time may serve upon the filing party a notice to produce for inspection the signed hard copy within fourteen days of the service of the notice. The court upon motion may grant appropriate sanctions for failure to produce the signed hard copy pursuant to the notice.

- (c) **Prothonotary Duties.**

- (1) The prothonotary when authorized to accept filings by electronic transmission shall provide electronic access at all times.
- (2) The prothonotary may designate a website for the electronic filing of legal papers. Access to the website shall be available by the attorney identification number issued by the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania. The court by local rule shall designate the manner of access to the website for a filing party who is not an attorney.
- (3) The time and date of filing submission and receipt of the legal paper to be filed electronically shall be that registered by the electronic filing system. The prothonotary shall provide, through the elec-

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tronic filing system’s website, an acknowledgement that the legal paper has been received, including the date and time of receipt, in a form which can be printed for retention by the filing party.

**(d) Payment of Filing Fees.**

(1) A filing party shall pay the cost of the electronic filing of a legal paper by approved credit or debit card, or by advance deposit of sufficient funds with the prothonotary if the court by local rule so provides.

(2) A filing party who presents the legal paper for electronic filing in person at the office of the prothonotary shall pay the cost by a method prescribed by subdivision (d)(1) or by check or cash.

(3) If a court has designated a third party to operate the electronic filing system, the filing party shall pay the cost of the electronic filing to the prothonotary or to the third-party operator in the manner provided by local rule.

**(e) Filing, Acceptance, and Rejection of Legal Paper.**

(1) A filing party shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, interruption of the electronic signals and legibility of the document electronically filed, except when caused by the failure of the electronic filing system’s website.

(2) No pleading or other legal paper that complies with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure shall be refused for filing by the prothonotary or the electronic filing system based upon a requirement of a local rule or local administrative procedure or practice pertaining to the electronic filing of legal papers.

(3) If a pleading or other legal paper is not accepted upon presentation for filing or is refused for filing by the electronic filing system, the prothonotary or the electronic filing system, as may be appropriate, shall immediately notify the party presenting the legal paper for filing of the date of presentation, the fact that the document was not accepted or refused for filing by the system, and the reason therefor.

(4) The court upon motion shall resolve any dispute arising under subdivisions (e)(1) and (2). If a party makes a good faith effort to electronically file a legal paper but it is not received, accepted or filed by the electronic filing system, the court may order that the paper be accepted and filed nunc pro tunc upon a showing that reasonable efforts were made to timely present and file the paper.

**(f) Local Rule Requirements.** When electronic filing is permitted as set forth in subdivision (a) (1), the court by local rule shall provide for:

(1) a filing status message to the filing party;

(2) the maintenance by the prothonotary of an electronic file only, or of such electronic and such hard copy files as set forth in the rule;

(3) additional procedures, if necessary, to ensure the security of the web site and the electronic files;

(4) procedures for the payment of prothonotary’s fees and costs; and

(5) such other procedures and matters necessary to the operation of a system of electronic filing.

**(g) Cover Sheet Exemption.** A judicial district which implements an electronic filing system pursuant to this rule is exempt from the requirements of Rule 205.5 governing cover sheets, provided the electronic filing system has the capability of gathering and transmitting to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts all the information required by Rule 205.5(e).

**Comment:** This rule does not require the implementation of electronic filing by a local court.

**Subdivision (a)** – If a court determines that legal papers may be filed electronically with the prothonotary, Rule 239.9(a) requires the court to promulgate Local Rule 205.4 which shall describe the electronic filing system program and set forth the practice and procedure for the matters required by this rule.

If a court provides that electronic filing is mandatory, it must also provide the necessary technical assistance to those parties who lack the capability to file legal papers electronically.

**Subdivision (b)** – Rule 239.9(b)(2) requires that subdivision (b)(1) of Local Rule 205.4 specify the electronic format for presenting legal papers for filing.

**Subdivision (c)** – Rule 239.9(b)(3) requires that subdivision (c)(2) of Local Rule 205.4 specify the manner of access to the website by a filing party who is not an attorney.

**Subdivision (d)** – Rule 239.9(b)(4) requires that subdivision (d)(1) of Local Rule 205.4 list the credit and debit cards approved by the court or the prothonotary, and state whether the filing fee may be paid by depositing, in advance, sufficient funds with the prothonotary.

Rule 239.9(b)(5) provides for subdivision (d)(3) of Local Rule 205.4 to govern the payment of the filing fee to a third-party operator, if applicable.

**Subdivision (e)** – The filing party accepts the risk that a document filed by means of electronic filing may not be properly or timely filed with the prothonotary.

See also Rule 205.2 governing filing legal papers with the prothonotary.

**Subdivision (f)** – A hard copy file is not required by this rule. If the local rule requires a hard copy file, the requirement may extend to all cases or only to certain specified cases. For example, the court may require hard copy files for cases listed for trial or scheduled for argument while maintaining only electronic files for all other cases.

Rule 239.9(b)(6) provides that subdivision (f) of Local Rule 205.4 must set forth the practice and procedure with respect to the matters required by subdivision (f) of this rule.

See Rule 440 governing service of legal papers other than original process.

**Historical Commentary**

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking:

**Explanatory Comment—1999**

Rule 205.4 governing electronic filing and service of legal papers is a step in the process of introducing the concept of electronic documents into a system accustomed solely to paper documents. The purpose of the rule is not to provide a comprehensive manual but, rather, a framework upon which a local court can proceed with the electronic filing and service of legal documents while allowing the flexibility to adapt the process on the basis of actual experience.

The rule addresses several aspects of electronic filing. It provides definitions of key terms, contains a description of the form, content and handling of documents, and an enumeration of the responsibilities of the prothonotary and the parties. The rule concludes with the procedure for electronic service of legal papers.

Subdivision (a)(2) is the definitional provision. The subject of the rule, “electronic filing”, is defined as the electronic transmission of legal papers but the term excludes facsimile transmission which is governed by Rule 205.3.

Most importantly, the term “legal paper” is defined as excluding original process unless the court by local rule provides otherwise. For the purposes of this temporary rule, the local court is in a better position to make the determination of whether to include original process based upon a knowledge of the court’s technological capabilities.

Subdivision (b) is concerned with the form and content of the legal papers themselves. Three computer formats are explicitly designated for legal papers which are filed electronically. Adobe PDF was chosen because it is becoming a nationally recognized standard format and has a great deal of flexibility in terms of its ability to include other media beside the printed word. WordPerfect for Windows and Microsoft Word for Windows are included as they are the two most commonly used word-processor software packages.

Regarding legal papers themselves, Rule 205.4(b)(1) provides that the electronic filing of a legal paper constitutes the same certification as a signature on a traditionally filed legal paper under Rule 1023.1. Paragraph (2) completes subdivision (b) by requiring that the filing party maintain the original hard copy of the legal paper and also by providing a procedure by which any other party to the action may require the filing of the original hard copy. This is a means of ensuring the integrity of the filing system and the genuineness of the legal papers filed by the parties.

The burden of establishing the physical elements of the system is placed upon the prothonotary. Subdivision (c) requires the prothonotary to provide electronic access at all times and a means for recording the time and date of the filing. The subdivision also permits the prothonotary to designate a website for the electronic filing of legal papers.

Under Rule 205.4(f), the prothonotary is required to make available to the filing party a filing status message which would confirm that the legal paper was filed successfully. The same subdivision also permits the prothonotary to maintain either an electronic file only or both electronic and hard copy files.

In order to take advantage of the convenience which the rule will provide, a filing party will also bear important responsibilities. Subdivision (d) requires that the filing party pay the costs of electronic filing by the advance deposit of sufficient funds with the prothonotary or by the use of a credit or debit card.

Most importantly, subdivision (e) expressly provides that a “filing party accepts the risk that a document filed by means of electronic filing may not be properly or timely filed with the prothonotary.” This latter provision is based upon the concern that the immediacy of the electronic transfer of legal papers may foster increased dependency upon lastminute preparation and filing, leaving insufficient time in which to remedy either a deficiency in the legal paper being filed or the inability to effectuate the filing.

Subdivision (g) of the rule provides for electronic service of legal papers. Paragraph (2) provides that service of such papers shall be deemed complete when sent. This provision is designed to be the electronic equivalent of the rule for service by mail as set forth in Rule 440(b) which provides that service is complete upon mailing.

Service of legal papers electronically requires the consent of the person to be served either by written agreement or an electronic mail address on a prior legal paper filed with the court. A note to the proposed rule is explicit in stating that such an electronic mail address on an attorney’s letterhead is an insufficient basis for electronic service.

Additionally, Rule 440 governing service of legal papers other than original process has been amended by adding a paragraph to the note following subdivision (a)(1)(i) crossreferring to the service provisions contained in new Rule 205.4(g).

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## Explanatory Comment—2006

Rule 205.4(b)(1)(ii) contained obsolete references to Rule 1023 rescinded in 2002. The rule has been amended to cross-refer to the successor rule, Rule 1023.1. The 1999 Explanatory Comment to the rule is amended to reflect this change and also to delete the obsolete description of the rule as “temporary.”

## Explanatory Comment—2007

Subdivision (a): Subdivision (a) has been amended by adding new subdivision (a)(1) authorizing local courts to institute a program of electronic filing and by designating the definitions found in former subdivision (a) as subdivision (a)(2).

New subdivision (a)(1) is derived from the introductory paragraph to former subdivision (b) and provides that a court by local rule “may permit or require electronic filing of legal papers with the prothonotary ...”. The note advises that the rule does not require that the court implement electronic filing; this is left to the discretion of the court.

The court must determine whether electronic filing shall be permissive or mandatory and the scope of electronic filing “with respect to the actions and proceedings and the legal papers subject to the rule.” These matters must be set forth in Local Rule 205.4(a)(1) to be promulgated by the court.

Subdivision (a) prior to its amendment defined the term “legal papers.” The definition excluded (1) original process and (2) notices of appeal from both awards in compulsory arbitration and judgments of magisterial district courts.

Former subdivision (a) has been redesignated subdivision (a)(2) and has been revised in two respects. First, the term “legal papers” now specifically includes “exhibits and attachments.” Second, the two exceptions noted above have been deleted so that “legal paper” encompasses all documents to be filed in an action or proceeding. However, the local court is given discretion under new subdivision (a)(1) to determine the scope of the rule with respect to legal papers that may be filed electronically.

Subdivision (b): Subdivision (b) has been revised as to both substance and structure. The introductory paragraph to former subdivision (b) has been transferred to subdivision (a) as paragraph (1). The remaining text of present subdivision (b) has been deleted and replaced although the subject matter of the rule remains unchanged.

New subdivision (b)(1) names only one format for electronic filing, “pdf” or portable document format, but it allows the court by local rule to specify other formats, whether as alternatives to or in place of “pdf.” However, the rule recognizes portable document format as the standard by providing that legal papers presented for filing in other electronic formats must be “converted to portable document format and maintained by the prothonotary in that format.”

New subdivision (b)(2) is derived from the last sentence of former subdivision (b)(1). Whereas the former rule provided that a paper filed electronically is deemed to be “the equivalent of the original document,” new subdivision (b)(2) states that a paper filed electronically “shall be deemed the original document.”

Usually, the original instrument is filed with the prothonotary when seeking a judgment by confession under Rules 2951 and 2952. The note to both rules is revised to accommodate electronic filing since the “original instrument,” i.e. the signed hard copy, probably will not be filed.

New subdivision (b)(3) contains the text of former subdivision (b)(1) without change. It provides that the electronic filing of a legal paper constitutes a certification that the paper was properly signed and verified and also a certification as prescribed by Rule 1023.1 et seq. governing the signing of legal papers.

New subdivision (b)(4) continues the requirement of former subdivision (b)(5) that the filing party retain possession of the “original hard copy of the document filed.” Only the terminology has changed from “original” hard copy to “signed” hard copy. The new subdivision is modeled on Supreme Court Orphans’ Court Rule 3.7(c)(3) but adopts a two-year period following specified events for maintaining the legal document rather than the five-year period of the Orphans’ Court rule.

New subdivision (b)(5) replaces former Rule 205.4(b)(2)(ii) and is concerned with those occasions when it is necessary to see the signed hard copy of a document. The prior rule provided for service upon the filing party of a notice to file the original hard copy with the prothonotary. The new subdivision provides for service upon the filing party of a motion to produce the signed hard copy for inspection. The signed hard copy will not be filed.

Subdivision (c): Subdivision (c)(1) has been revised by deleting the second sentence relating to the date and time of filing and receipt by the prothonotary’s computer system. That subject is governed by new subdivision (c)(3).

Revised subdivision (c)(2) provides that access to a website by an attorney shall be by the attorney’s identification number issued by the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania. However, the local court shall “designate the manner of access to the website for a filing party who is not an attorney.”

New subdivision (c)(3) requires the prothonotary to provide an acknowledgement that a legal paper presented for filing has been received. This notice is in addition to the filing status notice under subdivision (f)(1).

Subdivision (d): Subdivision (d) governing the payment of the cost of electronic filing has been substantially revised.

Subparagraph (1) is directed to the party who files electronically from a remote location, i.e., a location other than the prothonotary’s office. It lists two methods of payment: an approved credit or debit card and the advance deposit of funds with the prothonotary if the court has approved that

method of payment. The court must promulgate Local Rule 205.4(d)(1) specifying the approved card(s) or authorizing the advance deposit of funds.

Subdivision (d)(2) recognizes that a filing party may appear in person at the prothonotary’s office to electronically file a legal paper. That party may pay by a method provided by subdivision (d)(1) and also by cash or check.

If the court has designated an entity other than the prothonotary to operate the electronic filing system, new subdivision (d)(3) provides for the court to promulgate a local rule, Local Rule 205.4(d)(3), authorizing payment of the filing fee to either the prothonotary or to the entity operating the system.

Subdivision (e): Subdivision (e) relating to problems encountered with the electronic transmission of a legal paper being presented for filing has been substantially revised:

Former subparagraph (1)(i) has been designated subparagraph (1) and continues to provide that a filing party is responsible for delay, disruption and legibility of a document electronically filed. However, an exception has been added when the problem is “caused by the failure of the electronic filing system’s website.”

Former subparagraph (1)(ii) relating to the responsibility of maintaining a debit or credit card account or depositing sufficient funds with the prothonotary has been deleted as unnecessary. If a filing party is to pay the cost of filing by credit or debit card, or the advance deposit of sufficient funds, then it is presupposed that the party will maintain a credit or debit account or sufficient funds on deposit. The presupposition need not be stated.

Former subdivision (e)(2) provided that the filing party accepts the risk that a legal paper filed electronically may not be properly or timely filed. This is a restatement of revised subparagraph (1). Consequently, former subparagraph (2) has been deleted and the text of the rule has been set forth in a note to subparagraph (1).

New subdivision (e)(2) is derived from Rule 205.2 and ensures that a legal paper that complies with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure will be accepted for filing by the electronic filing system.

New subdivision (e)(3) provides for the prothonotary to give immediate notice and reason when the electronic filing system rejects a paper for filing.

New subdivision (e)(4) contains two paragraphs. Paragraph (i) provides that the court “upon motion shall resolve any dispute arising under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subdivision.”

Subdivision (e)(4)(ii) provides relief where a legal paper is not received, accepted or filed by the electronic filing system despite a good faith effort to file the paper. The “court may order that a legal paper be accepted and filed nunc pro tunc upon a showing that reasonable efforts were made to timely present and file the paper.”

Subdivision (f): Subdivision (f) is unchanged except for an updated crossreference and the addition of a new note referring to the requirement of Rule 239.9(b)(6) that the court promulgate a local rule governing the matters specified in subdivision (f).

Subdivision (g): Subdivision (g) continues to provide that if a legal paper is sent electronically directly to another party, service is complete when the paper is sent.

However, if the electronic filing system provides notice of the filing to the other party and the document is available for review on the website, service is complete when such notice is given by the system. The note to the rule states that if the notice provided by the system advises the other party that the legal paper is available on the website, there is no need for the filing party to send a separate electronic copy to such other party.

## Rule 205.5. Cover Sheet.

### (a) General Rule.

(1) This rule shall apply to all actions governed by the rules of civil procedure except the following:

(i) actions pursuant to the Protection from Abuse Act, Rules 1901 **[et seq]** **et seq.**

(ii) actions for support, Rules 1910.1 **[et seq]** **et seq.**

(iii) actions for custody, partial custody and visitation of minor children, Rules 1915.1 **[et seq]** **et seq.**

(iv) actions for divorce or annulment of marriage, Rules 1920.1 **[et seq]** **et seq.**

(v) actions in domestic relations generally, including paternity actions, Rules 1930.1 **[et seq]** **et seq.**

(vi) voluntary mediation in custody actions, Rules 1940.1 **[et seq]** **et seq.**

(2) At the commencement of any action, the party initiating the action shall complete the cover sheet set forth in subdivision (e) and file it with the prothonotary.

**[Note: When a defendant in an action before a magisterial district court appeals the decision to the court of common pleas, the plaintiff in the action before the magisterial district court shall complete the cover sheet when filing the complaint with the prothonotary.]**

(b) Cover Sheet Required. The prothonotary shall not accept a filing commencing an action without a completed cover sheet.

(c) Self-Represented Parties. The prothonotary shall assist a selfrepresented party [appearing pro se] in the completion of the form.

(d) Exemption. A judicial district which has implemented an electronic filing system pursuant to Rule 205.4 and has promulgated those procedures pursuant to Rule 239.9 shall be exempt from the provisions of this rule.

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[Note: Pa. R.C.P. No. 205.4 provides for electronic filing and service of legal papers. Rule 205.4(h) permits a judicial district which has implemented an electronic filing system to be exempt from the requirements of this rule provided that the information to be gathered by the cover sheet can be captured and transmitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts by the electronic filing system.

Pa. R.C.P. No. 239.9 provides for the promulgation of a local rule, numbered Local Rule 205.4, governing procedures for electronic filing specific to a judicial district.]

(e) **Form.** The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the Civil Procedural Rules Committee, shall design and publish the cover sheet. The latest version of the form shall be published on the website of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts at www.pacourts.us.

[Note: Cover sheets developed by a judicial district may be used in addition to the cover sheet required by this rule. See Rule 239.1, which requires a court that uses local cover sheets to promulgate a local rule, numbered Local Rule 205.2(b), setting forth the form of cover sheet.]

Comment:

When a defendant in an action before a magisterial district court appeals the decision to the court of common pleas, the plaintiff in the action before the magisterial district court shall complete the cover sheet when filing the complaint with the prothonotary.

Rule 205.4 provides for electronic filing and service of legal papers. Rule 205.4(g) permits a judicial district which has implemented an electronic filing system to be exempt from the requirements of this rule provided that the information to be gathered by the cover sheet can be captured and transmitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts by the electronic filing system.

Rule 239.9 provides for the promulgation of a local rule, numbered Local Rule 205.4, governing procedures for electronic filing specific to a judicial district.

Cover sheets developed by a judicial district may be used in addition to the cover sheet required by this rule. See Rule 239.1, which requires a court that uses local cover sheets to promulgate a local rule, numbered Local Rule 205.2(b), setting forth the form of cover sheet.

Rule 230.2. Termination of Inactive Cases.

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(b) Notice of Proposed Termination.

- (1) For each case identified pursuant to subdivision (a), the court shall serve a notice of proposed termination on counsel of record, and on the parties if not represented, 30 days prior to the date of the proposed termination. The notice shall contain the date of the proposed termination and the procedure to avoid termination.

(2) The notice shall be served electronically pursuant to [Rule 205.4(g)(1), or pursuant to] Rule 440 on counsel of record and on the parties, if not represented, at the last address of record.
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Rule 236. Notice by Prothonotary of Entry of Order or Judgment.

- (a) The prothonotary shall immediately give written notice of the entry of:
- (1) a judgment entered by confession to the defendant by ordinary mail together with a copy of all documents filed with the prothonotary in support of the confession of judgment. The plaintiff shall provide the prothonotary with the required notice and documents for mailing and a properly stamped and addressed envelope; and

(2) any other order or judgment to each party’s attorney of record or, if unrepresented, to each party. The notice shall include a copy of the order or judgment.

[Note: See Rules 1012 and 1025 as to the requirement of an address on an appearance and a pleading.]

- (b) The prothonotary shall note in the docket the giving of the notice and, when a judgment by confession is entered, the mailing of the required notice and documents.
- (c) Failure to give the notice or when a judgment by confession is entered to mail the required documents, or both, shall not affect the lien of the judgment.
- (d) The prothonotary may give the notice required by subdivision (a) or notice of other matters by facsimile transmission or other electronic means if the party to whom the notice is to be given or the party’s attorney has filed a written request for such method of notification or has included a facsimile or other electronic address on a prior legal paper filed in the action.

[Note] Comment:

See Rules 1012 and 1025 as to the requirement of an address on an appearance and a pleading.

Except as provided by subdivision (a)(1) relating to the entry of a judgment by confession, Rule 236 does not prescribe a particular method of giving notice. Methods of notice properly used by the prothonotary include, but are not limited to, service via United States mail and courthouse mail. Subdivision (d) governs facsimile transmission and other electronic means if the prothonotary chooses to use such a method.

A facsimile or other electronic address set forth on letterhead is not a sufficient basis under this rule to authorize the prothonotary to give notice electronically.

Notice by facsimile transmission or other electronic means is applicable not only to orders and judgments under subdivision (a) but also to “other matters” such as the scheduling of a conference, hearing or trial or other administrative matters. [Where] If the technology involved provides an acknowledgment for the mailing or the receipt of the notice, the prothonotary should retain that acknowledgment as part of [his or her] the file.

See Rule 205.4 governing filing [and service] of legal papers by electronic means [other than facsimile transmission].

See Rule 440[(d)] governing service of legal papers other than original process [by facsimile transmission].

Historical Commentary

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking:

Explanatory Comment—1977

The proposed amendment promulgated March 10, 1977 and effective thirty (30) days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin expands the notice to be given by the prothonotary under Rule 236 where the judgment is a judgment by confession.

As stated in the original Explanatory Note accompanying Recommendation 42, 6 Pa. Bulletin 2508, the bare notice of entry under the present language of Rule 236 gives no real information about the background of a confessed judgment, since there has been no prior service of legal papers and no prior contact between the defendant and the judicial system. The defendant may in some cases be unaware or unfamiliar with the subject matter of the confessed judgment. Even if aware, the defendant or his attorney must travel to the courthouse to examine the original file in order to prepare to strike or open the judgment, an inconvenience not imposed in ordinary actions.

Accordingly, the amendment requires the prothonotary to include in his notice under Rule 236 a copy of all documents filed by him in connection with the confession of judgment. The amendment specifically provides that the plaintiff must provide the prothonotary with the required notice of entry of judgment and the copies of all documents filed with the prothonotary in connection with the confession of judgment for mailing and a properly stamped and addressed envelope.

This provision was recommended by the prothonotaries as a mandatory statewide requirement rather than be left to the discretion of the local prothonotaries or local rules. The costs of compliance will be minimal in the light of modern methods of duplication and should impose no substantial expense or unreasonable burden. As in the case of ordinary actions these costs should be borne by the party seeking judgment.

The present Committee Note to Pa.R.C.P. 2956, Entry of Judgment, has been amended to call attention to the new notice requirements of Pa.R.C.P. 236.

Explanatory Comment—1994

Rule 236 governing notice by the prothonotary of the entry of an order, decree or judgment has been amended by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The principal change relates to the nature of the notice to be given. Prior to the amendment the rule provided that the prothonotary give “written notice by ordinary mail of any order, decree or judgment entered”. The rule required notice of an order but not the mailing of a copy of the order itself and it was not a uniform practice throughout the Commonwealth for a copy of the order to be mailed. When a copy of the order was not mailed, it may have been necessary for the attorney or party to obtain a copy to determine what step was to be taken next. If there was a time limitation, the time in which to act might have expired before the copy of the order was obtained and the determination made. Subdivision (a)(2) of the amended rule avoids this problem by requiring that the notice sent include of a copy of the order, decree or judgment entered.

The rule prior to amendment required the notice to be given “by ordinary mail.” This reference to the manner of giving notice has been deleted. The omission from the rule of one required manner of giving written notice allows the prothonotary to choose an appropriate method which may include hand delivery, mail, facsimile or other electronic transmission.

Subdivision (a)(2) of the rule formerly provided for notice to be given to “each party who has appeared in the action or to the party’s attorney of record.” Although ten days notice must be given under Rule 237.1 before a default judgment can be entered against a party, Rule 236 contained no requirement that notice of the actual default judgment subsequently entered be given to an unrepresented party who had not appeared in the action. Consequently, the rule has been amended so that an unrepresented party irrespective of an appearance of record receives a copy of all orders, decrees and judgments entered.

The revisions discussed above do not affect the notice required by subdivision (a)(1) of a judgment entered by confession. The rule requires the notice to include documents filed in support of the judgment and as amended continues to require the notice to be mailed.

Explanatory Comment—2000

Rule 236(a)(2) provides for the prothonotary to give written notice of the entry of an order, decree or judgment but does not prescribe the manner of giving notice. Without limiting the prothonotary in the manner of giving notice, the amendment to Rule 236 adding new subdivision (d) authorizes the prothonotary to give notice by means of facsimile or other electronic transmission and describes the requirements therefor.

Subdivision (d) is drafted in permissive rather than mandatory language. This permits the prothonotaries of individual counties to use facsimile or other electronic transmission as the method of

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notice if it is feasible in the particular county. However, the prothonotary may serve by such means only if the person to be served has either requested such service in writing or included a facsimile or other electronic address on a prior legal paper filed in the action. The provision for an agreement to be served by facsimile or other electronic transmission is in accord with Rule 440(d) governing service by facsimile transmission and Rule 205.4(g) governing service by other electronic transmission.

New Rule 236(d) extends service by facsimile or other electronic transmission to “other matters”. Other matters are in addition to orders, judgments and decrees and may include court notices, scheduling notices and other matters of an administrative nature.

Appropriate cross-references have been included in the rules by adding a note to Rule 205.4(g) and by amending the note to Rule 440(d).

## Explanatory Comment—2003

### I. Address within the Commonwealth

Three rules previously required pleadings and other legal papers to include an address within the Commonwealth where papers may be served upon a party or the party’s attorney: Rule 205.1 governing the filing of legal papers by mail, Rule 1012(a) governing the entry of appearance and Rule 1025 governing the endorsement of pleadings and other legal papers. In addition, the note to Rule 236(a) (2) contained a cross-reference to this requirement in Rules 1012 and 1025. The requirement of “an address within the Commonwealth” which dates from the promulgation of Rules 1012 and 1025 in 1946 has become obsolete in view of modern transportation and communication. The former requirement is replaced by “an address where papers may be served in the manner provided by Rule 440(a)”. This language establishes the requisites for the address where papers may be served upon the attorney or party entering his or her appearance or filing another legal paper. By cross-referencing Rule 440(a), the address must be one where legal papers may be handed to or mailed to the attorney or party. The new language achieves a consistency between the rules governing the filing and service of legal papers. The amended rules require the inclusion of a telephone number; however, a facsimile transmission number is optional.

### II. Entry of Appearance

Rule 1012 governs entry and withdrawal of appearance. The revisions to subdivision (a) were described above.

New subdivision (b) consisting of two paragraphs has been substituted in place of the former provision. The new subdivision represents a change in the format of the rule rather than a change in procedure. Subdivision (b)(1) states the general rule that, except as provided by subdivision (b)(2), an attorney may not withdraw his or her appearance without leave of court.

New subdivision (b)(2) sets forth the two instances when leave of court is not required for an attorney to withdraw an appearance: (1) another attorney has previously entered an appearance for the party or (2) another attorney simultaneously enters an appearance for the party. The change of attorneys without leave of court in both of these instances is conditioned on the requirement that the change not delay the litigation.

New subdivisions (c), (d) and (e) contain the procedural requirements for withdrawal of appearance when leave of court must be obtained. Subdivision (c) requires that leave of court be sought by petition. The proceedings will then follow subdivision (d) if the whereabouts of the party are known and subdivision (e) if the whereabouts of the party are not known. These provisions emphasize the need to notify the represented party of the proposed withdrawal of appearance by the attorney. When leave has been granted an attorney to withdraw his or her appearance, subdivisions (d)(2) and (e)(2) authorize other parties to use the address of the party set forth in the petition or the last known address, as may be appropriate, for further proceedings in the action.

New subdivision (f) provides three forms. The first form set forth in Subdivision (f)(1) is an entry of appearance. The other two forms are withdrawals of appearance to be used when leave of court is not required. Subdivision (f)(2) contains the form for withdrawal of appearance when the new attorney has already entered an appearance on behalf of the party. Subdivision (f)(3) contains the form for substitution of counsel when appearances are being simultaneously withdrawn and entered.

## Explanatory Comment—2006

Rule 236 governs the notice to be given by the prothonotary of the entry of an order or judgment. The amendment to the first paragraph of the note to subdivision (d) of the rule arises from a suggestion that Rule 236 specifically provide for notice by courthouse mail, i.e., placing a copy of the order in the attorney’s courthouse mailbox. Except with respect to subdivision (a)(1) which provides for notice by “ordinary mail” of the entry of a judgment by confession, the rule “does not prescribe a particular method of giving notice.” Subdivision (d) relating to notice by facsimile transmission is applicable only if the prothonotary chooses that method of notice.

Since the rule does not prescribe a particular means of notice except as to judgments entered by confession, the rule already accommodates notice by courthouse mail. The proposed revision to the first paragraph of the note to subdivision (d) expressly states the existing availability of courthouse mail as a method of giving notice. The revision effects no change in practice or procedure.

### Rule 440. Service of Legal Papers other than Original Process.

(a)[1] **General Rule.** Copies of all legal papers other than original process filed in an action or served upon any party to an action shall be served upon every other party to the action.

(1) **[Service]** If there is an attorney of record, service shall be made by:

(i) **[by]** handing or mailing a copy to or leaving a copy for each party at the address of the party’s attorney of record endorsed on an appearance or prior pleading of the party, or at such other address as a party may agree[, or];

**[Note: Such other address as a party may agree might include a mailbox in the prothonotary’s office or an e-mail address. For electronic service by means other than facsimile transmission, see Rule 205.4(g).]**

(ii) **[by]** transmitting a copy by facsimile to the party’s attorney of record as provided by subdivision (d); or

(iii) **transmitting a copy electronically to the party’s attorney of record as provided by subdivision (e).**

(2)**[(i)]** If there is no attorney of record, service shall be made by:

(i) handing a copy to the party or by mailing a copy to or leaving a copy for the party at the address endorsed on an appearance or prior pleading or the residence or place of business of the party[, or];

(ii) **[by]** transmitting a copy by facsimile as provided by subdivision (d); **or**

(iii) **transmitting a copy electronically to the party’s attorney of record as provided by subdivision (e).**

**[(ii)]** (3)If [such] service cannot be made **pursuant to subdivision (a) (2)**, service shall be made by leaving a copy at or mailing a copy to the last known address of the party to be served.

**[Note: This rule applies to the service upon a party of all legal papers other than original process and includes, but is not limited to, all other pleadings as well as motions, petitions, answers thereto, rules, notices, interrogatories and answers thereto.**

**Original process is served under Rule 400 et seq.]**

### (b) Service by Mail.

(1) Service by mail of legal papers other than original process is complete upon mailing.

(2) **When a party is required or permitted to act within a specified time after being served and service of a legal paper other than a court order is made under this subdivision, three days shall be added to the prescribed period.**

(c) **Service by Sheriff.** If service of legal papers other than original process is to be made by the sheriff, **[he] the sheriff** shall notify by ordinary mail the party requesting service **[to be made]** that service has or has not been made upon a named party or person.

### (d) Service by Facsimile.

(1) A copy may be served by facsimile transmission if the parties agree thereto or if a telephone number for facsimile transmission is included on an appearance or prior legal paper filed with the court.

(2) The copy served shall begin with a facsimile cover sheet containing:

- (i) the name, firm, address, telephone number, of both the party making service and the party served[.];
- (ii) the facsimile telephone number of the party making service and the facsimile telephone number to which the copy was transmitted[.];
- (iii) the title of the legal paper served; and
- (iv) the number of pages transmitted.

(3) Service is complete when transmission is confirmed as complete.

### (e) Service by Electronic Transmission.

(1) **Copies of all legal papers other than original process filed in an action or served upon any party to an action may be served by electronic transmission if the parties agree thereto or an electronic mail address is included on an appearance or prior legal paper filed with the court in the action. A paper served electronically is subject to the certifications set forth in Rule 205.4(b) (3).**

(2) **Service by electronic transmission is complete when a legal paper is sent:**

(i) **to the recipient’s electronic mail address; or**

(ii) **to an electronic filing system website and an e-mail message is sent to the recipient by the electronic filing system that the legal paper has been filed and is available for review on the system’s website.**

(3) **A party who is served via electronic mail or as a result of the submission of an electronic filing and who is required or permitted to act within a prescribed period after service shall have three days added to the prescribed period.**

**[Note] Comment:**

**This rule applies to the service upon a party of all legal papers other than original process**

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**and includes, but is not limited to, all other pleadings as well as motions, petitions, answers thereto, rules, notices, interrogatories, and answers thereto.**

**Original process is served under Rules 400 et seq.**

**Pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(i), “such other address as a party may agree” might include a mailbox in the prothonotary’s office or an e-mail address.**

See Rule 236(d) providing for the prothonotary to give notice of orders, [and] judgments, and [also] other matters, by facsimile or other electronic means.

See Rule 205.4 governing filing [and service] of legal papers by electronic means other than facsimile transmission.

## Historical Commentary

**The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking:**

### Explanatory Comment—1985

See Explanatory Comment preceding Rule 400.

### Explanatory Comment—1988

It had been noted that there was an omission in the rules of civil procedure governing service of original process by not requiring the sheriff to notify a party requesting service that service has or has not been made. While it has been the practice of sheriffs’ offices in most instances to give such notice, there was no specific requirement stated in the rules. That requirement is now specifically set forth as Rule 405(g) as the result of the 1988 amendment to the rule.

A similar provision, new subdivision (c), has been added to Rule 440 governing service of legal papers other than original process. Thus, whenever a party requests service by the sheriff, the sheriff is obligated to notify the party whether service has or has not been made.

### Explanatory Comment—1998

The rules of civil procedure have been amended to allow the filing of a copy of a document, including a “faxed” document, and service by “fax” of a document other than original process.

The term “facsimile” is defined by Black’s Law Dictionary, (Sixth Edition 1990) as “an exact copy, preserving all the marks of the original.” Narrowing this definition, a proposed amendment to Rule 76 limits the term to copies transmitted and received by facsimile equipment, i.e., copies which are faxed.

New Rule 205.3(a) provides that an original document or a copy of the document, including a faxed document, may be filed with the prothonotary. A copy of a document will be treated as an original “provided that the copy shows that the pleading or other legal paper was properly signed and, where applicable, verified.”

A note emphasizes that new Rule 205.3 does not provide for the filing of a document by means of facsimile transmission. The new rule addresses the issue of what documents may be filed with the prothonotary, i.e., an original and a copy. The rule is not concerned with the manner of filing the document with the prothonotary; that is the function of Rule 205.1 which speaks of delivery and mail but does not authorize facsimile transmission.

Rule 205.3(a) also expressly states that a copy of a document is deemed to be the equivalent of an original except as otherwise provided by law. An example of that exception is Rule 2951(c)(2) which requires that a judgment by confession be entered pursuant to complaint if the original cannot be produced for filing. A note to the rule states that the rule is not intended to alter this requirement.

Subdivision (b) of Rule 205.3 also provides that, if a copy of a document is filed of record, another party may require that the original document be filed. However, unless the genuineness of a document or signature is in question, it is not anticipated that this provision would be much used.

The amendment to Rule 440 provides for service of documents upon parties by facsimile transmission. Under new subdivision (d)(1), documents may be served by fax if the parties agree among themselves to such service or if a party simply includes the fax telephone number on an appearance or prior legal paper. A note has been added to Rule 1025 governing endorsement alerting the bench and bar to the consequences of including the “fax” number of a document.

New Rule 440(d)(2) requires a cover sheet when making service by facsimile transmission. Subdivision (d)(3) provides that “service is complete when transmission is confirmed as complete.”

## SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

### PUBLICATION REPORT

#### Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 205.4, 205.5, 230.2, 236, and 440

The Civil Procedural Rules Committee is considering recommending the amendment of Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 205.4 and 440 to add three days to any prescribed time period if the manner of service is e-mail, local electronic filing system, or mail, and to consolidate the procedures for electronic service into Pa.R.Civ.P. 440. Additionally, the Committee is considering recommending the corollary amendment of Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 205.5, 230.2, and 236.

The Committee received a rulemaking request to amend Pa.R.Civ.P. 440(b) to either provide that service by mail should be deemed complete three days after mailing or extend the deadline for service by mail by three days. Without reference to authority, the requester contended there have been significant changes in the United States Postal System’s delivery standards resulting in increased delivery times for first-class mail.<sup>1</sup> Consequently, as the requester alleged, the increase in delivery times has had the unintended consequence of reducing the time parties have to respond within established procedural deadlines.

Currently, Pa.R.Civ.P. 440(b) provides that service by mail is complete upon mailing. In support of an amendment to Pa.R.Civ.P. 440(b), the requester cites Pa.R.A.P. 121(e), which adds three additional days to any prescribed time period for the party to respond when service is made by mail or commercial carrier in appellate matters. It provides:

Whenever a party is required or permitted to do an act within a prescribed period after service of a paper upon that party, (other than an order of court or other government unit) and the paper is served by United States mail or commercial carrier, three days shall be added to the prescribed period.

Pa.R.A.P. 121(e).

The Committee further considered the practice in other jurisdictions. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(d) provides the same addition of three days as Pa.R.A.P. 121(e) if service is made under Fed.R.Civ.P. 5(b)(2)(C), (D), and (F):

When a party may or must act within a specified time after being served and service is made under Rule 5(b)(2)(C) (mail), (D) (leaving with the clerk), or (F) (other means consented to), 3 days are added after the period would otherwise expire under Rule 6(a).

Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(d). Moreover, a number of other states (including Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Tennessee) also add three days to the time period for a variety of types of service, including by mail or commercial carrier, facsimile transmission, and electronic transmission if consented to by the party. In contrast two states (Colorado and Vermont) have repealed provisions in their rules for additional time after service by mail.

Consistent with other jurisdictions’ practice, the Committee proposes an additional three days when service of legal papers other than original process is by mail pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 440(b). The Committee seeks to inform itself whether the concern expressed by the requestor is being experienced by practitioners within Pennsylvania and, if so, the necessity and sufficiency of three additional days if service by mail is used.

The Committee also considered Pa.R.Civ.P. 205.4(g), which provides for service of papers other than original process by email and electronic service via an electronic filing system established by local rule. Subdivision (g)(1)(ii) permits service by email if the parties agree to such service or an email address is included on an appearance or prior legal paper filed with the court in the action.

Given the context in which subdivision (g)(1)(ii) is located, it is possible that a reader may conclude that service by email is available only when a judicial district has implemented an electronic filing system. The Committee believes that the rules should explicitly permit the service by email regardless of e-filing. Further, all the procedures governing service of legal papers other than original process should be centrally located.

Accordingly, the Committee proposes removing current Pa.R.Civ.P. 205.4(g) and placing it within Pa.R.Civ.P. 440 as new subdivision (e).

The Explanatory Comment accompanying Pa.R.Civ.P. 205.4 when adopted indicated that subdivision (g)(2) “is designed to be the electronic equivalent of the rule for service by mail as set forth in Rule 440(b) which provides that service is complete upon mailing.” 29 Pa.B. 3189 (June 26, 1999). With the proposed addition of three days if serving by mail, the Committee considered whether service by e-mail and service by a local electronic filing system should likewise receive three additional days given the previously intended equivalency among the modes of service.

Obviously, transmission of the document itself or notice of the document being efiled is faster relative to mail. Yet, the Committee observes that the three days are added if served via PACFile in the appellate courts. See In re: Electronic Filing System in the Appellate Courts, No. 418 Judicial Administration Docket, amended January 6, 2014. No such provision exists in the criminal and juvenile courts when using PACFile. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 576.1(H); Pa.R.J.C.P. 205(H); Pa.R.J.C.P. 1205(H).

The Committee proposes Pa.R.Civ.P. 440(e)(3) to add three days to any prescribed time period if the manner of service is via e-mail or a local electronic filing system. Through this proposal, the Committee wishes to inform itself whether additional time is warranted for this mode of service or whether the rapidity of transmission renders any additional time unnecessary.

The Committee invites all comments, objections, concerns, and suggestions regarding this proposed rulemaking.

<sup>1</sup> The USPS website indicates that first-class is delivered within 1-5 business days. See <https://www.usps.com/ship/first-class-mail.htm> (last visited May 20, 2026). The Committee is aware of available USPS metrics for performance standards on delivery times. See <https://about.usps.com/what/performance/service-performance/externalservice-measurement.htm> (last visited May 20, 2026). Those metrics indicate that much first-class mail is delivered “on-time,” yet not all.

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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: : NO. 659 JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

: : DOCKET

AMENDMENTS TO RULE 701 :

OF THE PENNSYLVANIARULES :

OF JUDICIAL ADMINSTRATION :

### ORDER

#### PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 23rd day of June, 2026, it is Ordered pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that Rule 701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration is amended in the attached form.

This ORDER shall be processed in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. 103(b), and shall be effective immediately.

Additions are **bolded** and are underlined.  
Deletions are **bolded** and are [bracketed.]

#### Rules of Judicial Administration

#### Rule 701. Assignment of Judges to Courts

(A) Conditions Applicable for the Certification of Senior Magisterial District Judges, Judges or Justices.

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- (4) Senior status shall end on the last day of the calendar year in which a magisterial district judge, judge or justice attains age **[seventy-eight] 80.**
- (5) For certification of senior status, a magisterial district judge, judge or justice shall verify such additional information as required by the application for certification forms authorized under paragraph (B) below.
- (6) A magisterial district judge, judge or justice may only be certified for senior status for a maximum of ten years, absent extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the Chief Justice. **[However, those serving in senior status as of the effective date of this rule may continue to serve until subject to the age limit of paragraph (4) above.]**

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: REESTABLISHMENT OF THE : NO. 561

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS WITHIN :

THE 39th JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF :

THE COMMONWEALTH OF :

PENNSYLVANIA :

### ORDER

#### PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 2nd day of July, 2026, upon consideration of the Petition to Reestablish the Magisterial Districts of the 39th Judicial District (Franklin and Fulton Counties) of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is hereby ORDERED AND DECREED that the Petition, which provides for the reestablishment of Magisterial Districts 39-2-01, 39-3-02, 39-3-03, 39-3-04, 39-3-05, 39-3-06, and 39-3-07, within Franklin County, to be effective immediately, is granted.

Said Magisterial Districts shall be as follows:

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| Magisterial District 39-2-01                   | Chambersburg Borough  |
| Magisterial District Judge Glenn K. Manns      |                       |
| Magisterial District 39-3-02                   | Waynesboro Borough    |
| Magisterial District Judge Annie Gomez Shockey | Washington Township   |
| Magisterial District 39-3-03                   | Fannett Township      |
| Magisterial District Judge David L. Plum       | Hamilton Township     |
|                                                | Letterkenny Township  |
|                                                | Lurgan Township       |
| Magisterial District 39-3-04                   | Greene Township       |
| Magisterial District Judge Kristin D. Nicklas  | Orrstown Borough      |
|                                                | Shippensburg Borough  |
|                                                | Southampton Township  |
| Magisterial District 39-3-05                   | Antrim Township       |
| Magisterial District Judge Duane K. Cunningham | Greencastle Borough   |
| Magisterial District 39-3-06                   | Metal Township        |
| Magisterial District Judge Jody C. Eyer        | Mercersburg Borough   |
|                                                | Montgomery Township   |
|                                                | Peters Township       |
|                                                | Saint Thomas Township |
|                                                | Warren Township       |
| Magisterial District 39-3-07                   | Guilford Township     |
| Magisterial District Judge Kelly L. Rock       | Mount Alto Borough    |
|                                                | Quincy Township       |

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: : NO. 1053

ORDER AMENDING RULES 515, 600, : SUPREME COURT RULES DOCKET

610, 612, 620, AND 800 OF THE :

PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF JUVENILE :

COURT PROCEDURE :

### ORDER

#### PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 20th day of July, 2026, upon the recommendation of the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee, the proposal having been published for public comment at 54 Pa.B. 7826 (December 7, 2024):

It is Ordered pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that Rules 515, 600, 610, 612, 620, and 800 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure are amended in the attached form.

This Order shall be processed in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. 103(b), and shall be effective January 1, 2027.

Additions to the rule are shown in bold and are underlined.  
Deletions from the rule are shown in bold and brackets.

## SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

### JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

#### ADOPTION REPORT

##### Amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 515, 600, 610, 612, 620, and 800

On July 20, 2026, the Supreme Court amended Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 515, 600, 610, 612, 620, and 800 to implement the Act of October 16, 2024, P.L. 1003, No. 107 (Act 107), which amended 42 Pa.C.S. § 6353 to require a “dispositional review” of a juvenile’s out-of-home placement at least every three months and for the court to make specific findings and to explain its reasoning for each finding. The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee has prepared this Adoption Report describing the rulemaking process. An Adoption Report should not be confused with Comments to the rules. See Pa.R.J.A. 103, cmt. The statements contained herein are those of the Committee, not the Court.

Prior to the amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 6353, the Juvenile Act required the court to review a juvenile’s out-of-home placement, i.e., commitment, every six months and to hold a dispositional review hearing at least every nine months. That statutory requirement was suspended insofar as it was inconsistent with Pa.R.J.C.P. 610, which required dispositional and commitment review hearings to be held at least every six months regardless of whether the juvenile was in an out-of-home placement. See Pa.R.J.C.P. 800(18). Thus, a juvenile’s disposition, if the juvenile was not in an out-of-home placement, would be reviewed at least every six months. Similarly, a juvenile’s disposition, if the juvenile was in an out-of-home placement, would also be reviewed every six months. For a juvenile in an out-of-home placement, the disposition review was called a “commitment review.” As the timing and nature of the review were similar, the terminology seemed to be a distinction without a difference under the rule.

The Committee published for comment a proposed amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 610. See 54 Pa.B. 7826 (December 7, 2024). The Committee proposed removing “and Commitment” from the rule’s title to indicate that both types of review are “dispositional” but with different timing and required findings. Current subdivision (A) would be replaced with subdivisions (a) and (b). Subdivision (a) would require a dispositional review hearing at least every six months if a juvenile is not committed to an out-of-home placement. The timing of this review retained the current six-month minimum. The required findings for that review were carried over from current subdivision (A). Subdivision (b) was intended to reflect the specific requirements of Act 107, including the minimum three-month review and the findings necessary for a juvenile committed to an out-of-home placement.

Current subdivision (A)(2) concerning the juvenile’s required in-person appearance at least once a year would be consolidated with proposed subdivision (d) concerning the use of advanced communication technology (ACT). Current subdivision (A)(3), permitting the court to schedule a review at any time, would be merged into proposed subdivisions (a)(1) and (b)(1).

A commenter suggested that juveniles in out-of-home placements be required to appear in person twice a year. Cf. Pa.R.J.C.P. 129(A) (Appearance by Advance Communication Technology). The Committee believes that an increase in the frequency of in-person court appearances is a matter best left to the discretion of the juvenile court and assessed on an individualized basis.

The commenter also suggested that subdivision (d) require that the ACT allow a juvenile to participate via two-way, simultaneous audio-visual communication and allow the juvenile to consult with counsel. The Committee observes that ACT is defined by Pa.R.J.C.P. 120 and does not require simultaneous audio-visual communication. For example, a telephone is acceptable. Additionally, Pa.R.J.C.P. 129(B)(2) already requires that a juvenile be permitted to communicate confidentially with counsel when ACT is used.

Post-publication, subdivision (d) was revised to distinguish between the 12-month in-court appearance requirement and the juvenile’s other appearances. For the 12-month requirement, “once a year” was changed to “every 12 months from the date of disposition” to avoid any confusion that the requirement was once a calendar year. The good cause provision for using ACT in lieu of being

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physically present in court was removed from the annual appearance requirement. For a juvenile's other appearances and for the appearance of witnesses, ACT may be used, as is currently permitted. The Comment was also revised to emphasize that audio-visual communications are preferred but that audio-only communications are permitted.

Additionally, portions of Pa.R.J.C.P. 515, 600, 612, and 620 were included to reflect the amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 610. Finally, Pa.R.J.C.P. 800 was included to remove the prior suspension of 42 Pa.C.S. § 6353(a).

Aside from stylistic revisions, the following commentary has been removed:

## Pa.R.J.C.P. 600

Official Note: Rule 600 adopted April 1, 2005, effective October 1, 2005. Amended April 29, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended May 26, 2011, effective July 1, 2011.

*Committee Explanatory Reports:* Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 600 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. 2413 (May 14, 2011). Final Report explaining the provisions of Rule 600 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. 3180 (June 25, 2011).

## Pa.R.J.C.P. 610

Under paragraph (A), the court is to conduct dispositional review hearings as frequently as necessary to ensure that the juvenile is receiving necessary treatment and services and that the terms and conditions of the disposition are being met. See Rule 800.

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Some placement facilities are hours away from the dispositional court. Paragraph (C) allows a hearing to be conducted via teleconferencing, two-way simultaneous audio-visual communication, or similar method.

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Official Note: Rule 610 adopted April 1, 2005, effective October 1, 2005. Amended December 30, 2005, effective immediately. Amended April 21, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended April 29, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended May 26, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended June 28, 2013, effective immediately. Amended May 11, 2017, effective October 1, 2017. Amended October 22, 2021, effective April 1, 2022.

*Committee Explanatory Reports:* Final Report explaining the provisions of Rule 610 published with the Court's Order at 35 Pa.B. 2214 (April 16, 2005). Final Report explaining the revisions of Rule 610 published with the Court's Order at 36 Pa.B. 186 (January 14, 2006). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. 2319 (May 7, 2011). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. 2413 (May 14, 2011). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. 3180 (June 25, 2011). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court's Order at 43 Pa.B. 3938 (July 13, 2013). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court's Order at 47 Pa.B. 2969 (May 27, 2017). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court's Order at 51 Pa.B. 6905 (November 6, 2021).

## Pa.R.J.C.P. 800

Official Note: Rule 800 adopted April 1, 2005, effective October 1, 2005. Amended December 30, 2005, effective immediately. Amended March 23, 2007, effective August 1, 2007. Amended February 26, 2008, effective June 1, 2008. Amended March 19, 2009, effective June 1, 2009. Amended February 12, 2010, effective immediately. Amended April 21, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended July 18, 2012, effective October 1, 2012. Amended April 6, 2017, effective September 1, 2017.

*Committee Explanatory Reports:* Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court's Order at 36 Pa.B. 186 (January 14, 2006). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court's Order at 37 Pa.B. 1483 (April 7, 2007). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court's Order at 38 Pa.B. 1142 (March 8, 2008). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court's Order at 39 Pa.B. 1614 (April 4, 2009). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court's Order at 40 Pa.B. 1073 (February 27, 2010). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. 2319 (May 7, 2011). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court's Order at 42 Pa.B. 4909 (August 4, 2012). Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court's Order at 47 Pa.B. 2313 (April 22, 2017).

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The amendments become effective January 1, 2027.

## Rule 515. Dispositional Order.

### Comment:

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When a disposition is no longer consistent with the goals of balanced and restorative justice, a juvenile's plan of rehabilitation may be changed through a dispositional review hearing and modification of dispositional order, including an adjustment of financial obligations. See [Rule 610(A)-(B)] Pa.R.J.C.P. 610(a)-(c).

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## Rule 600. Summons and Notice of [the Commitment Review,] Dispositional Review[, and Probation Revocation Hearing.

[A.](a) **Summons.** The court shall issue a summons compelling the juvenile and the juvenile's guardian to appear for the [commitment review,] dispositional review[, or probation revocation hearing.

[B.](b) **Notice.** Notice of the hearing shall be given to:

- (1) the attorney for the Commonwealth;
- (2) the juvenile's attorney;
- (3) the juvenile probation office;
- (4) the placement facility staff, if the juvenile is in placement; and
- (5) the educational decision maker, if applicable.

[C.](c) **Requirements.** The general summons and notice procedures of Rule 124 shall be followed.

**Comment:** [Section 6335(a) of the Juvenile Act provides that the] ~~The~~ court shall direct the issuance of a summons to the juvenile, guardian, and any other persons as appears to the court to be proper and necessary for the proceedings. See 42 Pa.C.S. § 6335(a).

The attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the dispositional [and commitment] review hearings. See [Victim's Bill of Rights,] 18 P.S. §§ 11.201 et seq.

Any person[s] may be subpoenaed to appear for the hearing. See [Rule 123 and] ~~Pa.R.J.C.P. 123;~~ 42 Pa.C.S. § 6333. However, nothing in these rules requires the attendance of the victim unless subpoenaed.

[Official Note: Rule 600 adopted April 1, 2005, effective October 1, 2005. Amended April 29, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended May 26, 2011, effective July 1, 2011.

### Committee Explanatory Reports:

Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 600 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. 2413 (May 14, 2011). Final Report explaining the provisions of Rule 600 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. 3180 (June 25, 2011).]

## Rule 610. Dispositional [and Commitment] Review.

[A. **Dispositional Review Hearing.** The court shall review its disposition and conduct dispositional review hearings for the purpose of ensuring that the juvenile is receiving necessary treatment and services and that the terms and conditions of the disposition are being met.

- (1) In all cases, the court shall conduct dispositional review hearings at least every six months.
- (2) In all cases, the juvenile shall appear in person at least once a year.
- (3) The court may schedule a review hearing at any time.]

(a) Dispositional Review Hearing – Juvenile Not Committed. If a juvenile is not committed to an out-of-home placement, the court shall review its disposition and conduct dispositional review hearings subject to the following:

- (1) Frequency. The court may schedule a review hearing at any time but shall conduct dispositional review hearings at least every six months.
- (2) Findings. At the conclusion of the hearing and on the record in open court, the court shall find the following, together with its reasoning for each finding:  
(i) whether the juvenile is receiving necessary treatment and services; and  
(ii) whether the terms and conditions of the disposition are being met.

(b) Dispositional Review Hearing – Juvenile Committed. If a juvenile is committed to an out-of-home placement, the court shall review its disposition and conduct dispositional review hearings subject to the following:

- (1) Frequency. The court may schedule a review hearing at any time but shall conduct dispositional review hearings at least every three months.
- (2) Findings. At the conclusion of the hearing and on the record in open court, the court shall find the following, together with its reasoning for each finding:  
(i) whether the child is receiving the necessary services or treatment contemplated by the court's disposition;  
(ii) whether the child continues to pose a threat to the community;  
(iii) whether additional services or treatment are needed;  
(iv) whether the child should continue in placement or be released from placement under aftercare supervision; and  
(v) the date of the next disposition review hearing.

[B.](c) **Modification of Dispositional Order.** Whenever there is a motion for a modification of the dispositional order, other than a motion to revoke probation as provided in Rule 612, notice and an opportunity to be heard shall be given to the parties and the victim. Any outstanding

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restitution amounts may not be reduced by modification of the dispositional order without specific notice to the victim prior to the hearing that a modification may be ordered.

- (1) The juvenile may be detained pending a court hearing.
- (2) A detention hearing shall be held within 72 hours of the juvenile’s detention, if detained.
- (3) The juvenile shall be given a statement of reasons for the discharge from a placement facility or motion for modification of the dispositional order.
- (4) A review hearing shall be held within 20 days of the discharge from the placement facility or motion for modification of the dispositional order.

[C. **Advanced Communication Technology.** A court may utilize advanced communication technology pursuant to Rule 129 for a juvenile or a witness unless good cause is shown otherwise.]

(d) Juvenile Appearance, Witness Appearance, and Advanced Communication Technology.

(1) Juvenile’s 12-Month Appearance. The juvenile shall appear in person every 12 months from the date of disposition for a review hearing.

(2) Juvenile’s Other Appearances. A court may utilize advanced communication technology pursuant to Rule 129 for a juvenile’s appearance at other review hearings.

(3) Witness’s Appearance. A court may utilize advanced communication technology pursuant to Rule 129 for a witness unless good cause is shown otherwise.

[D.](e) **Post-Dispositional Rights.** A colloquy and inquiry of post-dispositional rights shall be conducted when a juvenile is aggrieved by a modification of the dispositional order.

**Comment:** At any hearing, if it is determined that the juvenile is in need of an educational decision maker, the court is to appoint an educational decision maker pursuant to Rule 147.

[Under paragraph (A), the court is to conduct dispositional review hearings as frequently as necessary to ensure that the juvenile is receiving necessary treatment and services and that the terms and conditions of the disposition are being met. See Rule 800.]

When conducting a dispositional review hearing, the court is to ensure that the disposition continues to provide balanced attention to the protection of the community, the imposition of accountability for offenses committed, and the development of competencies to enable the juvenile to become a responsible and productive member of the community. A change in the plan of rehabilitation may result in the adjustment of financial obligations imposed pursuant to Rule 515. An “adjustment” is not intended to invite the imposition of increased fines, fees, or costs after disposition.

Nothing in this rule prohibits the juvenile from requesting an earlier review hearing. The juvenile may file a motion requesting a hearing when there is a need for change in treatment or services. **Nor does the rule prohibit the court from scheduling more frequent review hearings.**

Additionally, nothing in this rule is intended to prohibit the emergency transfer of a juvenile from a placement facility to a detention facility pending reconsideration of the dispositional order, and this rule is not intended to preclude a motion for modification of a dispositional order after the juvenile has been detained.

Under **[paragraph (B)] subdivision (c)**, the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the review hearing. Prior to ordering the modification of the dispositional order, the court is to give the victim an opportunity to submit an oral [and/]or written victim-impact statement if the victim so chooses. See **[Victims Bill of Rights]** 18 P.S. §[§] 11.201**(5)–(5.2) [et seq.]**. Whenever a motion seeks a reduction of outstanding restitution, the victim should be given specific notice of the relief sought prior to the hearing. A court may not order a downward adjustment of outstanding restitution without first ensuring that notice was given to the victim of the possibility that such an adjustment was specifically being considered at the dispositional review hearing.

Any person[s] may be subpoenaed to appear for the hearing. See **[Rule 123 and] Pa.R.J.C.P. 123**; 42 Pa.C.S. § 6333. However, nothing in these rules requires the attendance of the victim unless subpoenaed. If the victim is not present, the victim is to be notified of the final outcome of the proceeding.

**[Some placement facilities are hours away from the dispositional court. Paragraph (C) allows a hearing to be conducted via teleconferencing, two-way simultaneous audio-visual communication, or similar method.] Concerning subdivision (d)(1), see Pa.R.J.C.P. 129(A)(2). Concerning subdivisions (d)(2)–(d)(3), the preferred technology is one that provides simultaneous audio-visual communication. Audio-only communication is discouraged, but acceptable if there is no practicable alternative.** The juvenile is to be afforded all the same rights and privileges as if the hearing was held with all present in the courtroom.

If a juvenile is detained or placed, the juvenile is to be placed in a detention facility or placement facility, which does not include a county jail or state prison. **[See Rule 120 and its Comment for definitions of] See Pa.R.J.C.P. 120 (defining “detention facility” and “placement facility[.]”)**.

For the colloquy and inquiry of post-dispositional rights, see Rule 512(C). If a change in disposition results in an out-of-home placement, then the court should also explain to the juvenile the availability of review of the out-of-home placement pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1612.

**[Official Note: Rule 610 adopted April 1, 2005, effective October 1, 2005. Amended**

**December 30, 2005, effective immediately. Amended April 21, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended April 29, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended May 26, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended June 28, 2013, effective immediately. Amended May 11, 2017, effective October 1, 2017. Amended October 22, 2021, effective April 1, 2022.**

*Committee Explanatory Reports:*

**Final Report** explaining the provisions of Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 35 Pa.B. 2214 (April 16, 2005). **Final Report** explaining the revisions of Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 36 Pa.B. 186 (January 14, 2006). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 2319 (May 7, 2011). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 2413 (May 14, 2011). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 3180 (June 25, 2011). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 43 Pa.B. 3938 (July 13, 2013). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 47 Pa.B. 2969 (May 27, 2017). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 51 Pa.B. 6905 (November 6, 2021).]

**Rule 612. Modification or Revocation of Probation.**

**Comment:**  
Whenever a motion seeking to modify probation also seeks a reduction of outstanding restitution, the victim should be given specific notice of the relief sought prior to the hearing. A court may not order a downward adjustment of outstanding restitution without first ensuring that notice was given to the victim of the possibility that such an adjustment was specifically being considered at the hearing. See Pa.R.J.C.P. **[610(B)] 610(c)**.

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**Rule 620. Post-Dispositional Motions.**

**Comment:**  
If there is after-discovered evidence concerning the dispositional hearing, a motion for a change in the dispositional order may be filed with the court. The motion may allege a need for a change in the dispositional order pursuant to Rule **[610(B)] 610(c)**. If this motion is made, notice and an opportunity to be heard is to be given to the parties and the victim. See **[Rule 610(B) and] Pa.R.J.C.P. 610(c)**; 42 Pa.C.S. § 6353.

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**Rule 800. Suspensions of Acts of Assembly.**

This rule provides for the suspension of the following Acts of Assembly that apply to delinquency proceedings only:

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**[(18) The Act of July 9, 1976, P. L. 586, No. 142, § 2, 42 Pa.C.S. § 6353(a), which requires dispositional review hearings to be held at least every nine months when a juvenile is removed from the home, is suspended only insofar as it is inconsistent with the requirement of Rule 610, which requires dispositional review hearings to be held at least every six months.]**

**Comment:**

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**[Official Note: Rule 800 adopted April 1, 2005, effective October 1, 2005. Amended December 30, 2005, effective immediately. Amended March 23, 2007, effective August 1, 2007. Amended February 26, 2008, effective June 1, 2008. Amended March 19, 2009, effective June 1, 2009. Amended February 12, 2010, effective immediately. Amended April 21, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended July 18, 2012, effective October 1, 2012. Amended April 6, 2017, effective September 1, 2017.**

*Committee Explanatory Reports:*

**Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court’s Order at 36 Pa.B. 186 (January 14, 2006). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court’s Order at 37 Pa.B. 1483 (April 7, 2007). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court’s Order at 38 Pa.B. 1142 (March 8, 2008). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court’s Order at 39 Pa.B. 1614 (April 4, 2009). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court’s Order at 40 Pa.B. 1073 (February 27, 2010). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 2319 (May 7, 2011). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court’s Order at 42 Pa.B. 4909 (August 4, 2012). **Final Report** explaining the amendments to Rule 800 published with the Court’s Order at 47 Pa.B. 2313 (April 22, 2017).]

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 227.4

The Civil Procedural Rules Committee is considering proposing to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania the amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 227.4 for the reasons set forth in the accompanying publication report. Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(a)(1), the proposal is being published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for comments, suggestions, or objections prior to submission to the Supreme Court. Any report accompanying this proposal was prepared by the Committee to indicate the rationale

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for the proposed rulemaking. It will neither constitute a part of the rules nor be adopted by the Supreme Court.

Additions to the text of the proposal are bolded and underlined; deletions to the text are bolded and bracketed.

The Committee invites all interested persons to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in writing to:

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All communications in reference to the proposal should be received by August 28, 2026. E-mail is the preferred method for submitting comments, suggestions, or objections; any e-mailed submission need not be reproduced and resubmitted via mail. The Committee will acknowledge receipt of all submissions.

By the Civil Procedural Rules Committee,  
Casey Alan Coyle  
Chair

## Rule 227.4. Entry of Judgment [upon Praecept of a Party].

In addition to the provisions of any Rule of Civil Procedure or Act of Assembly authorizing the prothonotary to enter judgment upon [praecipe] praecipe of a party and except as otherwise provided by Rule 1042.72(e)(3), the prothonotary shall, upon [praecipe] praecipe of a party:

- ([1]a) enter judgment upon a nonsuit by the court, the verdict of a jury, or the decision of a judge following a trial without jury, if
- ([a]1) no timely post-trial motion is filed; or
- ([b]2) one or more timely post-trial motions are filed and the court does not enter an order disposing of all motions within [one hundred twenty] 120 days after the filing of the first motion. A judgment entered pursuant to this [subparagraph] subdivision shall be final as to all parties and all issues and shall not be subject to reconsideration; or

[Note: If a motion for delay damages has been filed, judgment may not be entered until that motion is decided or otherwise resolved. See Rule 238(c)(3)(i).

Rule 1042.72(e)(3) prohibits the entry of judgment in a medical professional liability action if a motion for post-trial relief under Rule 227.1 is pending with respect to the ground that a damage award for noneconomic loss is excessive.]

([2]b) enter judgment within 90 days when a court grants or denies relief but does not itself enter judgment or order the prothonotary to do so. If neither party files a praecipe for entry of judgment under this subdivision, the prothonotary shall enter judgment after the 90th day, but no later than 120th day from the date the court grants or denies relief.

[Note: See Rule 236 requiring the prothonotary to give notice of the entry of an order or judgment and Rule 237 requiring notice of filing of praecipe for judgment. For illustrative Rules of Civil Procedure specifically authorizing entry of judgment by the prothonotary on praecipe of a party, see Rules 1037, 1659, 3031(a), and 3146.]

Comment:  
If a motion for delay damages has been filed, judgment may not be entered until that motion is decided or otherwise resolved.

See Pa.R.Civ.P. 238(c)(3)(i). See Rule 236 requiring the prothonotary to give notice of the entry of an order or judgment and Rule 237 requiring notice of filing of praecipe for judgment. For illustrative Rules of Civil Procedure specifically authorizing entry of judgment by the prothonotary on praecipe of a party, see Rules 1037, 1659, 3031(a), and 3146.

### Historical Commentary

The following commentary is historical in nature and represents statements of the Committee at the time of rulemaking:

#### Explanatory Comment—1983

Rule 227.4 is the last of the new rules governing post-trial practice. It is concerned with the entry of judgment upon praecipe of a party which was previously the subject of three rules: Rule 1038(e) governing trial without jury, Rule 1039 governing trial by jury and Rule 1519(a) governing actions in equity.

Rule 227.4 is based upon former Rule 1039. It continues to provide for two instances in which judgment may be entered upon praecipe. These are (1) following trial when no timely post-trial motion is filed or if there is a waiver of the right to file post-trial motions signed by all parties and (2) “when the court grants or denies relief but does not itself enter judgment or order the prothonotary to do so”.

The new rule is made applicable to actions at law and in equity and tried with or without a jury. Consequently the first sentence of Rule 1038(e) and Rules 1039 and 1519(a) are rescinded.

#### Explanatory Comment—1995

Amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure relating to post-trial practice have been promulgated, allowing parties to minimize post-trial delay and clarifying the procedure with regard to proceedings in eminent domain and the actions of mandamus and partition of real property.

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### *I. Entry of Judgment upon Praeceptum*

### *a. Post-Trial Delay*

Prior to the present amendment, parties to an action had no recourse when a motion for post-trial relief remained pending and undecided. The amendment to Rule 227.4 permits any party to an action to file a praecipe for judgment when a timely motion has been filed and remains undecided for more than one hundred twenty days after filing. The rule is optional with the parties. If settlement negotiations are continuing, they may have little interest in a prompt appeal. If time is not of the essence, they may await the decision of the trial court. However, the rule provides the parties with the ability to “move the case along.”

If a motion remains undecided and a praecipe for judgment is entered at the earliest permissible time, the maximum post-trial delay is one hundred thirty days, i.e., ten days in which to file the motion and one hundred twenty days in which to decide it. The potential delay inherent in Rule of Appellate Procedure 1701(b)(3) providing for reconsideration of an order is avoided by prohibiting reconsideration of the judgment. The judgment entered is effective as to all parties and all issues so that the case in its entirety is ready for the appellate process.

The rule does not provide an automatic limit upon the time in which the court may make its ruling. However, it does provide a time standard by which the parties and the court may proceed.

There is a rule which may operate to prevent the entry of judgment upon the expiration of the one hundred twenty day period. Rule 238(c)(3)(i) provides that if “a motion for post-trial relief has been filed under Rule 227.1 and a motion for delay damages is opposed, a judgment may not be entered until all motions filed under Rule 227.1 and this rule [Rule 238] have been decided.” A note has been added to call attention to the rule.

*b. Waiver of Post-Trial Practice*

A second amendment to Rule 227.4 has deleted the provision for entry of judgment upon filing a “waiver in writing of the right to file post-trial motions signed by all parties”. Present Pennsylvania policy is to require the parties to give the trial court the opportunity to correct error through post-trial practice. It follows that post-trial practice should not be subject to waiver.

## II. Eminent Domain

Case law had developed an inconsistent practice with respect to the filing of a posttrial motion following trial upon an appeal from the decision of viewers in eminent domain proceedings. Post-trial practice was required following a trial by jury but not after a trial by a judge without a jury. New subdivision (h) has been added to Rule 227.1 eliminating this distinction and requiring post-trial practice whether the trial be by jury or by judge.

**Explanatory Comment—1997**

A party may enter judgment upon a verdict or decision under Rule 227.4(1)(b) when a motion for post-trial relief is not decided within a 120-day period. One court of common pleas has ruled that the entry of judgment under Rule 227.4 prior to the disposition of an unopposed motion for delay damages under Rule 238 precludes the award of such damages. This is a result that was not intended.

The following amendments remedy this problem. First, Rule 238(c) is revised by prescribing a form of notice to begin the motion for delay damages, advising the defendant to file an answer within twenty days or the damages for delay may be added to the verdict or decision. Second, Rule 238(c)

(1) is amended to enlarge from ten days to twenty days the time in which to answer a motion for delay damages. Third, Rule 238(c)(2) provides that if the motion is not opposed by filing an answer, the prothonotary upon praecipe will add the delay damages as set forth in the motion. Finally, Rule 238(c)(3)(i) prohibits the entry of judgment until there has been disposition of a pending motion for delay damages by order of court, by praecipe pursuant to Rule 238(c)(2) or by other resolution.

The note to Rule 227.4(1)(b) is revised to conform to amended Rule 238(c)(3)(i).

## Explanatory Comment--2007

Rule 227.4(1) provides for the entry of judgment upon a verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge without a jury when no motion for post-trial relief is filed or, if a motion is filed, the court does not timely dispose of it. Rule 237 provides that the prothonotary shall not accept any praecipe of judgment on a verdict or for judgment on a decision in a trial without a jury “unless it includes a certificate that a copy of the praecipe has been mailed to each other party who has appeared in the action or to the attorney of record for each other party.” However, relief from a nonsuit entered by the court is also subject to a motion for post-trial relief (Rule 227.1(a)(3)), but Rule 227.4(1) and Rule 237 omit any reference to the nonsuit. The amendment remedies this omission by amending Rule 227.4(1) and Rule 237 to include a nonsuit by the court together with the verdict of a jury and the decision of a judge.

**SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE**

## PUBLICATION REPORT

## Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.Civ.P. 227.4

The Civil Procedural Rules Committee is considering recommending the amendment of Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 227.4 to require the prothonotary to enter a judgment 90 days after a court grants or denies post-trial relief if judgment has not already been entered.

Pa.R.Civ.P. 227.4(2) permits a party to file a praecipe to enter judgment with the prothonotary if a court grants or denies post-trial relief, but the court itself does not enter judgment or order the prothonotary to do so. However, the subdivision is silent if no one acts to cause a judgment to be entered.

The Committee proposes to establish a timeframe within the subdivision for the party to file a praecipe and to address the circumstance of when no one acts. First, the party would have 90 days to file a praecipe for the entry of judgment. This period of time is believed appropriate to provide the parties with an opportunity for settlement negotiations after post-trial motions have been decided. Second, if a praecipe has not been filed within the 90-day period, then the prothonotary would be required to enter a judgment within 30 days thereafter.

The commentary referencing Pa.R.Civ.P. 1042.72 would also be removed to reflect the rescission of that rule on October 17, 2012.

The Committee invites all comments, objections, concerns, and suggestions regarding this proposed rulemaking.

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ORPHANS' COURT OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Letters have been granted on the Estate of each of the following decedents to the representatives named, who request all persons having claims against the Estate to present them in writing and all persons indebted to the Estate to make payment to them (unless otherwise noted all addresses being in Philadelphia)

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NAME CHANGE

Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, August Term, 2026, No. 3544. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 26, 2026, the petition of **Connie Yvette McCray** was filed, praying for a decree to change her name to **Constance Yvette Gregory**. The Court has fixed September 2, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in Room No. 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., for a hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioners should not be granted.

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Woods-Skipper, A.J.  
(called at 9:30 A.M.)

DECEDENT'S ESTATES

1. HARRIS, RONZLEX– John F. Harris, Executor. BERNICK

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026  
Overton, J.  
(Called at 10:00 A.M.)

DECEDENT'S ESTATES

1. CLAWGES, URSULA– Kristen Taconnelli, Administratrix. COSTIGAN (Deferred)

2. MARMEL, RUTH C. – Marcie Adams, Administrator. ZELINGER

TRUSTS

1. THE TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE DEED OF GEORGE ELKINS, SETTLOR DATED 09/24/1913 FOR THE STELLA MCINTIRE ELKINS MEMORIAL TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF ABINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – PNC Bank, National Association (Formerly Provident National Bank), Trustee. STRYKER

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026  
Djerassi, J.  
(Called at 10:00 A.M.)

DECEDENT'S ESTATES

1. HURST, MARY ALICE – Sommer Miller and Kathleen M. O'Connell,

Co-Administrators. MILLER

2. ALLEN SR., WILLIAM E. – Shirley Ann Allen, Executor. SHEINTOCH

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026  
Thomas-Street, J.  
(Called at 10:00 A.M.)

DECEDENT'S ESTATES

1. CHAPMAN, EUGENE – Cheryl Chapman, Co-Administrator. CHAPMAN

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026  
Ehrlich, J.  
(Called at 10:00 A.M.)

DECEDENT'S ESTATE

1. WOODSON, FRANKLIN L. – Bradley Woodson, Administrator. BOLE

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