

THE COURTS

Title 249—PHILADELPHIA RULES

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Motions for Post-Trial Relief; Regulation No. 96-2

Order

And Now, this 22nd day of July, 1996, the Board of Judges of Philadelphia County having voted to rescind Phila. Civ. R. No. ★227.1, adopt Phila. Civ. R. No. ★227 and update Phila. Civ. R. No. ★212.2, It Is Hereby Ordered that Phil. Civ. R. No. ★227.1 is rescinded, Phila. Civ. R. No. ★227 is adopted, and Phila. Civ. R. No. ★212.2 amended as follows.

This General Court Regulation is issued in accordance with Phila. Civ. R. No. ★51 and Pa.R.C.P. No. 239 and shall become effective immediately. As required by Pa.R.C.P. No. 239, the original General Court Regulation shall be filed with the Prothonotary in a Docket maintained for General Court Regulations issued by the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, and copies shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Civil Procedure Rules Committee. Copies of the Order shall also be submitted to Legal Communications, Ltd., *The Legal Intelligencer*, Jenkins Memorial Law Library, and the law library for the First Judicial District.

ALEX BONAVIDACOLA,
President Judge

Civil Court Rules Update Itemization of Costs

Cost Categories	Step 1	260 Days
	Current Annual Cost as of 4/1/96	Daily Rate
Judge's Salary	\$104,000.00	\$400.00
<i>Judicial Staff</i>		
Tipstaff 1 (Judicial)	\$27,469.00	\$105.65
Judicial Secretary 1	\$27,469.00	\$105.65
Law Clerk 1	\$29,539.00	\$113.61
<i>Court Personnel</i>		
Tipstaff 2 (General) (1)	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Court Reporter	\$46,543.00	\$179.01
Jury Selection Staff (2)	\$39,974.00	\$152.57
<i>Total Direct Salary Costs</i>	\$274,994.00	\$1,056.49
Fringe Benefits @ 33%	\$90,748.00	\$349.03
Total Direct Personnel Costs	\$365,742.00	\$1,405.52
Juror Fees (10 @\$9 per day)	—	\$90.00
Space 3,440 sq. ft. @\$20 per sq. ft.	\$68,800.00	\$264.62
Administrative Overhead at 16%	\$58,519.00	\$224.88
General Overhead at 8%	\$29,259.00	\$112.44
Total Costs		\$2,097.46

Footnotes:

1) These positions are no longer utilized in civil court-rooms.

2) Both jury selection and court administration were unable to identify staff personnel.

3) Judge's salary, fringe benefits, indirect and administrative costs are not a direct expenditure against the first judicial district's budget.

Adopted by the Board of Judges on May 15, 1996. Effective immediately.

Phila. Civ. R. No. ★227

Phila. Civ. R. No. ★227 Motions for Post-Trial Relief.

(a) *Time for filing.* All motions for post-trial relief shall be filed within the time limits prescribed by Pa.R.C.P. 227.1(c).

(b) *Filing Procedure.* All motions for post-trial relief shall be filed with the Prothonotary and the Post-Trial Motions Unit of the Motion Court. All motions for post-trial relief shall be accompanied by a certificate of service setting forth the name of the Trial Judge and the names, addresses and telephone number of all counsel and unrepresented parties. The post-trial motions shall be assigned to the Trial Judge immediately upon filing.

(c) *Court En Banc.* Argument before a court en banc as authorized in Pa.R.C.P. No. 227.2 may be requested by the moving party, in writing, attached to the motion for post-trial relief. All requests by opposing parties for argument before a court en banc shall be filed with the Prothonotary and Motion Court within five days of service of the motion for post-trial relief.

(d) *Trial Transcripts.*

(1) Trial transcripts shall be requested as provided in Pa.R.C.P. No. 227.3 and Pa.R.J.A. 5005.5(a) in writing addressed to the Court Reporter and to the Manager of Court Reporters, 1321 Arch Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

(2) The court reporter shall file the original notes of testimony, or that portion of the record ordered to be transcribed, with the Post-Trial Motions Unit of the Motion Court (for transmission to the Trial Judge) no later than thirty (30) days after the notes of testimony are ordered. The Court Reporter shall contemporaneously with the filing of the notes of testimony deliver a copy to any party who has requested and paid for them and shall advise the Manager of Court Reporters in writing that the requested transcript has been filed and delivered.

(e) *Disposition of Post-Verdict Motions.*

(1) *Oral Argument.* The Trial Judge shall schedule oral argument for a date certain taking into consideration the dictates of Pa.R.C.P. No. 227.4(1)(b).

(2) *Briefs.* The Court may require the parties to submit briefs in support of, or contra, the post-verdict motions.

(3) *Disposition Date.* The Court shall dispose of the post-trial motions within one hundred twenty (120) days of the filing of the first post-trial motion unless the parties agree in writing to waive the application of Pa.R.C.P. No. 227.4(1)(b).

(f) *Notice of the Entry of an Order Disposing of the Post-Verdict Motions.* Notice of the entry of the Order

disposing of the post-verdict motions shall be given as provided by Pa.R.C.P. No. 236.

Adopted by the Board of Judges on May 16, 1996. Effective immediately.

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DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT

Notice of Suspension

Notice is hereby given that by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated July 26, 1996, Blaine A. White is suspended from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of five (5) years, retroactive to October 5, 1993.

ELAINE M. BIXLER,
Secretary
The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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SUPREME COURT

Pilot Program for Allegheny County Providing for Filing and Service of Legal Papers by Electronic Means; No. 173; Doc. No. 1

Order

Per Curiam:

And Now, this 19th day of July, 1996, it is ordered that the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas by administrative order may provide for a pilot program in which legal papers are filed with the prothonotary and served upon parties by electronic means. The court shall designate the cases to participate in the program with the consent of all parties. The practice and procedure shall follow, as nearly as may be, the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure.

This Order shall be effective immediately upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and shall be processed in accordance with Rule of Judicial Administration 103(b).

ROBERT N.C. NIX, Jr.,
Chief Justice

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