

THE COURTS

Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

BRADFORD COUNTY

Rule of Civil Procedure No. 1301: Cases for Submission; No. 96IR000066

Order

And Now, this 6th day of December 1996, the Court hereby adopts the following Bradford County Rule of Civil Procedure, to be effective thirty (30) days after the date of publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

It is further ordered that the District Court Administrator shall file seven (7) certified copies of this Rule with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, two (2) certified copies to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, one (1) certified copy to the Civil Rules Committee and one (1) copy to the *Bradford County Law Journal* for publication in the next issue of the *Bradford County Law Journal*.

It is further ordered that this local rule shall be kept continuously available for public inspection and copying in the Prothonotary's Office.

By the Court

JEFFREY A. SMITH,
President Judge

1301. Cases For Submission.

A. Compulsory arbitration of matters as authorized by Section 7361 of the Judicial Code, 42 Pa.C.S.A. Section 101, *et seq.*, shall apply to all civil cases wherein the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, shall be sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) or less, including appeals from a civil judgment of a district justice, except those involving title to real estate or actions in equity. Such actions shall be submitted to and heard by a board of arbitration consisting of three attorneys.

B. The amount in controversy generally will be determined by the pleadings or by an agreement of the attorneys, however, the court, on its own motion or on the motion of any party, may, based upon affidavits, depositions, stipulations of counsel or after hearing, determine that the amount actually in controversy does not exceed sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) and enter an order certifying the case to a board of arbitration. In the event that a case within the arbitration limits is consolidated with a case involving more than the arbitration limits after the former has been referred to a board of arbitrators, the order of consolidation will remove the same from the jurisdiction of the board of arbitrators.

C. A civil action will be referred to arbitration by order of court when either party or its counsel files a praecipe with the prothonotary.

D. Cases subject to compulsory arbitration will not be scheduled for a pre-trial conference. Such cases will, however, come under the caseflow control of the court administrator.

1301.1. Agreement of Reference:

Cases, whether or not in litigation and regardless of the amount in controversy, may be heard by a board of

arbitration upon agreement of counsel for all parties in the case. Such agreement shall be evidenced by a writing signed by counsel for all sides and shall be filed with the prothonotary, who will forward a copy to the court administrator. Said agreement shall define the issues involved for determination by the board of arbitrators and may contain stipulations with respect to facts.

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DELAWARE COUNTY

Judge Pro Tempore Program; Doc. No. 82-7677

Order

And Now, to wit, this 19th day of December, 1996, pursuant to the section of our September 17, 1996 Order regarding "Changes in Procedure," it is hereby *Ordered* and *Decreed* that

1. Cases will be assigned to Judges Pro Tem by the Office of the Court Administrator on or before December 20, 1996;

2. The Judges Pro Tem will schedule their cases for conference in the time period from January 1, 1997 through March 31, 1997.

As required by Pa.R.C.P. No. 239, the original Order shall be filed with the Office of Judicial Support 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 will also be submitted to Legal Communications, Ltd., *The Legal Intelligencer*, and the *Delaware County Legal Journal*.

By the Court

A. LEO SERENI,
President Judge

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Notice of Transfer of Attorneys to Inactive Status

Notice is hereby given that the following attorneys have been transferred to inactive status by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated November 19, 1996, pursuant to Rule 219, Pa.R.D.E. The Order became effective December 19, 1996.

Notice with respect to attorneys having Pennsylvania registration addresses, who have been transferred to inactive status by said Order, was published in the appropriate county legal journal.

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