

# THE COURTS

## Title 204—JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

### PART VII. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS [204 PA. CODE CH. 215]

#### Special Independent Prosecutor's Panel; Appoint- ment of Independent Counsel

The Independent Counsel Authorization Act (February 18, 1998, P. L. 24, No. 19, §§ 9301—9352) requires the Special Independent Prosecutor's Panel to select an independent counsel upon receipt of an application for appointment. Under § 9319(a)(4), the Special Independent Prosecutor's Panel is further required to disclose the identity of the independent counsel upon appointment.

In accordance with § 9319(a), the Special Independent Prosecutor's Panel appointed Anthony M. Mariani, Esquire as independent counsel on February 4, 1999.

NANCY M. SOBOLEVITCH,  
*Court Administrator of Pennsylvania*

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## Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

### BERKS COUNTY Rules of Court; Civil 99-1099

#### Order

*And Now*, this 2nd day of February, 1999, it is hereby *Ordered and Directed* as follows:

1. Berks County Rule of Civil Procedure (B.R.C.P.) 217.3 is hereby promulgated.
2. The Court Administrator is directed to:
  - a. File seven (7) certified copies of this Order and B.R.C.P. 217.3 with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.
  - b. Distribute two (2) certified copies of this Order and B.R.C.P. 217.3 to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
  - c. File one (1) certified copy of this Order and B.R.C.P. 217.3 with the Civil Procedural Rules Committee.
  - d. Within three (3) weeks after the publication of B.R.C.P. 217.3 in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, cause a copy of this Order and a copy of said Rule to be published one (1) time in the Berks County Law Journal in suitable form so that the same may be placed as an additional or replacement page in the current binder of the Berks County Rules of Court. Each such additional or replacement page shall show in its lower right-hand corner, the effective date of said Rule.

3. A copy of this Order and B.R.C.P. 217.3 shall be kept continuously available for public inspection and copying in the office of the Prothonotary of Berks County.

4. Berks County Rule of Civil Procedure 217.3 shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of publication of said Rule in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

*By the Court*

SCOTT D. KELLER,  
*President Judge*

#### Berks County Rules of Civil Procedure

#### Rule 217.3. Jury Costs on Continuance or Settlement of a Cause of Action.

When a continuance is granted upon application of a party or a case is settled, either within three (3) days of the date set for jury selection or after a jury has been impaneled, the Court may impose on the party making the application for continuance or on both parties, if the case is settled, the reasonable costs actually incurred by the County and/or the jurors in impaneling said jury.

When a continuance has been granted or a case has been settled under the circumstances outlined above and costs imposed, the party upon whom such costs have been imposed may not, so long as such costs remain unpaid, take any further step in such or any other suit without prior leave of Court.

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#### LYCOMING COUNTY

#### Amendments to Rules of Civil Procedure; No. 99-00033

#### Order

*And Now*, this 2nd day of February, 1999, it is hereby *Ordered and Directed* as follows:

1. Lycoming County Rules of Civil Procedure are amended as follows: In all cases where the area code appears as "717", the new area code of "570" shall be substituted therefor.
2. The Prothonotary is directed to:
  - a. File seven (7) certified copies of this order with the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts.
  - b. Distribute two (2) certified copies of this order to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
  - c. File one (1) certified copy of this order with the Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee.
  - d. Forward one (1) copy of this order to the Lycoming Reporter for publication therein.
  - e. Forward one (1) copy to the chairman of the Lycoming County Customs and Rules Committee.
  - f. Keep continuously available for public inspection copies of this order.

3. The rules revisions approved by this order shall become effective 30 days after their publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

*By the Court*

CLINTON W. SMITH,  
*President Judge*

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**SOMERSET COUNTY**

**Administrative Order; No. 14 Special 1999**

**Administrative Order 1-99**

Now, this 2nd day of February, 1999, in order to help defray the cost of administering the costs, fines and restitution assessment and collection system;

It is *Ordered* that the amount of \$20.00 will be included as a cost in all cases filed in the office of the Clerk of Courts in which costs, fines or restitution are assessed.

*By the Court*

EUGENE E. FIKE, II,  
*President Judge*

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**SOMERSET COUNTY**

**Consolidated Rules of Court; No. 17 Miscellaneous 1999**

**Adopting Order**

*And Now*, this 2nd day of February, 1999, it is hereby *Ordered*:

1. The following designated Somerset County Rule of Civil Procedure (SOM.R.C.P.) is hereby adopted as a rule of this Court, effective thirty days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*:

SOM.R.C.P. 1915.3 Commencement of Custody Proceedings

2. The Somerset County Court Administrator shall:

A. File seven (7) certified copies of this Order with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

B. Distribute two (2) certified copies of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

C. File one (1) certified copy of this Order with the Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee and one (1) copy with the Pennsylvania Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee.

D. File proof of compliance with this Order in the docket for these rules, which shall include a copy of each transmittal letter.

*By the Court*

EUGENE E. FIKE, II,  
*President Judge*

**Rules of Court**

**Som.R.C.P. 1915.3. Commencement of Custody Proceedings.**

A. Upon the presentation of a request for scheduling of a conference or hearing on any claim for custody, partial custody or visitation, the moving party shall pay an administrative fee in the amount of \$50.00, unless excused by the Court.

B. Upon the presentation of a request for scheduling of a conference or hearing on a claim for modification of an existing custody, partial custody or visitation order, the moving party shall pay an administrative fee in the amount of \$30.00, unless excused by the Court.

C. Conference or hearing will not be scheduled unless the required fee is paid, or an order is entered excusing payment.

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