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# Title 204—JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

PART II. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
PART VII. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

[ 204 PA. CODE CHS. 29 AND 211 ]

**Consumer Price Index** 

Section 211.1 of 204 Pa. Code is being reserved and renumbered as 204 Pa. Code § 29.401a (relating to Consumer Price Index—costs and fines) to read as set forth in Annex A. This section will now precede the financial regulations in 204 Pa. Code §§ 29.402 and 29.403 (relating to 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.1. costs; and 42 Pa.C.S. § 3571) that are adjusted under the Consumer Price Index. The text in § 211.2 (relating to judicial salaries effective January 1, 2011) regarding the Consumer Price Index is being deleted and added to new § 211.1a (relating to Consumer Price Index—judicial salaries) to read as set forth in Annex A.

#### Annex A

# TITLE 204. JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

PART II. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 29. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Subchapter K. COSTS, FINES AND FEES

§ 29.401a. Consumer Price Index—costs and fines.

Pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and 42 Pa.C.S. § 1721, the Supreme Court has authorized the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania to obtain and publish in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on or before November 30 the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2009 as required by Act 96 of 2010, 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 1725.1(f) and 3571(c)(4) (as amended). See, No. 358 Judicial Administration Docket.

The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania reports that the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, for calendar year 2009 was 2.7% percent. (See, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Series CUUROOOOSAO, April 9, 2010.)

# PART VII. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

### CHAPTER 211. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND JUDICIAL SALARIES

§ 211.1. (Reserved and Renumbered).

#### § 211.1a. Consumer Price Index—judicial salaries.

The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania reports that the percentage change in the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the 12-month period ending October 2010, was 1.7 percent (1.7%). (See U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index, Wednesday, November 17, 2010).

#### § 211.2. Judicial salaries effective January 1, 2011.

The annual judicial salaries for calendar year beginning January 1, 2011 will be adjusted by a cost-of-living factor as follows:

- (a) Supreme Court.
- (1) The annual salary of a justice of the Supreme Court shall be \$189,620.
- (2) The annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be \$195,138.
  - (b) Superior Court.
- (1) The annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court shall be \$178,914.
- (2) The annual salary of the President Judge of the Superior Court shall be \$184,432.
  - (c) Commonwealth Court.
- (1) The annual salary of a judge of the Commonwealth Court shall be \$178,914.
- (2) The annual salary of the President Judge of the Commonwealth Court shall be \$184,432.
  - (d) Courts of common pleas.
- (1) The annual salary of a judge of the court of common pleas shall be \$164,602.
- (2) The annual salary of the President Judges of the Court of Common Pleas shall be in accordance with the following schedule:
  - (i) Allegheny County, \$167,361.
  - (ii) Philadelphia County, \$167,913.
- (iii) Judicial districts having six or more judges, \$166,036.
- (iv) Judicial districts having one to five judges, \$165,319.
- (v) Administrative judges of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County with divisions of six or more judges, \$166,036.
- (vi) Administrative judges of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County with divisions of five or less judges, \$165,319.
- (vii) Administrative judges of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County with divisions of six or more judges, \$166,036.
- (viii) Administrative judges of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County with divisions of five or less judges, \$165,319.
  - (e) Philadelphia Municipal Court.
- (1) The annual salary of a judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall be \$160,793.
- (2) The annual salary of the President Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall be \$163,277.
  - (f) Philadelphia Traffic Court.
- (1) The annual salary of a judge of the Philadelphia Traffic Court shall be \$86,496.
- (2) The annual salary of the President Judge of the Philadelphia Traffic Court shall be \$87,213.
- (g) Magisterial district judge. The annual salary of a magisterial district judge shall be \$82,303.

(h) Senior judges. The compensation of the senior judges pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 4121 (relating to assignment of judges) shall be \$506 per day. In any calendar year the amount of compensation which a senior judge shall be permitted to earn as a senior judge shall not when added to retirement income paid by the Commonwealth for such senior judge exceed the compensation payable by the Commonwealth to a judge then in regular active service on the court from which said senior judge retired. A senior judge who so elects may serve without being paid all or any portion of the compensation provided by this section.

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# PART IV. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW [ 204 PA. CODE CH. 71 ]

Amendment of Rule 231 of the Pennsylvania Bar Admission Rules; No. 518 Supreme Court Rules Doc.

#### Order

Per Curiam

And Now, this 22nd day of March, 2011, upon the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners; the proposal having been submitted without publication pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 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 231 of the Pennsylvania Bar Admission Rules is amended in the following form.

This *Order* shall be processed in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. No. 103(b), and the amendments shall be effective 30 days from the date of this Order.

#### Annex A

# TITLE 204. JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

# PART IV. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW CHAPTER 71. PENNSYLVANIA BAR ADMISSION RULES

### Subchapter B. ADMISSION TO THE BAR GENERALLY

#### ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

#### Rule 231. Motions for admission.

- (a) General rule. Motions for admission to the bar of this Commonwealth shall be made by filing one copy thereof with the Prothonotary. The motion shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the Board and shall include or be accompanied by:
- (1) A certificate from the Board recommending such admission[, either:
- (i) I dated within six months of the filing of the motion[; or ]. A certificate recommending an applicant's admission to the bar expires and is no longer valid after six months from the date of issuance. Subject to the limitations set forth in subsections (i) and (ii) below, an applicant whose certificate has expired is required to file a Supplemental Applica-

tion for Character and Fitness Determination in order to obtain a new certificate from the Board.

- [ (ii) dated six months or more prior to the filing of the motion and accompanied by a written statement of the Board dated within six months of the filing of the motion to the effect that it knows of no reason why the motion should not be granted. All applicants shall ]
- (i) An applicant seeking admission under Rule 203 who fails to file a motion for admission to the bar within three years of the date [that the original certificate recommending admission had been issued by the Board. The failure to file a motion for admission within three years of the date when the certificate had been issued by the Board will cause the right to admission to the bar to lapse and require the applicant] on which their bar examination results were released will be required to reapply and successfully meet all of the requirements for admission to the bar including[, where applicable,] the taking and passing of a future bar examination in order for the Board to issue a certificate recommending the applicant's admission to the bar.
- (ii) An applicant seeking admission to the bar under Rule 204 who fails to file a motion for admission within three years of the date of filing the initial application with the Board will be required to reapply and successfully meet all of the requirements for admission to the bar in order for the Board to issue a certificate recommending the applicant's admission to the bar.
  - (2) The oath of office required by statute.
- (3) A formal motion for admission to the bar of this Commonwealth.
- (b) *Subscription*. The motion for admission shall be subscribed by a member of the bar of this Commonwealth in good standing.
- (c) Admission to Practice—Fee. The applicant, upon filing a motion under this rule, shall pay a fee of \$50.00 (plus the additional cost involved, if an engrossed certificate of admission to the bar is desired).
- (d) Action by Prothonotary. If the motion and related documents are in proper order and the required fee is paid the Prothonotary shall:
- (1) Enter the name of the applicant upon the docket of persons admitted to the bar of this Commonwealth and the practice of law. [Admissions pursuant to Rule 204 (relating to admission of domestic attorneys) or Rule 205 (relating to admission of foreign attorneys) shall be by order. The Chief Justice may delegate the function of signing such orders to the Prothonotary.]
- (2) Notify the Administrative Office of the admission of the attorney.
- (3) If the requisite fee has been paid therefor, issue an engrossed certificate of admission under seal.
- [ (e) Motions in open court. An applicant may elect to take the oath of admission in person before the Supreme Court at such time and place as may be directed by the Court.]

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# Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

#### **DELAWARE COUNTY**

Cemetery Trust Account Filing Fees; File No. 150-2011

#### Order

And Now, To Wit, this 22nd day of March, 2011, it is hereby Ordered and Decreed that the following fees are to be adopted as the filing fees for Accounts for Audit that are filed by Cemetery Companies. These fees are to be incorporated into the Fee Schedule of the Orphans' Court Division established per Order dated January 31, 2007, signed by Past President Judge Edward J. Zetusky, Jr., in accordance with the provisions of Act 18 of April 21, 1994, which became effective on March 19, 2007:

Accounts filed formally by cemetery trustees are to be charged as follows:

In Accounts not exceeding in value \$5,000..... \$116.00 would become \$150.00

Over \$ 5,000 and not exceeding \$10,000...... \$149.00 would become \$200.00

Over \$10,000 and not exceeding \$25,000 ...... \$198.00 would become \$250.00

Over \$25,000 and not exceeding \$50,000 ...... \$231.00 would become \$350.00

Over \$50,000 and not exceeding \$100,000 . . . . . \$281.00 would become \$400.00

Over \$100,000 and not exceeding \$250,000 .... \$400.00 would become \$550.00

Over \$250,000 and not exceeding \$500,000 .... \$500.00 would become \$650.00

Over \$500,000 and not exceeding \$750,000 .... \$600.00 would become \$750.00

Over \$750,000 and not exceeding \$1,000,000 .. \$800.00 would become \$1,000.00

Each succeeding \$500,000 or fraction thereof, \$350 additional up to \$10 million in value.

All accountings in excess of \$10 million in value will be charged a flat fee of \$7,500.00.

It Is Further Ordered that two (2) certified copies and one (1) diskette shall be filed with the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in The Pennsylvania Bulletin; one (1) copy to the Delaware County Legal Journal for publication; and one (1) copy to The Legal Intelligencer for publication.

The effective date of this Order shall be: May 20, 2011. By the Court

> JOSEPH P. CRONIN, Jr., President Judge

#### **Notice of Fees**

The following Order of Court incorporating a set of filing fees for Cemetery Trust Accounts for Audit into the existing Fee Schedule of the Orphans' Court Division (which went into effect on March 19, 2007), will become effective on May 20, 2011.

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