

THE COURTS

Title 231—RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

PART I. GENERAL

[231 PA. CODE CH. 1915]

Amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure Relating to Domestic Relations Matters; Recommendation 139

The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee is planning to recommend that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania amend the Rules of Civil Procedure relating to domestic relations matters as set forth herein. This proposal has not been submitted for review by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Notes and explanatory comments which appear with proposed amendments have been inserted by the committee for the convenience of those using the rules. Reports, notes and comments will not constitute part of the rules and will not be officially adopted or promulgated by the Supreme Court.

The committee solicits and welcomes comments and suggestions from all interested persons prior to submission of this proposal to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Please submit written comments no later than Friday, November 7, 2014 directed to:

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*By the Domestic Relations
 Procedural Rules Committee*

DAVID L. LADOV,
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Annex A

TITLE 231. RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

PART I. GENERAL

CHAPTER 1915. ACTIONS FOR CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN

Rule 1915.3. Commencement of Action. Complaint. Order.

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(e) A grandparent who is not in loco parentis to the child and is seeking physical and/or legal custody of a grandchild pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 5323 must plead, in paragraph 9 of the complaint set forth at Rule 1915.15(a), facts establishing standing under § 5324(3). A grandparent or great-grandparent seeking partial physical custody or supervised physical custody must plead, in paragraph 9 of the complaint, facts establishing standing pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 5325.

(f) An unemancipated minor parent may commence, maintain or defend an action for custody of the minor parent's child without the requirement of the appointment of a guardian for the minor parent.

Rule 1915.3-2. Criminal Record or Abuse History.

(a) *Criminal Record or Abuse History Verification.* [**The petitioner**] A party must file and serve with the complaint, [or] any petition for modification, **any counterclaim, any petition for contempt or any count for custody in a divorce complaint or counterclaim** a verification regarding any criminal record or abuse history of [**the petitioner**] **that party** and anyone living in [**the petitioner's**] **that party's** household. The verification shall be substantially in the form set forth in subdivision (c) below. The [**petitioner**] **party** must attach a blank verification form to a complaint, **counterclaim** or petition served upon the [**respondent**] **other party**. Although the [**respondent**] **party served** need not file a responsive pleading pursuant to Rule 1915.5, [**the respondent**] **he or she** must file with the court a verification regarding [**any criminal**] **his or her own criminal record** or abuse history [**of the respondent**] and **that of** anyone living in [**the respondent's**] **his or her** household on or before the initial in-person contact with the court (including, but not limited to, a conference with a conference officer or judge or conciliation, depending upon the procedure in the judicial district) but not later than 30 days after service of the complaint or petition [**upon the respondent**]. **A party's failure to file a Criminal Record or Abuse History Verification may result in sanctions against that party, including a denial of custodial time with the child.** Both parties shall file and serve updated verifications five days prior to trial.

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Rule 1915.8. Physical and Mental Examination of Persons.

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(b) Unless otherwise directed by the court, the expert shall deliver to the court, to the attorneys of record for the parties, to any unrepresented party, and to the guardian ad litem and/or counsel for the child, if any, copies of any reports arising from the evaluation setting out the findings, results of all tests made, diagnosis and conclusions. No reports shall be filed of record or considered evidence unless and until admitted by the court. Any report which is prepared at the request of a party, with or without a court order, and which a party intends to introduce at trial, must be delivered to the court and the other party at least thirty days before trial. If the report or any information from the evaluator is provided to the court, the evaluator shall be subject to cross-examination by all counsel and any unrepresented party without regard to who obtains or pays for the evaluation. **This subdivision does not apply to custody evaluations, which shall be delivered only to the attorneys of record for the parties, to any unrepresented party, and to the guardian ad litem and/or counsel for the child.**

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Rule 1915.12. Civil Contempt for Disobedience of Custody Order. Petition. Form of Petition. Service. Order.

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(c) The petition shall be in substantially the following form:

(Caption)

PETITION FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT FOR DISOBEDIENCE OF CUSTODY ORDER

The Petition of _____, respectfully represents:

1. That on _____, Judge _____ entered an Order awarding (Petitioner) (Respondent) (shared legal custody) (sole legal custody) (partial physical custody) (primary physical custody) (shared physical custody) (sole physical custody) (supervised physical custody) of the minor child(ren)

Name(s) of Child(ren))

A true and correct copy of the order is attached to this petition.

2. Respondent has willfully failed to abide by the order in that _____

3. Petitioner has attached the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form required pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.3-2.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that Respondent be held in contempt of court.

(Attorney for Petitioner) (Petitioner)

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

Date Petitioner
* * * * *

Rule 1915.15. Form of Complaint. Caption. Order. Petition to Modify a Custody Order.

(a) The complaint in an action for custody shall be in substantially the following form:

(Caption)

COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY

* * * * *

3. Plaintiff seeks (shared legal custody) (sole legal custody) (partial physical custody) (primary physical custody) (shared physical custody) (sole physical custody) (supervised physical custody) of the following child(ren):

* * * * *

[The mother] A parent of the child is _____, currently residing at _____.

[She] This parent is (married) (divorced) (single).

[The father] A parent of the child is _____, currently residing at _____.

[He] This parent is (married) (divorced) (single).

* * * * *

10. [I have] Plaintiff has attached the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form required pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.3-2.

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(b) A petition to modify a custody order shall be in substantially the following form:

(Caption)

PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF A CUSTODY ORDER

1. The petition of _____ respectfully represents that on _____, 20__ an Order of Court was entered for (shared legal custody) (sole legal custody) (partial physical custody) (primary physical custody) (shared physical custody) (sole physical custody) (supervised physical custody), a true and correct copy of which is attached.

2. This Order should be modified because: _____

3. Petitioner has attached the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form required pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.3-2.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Court modify the existing Order because it will be in the best interest of the child(ren).

(Attorney for Petitioner) (Petitioner)

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

Date Petitioner
* * * * *

Rule 1915.17. Relocation. Notice and Counter-Affidavit.

(a) A party proposing to change the residence of a child which significantly impairs the ability of a non-relocating party to exercise custodial rights must notify every other person who has custodial rights to the child and provide a counter-affidavit by which a person may agree or object. The form of the notice and counter-affidavit are set forth in subdivisions (i) and (j) below. The notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressee only or pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1930.4, no later than the sixtieth day before the date of the proposed change of residence or other time frame set forth in 23 Pa.C.S. § 5337(c)(2).

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PUBLICATION REPORT

In early 2014, the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee invited the family law bench and bar to comment on how the custody rules that became effective the previous year were working in practice. Approximately 10 comments were received and reviewed by the committee. Recommendation 139 includes suggestions the committee received in response to its outreach.

The issues raised in the responses were varied, and many were specific to the application of the rules and statute in different counties. The committee also could not address many concerns because they involved statutory provisions, particularly those governing criminal record/abuse history and relocation.

The proposal would require that the criminal record/abuse history verification form be filed with any complaint, counterclaim, modification or contempt petition or any custody count in a divorce complaint or counterclaim. It further provides for sanctions if a party fails to file the verification.

A legal assistance agency requested that the committee address the rights of a minor parent to seek custody of his or her child. They recounted cases in which the courts awarded custody of the child to a grandparent or the parent/child's guardian, because the parent was a minor. The committee adopted their recommended language allowing an unemancipated minor parent to commence, defend or maintain a custody action without the requirement of a guardian.

The committee also adopted a suggestion that custody evaluations in child custody cases not be provided to the court before trial to avoid the possibility of a court's adopting an evaluator's view without the benefit of the evaluator's testimony. This is consistent with the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence. As to relocation, several comments suggested that the committee propose to refine the definition of "relocation," but the committee declined to do so as the definition is statutory. However, for consistency, the full statutory definition is used in this recommendation. That language defines "relocation" as a change in the child's residence "which significantly impairs the ability of a nonrelocating party to exercise custodial rights."

In light of the recent federal court decision striking down the commonwealth's ban on same-sex marriage, it was noted that the terms "mother" and "father" are included in the custody complaint form. This recommendation proposes to amend the form and replace those terms with "parent." Other minor proposed amendments are simply for clarity and consistency of language.

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 14-1894. Filed for public inspection September 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m.]

Title 252—ALLEGHENY COUNTY RULES

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Adult Probation Department Soberlink Monitoring Fees; No. AD-2014-263-CR

Order of Court

And Now, to-wit, this 11th day of August, 2014, the following Soberlink Fee Schedule is hereby adopted by the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Further, the Adult Probation Department is hereby authorized to promulgate policies and procedures consistent with the following fee schedule for use of the Soberlink equipment for DUI Treatment Court participants sentenced to a period of Intermediate Punishment and other Intermediate Punishment cases deemed appropriate by the Court. Said increase is to be effective thirty days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and applied only to offenders sentenced or otherwise placed on the Soberlink monitoring device on or after the publication requirement has been satisfied.

By the Court

JEFFREY A. MANNING,
President Judge

Soberlink Fee Schedule

The Allegheny County Adult Probation Soberlink fee schedule is based upon a sliding scale according to an individual's verifiable gross income. Any offender ordered to Soberlink Monitoring by a Common Pleas Court Judge is subject to the fee schedule.

The following program fees shall be applicable to all individuals placed on Soberlink monitoring:

<i>Financial level</i>	<i>Gross Income</i>	<i>Per Diem</i>
Level 3	\$59,999 or Higher	\$15/day
Level 2	\$30,000 to \$59,998	\$10/day
Level 1	\$29,999 and under	\$5/day
Level 0	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Social Security Disability (SSD) Social Security Retirement (SSR)	\$3.50/day

Probation officers are responsible for verifying gross income and assigning a financial level for those offenders placed on Soberlink Monitoring. Before installation, offenders are advised of the cost of being on Soberlink Monitoring and then sign the income verification form. For offenders ordered to Soberlink more than once, any previous balances from Soberlink cases must be paid in full or payment arrangements made with the Allegheny County Adult Probation Department. The offenders also sign a payment agreement that describes the cost of the program. Payments must be made in the form of check or money order only, payable to Allegheny County. Payments may be mailed to Allegheny County Adult Probation Department or given in person to the assigned probation officer. Probation officers are not permitted to accept cash payments.

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Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

CARBON COUNTY

Amendment of Local Rule of Civil Procedure CARB.R.C.P. 1915.3; Commencement of Action. Complaint. Order; No. 14-1892

Administrative Order No. 9-2014

And Now, this 26th day of August, 2014, it is hereby

Ordered and Decried that, effective October 1, 2014, the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas *Amends* Carbon County Rule of Civil Procedure CARB.R.C.P. 1915.3 governing Commencement of Action, Complaint, and Order in Custody Actions.

The Carbon County District Court Administrator is *Ordered and Directed* to

1. File one (1) certified copy of this Administrative Order with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

2. File two (2) certified copies and one (1) computer diskette with the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

3. File one (1) certified copy with the Civil Procedural Rules Committee.

4. Forward one (1) copy for publication in the *Carbon County Law Journal*.

5. Forward one (1) copy to the Carbon County Law Library.

6. Keep continuously available for public inspection copies of the Administrative Order in the Prothonotary's Office and the Domestic Relations Office.

By the Court

ROGER N. NANOVIC,
President Judge

Rule 1915.3. Commencement of Action. Complaint. Order.

The person to be designated in the notice to defend as the person from whom legal services can be obtained shall be the same as provided for in CARB.R.C.P. 1018.1.

A proposed order substantially in the same form as Form "A" following this rule shall be attached to the complaint or petition.

Any party to a custody action, who is incarcerated and cannot attend any scheduled proceeding and wishes to participate by electronic means, shall request permission from Court Administration seven (7) days before the scheduled event. Said party shall be responsible for making the arrangements with Court Administration and the Warden of said facility where the party is incarcerated.

"FORM A"

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL ACTION—LAW

_____	,	:	
Plaintiff		:	
		:	
vs.		:	NO.
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_____	,	:	
Defendant		:	
		:	
_____	—	:	Counsel for Plaintiff
		:	
_____	—	:	Counsel for Defendant

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW this ____ day of _____, 20____, it is hereby

ORDERED and DECREED as follows:

1. This Order of Court shall govern the custodial situation of the following children:

2. In accordance with the statutory laws of this Commonwealth, each party shall be provided all access to the medical, dental, religious and school records of the child(ren) involved. Absent an emergency situation, each party shall be informed in regard to the medical and dental needs of the child(ren) involved.

3. Jurisdiction of the child(ren) and this matter shall remain with the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County, Pennsylvania, unless or until jurisdiction would change under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act.

4. The welfare of the child(ren) shall be the primary consideration of the parties in any application of the terms of this Agreement. The parties shall exert every reasonable effort to foster a feeling of affection between the child(ren) of the other party. Neither party shall do anything to estrange the child(ren) from the other party, to injure the opinion of the child(ren) as to the other party, or to hamper the free and natural development of the child(ren)'s love and respect of the other party.

5. Primary physical custody of the child(ren) shall be as follows:

6. The Plaintiff/Defendant, Father/Mother, shall have partial physical custody/supervised physical custody in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) During the week: _____
- (b) Weekends: _____;
- (c) Major Holidays: _____;
- (d) Minor Holidays: _____;
- (e) Mother's Day and Mother's Birthday shall be with the Mother;
- (f) Father's Day and Father's Birthday shall be with the Father.
- (g) Child(ren)'s Birthday(s): _____;
- (h) Vacation/Summers: _____;
- (i) Other times: _____.

7. All other periods of partial physical custody/supervised physical custody shall be by mutual agreement of both parties after reasonable request, and such agreement shall not be unreasonable withheld.

8. The retrieving party shall provide transportation unless otherwise agreed to by the parties as follows: _____

9. Each party agrees to keep the other advised of their current residential address and telephone number. Each party shall be entitled to speak to the child(ren) by telephone at reasonable times and intervals when the child(ren) is/are in the custody of the other party.

10. Each party agrees to give to the other a general itinerary of all vacations they plan to take with the child(ren).

11. Each party shall endeavor to give at least twenty-four (24) hours prior notice to the other in the event that it will not be possible to exercise any of the rights herein identified.

No party may make a change in the residence of any child which significantly impairs the ability of the other party to exercise custodial rights without first complying with all of the applicable provisions of 23 Pa.C.S. § 5337 and Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.17 regarding relocation.

The attached "Appendix to Order" is incorporated herein and shall be part of this Order.

BY THE COURT:

_____ J.

APPENDIX TO ORDER

Certain rules of conduct generally applicable to custody matters are set forth below and are binding on both parties, the breach of which could become the subject of

contempt proceedings before this Court, or could constitute grounds for amendment of our order. If these general rules conflict with the specific requirements of our order, the order shall prevail.

1.

Neither party will undertake nor permit in his or her presence the poisoning of the minor child's mind against the other party by conversation which explicitly or inferentially derides, ridicules, condemns, or in any manner derogates the other party.

2.

The parties shall not conduct arguments or heated conversations when they are together in the presence of their child(ren).

3.

Neither party will question the child(ren) as to the personal lives of the other parent except insofar as necessary to insure the personal safety of the child(ren). By this we mean that the child(ren) will not be used as a spy on the other party. It is harmful to a child to be put in the role of "spy".

4.

Neither party will make extravagant promises to the minor child(ren) for the purposes of ingratiating himself or herself to the minor child(ren) at the expense of the other party; further, any reasonable promise to the child(ren) should be made with the full expectation of carrying it out.

5.

The parties should at all times consider the child(ren)'s best interests, and act accordingly. It is in a child(ren)'s best interests to understand that he or she is trying desperately to cope with the fact of his parents' separation, and needs help in loving both parents, rather than interference of censure.

6.

The parties should remember that they cannot teach their child(ren) moral conduct by indulging in improper conduct themselves. Children are quick to recognize hypocrisy, and the parent who maintains a double standard will lose the respect of his or her child(ren).

7.

Any period of custody shall be subject to the following rules:

A. Arrangements will be worked out beforehand between the parties without forcing the child(ren) to make choices and run the risk of parental displeasure. However, the child(en) shall be consulted as to the child(ren) schedule.

B. Custodial rights should be exercised at reasonable hours and under circumstances reasonably acceptable to the other party and to the needs and desires of the minor child(ren).

C. If a party finds him or herself unable to keep an appointment, he or she should give immediate notice to the other party, so as to avoid subjecting the child(ren) to unnecessary apprehension and failure of expectations.

D. The party having custody of the child(ren) should prepare the child(ren) both physically and mentally for the custody with the other party and have the child(ren) available at the time and place mutually agreed upon.

E. If either party or the child(ren) has plans which conflict with a scheduled period of custody and wish to adjust such period, the parties should make arrangements for an adjustment acceptable to the schedules of everyone involved. Predetermined schedules are not written in stone, and both parties should be flexible for the sake of the child(ren).

F. If a party shows up for their partial physical custody/supervised physical custody under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the period of partial physical custody/supervised physical custody may be considered forfeited on those grounds alone.

8.

During the time that the child(ren) is/are living with a party, that party has the responsibility of imposing and enforcing the rules for day-to-day living. However, unless otherwise ordered, both parents should consult with one another on the major decisions affecting the child(ren)'s life, such as education, religious training, medical treatment, and so forth.

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 14-1896. Filed for public inspection September 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m.]

SNYDER COUNTY

Judicial Administration; CP-55-AD-3-2014; MC-34-2014 Full Court

Order

And Now, August 5th 2014, the 17th Judicial District Local Rule of Judicial Administration 17-1901 is adopted for use in Snyder County, Court of Common Pleas of the 17th Judicial District, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The 17th Judicial District Court Administrator is Ordered and Directed to do the following:

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

2) Forward two (2) certified copies of this Order and Rule and a computer diskette containing the text of the Rule to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

3) Forward one (1) certified copy of this Order and Rule to the Civil Procedural Rules Committee of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

4) Copies shall be kept continuously available for public inspection in the Office of the Snyder County Prothonotary.

By the Court

MICHAEL T. HUDOCK,
President Judge

RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Rule 17-1901. Prompt Disposition of Matters; Termination of Inactive Cases.

(a) The Prothonotary of Snyder and Union Counties shall prepare and forward to the Court on or before the third Monday of November each year, or on such other date as the Court by special order may direct, all civil matters in which no steps or proceedings have been taken for two (2) years or more prior thereto and shall give

notice thereof to counsel of record, and to the parties for whom no appearance has been entered, as provided by Pa.R.J.A. No. 1901(c). If no action is taken or no written objection is docketed in such a matter prior to the commencement of the general call, the Prothonotary shall strike the matter from the list and enter an order as of course dismissing the matter with prejudice for failure to prosecute, under the provisions of this rule. If no good cause for continuing a matter is shown at the general call, an order shall be entered forthwith by the court for dismissal.

(b) The Clerk of Courts shall prepare and forward to the Court on or before the third Monday of November each year, or on such other date as the Court by special order may direct criminal proceedings in which no steps or proceedings have been taken for two (2) years or more prior thereto and shall give notice thereof to the district attorney, any private prosecutor and the defendant, as provided by Pa.R.J.A. No. 1901(c). If no good cause for continuing a proceeding is shown at the general call, an order for dismissal shall be entered forthwith by the court.

The Court may initiate proceedings to terminate the cases contacted on said list pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1901(c)(1), (2).

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 14-1897. Filed for public inspection September 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m.]

SOMERSET COUNTY

Amended Rule of Court Som.R.J.A. 1070 and Som.O.C.R. 6.4.1; Changing Time Court Will Regularly Convene for Confirmation of Accounts and Statements of Proposed Distribution, and for Final Decrees on Petitions for Discharge of Fiduciaries from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; Administrative Order 1-2014; No. 53 Misc. 1990; No. 52 Misc. 1998

Order

And Now, this 26th day of August, 2014, the Court Amends Local Rules: Som.R.J.A. 1070 and Som.O.C.R. 6.4.1 to change time for court to convene as noted previously from 9:30 to 9:00 a.m. as follows:

Amended Rule of Court

Scheduling Procedure—
Orphans' Court

Som.R.J.A. 1070. Orphans' Court. Scheduling.

A. Account Confirmation And Discharge.

1. The court will regularly convene for confirmation of Accounts and Statements of Proposed Distribution, and for Final Decrees on Petitions for Discharge of Fiduciaries, at 9:00 a.m. on the second Monday of each second or even-numbered month. (February, April, June, August, October and December). If such regular session is continued or falls upon a holiday, presentation shall be made on the next court day.

(See, also, Som.O.C.R. 6.4.1.)

2. The Register of Wills/Clerk of Orphans' Court shall fix a filing deadline for each regular session and shall

give notice thereof at least two (2) weeks prior to the deadline. The time interval between the deadline and the session shall be sufficient to enable the Register/Clerk to make publication as provided by law and Rules of Court.

(See, also, Som.O.C.R. 6.4.1.)

3. The Register of Wills/Clerk of Orphans' Court shall schedule for the next regular session all matters filed before the deadline for that session and shall make the required publication. The notices shall contain a statement that all objections must be filed in writing before the time fixed for confirmation, or final decree of discharge, as the case may be.

4. (See, also, Som.O.C.R. 6.4.1.)

No. 53 Miscellaneous 1990

and:

Amended Rule of Court Somerset County Orphans' Court Rules

Som.O.C.R. 6.4.1. Accounts. Time For Filing.

(a) The court will regularly convene for confirmation of Accounts and Statements of Proposed Distribution, and for Final Decrees on Petitions for Discharge of Fiduciaries, at 9:00 a.m. on the second Monday of each second or even-numbered month. If such regular session is continued or falls upon a holiday, presentation shall be made on the next court day.

(See, also, Som.R.J.A. 1070)

(b) The Register of Wills/Clerk of Orphans' Court shall fix a filing deadline for each regular session and shall give notice thereof at least two (2) weeks prior to the deadline. The time interval between the deadline and the session shall be sufficient to enable the Register/Clerk to make publication as provided by law and Rules of Court.

(See, also, Som.R.J.A. 1070)

(c) The Register of Wills/Clerk of Orphans' Court shall schedule for the next regular session all matters filed before the deadline for that session and shall make the required publication. The notices shall contain a statement that all objections must be filed in writing before the time fixed for confirmation, or final decree of discharge, as the case may be.

(See, also, Som.R.J.A. 1070)

No. 52 Miscellaneous 1998

1. This amendment shall be effective 30 days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

2. The Court Administrator shall distribute two certified copies of this Order and a copy of the rule on computer diskette or CD-ROM or email to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication with the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

3. The Court Administrator shall distribute one certified copy of this Order to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

By the Court

JOHN M. CASCIO,
President Judge

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 14-1898. Filed for public inspection September 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m.]

UNION COUNTY

Judicial Administration; CP-60-AD-5-2014; 14 527

Order

And Now, August 5th 2014, the 17th Judicial District Local Rule of Judicial Administration 17-1901 is adopted for use in Union County, Court of Common Pleas of the 17th Judicial District, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The 17th Judicial District Court Administrator is Ordered and Directed to do the following:

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

2) Forward two (2) certified copies of this Order and Rule and a computer diskette containing the text of the Rule to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

3) Forward one (1) certified copy of this Order and Rule to the Civil Procedural Rules Committee of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

4) Copies shall be kept continuously available for public inspection in the Office of the Union County Prothonotary.

By the Court

MICHAEL T. HUDOCK,
President Judge

RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Rule 17-1901. Prompt Disposition of Matters; Termination of Inactive Cases.

(a) The Prothonotary of Snyder and Union Counties shall prepare and forward to the Court on or before the third Monday of November each year, or on such other date as the Court by special order may direct, all civil matters in which no steps or proceedings have been taken for two (2) years or more prior thereto and shall give notice thereof to counsel of record, and to the parties for whom no appearance has been entered, as provided by Pa.R.J.A. No. 1901(c). If no action is taken or no written objection is docketed in such a matter prior to the commencement of the general call, the Prothonotary shall strike the matter from the list and enter an order as of course dismissing the matter with prejudice for failure to prosecute, under the provisions of this rule. If no good cause for continuing a matter is shown at the general call, an order shall be entered forthwith by the court for dismissal.

(b) The Clerk of Courts shall prepare and forward to the Court on or before the third Monday of November each year, or on such other date as the Court by special order may direct criminal proceedings in which no steps or proceedings have been taken for two (2) years or more prior thereto and shall give notice thereof to the district attorney, any private prosecutor and the defendant, as provided by Pa.R.J.A. No. 1901(c). If no good cause for continuing a proceeding is shown at the general call, an order for dismissal shall be entered forthwith by the court.

The Court may initiate proceedings to terminate the cases contacted on said list pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1901(c)(1), (2).

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 14-1899. Filed for public inspection September 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m.]

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Publication of Social Security Numbers; No. 3 of 2014

Order

And Now this 28th day of August, 2014, *It Is Hereby Ordered* that the order dated August 21, 2014, *In Re: Publication of Social Security Numbers and Confidential Information*, is *Rescinded*.

From this date forward, the Westmoreland County Prothonotary, Register of Wills and Clerk of Courts will make a copy of any filing that contains a Social Security Number and redact the Social Security Number on the copy prior to scanning the copy for public view. The un-redacted original shall be filed in the official case file.

In the event a party requests the removal of a Social Security Number from an already scanned document, the appropriate Records' Office shall, without further Order of Court, remove the scanned document and replace it with a scanned redacted copy. The un-redacted original shall be filed in the official case file.

By the Court

RICHARD E. McCORMICK, Jr.,
President Judge

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SUPREME COURT

Reaccreditation of the American Board of Certification as a Certifying Organization for Consumer Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights and Business Bankruptcy; No. 129 Disciplinary Rules Doc.

Order

Per Curiam:

And Now, this 29th day of August, 2014, upon consideration of the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Review and Certifying Board, the American Board of Certification is hereby reaccredited as a certifying organization in the areas of consumer bankruptcy, creditors' rights and business bankruptcy for a period of five years commencing November 30, 2014.

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