

THE COURTS

Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

COLUMBIA AND MONTOUR COUNTIES

Business of the Courts; Case No. 2020-MV-1

Order of Court

And Now, this 2nd day of September, 2020, it is hereby *Ordered And Directed* that L.R. 1920.42, 1920.51 and 1920.55-2 (Divorce and Special Master Rules), and L.R. 2.9 (Orphans Court Accounts, Proposed Decree for Distribution) are adopted for use in the 26th Judicial District's Local Rules of Judicial Administration, Columbia and Montour Counties. Said Rules shall become effective 30 days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The 26th Judicial District Court Administrator is *Ordered and Directed* to do the following:

1) File one (1) copy with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts via email to adminrules@pacourts.us.

2) Forward two (2) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy in the Microsoft Word format to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

3) Publish the local rules on the court's website to be incorporated into the set of local rules on the website within 30 days after the publication of the local rules in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

4) File one (1) copy of the local rules in the appropriate filing offices for public inspection and copying.

By the Court

HONORABLE THOMAS A. JAMES, Jr.,
President Judge

Divorce Special Master Rules

L.R. 1920.42. Affidavit and Decree under 3301(c) or 3301(d).

(a) If related claims are resolved by means of a written agreement between the parties, a copy of the agreement may be attached to the praecipe to transmit record along with an appropriate proposed decree. If related claims are pending, the attached proposed decree shall contain a provision reserving the court's jurisdiction over the unresolved issues.

(b) Any party filing a request for entry of a decree in divorce shall pay, in addition to all other fees, an administrative review fee as set by the Court or the court has granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

L.R. 1920.51. Appointment of Master. Preliminary Conference. Payment of Master's Fees.

(a) In all divorce or annulment actions where there are unresolved issues properly referable to a master under applicable statutes or rules of court, a party may move for the appointment of a master. The form of the motion shall be as prescribed by Pa.R.C.P. No. 1920.74. The moving party shall pay a sum of money to the Prothonotary at the time the motion is filed, which sum shall be set from time to time by order of court, as security for payment of master's fees and costs. Such sum shall be applied to payment for the master and court reporter's services.

(b) The divorce master may estimate the time required for each master's hearing, and may, in his or her

discretion, require the additional deposit of reasonable sums for court reporter's and master's fees.

(c) The master shall schedule a preliminary conference immediately after the order of appointment has been filed and promptly schedule a hearing and give notice to all parties or their counsel of record. A preliminary conference shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the date of appointment, and it shall be attended by the parties and their counsel in an effort to resolve the issues in dispute without further litigation. At the preliminary conference, the parties shall exchange memoranda reflecting their perceptions and positions on the issues, and provide the master a copy of same. If a party fails to appear personally or through counsel at the preliminary conference, the costs of the conference shall be assessed against such party in any ultimate equitable distribution award recommended by the master.

(1) After payment to the prothonotary of any additional money due as security for payment of the master's fees and costs, the master shall schedule an evidentiary hearing to receive evidence on all issues which were not resolved at the preliminary conference. The master shall schedule the evidentiary hearing only after a party has presented satisfactory proof to him that the additional security for costs has been paid.

(2) The Prothonotary shall pay the master's fee and costs from the funds paid by the parties, upon approval of the court.

(3) Before the time of the pre-hearing conference, each party shall file a complete Inventory pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1920.33.

L.R. 1920.55-2. Exceptions to Master's Report.

(a) A party who files exceptions to a master's report pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 1920.55-2(b) shall order, pay for, and file a transcript of the hearing conducted by the master.

(b) If exceptions are filed, the Prothonotary shall promptly forward the exceptions to the court administrator's office for assignment to the judge.

(c) Upon filing of the exceptions in all divorce or annulment actions, the recommended order shall be entered as a temporary order as to those issues and the exceptions shall not act as a stay pending resolution of the exception.

Orphans Court: Account, Objections and Distributions

L.R. 2.9. Confirmation of Accounts. Proposed Decree for Distribution.

(a) *Accounts.* Confirmation of Accounts shall be set by Administrative Order as part of the Annual Court Calendar, unless otherwise directed by the court.

(b) *Proposed Decree of Distribution.* At the time of filing the Account and Petition for Adjudication/Statement of Proposed Distribution, there shall also be filed a proposed decree to be issued by the court confirming or approving the Account. Said decree shall include the names of those to whom the balance available for distribution is awarded and the amount or share awarded to each.

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YORK COUNTY

In the Matter of: Increasing the Schedule of Fees for the Prothonotary, a Third Class County; 2020-MI-000326 Misc. Civil

Administrative Order and Approval

And Now, To Wit, This 3rd day of September 2020, *The Court* pursuant to Act # 98-164 of the Pennsylvania Legislature, hereby approves the increase of fees effective October 1, 2020.

The Prothonotary of York County shall provide a certified copy of this order to the York County District Court Administrator and shall keep a copy constantly available for public inspection and copying. Upon request and payment of reasonable fees for production and mailing, the Prothonotary shall furnish a copy to any person requesting one.

York County District Administrator shall:

- (a) Publish this order as may be required
- (b) Distribute a certified copy of this order to all Common Pleas Judges
- (c) Provide a copy of this order to the York County Bar Association for distribution to members of the Bar.

By the Court

JOSEPH C. ADAMS,
President Judge

YORK COUNTY PROTHONOTARY FEE BILL

FEES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

Anything with an ASTERISK must be filed electronically

For more information about electronic filing and for forms visit: www.yorkcountypa.gov/prothonotary

The Prothonotary shall not be required to enter on the docket any suit or action nor order of court or enter any judgment thereon or perform any services whatsoever for any person or political subdivision of the Commonwealth until the requisite fee is paid.

Payment should be made by cash, money order, credit card, certified bank or business check.

Personal checks are not accepted.

Failure to provide all required paperwork may result in returned filings.

All filings should be one-sided.

Judgments must be accompanied by 236 notices.

A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included with any documents to be returned.

The York County Court Self-Help and Law Resource Center is located on the 4th floor of the Judicial Center
Courtselfhelp@yorkcountypa.gov

Looking for an attorney? Contact York Attorney Connection
www.yorkbar.com
717-854-8755

PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE
YORK COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER
45 N. GEORGE ST.
YORK, PA 17401
717-771-9611

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	
Sheriff Deeds	\$14.00
ADD OR SUBSTITUTE A PARTY	
If filed to NO #	\$16.00
If filed to SU #*	\$21.00
ANSWER ON AN NO CASE (JUDGMENT)	\$10.00
APPEALS	
District Justice	\$238.00
Superior Court Appeal—2 separate checks required	
Prothonotary Fee	\$103.00
Appellate Court Fee	\$90.25
ARBITRATIONS	
Appointment of Arbitrator*	\$55.00
Arbitration Appeal	
Less than \$10,000 in controversy	\$440.00
\$10,000 to/including \$25,000 in controversy	\$540.00
Greater than \$25,000 in controversy	\$740.00
ASSIGNMENTS	
If filed to NO #	\$16.00
If filed to SU #*	\$21.00
BENCH WARRANTS	\$27.00
CERTIFICATIONS	\$8.00
CHECKS RETURNED AS NON NEGOTIABLE	\$35.00
COMPLAINT—CIVIL*	\$258.00
COMPLAINT—CUSTODY	\$234.00
when filed with a divorce action	\$8.50
COMPLAINT—DIVORCE	\$317.00
(Add \$40.25 for each add count and \$48.75 for a custody count)	
CONCILIATOR APPOINTMENT	\$155.00
COPIES	
Public printer, per page	\$0.50
Staff printer, per page	\$1.00
CUSTODY	
register out of state custody order	\$25.00
DIVORCE DECREE CERTIFIED COPY	\$15.00
DIVORCE	
Discontinuance or withdrawal	\$16.00
Appointment of Master:	
For Fault Divorce, Equitable Distribution or Alimony (first 12 hrs)	\$350.00
Modification of Alimony (first 8 hrs)	\$250.00
Interim Relief (first 4 hrs)	\$150.00
Additional proceedings (each block up to 6 hrs)	\$250.00

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EXECUTIONS		NOTARY PUBLIC	
Praecipe for Writ*	\$54.00	Registration of Signature	\$5.50
Attachment Proceeding (each garnishee)*	\$0.50	Acknowledgment of Signature	\$5.50
Reissuance or Amendments		PATERNITY ACTION	\$238.00
If filed to NO #	\$15.00	PETITIONS TO OPEN OR STRIKE	
If filed to SU #*	\$20.00	JUDGMENTS	
Interrogatories & Answers		If filed to NO # *	\$258.00
If filed to NO #	\$10.00	If filed to SU # *	NO FEE
If filed to SU #*	\$15.00	PETITION TO REASSESS DAMAGES*	\$21.00
Attachment Dissolution		PLEADINGS FILED TO AN NO OR MT CASE	\$10.00
If filed to NO #	\$16.00	POWERS OF ATTORNEY	
If filed to SU #*	\$21.00	Registration of first name	\$6.00
Sheriff's Determination of Ownership	\$13.00	PRAECIPE TO SATISFY, DISCONTINUE , WITHDRAW CASE	
EXEMPLIFIED RECORDS		if filed to NO # prior to 1/2/97	\$16.00
Incoming Exemplified Records	\$58.00	if filed to SU # prior to 1/2/97*	\$21.00
Outgoing Exemplified Records (Specify In-State or Out-of State)	\$34.00	if case filed on or after 1/2/97	No Fee
EXHIBITS—OVERSIZED (documents larger than 11" x 17")		Satisfy less than all parties or judgment only	
Per page	\$3.50	if filed to NO #	\$16.00
INTENTION TO PROCEED	\$21.00	if filed to SU # *	\$21.00
JUDGMENTS		Commonwealth Satisfactions (filed prior to 1997)	\$16.00
Amended		PROTECTION FROM ABUSE	\$252.00
If filed to NO #	\$16.00	Crossfiling	\$207.00
If filed to SU #*	\$21.00	Refiling of expired PFA over 2 years	\$252.00
Brokers Lien	\$58.00	Refiling of expired PFA under 2 years	\$207.00
By Transcript (District Justice)	\$58.00	Full hearing held, state surcharge	\$100.00
Complaint with confession	\$68.00	Issuance of a Bench Warrant	\$27.00
Default*	\$35.00	Modification of PFA	\$30.00
Deficiency*	\$35.00	REACTIVATION OF CUSTODY CASE MADE INACTIVE PER RULE 230.3	\$27.00
Marked to the use of		RELEASE, POSTPONEMENT, SUBORDINATION	
If filed to NO #	\$16.00	If filed to NO #	\$16.00
If filed to SU #*	\$21.00	If filed to SU # *	\$21.00
LICENSE SUSPENSION APPEAL	\$238.00	REPORTS	\$10.00
LIENS		REVIVALS	
Commonwealth	\$58.00	Adverse Proceedings	\$78.00
Mechanics		Amicable Proceedings	\$58.00
Claim (same as Commencement of New Action)	\$238.00	Commonwealth Tax Lien	\$58.00
Stipulation or Waiver	\$44.00	Writ of Scire Facias	\$78.00
Municipal or Federal	\$58.00	SUBPOENAS	
MISCELLANEOUS FILINGS	\$25.00	(Must be completed before submitted for signature and seal)	\$5.50
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE*	\$258.00	TAX UPSET/JUDICIAL SALE	
MOTION TO STAY EXECUTION ON AN NO CASE	\$10.00	Objections/exception	\$25.00
MOTION TO STAY EXECUTION ON AN SU CASE*	\$5.00	TRANSFER OR REMOVAL OF RECORD TO ANOTHER COURT	\$43.00
NAME CHANGE			
Resume maiden name after a divorce	\$20.00		
Not divorce related	\$104.00		

WRIT OF ATTACHMENT

If filed to NO #	\$55.00
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If filed to SU # *	\$60.00
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Notice of intent to attach wages	
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If filed to NO #	\$10.00
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If filed to SU # *	\$15.00
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Writ of EXECUTION

If filed to NO #	\$49.00
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If filed to SU # *	\$54.00
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Writ of EXECUTION - REISSUE

If filed to NO #	\$15.00
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If filed to SU # *	\$20.00
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WRIT OF SCIRE FACIAS

\$78.00

WRIT OF SUMMONS (new case)*

\$258.00

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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 September 8, 2020, Jack M. Bernard (# 26643) is Suspended on Consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of one year and one day. In accordance with Rule 217(f), Pa.R.D.E., since this formerly admitted attorney resides outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

MARCEE D. SLOAN,
Board Prothonotary

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