

THE COURTS

Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

INDIANA COUNTY

Local Rules of Civil Procedure—Arbitration; 290 MD 2021

Order of Court

And Now, this 21st day of September, 2021, it is hereby Ordered and Directed as follows:

1. Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1301 is rescinded and replaced with the following Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1301. Local Rules of Civil Procedure 1302 and 1303 are hereby adopted by this Court. The rules shall be effective January 3, 2022.

2. The Indiana County District Court Administrator shall:

a. Distribute this Order and the following Local Rules to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* by emailing a copy of this Order to bulletin@palrb.us and sending two (2) copies to:

Legislative Reference Bureau
Pa. Code and Bulletin Office
647 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0033

b. Amend the Indiana County website to include the following Local Rules within thirty (30) days after the publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*; and

c. File one (1) copy of the Local Rules with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC).

By the Court

THOMAS M. BIANCO,
President Judge

Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1301. Compulsory Arbitration.

All civil actions, except those involving title to real property or actions in equity, shall be submitted to and be heard by a board of arbitrators when the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, is \$50,000 or less.

Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1302. List of Arbitrators. Appointment to Board.

(a) The Prothonotary of Indiana County shall prepare and maintain a list of available arbitrators in accordance with Pa.R.Civ.P. 1302.

(b) When a request for an appointment of a board of arbitrators is submitted, the Prothonotary shall provide counsel with a list of five (5) qualified arbitrators. Each party shall be permitted to strike an arbitrator from the list. The remaining three (3) arbitrators shall serve as the Board of Arbitrators. The first arbitrator on the list shall serve as the chairperson.

Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1303. Hearing. Notice.

The chairperson of the Board of Arbitrators shall be responsible for fixing the date, time and place of the

arbitration hearing. The chairperson shall comply with the provisions of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1303.

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Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Temporary Residential Landlord Tenant Rental Assistance Program; No. 2021-1

Administrative Order

And Now, this 17th day of September, 2021, it is hereby Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed that the following procedures shall be established for landlord tenant cases until further Order of Court:

1. At any time subsequent to the commencement of a residential landlord tenant action for possession of residential real property on the basis of recovery or nonpayment of rent before a magisterial district court, any party to the action, or the Blueprints organization with the consent of any party to the action, may submit a request to the magisterial district court for a continuance. This request shall be signed by the party making the request or by a representative of Blueprints, or another appropriate rental assistance agency, and shall certify that the defendant has submitted an application for emergency rental assistance. Such a request may be considered as good cause shown pursuant to Pa.R.C.P.M.D.J. 209 and, upon receipt of such a request, the magisterial district judge may continue any proceedings, including pending execution of an Order of Possession, for up to thirty (30) days. No continuance pursuant to this Order shall exceed a total of thirty (30) aggregate days.

2. If a request for continuance pursuant to this Order is not submitted by a party or a representative of Blueprints or another appropriate rental assistance agency, the magisterial district court may continue the matter for up to thirty (30) days if the magisterial district judge is satisfied that a good faith application for emergency rental assistance has been or will be submitted to Blueprints or another appropriate rental assistance agency. No continuance pursuant to this Order shall exceed a total of thirty (30) aggregate days.

3. All appeals to the Court of Common Pleas from judgments of the magisterial district courts concerning residential landlord tenant actions for the recovery or nonpayment of rent, and all other Civil Complaints relating to residential evictions and the recovery or nonpayment of rent, shall be transferred to the docket of one judge of the Court of Common Pleas, as designated by the District Court Administrator and the President Judge. Each case shall be scheduled for an initial case management conference before the assigned judge within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Complaint. Initial case management conferences shall be held in person before the Court unless prior leave of court is granted to hold the conference through advanced communications technology.

4. No trial or hearing on possession pursuant to a residential landlord tenant eviction may be held until after the initial case management conference has been held before the Court.

5. The fact that a good faith application for emergency rental assistance has been or will be submitted to Blueprints or another appropriate rental assistance agency may be considered grounds for a continuance pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 216.

6. If a case has been scheduled for an initial case management conference, all motions concerning a supersedeas affidavit pursuant to Pa.R.C.P.M.D.J. 1008 or in forma pauperis status shall be heard by the judge assigned to the case.

7. This Order shall be processed in conformity with Pa.R.J.A. 103. The District Court Administrator is directed to do the following:

- a. File one (1) copy of this Administrative Order with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts;
- b. Distribute two (2) copies to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*; and
- c. Serve a copy of this Administrative Order on the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, the judges of the

magisterial district courts of Washington County, and all other necessary officials.

By the Court

JOHN F. DiSALLE,
President Judge

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DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT

Notice of Suspension

By Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated September 17, 2021, Stephanie Julia Brown (# 94715), whose registered address is in New Jersey, has been suspended from the practice of law in this Commonwealth for a period of three months, effective October 17, 2021. 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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