

THE COURTS

Title 204—JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

PART V. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND CONDUCT [204 PA. CODE CH. 83]

Amendment of Rule 219(a) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement; No. 219 Dis- ciplinary Rules Docket

Order

Per Curiam

And Now, this 14th day of March, 2022, it is hereby *Ordered* that Rule 219(a) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement is amended in the attached form. This amendment shall be effective for the 2022-23 annual attorney assessment and shall continue until further Order of this Court.

Pursuant to Rule 103 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration, the immediate amendment of Rules 219(a) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement is required in the interest of efficient administration.

This *Order* shall be processed in accordance with Rule 103(b) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration and shall be effective immediately.

Additions to the rule are shown in bold and are underlined.

Deletions from the rule are shown in bold and in brackets.

Annex A

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CHAPTER 83. PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF DISCIPLINARY ENFORCEMENT

Subchapter B. MISCONDUCT

Rule 219. Annual Registration of Attorneys.

(a) Every attorney admitted to practice law in this Commonwealth shall pay an annual fee of [**\$145.00**] **\$195.00** and electronically file the annual fee form provided for in this rule by July 1. The fee shall be collected under the supervision of the Attorney Registration Office, which shall make the annual fee form available for filing through a link on the Board's website (<http://www.padisiplinaryboard.org>) or directly at <https://ujportal.pacourts.us>. The said fee shall be used to defray the costs of disciplinary administration and enforcement under these rules, and for such other purposes as the Board shall, with the approval of the Supreme Court, from time to time determine. Upon an attorney's written request submitted to the Attorney Registration Office and for good cause shown, the Attorney Registration Office shall

grant an exemption from the electronic filing requirement and permit the attorney to file the annual fee form in paper form.

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Title 204—JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

PART V. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND CONDUCT [204 PA. CODE CH. 83]

Amendment of Rule 328 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement; No. 218 Disciplinary Rules Docket

Order

Per Curiam

And Now, this 10th day of March, 2022, upon the recommendation of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; the proposal having been submitted without publication in the interests of justice and efficient administration pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 103(a)(3),

It Is Ordered pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that rule 328 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement is amended in the attached form.

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

Additions to the rules are shown in bold and are underlined.

Deletions from the rules are shown in bold and in brackets.

Annex A

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Subchapter C. DISABILITY AND RELATED MATTERS

CONSERVATORS FOR INTERESTS OF CLIENTS

Rule 328. Compensation and Expenses of Conservator.

(a) A conservator not associated with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel shall be compensated [**pursuant to a written agreement between the conservator and the Board Chair. Compensation under such an agreement shall be paid at reasonable intervals, and**] at an hourly rate identical to that received by court-appointed counsel at the non-court appearance rate in the judicial district where the conservator was appointed. When the conservator believes that extraordi-

nary circumstances justify an enhanced hourly rate, the conservator may apply to the Board Chair for enhanced compensation. Such an application shall be granted only in those situations in which extraordinary circumstances are shown to justify enhanced compensation.

(b) The necessary expenses (including, but not limited to, the fees and expenses of certified public accountant engaged pursuant to Enforcement Rule 324(c)) and any compensation of a conservator or any attendant staff shall, if possible, be paid by the absent attorney or his or her estate. Any expenses and any compensation of the conservator that are not reimbursed to the Board shall be paid as a cost of disciplinary administration and enforcement. Payment of any costs incurred by the Board pursuant to this rule that have not been reimbursed to the Board may be made a condition of reinstatement of a formerly admitted attorney or may be ordered in a disciplinary proceeding brought against the absent attorney.

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 22-454. Filed for public inspection March 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m.]

Title 25—LOCAL COURT RULES

MERCER COUNTY

Amendments to Local Rules of Civil Procedure L319, L320 and L1920.60; 2022-593

And Now, this 15th day of March, 2022, the Court hereby *Approves*, *Adopts* and *Promulgates* the following Amendments to the Mercer County Local Rules L319, L320 and L1920.60 regarding Termination of Inactive Cases.

It Is Further Ordered and Directed that the Court Administrator of Mercer County shall file (1) certified copy of the Amendments with the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts and furnish two (2) certified copies to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

It Is Further Order and Directed that these Amendments shall be kept continuously available for public inspection and copying in the Office of the Clerk of Courts of Mercer County and the Office of the Prothonotary of Mercer County. This Order shall be published in the *Mercer County Law Journal*.

By the Court

DANIEL P. WALLACE,
President Judge

AMENDMENTS TO THE MERCER COUNTY LOCAL RULES REGARDING TERMINATION OF INACTIVE CASES

A. Local Rule L319 shall be deleted.

B. Local Rule L320 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Rule L320. Termination of Inactive Cases.

(a) At least once a year, the Prothonotary of Mercer County shall provide to the President Judge a list of all those cases that have had no activity of record for two years or more.

(b) Pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. Rule 230.2(b)(1), the Prothonotary shall then send Notices of Proposed Termination to counsel of record, or to the parties if not represented, for those cases having no activity of record for two years or more.

(c) Pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration Rule 1901(c)(2), the Prothonotary shall advertise one time in the *Mercer County Law Journal* the list of all those cases where the Notice of Proposed Termination could not be given by mail or had been returned undelivered. In addition to the list of cases, said advertisement shall include a Notice of Proposed Termination and the statement: "You have thirty (30) days to respond to this Notice by filing a Statement of Intention to Proceed pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. Rule 230.2(g)."

(d) The Prothonotary shall comply with all other provisions found in Pa.R.C.P. Rule 230.2 when terminating inactive cases that have been properly served a Notice of Termination.

(e) The President Judge shall comply with Rule 230.2(d) regarding an aggrieved party seeking to reinstate a terminated case.

C. Local Rule 1920.60 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Rule L1920.60. Termination of Inactive Divorce Cases.

(a) At least once a year, the Prothonotary of Mercer County shall provide to the President Judge a list of all those divorce cases that have had no activity of record for two years or more.

(b) Pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. Rule 230.2(b)(1), the Prothonotary shall then send Notices of Proposed Termination to counsel of record, or to the parties if not represented, for those divorce cases having no activity of record for two years or more.

(c) Pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration Rule 1901(c)(2), the Prothonotary shall advertise one time in the *Mercer County Law Journal* the list of all those divorce cases where the Notice of Proposed Termination could not be given by mail or had been returned undelivered. In addition to the list of cases, said advertisement shall include a Notice of Proposed Termination and the statement: "You have thirty (30) days to respond to this Notice by filing a Statement of Intention to Proceed pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. Rule 230.2(g)."

(d) The Prothonotary shall comply with all other provisions found in Pa.R.C.P. Rule 230.2 when terminating inactive divorce cases that have been properly served a Notice of Termination.

(e) The President Judge shall comply with Pa.R.C.P. Rule 230.2(d) regarding an aggrieved party seeking to reinstate a terminated divorce case.

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SUPREME COURT

Petitions for Review Challenging the Final 2021 Legislative Reapportionment Plan; No. 569 Judicial Administration Docket

Order

Per Curiam

And Now, this 16th day of March, 2022, the schedule for the General Primary Election calendar to be held on May 17, 2022, for seats in the General Assembly and for State Party Committees is *Modified* in the following respects:

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 18, 2022
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 28, 2022
First day to circulate and file nomination papers	March 29, 2022
Last day for candidates who filed nomination petitions to withdraw their candidacies	March 31, 2022
Last day for the County Boards of Elections to send remote military-overseas absentee ballots	April 2, 2022
Last day for the County Boards of Elections to send all remaining military-overseas ballots	April 2, 2022
Deadline to file objections to nomination petitions	April 4, 2022

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 18, 2022
Last day that may be fixed by the Commonwealth Court for hearings on objections that have been filed to nomination petitions	April 7, 2022
Last day for the Commonwealth Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination petitions	April 12, 2022

This schedule shall be implemented by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and all election officers within the Commonwealth in accordance with this Order. Immediate notification to the public of this modified schedule shall be provided by the Secretary.

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