

THE COURTS

Title 204—JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

PART VII. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS [204 PA. CODE CH. 201]

Status of Indicting Grand Juries; Initiation of Criminal Proceedings by Information

Section 10 of Article 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, as amended by referendum of November 6, 1973, provides that each of the several courts of common pleas may, with the approval of the Supreme Court, provide for the initiation of criminal proceedings therein by information filed in the manner provided by law.

The Administrative Office is required by 42 Pa.C.S. § 8931(b) (relating to criminal information) to cause all orders of the Supreme Court entered under the forgoing provision to be codified in the *Pennsylvania Code*. Section

201.3 of Title 204 of the *Pennsylvania Code* was last updated in 1981. See *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, Vol. 11, No. 18 (May 12, 1981).

Accordingly, a revised table setting forth the status of the abolition of the indicting grand jury in this Commonwealth accompanies this notice.

ZYGMONT A. PINES,
Court Administrator of Pennsylvania

Annex A

TITLE 204. JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS

PART VII. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

CHAPTER 201. UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM

§ 201.3. Status of indicting grand juries; initiation of criminal proceedings by information.

(a) *General rule.* The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania pursuant to Section 10 of Article 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania has approved the initiation of criminal proceedings by information in the following courts of common pleas:

| <i>County</i> | <i>Judicial District</i> | <i>Docket Page</i> | <i>Reference Docket No.</i> | <i>Effective Date</i> |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adams | 51 | 179 | 21 | May 1, 1976 |
| Allegheny | 5 | 178 | 21 | June 1, 1976 |
| Armstrong | 33 | 83 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Beaver | 36 | 150 | 21 | March 1, 1976 |
| Bedford | 57 | 31 | E.D. 1990 | November 19, 1991 |
| Berks | 23 | 53 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Blair | 24 | 54 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Bradford | 42 | 340 | 21 | March 1, 1977 |
| Bucks | 7 | 46 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Butler | 50 | 62 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Cambria | 47 | 77 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Cameron | 59 | 88 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Carbon | 56 | 74 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Centre | 49 | 309 | 20 | January 6, 1975 |
| Chester | 15 | 50 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Clarion | 18 | 187 | E.D. 1980 | February 21, 1980 |
| Clearfield | 46 | 43 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Clinton | 25 | 308 | 21 | December 9, 1976 |
| Columbia | 26 | 89 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Crawford | 30 | 70 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Cumberland | 9 | 293 | 21 | December 1, 1976 |
| Dauphin | 12 | 49 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Delaware | 32 | 56 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Elk | 59 | 88 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Erie | 6 | 42 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |

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|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fayette | 14 | 223 | 21 | June 7, 1976 |
| Forest | 37 | 51 | E.D. 1978 | April 5, 1978 |
| Franklin | 39 | 291 | 21 | January 1, 1977 |
| Fulton | 39 | 291 | 21 | January 1, 1977 |
| Greene | 13 | 176 | E.D. 1978 | October 31, 1978 |
| Huntingdon | 20 | 87 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Indiana | 40 | 175 | E.D. 1978 | October 31, 1978 |
| Jefferson | 54 | 451 | 21 | October 14, 1977 |
| Juniata | 41 | 58 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Lackawanna | 45 | 188 | E.D. 1983 | December 12, 1983 |
| Lancaster | 2 | 69 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Lawrence | 53 | 572 | E.D. 1980 | August 28, 1980 |
| Lebanon | 52 | 44 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Lehigh | 31 | 55 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Luzerne | 11 | 48 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Lycoming | 29 | 59 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| McKean | 48 | 61 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Mercer | 35 | 309 | 21 | December 9, 1976 |
| Mifflin | 58 | 64 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Monroe | 43 | 60 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Montgomery | 38 | 57 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Montour | 26 | 90 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Northampton | 3 | 45 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Northumberland | 8 | 67 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Perry | 41 | 58 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 504 | 19 | January 1, 1976 |
| Pike | 60 | 60 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Potter | 55 | 63 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Schuylkill | 21 | 41 | E.D. 1978 | March 27, 1978 |
| Snyder | 17 | 87 | E.D. 1984 | June 29, 1984 |
| Somerset | 16 | 51 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Sullivan | 44 | 71 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Susquehanna | 34 | 129 | E.D. 1979 | December 31, 1979 |
| Tioga | 4 | 180 | 21 | May 1, 1976 |
| Union | 17 | 87 | E.D. 1984 | June 29, 1984 |
| Venango | 28 | 68 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Warren | 37 | 51 | E.D. 1978 | April 5, 1978 |
| Washington | 27 | 249 | 21 | August 2, 1976 |
| Wayne* | 22 | | | |
| Westmoreland | 10 | 47 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| Wyoming | 44 | 71 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |
| York | 19 | 52 | 21 | January 1, 1976 |

*By order of the Supreme Court, the statewide rules of criminal procedure governing indicting grand juries and indictments were rescinded effective September 1, 1993. *See also*, Pa.R.Crim.P. 103 (defining “information” as replacing the indictment in all counties “since the use of the indicting grand jury has been abolished.”).

(b) *Status of grand jury.* 42 Pa.C.S. § 8931(f) provides that no grand jury shall be impaneled in any judicial district where the Supreme Court has approved the initiation of criminal proceedings by information, for the purpose of considering bills of indictment, and that such provision shall not prohibit the impaneling of grand juries under and with the powers provided in Subchapter 45D of the Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S. § 4541 et seq.) or for any other purpose as provided or prescribed by law.

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Title 25—LOCAL COURT RULES

BUCKS COUNTY

Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program; Administrative Order No. 55

And Now, this 15th day of November 2011, Paragraph 7 of Bucks County Civil Division Administrative Order No. 55, promulgated on June 5, 2009, is hereby amended to read as follows:

7. This Order shall remain in effect until December 31, 2012, unless further extended by the Court.

This Amendment shall take effect thirty days from the date of publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

By the Court

SUSAN DEVLIN SCOTT,
President Judge

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CHESTER COUNTY

Masters Authorized to Hear Juvenile Bench Warrant Hearings; Administrative Regulation No. 19-2011

And Now, this 27th day of October, 2011, pursuant to recent amendments to Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure 140, which become effective on November 1, 2011, it is hereby *Ordered* and *Decreed* that the following shall become juvenile court local rule L-140:

All lawyers employed by the County of Chester to preside as Masters in juvenile cases are hereby designated to preside over and hear juvenile bench warrant hearings.

Pursuant to Pa.R.J.C.P. Nos. 121.C and 1121.C, the number of this local rule is keyed to Pa.R.J.C.P. 140, pertaining to bench warrants for failure to appear at hearings.

By the Court

JAMES P. MACELREE, II,
President Judge

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 11-2047. Filed for public inspection December 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m.]

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Promulgation of Local Rules; No. 1989 CV 1793

Order

And Now, this 18th day of November, 2011, Dauphin County Local Rule 1901.3 is promulgated as follows:

Rule 1901.3. Protection from Abuse Filings.

(a) All attorneys who represent a client in Protection from Abuse matters shall be registered with the Protection From Abuse Database (PFAD) system.

(b) All petitions and motions shall be generated by the PFAD system and subsequently filed with the Prothonotary.

(c) Attorneys who have been directed by the Court to prepare orders shall generate such orders on the PFAD system and present them to the Court for review and signature and entry into the PFAD system no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the hearing. Failure to do so may give rise to sanctions. The definition of order as used in this local rule shall include, inter alia, final orders, continuance orders and orders extending the temporary order.

This rule shall be effective upon thirty (30) days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

By the Court

TODD A. HOOVER,
President Judge

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DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT

Notice of Disbarment

Notice is hereby given that Gary Robert Matthews having been disbarred from the practice of law in the State of Kentucky by Opinion and Order of the Supreme Court of Kentucky dated April 22, 2004, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued an Order on November 10, 2011, disbaring Gary Robert Matthews from the Bar of this Commonwealth, effective December 10, 2011. In accordance with Rule 217(f), Pa.R.D.E., since this formerly admitted attorney resides outside of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

ELAINE M. BIXLER,
Secretary
*The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania*

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