

THE COURTS

Title 237—JUVENILE RULES

PART I. RULES

[237 PA. CODE CH. 6]

Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 610

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee is considering proposing to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania the amendment of Pennsylvania Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 610 governing juvenile dispositional review procedures for the reasons set forth in the accompanying publication report. Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 103(a)(1), the proposal is being published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* for comments, suggestions, or objections prior to submission to the Supreme Court.

Any report accompanying this proposal was prepared by the Committee to indicate the rationale for the proposed rulemaking. It will neither constitute a part of the rules nor be adopted by the Supreme Court.

The Committee invites all interested persons to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in writing to:

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All communications in reference to the proposal should be received by January 17, 2025. E-mail is the preferred method for submitting comments, suggestions, or objections; any e-mailed submission need not be reproduced and resubmitted via mail. The Committee will acknowledge receipt of all submissions.

*By the Juvenile Court
 Procedural Rules Committee*

JUDGE ANDREA MARCECA STRONG,
Chair

Annex A

TITLE 237. JUVENILE RULES

PART I. RULES

Subpart A. DELINQUENCY MATTERS

CHAPTER 6. POST-DISPOSITIONAL PROCEDURES

PART B. MODIFICATIONS AND REVIEWS

Rule 610. Dispositional [and Commitment] Review.

[**A. Dispositional Review Hearing.** The court shall review its disposition and conduct dispositional review hearings for the purpose of ensuring that the juvenile is receiving necessary treatment and services and that the terms and conditions of the disposition are being met.

1) In all cases, the court shall conduct dispositional review hearings at least every six months.

2) In all cases, the juvenile shall appear in person at least once a year.

3) The court may schedule a review hearing at any time.]

(a) **Dispositional Review Hearing—Juvenile Not Committed.** If a juvenile is not committed to an out-of-home placement, the court shall review its disposition and conduct dispositional review hearings subject to the following:

(1) **Frequency.** The court may schedule a review hearing at any time but shall conduct dispositional review hearings at least every six months.

(2) **Findings.** At the conclusion of the hearing and on the record in open court, the court shall find the following, together with its reasoning for each finding:

(i) whether the juvenile is receiving necessary treatment and services; and

(ii) whether the terms and conditions of the disposition are being met.

(b) **Dispositional Review Hearing—Juvenile Committed.** If a juvenile is committed to an out-of-home placement, the court shall review its disposition and conduct dispositional review hearings subject to the following:

(1) **Frequency.** The court may schedule a review hearing at any time but shall conduct dispositional review hearings at least every three months.

(2) **Findings.** At the conclusion of the hearing and on the record in open court, the court shall find the following, together with its reasoning for each finding:

(i) whether the child is receiving the necessary services or treatment contemplated by the court's disposition;

(ii) whether the child continues to pose a threat to the community;

(iii) whether additional services or treatment are needed;

(iv) whether the child should continue in placement or be released from placement under after-care supervision; and

(v) the date of the next disposition review hearing.

[**B.**] (c) **Modification of Dispositional Order.** Whenever there is a motion for a modification of the dispositional order, other than a motion to revoke probation as provided in Rule 612, notice and an opportunity to be heard shall be given to the parties and the victim. Any outstanding restitution amounts may not be reduced by modification of the dispositional order without specific notice to the victim prior to the hearing that a modification may be ordered.

1) The juvenile may be detained pending a court hearing.

2) A detention hearing shall be held within 72 hours of the juvenile's detention, if detained.

3) The juvenile shall be given a statement of reasons for the discharge from a placement facility or motion for modification of the dispositional order.

4) A review hearing shall be held within 20 days of the discharge from the placement facility or motion for modification of the dispositional order.

[C.] (d) ***Juvenile Appearance and Advanced Communication Technology.*** **The juvenile shall appear in person at least once a year.** A court may utilize advanced communication technology pursuant to Rule 129 for a juvenile or a witness unless good cause is shown otherwise.

[D.] (e) ***Post-Dispositional Rights.*** A colloquy and inquiry of post-dispositional rights shall be conducted when a juvenile is aggrieved by a modification of the dispositional order.

Comment:

At any hearing, if it is determined that the juvenile is in need of an educational decision maker, the court is to appoint an educational decision maker pursuant to Rule 147.

[Under paragraph (A), the court is to conduct dispositional review hearings as frequently as necessary to ensure that the juvenile is receiving necessary treatment and services and that the terms and conditions of the disposition are being met. See Rule 800.]

When conducting a dispositional review hearing, the court is to ensure that the disposition continues to provide balanced attention to the protection of the community, the imposition of accountability for offenses committed, and the development of competencies to enable the juvenile to become a responsible and productive member of the community. A change in the plan of rehabilitation may result in the adjustment of financial obligations imposed pursuant to Rule 515. An “adjustment” is not intended to invite the imposition of increased fines, fees, or costs after disposition.

Nothing in this rule prohibits the juvenile from requesting an earlier review hearing. The juvenile may file a motion requesting a hearing when there is a need for change in treatment or services.

Additionally, nothing in this rule is intended to prohibit the emergency transfer of a juvenile from a placement facility to a detention facility pending reconsideration of the dispositional order, and this rule is not intended to preclude a motion for modification of a dispositional order after the juvenile has been detained.

Under [paragraph (B)] **subdivision (c)**, the attorney for the Commonwealth or its designee is to notify the victim of the date, time, place, and purpose of the review hearing. Prior to ordering the modification of the dispositional order, the court is to give the victim an opportunity to submit an oral and [/or] written victim-impact statement if the victim so chooses. *See [Victims Bill of Rights,]* 18 P.S. §§ 11.201(5) [*et seq.*]. Whenever a motion seeks a reduction of outstanding restitution, the victim should be given specific notice of the relief sought prior to the hearing. A court may not order a downward adjustment of outstanding restitution without first ensuring that notice was given to the victim of the possibility that such an adjustment was specifically being considered at the dispositional review hearing.

Any person[s] may be subpoenaed to appear for the hearing. *See [Rule 123 and] Pa.R.J.C.P. 123;* 42 Pa.C.S. § 6333. However, nothing in these rules requires the attendance of the victim unless subpoenaed. If the victim is not present, the victim is to be notified of the final outcome of the proceeding.

Some placement facilities are hours away from the dispositional court. [Paragraph (C)] **Subdivision (d)** allows a hearing to be conducted via teleconferencing, two-way simultaneous audio-visual communication, or similar method. The juvenile is to be afforded all the same rights and privileges as if the hearing was held with all present in the courtroom.

If a juvenile is detained or placed, the juvenile is to be placed in a detention facility or placement facility, which does not include a county jail or state prison. [See Rule 120 and its Comment for definitions of] *See Pa.R.J.C.P. 120* (defining “detention facility” and “placement facility[.]”).

For the colloquy and inquiry of post-dispositional rights, see Rule 512(C). If a change in disposition results in an out-of-home placement, then the court should also explain to the juvenile the availability of review of the out-of-home placement pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 1612.

[*Official Note:* Rule 610 adopted April 1, 2005, effective October 1, 2005. Amended December 30, 2005, effective immediately. Amended April 21, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended April 29, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended May 26, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended June 28, 2013, effective immediately. Amended May 11, 2017, effective October 1, 2017. Amended October 22, 2021, effective April 1, 2022.

Committee Explanatory Reports:

Final Report explaining the provisions of Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 35 Pa.B. 2214 (April 16, 2005).

Final Report explaining the revisions of Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 36 Pa.B. 186 (January 14, 2006).

Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 2319 (May 7, 2011).

Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 2413 (May 14, 2011).

Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 41 Pa.B. 3180 (June 25, 2011).

Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 43 Pa.B. 3938 (July 13, 2013).

Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 47 Pa.B. 2969 (May 27, 2017).

Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 610 published with the Court’s Order at 51 Pa.B. 6905 (November 6, 2021).]

**SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURAL RULES
COMMITTEE**

PUBLICATION REPORT

Proposed Amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 610

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee (“Committee”) is considering proposing the amendment of Pennsylvania Rule of Juvenile Court Procedure 610 to require

the review of a juvenile's out-of-home placement at least every three months and for the court to make specific findings.

On June 22, 2021, the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice Task Force released its Report and Recommendations containing several suggested rules changes. Recommendation 16.4 stated:

Pa.R.J.C.P 610 should be modified to require dispositional review hearings in all cases (including those disposed to probation) to be held at a minimum every three months and to set forth the specific determinations that must be made at each proceeding (similar to the specificity of the determinations that must be made by the court in permanency hearings for dependent children under Rule 1610).

The Act of October 16, 2024, P.L. 1003, No. 107 amended 42 Pa.C.S. § 6353 to require a "dispositional review" of a juvenile's out-of-home placement at least every three months and for the court to make specific findings and to explain its reasoning for each finding. Prior to Act 107, the Juvenile Act required the court to review a juvenile's out-of-home placement, *i.e.*, commitment, every six months and to hold a dispositional review hearing at least every nine months. That statutory requirement was suspended insofar as it was inconsistent with Pa.R.J.C.P. 610, which required dispositional and commitment review hearings to be held at least every six months regardless of whether the juvenile was in an out-of-home placement. *See* Pa.R.J.C.P. 800(18). Thus, a juvenile's disposition, if the juvenile was not in an out-of-home placement, would be reviewed at least every six months. Similarly, a juvenile's disposition, if the juvenile was in an out-of-home placement, would also be reviewed every six months. For a juvenile in an out-of-home placement, the disposition review was called a "commitment review." As the timing and nature of the review were similar, the terminology seemed to be a distinction without a difference under the rule.

The Juvenile Act places a limitation on the period of time that a juvenile may be placed out-of-home. *See* 42 Pa.C.S. § 6353(a). This period of time, however, may be extended or modified. *See id.* As amended by Act 107, the Juvenile Act requires a "disposition review hearing" of the out-of-home placement at least every three months. *See id.* § 6353(a.1)(1). Act 107 also requires the court to make specific findings of fact and explain its rationale for those findings. *See id.* § 6353(a.1)(2)-(a.1)(3).

The Committee proposes amending the title of Pa.R.Civ.P. 610 to remove "and Commitment" to indicate that both types of review are "dispositional" but with different timing and required findings. Current subdivision (A) would be replaced with subdivisions (a) and (b). Subdivision (a) would require a dispositional review hearing at least every six months if a juvenile is not committed to an out-of-home placement. The timing of this review retains the current six-month minimum. The required findings for that review are carried over from current subdivision (A). Subdivision (b) is intended to reflect the specific requirements of Act 107, including the minimum three-month review and the findings necessary for a juvenile committed to an out-of-home placement.

Current subdivision (A)(2) concerning the appearance of the juvenile has been consolidated with proposed subdivision (d) concerning the use of advanced communication technology or ACT. Current subdivision (A)(3), permitting the court to schedule a review at any time, has been merged into proposed subdivisions (a)(1) and (b)(1).

Finally, no amendment of Pa.R.J.C.P. 800(18) is proposed because it applies to Act of July 9, 1976, P.L. 586, No. 142, § 2, not to Act 107.

The Committee invites all comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding this rulemaking proposal.

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Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Adoption of New Local Court Rule—Local Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 117; No. CP-03-AD-0000017-2024

Order of Court

And Now, this 25th day of November, 2024, in compliance with Rule 103(d) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration, *It Is Hereby Ordered And Decreed*, that Armstrong County Local Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 117, is hereby amended. Effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* the Armstrong County Court of Common Pleas adopts the following Local Rule of Criminal Procedure, Rule 117.

The Armstrong County District Court Administrator is Ordered and Directed to do the following:

1. File one (1) copy of this Order with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts via email to adminrules@pacourts.us
2. Submit two (2) paper copies to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and one (1) copy e-mailed in a Microsoft Word format only to bulletin@palrb.us.
3. Publish this Rule on the Armstrong County Court website at www.accourts.com.
4. Incorporate the local rule into the set of local rules on the Armstrong County website within thirty (30) days after the publication of the local rule in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
5. File one (1) copy of the local rule in the office of the Armstrong County Prothonotary for public inspection and copying.

By the Court

JAMES J. PANCHIK,
President Judge

Rule 117. Magisterial District Judges. Coverage. Admission to Bail by Jail Warden or Designee.

(a) All Magisterial District Judge Offices shall be open for regular business from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., prevailing time, Monday through Friday, except for County holidays.

(b) Magisterial District Judges shall be available twenty-four hours per day every day to provide continuous coverage for the services recited in Pa.R.Cr.P. 117(A) and for services required in any Protection from Abuse Act case. A Magisterial District Judge shall be deemed to have satisfied this directive by remaining on-call during non-regular business hours on a rotating basis pursuant to a schedule prepared by the Court. The schedule, and any amendments or alterations thereof, shall be distributed and publicized in accord with past practice.

(b.1) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (b), above, to the contrary, the on-call magisterial district judge may preliminarily arraign, using advanced communication technology, any arrestee who has been transported to and lodged in the Armstrong County Jail (as permitted by 61 P.S. § 798) in any eleven-hour cycle commencing at 8:00 p.m. and ending at 7:00 a.m. prevailing time. Such on-call magisterial district judge shall make inquiry of jail personnel prior to 7:00 a.m. to determine if any preliminary arraignment need be conducted, and if so, shall forthwith conduct the same.

(c) On forms prescribed by the Court, a Magisterial District Judge may request additions or amendments to the schedule prepared by the Court in order to provide for vacations, emergencies, and the like.

(d) In addition to those persons who are authorized by statute or the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure to admit an arrestee to bail, the Warden of the Armstrong County Jail, or the designee of the Warden, shall have the authority to do the same in accordance with and subject to the limitations of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Amended November 25, 2024, effective January 6, 2025.

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Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

CLINTON COUNTY

Local Rule 113, Local Rule 460, and Local Rule 547; No. AD-20-2024

Administrative Order of Court

And Now, this 22nd day of November, 2024, the Court hereby adopts Montgomery County Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 113—Criminal Case File and Docket Entries, Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 460—Notice of Appeal; Transmittal of Transcript and Associated Documents, and Local Rule of Criminal Procedure 547—Transmittal of Transcript and Associated Documents. Local Rule 113 shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Local Rules 460 and 547 shall become effective April 1, 2025.

Erin J. Karmen, Esquire, Judicial Law Clerk, is Ordered and Directed to do the following:

1. File one (1) copy of this Order and the following Local Rules 113, 460, and 547 with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania (AOPC) via email to adminrules@pacourts.us.

2. File one (1) copy of this Order and the following Local Rules 113, 460, and 547 with the Legislative Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

3. Publish a copy of this Order and the following Local Rules 113, 460, and 547 on the Clinton County Court website.

4. Publish a copy of this Administrative Order and Local Rules 113, 460, and 547 on the Clinton County Court website.

By the Court

CRAIG P. MILLER,
President Judge

Rule 113. Criminal Case File and Docket Entries.

(E) The Clerk of Courts shall assign a Common Pleas docket number to all criminal cases within two (2) business days of transmission of the electronically scanned transcript and any associated documents by the issuing authority. The issuing authority shall continue to forward the physical paper transcript and associated documents to the Clerk of Courts as may be required by rule of court, until new Local Rules 460(e) and 547(d) become effective on April 1, 2025.

Rule 460. Notice of Appeal; Transmittal of Transcript and Associated Documents.

(E) *Electronic Transmission*

(1) The transcript and associated documents shall be electronically scanned and transmitted to the Clerk of Courts in digital format in lieu of transmitting the physical paper transcript and associated documents. The Clerk of Courts shall assign a Common Pleas docket number to all cases within two (2) business days of transmission of the transcript and any associated documents.

(2) The electronically scanned transcript and associated document shall constitute the original documents for purposes of these Rules.

(3) The issuing authority shall retain the physical paper transcript and associated documents as may be required by rule of court or records retention policies.

Rule 547. Transmittal of Transcript and Associated Documents.

(D) *Electronic Transmission*

(4) The transcript and any associated documents shall be electronically scanned and transmitted to the Clerk of Courts in digital format in lieu of transmitting the physical paper transcript and associated documents. The Clerk of Courts shall assign a Common Pleas docket number to all cases within two (2) business days of transmission of the transcript and any associated documents.

(5) The electronically scanned transcript and associated document shall constitute the original documents for purposes of these Rules.

(6) The issuing authority shall retain the physical paper transcript and associated documents as may be required by rule of court or records retention policies.

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Title 255—LOCAL COURT RULES

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Administrative Order; No. 5424-0982

Administrative Order

And Now, this 18th day of November, 2024, upon consideration of Petition for Approval of Revised Fee Schedule for the Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, and in accordance with 42 P.S. § 21022.1 and § 21032.1, it is *Ordered* the Petition is *Granted*, the Amended Fee Schedule of the Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Schuylkill County, following hereto, is *Approved*, and shall be effective January 1, 2025.

It is further *Ordered* that the Schuylkill County Court Administrator shall:

1. Publish a copy of this Order and the Amended Fee Schedule on the Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas website;
2. Forward a copy of this Order, together with the Amended Fee Schedule, to the Schuylkill County Legal Record for publication;
3. Forward a copy of this Order, together with the Amended Fee Schedule, to the Schuylkill County Law Library;

4. Forward copy of this Order, together with the Amended Fee Schedule, to the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* for publication; and

5. Maintain copies of this Order, and the Amended Fee Schedule for public inspection and copying in the Office of the Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans Court of Schuylkill County.

By the Court

JACQUELINE L. RUSSELL,
President Judge

GRANT OF LETTERS

Administration, Testamentary or Administration, C.T.A.

Estate Value:

Not exceeding \$5,000.00	\$60.00
\$5,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$150.00
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$170.00
\$50,001.00 to \$75,000.00	\$200.00
\$75,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$230.00
\$100,001.00 to \$200,000.00	\$285.00
\$200,001.00 to \$300,000.00	\$340.00
\$300,001.00 to \$400,000.00	\$395.00
\$400,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$490.00
\$500,001.00 to \$600,000.00	\$550.00
\$600,001.00 to \$700,000.00	\$600.00
\$700,001.00 to \$800,000.00	\$650.00
\$800,001.00 to \$900,000.00	\$800.00
\$900,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$850.00
\$1,000,001.00 to \$1,500,000.00	\$1,100.00
\$1,500,001.00 to \$2,000,000.00	\$1,300.00
\$2,000,001.00 to \$2,500,000.00	\$1,800.00
\$2,500,001.00 to \$3,000,000.00	\$2,300.00
Each additional million over \$3,000,001.00	\$1,500.00
Will	\$50.00
Codicil	\$50.00
Probate only (no letters)	\$80.00
Letters of Administration D.B.N.	\$80.00
Letters of Administration D.B.N., C.T.A.	\$80.00
Letters for Purpose of Suit	\$100.00

- JCS Surcharge on Petitions for Letters and First Filings \$40.25
- Automation Fee on all Letters and First Filings \$20.00
- Ancillary Letters—follow above fee schedule for PA assets only.
- Letters of Administration, C.T.A. follow above Fee schedule.
- Includes Grant of Letters, Inventory, Inheritance tax return and one (1) short certificate.

All applications for letters require a death certificate, estate information sheet (REV-346), and proof of personal representative identity.

When the gross value of an estate is underestimated on the Petition for Letters, fees will be adjusted and additional probate fees must be paid at the time of filing the inheritance tax return.

Accounts (First & Final and Partial Accounts)

Gross Estate (Principal Receipts and Income Receipts)

Not exceeding \$25,000.00	\$140.00
\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$200.00
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$250.00
\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$400.00
\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$700.00
\$1,000,001.00 to \$1,500,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$1,500,001.00 to \$2,000,000.00	\$1,300.00
\$2,000,001.00 to \$2,500,000.00	\$1,850.00
\$2,500,001.00 to \$3,000,000.00	\$2,400.00
Each additional million over \$3,000,001.00	\$1,175.00

Power of Attorney Account	\$110.00
Amended/Revised Account	\$55.00
If Account is re-listed for publication	\$110.00
Each additional page over 5	\$3.50
Objections to account	\$55.00
Exceptions to Adjudication	\$55.00

Includes filing, recording accounts of fiduciaries and personal representatives, including transmission to Orphans' Court, confirmation, audit and decree. All accounts must have the following:

- Original Account
- Original Proofs of Publication
- Schedule of Proposed Distribution
- Legible copy of will (if applicable)
- Orphans' Court Checklist
- Return of Service
- Attorney's Certification
- Additional Debits and Credits

Miscellaneous Fees for Register of Wills & Clerk of the Orphans' Court

Affidavit of Service (Certificate of Service, Proof of Service, etc.)	\$10.00
Amended Petition	\$15.00
Amicable Account (Family Settlement Agreement, Agreement of Heirs, etc.) Includes one (1) release. additional releases \$20.00/each	\$65.00
Answer (reply, response, etc.)	\$30.00
Automation Fee—on all first filings	\$20.00
Birth Certificate	\$10.00
Bond (Administrators, on Appeal, etc.)	\$30.00
Caveat	\$55.00
Certificate of Inheritance Tax Payment (Tax Certificate)	\$25.00
Certified Copy, Certified copy of Order (add .25 for more than one (1) page)	\$10.00
Certified of will with attestations	\$35.00
Citation	\$20.00
Claim	\$30.00
Commission to take testimony	\$75.00
Copies	\$0.25
Death Certificate or Affidavit of Death (without Letters)	\$25.00
Disclaimer	\$25.00
Election Under or Against a Will	\$55.00

Exemplification	\$55.00
Federal Estate Tax Return	\$5.00
Inheritance tax Return (without Letters)	\$30.00
Inventory (without letters and filed with inheritance tax return)	\$10.00
Marriage License (Includes one (1) Certified copy)	\$60.00
Additional Certified Marriage License	\$10.00
Re-Issued Marriage License (due to being lost or destroyed)	\$20.00
Memorandum or Brief	\$30.00
Miscellaneous Filings (statement of facts, proofs of publication, affidavits or addendums, certificate of compliance, entry or withdrawal of appearance, closing letter, etc.)	\$5.00
Motion (includes one (1) certified copy of order, additional copies \$10.00)	\$30.00
Objections	\$55.00
Petition (includes one (1) certified copy of order, additional copies \$10.00)	\$30.00
Petition for Citation (includes one (1) certified copy of order, additional copies \$10.00)	\$50.00
Praecipe	\$5.00
Presumed Decedent and Final Decree	\$55.00
Proof of Publication	\$5.00
Register's Hearing (Stenographer Fees not included)	\$120.00
Release (receipt, receipt and release)	\$20.00
Renunciation (Renunciation and Consent, etc.)	\$10.00
Renunciation of interest (Assignment of Interest)	\$25.00
Safe Deposit Box Entry Order	\$15.00
Satisfaction of Award	\$20.00
Search Fee (5 year search)	\$5.00
Short Certificate	\$10.00
Stipulation	\$15.00
Supplemental Inheritance Tax Return	\$25.00
Supplemental Inventory	\$10.00
Subpoena	\$10.00
Tax Certificate	\$25.00
Video Conference/Zoom	\$115.00
Withdrawal (of appearance, of objections, of petition, etc.)	\$5.00
Returned Check Fee	\$35.00
Brief	\$30.00

Orphans' Court**Adoptions:**

Petition for Adoption (includes one (1) copy of decree and one (1) certificate of adoption, additional copies \$10.00 each)	
One (1) child	\$55.00
Each additional Certificate of Adoption	\$10.00
Transcript Fee	\$50.00
Petition for Involuntary Termination (includes Citation, one (1) certified copy of order, additional copies \$10.00 each)	
Transcript Fee (uncontested)	\$50.00
Transcript fee (contested)	\$100.00
Petitioner	\$150.00
Counsel Fee for Minor Child	
Petitioner	\$300.00
Respondent	\$300.00
Petition for Voluntary Termination (includes one (1) certified copy of order, additional copies \$10.00 each)	
Transcript Fee	\$30.00
	\$20.00

Petition to Confirm Consent (includes one (1) certified copy of order, additional copies \$10.00 each) Transcript Fee	\$30.00 \$20.00
Report of Intent to Adopt (non-relative adoptions only) Plus Counseling Fee (Act 34 surcharge) Report of Intermediary	\$10.00 \$75.00 \$10.00
Filing Foreign Adoption Registration (filing for PA birth certificate)	\$85.00
Counseling Fee is waived on special needs child	

• Additional Fees May Apply When Necessary

Petitions for Adoption must include the following:

- Birth places of parents (both natural and adopting)
- Date of birth of parents (both natural and adopting)

Mother’s Maiden name (both natural and adopting)

- Social Security Numbers of Parents (both natural and adopting)
- Original Birth Certificate of the child being adopted

Prior to the Adoption Hearing, State form No., Certification must be completed and filed at the clerk of the Orphans’ Court Office. When the adoption is completed, the Clerk will certify the document and send to Vital Records. You may request a new birth certificate from Vital Records 4 to 6 weeks upon completion of Adoption.

Prior to the Adoption Hearing, State form No., Certification must be completed and filed at the clerk of the Orphans’ Court Office. When the adoption is completed, the Clerk will certify the document and send to Vital Records. You may request a new birth certificate from Vital Records 4 to 6 weeks upon completion of Adoption.

Appeals:

To Appellate Court (payable in 2 separate checks) Schuylkill County Orphans’ Court (includes filing, certifying and transmitting to Court) Superior or Supreme Court (payable to appropriate Court will be determined)	\$85.00 TBD
From Probate of Will	\$85.00
From Register’s Decision	\$85.00

Guardians:

Accounts-same as Decedent’s schedule	
Certified copy of Appointment	\$10.00
Guardian’s Annual Report (estate or person)	\$10.00
Guardian’s Bond	\$25.00
Guardians Short Certificate	\$5.00
Guardian’s Inventory	\$10.00
Petition for Appointment—Guardian Ad Litem	\$30.00
Petition for Appointment—Incapacitated Person (including citation)	\$50.00
Petition for Appointment—Minor (per child)	\$30.00

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**DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE SUPREME COURT**

Notice of Hearings

A Petition for Reinstatement to the active practice of law has been filed by Albert R. Meyer and will be the subject of a hearing on March 18, 2025 before a hearing committee designated by the Board. Anyone wishing to be heard in reference to this matter should contact the

District III Office of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 601 Commonwealth Ave., Suite 5800, P.O. Box 62675, Harrisburg, PA 17106, phone number (717) 772-8572, on or before Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

MARCEE D. SLOAN,
Board Prothonotary

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