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Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 10(c)
42 Pa. C.S., § 1722

About the Committee

The Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee responds to developments in orphans' court procedure and reviews current rules governing statewide practice and procedure in the orphans' court, recommending new rules as necessary.

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2003 Activities

As a result of meetings and work sessions in 2003, the committee has

- undertaken a statewide standardized forms project for orphans' court practice in the Commonwealth
- begun a comprehensive review of the adoption rules in light of pending legislation.

2004 Plans

Among the subjects of the committee's agenda for 2004 are

- completion of the above-named projects
- submission of a recommendation enabling judicial districts, if they so choose, to implement the electronic filing of orphans' court documents
- submission of a joint recommendation with the Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee seeking to amend Pa.R.A.P. 342 and 313 with regard to the appealability of removing a fiduciary in orphans' court matters.

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