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Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 20(c)
42 Pa.C.S. § 1722
Supreme Court Order No. 264 (Docket No. 1, Book No. 2) January 22,
2001

About the Committee

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania established the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee in January 2001 to advise the Court concerning its constitutional and statutory responsibility to prescribe general rules governing juvenile delinquency and dependency practice and procedure.

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Reports

Prior to submitting a recommendation to the Supreme Court, the committee publishes the proposal and an explanatory "Report" that describes the proposal and gives members of the bench, bar and public an opportunity to comment on it. The proposals and reports are published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, West's *Atlantic Reporter* advance sheets and various local bar association publications and on the Unified Judicial System's (UJS) Web site. The committee also distributes the reports to organizations and practitioners in the juvenile system.

2007 Activities

The committee's work included procedures for delinquency and dependency proceedings; for early termination of court supervision; public access to specific case information; post-dispositional motions; dispositional hearing time requirements for non-detained juveniles; processing of decertification cases; guardians *ad litem* for parents; *pro hac vice* admissions; subpoenas; bench warrants and parental notification of a bench warrant, subpoena or summons in delinquency cases.

The committee continued to monitor local rules and began working with the AOPC to develop statewide forms, including the written allegation and arrest warrant.

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

Recommendation No. 2, Juvenile Rules 2006: Amendments to Rules 120, 200, 210 and 800, affecting magisterial district judges and **arrest warrants**. Adopted 3-23-07, effective 8-1-07.

Recommendation No. 4, Juvenile Rules 2006: Amendment of Comment to Rule 1151 (**Assignment of Guardian Ad Litem & Counsel**)

Comment. Adopted 2-20-07, effective immediately.

Recommendation No. 1, Juvenile Rules 2007: New Rule 520 pertaining to an optional **post-dispositional motion** and amendments to Rule 512. Adopted 5-15-07, effective 8-20-07.

Recommendation No. 2, Juvenile Rules 2007: Amendments to Rules 160, 330 and 515 affecting public access to **juvenile records**. Adopted 8-12-07, effective 12-1-07.

Recommendation No. 3, Juvenile Rules 2007: Amendments to the Comments to Rules 210 and 232, citing the Unified Judicial System's **Web page** where forms may be accessed. Adopted 12-3-07, effective immediately.

Looking Ahead to 2008

The committee plans to submit recommendations on

- prompt dispositional hearings for non-detained juveniles
- processing of decertification cases, bench warrants and parental notification for dependency cases
- processing of local rules
- Commonwealth appeals and post-dispositional motions..

It will also continue working with the AOPC in developing new forms and will send out a survey to president judges, juvenile court judges, district court administrators, children and youth directors and several organizations concerning the operation of the new Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure—Dependency Matters. Based on the findings of the survey, the committee will determine if changes should be made to the rules.

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