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## **Legal Authorization:**

Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 10(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 practice and procedure and the conduct of all courts and proceedings before the minor judiciary within the Unified Judicial System.

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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..

## Web Site

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee publishes its rule proposals and reports, the Supreme Court's orders promulgating rule changes, the text of the rule changes and the "Final Reports" on the UJS Web site. These documents may be found on the Supreme Court Committees page at [www.courts.state.pa.us](http://www.courts.state.pa.us).

## 2004 Activities

The committee's work included developing procedures for dependency proceedings

in the areas of commencing proceedings, emergency custody, pre-adjudicatory placement, venue, petition, motion procedures, adjudicatory summons and notices, general provisions, business of courts, counsel, records, discovery, pre-adjudicatory conference, preservation of testimony & evidence and the adjudicatory hearing.

## Committee Action

One proposal was pending with the Supreme Court in 2004:

**Recommendation No. 1, Juvenile Rules 2003:** Proposed adoption of the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure -- Delinquency Matters.

## Looking Ahead to 2005

The committee plans to finalize its initial set of juvenile court rules for dependency matters. It plans to publish the proposed rules for comment in late summer or early fall. After considering all comments and making final revisions, the committee will submit the final proposal to the Supreme Court for consideration and possible adoption.

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