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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.

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.

2006 Activities

The committee's work included procedures for arrest warrants and the involvement of magisterial district judges in issuing arrest warrants; docketing; public access to specific case information; grand jury investigations; DNA

testing; closed/open proceedings; post-dispositional motions; subpoenas and parental notification of a bench warrant, subpoena or summons. The committee also performed a statewide survey on the delinquency rules and requested suggestions for improvement on the operation of the rules or new areas of concern.

The Supreme Court adopted Recommendation No. 1, Juvenile Rules 2006—The Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure—**Dependency Matters**. Adopted 8-21-06, effective 2-1-07. These rules will govern dependency practice and create a uniform practice throughout the Commonwealth.

Looking Ahead to 2007

The committee plans to submit recommendations on

- post-dispositional motions
- public access to specific case information
- bench warrants and parental notification
- termination of court supervision.

It will also address issues raised in the 2006 survey. The committee will request forms from every county and begin working with the AOPC in developing forms for the written allegation and arrest warrant.

In addition, the committee will begin developing procedures for venue and transfer cases, consolidation of cases and *pro hac vice* admission procedures.

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