

**CALENDAR OF EFFECTIVE DATES OF SUPREME COURT  
AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

**2006 - 2007 Rule changes adopted between June 1, 2006 and November 30, 2007**

*(Prepared by the Criminal Procedural Rules Committee  
as a Service to the Bench, Bar, and Public)*

<u><b>RULE</b></u>	<u><b>DATE OF ORDER</b></u>	<u><b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b></u>
Changes adding definitions of "Districts" for purposes of regional investigating grand juries.	June 7, 2006	Effective Immediately

See Committee *Final Report* at 36 *Pa.B.* 3085 (June 24, 2006), 899 A.2d and 900 A.2d Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*), and Court's web page at Order No. 346<sup>1</sup>

**Amendments to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 241  
(Summoning Jurors for Statewide or Regional Investigating Grand Juries.)

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<u><b>RULE</b></u>	<u><b>DATE OF ORDER</b></u>	<u><b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b></u>
Changes establishing requirements for the format of motions, answers, and briefs filed in criminal cases.	July 7, 2006	February 2, 2007

See Committee *Final Report* at 36 *Pa.B.* 3809 (July 22, 2006), 900 A.2d No. 3 and 901 A.2d No.1 Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*), and Court's web page at Order No. 347

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<sup>1</sup> See all Orders, Rule texts, and *Final Reports* in entirety at:  
<http://www.courts.state.pa.us/Index/SupCtCmtes/CrimRulesCmte/dockcrm.asp>.

**Amendments to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 575  
(Motions.)

<u>RULE</u>	<u>DATE OF ORDER</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Changes clarifying docket entries recording date of service of court order or notice.  <i>See Committee Final Report at 36 Pa.B. 4173 (August 5, 2006), 901 A.2d No. 3 and 902 A.2d No.1 Advanced Sheets (Pennsylvania Reporter Series), and Court's web page at Order 348</i>	July 20, 2006	September 1, 2006

**Amendments to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 114  
(Orders and Court Notices: Filing; Service; and Docket Entries.)

<u>RULE</u>	<u>DATE OF ORDER</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Changes providing a procedure for transfer of cases from Philadelphia Municipal Court to the Court of Common Pleas upon certification of attorney for the Commonwealth.  <i>See Committee Final Report at 37 Pa.B. 313 (January 20, 2007), 912 A.2d No. 3 and 313 A.2d No. 1 Advanced Sheets (Pennsylvania Reporter Series), and Court's web page at Order No. 352</i>	January 5, 2007	March 6, 2007

**Amendments to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 1001  
(Disposition of Criminal Cases - Philadelphia  
Municipal Court.)

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<b><u>RULE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF ORDER</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u></b>
Changes clarifying time for appeal when no post-sentence motion is filed in criminal proceeding.	January 18, 2007	August 1, 2007

See Committee *Final Report* at 37 Pa.B. 526 (February 3, 2007), 913 A.2d and 914 A.2d Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*), and Court's web page at Order No. 353

**Amendments to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 462  
(Trial *De Novo*.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 721  
(Procedures for Commonwealth Challenges to Sentence; Sentencing Appeals.)

**Revision of *Comment* to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 720  
(Post-Sentence Procedures; Appeal.)

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<b><u>RULE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF ORDER</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u></b>
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Changes permitting (1) delay in sentencing to consider intermediate punishment and (2) refusal of acceptance of guilty plea in certain summary cases involving possibility of sentence to imprisonment.	January 26, 2007	February 1, 2008
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See Committee *Final Report* at 37 Pa.B. 760 (February 17, 2007), 915 A.2d No. 2 Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*), and Court's web page at Order No. 354

**Amendments to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 403  
(Contents of Citation.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 409  
(Guilty Pleas.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 414  
(Guilty Pleas.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 424  
(Guilty Pleas.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 430  
(Issuance of Warrant.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 454  
(Trial in Summary Cases.)

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**RULE**

**DATE OF ORDER**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Changes clarifying the experiential requirements for counsel in death penalty cases.

April 13, 2007

Effective Immediately

See Committee *Final Report* at 37 Pa.B. 1961 (April 28, 2007), 919 A.2d No. 3 and 920 A.2d No. 1 Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*), and Court’s web page at Order No. 356

**Amendments to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 801  
(Qualifications for Defense Counsel in Capital Cases.)

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**RULE**

**DATE OF ORDER**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Changes clarifying the procedures when defendant fails to appear for preliminary hearing.

May 1, 2007

September 4, 2007

See Committee *Final Report* at 37 Pa.B. 2503 (June 2, 2007), 921 A.2d No. 3 and 922 A.2d No. 1 Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*), and Court’s web page at Order No. 357

**Promulgation of:**

New Pa.R.Crim.P. 559  
(Request for Bench Warrant.)

**Amendments to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 509  
(Use of Summons or Warrant of  
Arrest in Court Cases.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 510  
(Contents of Summons; Notice of  
Preliminary Hearing.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 511  
(Service of Summons; Proof of Service.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 512  
(Procedure in Court Cases Following  
Issuance of Summons.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 536  
(Procedures Upon Violation of Conditions;  
Revocation of Release and Forfeiture;  
Bail Pieces; Exoneration of Surety.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 542  
(Preliminary Hearing; Continuances.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 543  
(Disposition of Case at Preliminary  
Hearing.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 547  
(Return of Transcript and Original  
Papers.)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 571  
(Arraignment.)

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**RULE**

**DATE OF ORDER**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Changes reiterating the requirement for a trial judge to make findings of fact and conclusions of law at the time of issuing a decision on a suppression motion.

November 2, 2007

February 1, 2008

*See Committee Final Report at 37 Pa.B. 6204 (November 24, 2007), 934 A.2d No. 2 Advanced Sheets (Pennsylvania Reporter Series), and Court's web page at Order No. 359*

**Revision of the Comment to:**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 581  
(Suppression of Evidence)