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### **Supreme Court Announces Appointments to Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee**

**HARRISBURG, March 23, 2009** — The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania today announced a number of appointments and a new chair on the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee.

The Hon. David N. Wecht, administrative judge of the family division of the Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, was appointed to the committee to serve at the pleasure of the Supreme Court.

Also appointed to the committee were Ann G. Verber, Esq. of Philadelphia and Mark J. Goldberg, Esq., of Allegheny County. Each was appointed to a term expiring March 1, 2012.

The Hon. Anthony G. Marsili, a Westmoreland County Common Pleas judge, was reappointed to the committee for a term expiring Feb. 15, 2012. Carol A. Behers, Esq., of Allegheny County, was reappointed to the committee for a term expiring Jan. 25, 2012, and designated committee chair.

The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee was created by the Supreme Court on June 30, 1987. The committee is designed to simplify domestic relations practice by recommending amendments to the procedural rules relating to support, custody, divorce and protection from abuse.

The committee also reviews new legislation and court decisions to ensure that the rules conform with developments in the law as well as the realities of domestic relations practice. It is the goal of the committee to promote statewide uniformity of practice, to streamline procedure and to encourage the expeditious disposition of family law matters.

Committee members include family law judges, practitioners and a district court administrator. Members are appointed to three-year terms.

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