

Rule 1920.55-1. Alternative Hearing Procedures for Matters Referred to a Master.

(a) Matters referred to a master for hearing shall proceed as prescribed by Rule 1920.55-2 unless the court by local rule adopts the alternative procedure of Rule 1920.55-3.

(b) The president judge or the administrative judge of Family Division of each county shall certify that all divorce proceedings which are referred to a master in that county are conducted in accordance with either Rule 1920.55-2 or Rule 1920.55-3. The certification shall be filed with the Domestic Relations **Procedural Rules** Committee and shall be substantially in the following form:

I hereby certify that _____ County conducts its divorce proceedings **[which] that** are referred to a master in accordance with Rule _____.

(PRESIDENT JUDGE)
(ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE)

Note: Pursuant to Rule 1920.55-1, the following counties have certified to the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee that divorce proceedings referred to a master are conducted in accordance with the rule specified below.

<u>Adams</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Allegheny</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Armstrong</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Beaver</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Bedford</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Berks</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Blair</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Bradford</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Bucks</u>	<u>Both</u>
<u>Butler</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Cambria</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Cameron</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Carbon</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Centre</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Chester</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Clarion</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Clearfield</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Clinton</u>	<u>no masters</u>

<u>Columbia</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Crawford</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Cumberland</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Dauphin</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Delaware</u>	<u>1920.55-3</u>
<u>Elk</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Erie</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Fayette</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Forest</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Franklin</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Fulton</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Greene</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Huntingdon</u>	<u>no masters</u>
<u>Indiana</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Juniata</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Lackawanna</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Lancaster</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Lawrence</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Lebanon</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Lehigh</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Luzerne</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>McKean</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Mercer</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Mifflin</u>	<u>no masters</u>
<u>Monroe</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Montgomery</u>	<u>1920.55-3</u>
<u>Montour</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Northampton</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Northumberland</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Perry</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Philadelphia</u>	<u>1920.55-3</u>
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<u>Schuylkill</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
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<u>Somerset</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Sullivan</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Susquehanna</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Tioga</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Union</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
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<u>Warren</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Washington</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Wayne</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Westmoreland</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>Wyoming</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>
<u>York</u>	<u>1920.55-2</u>

EXPLANATORY COMMENT--1995

The proposed amendments create alternative procedures for appeal from the recommendation of a master in divorce. Rule 1920.55-1 states that, if the court chooses to appoint a master, the exceptions procedure set forth in proposed Rule 1920.55-2 will be used unless the court has, by local rule, adopted the alternative procedure of proposed Rule 1920.55-3.

[EXPLANATORY COMMENT--1996

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