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ABUSE OF ADULT EMERGENCY RELIEF ORDER

Act 70 of 2010 creates the Adult Protective Services Act (35 P.S. §§ 10210.101 et seq.), effective April 5, 2011. This Act provides that adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves and are at imminent risk of abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment must have access to services necessary to protect their health, safety and welfare.

Section 10210.307(b) of the Act permits a magisterial district judge to issue an emergency order upon finding clear and convincing evidence of the need for such an order. A new form, Abuse of Adult Emergency Relief Order, will be available on the blank forms menu. If it has been determined that a delay until normal court hours would significantly increase the danger the adult faces, and consequently the magisterial district judge accepts the petition for an emergency order, the blank form must be printed and completed manually.

The Rewrite MDJS has new functionality to create a case and process the petition and Order. However, the Legacy MDJS only has a blank form to complete and issue. If your court office would issue an Abuse of Adult Emergency Relief Order prior to transitioning to the new MDJS, please keep a copy of the Order so that it can be recorded in the new MDJS for statistical purposes.

Attention Magisterial District Judges:

MINOR JUDICIARY EDUCATION BOARD

The following page contains an addendum to the 2009 – 2010 continuing education reference manual produced by the Minor Judiciary Education Board. The page should be inserted in the Bankruptcy section of the reference manual from the last academic year. If you have any questions, please contact their office at 717-231-9515.

PACER website: <http://www.pacer.gov/> The website allows a user to look at the dockets. A user must register for an account.

A list of phone numbers for the Voice Case Information System (VCIS) for bankruptcy courts is here: http://www.pacer.gov/phone_access.html.

The VCIS numbers for the bankruptcy courts in Pennsylvania are:

Western District PA Bankruptcy Court: 412-355-3210

Middle District PA Bankruptcy Court: 1-877-440-2699

Eastern District PA Bankruptcy Court: 888-584-5853