

## INTRODUCTION

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has adopted the proposed changes to Rules 160, 330, and 515. The changes are effective December 1, 2007.

### EXPLANATORY REPORT AUGUST 2007

#### **Rule 160 - Inspection of Juvenile File/Record**

Paragraph (B) has been added to this rule. Act 81 of 2006 amended 42 Pa.C.S. § 6307, allowing limited public access to specific information for specified juvenile cases. See the Act of July 7, 2006 (P.L. 378, No. 81, § 3). This amended rule sets forth the procedure on how the clerk of courts is to create a public document with the specific information if a case is deemed eligible pursuant to Rules 330 and 515. See 42 Pa.C.S. § 6307(b)(2).

Because the juvenile's file contains sensitive and confidential information, the Committee believed it would be easier to create a new document with limited information rather than redacting the juvenile file. The public document is to contain only the following information: 1) the juvenile's name; 2) the juvenile's age; 3) the juvenile's address; 4) the offenses alleged in the juvenile's petition; 5) the adjudication on each allegation; and 6) the disposition of the case.

#### **Rule 330 - Petition: Filing, Contents, Function**

To help the clerk of courts determine if a case is eligible for public inspection pursuant to Rule 160, the contents of the petition are to include an averment as to whether the case is eligible pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 6307 (b)(1)(ii) for limited public information. See 42 Pa.C.S. § 6307(b)(1)(ii) for the enumerated offenses that are eligible.

#### **Rule 515 - Dispositional order**

To implement the new procedures of Rule 160, the dispositional order is to include a designation as to whether the case is eligible for limited public information pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 6307(b)(1)(i). See 42 Pa.C.S. § 6307(b)(1)(i) for the enumerated offenses that are eligible.