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### *Pennsylvania Supreme Court*

## **Wallitsch and Dougherty Designated Chair and Vice Chair of Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee**

**HARRISBURG, September 21, 2005** - The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania today announced the designation of Nancy Perpall Wallitsch, Esq., as chair of the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee.

The designation of Wallitsch, of Lehigh County, begins October 1, 2005.

The court also designated Philadelphia Juvenile Court Supervising Judge Kevin M. Dougherty as vice chair of the committee for a term that begins October 1.

The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee was created by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania 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.