

**CALENDAR OF EFFECTIVE DATES OF SUPREME COURT
AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

Changes through July 1, 2004

*(Prepared by the Criminal Procedural Rules Committee
as a Service to the Bench, Bar, and Public)*

<u>RULE</u>	<u>DATE OF ORDER</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Rule changes governing motions and answers, and orders and court notices in criminal cases.	March 3, 2004	July 1, 2004

See Committee *Final Report* at 34 Pa.B. 1561 (March 20, 2004) and 842 A.2d No. 2 Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*)

New Rule

Pa.R.Crim.P. 113
(Criminal Case File and Docket Entries)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 116
(General Supervisory Powers of President Judge)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 577
(Procedures Following Filing of Motion)

Amendments to:

Pa.R.Crim.P. 103
(Definitions)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 114
(Orders and Court Notices: Filing; Service; and Docket Entries)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 142
(Procedures Governing Defaults in Payment of Fine Imposed as Punishment for Contempt)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 456
(Default Procedures: Restitution, Fines, and Costs)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 535
(Receipt for Deposit; Return of Deposit)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 536
**(Procedures Upon Violation of Conditions:
Revocation of Release and Forfeiture; Bail
Pieces; Exoneration of Surety)**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 571
(Arraignment)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 572
(Bill of Particulars)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 573
(Pretrial Discovery and Inspection)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 575
(Motions and Answers)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 576
(Filing and Service by Parties)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 579
(Time for Omnibus Pretrial Motion and Service)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 581
(Suppression of Evidence)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 587
(Motion for Dismissal)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 720
(Post-Sentence Procedures; Appeal)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 903
(Docketing and Assignment)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 906
**(Answer to Petition for Post-Conviction
Collateral Relief)**

Revision of Comments to:

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 451
(Service)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 721
(Procedures for Commonwealth Challenges to
Sentence; Sentencing Appeals)**

Rescission of:

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 113
(Notice of Court Proceeding(s)
Requiring Defendant's Presence)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 574
(Motions)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 577
(Service)**

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<u>RULE</u>	<u>DATE OF ORDER</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
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**Rule changes clarifying
the nature and duration
of appointed counsel's obligations.**

March 12, 2004

July 1, 2004

**See Committee *Final Report* at
34 *Pa.B.* 1672 (March 20, 2004) and
843 A.2d No. 2 and 844 No. 1
Advanced Sheets
(*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*)**

Amendments to:

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 122
(Assignment of Counsel)**

Revision of Comment to:

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 904
(Entry of Appearance and Appointment
of Counsel; *In Forma Pauperis*)**

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<p>Rule changes making it clear that no defendant in a summary trial or summary contempt hearing may be imprisoned or sentenced to probation if the right to counsel was not afforded at the trial or contempt hearing.</p>	<p>March 26, 2004</p>	<p>July 1, 2004</p>
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See Committee *Final Report* at 34 *Pa.B.* 1931 (April 10, 2004) and 844 A.2d No. 3 and 845 A.2d No. 1 Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*)

Amendment to:

Pa.R.Crim.P. 454
(Trial in Summary Cases)

Revision of Comments to:

Pa.R.Crim.P. 122
(Assignment of Counsel)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 140
(Contempt Proceedings Before District Justices, Pittsburgh Magistrates Court Judges, and Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 141
(Appeals From Contempt Adjudications by District Justices, Pittsburgh Magistrates Court Judges, or Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges)

Pa.R.Crim.P. 462
(Trial *De Novo*)

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Rule changes clarifying that ordinarily the attorney for the Commonwealth cannot charge the defendant for costs of copying discoverable materials, but on a case-by-case basis, the attorney may request the trial judge to order such costs charged.

March 26, 2004

July 1, 2004

See Committee *Final Report* at 34 *Pa.B.* 1933 (April 10, 2004) and 844 A.2d No. 3 and 845 A.2d No. 4 Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*)

Revision of Comment to:

Pa.R.Crim.P. 573
(Pretrial Discovery and Inspection)

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<u>RULE</u>	<u>DATE OF ORDER</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
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Rule changes clarifying the attorney for the Commonwealth may electronically prepare, sign, and transmit the information for filing.

April 23, 2004

Effective Immediately

See Committee *Final Report* at 34 *Pa.B.* 2543 (May 15, 2004) and 846 A.2d No. 2 Advanced Sheets (*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*)

Revision of Comment to:

Pa.R.Crim.P. 560
(Information: Filing, Contents, Function)

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Rule changes adding the definition of signature making it clear that "signature," when used in reference to documents generated by the minor judiciary or court of common pleas, includes a handwritten signature, a copy of a handwritten signature, a computer generated signature or a signature created, transmitted, received, or stored by electronic means.

April 30, 2004

July 1, 2004

See Committee *Final Report* at 34 Pa.B. 2542 (May 15, 2004) and 846 A.2d No. 3 and 847 A.2d No. 1 Advanced Sheets (Pennsylvania Reporter Series)

Amendments to:

Pa.R.Crim.P. 103 (Definitions)

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<u>RULE</u>	<u>DATE OF ORDER</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
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Rule changes making discretionary the decision to transfer proceedings when the charges arise from the same criminal episode and occur in more than one judicial district.

May 21, 2004

July 1, 2004

See Committee *Final Report* at 34 Pa.B. 2911 (June 5, 2004) and 848 A.2d No. 2 Advanced Sheets (Pennsylvania Reporter Series)

Amendments to:

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 130
(Venue; Transfer of Proceedings)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 555
(Transfer of Proceedings)**

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RULE

DATE OF ORDER

EFFECTIVE DATE

**Rule changes providing
the required qualifications
for defense counsel in
capital cases.**

June 4, 2004

November 1, 2004

**See Court Order at 34 *Pa.B.* 3105
(March 20, 2004) and 848 A.2d No. 2
and 849 No. 1 Advanced Sheets
(*Pennsylvania Reporter Series*)**

New Rule

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 801
(Qualifications of Defense Counsel
in Capital Cases)**

Renumbering of:

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 801 as 802
(Notice of Aggravating
Circumstances)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 802 as 803
(Guilty Plea Procedure)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 803 as 804
(Procedure When Jury Trial
is Waived)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 804 as 805
(No Sealed Verdict)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 805 as 806
(Closing Arguments at
Sentencing Hearing)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 806 as 807
(Sentencing Verdict Slip)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 807 as 808
(Form for Jury Sentencing
Verdict Slip)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 808 as 809
(Form for Trial Judge Sentencing
Verdict Slip)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 809 as 810
(Sentence)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 810 as 811
(Post-Sentence Motion)**

Revision of *Comments* to:

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 120
(Attorneys -- Appearances and
Withdrawals)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 122
(Assignment of Counsel)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 521
(Bail After Finding of Guilt)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 576
(Filing and Service by Parties)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 604
(Opening Statements and Closing
Arguments)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 720
(Post-Sentence Procedures;
Appeal)**

**Pa.R.Crim.P. 901
(Initiation of Post-Conviction
Collateral Proceedings)**

Pa.R.Crim.P. 904
(Entry of Appearance and Appointment
of Counsel; *In Forma Pauperis*)