

INTRODUCTION

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has adopted the proposed changes to Rules 200, 232, and 330. The changes are effective March 1, 2009.

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Rule 200 - Commencing Proceedings

A filing of a written allegation commences a proceeding in juvenile court. The written allegation is unnecessary if a proceeding is commenced in another manner as set forth in Rule 200. See paragraphs (2) - (6).

A *Comment* to this Rule has been added to explain that a written allegation is unnecessary for cases in which a proceeding has been commenced pursuant to paragraph (3) by the filing of a certification that the juvenile has not complied with a lawful sentence imposed for a summary offense.

Rule 232- Contents of Written Allegation

Paragraph (6)(B) of this Rule has been deleted because a certification that the juvenile has not complied with the sentence imposed for a conviction of a summary offense is no longer necessary in the written allegation. In April of 2007, Rule 200 was amended to include this certification as a method to commence a proceeding but this Rule was not amended to reflect this change.

A new paragraph (12) has been added to this Rule. The written allegation shall include the guardian's name and address, or if unknown, the name and address of the nearest adult relative. This paragraph was added because this information is essential for the juvenile probation officer to locate the juvenile's guardian.

Rule 330 - Petition: Filing, Contents, Function

The *Comment* to this Rule was amended to reflect the changes in Rule 232.