

FINAL REPORT¹

AMENDMENT OF RULE OF EVIDENCE 611

On September 18, 2014, effective immediately, upon recommendation of the Committee on Rules of Evidence, the Court amended Pennsylvania Rule of Evidence 611 to insert language inadvertently removed during the restyling of the rules.

By Order of January 17, 2013, the Court approved amendment of the entire body of rules to incorporate stylistic revisions similar to those made to the Federal Rules of Evidence. The purpose of that amendment was to improve the readability of the rules and maintain its parallelism with the federal rules, while preserving any differences between the Pennsylvania and the federal rules. The changes were not intended to be substantive.

It came to the Committee's attention that the restyling of Pa.R.E. 611(c) resulted in the inadvertent omission of the following rule text: "a witness so examined should usually be interrogated by all other parties as to whom the witness is not hostile or adverse as if under redirect examination." The absence of such language may have suggested an unintended substantive amendment to the rule.

Accordingly, the Committee recommended the insertion of the previously removed rule text, together with corresponding language in the *Comment*.

¹ The Committee's Final Report should not be confused with the official Committee *Comments* to the rules. Also note that the Supreme Court does not adopt the Committee's *Comments* or the contents of the Committee's explanatory Final Reports.