INTRODUCTION

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee is eliciting public comment on proposed modifications to Rules 1151, 1152, 1154, 1340, and 1800 and new Rules 153, 183, 1153, and 1183 before it considers any recommendations to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. These proposed modifications establish the role and duties of attorneys in juvenile court proceedings.

This proposal was published for public comment previously in August of 2012. The Committee reviewed the public comment and has made several modifications to this proposal. In addition, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has recently adopted a proposal in the Rules of Civil Procedure concerning the role of the guardian ad litem.

The Committee requests that interested persons submit suggestions. comments, or objections concerning this proposal to the Committee through counsel, Christine Riscili at juvenilerules@pacourts.us. Email is the preferred method for receiving comments in an effort to conserve paper and expedite the distribution of comments to the Committee. Emailed comments need not be reproduced and sent via hard copy. The Committee will acknowledge receipt of your comment.

For those who do not have access to email, comments may be faxed to the Committee at 717-231-9541 or written comments may be mailed to:

> Christine Riscili, Esq. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee Pennsylvania Judicial Center 601 Commonwealth Ave. Suite 6200 P.O. Box 62635 Harrisburg, PA 17106-2635.

All comments shall be received no later than Monday, November 18, 2013.

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BY THE JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURAL RULES Todal Hoover COMMITTEE:

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