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### **Commonwealth Court of Pa Launches Twitter Account -- @CommCtofPA**

**Harrisburg** – Focused on ensuring court information is easily accessible to the public, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania has established a presence on Twitter.

Through the @CommCtofPA page, the Court will provide information on upcoming proceedings, links to public documents as well as administrative updates as available.

“Social media has become a critical way for organizations to disseminate timely and accurate information – and the Courts are no exception,” President Judge P. Kevin Brobson said. “Connecting with the public through Twitter will allow us to further our commitment to making the Commonwealth Court transparent and accessible to court users and the public.”

The Commonwealth Court was established in 1968 and is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. The Commonwealth Court has subject matter jurisdiction over state and local government matters. It also acts as a trial court when lawsuits are filed by or against Commonwealth officials and Commonwealth agencies.

Appellate cases are generally heard by panels of three judges in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, although, on occasion, the Court sits in other locations. Cases may also be heard by a single judge or by *en banc* panels of seven judges.

While most Court proceedings have been held in a virtual environment due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Court plans to return to in-person proceedings as soon as circumstances allow.

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