

**SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE**

PUBLICATION REPORT

RECOMMENDATION 160

The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee (DRPRC) is proposing amendments to Pa.R.C.P. Nos. 1910.4, 1910.16-4, 1920.1, 1920.13, 1920.15, 1920.31, 1920.51, 1920.52, 1920.54, and 1920.74 and rescission of Pa.R.C.P. No. 1920.56. The primary purposes of the amendments are to preclude the charging of fees not specifically authorized by statute in domestic relations actions and to establish statewide uniformity with the filing of support-related pleadings and document in a single filing office in each county.

In 2013, the Administrative Offices of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) conducted a county-by-county study and survey of fees assessed by domestic relations sections. Based on the study's recommendations, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania formed an ad hoc committee, the Domestic Relations Fees Committee, to provide definitive recommendations regarding the imposition of the domestic relations fee structure in Pennsylvania.

In November 2015, the Domestic Relations Fees Committee issued a final report setting forth specific recommendations addressing the imposition of fees by domestic relations sections and other support-related matters, which has been provided to the DRPRC. Based in part on the aforementioned reports, the DRPRC has identified rules requiring amendment and rescission to address the charging of fees not authorized by statute and the other related issues.

The Committee invites comments on this recommendation.