

PROPOSED RULES

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS MATTERS

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION 122

The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee is planning to recommend that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania amend the Rules of Civil Procedure relating to domestic relations matters as set forth herein. This proposal has not been submitted for review by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Notes and explanatory comments which appear with proposed amendments have been inserted by the committee for the convenience of those using the rules. Reports, notes and comments will not constitute part of the rules and will not be officially adopted or promulgated by the Supreme Court.

The committee solicits and welcomes comments and suggestions from all interested persons prior to submission of this proposal to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Please submit written comments no later than **Friday, February 1, 2013** directed to:

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By the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee

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Rule 1930.8. Self-Represented Party.

a. A party representing himself or herself shall enter a written appearance which shall state an address where pleadings and other legal papers may be served, and a telephone number where the party may be contacted. The entry of appearance may include a facsimile number as provided by Pa.R.C.P. 1012.

b. A self-represented party is under a continuing obligation to provide current contact information to the court, to other self-represented parties, and to attorneys of record.

c. When a party has an attorney of record, the party may assert his or her self-representation by:

(1) Filing a written entry of appearance and directing the prothonotary/court clerk to remove the name of his or her counsel of record with contemporaneous notice to said counsel, or

(2) Filing an entry of appearance with the withdrawal of appearance signed by his or her attorney of record.

d. The self-represented party shall provide a copy of the entry of appearance to all self-represented parties and attorneys of record.

e. The assertion of self-representation shall not delay any stage of the proceeding.

Explanatory Comment 2013

Withdrawal of appearance by counsel fo record is governed by Pa.R.C.P. 1012.