

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE)
REGULATIONS AMENDED) No. 2010-1

I. CALENDAR 2010

The following Court Calendar and judicial assignments are made for calendar year 2010. While this Administrative Order attempts to set forth a pattern designed to expedite the business of the court, the members of the court shall remain flexible so that change may be made if required to fulfill both our obligation and that of the practitioner to the administration of justice.

In the event of a recusal, that Judge shall complete the Recusal Form and forward same to the President Judge for reassignment.

A. TRIAL TERMS

Jury trial terms for the calendar year are established as follows for the weeks beginning:

January 4 through 15	June 7 through 18
February 1 through 12	July 6 through 16
March 8 through 19	September 13 through 24
April 5 through 16	October 12 through 22
May 3 through 14	November 8 through 19

Jury selection for all cases shall be held on the first day of each trial term and juror requests shall be made in writing at least one week in advance of the trial term.

Civil and Criminal Trials shall be scheduled for each term. Civil and Criminal Trial lists shall be prepared by the Court Administrator in cooperation with the Prothonotary and the Clerk of Courts. The Civil lists and the Criminal lists will be managed by the individual judge to whom the cases have been assigned. All judges shall be available to assist with jury trials, if necessary.

B. ARGUMENT COURT

No formal Argument Court will be scheduled. In the event that a Judge chooses to place a matter before a panel of three judges, that Judge shall request the President Judge to convene a court en banc. The Order convening the panel will set forth the date, time and place where the argument will be held, together with briefing schedule. The Judge requesting the court en banc shall preside.

C. ORPHANS' COURT

Accounts shall be scheduled for audit on the following dates at 9:30 a.m. in Court Room #2:

January 28

July 29

March 25

September 9

May 20

November 4

D. DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT

All Desertion and Non-Support Hearings shall be heard initially by the Support Master or as otherwise directed by the presiding judge assigned to that case. The division of cases shall follow the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's directive "one family, one judge."

II. JUDGE OF TERM

A. The Judge of the Term shall preside over morning Motions Court. He/she shall decide matters brought before him/her and schedule hearings on matters not otherwise assigned. He/she may refer to the President Judge for reassignment of those matters which, for some reason, he/she may be unable to hear.

The Judge of the Term shall administer oath to all attorneys appointed as arbitrators at 9:00 a.m. and be available daily until 4:00 p.m. for all emergency civil matters that are not assigned and Protection from Abuse Petitions, if necessary.

The following schedule is established:

January 1-15
January 16-31

Judge Mascara
Judge DiSalle

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February 1-15	Judge Moschetta Bell
February 16-28	Judge O'Dell Seneca
March 1-15	Judge Emery
March 16-31	Judge Pozonsky
April 1-15	Judge Mascara
April 16-30	Judge DiSalle
May 1-15	Judge Moschetta Bell
May 16-31	Judge O'Dell Seneca
June 1-15	Judge Emery
June 16-30	Judge Pozonsky
July 1-15	Judge Mascara
July 16-31	Judge DiSalle
August 1-15	Judge Moschetta Bell
August 16-31	Judge O'Dell Seneca
September 1-15	Judge Emery
September 16-30	Judge Pozonsky
October 1-15	Judge Mascara
October 16-31	Judge DiSalle
November 1-15	Judge Moschetta Bell
November 16-30	Judge O'Dell Seneca
December 1-15	Judge Emery
December 16-31	Judge Pozonsky

B. Motions relating to assigned cases shall be presented to the Judge to whom the case has been assigned at his/her regularly scheduled Motions Court. See Local Rule 200.6.

C. During those periods designated as Office Weeks, attorneys will be responsible to determine the availability of the judge before notifying opposing counsel to appear for the presentation of a motion or other business.

D. Judge of the term shall provide backup coverage for the assigned Judge to preside over Protection from Abuse cases.

III. JUDICIAL DUTIES AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. JUDGE O'DELL SENECA, President Judge

1. Civil Jury Trials/Criminal Jury Trials and Non-Jury Trials
2. Tax Claim Bureau and Tax Assessment Appeals
3. Asbestos Litigation
4. Mental Health Procedures, Appeals, and Master
5. Preside over Mental Health and Mortgage Courts
6. Oversee Minor Judiciary
7. Designated Chairman of Jury Selection Commission
8. Court Representative to Salary Board

B. JUDGE EMERY

1. Civil Jury and Non-Jury Trials
2. Orphans' Court
3. Backup for Mental Health
4. Backup for Judge DiSalle (Family Law)

C. JUDGE POZONSKY

1. Criminal Jury and Non-Jury Trials for both divisions
2. Summary Appeals

3. License Suspensions
5. Backup for Judge Mascara (CYS Dependency)
6. Preside over Treatment Court

D. JUDGE MASCARA

1. Civil Jury and Non-Jury Trials
2. Juvenile Dependency Cases
3. Backup for Juvenile Delinquency Cases
4. Backup for Orphans Court and preside over
CYS Adoption Petitions
5. Court Representative to State Childrens'
Roundtable

E. JUDGE DISALLE

1. Divorce/Custody Cases
2. Domestic Relations Cases
3. Protection From Abuse Cases
4. Assigned Criminal Homicide Cases

F. JUDGE MOSCHETTA BELL

1. Criminal Jury and Non-Jury Trials
2. Juvenile Delinquency Cases
3. Complete scheduled Family Law Cases

G. SENIOR JUDGES assigned as necessary

These assignments designate areas of primary responsibility.

All members of the court shall be available for assignment in every area of the Court as it may become necessary to effectuate the efficient operation of the Court.

IV. HOLIDAYS

A. The Court will observe the holidays listed below during the 2009 calendar year. These holidays have been established for county employees. In addition, the Court will excuse lawyers of the Jewish Faith from appearing in Court on Rosh Hashanah (September 9) and Yom Kippur (September 17).

Friday	January 1	New Year's Day
Monday	January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday	February 15	Presidents' Day
Friday	April 2	Good Friday
Tuesday	May 18	Primary Election Day
Monday	May 31	Memorial Day
Monday	July 5	Independence Day
Monday	September 6	Labor Day
Monday	October 11	Columbus Day
Thursday	November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday	November 25	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 26	Thanksgiving Observed
Friday	December 24	Christmas Observed
Friday	December 31	New Year's Day Observed

B. COURT OFFICE WEEKS

August 2, 9, 16, 23

December 20

C. CONFERENCES

State Trial Judges'

February 18, 19

July 21, 22, 23

Bench/Bar Conference

January 29

August 6

V. MISCELLANEOUS

For the purpose of expediting this area of court business, Public School matters, except jury trials, affecting a particular school district shall be brought to the judge assigned to hear the business of that district. The following assignments are made for calendar year 2010:

Judge O'Dell Seneca	Ringgold; Intermediate Unit & Voc Tech
Judge Emery	Beth Center; Charleroi; McGuffey
Judge Pozonsky	Bentworth; Washington; Trinity
Judge Mascara	Avella; Canon-McMillan; Chartiers-Houston
Judge DiSalle	California; Fort Cherry

Judge Moschetta Bell Burgettstown; Peters Township

VI. JUDGE OF THE TERM - CRIMINAL

For the year 2010, Criminal Trial responsibility has been primarily assigned to Judge Paul Pozonsky, and Judge Janet Moschetta Bell. Preliminary matters on criminal cases will be disposed of pursuant to Administrative Regulation 9200001 Assignment of Criminal Motions. The following schedule is established for matters that do not fall within the scope of assignment under Administrative Regulation 9200001:

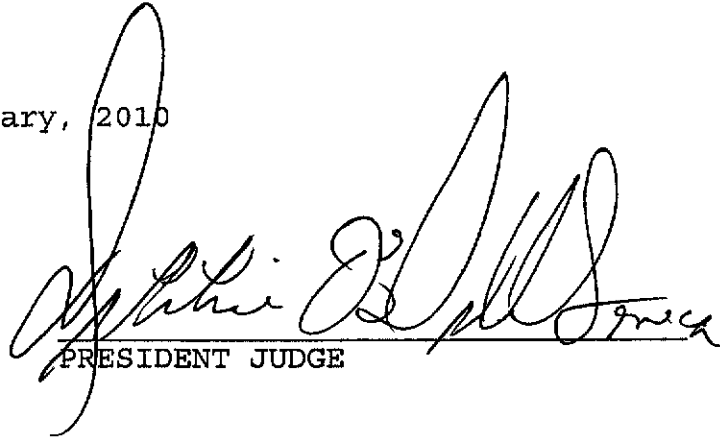
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VII. COVERAGE

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With respect to all of the foregoing assignments, when a Judge is unavailable due to vacation, illness, conferences, etc., he/she shall be responsible for ensuring coverage and shall notify the President Judge and the Court Administrator.

DATED: this 5th day of January, 2010



PRESIDENT JUDGE