



WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PRO SE CUSTODY PACKET

NOTICE

ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN LITIGATION ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SEEK PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ADVICE FROM AN ATTORNEY. Court staff cannot offer any legal advice. The information in this packet is not a substitute for professional legal advice. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents.

If you want to hire an attorney and do not know one, you should call the Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) at 724-225-6710 to schedule a half-hour consultation with a licensed, insured attorney who has experience in the area of law related to your legal matter. The initial half-hour consultation with the attorney is \$30.00 to be paid in advance to the Bar Association; any fees beyond the first half-hour should be discussed and agreed upon by you and the lawyer.

If you meet certain income and other qualifications, you may be able to secure an attorney through Southwestern PA Legal Services at 724-225-6170. Ask if you are eligible for the Bar Association/Bar Foundation "Limited Representation Custody Program," and, if so, you may be referred to an attorney who will represent you at no cost at the initial custody meeting.

If you have questions about domestic violence or believe that you may be the victim of domestic violence, we strongly recommend that you contact the *Washington County Domestic Violence Services* at 724-223-8349.

If you suspect child abuse, please contact *CHILDLINE* at 1-800-932-0313. You can report suspected child abuse 24 hours per day and remain anonymous.

4 Legal Research on the Net



1. Overview of popular civil legal topics

Go to www.palawhelp.org
PaLawHELP is sponsored by Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Legal Services Corporation.

2. Pennsylvania statutes

Go to www.legis.state.pa.us
PA state legislature site provides legislation enacted since 1975 (arranged chronologically by date of passage) and proposed legislation.
For statutes arranged by subject, follow link to "Unofficial Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes from West".

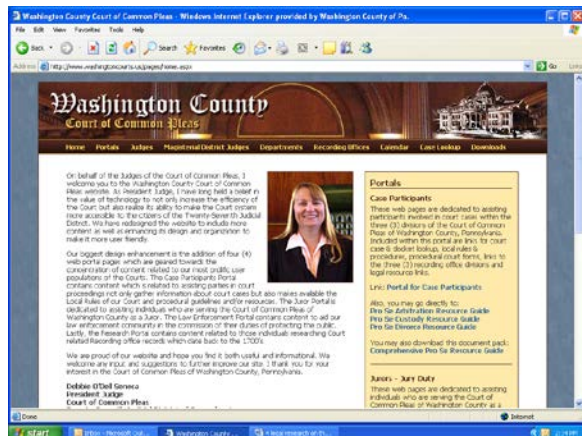


3. Pennsylvania court rules online

Go to www.pacode.com
Go to the "Browse" page and in the list of Titles scroll down to the court rules appropriate to your issue, for example 231 for Rules of Civil Procedure, 234 for Rules of Criminal Procedures, 246 for Minor Court Rules (Magisterial District Judge procedure), etc.

- 104 SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
- 107 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA
- 201 RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
- 204 JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERAL PROVISIONS
- 207 JUDICIAL CONDUCT
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- 231 RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
- 234 RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
- 237 JUVENILE RULES
- 246 MINOR COURT CIVIL RULES
- 302 ALLEGHENY COUNTY
- 306 BERKS COUNTY
- 307 BLAIR COUNTY
- 309 BUCKS COUNTY

4. Washington County: local court rules, forms, and lots more online



• **Washington County Courts**
Go to www.washingtoncourts.us
Click on **Portal for Case Participants**
for local rules, forms, and explanatory material.

• **Washington County Government**
Go to www.co.washington.pa.us

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