

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUTLER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA

In re: LOCAL RULES OF COURT

CP-10-AD- 1-2013

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 1st day of March, 2013 it is hereby ordered and decreed that the Butler County local rules of criminal procedure (L117) is approved and adopted and is made a part of the Butler County Local Rules of Criminal Procedure for use in the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Pennsylvania, the 50th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, effective thirty days after the publication of the rule in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

It is further ordered and decreed that the Court Administrators Office of Butler County shall:

1. File one (1) certified copy of this Administrative Order & Local Rule with the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts.
2. File two (2) certified copies of this Administrative Order & Local Rule and one (1) diskette in the required format with the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
3. Publish a copy of this local rule on the Unified Judicial System's website.
4. Forward one (1) copy of this Administrative Order to the administrative office of the *Butler County Legal Journal* for publication.
5. Keep continuously available for public inspection copies of this Administrative Order in the Office of the Butler County Clerk of Courts, in the Office of the Court Administrator and the Butler County Law Library.

By the Court

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Rule L117 Coverage: Issuing Warrants; Preliminary Arraignments and Summary Trials; and Setting and Accepting Bail.

A. After hours coverage shall be provided by way of a schedule of specified times when the "duty" issuing authority will be available to conduct business. Each Magisterial District Judge, who has county-wide jurisdiction, will be available to receive calls on a rotational schedule as adopted by Administrative Order on an annual basis. Said Administrative Order shall be maintained by the Court Administrator's office and shall be distributed to the Butler County Communications Center and each Magisterial District Judge.

- (1) The "on call" Magisterial District Judge may hold court by any approved advanced communication technology as provided by Butler County or the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts. The Magisterial District court office will remain closed to the public during after hours coverage except at the discretion of the Magisterial District Judge.
- (2) The Magisterial District Judge serving as "on-call" issuing authority shall be available to conduct preliminary arraignments at 8:00 am and 9:30 pm seven days a week and at 4:00 pm on weekends and holidays. These arraignments may be conducted with the use of advanced communication technology and shall be conducted pursuant to procedures that are from time to time adopted by the Court. The "on call" Magisterial District Judge shall also be available to conduct preliminary arraignments during regular business hours when the original issuing authority is not available.
- (3) In the event a Magisterial District Judge is needed at any time for after hours coverage for issuance of a search warrant, an Emergency Protection From Abuse Petition or other emergency matter, the "on call" Magisterial District Judge shall be contacted through the Butler County Communications Center.
- (4) Procedures for executed summary warrants shall be pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P.431.

(B) Monetary bond may be posted outside of normal business hours with the Magisterial District Judge, the Clerk of Courts or the Warden of the Butler County Prison with the following provisions:

(1) Bonds required prior to the verdict or other case disposition in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS and NO CENTS or less shall be posted with the Warden at the Butler County Prison.

(2) Bonds required prior to verdict or other case disposition in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED and ONE (\$501.00) DOLLARS and NO CENTS or more shall be posted with "on -call" Magisterial District Judge.

(3) All Property Bonds must be posted during regular business hours with the Clerk of Courts of Butler County.

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