

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: Local Rule of Judicial Administration L-1901

: MsD No. 18-40025  
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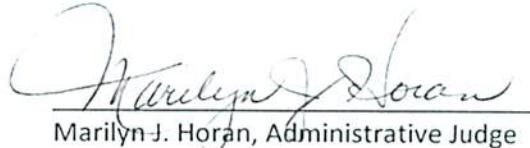
Administrative Order of Court

And Now, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2018, it is hereby Ordered and Decreed that , effective with the publication of this local rule in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, the Butler County Court of Common Pleas adopts Local Rule of Judicial Administration L 1901 governing the Prompt Disposition of Matters; Termination of Inactive Cases; Magisterial District Judge Courts.

The Butler County District Court Administrator is Ordered and Directed to do the following:

1. File one (1) copy with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts via e-mail to [adminrules@pacourts.us](mailto:adminrules@pacourts.us).
2. File two (2) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy in Microsoft Word format only to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
3. Publish these rules on the Butler County Court Services website.
4. File one (1) copy of the local rule in the office of the Butler County Prothonotary for public inspection and copying.
5. Deliver one (1) copy to the Butler County Legal Journal for publication at their discretion.

By the Court,

  
Marilyn J. Horan, Administrative Judge

**Rule of Judicial Administration L-1901 Prompt Disposition of Matters; Termination of Inactive Cases; Magisterial District Judge Courts**

It is the policy of the Court of Common Pleas in Butler County to bring each pending matter in the Butler County Magisterial District Judge offices to a final conclusion as promptly as possible, consistent with the character of the matter and the resources of the system. Where a matter has been inactive for an unreasonable period of time, the Court, upon request of the Magisterial District Judge, shall enter an appropriate order terminating the matter.

The request for termination shall be made on a form that shall be created by the Butler County District Court Administrator and shall include such specific information as is needed to properly identify the case or cases to be terminated. Requests for termination of cases shall be submitted to the Butler County Court Administrator's Office before being submitted to the Court for the entry of an order terminating cases.

Before any order terminating a matter on the ground of unreasonable inactivity is entered, the parties shall be given at least 30 days written notice of opportunity for hearing on such proposed termination. Notice shall be made consistent with Pa. RJA Rule 1901 (c).

Unreasonable inactivity shall be defined as any proceeding in which no steps or proceedings have been taken for two years or more prior to the submission of the request to terminate the matter.