

**RULES OF PRACTICE  
OF THE  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Delay in criminal and civil cases in the Courts of Common Pleas throughout the state of Ohio is a serious problem in the administration of justice. Constitutional courts were created to serve the litigants and the interest of the public at large, not for the convenience or benefit of judges and lawyers. Unnecessary delay erodes the public's confidence in the judicial system.

It is the obligation of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio, to operate the Court in a manner that is lawful, fair, just, and efficient for the benefit of the citizens of Franklin County and all other litigants that come before it. To that end, the following rules are designed (1) to expedite the disposition of both criminal and civil cases in this Court, while at the same time safeguarding the rights of litigants to the just processing of their cases; (2) to expedite and make consistent the disposition of cases in the general branch of the Court; and (3) to serve the public interest which mandates the prompt disposition of all cases before this Court.

**RULE 63- GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS**

**63.01** The Administrative Judge shall handle all grand jury matters including appointment of grand jury foreman.

**63.02** The Official Shorthand Reporter or any other transcriber shall not prepare transcripts of testimony of grand jury proceedings except upon order of the Trial Judge or the Administrative Judge.

**63.03** Indictment - Dismissal. Criminal cases bound over to this Court on which no final action is taken by the Grand Jury within 60 days may be dismissed forthwith and without prejudice. If the witness' testimony or other critical evidence is not available, the case may be continued by the Court for a definite period of time and such continuance noted in the report of the Grand Jury. Continuances must be presented to and approved by the Administrative Judge.