

**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 85 - CERTIFICATION OF ASSETS**

**85.01** Any defendant found guilty of a criminal offense in this Court shall, on a form provided by this Court, disclose assets of every kind for the purpose of assisting the Trial Judge, the adult probation department, and the sheriff, in the collection of the fine and cost in that case.

The form shall be completed subsequent to sentencing, and shall be filed with the Prosecuting Attorney's office and maintained by that office until the fine and costs are paid. These records shall be available to the sheriff for his duties in executing any judgment for fine and/or costs. Upon payment in full of the fine and costs, the prosecuting attorney's office shall destroy the certification of assets.