

**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 13 - RULE DAY EXTENSIONS

13.01 By agreement of counsel any party may be permitted two leaves to move or plead provided the total extension of time does not exceed 28 days. That consent shall be evidenced by a "Consent to Plead" signed by all counsel and filed with the Clerk. The "Consent to Plead" shall not be submitted to the Court for approval.

13.02 Where an additional extension of time beyond that provided by Loc. R. 13.01 is needed or where the parties cannot agree upon an extension of time, the party desiring the extension shall file a written motion supported by an affidavit stating facts indicating the practical impossibility of pleading within rule and demonstrating good cause for further extension. The motion and affidavit shall be filed on or before the expiration of the time to move or plead. The motion and affidavit shall be served upon opposing counsel, and the matter shall be heard at a time to be fixed by the Trial Judge. The motion and affidavit will be required even though consent of opposing counsel is obtained if the extension is for a period of time beyond that permitted by Loc. R. 13.01.