

**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 35 - CLASSIFICATION OF CASES, DEADLINES, TIMING

35.01 All cases filed after January 1, 1990, shall be classified in the following categories, and the classification shall be reflected in the case number. Cases shall be resolved within the absolute time limits as set by the Ohio Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Common Pleas. The classifications are:

- Professional Tort (A)
- Product Liability (B)
- Personal Injury (C)
- BWC Appeals (D)
- Foreclosures (E)
- Administrative Appeals (F)
- Complex Litigation (G)
- All other cases (H)

The time limits in these case flow management rules shall be calculated from the date of filing of the initial document invoking the jurisdiction of the Common Pleas Court.