

**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 15 - RULE DAYS NOT FIXED BY LAW**

**15.01** In all cases where the time for the filing of pleading or amended pleadings is not fixed by law or other rule, the pleadings or amended pleadings shall be filed on or before the 14th day after the date of the entry requiring or granting leave for the filing of pleadings or amended pleadings unless otherwise specified in the entry and approved by the Trial Judge. The opposing party shall move or plead to the pleadings or amended pleadings so filed on or before the 14th day after the pleadings or amended pleadings are filed.

**15.02** No pleading or motion shall be amended by interlineation or obliteration except upon express prior leave of the Trial Judge. Upon the filing of an amended pleading or motion, the original or any prior amendment shall not be withdrawn from the files.