

**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 22 - NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT - [7/21/94]

22.01 The purpose of this rule is to 1) reduce the Court's expenditure of time on cases that have already settled, but no notice has been given to the Court; and 2) to facilitate the scheduling of other cases remaining on the Court's docket.

22.02 (1-30-01) Whenever the parties have reached a settlement agreement prior to the trial date or when an action is voluntarily dismissed, it shall be the duty of counsel for the plaintiff to immediately notify the trial court by telephone or electronic transmission, particularly if there are any pending motions that would involve the Court's time. If the case or any issue in the case has been referred to a magistrate, the magistrate likewise shall be immediately notified of the settlement or voluntary dismissal.

22.03 If a settlement or dismissal occurs within 24 hours of the scheduled trial date, counsel for the plaintiff shall notify the bailiff as soon as practicable, but no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of trial.

22.04 All CR. 41(A) dismissals, whether or not signed by the judge, must be presented to the bailiff for termination before filing.

22.05 Failure to abide by the rule may subject either counsel to the sanctions under LocR. 39.05(C).