

**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 107 MISCELLANEOUS

107.01 Interpretation. These local rules shall be interpreted to achieve the prompt, efficient, and fair resolution of cases. In the event that any portion of a rule is found to be ambiguous, the rule shall be interpreted as follows:

1. To be consistent with the Ohio and United States Constitutions, and the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure;
2. To be practical and efficient in their operation;
3. To be taken in context with the other portions of these rules.

Words of the male gender shall include the female gender. Singular words shall include the plural, except for the phrase "Trial Judge", or where context indicates that the singular was intended. Each portion of these rules is regarded as severable.

107.02 Citation. These rules shall be known as the "Local Rules of Practice of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, General Division". These rules may be cited as "Loc. R. __".

107.03 . These rules shall be effective on July 1, 1991.