

**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 12 - PAGE LIMITATIONS – (8/24/01)

12.01 A supporting or opposing memorandum or brief including administrative appeals, shall not exceed fifteen (15) pages exclusive of any supporting documents. Any supporting or opposing memorandum or brief which exceeds fifteen (15) pages shall not be accepted for filing without prior leave of the Court.

12.02 A reply memorandum or brief including administrative appeals shall not exceed seven pages and shall be restricted to matters in rebuttal. Any reply memorandum or brief which exceeds seven pages shall not be accepted for filing without prior leave of the Court.

12.03 A motion for leave to file a memorandum or brief in excess of the page limitations set forth in 12.01 and 12.02 above shall be made by no later than seven days prior to the time for filing the brief and a time-stamped copy be hand delivered to the judge's chambers. Such motion shall set forth the unusual and extraordinary circumstances which necessitate exceeding the page limitation.