

**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 59 - ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

59.01 All Administrative Appeals (F) shall be placed on the appeals track, which shall consist of the following sequence of events within these time limits:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LATEST TIME OF OCCURRENCE (in weeks)</u>
Filing Notice of Appeal (and demand for Record, if required)	0
Filing of Record	4
Dispositive Motions	6
Filing of Record, if extension granted	8
Filing of Appellant's Brief	10
Filing of Appellee's Brief	12
Filing of Appellant's Reply Brief and non-oral hearing date	13
Oral Argument, if allowed	14

The Trial Judge may extend this schedule upon written motion of a party or sua sponte for good cause shown, such as the complexity of case or the length of the Record. The appeal shall be deemed submitted at a non-oral hearing on the date set for the filing of the Reply Brief. The Trial Judge may set a shorter schedule for expedited appeals.