

**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.

LOCAL RULE 110 (2-18-14) Electronic Filing of Court Documents

110.01 The Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing of Court Documents, as amended from time to time, governs practice and procedures to be followed regarding the filing of court documents in all civil and criminal cases in the General Division of this Court.

110.02 All documents filed electronically shall conform substantially to the requirements of these Local Rules and the most current version of the Court's Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing of Court Documents. The filing party or, if represented, counsel, shall be responsible for determining the most current version of the Administrative Order and complying with it.

110.03 To the extent facsimile filings are affected by the most current version of the Court's Administrative Order Regarding Electronic Filing of Court Documents, Local Rules 108 and 109 are superseded.