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June 10, 2024

Please see the attached administrative order dated June 10, 2024 regarding rescinding the "Rule 39-205.1.3 Filing of Telefaxed Pleadings and Papers" aka faxes/facsimiles. The court conferred with the Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee concerning this local rule's compliance with applicable Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. The Civil Procedural Rules Committee advised in its letter dated June 10, 2024 that our local rule rescission is not inconsistent with statewide procedure. Accordingly, both Franklin and Fulton County Branches of the 39th Judicial District hereby rescind 39th Jud Dist R.C.P. 205.1.3 effective 30 days after the publication of this order in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Effective Monday, July 22, 2024 the Franklin County Prothonotary's Office will no longer be accepting pleadings/papers/filings via facsimile. Please follow the civil procedural

rules on proper service of filing
pleadings/papers in our office.

Thank you,

Franklin County Prothonotary

Timothy Sponseller

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**THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE 39th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF PENNSYLVANIA**

: *Administrative Order re:*
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: Rescission of 39th Jud. Dist. R.C.P.
: 205.1.3.
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: The Honorable Shawn D. Meyers,
: President Judge

ORDER

And Now, this 10th day of June, 2024, the Court reviewed its local rule of civil procedure 205.1.3 adopted in 1995, reproduced as follows:

**“Rule 39-205.1.3 Filing of TeleFaxed Pleadings
and Papers:**

In every civil action, the Prothonotary shall accept for filing legible pleadings and papers which have been properly signed and/or verified which have been telefaxed, so long as, within five days of any such filing, the original of the telefaxed pleading or paper is filed.

Any party who telefaxes a pleading or paper for filing bears the responsibility for assuring its receipt in legible form and for assuring that the pleading or paper is actually delivered to and filed

with the Prothonotary. *Adopted by Order of Court dated April 13, 1995, Published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin Vol. 25, Number 17, April 29, 1995.*”

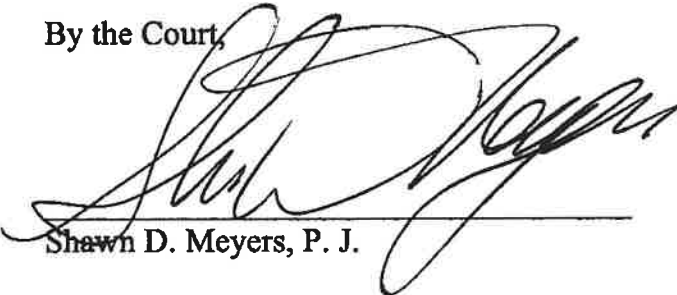
The Court conferred with the Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee concerning this local rule’s compliance with applicable Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. The Civil Procedural Rules Committee advised in its letter dated June 10, 2024 that our local rule rescission is not inconsistent with statewide procedure.

Accordingly, both the Franklin and Fulton County Branches of the 39th Judicial District hereby **rescind 39th Jud. Dist. R.C.P. 205.1.3**, effective thirty (30) days after the publication of this Order in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

As such, Mr. Mark Singer, District Court Administrator for the 39th Judicial District, is ordered and directed to do the following:

1. Email one (1) copy of this Order to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) at adminrules@pacourts.us.
2. Mail one (1) paper copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* to the following address: Pa. Code and Bulletin, Legislative Reference Bureau, 647 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg PA 17120.
3. Email one (1) copy of this Order in Microsoft Word format only to the Legislative Bureau at bulletin@palrb.us for publication in The *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
4. File one (1) copy of this Order with the Office of Prothonotary in both Franklin and Fulton Counties, and mail one (1) copy to the Franklin County Law Library and the Fulton County Law Library for public inspection and copying.
5. Publish a copy of this Order rescinding **39th Jud. Dist. R.C.P. 205.1.3** on the Franklin County and Fulton County Court websites.
6. Remove local rule **39th Jud. Dist. R.C.P. 205.1.3** the 39th Judicial District’s set of local rules, whether in paper or web-based format, not later than thirty (30) days after this Order is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

By the Court,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shawn D. Meyers', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shawn D. Meyers, P. J.

Distribution:

Mr. Mark Singer, District Court Administrator for the 39th Judicial District

Mr. T. S. Sponseller, Prothonotary of Franklin County

Ms. P. S. Fix, Prothonotary of Fulton County

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