

MEMORANDUM

To: LLA Membership
From: Gary Weber
Date: December 11, 2017

Subject: Annual Report of the Customs and Rules Committee

The Lycoming Law Association Customs and Rules Committee met twice in 2017. The following individuals served on the Committee in 2017: Gary Weber, Chair; Jennifer Heverly; Norman Lubin; John Pietrovito; Kevin Way, Mary Kilgus, Adrienne J. Stahl, and J. Michael Wiley.

The court implemented local rule revisions in four separate instances, and the Committee was involved in the review and implementation of the rule changes..

On January 5, 2017 the Court entered an order implementing changes to Lycoming County Rule of Civil Procedure L1018.1 to change the name and address of North Penn Legal Services and Lycoming County Rule of Civil Procedure L227.3 was amended to delete the "Note" as obsolete. The rule changes were proposed by the Committee.

The difficult project undertaken by the Committee in 2016, involving the complete rewriting of the Orphan's Court rules, under a mandate issued by the Supreme Court, came to fruition on March 3, 2017, when the court issued an order rescinding the Lycoming County Orphan's Court Rules and issuing new Lycoming County Orphan's Court Rules L1.8(c), L2.6, L2.7, L2.9, L2.10, L9.1, L9.6, L9.7, L14.2, L14.5, L15.5, and L15.8.

In December 2016, the Committee was convened to discuss new rules respecting court reporters and transcripts of court proceedings. These rules were proposed by the Lycoming County judges to comply with recently enacted state rules on the same subject. Revisions and additional discussion occurred in 2017. On May 5, 2017, Court approved local rules to address requests for court transcripts, court reporter fees and related issues.

On May 5, 2017, court approved a revision to rule L1007, changing the way parties request modifications to civil trial scheduling orders. This was recommended by the court and reviewed by the Committee.