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TO: Lycoming Law Association Members

FROM: Gary, Chairman, Rules Committee

DATE: January 12, 2004

RE: Annual Report of Lycoming Law Association Customs and Rules Committee

The Law Association Customs and Rules Committee met on two occasions in 2003. The meetings were well attended. The committee consists of the following members: Michael Collins, Marc Drier, Gary T. Harris, William Knecht, John Pietrovito, Kathleen Raker, Kevin Way, Darryl Wishard, Matthew J. Zeigler and Bill Burd.

At its meetings, the Committee considered the following issues:

- The effect of Pa.R.C.P. No. 230.2 on Lycoming County Rule L903 and the need for a replacement rule.
- Local rules relating to attachment of tenant wages in landlord tenant cases.
- A proposed change to Orphans Court Rule L6.03.
- Mandating local depositions in Lycoming County cases.
- Implementing local rule directives from the Supreme Court in regard to the standardization of local motions procedures.

The Committee recommended the following new rules to the court for approval:

- A rule implementing Pa.R.C.P. No. 230.2, dealing with the termination of inactive cases. The committee recommended rescinding local rule L903 as inconsistent with the new state rule. The committee recommended replacing the rescinded rule with new Rule L230.2, designating the Prothonotary as the person responsible for sending notice to parties of proposed termination of cases and providing that a copy of the notice of intention to proceed be submitted to the district court administrator for the scheduling of a case scheduling conference.
- Changing Orphans Court Local Rule L6.03 to provide that notice of the filing of the account be made on the date of the filing.

The Committee agreed to meet in January to discuss implementing the new Supreme Court directives.