

MEMORANDUM

To: LLA Membership
From: Gary Weber
Date: January 3, 2007
Subject: Annual Report of the Customs and Rules Committee

The Customs and Rules Committee did not meet in 2007, for the second year in a row. No new issues came before the Committee for consideration.

This continues the pattern of statewide domination of the local rule process, contributing to more uniform procedures on a statewide basis - at least this is the advertised intention.

Several issues may arise in 2007 for Committee consideration. There have been several recent changes in the state Orphans' Court rules. The impact of these rules on our local rules, if any, should be studied.

Also, the Supreme Court has authorized electronic filing as a local option. The Committee, in cooperation with the Court and the Prothonotary should consider the options in this developing area. The federal courts use electronic filing with much success, as do the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh courts.