

MEMORANDUM

To: LLA Membership

From: Gary Weber

Date: January 3, 2011

Subject: Annual Report of the Customs and Rules Committee

The LLA Customs and Rules Committee met once in 2010. The Committee also addressed issues by email exchange.

1. **Domestic Relations Local Rules.** The Committee has been looking at a comprehensive revision of the local rules governing divorce, custody and support for several years. Judge McCoy has undertaken a comprehensive review of the rules. However, in April 2010, the Committee met with Judge McCoy and prepared a schedule of clearly obsolete rules - rules that could be eliminated without the need of comprehensive review. On May 18, 2010, the Committee sent to the court an order proposing the rescission of 16 obsolete rules. The revised rules were approved January 3, 2011.
2. **Numbers of documents to be filed; printing on both sides of a page.** The proposed order of May 18, 2010 also included language eliminating the ability of parties to file documents printed on both sides of pages and addressed the number of copies to be filed with the prothonotary. Reference to the defunct Lycoming Mediation Project was deleted from the rules. The revised rules were approved January 3, 2011.
3. **Revision to Real Estate Customs.** The Committee was asked in September to review proposed changes to the Real Estate Customs proposed by the Real Estate Committee. Generally, this committee has deferred to the Real Estate Committee, due to their experience in dealing with these issues on a regular basis. Upon review, the Committee approved the revisions, and the revisions were implemented and published in September.
4. **Proposed change to Civil Motion Cover Sheet.** Judge Butts has proposed a change to the Civil Motion Cover Sheet. The Committee will meet in January to consider the proposal.