

MEMORANDUM

To: LLA Membership

From: Gary Weber

Date: December 19, 2022

Subject: Annual Report of the Customs and Rules Committee

The Lycoming Law Association Customs and Rules Committee was active in 2022, particularly in considering revisions to the local domestic relations rules.

Earlier this year, the court sent a proposal to revise the rules, prepared by former Judge McCoy, to the Committee for review. The Customs and Rules Committee met on four separate occasions and undertook a comprehensive review of the proposal. The committee, consisting of myself, Norm Lubin, John Pietrovito, Jen Heverly, Mike Wiley, Adrienne Stahl and Michele Frey reviewed each proposed change, compared the change to the current rules and the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure and attempted to draft revisions that fully conform with the statewide rules. In its review, the committee was cognizant of the confusion that ensues where local rules are on the books but are not being followed in practice and for that reason, we also coordinated with Domestic Relations Office Director Stephanie Tribble and Jen Linn, who participated in all of the meetings.

An order was sent to the court for consideration on November 23, 2022. The proposal, if fully implemented, would revise 12 rules, promulgate 4 new rules, and rescind 24 rules. Approval of the Pa. Domestic Relations Rule Committee is required before the order can be signed and the rule changes implemented, and that review is pending. The proposal is posted on the Lycolaw.org website and can be reviewed there.

In other rule action, the committee recommended, and the court approved a name change to the Rules of General Court Business, which are now known as the Rules of Judicial Administration.