

# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** LLA Membership

**From:** Gary Weber

**Date:** December 20, 2023

**Subject:** Annual Report of the Customs and Rules Committee

The Lycoming Law Association Customs and Rules Committee was active in 2023, in considering local civil rules to implement electronic filing of civil matters in the prothonotary's office.

The committee met with prothonotary Tom Heap to review a proposed rule L205.4. The proposal was taken from a template used in other counties to implement similar electronic filing systems.

The review was rather thorough to ensure that the system was workable and understandable for attorneys, while at the same time ensuring efficient implementation in the prothonotary's office.

A recommendation that met the approval of Tom Heap was reported to the court in the spring of 2023. After the Supreme Court Civil Procedure Rules Committee approved the rule, it was issued by the court on May 22, 2023 and implemented after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

The domestic relations rules considered by the committee in 2022 were issued in 2023. The complexity of the changes and their interplay with the general rules required review and revision by the state Domestic Relations Rules Committee. The order implementing the changes was issued on March 24, 2023.