

The local rules of the General Division have been reorganized into the following sections:

- I. General Provisions
- II. Civil Rules of Practice and Procedure
- III. Criminal Rules of Practice and Procedure
- IV. Jury-Related Rules.

Some of the substantive changes are described below.

- Rule 1.18 Process Servers: provides new requirements for persons seeking to be appointed as process servers.
- Rule 2.3 Pleadings—Extensions and Amendments: adds a requirement that a party seeking leave to amend a civil pleading after the time limits set by the civil rules must include a copy of the proposed new pleading and must file the amended pleading if the motion for leave is granted.
- Rule 2.9 Default Judgments:
 - Removes a former requirement that obligated a civil party filing a motion for default judgment to serve a copy of the motion on defendants who had not made an appearance in the case.
 - Adds a requirement that a party seeking a default judgment provide evidence of the damages sought if evidence about those damages is not already in the record.
- Rule 2.11 Administrative Appeals: establishes a standard briefing schedule for administrative appeals that will govern unless the trial judge has issued an alternative schedule in the case.
- Rule 2.12 Jury Deposit: establishes a revised rule for jury deposits in civil cases.
- Rule 2.13(C) Trial Procedure: adds a requirement that recorded depositions filed in civil cases include an index as well as a statement of the grounds for any objections raised during the deposition that a party is asking the court to address before the trial.

- Rule 2.14 Mediation: formalizes into the local rules the court's pilot mediation program for civil cases.
- Rule 2.17 Judicial Sales: revises the rule to conform to current practices and establishes timelines for the submission to the court of the sale-confirmation entry.
- Removed Local Rule 35 Certificate for Qualification for Employment Petitions: the rule for petitions for certificate of qualification for employment has been removed as this process is defined in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code. The forms for this process will be available on the Clerk of Court's website.

Please submit any comments, questions, or concerns to Kristin Schultz at kschultz@co.delaware.oh.us on or before May 6, 2024.