

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Administrative Order

Number 13 of 2019

In Re: New Adams County Rule of Judicial Administration 1950

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 21st day of August, 2019, the Court hereby creates Rule 1950 of the Adams County Rules of Judicial Administration as follows:

1950. Sound System in Courtroom

Unless directed otherwise by the presiding judge or presiding magisterial district judge during a proceeding, the management of a sound system in a courtroom, including the ability to control power to microphones, shall only be performed by the presiding judge or magisterial district judge, a tipstaff, personal staff of the presiding judge or magisterial district judge, or authorized court administration staff. Under no circumstances shall attorneys, agencies representatives, parties to a proceeding, or any other person touch the sound system, turn off or otherwise adjust a live microphone on the bench, an attorney table, a podium used to address the Court or a witness box. The only exception to this Rule shall be when an attorney, agency representative or party to a proceeding needs to temporarily mute a microphone to speak off the record, which said microphone shall be immediately unmuted once back on the record.

This rule shall become effective after all the provisions of the Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration 103 are met, to include the following:

- a. Two (2) certified copies of this Order together with a computer diskette that complies with the requirement of 1 Pa. Code §13.11 (b), or other compliant format, containing the text of the local rule(s) adopted hereby shall be distributed to the Legislative Reference Bureau for

- b. publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin;
- c. One copy of this Order shall be forwarded to the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts via e-mail to adminrules@pacourts.us;
- d. A copy of the proposed local rule(s) shall be published on the 51st Judicial District website;
- e. This Order shall be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary of Adams County and a copy thereof shall be filed with the Adams County Clerk of Courts and the Adams County Law Library for inspection and copying;
- f. The effective date of the local rule(s) shall be 30 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

BY THE COURT,

MICHAEL A. GEORGE

President Judge

Board of Judges

Executive Assistants to the Board of Judges

Magisterial District Judges

Court Administration

Chief Tipstaff

Law Clerks (4)

Court Reporters (3)

Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office

Register of Wills/Recorder of Deeds

Prothonotary's Office

District Attorney's Office

Public Defender's Office

Department of Probation Services

Domestic Relations Section

Children and Youth Services

Security

Sheriff's Department

Solicitor's Office

Adams County Law Library

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