

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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In Re: Civil Trial Exhibits

Administrative Order

No. 5 of 2010

ORDER OF COURT

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AND NOW, this 26th day of February, 2010, it appearing that the Adams County Civil Rules Committee will be reviewing the Adams County Rules of Civil Procedure Order to address the issue of the storage and disposition of trial exhibits within the Prothonotary's Office, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED on an interim basis that:

1. After trial, exhibits admitted into evidence shall be retained by the Prothonotary until it is determined whether an appeal has been taken from a final judgment. If an appeal has been taken, the exhibits shall be retained by the Prothonotary until disposition of the appeal.
2. Within sixty (60) days after the final disposition of all appeals or the date when no further appeal may be taken under the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure, the party who offered the exhibits may reclaim them from the Prothonotary. Any exhibits not so reclaimed may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Prothonotary.
3. Notwithstanding the above, any person who has a possessory or legal interest in any exhibit which has been introduced into evidence may file a claim for such exhibit within thirty (30) days after trial. The presiding Judge shall determine the validity of such claim and determine the manner and timing of disposition.

1 4. Notice of this Order and of the Prothonotary's intent to destroy exhibits
2 if not claimed shall be given by the Prothonotary, by regular mail, to
3 the attorneys of record who offered the exhibit at least thirty (30) days
4 prior to the destruction or disposition of any exhibits.

5 This Order shall be effective immediately.

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7 **BY THE COURT:**

8 **JOHN D. KUHN,**
9 **President Judge**

10 **ROBERT G. BIGHAM,**
11 **Judge**

12 **MICHAEL A. GEORGE,**
13 **Judge**

14 **THOMAS R. CAMPBELL**
15 **Judge**

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