

## PENNSYLVANIA PRACTICE AIDS

### PENNSYLVANIA STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

#### ***Laws of Pennsylvania (KFP 25.A23)***

The *Laws* are the chronological arrangement of Pennsylvania laws by year and act number. The Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau has begun a long term process of preserving and making accessible the Session Laws of Pennsylvania through the Internet at <http://palrb.us>.

#### ***Purdon's Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Annotated (Pa.C.S.A.) and Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes Annotated (P.S.) (KFP 30)***

This is the compilation of statutes arranged by subject. *Purdon's* is annotated with comments, historical notes and case law. The State Legislature in the late 60's began the process of consolidating its statutes. This resulted in some statutes being renumbered, and has led to a sometimes hybrid arrangement, with two different groups of statutes sharing the same title, one consolidated, and one sharing the original *Purdon's* scheme. This accounts for the fact that *Purdon's* may be cited in two different ways, depending upon the title being cited. To make things a little more complicated, some titles have been completely consolidated, while other have been only partially consolidated. The Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau publishes the "official" version of the *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes* (Pa.C.S.). As yet no "official" version of Pennsylvania's Statutes is available on a free Internet site.

#### ***Pennsylvania Code (KFP 35.A2 P3)***

The official codification of agency rules and regulations and other statutorily authorized documents. The *Pennsylvania Code* is now freely available on the Internet at [www.pacode.com](http://www.pacode.com).

#### ***Pennsylvania Bulletin (KFP 35.A2 P4)***

The official gazette of the Commonwealth serves as a temporary supplement to the *Pennsylvania Code*, by publishing changes and/or proposed changes to the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth's agencies, Executive Orders, and changes to court rules at the state and local level. The *Pennsylvania Bulletin* is now available on the Internet at: [www.pabulletin.com](http://www.pabulletin.com)

### PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL PRACTICE MATERIALS

#### ***Summary of Pennsylvania Jurisprudence 2d (KFP81.L4 2d)***

A compilation of Pennsylvania civil and criminal substantive law, based on case authority. The topics covered are Torts, Property, Business Relationships, Family Law, Employment and Labor Relations, Criminal Law, Probate, Estates and Trusts, Insurance, Municipal and Local Law, Environmental Law, and Commercial Law.

#### ***Standard Pennsylvania Practice 2d (KFP 530.S85 2d)***

A multivolume treatise covering procedural civil, criminal and administrative law in Pennsylvania.

#### ***Goodrich Amram 2d Procedural Rules Service with Forms (KFP 529.A43 A2)***

An authoritative treatise on the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure. This multi-volume set is annotated with comments and case law.

### PENNSYLVANIA FORM BOOKS

#### ***Dunlap-Hanna Pennsylvania Forms (KFP 68. D85)***

A multi-volume, loose-leaf treatise containing general Pennsylvania forms.

#### ***Pennsylvania Transaction Guide (KFP 68.P45)***

A multi-volume, loose-leaf set containing chapters on various areas of the law. Each chapter is a complete practice guide to the specific subject and forms.

#### ***West's Pennsylvania Forms (KFP68.W48)***

A multi-volume set containing forms with commentary and reference to case authority. Some volumes come with a computer disk of forms. Check the online library catalog.

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact a reference librarian by calling:

302-477-2114 (Wilmington)

717-541-3934 (Harrisburg)

or click on the "Ask a Librarian" icon at

[www.law.widener.edu/Law-Library](http://www.law.widener.edu/Law-Library)

## PENNSYLVANIA TRIAL AIDS

### ***Pennsylvania Rules of Court Federal (KFP529 .A195) and State (KFP529.A196)***

These volumes cover appellate, civil procedure, criminal procedure and the new rules of evidence, along with other court rules generally in use in Pennsylvania for State Courts, as well as Pennsylvania Federal Courts. They are updated once or twice a year with new volumes.

### ***Pennsylvania Local Court Rules. Central and Western Regions. (KFP529.A194, KFP529.A198).***

Contains local rules of the Courts of Common Pleas. Other local rules, which the LIC owns, are kept on reserve. Local rules may be updated by checking the ***Pennsylvania Bulletin***, although not every rule change is always included.

### ***Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions (Res. KFP 542.A6 p3)***

### ***Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions (Res. KFP 583.A65 P4)***

Jury Instructions in both the civil and criminal law fields are arranged under broad topics. The goal of the Committee that drafted these instructions was to make the trial process more effective by increasing accuracy in jury instructions.

### ***Pennsylvania Civil Practice, 3d ed. (KFP 530.S47 1998)***

Authored by a Common Pleas Court Judge and two experienced practitioners, this annually updated, one-volume reference provides a good overview of all aspects of Pennsylvania Civil Procedure.

### ***Pennsylvania Appellate Practice (KFP 530.D3)***

This loose-leaf three volume set contains a detailed analysis of the Rules of Appellate Procedure which were promulgated in 1976. The set also contains practice tips for the appellate practitioner, detailed analysis of the jurisdictions of the various Pennsylvania appellate courts, and many forms for use in the appellate courts.

## PENNSYLVANIA TRIAL GUIDES—GENERALLY

A series of trial guides, authored by practicing attorneys in Pennsylvania, are available. These treatises discuss trial techniques generally. There are also volumes that discuss techniques of trying specific types of cases. Search the online catalog under the subject: "Trial Practice Pennsylvania".

## SUBJECT SPECIFIC TREATISES

### ***Pennsylvania Bar Institute Materials (various call numbers in the PA section, readily identified by their standard bright yellow covers)***

The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is the continuing legal education arm of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The bright yellow books which are the materials prepared for various continuing legal education programs are valued by practitioners as "how to guides" on a variety of areas of Pennsylvania law.

### ***Pennsylvania Practice Series (KFP80.W47)***

A series of individual treatises designed to aid the Pennsylvania practitioner in specific areas of the law. The volumes available are: ***Pennsylvania Criminal Procedure: Forms and Commentary; Pennsylvania Evidence; Torts: Law and Advocacy; Discovery Practice; and Worker's Compensation.*** Some of the titles come with computer disks containing forms. Check the online library catalog for availability and location of any disks.

Many treatises on specific areas of the law will also include forms, checklists and tips for practice. Located in the Pennsylvania section of the Legal Information Center, these treatises will often have "***Practice***" in the title.

### ***Some suggested Pennsylvania Practice titles:***

#### ***Pennsylvania Criminal Practice (KFP 575.W38)***

#### ***Pennsylvania Zoning Law & Practice (KFP 458.A6 R9)***

#### ***Pennsylvania Matrimonial Practice (KFP 95 .R68)***

#### ***Pennsylvania child custody : law, practice, and procedure (KFP 104.8.B4 1983)***