

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
: OF BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
:
: No. 20-209
: Prothonotary
:

ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of February, 2020, the following new Berks County Rules of Civil Procedure 1915.11-1 shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, in accordance with Pa. R.J.A. No. 103(d)(5)(iii).

The District Court Administrator is ORDERED and DIRECTED to:

1. Submit one (1) copy of this Order, including the amended rule, to the appropriate Rules Committee of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for review.
2. Distribute two (2) copies of this Order, including the amended rule, and one (1) disk copy to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
3. File one (1) copy of this Order, including the amended rules, with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts contemporaneously with publishing the local rules in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
4. Compile the local rules within the complete set of local rules available on the Berks County Court website no later than 30 days following publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.
5. Distribute one (1) copy of this Order, including the amended rule to the Berks County Prothonotary's Office so they can keep them continuously available for public inspection and copying.

Thomas G. Parisi
THOMAS G. PARISI, *President Judge*

Judicial Administrative Order 20-209
Berks County Prothonotary Office



4926112 R 2/19/2020 2:00 PM



BERKS COUNTY, PA
2020 FEB 19 P 1:53
RECEIVED
PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE

Rule 1915.11-1 Parenting Coordination

The 23rd Judicial District is implementing a parenting coordination program pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 1915.11-1. A roster of qualified individuals to serve as parenting coordinators and their hourly rates shall be posted on the court's website at www.co.berks.pa.us.

...

(b)(2)(ii) An attorney or mental health professional seeking to be included on the Berks County roster of qualified individuals to serve as a parenting coordinator shall submit a signed affidavit to Court Administration as designee of the Administrative Family Court Judge attesting that he or she meets the qualifications outlined in the state rule.

(b)(2)(iii) Every two years after submission of the initial affidavit, a parenting coordinator shall submit a new affidavit to Court Administration attesting that he or she continues to meet the qualifications for a parenting coordinator.

...

(g) Fees.

(1) Following the appointment of a parenting coordinator, the parties shall pay the parenting coordinator his or her hourly rate as set forth on the roster of qualified individuals to serve as parenting coordinators at www.co.berks.pa.us pursuant to the allocation contained in the appointment order. The parenting coordinator may reallocate the fees, subject to the approval of the court, if one party has caused a disproportionate need for the services of the parenting coordinator.

...

(3)(a) Low-income parties whose income is determined to be 199% of the federal poverty level or lower for the current year shall be eligible for the Modest Means Program and shall pay their allocated portion to the parenting coordinator at a reduced hourly rate as set by the Court.

(b) A party who qualifies for In Forma Pauperis status shall not pay any fee for their allocated portion. A parenting coordinator who seeks appointment in Berks County as a

parenting coordinator agrees to serve on a pro bono basis for up to the maximum number of hours per year as established by the Berks County Bar Association and approved by the Court.