

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**

**JOINT GENERAL COURT REGULATION  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
TRIAL AND ORPHANS' COURT DIVISIONS**

**No. 2000-03**

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**Distribution of Business within the Court of Common Pleas  
Nonprofit Corporations**

The Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration provide that the Orphans' Court Division of a Court of Common Pleas shall hear and determine certain matters dealing with Nonprofit Corporations. See Pa.R.J.A. No. 2156. However, in certain instances, disputes concerning Nonprofit Corporations cannot, or ought not, be heard in the Orphans' Court Division, but rather should be heard in the Trial Division. The within Joint General Court Regulation is designed to clearly set forth the types of matters to be heard by the two divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.

- 1. Matters to be heard by the Orphans' Court Division.** All matters wherein a Nonprofit Corporation is a party shall be heard in the Orphans' Court Division provided that a stated purpose of the Nonprofit Corporation is charitable.
  
- 2. Matters to be heard by the Trial Division.** All matters wherein a Nonprofit Corporation is a party shall be heard in the Trial Division provided that the stated purposes of the Nonprofit Corporation are noncharitable.
  
- 3. Effective Date.** This Joint General Court Regulation shall become effective thirty days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

This General Court Regulation is promulgated in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. No. 2156, Pa. O.C. Rule No. 1.2 and Pa.R.Civ.P. No. 239. The original Joint General Court Regulation shall be filed with the Prothonotary in a docket maintained for General Court Regulations issued by the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and certified copies shall be submitted to the Clerk of Orphans' Court, the Civil Procedural Rules Committee, the Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and the Legislative Reference Bureau. Copies of the Regulation shall also be

submitted to American Lawyer Media, The Legal Intelligencer, Jenkins Memorial Law Library and the Law Library for the First Judicial District. The Joint General Court Regulation will also be posted on the First Judicial District's website at <http://courts.phila.gov>. The Joint General Court Regulation will also be posted on the First Judicial District's website at <http://courts.phila.gov>.

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE,  
TRIAL DIVISION

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ALEX BONAVIDACOLA  
PRESIDENT JUDGE  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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