

**PHILADELPH FAMILY COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION #05-01**

**IN RE: VACATING BENCH WARRANTS ISSUED ON
OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2000 IN SUPPORT ACTIONS**

**EFFECTIVE THIRY DAYS FROM PUBLICATION IN THE
PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN, WHEREAS:**

1. The Domestic Relations Division of Philadelphia Family Court is engaged in an effort to streamline and thus make more efficient its processes relating to bench warrants issued as a result of court proceedings to establish and enforce support orders; AND
2. The reforms cited in Paragraph 1 are necessary for the efficient administration of justice for the overall support caseload in Philadelphia; AND
3. Vacating all of the bench warrants issued on or before December 31, 2000, will not prejudice any party to a case concerning the purposes underlying the bench warrant, because vacating the bench warrant has no substantive effect on the underlying action and all remedies appropriate to procedural posture of the case will still be available for that case, including issuance of a new bench warrant if the party subject to the vacated bench warrant again fails to appear as ordered for a court proceeding;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all bench warrants issued on or before December 31, 2000, in a support case in Philadelphia County are hereby **VACATED**, effective thirty (30) days from publication of this Administrative Regulation in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

BY THE COURT

**Honorable Myrna P. Field
Administrative Judge
Philadelphia Family Court**