

PENNSYLVANIA STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Laws of Pennsylvania (KFP 25.A23)

The *Laws of Pennsylvania* are the chronological arrangement of Pennsylvania laws by year and act number in bound volumes by legislative session. Official unbound advance copies of individual laws, known as Pamphlet Laws, come from the Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau after they are signed into law.

The Pennsylvania Pamphlet Laws from 1970- 2003 are available at: <http://www.palrb.us/about/allabout.asp>

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

This is the unofficial compilation of all Pennsylvania 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 hybrid arrangement with two different groups of statutes sharing the same title; one being the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, and the other being the unconsolidated Pennsylvania Statutes having the original *Purdon's* scheme. This divide accounts for the fact that in *Purdon's* there may be two statutes that share the same title and section, but deal with distinct subject matter. It is therefore critical a researcher understand the distinction between Pa.C.S.A. and P.S.

The Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau publishes an "official" version of the *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes* (Pa.C.S.). Since only the Pennsylvania statutes which have been consolidated will be found here, this set does not contain all of the Pennsylvania statutes currently in effect.

An unofficial version of Purdon's Pennsylvania statutes can be found at:

<http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?SP=pac-1000>

The statutes can be browsed by title and retrieved by section number. Statutory text can also be searched by natural language. The consolidated and unconsolidated Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes and Constitution are made available by Thomson/West through an agreement with the Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau.

Pennsylvania Code (KFP 35.A2 P3)

The *Pennsylvania Code* is the official codification of agency rules and regulations, and other statutorily authorized documents.

The *Pennsylvania Code* is available at: www.pacode.com

Pennsylvania Bulletin (KFP 35.A2 P4)

The Pennsylvania Bulletin is the official gazette of the Commonwealth, and serves as the weekly update to the *Pennsylvania Code* by publishing: changes and/or proposed changes to the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth's agencies, and Executive Orders; and changes to court rules at the state and local level.

The *Pennsylvania Bulletin* is available at: www.pabulletin.com

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CASE LAW

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Opinions can be found in the: *Pennsylvania State Reports* (KFP 45.P43), coverage from 1845-current; *Atlantic Reporter*, coverage from 1885-1938, and *Atlantic Reporter 2nd*, coverage from 1938-current.

Pennsylvania Superior Court Opinions can be found in the: *Pennsylvania Superior Court Reports* (KFP 48.A2), coverage from 1885-1997; *Atlantic Reporter*, coverage from 1931-1938, and *Atlantic Reporter 2nd*, coverage from 1938-current.

Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court Opinions can be found in: the *Pennsylvania Commonwealth Reports* (KFP 49.C66), coverage from 1970-1975; *Atlantic Reporter 2nd*, coverage from 1970-current.

For lower court opinions, select opinions can be found in the *Pennsylvania District and County Reports* (KFP 51.A4), coverage from 1921-current; Individual counties may also publish opinions in county bar journals.

Appellate Court Opinions of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Commonwealth Court, and Superior Courts from 1996 forward are available by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) at: www.aopc.org

PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL PRACTICE MATERIALS

Summary of Pennsylvania Jurisprudence 2d (KFP 81.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. Available in the *PAJUR* database on Westlaw.

Standard Pennsylvania Practice 2d (KFP 530.S85 2d)
A multivolume treatise covering procedural civil, criminal and administrative law in Pennsylvania. Available in the *SPP* database on Westlaw.

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. Available in the *Goodrich* database on Westlaw.

PENNSYLVANIA FORM BOOKS

Dunlap-Hanna Pennsylvania Forms (KFP 68. D85)
A multi-volume, loose-leaf treatise containing general Pennsylvania forms. Available through the Lexis database.

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. Available through the Lexis database.

West's Pennsylvania Forms (KFP 68.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. Available in the *PAFORMS* database on Westlaw.

PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF COURT

Pennsylvania Rules of Court Federal (KFP 529 .A195) and **Pennsylvania Rules of Court State** (KFP 529.A196)
These volumes cover appellate, civil procedure, criminal procedure and evidence rules 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; Western and Eastern Regions. (KFP 529.A194, KFP529.A198 and KFP 529A. 197)
Contains local rules of the Courts of Common Pleas. Other local rules, which the LIC owns, are kept on reserve. The LIC own other selected local rules which will be kept on reserve. Court rules may be updated by checking the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, although not every rule change is always included.

PENNSYLVANIA JURY INSTRUCTIONS AND TRIAL AIDS

Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions (Res. KFP 542.A6 p3), and **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, 3rd. (KFP 530.S47)
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.

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC TREATISES

West's Pennsylvania Practice (KFP 80.W47)
A series of individual treatises designed to aid the Pennsylvania practitioner in specific areas of the law. Volumes include: *Pennsylvania Criminal Procedure: Forms and Commentary; Pennsylvania Evidence; Torts: Law and Advocacy; Discovery Practice; Family Law; and Worker's Compensation.* Some of the titles come with CDs containing forms.

Pennsylvania Bar Institute Materials:
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.

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. For help in searching the library catalog, the research guide *Searching the Online Catalog* can be found at:

<http://law.widener.edu/LawLibrary/Research/~media/Files/lawlibrary/researchguides/onlinecatalog.ashx>

Suggested Titles Include:

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)

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