

# Guide to Filing with the Supreme Court in Compliance with the Public Access Policy

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Per Pa.R.A.P. 127, all filings, filed traditionally or electronically, regardless of confidentiality must be accompanied by a <u>certification of compliance</u> (see below).

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#### In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Middle District

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

Respondent

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John Doe,

Petitioner

### Petition for Allowance of Appeal

Appeal from the Order of the Superior Court at XXX MDA 20XX, dated January 9, 2018, affirming the Order of the Court of Common Pleas, York County, at CP-XX-CR-XXXXX-2017, dated March 11, 2018

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

(E.g. Appellant, Appellee, Petitioner, Respondent)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney No. (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

#### CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT FORM



#### APPELLATE/TRIAL COURT CASE RECORDS

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Docket/Case No.

Court

(Party name as displayed in case caption)

Vs.

(Party name as displayed in case caption)

This form is associated with the pleading titled \_\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_,

Pursuant to the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts*, the Confidential Document Form shall accompany a filing where a confidential document is required by law, ordered by the court, or is otherwise necessary to effect the disposition of a matter. This form shall be accessible to the public, however the documents attached will not be publicly accessible, except as ordered by a court. The documents attached will be available to the parties, counsel of record, the court, and the custodian. **Please only attach documents necessary for the purposes of this case**. Complete the entire form and check all that apply. This form and any additional pages must be served on all unrepresented parties and counsel of record.

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Financial Source Documents	
Tax Returns and schedules	
W-2 forms and schedules including 1099 forms or similar documents	
Wage stubs, earning statements, or other similar documents	
Credit card statements	
Financial institution statements (e.g., investment/bank statements)	
Check registers	
Checks or equivalent	
Loan application documents	
Minors' educational records	
Medical/Psychological records	
Children and Youth Services' records	
Marital Property Inventory and Pre-Trial Statement as provided in Pa.R.C.P. No. 1920.33	
Income and Expense Statement as provided in Pa.R.C.P. No. 1910.27(c)	
Agreements between the parties as used in 23 Pa.C.S. §3105	

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