

<This is an entirely new rule.>

Rule 1930.10. Signature.

When used in reference to documents filed pursuant to Pa.R.Civ.P. 1901-1959, a “signature” includes a handwritten signature, a copy of a handwritten signature, a computer-generated signature or a signature created, transmitted, received, or stored by electronic means by the signer or by someone with the signer’s authorization unless otherwise provided in these rules.

Comment: See *a/so* Pa.R.Civ.P. 76 (defining “signature”).

This rule is intended to permit the use of other forms of signature to be deemed the equivalent of a handwritten or “wet” signature on documents, including, but not limited to, pleadings, verifications, and stipulations. A signatory, regardless of the use of a signature in any permitted form, remains subject to sanctions pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, and penalties and liability as permitted by law. See, e.g., Pa.R.Civ.P. 1023.4; Pa.R.Civ.P. 4019; 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904; 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 2503, 8351.