

**SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE**

**PUBLICATION REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION 155**

The Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee (Committee) is proposing a revision to Pa.R.C.P. No. Rule 1915.11-1. Parenting Coordination and the addition of two new rules/forms: Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.22. Form of Order Appointing Parenting Coordinator and Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.23. Form of the Summary and Recommendation of the Parenting Coordinator. In 2013, the current rule, Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.11-1, was adopted by the Supreme Court eliminating parenting coordination.

As the language of the current rule makes it clear that judges make decisions regarding child custody matters, the proposed rule adopts a similar process to the custody hearing officer procedure in Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.4-2(b) and the juvenile court master procedures in Pa.R.J.C.P. 1191, and acknowledges the role the judiciary has in the custody process, including parenting coordination, by mandating that the appointing judge maintain a supervisory role over the recommendations of the parenting coordinator and review each recommendation. However, in lieu of filing exceptions to the recommendation of the hearing officer as in Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.4-2, the proposed rule would provide for a *de novo* hearing before the judge in the event a party disagrees with the recommendation of the parenting coordinator.

The proposed new rules provide for a standard form order for appointing a parenting coordinator and a standard form for the recommendation from the parenting coordinator. As with the other family law forms, the two proposed forms would provide for a uniform practice across the Commonwealth and would ensure all the necessary information is provided to the parties and their counsel.