

**Chester County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Delinquency Court Rules**

140C MASTERS AUTHORIZED TO HEAR JUVENILE BENCH WARRANT HEARINGS

All lawyers employed by the County of Chester to preside as Masters in juvenile cases are hereby designated to preside over and hear juvenile bench warrant hearings.

151 ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL

The Chester County Public Defender's office or, in the event of a conflict, assigned conflict counsel shall represent all juveniles against whom a petition has been filed in juvenile court and who have not retained private counsel.

210A ARREST WARRANTS

All judges of the court of common pleas of Chester County and all magisterial district judges of Chester County (Fifteenth Judicial District) are hereby designated as issuing authorities for arrest warrants for juveniles in delinquency cases.

When the Chester County court of common pleas is closed or the common pleas judges are unavailable, applications for juvenile arrest warrants made pursuant to Pa.R.J.C.P. 210.A, and with approval of an attorney for the Commonwealth pursuant to Pa.R.J.C.P. 210.B and 231.B when required, shall be submitted to the "on-call" magisterial district judge.

220A.(2)(b) PROCEDURE IN CASES COMMENCED BY ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

Any juvenile (a person who is less than eighteen (18) years of age) taken into custody pursuant to a bench warrant issued for failure to pay support shall be transported to the Chester County Youth Center ("Youth Center") for detention until the bench warrant is quashed or a court of common pleas judge holds a seventy-two (72) hour hearing for the juvenile. In the event that the judge determines that further detention is warranted, the juvenile shall remain in the Youth Center. Under no circumstances shall such a juvenile be incarcerated in the Chester County Prison. The Youth Center shall immediately notify the appropriate supervisor of the Chester County Domestic Relations Office ("DRO") to apprise the DRO of the juvenile's detention. Upon such notice, the DRO shall promptly perform all functions that it normally performs for incarcerated support defendants, including the scheduling of a seventy-two (72) hour hearing for the juvenile before a judge.

340C. PRE-ADJUDICATORY DISCOVERY AND INSPECTION

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The Chester County juvenile probation office ("probation office") is hereby authorized to impose reasonable pre-adjudication conditions on all juveniles against whom Petitions have been filed or are pending under the Juvenile Act, including a requirement that the juvenile submit to a urinalysis to determine controlled substance use. Such conditions shall be from among those previously approved by the court to protect the public, maintain the competencies of the juvenile and/or assist the probation office in recommending an appropriate disposition in the event of an adjudication of delinquency. Any juvenile, or attorney representing a juvenile, may seek emergency relief from the juvenile court supervising judge if any pre-adjudication condition imposed by the juvenile probation office is deemed to be unreasonable. Any juvenile who refuses, explicitly or implicitly, to comply with any pre-adjudication condition, including the refusal to submit to a urinalysis, without providing an adequate medical or other extraordinary reason to justify that refusal, shall be presumed by the court to have failed to successfully comply with that condition. In no event shall the court consider a juvenile's compliance or failure to comply with a pre-adjudication condition when it determines whether the juvenile committed any charged crime.