

RULE **[57] 407**. PLEAS IN RESPONSE TO CITATION.

Within **[ten (10)]** days after issuance of a citation, the defendant shall notify the issuing authority by mail or in person that the defendant either pleads not guilty or pleads guilty.

COMMENT: **[This rule replaces previous Rule 54(c).]**  
For the consequences of failure to respond as provided in this rule, see Rules **[75 and 76] 430 and 431**.

To notify the issuing authority of the plea, the defendant should sign and return the citation. When a defendant fails to sign the citation to indicate the plea, the issuing authority should record the unsigned citation as a guilty plea. See Rule **[53(b)] 403(B)(5)**.

NOTE: Previous Rule 57 adopted September 18, 1973, effective January 1, 1974; title of rule amended January 23, 1975, effective September 1, 1975; rescinded July 12, 1985, effective January 1, 1986, and replaced by present Rules **[61-64] 411-414** and **[66-69] 421-424**. Present Rule 57 adopted July 12, 1985, effective January 1, 1986. The January 1, 1986 effective dates all are extended to July 1, 1986; amended February 1, 1989, effective as to cases instituted on or after July 1, 1989 **[.] ; renumbered Rule 407 and amended March 1, 2000, effective April 1, 2001.**

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**COMMITTEE EXPLANATORY REPORTS:**

**Final Report explaining the March 1, 2000 reorganization and renumbering of the rules published with the Court's Order at Pa.B. (\_\_\_\_\_, 2000).**