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## **Legal Authorization:**

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 20(c)  
42 Pa.C.S. § 1722  
Supreme Court Order No. 264 (Docket No. 1, Book No. 2) January 22, 2001

## **About the Committee:**

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania established the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee in January 2001 to advise the Court concerning its constitutional and statutory responsibility to prescribe general rules governing juvenile delinquency and dependency practice and procedure.

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## Reports

Prior to submitting a recommendation to the Supreme Court, the committee publishes the proposal and an explanatory "Report" that describes the proposal and gives members of the bench, bar and public an opportunity to comment on it. The proposals and reports are published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, West's *Atlantic Reporter* advance sheets and various local bar association publications and on the Unified Judicial System's (UJS) Web site. The committee also distributes the reports to organizations and practitioners in the juvenile system.

## Web Site

The Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee publishes its rule proposals and reports, the Supreme Court's orders promulgating rule changes, the text of the rule changes and the "Final Reports" on the UJS Web site. These documents may be found on the Supreme Court Committees page at [www.courts.state.pa.us](http://www.courts.state.pa.us).

## 2005 Activities

The committee's work included developing procedures for dependency proceedings, including procedures for discovery, masters, motions, adjudicatory hearing, dispositional hearing, post-dispositional proceedings, permanency hearings and aggravated circumstances.

The Supreme Court adopted Recommendation No. 1, Juvenile Rules 2003, which are the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure -- **Delinquency Matters**. Adopted 4-1-05, effective 4-1-06.

## Looking Ahead to 2006

The committee plans to submit a recommendation to the Court regarding the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure -- Dependency Matters. It also plans to survey the counties on the operation of the new delinquency rules and make necessary recommendations for new or modified rules.

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