

**IN RE:
LOCAL RULES OF CIVIL
PROCEDURE- ARBITRATION**

**: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
: INDIANA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
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: 290 MD 2021
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ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 21st day of September, 2021, it is hereby Ordered and Directed as follows:

1. Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1301 is rescinded and replaced with the following Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1301. Local Rules of Civil Procedure 1302 and 1303 are hereby adopted by this Court. The rules shall be effective January 3, 2022.
2. The Indiana County District Court Administrator shall:
 - a. Distribute this Order and the following Local Rules to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* by emailing a copy of this Order to bulletin@palrb.us and sending two (2) copies to:

Legislative Reference Bureau
Pa. Code and Bulletin Office
647 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0033
 - b. Amend the Indiana County website to include the following Local Rules within thirty (30) days after the publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*; and
 - c. File one (1) copy of the Local Rules with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts [AOPC].

BY THE COURT:

Thomas M. Bianco, President Judge

Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1301- Compulsory Arbitration

All civil actions, except those involving title to real property or actions in equity, shall be submitted to and be heard by a board of arbitrators when the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, is \$50,000 or less.

Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1302- List of Arbitrators. Appointment to Board.

(a) The Prothonotary of Indiana County shall prepare and maintain a list of available arbitrators in accordance with Pa.R.Civ.P. 1302.

(b) When a request for an appointment of a board of arbitrators is submitted, the Prothonotary shall provide counsel with a list of five (5) qualified arbitrators. Each party shall be permitted to strike an arbitrator from the list. The remaining three (3) arbitrators shall serve as the Board of Arbitrators. The first arbitrator on the list shall serve as the chairperson.

Local Rule of Civil Procedure 1303. Hearing. Notice.

The chairperson of the Board of Arbitrators shall be responsible for fixing the date, time and place of the arbitration hearing. The chairperson shall comply with the provisions of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1303.