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To: Monroe County Bar Association Membership

From: Denise M. Burdge, Executive Director

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Re: Mandatory Public Access Policy Rules (Monroe Court Local Rules)

Pennsylvania's Mandatory Public Access Policy, and Monroe County's local rules implementing that Policy, will both go into effect on January 6, 2018. This Policy will affect many areas of practice and it makes parties and their attorneys solely responsible for compliance.

Todd Weitzmann and George Warden have made the materials used in their recent CLE presentation available. These materials may be used as a reference. Note, however, that some of the forms have recently been modified. Current forms are available at: <http://www.pacourts.us/public-records/public-records-forms>.

The forthcoming Local Rule is available as a link on the home page of the Court's Website under "News/Updates": <http://www.monroepacourts.us/Pages/default.aspx>

When the Local Rule goes into effect, it will be available in the same section of the Court's website where all of the Local Rules of the Court are available: <http://www.monroepacourts.us/CourtAdministration/Pages/Rules.aspx>

The Local Rule requires use of the Confidential Information Form and Confidential Document Form, and it expressly prohibits the filing of two versions of a document containing confidential information (one redacted and the other unredacted).

Anyone interested in reading a more detailed history and analysis of the Policy may find the AOPC's explanatory report here: <http://www.pacourts.us/assets/opinions/Supreme/out/477jad-rpt.pdf>