

**GENERAL COURT REGULATION NO. 73-2  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**D. Conflicts in the Engagement of Counsel**

**(1) Common Pleas Court**

Common Pleas Court will recognize as engaged all counsel appearing of record in any case actually on trial before a Judge in the United States District Court in Philadelphia and one back-up case as published in the Legal Intelligencer. The engagement in the case actually on trial shall be effective until the trial terminates by verdict or otherwise and in the back-up case for a period of three (3) days including the day said case is first published.

**(2) United States District Court in Philadelphia**

The District Court will recognize as engaged all counsel of record in any case actually on trial before a Common Pleas Court Judge and in cases appearing in the first 20 cases on the Major case List and in the first 15 cases published on the General Jury Trial List. The engagement in the case actually on trial shall be effective until the trial terminates by verdict or otherwise and the case appearing in the first 20 or 15 for a period of three (3) days after said case reaches that position on the respective list.

- (3)** Both the Common Pleas Court and the United States District Court will observe the procedure of alternating assignments, i.e. counsel assigned to trial in the Common Pleas Court must upon completion be available for assignment in the United States District Court before accepting another assignment in the Common Pleas Court and visa versa.

No Counsel shall try successive cases in either court except by agreement between the respective judges involved as set forth in Paragraph 3 of Section “D” (4) hereof.

**(4) General**

**Counsel Must Report Case Terminations to Appropriate Clerks**

Counsel must immediately report the termination of all trials (by verdict or settlement conference) to the appropriate Clerk of the United States District Court or the Common Pleas Court. Failure to do so will result in the imposition of appropriate sanctions.

**Engagement of Counsel in Non-Jury and Arbitration Cases**

The United States District Court will not recognize engagements of counsel on the Non-Jury list of the Common Pleas Court or in Arbitration Cases, and conflicts encountered by counsel in this type of case shall be handled on an ad hoc basis as heretofore.

**Problems of a Particular Case to be Taken Up With Appropriate Judge**

Problems not otherwise covered in this regulation regarding the listing or assignment of a case for trial shall be taken up in the United States District Court with the Judge on whose individual calendar the case appears and in the Common Pleas Court with the Calendar Judge.