

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

NO.

**ADOPTION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY LOCAL RULE OF CIVIL
PROCEDURE *205.2(a) – REQUIRED REDACTION OF PLEADINGS AND
OTHER PAPERS FILED WITH THE COURT.**

ORDER

AND NOW, this 3rd day of November, 2010, the Court hereby adopts

Montgomery County Local Rule of Civil Procedure *205.2(a) – *Required Redaction of Pleadings*

and Other Papers Filed With The Court. This Rule shall become effective upon publication on the Pennsylvania Judiciary's Web Application Portal.

The Court Administrator is directed to publish this Order once in the Montgomery County Law Reporter and in The Legal Intelligencer. In conformity with Pa.R.C.P. 239.8, two (2) certified copies shall be distributed to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, and one (1) certified copy shall be filed with the Civil Procedural Rules Committee. One (1) copy shall be filed with the Prothonotary, one (1) copy with the Clerk of Courts, and (1) copy with the Court Administrator of Montgomery County, one (1) copy with the Law Library of Montgomery County and one (1) copy with each Judge of this Court.

BY THE COURT:

/S/

RICHARD J. HODGSON, P.J.

***205.2(a) REQUIRED REDACTION OF PLEADINGS AND OTHER PAPERS
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Unless required by an applicable law or rule of court, or unless ordered by the court, any party or non-party making a paper or electronic filing of a legal paper as defined in Pa.R.C.P. No. 205.4(a)(2) in the Prothonotary's Office must redact identifying information appearing in the filing, including any attachments thereto, as follows:

- (1) An individual's or business entity's social security number or taxpayer identification number must be redacted, provided that the filing may include the last four digits of the social security number or employer identification number;
- (2) An individual's date of birth must be redacted, provided that the filing may include the year of an individual's birth;
- (3) With respect to any financial account number, including but not limited to any bank account, investment account, or credit card account, the account number must be redacted, as well as any PIN, password or other number used to secure such account, provided that the filing may include the last four digits of the account number;
- (4) The court may order, for good cause shown in a specific case, that additional information must be redacted from any filing, including but not limited to the home street address or driver's license number of a specified individual, medical records, treatment, diagnosis, individual financial information and proprietary or trade secret information;
- (5) The court may order the person making a redacted filing to file, in addition, an unredacted copy under seal; and
- (6) Where the court has permitted a filing to be made under seal, the court may later unseal the filing and may order the filing party to redact the filing at that time.

The responsibility for redacting the identifying information rests with the party or non-party making the filing and his or her counsel. Legal papers will not be reviewed by the Prothonotary for compliance with this Rule.