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IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

GENERAL DIVISION

In the matter of the revising Local Rule 36
of the Court of Common Pleas, General Division

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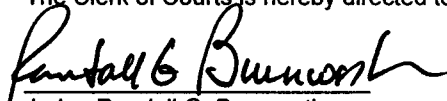
It is ordered that the Local Rule 36 be amended to the following language, and adopted for use in the Washington County Common Pleas Court General Division:

Local Rule 36 – Local Court Security Rule

- 1) Consistent with Rule 9 of the Ohio Rules of Superintendence, the Court adopts the security plan currently being developed by the Courthouse Security Committee.
- 2) The plan shall not be available for public access pursuant to Rule 9(B) of the Ohio Rules of Superintendence.
- 3) The following rules govern the carrying of weapons in the Courthouse:
 - a. This Court follows the same prohibitions and exceptions on weapons and other dangerous ordnances in a Courthouse or Courtroom facility as enumerated in the Ohio Revised Code. Those individuals listed under the exception in the Ohio Revised Code may carry a weapon in the Courtroom, Courthouse, or Courthouse facility if acting within the scope of their official duties while carrying said weapon. Non-sworn Peace Officers within the exception shall obtain permission of the Judge to carry in their courtroom.
 - b. When a firearm is to be admitted into evidence it shall be unloaded and any safety features engaged.
 - c. The Judge, when deemed appropriate, may require a search for weapons of all persons, including attorneys, litigants, witnesses and spectators, prior to entry into the courtroom and the detention of any weapons or items that might be used as weapons located during the search. Non-contraband items are to be returned to the owners upon leaving the Court facility.
 - d. The Judge, when deemed appropriate, may make such other orders in regards to spectators and participants as are needed to assure the security of the persons in the Court, provided however that the Court shall be maintained as a public forum and that no restriction shall be implemented that restricts the public's right to attend and observe any public Court hearing.

The Court further finds that there is an immediate need for the rule change and hereby adopts the rule without prior notice and an opportunity to comment. The Court shall publish the amended rule online and shall send a copy of said rule to the President of the Washington County Bar Association to distribute for comment and notice. The Court shall receive comments on said rule through December 1, 2018.

The Clerk of Courts is hereby directed to certify one copy of these rules to the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio.



Judge Randall G. Burnworth

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