



Protecting Confidential Information - Here's How

Effective January 6, 2018

A certification shall accompany each filing in accordance with the policy. A court or custodian is not required to review or redact any filed document for compliance with this policy. Failure to comply may lead to imposed sanctions.

Confidential Information

Unless required by applicable authority, two versions of every document must be filed with the court- a "Redacted Version" (not including the items listed below) and an "Unredacted Version." Redactions must be made in a manner that is visibly evident to the reader.

1. Social Security Numbers
2. Financial Account Numbers except an active financial account number may be identified by the last four digits when the financial account is the subject of the case and cannot otherwise be identified
3. Driver License Numbers
4. State Identification (SID) Numbers
5. Minors' Names and Dates of Birth except when a minor is charged as defendant in a criminal matter (see 42 Pa.C.S. §6355)
6. Abuse Victim's Address and other Contact Information including employer's name, address, and work schedule, in family court actions as defined by Pa.R.C.P. No. 1931(a), except for victim's name

Confidential Documents

Unless required by applicable authority, the following documents shall be filed with a court or custodian with the "Confidential Document Form."

1. Financial Source Documents
2. Minors' Educational Records
3. Medical/Psychological Records
4. Children and Youth Services' Records
5. Marital Property Inventory and Pre-Trial Statement as provided in Pa.R.C.P. No. 1920.33
6. Income and Expense Statement as provided in Pa.R.C.P. No. 1910.27(c)
7. Agreements between the Parties as used in 23 Pa.C.S. §3105

These requirements do not apply to case types (e.g. juvenile, adoption) that are sealed or exempted from public access pursuant to applicable authority.

For forms and more information, reference the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts at the website below.

Please visit: <http://www.pacourts.us/public-record-policies>

