

## **RULE 103.1 DEFINITIONS**

- (a) Definitions contained in Pa.R.Crim.P. 103 shall apply to all local rules heretofore and hereafter adopted which govern practice and procedure in criminal matters.
- (b) The following words and phrases, when used in any Allegheny County Rule of Criminal Procedure, shall have the following meanings:

*Bail Enforcement Agent* is an individual who performs services or takes action for the purpose of enforcing the terms and conditions of a defendant's release from custody on bail, including locating, apprehending and surrendering a defendant released from custody on bail who has failed to appear at a specified time and place pursuant to Order of Court. The term does not include police officers, sheriffs, court officers or law enforcement personnel who execute warrants of arrest for bail forfeitures pursuant to their official duties.

*Clerk of Courts* is the Director of the Allegheny County Department of Court Records, Criminal Division.

*Corporate Surety* is any corporation, limited liability corporation or partnership which engages in the business of providing bail, providing or soliciting bail undertakings, or providing or soliciting indemnity or counter-indemnity to others on bail undertakings. The term applies to any and all surety bail bond businesses and their agents and fidelity companies and their agents in addition to surety businesses authorized by Order of Court.

*Professional Bail Bondsman* is any person other than a fidelity or surety company or any of its officers, agents, attorneys, or employees authorized to execute bail bonds or to solicit business on its behalf who: (1) engages in the business of giving bail, giving or soliciting undertakings, or giving or soliciting indemnity or counter-indemnity to securities on undertakings; or (2) within a period of thirty (30) days has become a surety or has indemnified a surety, for the release on bail of a person, with or without a fee or compensation, or promise thereof; in three or more matters not arising out of the same transaction (see 42 Pa.C.S.A. §5741 et seq.).

*Surety Business* is any corporate surety, fidelity company, surety company authorized by Order of Court, professional bail bondsman licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or agents and employees thereof.