

**RULE 117.1 COVERAGE FOR ISSUING WARRANTS, PRELIMINARY
ARRAIGNMENTS AND SUMMARY TRIALS, AND SETTING AND
ACCEPTING BAIL**

(a) All magisterial district judges' offices shall be open for regular business on Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. prevailing time except court holidays or as otherwise published on the website of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania at www.alleghecourts.us.

(b) Continuous coverage for issuance of search and arrest warrants, acceptance of criminal complaints, conduct of preliminary arraignments, setting and acceptance of bail, holding of summary trials or setting of collateral therefor shall be provided at Pittsburgh Municipal Court Arraignment Court, Municipal Courts Building, 660 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Arraignment Court shall be staffed by an on-duty issuing authority and support personnel during all off-hours and during regular business hours, if circumstances prevent utilization of the established magisterial district judge office.

(c) Magisterial district judges and the Clerk of Courts shall be authorized to accept bail in accordance with the provisions of the Pa.R.Crim.P. and as between both entities shall provide continuous coverage to do so.

COMMENT: Arraignment Court provides off-hours coverage for Protection from Abuse Act cases pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. §6110 and Rule 1203 the Pennsylvania Rules of Conduct, Office Standards and Civil Procedure for Magisterial District Judges, and issuance of arrest warrants pursuant to Rules 210 and 211 of Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure (Pa.R.J.C.P.), as well.