

**RULE 131.1 DESIGNATION OF PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT;
HOMICIDE CASES; COURT REPORTERS**

(a) Pittsburgh Municipal Court is designated as the central location for all preliminary arraignments, whether live or by use of advanced communication technology, wherein the defendant is charged with Criminal Homicide (18 Pa.C.S. §2501), Murder (18 Pa.C.S. §2502), Voluntary Manslaughter (18 Pa.C.S. §2503), Involuntary Manslaughter (18 Pa.C.S. §2504), Drug Delivery Resulting in Death (18 Pa.C.S. §2506), Homicide by Vehicle (75 Pa.C.S. §3732), Homicide by Vehicle While Driving Under Influence (75 Pa.C.S. §3735), Homicide by Watercraft (30 Pa.C.S. §5502.2), Homicide by Watercraft While Operating Under Influence (30 Pa.C.S. §5502.1), Criminal Homicide of Unborn Child (18 Pa.C.S. §2603), Murder of Unborn Child (18 Pa.C.S. §2604) and/or Voluntary Manslaughter of Unborn Child (18 Pa.C.S. §2605) for a criminal incident arising within the jurisdiction of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and for all preliminary hearings for criminal complaints wherein the defendant is charged with Criminal Homicide (18 Pa.C.S. §2501), Murder (18 Pa.C.S. §2502), Voluntary Manslaughter (18 Pa.C.S. §2503), Involuntary Manslaughter (18 Pa.C.S. §2504), Drug Delivery Resulting in Death (18 Pa.C.S. §2506), Homicide by Vehicle (75 Pa.C.S. § 3732), Homicide by Vehicle While Driving Under Influence (75 Pa.C.S. §3735), Homicide by Watercraft (30 Pa.C.S. §5502.2), Homicide by Watercraft While Operating Under Influence (30 Pa.C.S. §5502.1), Criminal Homicide of Unborn Child (18 Pa.C.S. §2603), Murder of Unborn Child (18 Pa.C.S. §2604) and/or Voluntary Manslaughter of Unborn Child (18 Pa.C.S. §2605) for a criminal incident arising within the jurisdiction of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

(b) The President Judge shall assign a magisterial district judge to preside in Pittsburgh Municipal Court for any preliminary hearing wherein one or more of the aforementioned charges are brought.

(c) The Allegheny County Court Reporters Office is designated as the official court reporting entity for and shall record and transcribe all notes of testimony at all preliminary hearings in cases heard at Pittsburgh Municipal Court pursuant to this rule.

