

RULE 531.1 QUALIFICATIONS OF SURETIES AND PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN

(a) No surety company shall be qualified to act as surety in Allegheny County in criminal cases except upon petition to and approval by the Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division of the Court of Common Pleas.

(b) Upon presentation of such petition, the Administrative Judge shall direct the District Attorney of Allegheny County to conduct an investigation of the allegations of fact contained in the petition, to report the results of such investigation and to make any recommendations to the Administrative Judge at such time as may be set for hearing with notice to the petitioner.

(c) After hearing on the petition, the Administrative Judge shall enter an appropriate order. Denial of the authority to act as surety in Allegheny County shall be deemed a final order.