

### **Bucks County Rule 205.4(f)(3) - Signature**

(a) The electronic filing of legal papers by a filing attorney or party (“the filing party”) utilizing the user name and password associated with the filing party by the Electronic Filing System shall be deemed the filing party's signature on the legal papers submitted and shall constitute a certification by the filing party:

(i) that the original hard copy of the legal paper was properly signed, and where applicable, verified pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 205.4(b)(3)(i), subject to the sanctions provided by Pa.R.C.P. No. 205.4(b)(5);

(ii) that the original hard copy of the legal paper is being maintained as provided by Pa.R.C.P. No. 205.4(b)(4), subject to the sanctions provided by Pa.R.C.P. No. 205.4(b)(5);

(iii) as provided by Pa.R.C.P. No. 1023.1(c) governing Signing of Documents, violation of which shall be subject, pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1023.1(d), to the sanctions provided by Pa.R.C.P. No. 1023.4; and

(iv) if the filing party is an attorney, of the filing party's right to practice in the Commonwealth and of authorization to file the legal paper, as provided in Pa.R.C.P. No. 205.1.

(b) All legal papers submitted for filing using the Electronic Filing System must identify the filing party by name in a signature block placed at the conclusion of the legal paper. Legal papers which identify the filing party as a person other than the registered filer under whose user name the legal paper is submitted will not be accepted for filing by the Prothonotary.

(c) Verifications, affidavits and any other documents included in an electronically filed legal paper that are signed by a person other than the filing party shall be manually signed, scanned in .pdf format, and attached to or included as part of the electronically filed legal paper.

(d) Documents requiring the signatures of more than one party, including documents signed by more than one party in counterparts (*e.g.*, stipulations) shall be manually signed, scanned in .pdf format, and attached to or included as part of the electronically filed legal paper.

***Note:** For signature requirements for legal papers submitted for filing via mail or hand delivery, see B.C.R.C.P. No. 1023.1(b)(1).*