

Types of Courts and Their Proceedings

A. The Juvenile Court

1. Adjudication of Dependency Hearings
2. Disposition Hearing
3. Permanency Hearing
4. Permanency Review Hearing
5. Permanency Review Hearing with a Petition to Change the Placement Goal
6. Hearing to Determine Aggravated Circumstances
7. Hearing to Determine Specific Matters Regarding Dependent Children

B. The Orphan's Court

1. Hearing on a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights
2. Hearing on a Petition to Appoint a Guardian of the Person
3. Hearing on a Petition for Adoption

C. Administrative Court (Hearings and Appeals)

1. Hearing on Appeal of a Determination of Abuse
2. Other

D. The Appellate Courts

1. The Superior Court (Appeals from the Courts of Common Pleas)
2. The Commonwealth Court (Appeals from Administrative Court)
3. Pennsylvania Supreme Court
4. United States Supreme Court