

Rule 39-2. Purpose and Construction

These rules are intended to provide for the just determination of every criminal proceeding. They shall be construed to secure simplicity in procedure, fairness in administration, and the elimination of unjustifiable expense and delay as nearly as may be consonant with the rules of statutory construction. These rules shall govern all situations in which they may be applicable unless superseded by Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. Where no criminal rule has been promulgated to govern particular procedural questions, and the 39th Judicial District Civil Action Rules are appropriate, they shall apply. In all other cases, special orders of the court shall govern.