

**PHILADELPHIA FAMILY COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION #02-01**

**IN RE: VACATING BENCH WARRANTS ISSUED ON
OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1995 IN SUPPORT ACTIONS**

EFFECTIVE THIRTY DAYS FROM PUBLICATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN,
WHEREAS:

1. The Domestic Relations Division of Philadelphia Family Court is engaged in an effort to streamline and thus make more efficient its processes relating to bench warrants issued as a result of court proceedings to establish and enforce support orders; AND
2. There are a significant number of outstanding bench warrants on the court's records that were issued on or before January 31, 1995, using the primarily manual procedures that were in place prior to the implementation of computerized systems with automated capability to locate individuals and their assets for purposes of establishing and enforcing support orders; AND
3. The reforms cited in Paragraph 1 are necessary for the efficient administration of justice for the overall support caseload in Philadelphia; AND
4. Vacating all of the bench warrants specified in Paragraph 2 will not prejudice any party to a case in which the post-warrant automation has not yet been effective to accomplish the purposes underlying the bench warrant, because vacating the bench warrant has no substantive effect on the underlying action and all remedies appropriate to the procedural posture of the case will still be available for that case, including issuance of a new bench warrant if the party subject to the vacated bench warrant again fails to appear as ordered for a court proceeding;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all bench warrants issued on or before January 31, 1995 in a support case in Philadelphia County are hereby VACATED, effective thirty (30) days from publication of this Administrative Regulation in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

BY THE COURT:

Date: 10/24/02

Myrna Field /s/
Honorable Myrna P. Field
Administrative Judge
Philadelphia Family Court