

**RULE 1915.17 RELOCATION – CHANGE OF ADDRESS WHICH WILL
SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF A NON-RELOCATING
PARTY TO EXERCISE CUSTODIAL RIGHTS.**

- (1) A party proposing to relocate must send a Notice of Relocation and Counter-Affidavit to every other person who has custodial rights to the child(ren) pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 1915.17. The Notice of Relocation and Counter-Affidavit are found in Pa.R.C.P. 1915.17(i) and (j) and also are available at www.dauphincounty.org/government/Court-Departments/Self-Help-Center.
- (2) If a party, because of the proposed relocation, files a Complaint for Custody or a Petition for Modification, the local rules regarding those actions must be followed. See Local Rule 1915.3 and 1915.3.1.
- (3) All Custody Agreements/Parenting Plans must contain a paragraph that states the following: “A party proposing to change the residence of a child which significantly impairs the ability of a non-relocating party to exercise custody rights shall follow the procedures required by 23 Pa.C.S. §5337 and Rule of Civil Procedure 1915.17 as set forth in Exhibit A attached to this Custody Agreement/Parenting Plan.” Exhibit A must be attached to all Custody Agreements/Parenting Plans and is available at www.dauphincounty.org/government/Court-Departments/Self-Help-Center.