Introduction to the 2026–2027 Edition

Pennsylvania Rules of the Road provides an overview of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, along with in-depth analyses of the statutes, discussions of, and citations to, key court decisions interpreting code provisions. This title is useful in counseling clients, handling insurance claims, preparing pleadings and pretrial documents, litigating arbitrations and trials, and presenting closing arguments.

In addition to new cases cited, updated case law throughout the book, and a discussion of revisions and additions to the Vehicle Code, this 2026-2027 edition includes:

- A new section on Abandoned Vehicles, in Section 5:7.
- A new section on Falling Asleep While Driving in Section 6:26.
- A discussion of recent cases on lawful traffic stops in Sections 1:4, 2:2 and 6:10, including a case deciding whether someone who is not the vehicle owner can have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the vehicle.
- Reviewing current restrictions that may be placed on a driver's license in Section 1:6.
- Additional discussion on high-speed police chases in Section 1:9.
- A case discussing ramifications of driving on the wrong side of the road in Section 2:1.
- Expanded discussion of required & prohibited vehicle equipment in Sections 2:13 & 2:14.
- A new case holding that traffic barriers are not traffic control devices in Section 3:4.
- An updated discussion of homicide by vehicle and aggravated assault by vehicle, including cases reviewing the distinction and a demonstration of the "conscious disregard of risk" element of these offenses in Sections 6:3 & 6:4.
- A new case on standards for conviction of fleeing from police in Section 6:5.
- A discussion of additional cases on DUI, the Implied Consent Law and the revised Ignition Interlock Device Act in Sections 6:12 and 6:16.
- Review of Dram Shop Law cases, new legislation widening the types of licensees subject to RAMP (the Reasonable Alcohol Management Program), and an expanded discus-

sion of common law negligence claims against dram shop defendants in Section 6:19.

- New legislation on driving while a license is suspended in Section 6:23.
- Expanded discussion of following too closely in Section 7:6.
- Revision of laws regarding suspension of operating privileges and driving while impaired in Section 7:30.
- Discussion of the limited provisions of the Vehicle Code concerning micromobility devices, e-bikes, scooters and mopeds) in Section 8:3.
- Updated discussion on duty of bicycle operator to avoid impeding traffic in Section 8:4.
- A review of new cases concerning tractor trailer accidents and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act in Chapter 9.

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