



## PA DOC LEGAL MAIL: INFO SHEET

### **Beginning April 6, 2019, the DOC will not copy legal mail.**

Attorneys should send all legal correspondence to you at the prison where you are located. That mail will be opened in your presence and you will be given the original.

If you received legal mail while the DOC was copying and confiscating legal mail, the DOC should be contacting you. You will be allowed to choose whether your original mail is immediately destroyed, or returned to sender (at no cost to you).

**IMPORTANT CHANGE TO LEGAL MAIL:** Under the new policy, attorneys can no longer send you any documents that were not printed/copied in their offices. This means attorneys cannot return original documents you send them.

You have a choice:

- Keep your originals and mail your attorneys a copy OR
- Mail your originals to your attorney and have them send you copies.

In light of this change, the DOC will be increasing the amount of money available to indigent individuals for copying. You will also no longer be required to submit original documents in grievance or misconduct appeals.

You should tell your attorneys that under the DOC's new policy, they must sign up for a new attorney control number. Your attorney must provide an accurate email address, as the DOC will be emailing a weekly code that must also be placed on the outside of legal mail. Attorneys can request a new control number by visiting the DOC's website, [www.cor.pa.gov](http://www.cor.pa.gov). For more information on how these changes affect attorneys, they can also visit PILP's website, [www.pailp.org](http://www.pailp.org).

If your legal mail...

- is copied after April 6, 2019
- is returned to your attorney
- is significantly delayed
- or there are any other issues

File a grievance immediately.

Write to the Pittsburgh office of PILP: 100 Fifth Ave, Ste 900, Pittsburgh, Pa 15222.