

# Annual Report of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts 2016

## Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

*Chief Thomas G. Saylor*  
*Justice Max Baer*  
*Justice Debra Todd*  
*Justice Christine L. Donohue*  
*Justice Kevin M. Dougherty*  
*Justice David N. Wecht*  
*Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy*

*'16 in Brief*  
*(listed chronologically)*

*New justices Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty and David Wecht join the Supreme Court bench*

*Judge Mary Hannah Leavitt elected president judge of Commonwealth Court*

*Newly elected judge Alice Dubow takes place on Superior Court, judge Michael Wojcik joins Commonwealth Court*

*AOPC's Office of Children and Families in the Courts releases "Establishing Normalcy for Foster Youth" video*

*AOPC IT Department begins Original Record Project, a pilot program designed to enable county courts to electronically share court case documents with the appellate courts*

*Supreme Court revises orphans' court rules to standardize practice throughout Pennsylvania; the first substantial revision of the rules since the 1970s*

*State Children's Roundtable celebrates 10 years of helping to improve the lives of Pennsylvania children facing out-of-home care*

*Superior Court judge Sallie Mundy is appointed to Supreme Court; Philadelphia Common Pleas Court judge Lillian Harris Ransom, Carl Solano and Geoffrey Moulton are appointed to Superior Court; Julia Hearthway and attorney Joseph Cosgrove are appointed to Commonwealth Court*

*Supreme Court undertakes initiative to make it easier for people to express interest in being appointed to a Supreme Court to advisory panel, commission or independent agency*

*AOPC's Office of Children and Families in the Courts releases video to help parents whose children have been removed from their care or are under court supervision*

*State's first Elder Justice Resource Center opens in Philadelphia City Hall*

*Supreme Court institutes new continuing education requirements for jurists*

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To: The Honorable Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, and Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and to the Citizens of the Commonwealth

I am pleased to present this Report of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for 2016, outlining many of the programs and services that exemplify the Commonwealth's state court system.

The AOPC has a long history of helping courts improve the lives of dependent children and nonviolent offenders through problem-solving courts; assuring the prompt and efficient administration of justice; providing safe, secure court facilities; ensuring that the judiciary remains open and transparent; assisting other government agencies by providing needed data in a timely and efficient manner and most recently in protecting of elder Pennsylvanians in the legal/judicial process. Our annual report allows us to highlight these efforts.

Sincerely,



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Court Administrator of Pennsylvania

**Preface**  
**from the**  
**Court**  
**Administrator**









To read about the history of Pennsylvania's courts; the structure of the Unified Judicial System, and judicial qualifications, election, tenure and vacancies, please see the judicial system's website at [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us).

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## **Overview of the Pennsylvania Judicial System**



# **Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts**

**T**he Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, also called the Administrative Office and the AOPC, is the administrative arm of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. It was established in January 1969 following the Constitutional Convention of 1967-68, which defined the Supreme Court's authority for supervision and administration of all state courts.

The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania is empowered to carry out the Supreme Court's administrative duties and is responsible for assuring that the business of the courts is promptly and properly disposed.

The AOPC is based in the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg. It also has an office in Philadelphia. The court administrator's office; the assistant court administrator's office, which includes Court Access, public access, Judicial Security and Judicial Services; and the Communications/Intergovernmental Relations, Finance, Human Resources and Judicial Education departments are located in Harrisburg. The Information Technology Department has offices in Harrisburg and Mechanicsburg. The Research and Statistics Department is in Philadelphia. The Legal Department and the Judicial District Operations and Programs Department have offices in both Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

The Administrative Office's duties include:

- reviewing practices, procedures and efficiency at all levels of the court system and in all related offices
- developing recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding improvement of the system and related offices

- representing the judicial system before legislative bodies
- examining administrative and business methods used by offices in or related to the court system
- collecting statistical data
- examining the state of the dockets and making recommendations for expediting litigation
- managing fiscal affairs, including budget preparation, disbursements approval and goods and services procurement
- overseeing the security of court facilities
- supervising all administrative matters relating to offices engaged in clerical functions
- maintaining personnel records
- conducting education programs for system personnel
- receiving and responding to comments from the public
- providing legal services to system personnel
- publishing an annual report

A brief description of each unit of the AOPC and its functions follows.

## **Assistant Court Administrator's Office**

### *Court Access*

The coordinator for court access facilitates the judiciary's compliance with the mandates of Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Title VI of the Civil Rights Act requires recipients of federal financial assistance, including the courts, to provide meaningful access to limited English-proficient (LEP) individuals. Title II of the ADA requires that public entities, including the courts, make their services, programs and activities accessible to people with disabilities.

The following were the major initiatives in these areas during 2016:

#### **- Language Access Plan**

The statewide Language Access Advisory Group, comprised of judges, interpreters, attorneys and representatives of state and local government, drafted a language access plan for the Unified Judicial System, essentially a blueprint for the future on increasing access to the courts for LEP individuals. The group presented the proposed plan to the Supreme Court for its approval.

- **Training & Counseling**

The coordinator for court access continues to counsel the courts and staff on the application of Title VI and the ADA regarding everyday access issues.

- **Language Access Data Collection (LADC)**

Judicial districts input data into the LADC application concerning their use of and expenses incurred for interpreters and other language access services. The reporting function provides information at both the state and county levels on a number of indicators, from the top 15 most often requested languages to cost of encounters by case type. The data obtained from the LADC will enable both the AOPC and the judicial districts to support funding requests for language access services.

- **STOP Violence Against Women Program (STOP) Grant**

The coordinator for court access, working with the administrator of the Interpreter Certification Program, completed management and delivery of a major translation and formatting project. Previously translated court forms under the Protection from Abuse (PFA) Act were formatted in fillable form in order to increase their usability for LEP court users and court staff alike. Court forms under Pennsylvania's Protection from Sexual Violence and Intimidation (PSVI) Act were translated into the top 11 most frequently spoken non-English languages in our courts. All forms were shared with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and their networks and with the judicial district language access coordinators and were posted on the UJS website.

In supplement to this effort, a previously produced video on how to obtain a PFA was updated to include information about the PSVI Act and was produced in Spanish as well as English. Both versions of the video were posted on the UJS website and shared with the same domestic violence organizations.

Finally, the coordinator for court access collaborated with the PCADV to produce a webinar, "Access to Court: Domestic Violence." The webinar was presented twice and garnered a substantial audience of staff from both domestic violence agencies and courts.

## *Public Access*

In 2016 a proposed policy governing access to case records filed and maintained in the trial and appellate courts was submitted to the Supreme Court. The proposal addressed general guidelines for accessing case records maintained by the trial and appellate courts, addressed limits on access to particular documents and data either at the courthouse or remotely on the internet, and suggested best practices. It was developed by a working group comprised of judges, prothonotaries and clerks of courts, district court administrators, representatives from the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the rules committees of the Supreme Court, and AOPC staff.

This work complements the established UJS policies on public access to the case records of the magisterial district courts and electronic case records maintained in the statewide case management systems.

More information about public access to records can be found on the judiciary's website at [www.pacourts.us/public-record-policies](http://www.pacourts.us/public-record-policies).

### *Judicial District Security Office*

The goal of AOPC/Judicial District Security is to support efforts to ensure that Common Pleas and magisterial district courts in Pennsylvania are safe places to work and to conduct business for jurists and their staff, litigants, jurors, witnesses, crime victims and their families, and the general public. Among its tasks staff

- develop and provide annual, regional one-day training for local court security committees  
Committee membership is comprised of key stakeholders – president judges, court administrators, sheriffs, county commissioners – and other local parties with active roles in court security.
- provide ad hoc training, such as active shooter response, as requested throughout the year by judges and court staff
- conduct court facility reviews/assessments when requested by president judges
- respond to court security incidents filed electronically through the Pennsylvania Judicial Incident Reporting System (PAJIRS) and through other means by which such incidents come to their attention
- identify security equipment/features for Common Pleas and magisterial district courts and manage related projects
- work with assigned AOPC Legal Department counsel in handling sovereign citizen matters
- liaise with local, state and federal law enforcement personnel in assessing and responding to security incidents and emerging threats

In addition, the office seeks state funding to support the purchase of security equipment for court facilities.

A description of the office's 2016 activities follows.

## **Miscellaneous**

Staff worked with their colleagues in the IT Department to revamp and rollout a new platform for the electronic court security incident reporting system (PAJIRS).

They also worked with staff in the Judicial District Operations and Programs Department court security section for the revised president judges bench book.

Staff responded to 490 security incidents in Common Pleas and magisterial district courts. Of this total, law enforcement response was triggered in 376 incidents, and of this number, 92 incidents resulted in the filing of criminal charges. A breakout of the incidents can be found in Table 2.1 on page 10.

In addition to these incidents, staff reviewed 252 sovereign citizen court filings and documents.

Staff conducted several training sessions on court security for new trial judges and for magisterial district judges in their continuing education sessions.

## **County Reimbursements**

In 2016 the office continued its project to provide funds to counties to reimburse for the purchase of security equipment for courthouses and magisterial district courts. Equipment included security cameras (CCTVs), exterior lighting, duress alarm systems, access control devices and measures, and ballistic shields/barriers.

## **Twelfth Fall Security Workshops**

Local court security committees are encouraged by the Rules of Judicial Administration to meet regularly to formulate and execute plans to respond to security incidents and to prepare for and respond to emergency situations that occur in their courts.

Judicial District Security staff annually develop and conduct a series of workshops that are responsive to the interests and needs of these committees as well as cover safety and security issues that are topical. The workshops also provide participants with the opportunity to network and share with each other effective strategies to enhance court security.

The fall 2016 workshop focused on tactics to identify and mitigate potentially threatening courtroom behavior and on hard and soft target preparedness strategies. Staff collaborated with a retired U.S. marshal in the development and presentation of the program.

More than 340 local court security members participated in the six regional workshops.

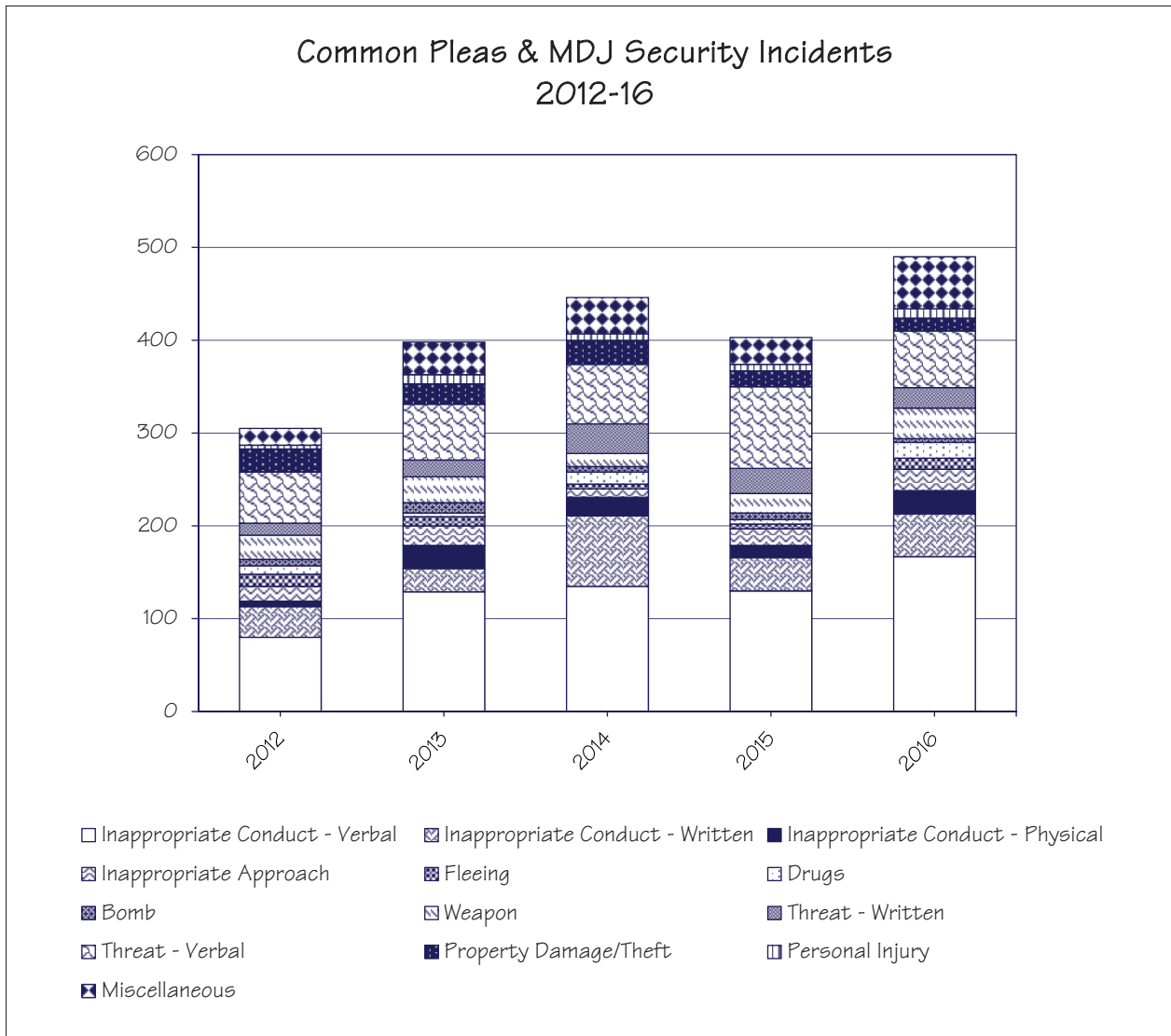


Table 2.1

## Judicial Services Office

### Conference/Meeting Facilitation

AOPC/Judicial Services provides logistical coordination, administration and staffing for educational conferences, seminars, meetings and court sessions for the appellate courts; the Administrative Office; the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges (PCSTJ); the Supreme Court’s rules committees and other court-related entities, such as the Pennsylvania Association of Court Management (PACM). It also plans/assists with other state and national programs, as requested.



Among the conferences and programs, etc., the department coordinated in 2016 are

- Supreme Court sessions
- Superior Court sessions
- Commonwealth Court sessions
- new judges school
- Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges (PCSTJ) Mid-Annual Conference
- New Judges: Dependency workshop
- Office of Children and Families in the Courts – Regional Round Table Meetings
- Office of Children and Families in the Courts – Round Table Summit
- Office of Children and Families in the Courts – Family Group Decision-Making meeting
- Pennsylvania Association of Court Management (PACM) board meeting
- court interpreter certification program sessions and orientation
- President Judges/PACM annual conference
- appellate courts annual conference
- Elder Law Task Force meetings
- PCSTJ Annual Conference
- Joint Family Law conferences
- Judicial forums
- Program & Faculty Development Workshop
- Juvenile Justice Academy
- Violet Oakley Commemoration
- Judicial Independence Commission meeting
- Juvenile Court Judges' Commission meeting
- various PCSTJ officers and committee meetings
- various Supreme Court rules committees meetings

## Financial Interest Statements

Judicial Services oversees and maintains the annual filings by jurists and Pennsylvania Unified Judicial System personnel of Financial Interest Statements, which are mandated by the Supreme Court. It also responds to requests from the public and media who wish to view these statements.

## Communications/Intergovernmental Relations Department

In its role as both media and legislative liaison, the Office of Communications and Intergovernmental Relations represents the AOPC before the state's executive and legislative branches of government as well as to the media. As media liaison, staff

- field inquiries from reporters
- draft news releases
- publish
  - the AOPC annual report
  - *Pennsylvania's Judicial System: A Citizen's Guide*, a brochure about Pennsylvania's courts
  - *Pennsylvania's Courts: A Video Introduction*, an educational video guide to Pennsylvania's courts
  - *AOPCconnected*, the Administrative Office's quarterly newsletter
- develop other publications and videos
- maintain the content of the Unified Judicial System website
- set up news conferences
- assist county court administration staff in preparing for increased media attention during high profile cases, as requested

### Legislative affairs staff

- monitor the progress of legislation in the General Assembly
- compile and publish a legislative summary when the General Assembly is in session
- when appropriate, comment on the effect legislation may have on the fiscal and administrative operations of the judicial system
- monitor and report on legislation that may necessitate changes to the Magisterial District Judge and Common Pleas Criminal Case Management systems

## Legal Department

With its staff of lawyers, administrative coordinator/paralegal and legal secretaries, the AOPC Legal Department implements the mandate of the Supreme Court that the court administrator “provide to personnel of the system legal services and, when appropriate, representation by legal counsel” [Pa.R.J.A. 505(15)]. The department maintains offices in Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

AOPC/Legal performs many of the functions of any in-house legal department and provides advice and counsel to the state court administrator, state court jurists and personnel of the Unified Judicial System on legal, administrative and policy matters. The department includes lawyers who specialize in litigation, transactional issues, administration and legal matters related to Information Technology projects.

### *Litigation Counsel*

Legal Department litigators represent Pennsylvania court entities, judges and state-paid court personnel in litigation matters, predominately in federal court, often testing state court sovereignty under the federal constitution. Cases may include civil rights and constitutional issues, employment cases, petitions for review of governmental actions and actions to establish the rights and duties of public officials. Litigation lawyers also provide advice to prevent litigation whenever possible and frequently make educational presentations to UJS clients.

AOPC representation is not provided in criminal or disciplinary actions.

### *Information Technology Counsel*

Information technology (IT) lawyers participate in the planning, development, implementation and maintenance of various statewide IT systems and related automation programs by

- ensuring that the three case management systems – appellate court, Common Pleas criminal court and magisterial district judge – comply with all applicable laws and legal procedural requirements
- participating in the development of the Guardianship Tracking System
- assisting in the monitoring and evaluation of potential changes in the law, including the identification of solutions that the IT Department can accommodate
- serving as liaison between the AOPC and numerous court-related organizations, including the Criminal Procedural Rules Committee, the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee, the Minor Court Rules Committee, the Orphans’ Court Procedural Rules Committee, the Special Courts Judges Association of Pennsylvania and the Educational Success and Truancy Prevention Workshop

- assisting in responding to the hundreds of requests received from a variety of private organizations, government agencies, legislators, media and counties, asking for data collected in the various statewide case management systems
- participating in the development and maintenance of multiple statewide policies on public access to court records

### *Transactional Counsel*

Transactional lawyers are responsible for negotiating contracts on behalf of the AOPC, including contracts for products and services required by the AOPC's IT Department. Responsibilities include reviewing documentation for all competitive procurements issued on behalf of the AOPC and the Supreme Court, and assisting on an as-needed basis to review contracts for other entities of the Unified Judicial System (UJS).

The AOPC's transactional lawyers are also responsible for overseeing and managing the AOPC's real estate leasing portfolio, which includes negotiating leases on behalf of Pennsylvania's appellate court jurists and the various boards and agencies of the Supreme Court. Duties and responsibilities include working with jurists and the executive administrators for each of Pennsylvania's three appellate courts as well as the administrators of the various boards and agencies to negotiate leases that comply with the requirements of the UJS, reviewing and negotiating lease terms and conditions, working directly with leasing agents and property managers on behalf of the AOPC, reviewing statements and lease-related documentation throughout the term of a lease, and overseeing management of the leasing portfolio.

Transactional lawyers also negotiate leases and contracts, assist in procurement matters, and review legislation affecting Pennsylvania's judiciary.

## **Research and Statistics Department**

### *Caseload Statistics*

The Administrative Office's Research and Statistics Department collects and analyzes statistical information relevant to court operations. Statistics for civil, family and orphans' court cases, jury utilization and problem-solving courts are reported by the Commonwealth's 60 judicial districts. Criminal, dependency and delinquency data are drawn from the judiciary's automated Common Pleas Criminal Case Management System (CP-CMS).

Annual caseload data is published as the *Annual Caseload Statistics of the Unified Judicial System* and is posted to the Unified Judicial System (UJS) website. In addition, selected data is also featured in interactive dashboards on the website. The dashboards track trends over time in significant policy issues, such as medical malpractice filings and verdicts, changes in mortgage foreclosure rates, and the efficiency of districts in moving civil action cases to disposition.

AOPC/Research regularly provides technical assistance and training to court personnel in using these data to support case management functions and resource allocation and in local program evaluation.

### *Topical Studies*

Research and Statistics staff conduct studies to support the policy work of the Supreme Court's various workgroups and committees. Among these in 2016 were

- ongoing monitoring and updating of the civil case inventory
- assisting the Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts in developing new data collection and guardianship monitoring protocols
- assisting the Language Access Development Committee with the data collection component of the judicial districts' language access plans

### *State Partnerships*

The department provides annual data to governmental and policy agencies, such as the Pennsylvania Data Center, the National Center for State Courts, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. In addition to supporting the work of these data users, the department fulfills requests from the legislature, media outlets and academic institutions.

### *National Partnerships*

Members of the department serve on the National Center for State Courts' Data Specialists Roundtable and as data specialist advisors to the Court Statistics Committee of the Conference of State Court Administrators, and this year, presented an educational session at the annual conference of the National Association of Court Managers.

## **Information Technology Department**

The AOPC's Information Technology (AOPC/IT) Department is responsible for developing and maintaining the statewide case management systems and other software applications for courts and administrative staff Pennsylvania's the Unified Judicial System (UJS). It is funded by court fees rather than tax dollars.

Data generated by the department's systems is used by a variety of state and local agencies to make informed policy decisions, foster public safety and promote transparency.

## 2016 Highlights

- **Nearly 2.65 million cases were docketed** by the three case management systems: the Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS), Common Pleas Criminal Case Management System (CPCMS) and Pennsylvania Appellate Court Management System (PACMS)
- **More than 1.2 million warrants** were issued through the MDJS and CPCMS
- **\$103 million** was collected through PAePay, an online payment application developed in-house that allows people to pay court costs and fees online
- **More than 75,000 attorneys** completed their annual registration online through the UJS website and PAePay
- **Approximately 11 million transactions per day occurred** across all three case management systems and the UJS web portal
- Some **215,000 cases were electronically transferred** from the MDJS to the CPCMS, eliminating redundant case data entry and saving county court staff time
- Through direct court system information exchanges and the state's Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET), court computer systems shared information with **more than 20 criminal justice partners and law enforcement and state agencies** that depend on the systems in order to perform their daily duties

## Project milestones for 2016

The IT Department manages multiple projects and makes hundreds of system changes every year, but several rise to the top and are highlighted below.

### Electronic Documents and E-Filing Expansion

Development of electronic document (ERMS) and e-filing (PACFile) systems was completed in 2012 and integrated into the PACMS over the next few years. In 2016 many counties transitioned to use PACFile and ERMS to submit and accept electronic case filings in the CPCMS, and many MDJ offices are using ERMS in the MDJS.

PACFile allows attorneys, agencies and *pro se* litigants to file case-related documents electronically into the courts' case management systems. Electronic documents can be uploaded in PACFile and transmitted to a court as case filings associated with a docket entry. The system allows for 24-hour-a-day filing with the ability to pay any corresponding filing fees electronically through PAePay.

## Guardianship Tracking System

Staff began development on a Guardianship Tracking System (GTS), which will provide an online alternative to the paper-based forms currently used to submit inventory and certain reports. IT staff met with users throughout the process and looking forward, will continue to seek feedback during the design, construction and testing phases.

## Case Management Systems

Pennsylvania’s first statewide case management system, the Magisterial District Judge System, came online in 1992; the Pennsylvania Appellate Court Case Management System and Common Pleas Criminal Case Management System were fully implemented in 2000 and 2006, respectively. The ultimate goal is to implement statewide case and financial management systems for all levels and divisions of Pennsylvania’s Unified Judicial System.

## Financial Management

Features within the case management computer systems help court staff collect and process fines, court costs and restitution – and the popular PAePay, an online payment application developed by the AOPC, allows people to pay these costs online.

15,000	Number of users statewide who depend on the systems to manage court cases
5.5 million	Number of lines of custom code maintained throughout the systems
7 billion	Rows of data stored throughout the systems
100,000	Number of forms and reports generated each day
600	Number of direct deposits received automatically each day from PAePay with money collected online from court fines, fees, costs and restitution
6,400	Number of e-filings received through PACFile each month

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### Highlights

- Over the last 10 years, the AOPC has **collected and processed \$4.6 billion** in fines, costs and restitution
- Each year, the judiciary collects more than its state budget allocation. In 2016 **more than \$462 million** was collected
- PAePay saw a **14 percent increase in online payments** over 2015, with a **record \$103 million** in court fines, fees and costs collected online in 2016

Additional financial data is available on [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us), under “Research and Statistics” through an interactive dashboard.

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## Judicial District Operations and Programs Department

The mission of the Judicial District Operations and Programs Department (AOPC/Judicial Operations) is twofold: to assist court administrators, judges and staff throughout Pennsylvania to ensure the efficient operation of Pennsylvania's minor and trial courts and to promote equitable access to and administration of justice.

In addition to providing support to judicial districts on issues related to their administrative functions, the department works closely with the Supreme Court and with other departments within the AOPC to assist in implementation of policies, procedures, rule changes and reporting standards.

AOPC/Judicial Operations's work is divided into five units. Descriptions of each unit follows.

### *General District Operations*

#### General District Operations

- responds to requests for assistance from president judges, magisterial district judges and district court administrators
- maintains regular contact with district personnel to exchange ideas and stay abreast of the needs and concerns of the local courts
- develops and conducts training, continuing education programs and webinars for local court staff
- reviews and assesses local court requests for state-level court administration personnel and other related human resources needs
- assists local courts in responding to audits from the auditor general or county controller and addresses any deficiencies
- conducts procedural audits of magisterial district courts upon request to assure compliance with general and local rules, and administrative policies and procedures
- receives and reviews Rule 101 (Establishment of Offices) petitions as pertains to petitions for realignment or elimination of magisterial district courts
- based on the guidelines provided by the Supreme Court, provides support to president judges when realigning of magisterial district boundaries occurs following the federal decennial census
- in collaboration with Judicial District Security, works closely with each judicial district to make sure a current Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) is in place so that essential court functions can be maintained in the event of a catastrophic event



- also in collaboration with Judicial District Security, maintains the current Magisterial District Court Facility, Equipment and Security Guidelines document
- launched a new videoconferencing scheduling system to improve coordination between the courts and the state Department of Corrections

### *Judicial Assignments*

The Judicial Assignments unit

- administers the senior judge program, including processing applications for certification of senior judges, and manages requests for senior judge assistance from judicial districts
- processes requests for changes of venue/venire

### *Court Interpreters*

The AOPC's Interpreter Certification Program ensures that foreign language and sign language interpreters working in the courts of the Commonwealth have the necessary proficiency to guarantee the rights of those with little or no understanding of English or who are deaf/hard of hearing. It does so through the certification process.

The program also

- assists judicial districts in obtaining adequate language assistance services by locating qualified interpreters for languages not yet listed in the roster
- provides guidance in the establishment of local language access programs
- provides training for interpreters, judges, administrators, attorneys, judicial district staff and other stakeholders on interpreter issues
- works closely with the Coordinator for Court Access in the implementation of language access plans for the Unified Judicial System (UJS) and the judicial districts
- works with the Language Access Data Collection tool (LADC), which compiles data about the use of interpreters and about associated costs throughout the UJS
- continues to explore the delivery of interpreting services using video remote technology
- collaborates with the First Judicial District's (Philadelphia) Shadowing Program, whose aim is to provide interpreter candidates with training and experience which will help them pass the certification exams

To become certified, interpreters must first complete a two-day orientation session, then pass a two-part written test and a three-part oral test. Information on the program can be found on the Unified Judicial System’s website at [www.pacourts.us/judicial-administration/court-programs/interpreter-program](http://www.pacourts.us/judicial-administration/court-programs/interpreter-program).

Sixty-four oral tests were administered to 52 candidates in 2016. The overall pass rate was 31 percent. Table 2.2 breaks down these results.

As of the end of 2016, the interpreter roster had 162 certified interpreters in 11 languages. Another 52 are qualified/conditional/registered interpreters in 22 languages. In all, 214 interpreters representing 33 languages are in the roster. Specific details can be found in Table 2.3 on page 21.

<b>Pennsylvania Interpreter Certification Program 2016 Oral Exam Results</b>	
<b>Tests Administered</b>	64
<b>Candidates Tested</b>	52
<b>Simultaneous</b>	
Pass	8
Fail	32
Total	40
<b>Sight</b>	
Pass	6
Fail	6
Total	12
<b>Consecutive</b>	
Pass	6
Fail	6
Total	12
<b>Total Pass Rate</b>	<b>31%</b>
<small>Languages tested: Arabic, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish</small>	

### Problem-Solving Courts

The Judicial District Operations and Programs Department continued its efforts in 2014 to assist judicial districts in the creation, expansion and maintenance of problem-solving courts, such as drug courts, DUI courts, mental health courts and veterans courts. By the end of 2016, 104 problem-solving courts were operating in 42 counties in Pennsylvania.

In the 2016-17 budget for the judicial branch, the General Assembly appropriated \$1.3 million dollars for problem-solving courts. After input was received from the counties and president judges, a plan was finalized for the expenditure of these funds. The objective of the plan was to expand the number of problem-solving courts in the Commonwealth. This was to be accomplished in two ways:

- one year of start-up funding would be made available to nine judicial districts that had expressed an interest in establishing a new problem-solving court
- a regional drug court, with a special track for veterans, would be piloted in Forest, Jefferson and Elk counties

When these programs are fully implemented, problem-solving courts will exist in 52 of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties.

Table 2.2

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts  
 Interpreter Certification Program  
 Roster Distribution as of December 2016

Language	Number of Interpreters	Master	Certified	Qualified	Conditional	Registered	Administrative Hearings Only
<b>Languages with National Center for State Courts (NCSC) Oral Certification Exams</b>							
American Sign	69	11	56	2	-	-	-
Cantonese	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
French	3	1	2	-	-	-	-
Haitian-Creole	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Italian	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Mandarin	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
Polish	5	3	2	-	-	-	-
Portuguese	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Russian	7	-	7	-	-	-	-
Spanish	81	3	68	9	1	-	-
Turkish	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Languages without NCSC Oral Certification Exams</b>							
Albanian	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Amharic	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Belarusian	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bengali	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bulgarian	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Burmese	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Czech	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dari	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Farsi	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Gujarati	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hindi	4	-	-	-	-	4	-
Kyrgyz	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Lithuanian	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Marathi	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Punjabi	4	-	-	-	-	3	1
Romanian	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Shanghai-Wu	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sicilian	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Swahili	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ukrainian	4	-	-	-	-	4	-

Table 2.3

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts Interpreter Certification Program Roster Distribution as of December 2016, Continued							
Language	Number of Interpreters	Master	Certified	Qualified	Conditional	Registered	Administrative Hearings Only
Urdu	5	-	-	-	-	3	2
Uzbek	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>

Table 2.3, cont'd.

Research shows that treatment court programs that train team members in preparation for implementing a new court average a 55 percent greater reduction in recidivism among program participants. Even more striking is the increase of 238 percent in cost savings for programs that participated in this training. Historically, training for counties in Pennsylvania interested in implementing new programs has been delivered by national organizations, and often, the waiting list to be approved for training has been long. With the continued growth of problem-solving courts throughout the Commonwealth, in an effort to alleviate the waiting list issue, problem-solving courts program staff developed an Implementation Training Program that can now be delivered in-state to teams forming new adult drug courts, DUI courts, veterans courts or mental health courts.

In September 2016 the AOPC received a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to support a statewide evaluation of Pennsylvania’s problem-solving courts. Grant funds were supplemented with funds from the 2016-17 budget appropriation to allow for a more exhaustive study. This is a multi-year, three-part project. Part one of the study will involve a statewide survey of the practices used in all problem-solving courts and compare those practices to what is known to be best practices in the field. Part two will report the statewide recidivism rate for Pennsylvania’s problem-solving court participants and compare that rate to the rate of a matched sample of non-problem-solving court offenders. The final part of the study will be a cost-benefit analysis of two adult drug courts, two DUI courts, two mental health courts and two veterans courts.

A problem-solving courts case management system was launched 2013. This system, the Problem-Solving Adult and Juvenile Court Information System, or PACJIS, manages all aspects of problem-solving court cases, from intake through participation and graduation. With an estimated 80 percent of problem-solving courts utilizing the system, data are now being pulled to report statewide program performance. Table 2.4 on page 23 highlights some of the data from Fiscal Year 2015-16.

The Supreme Court’s problem-solving court accreditation program, which assesses the functioning of courts to ensure they are complying with core principles and best practices of operation, continued in 2016. By the end of the year, of the 35 applications received, 24 courts in the state had successfully completed the review process and

achieved Supreme Court accreditation. In 2015 a renewal program for courts whose accredited status was expiring was approved, and six courts have successfully renewed accreditation.

Each year, the problem-solving courts program sponsors specialized training for drug court professionals throughout the Commonwealth. In 2016 three facilitators from the National Center for DWI Courts presented a two-day "Operational Tune-Up Program for DUI Courts," designed to assist counties in the retooling of their DUI courts. Seven teams from DUI courts around the Commonwealth attended. These specialized trainings, in addition to the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Drug Court Professionals and the Annual Coordinators Symposium, address the dictates of the drug court's core component of ongoing training.

Participants admitted	2,587
Participants graduating	1,297
Participants discharged without graduating	832
Participants increasing their education	381
<i>Community Service</i>	
Hours completed	21,412
Value of hours completed*	\$155,237
<small>*Based on the minimum wage of \$7.25/hour</small>	
<i>Jail Days Saved</i>	
Minimum	696,219
Maximum	1,347,339
Unemployed participants who obtained jobs	568
Number of drug-free babies born	13
Average number of days in program for successful participants	617

**Table 2.4**

### *Office of Elder Justice in the Courts*

Pennsylvania's population continues to grow older. In 2016, 2.9 million residents were age 60 or older, and more than 340,000 Commonwealth residents were age 85 or older.

As of July 1, 2015, more than one in six Pennsylvanians (nearly 2.2 million) were age 65 and older, ranking the Commonwealth fifth nationally. Since 2010, this population has grown by 11.2 percent, far outpacing the overall population growth of the state (0.8 percent).

In 2013 the Supreme Court formed the Elder Law Task Force, chaired by Justice Debra Todd, to study the growing problems involved in guardianship, abuse and neglect, and access to justice for older Pennsylvanians. One of the recommendations made by the task force was the creation of the Office of Elder Justice in the Courts (OEJC), which the Supreme Court accepted in 2015.

The mission of the OEJC is to assist the court in implementing the other recommendations made by the task force. The office also supports the Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts and fosters collaborations with elder justice entities.

Through education, training programs and presentations, the OEJC promotes best practices in the areas of guardianship, elder abuse/neglect and access to justice for Pennsylvania's older citizens. It also calls attention to the prevention of elder abuse.

The office's responsibilities include

- developing, implementing and managing projects, programs and activities pertaining to task force recommendations
- creating and delivering presentations about the work of the advisory council
- facilitating collaboration across elder justice entities
- working with the AOPC's Information Technology Department on the development of the Guardianship Tracking System
- developing agendas for advisory council and project meetings
- responding to inquiries from the courts and public concerning elder justice matters

Numerous task force recommendations are in various stages of implementation. Initiatives in 2016 include

- training sessions for Common Pleas Court judges on determining capacity and civil/criminal responses to elder abuse and financial exploitation
- development, together with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities and other elder justice agencies, of the Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation program for attorneys
- providing training to magisterial district judges on the Elder Abuse Bench Card developed by the advisory council
- presentation of nine educational programs to diverse elder justice entities, about the advisory council's work on the task force recommendations
- approval by the Supreme Court of the task force's recommendation regarding Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 500, dealing with preservation of an elder victim's testimony after institution of criminal proceedings
- the opening in Philadelphia of the Commonwealth's first Elder Justice Resource Center, which is phase one of the task force's recommendation concerning a pilot elder court
- beginning the development of an elder abuse bench book for judges and a desk book for judges who deal with guardianship issues

## Judicial Education Department

The Judicial Education Department provides continuing education to Pennsylvania's jurists. The department works closely with various planning committees to design programs that address new and emerging areas of law and issues of import and interest to judges.

### *Supreme Court, Superior Court and Commonwealth Court*

Jurists on Pennsylvania's three appellate courts attend an annual appellate courts conference. The conference addresses the needs specific to these jurists. In addition to the educational programs offered, administrative sessions are held by members of each court at these conferences.

The 2016 conference featured these programs:

- Evolving Notions of Privacy and the Law
- Legal Aftermath of the September 11 Terrorist Attacks
- A Legal History of the Reconstruction Amendments
- Supreme Court of United States Update

### *Common Pleas Courts*

During 2016 more than 80 percent of trial judges in the Commonwealth attended state-sponsored continuing education programs. Primarily, these programs were held at conferences of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, which meets twice a year.

Staff of AOPC/Judicial Education worked closely with the Education Committee of the conference to plan, develop and deliver more than 35 hours of continuing judicial education.

Each three-day conference provided state-of-the-art educational programs and allowed judges to discuss issues of common interest and concern.

Among the programs at the conference's 2016 meetings were:

- Strategies for Addressing the Heroin/Opiate Epidemic
- The Role of the State Court Judge in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases
- *Verum* or *Mendacium*: Can You Perceive Which is Which?
- Understanding DNA

- New Trends in Support Cases
- Ethics: Community Activities
- Sonenshein on Evidence
- Civil Law Update
- Open Records
- Orphans' Court: Joint Accounts for Gift or Convenience?
- Personality Disorders
- Erosion of Privacy: Tensions and Trends
- Family Law Update
- Evidentiary Privileges in Pennsylvania
- Cyber Issues in the Courtroom Setting
- New Judge School Follow-up
- Criminal Law Update
- Determining Capacity in Older Adults
- Should the Record Be Sealed?
- Criminal and Civil Responses to Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation
- Evidence Based Re-Entry Practices and Procedures: Improving Outcomes
- Medical Malpractice Update
- Ethics: Judicial *Ex Parte* Communications

### *Special Programs*

Department staff develop and deliver specialized programs each year. These programs often focus on discrete areas of law or judicial practice. Programs held in 2016 include

- 2016 New Judge School
- Joint Family Law Conference
- President Judge/Pennsylvania Association of Court Management Conference
- Program and Faculty Development Workshop



## *New Product Development*

The Judicial Education Department develops educational resources and products to assist judges in the administration of their duties. In 2016 the department published and distributed the *President Judge Desk Book* to provide guidance to president judges on administrative and management issues. Two additional desk books are under development that focus on questions related to restitution and to guardianship issues, respectively.

## *Continuing Judicial Education Requirements*

On December 9, 2016, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania established minimum continuing education requirements for commissioned judges and certified senior judges serving the Philadelphia Municipal Court, the Courts of Common Pleas, the Commonwealth Court, the Superior Court and the Supreme Court. Beginning January 2017, jurists serving these courts are required to complete annually a minimum of three hours of continuing education in judicial ethics and nine hours of continuing education in judicial practice and related areas. The order also establishes the Continuing Judicial Education Board of Judges to administer continuing education requirements, including accreditation and compliance.

## **Office of Children and Families in the Courts**

The Office of Children and Families in the Courts (OCFC) continued its efforts to protect children, promote strong families and child well-being, and provide timely permanency through a variety of programs and initiatives. The initiatives of the OCFC have expedited placement of dependent children into permanent family settings and have led to a 33 percent reduction in the number of foster care children in Pennsylvania since 2006, resulting in better lives for children and cost savings for the Commonwealth.

Additionally, while the overall number of abused/neglected children supervised by courts increased 23 percent from 2011 to 2015, the number of children being supervised within their own homes or with family during the same time period increased by 78 percent, marking the fifth consecutive year in which court supervised in-home cases has increased. This focus on maintaining safe family connections helps to eliminate time otherwise spent in foster care, reducing potential emotional trauma and again saving taxpayer dollars.

One critically important initiative is the Children's Roundtable, a three-tiered system that guides the flow of dependency practice and the collaboration between dependency courts; the OCFC; the Department of Public Welfare's Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) and other relevant stakeholders. It is comprised of the Local Children's Roundtable, which consists of local teams led by the dependency judge; seven Leadership Roundtables, consisting of local judges and child welfare administrators from like-sized counties and which meet twice per year; and a State Roundtable (SRT), which meets annually. The SRT includes representatives from the seven Leadership Roundtables, State Roundtable workgroup co-chairs, and other state and national leaders who

have specific expertise in dependency matters. It establishes workgroups to research and address statewide areas of concern for the Pennsylvania dependency system. Workgroups are typically co-chaired by a judge from one county and a child welfare administrator from another county.

Workgroups are currently addressing the following issues:

- children's summit
- dependency benchbook
- dependent children of incarcerated parents
- drug and alcohol abuse
- educational success and truancy prevention
- hearing officer education
- legal representation
- permanency practice initiative
- transitional teens
- trauma
- caseworker retention

In May 2016 the SRT celebrated 10 years of work and success. This was preceded by a special recognition event hosted by the Supreme Court and Governor Wolf at the Governor's mansion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Additionally, a new parent video, created by the Legal Representation Workgroup, was screened and approved for distribution.

All SRT workgroups have presented reports, which are housed on the OCFC website, with multiple new resources for courts and child welfare agencies. Of special note was work done by the Caseworker Retention Workgroup. This includes a detailed analysis of turnover rates in each county as well as a statewide "Stay Interview" survey, which had over 1,300 responses. This survey gathered information specific to Pennsylvania regarding why caseworkers stay in the child welfare field and why they leave.

Finally, the State Roundtable successfully concluded the work of the Legal Representation Workgroup.

In April 2016 the OCFC co-sponsored the Family Group Decision-Making Conference with the Juvenile Court Judges Commission; the Department of Human Services' Office of Children, Youth and Families; the Statewide Adoption Network and the Child Welfare Resource Center. The conference was moderated by Supreme Court Justice Max Baer and OCYF Deputy Secretary Cathy Utz. Registration sold out within 6 weeks of release, resulting in an historic number of attendees.

## *New Resources*

A number of new resources designed to help children, parents, foster parents, child welfare professionals, attorneys, hearing masters and judges were developed in 2016. These include

- "A Parent's Guide to Understanding the Pennsylvania Dependency System" (video)
- "10 Keys for a Successful Local Children's Roundtable" (pamphlet)
- "Who Represents Me in Court?" (youth brochure)
- APPLA Permanency Tool Charts
- Congregate Care Youth Survey
- Congregate Care County Survey

All resources and workgroup reports can be found on the OCFC's website at [www.ocf-cpacourts.us](http://www.ocf-cpacourts.us).

## *Data Dashboards*

In an effort to provide more information to the courts and to the public regarding dependency, interactive statistical pages, known as dashboards, were created and published on the judiciary's website.

The data, which spans multiple years, allows those involved in protecting children to see trends and make more data-informed decisions. Of significance in the most recent data posting (2015) is the continued increase of court supervised in-home and kinship placements and a corresponding decrease in the use of congregate care (the most restrictive of dependency placements).

Dependency data dashboards are located on the judiciary's website at [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us).

## **Finance Department**

AOPC/Finance is responsible for managing the budget, accounting and payroll systems for the Unified Judicial System. It serves as the primary resource for the various components comprising the UJS regarding financial matters. It fulfills its responsibility through the following activities:

- performing the controller functions for the judiciary
- performing payroll functions for the judiciary

- managing \$406 million in annual appropriations, including \$27.129 million in grants to counties
- monitoring and preparing the budget for some 35 UJS line items in the Commonwealth's annual budget. These line-item appropriations include, but are not limited to, funding for the Administrative Office, state-funded courts, most Supreme Court advisory procedural rules committees, juror cost reimbursements and county court grants.
- preparing financial statements and administering the annual financial audit of the UJS
- developing necessary policies and procedures on accounting and budget issues, and training staff at all levels in their use
- responding to public access requests for financial information, and providing expenditure and salary information to the judiciary's website in accordance with Rule of Judicial Administration 509
- assisting in the management of the finances of the First Judicial District/AOPC Procurement Unit, including recommending investment and banking strategy

## Human Resources Department

AOPC/Human Resources provides a variety of services to judiciary personnel, including all judicial officers and state-level staff of the appellate courts, AOPC and judicial districts throughout Pennsylvania. The department is divided into three units that work collaboratively to develop, implement and administer HR policies and programs, communicate with jurists and employees regarding HR topics, ensure compliance with employment laws/regulations and address personnel issues.

### *Benefits*

The Benefits unit develops and administers comprehensive benefits programs for UJS members/retirees and their dependents (8,000-plus individuals) and ensures program compliance with state and federal regulations. Additional responsibilities include

- working with insurers and members to address enrollment, eligibility, billing and benefit questions and to resolve claim issues within program guidelines
- completing administrative processing for new hires, terminations and retirements
- maintaining the confidentiality of benefit files and information
- implementing required program changes in accordance with the Affordable Care Act and other state/federal laws
- identifying and recommending potential cost efficiencies within benefits programs

## *Employment Services*

The Employment Services unit manages staffing and recruitment activities, develops and counsels on personnel-related policies, serves as the point of contact for compliance with federal and state employment laws and statutes, addresses/resolves employee relations issues and develops/presents professional and educational training programs. Staff also provide guidance and problem resolution strategies to jurists and managers regarding HR issues and concerns. Additional responsibilities include

- assisting jurists and managers with hiring processes, including maintaining and enhancing the AOPC recruiting section of the UJS website and the online application process
- administering performance evaluation processes
- working with managers and staff to address personnel needs regarding serious medical conditions and accommodations in the workplace under the Americans with Disabilities and Family Medical Leave acts
- tracking employment demographics and statistics through various technological resources
- providing educational programs for judiciary personnel regarding UJS policies and state/federal employment laws

## *Classification and Compensation*

The Classification and Compensation unit develops and maintains policies for evaluation and classification of employment positions, reviews individual job descriptions for AOPC and state-level district employees, maintains the UJS pay plan and records employee performance metrics. Additional responsibilities include

- providing support to management regarding federal and state employment guidelines and regulations
- assisting managers with position description development
- analyzing personnel action requests to ensure consistency with classification/pay policies
- performing market comparisons among like position classifications and compensation, and activities related to departmental reorganizations
- participating in national compensation surveys and studies

## Administrative Services Unit

The Administrative Services Unit is responsible for a variety of administrative-related tasks at the AOPC's locations at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center (PJC) in Harrisburg and in Mechanicsburg and Philadelphia. These tasks can generally be classified into four areas:

- Facilities
- Central Services/Conference Center
- Procurement
- Administration

Descriptions of each section follow.

### *Facilities*

Responsibilities:

- providing continuous coverage for all facilities, security and health/safety issues at the AOPC's Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg and Philadelphia locations
- responding to daily issues and requests received for all AOPC office locations
- administering various facilities-related contracts, including security; janitorial/housekeeping and mechanical, electrical and plumbing maintenance
- ensuring the data center and the equipment that supports it are properly maintained and operational
- coordinating building access and security and investigating security alarms and issues
- managing employee and visitor parking at the PJC
- coordinating daily janitorial/housekeeping activities
- coordinating maintenance and service for facilities and equipment
- coordinating building evacuation planning for all AOPC locations
- managing the Archibus facilities management software program
- managing the Building Management System at the AOPC's Mechanicsburg office
- maintaining furniture, mechanical, electrical and plumbing plans for all office locations
- maintaining the inventory of all fixed assets at all AOPC locations

- managing switchboard coverage for the PJC and Philadelphia office
- serving as the point of contact for all after-hours emergencies

### *Central Services/Conference Center*

#### Responsibilities:

- processing incoming/outgoing U.S. mail, express mail and interoffice mail
- coordinating shipping and receiving
- coordinating messenger services
- coordinating archival storage for the PJC
- coordinating the AOPC's off-site file storage program at the PJC
- assisting with fixed asset tagging
- managing pool vehicle maintenance and repairs
- serving as primary point of contact for the Bureau of Vehicle Management
- serving as primary point of contact for the U.S. Postal Service
- serving as the primary point of contact for the Central Mail Processing Center
- troubleshooting furniture and office equipment issues
- coordinating the scheduling and use of shared conference rooms at the PJC
- coordinating catering, audiovisual and special furniture requests at the PJC
- managing the PJC's information desk
- scheduling videoconferences at the PJC
- coordinating pool car reservations at the PJC

## *Procurement*

Responsibilities:

- administering various consolidated purchasing programs, including copiers, office supplies, printing and the Pennsylvania Turnpike E-ZPass program
- purchasing office supplies, furniture, fixtures and equipment
- preparing invitations to bid and requests for proposals
- administering office equipment and appliance maintenance contracts
- coordinating vending services
- coordinating disposition of unwanted equipment and furniture
- administering the judiciary-wide credit card program
- posting procurements on the judiciary's public access website
- coordinating pool vehicle procurements

## *Administration*

Responsibilities:

- developing short-term and long-term plans for the department
- maintaining departmental position descriptions
- administering the AOPC's disaster recovery plans
- serving as PJC facilities administrator
- chairing the judiciary's safety committee
- assisting with leasing and real estate transactions
- providing counsel regarding insurance and serving as the liaison with the Bureau of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM)
- developing and implementing office management policies and procedures
- communicating facilities-related issues and events to employees
- assisting with special projects



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Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)  
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## About the Committee

The principle function of the Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee is to make recommendations to the Supreme Court for refining and updating the Rules of Appellate Procedure in light of experience, developing case law and new legislation.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

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## 2016 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016:

- provisions for adjustments of monetary *supersedeas* amounts
- setting forth of content and length requirements for *amicus curiae* briefs
- making cross-references to court reporting and transcript rules

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2016:

- reorganization of Chapter 15 (Judicial Review of Government Determinations) and adoption of a new Chapter 16, with additional conforming amendments
- dealing with statement of errors complained of on appeal as well as waivers

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## About the Committee

The Civil Procedural Rules Committee sets the rules of procedure and practice for civil actions in Pennsylvania's Courts of Common Pleas. This includes all aspects of civil matters, except those issues relating to the work of the orphans' court and family court divisions. It was first commissioned by the Supreme Court in 1937.

Committee members are appointed to three-year terms by the court, and each may serve a maximum of two full terms.

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## 2016 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016:

- amendments to clarify the filing requirements for certificates of merit in professional liability cases
- update of references to the Code of Judicial Conduct
- a cross-reference to the consolidated local rule-making procedure in Pa.R.J.A. No. 103
- amendments to the rule governing relief from judgment of *non pros* or by default
- amendments to update cross-references to the Rules of Judicial Administration regarding court reporters and transcripts
- update of the requirements for the service by publication authorized by special order of court for actions to quiet title of subsurface mineral rights

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The committee published for comment a proposal for rule changes on the topic of mechanics' liens.

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## About the Committee

The Committee on Rules of Evidence was created by the Supreme Court as an advisory body to assist the court in its constitutional and statutory responsibility to prescribe general rules governing court proceedings in Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System. The committee studies and makes recommendations to the court on matters affecting evidence law in the Commonwealth. It monitors the practical application of the new rules as well as developments in evidence law in Pennsylvania and in other jurisdictions as reflected in case law and statutory changes that have occurred since the rules' adoption.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

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## **2016 Activities**

### *Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016:

- updating references to the Code of Judicial Conduct
- amendments to the rule against hearsay and its exceptions and amendments to provide for the authentication of a certificate of the nonexistence of a public record

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2016:

- authentication of a writing, posting, communication or image on an electronic device or medium
- admission of a self-authenticating record of a prior conviction



## 2016 Membership

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## About the Committee

The Criminal Procedural Rules Committee is an advisory arm to the Supreme Court, serving to assist the court in achieving its constitutional mandate to prescribe general rules governing criminal practice and procedure throughout Pennsylvania.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

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## 2016 Activities

### *Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016:

- clarification of the requirements for serving as capital case counsel
- standardization of the procedures for awarding restitution in criminal cases
- clarification that restitution is one of the types of assessments for which collateral may be forfeited after conviction in a summary case
- recognition of the use of risk assessment tools as one factor permitted to be considered in bail determination
- providing a cross-reference to the consolidated local rule-making procedure in Pa.R.J.A. No. 103
- clarification of the procedures available when a witness is elderly, frail or demonstrating symptoms of mental infirmity or dementia
- changes to the content requirements for expungement petitions and orders as well as provision of for orders providing for limited access to criminal history
- addressing the scheduling of preliminary hearings for incarcerated defendants

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2016:

- electronic filing and service of legal papers
- prohibition on local rules establishing plea bargain deadlines
- bail forfeitures
- search warrants for electronically stored information

## 2016 Membership

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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)  
42 Pa. C.S., § 1722

## About the Committee

Begun as a seven-member section of the Civil Procedural Rules Committee in 1984 and established as its own committee by order of the Supreme Court on June 30, 1987, the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee strives to simplify family law practice. It does this by recommending new rules or amendments to the existing procedural rules relating to paternity, support, custody, divorce and protection from abuse. It reviews new legislation and court decisions to ensure the rules conform with developments in the law as well as the realities of domestic relations practice.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

**Domestic**

**Relations**

**Procedural**

**Rules**

**Committee**

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## 2016 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016:

- update of the rule regarding minor child interviews in custody cases
- amendment of the form of petition for modification of a custody order
- amendments addressing joinder of related claims in divorce actions
- addition of references to actions for protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation
- providing online notice of alternative hearing procedures in support and custody proceedings as well as divorce proceedings referred to a master
- amendment of the rule regarding calculation of child support in divided or split custody cases
- amendments to the form petition used in actions for protection for victims of sexual violence or intimidation
- amendments to the form affidavits used in divorce proceedings to provide for new statutory separation periods

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

Recommendations on the following topics were published for comment in 2016:

- support guidelines review
- contemporaneous custody and dependency cases
- parenting coordination and related forms
- presumption of consent to divorce when allegation of a personal injury crime committed by a spouse
- procedure for calculating support when an individual third party, i.e., not a public body or private agency, is seeking child support from the child's parent(s)
- allocation of child care expenses and additional expenses in support cases
- attorneys presiding over initial nonrecord proceedings precluded from practicing family law in the judicial district

## 2016 Membership

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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)  
42 Pa. C.S., § 1722

## About the Committee

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania established the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee in January 2001 to advise the court concerning its constitutional and statutory responsibility to prescribe general rules governing juvenile delinquency and dependency practice and procedure.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

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**Court**

**Procedural**

**Rules**

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## **2016 Activities**

### *Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016:

- update of references to the Code of Judicial Conduct
- update of rules regarding permanency hearings
- provision of a cross-reference to the consolidated local rulemaking procedure in Pa.R.J.A. No. 103
- addressing unexecuted search warrants
- revising the rules regarding preservation of testimony

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

Recommendations on the following topics were published for comment in 2016:

- investigations of child abuse or neglect cases
- admissions in delinquency proceedings
- preclusion of waiver of either a detention hearing or a shelter care hearing
- procedures for orders affecting or transferring custody
- procedures for private dependency petitions
- review of colloquy of post-dispositional rights with a juvenile
- waiver of counsel by a juvenile

## 2016 Membership

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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Order No. 92, Magisterial Docket No. 1, Book No. 2 (April 17, 1990)

## About the Committee

The Minor Court Rules Committee examines and evaluates the rules and standards governing practice and procedure in Pennsylvania's magisterial district courts. It reviews Pennsylvania court cases and legislation, identifying those decisional or statutory changes which affect magisterial district judge procedure and necessitate amendments to the rules or other action by the Supreme Court.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

# Minor Court Rules Committee

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## 2016 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016:

- update to references to the Code of Judicial Conduct
- provision of a cross-reference to the consolidated local rule-making procedure in Pa.R.J.A. No. 103
- amendments to the rules providing emergency protective relief in connection with claims of sexual violence or intimidation
- amendments to the judicial conduct rules to clarify prohibited activities for magisterial district judges

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The committee published proposed rules on the topic of seeking an order of possession in a landlord tenant case after a *supersedeas* is terminated.



## 2016 Membership

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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)

42 Pa. C.S., § 1722

## About the Committee

The Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee responds to developments in orphans' court procedure and reviews current rules governing statewide practice and procedure in the orphans' court, recommending new rules and rule changes as necessary.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

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**Court**

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## **2016 Activities**

### *Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court*

One recommendation was adopted by the Supreme Court in 2016: provision of a cross-reference to the consolidated local rule-making procedure in Pa.R.J.A. No. 103.

### *Recommendation Published for Comment*

Recommendations on the following topics were published for comment in 2016:

- use of depositions by written interrogatories in guardianship proceedings
- rescission and replacement of rules pertaining to guardianship

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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)  
Pa.B.A.R. 104(c)(3)

## About the Board

The Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners holds the responsibility for recommending the admission of persons to the bar and thus the practice of law in Pennsylvania. Such responsibility includes reviewing admission applications, both for those wishing to sit for the bar examination and for those practicing attorneys from other states seeking admittance to the bar without sitting for the exam; administering the bar exam itself; and recommending rules pertaining to admission to the bar and the practice of law.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms. Board office staff includes the executive director, deputy executive director, counsel to the board/supervising law examiner, director of testing, and five administrative support staff. The board also employs seven examiners, who are responsible for writing and grading the Pennsylvania Bar Essay Examination, and 14 readers, who assist the examiners in grading the essay answers. Additionally, many proctors are employed temporarily to assist in the administration of the bar exam.

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## Bar Procedures

For information on becoming a member of the Pennsylvania bar, either by taking the bar exam or on motion, please visit the Board of Law Examiners website at [www.pabarexam.org](http://www.pabarexam.org).

### Bar Statistics

Statistics for 2016, including a comparison with 2013's figures, can be found in Table 4.1.1. Chart 4.1.2 on page 58 details the percentage of those passing the bar since 2004 while Chart 4.1.3 on page 59 is a comparison of the number of persons who have sat for the exam versus the number who have passed it over the past ten years.

<b>2016 Bar Statistics</b>		
2016 Applications processed		2,300
Sitting for February Exam		626
Change from 2015	(20)	(3.10)%
Persons passing February exam		353
Persons failing February exam		273
Passing Percentage		56.39%
2015 Passing Percentage		52.63%
Sitting for July exam		1,574
Change from 2015	(225)	(12.51)%
Persons passing July exam		1,091
Persons failing July exam		483
Passing Percentage		69.31%
2015 Passing percentage		71.15%
Applications for admission on motion		313
Applications for limited in-house counsel admission		59
Applications from attorneys participating in legal defender or legal services pro- grams, seeking limited admission		8
Hearings held to appeal denial of admission		45

**Table 4.1.1**

## 2016 Activities

Throughout the year the board invited either the deans of students or other representatives from area law schools to join the board at its meetings to discuss the schools' policies related to applicants' required disclosures. The board gained a greater understanding of law school application questions, the schools' practices for allowing amendments to the applications, required disclosures for incidents occurring in law school, and sanctions for omissions or failure to disclose.

In May the New Jersey Supreme Court adopted a rule permitting admission by motion for attorneys from other jurisdictions with reciprocity. In August the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners voted to accord reciprocity to New Jersey. As a result, attorneys admitted in either jurisdiction may seek admission in the other without examination by showing the practice of law for five of the last seven years and meeting all the other requirements, including those for character and fitness.

To comply with IRS regulations, the board initiated a process to hire all bar exam proctors as temporary employees. Previously, proctors were hired as independent contractors. This change went into effect with the February 2016 bar exam.

IT staff from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts aided the board in creating a database to track the denials/hearings and appeal process.

The board expanded its website to include greater explanations of the supplemental application process, the character and fitness process and interpreting the qualifications for admission on motion.

Upon the board's recommendation, the Supreme Court approved a \$25 increase to application fees, effective August 1, 2016. The timely bar application fee was raised from \$600 to \$625.

A decline in the number of exam applications continues as law school enrollment continues to decline nationally.

In December the board chair and director met with the Supreme Court and the nine state law school deans to discuss the Uniform Bar Examination and concurrent testing.

### *Computer-Based Testing Program*

The Computer-Based Testing Program (CBT) allows applicants to use their personal laptops to answer the essay and performance test questions during the bar exam. For the July 2016 exam, 98.9 percent of applicants registered for the CBT.

The board voted to allow applicants to use the spell check feature of the computer software utilized by applicants on the bar exam. This decision went into effect with the February 2016 exam.

### **2016 Rules Changes**

The board requested no rules changes in 2016.

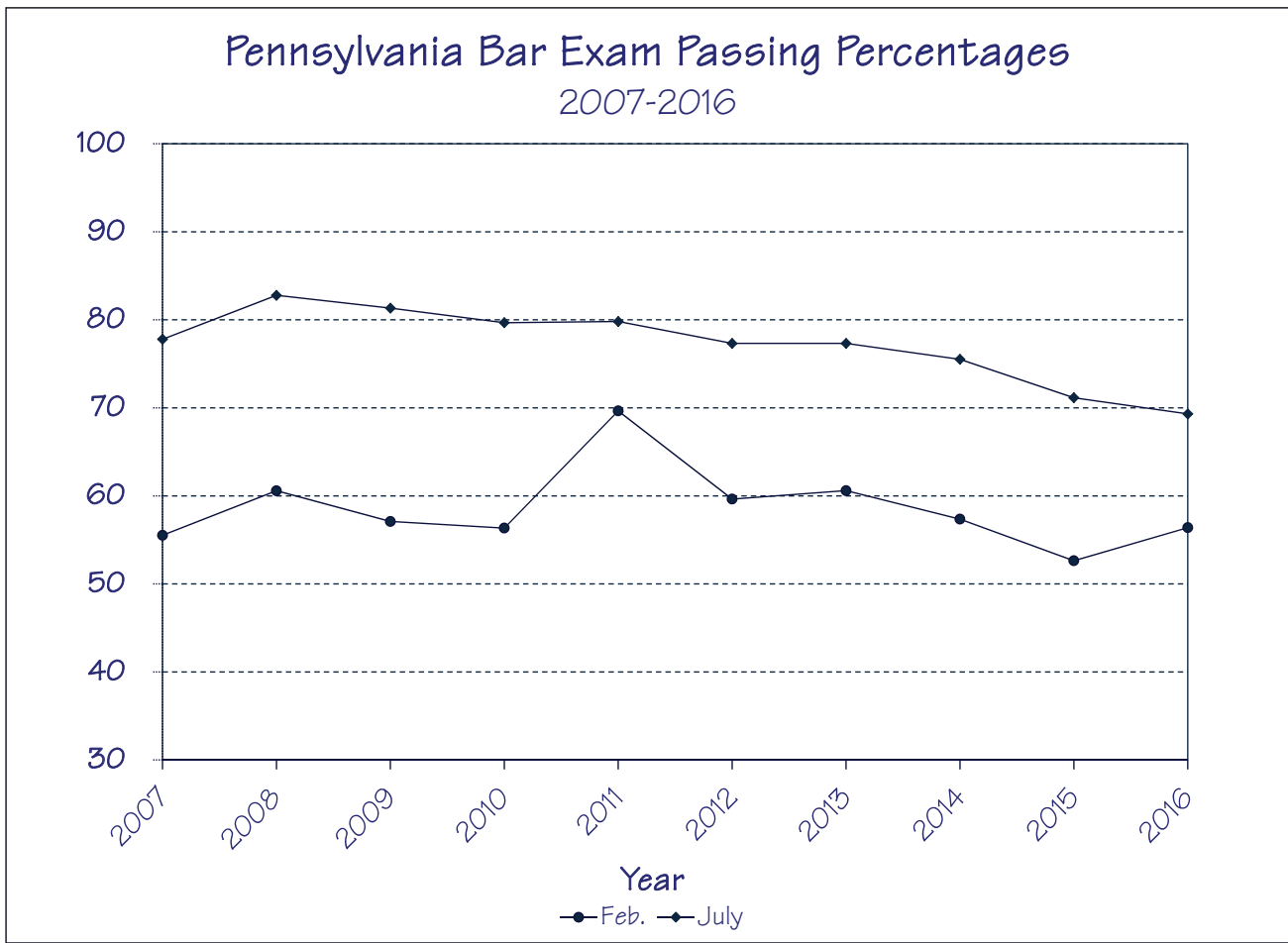


Table 4.1.2



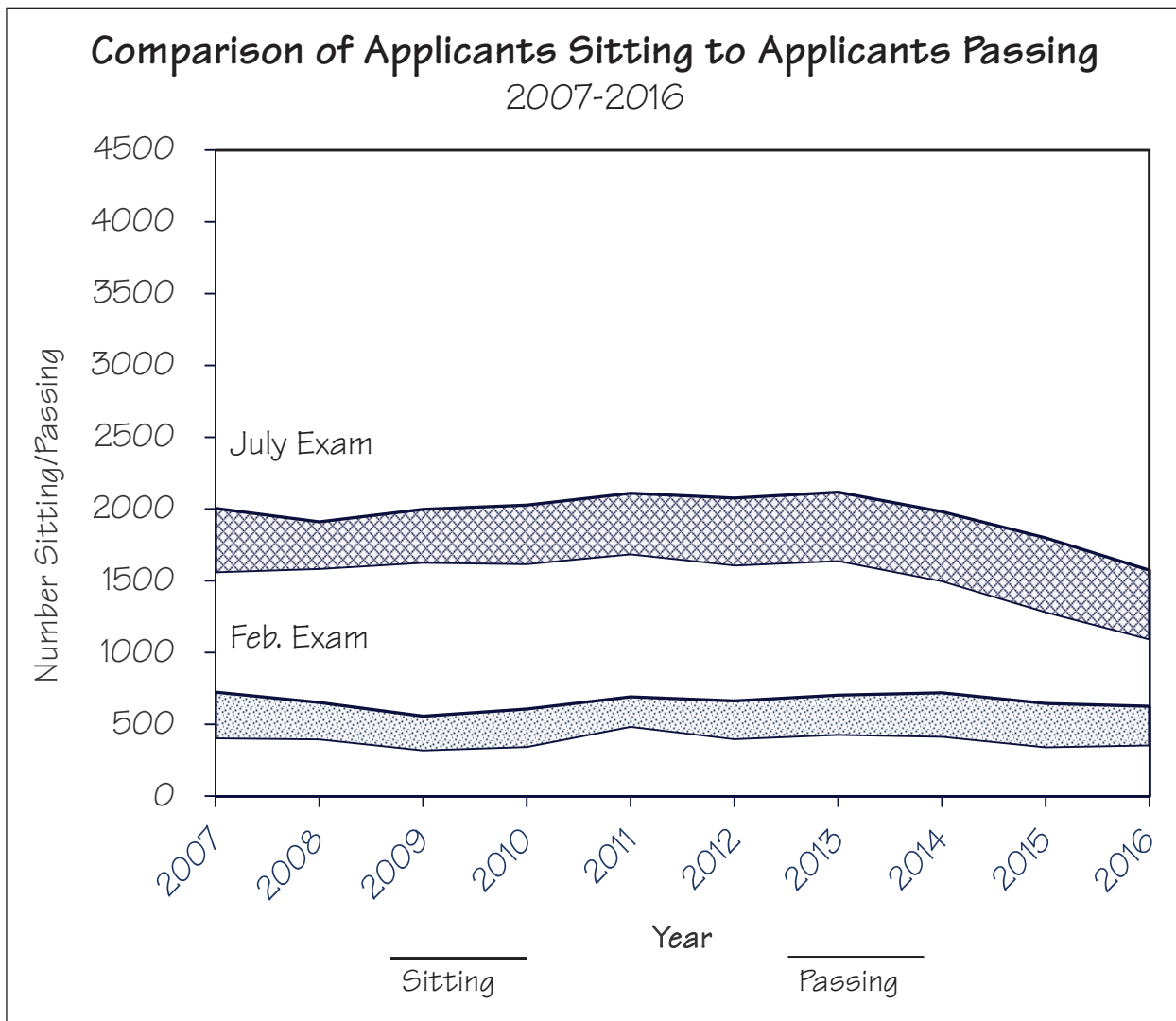


Table 4.1.3



## 2016 Membership

### Civil Jury Instructions Subcommittee

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### Criminal Jury Instructions Subcommittee

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## Staff

Lydia L. Hack, Esq., *Pennsylvania Bar Institute Contact*

## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)

## About the Committee

The committee's mission is to assist the administration of justice in court proceedings by developing pattern jury instructions for use by both the bench and the bar.

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Standard

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## Committee Activities

### Civil Instructions

In 2016 the subcommittee released a supplement to the *Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions*, Fourth Edition. This new supplement introduced three new instructions:

- 6.290: Piercing the Corporate Veil
- 6.300: Officer/Director/Shareholder Participation Liability
- 13.72: Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Cases [Where Insurance Company and Tortfeasor Are Both Named Defendants and There Is No Coverage Issue in the Case]

In addition, the supplement includes revisions to the Products Liability Chapter to reflect the decision in *Tincher v. Omega Flex*.

The subcommittee continues to incorporate revisions based on case law developments, new Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure and new legislation as well as comments from lawyers and judges.

It also continues its plain English objective to make the instructions more understandable to lay jurors.

The subcommittee is committed to updating the instructions every 18 to 24 months.

### Criminal Instructions

In 2016 the subcommittee released the *Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions*, Third Edition. The new edition has some stylistic changes as well as 12 new instructions. A list the new instructions can be found in the table on page 63.

The *Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions* contains hundreds of criminal instructions keyed numerically to the Crimes Code, with many offering alternative language depending on the case facts.

Subcommittee members continually monitor pertinent case law to update the subcommittee notes, which explain the appropriate instruction application, identify relevant case law citations and offer practical guidance.

The subcommittee's ongoing goal is to improve the language of the instructions to ensure both a proper statement of law is conveyed and the instructions are accessible to the jurors applying them. The subcommittee is committed to updating the instructions every 18 to 24 months.

## Purchasing/Commenting on the Instructions

Since 1979 the Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI) has provided both administrative and publishing support for the committee as well as funding.

Project costs are underwritten through the sale of the published suggested standard instructions to the legal community. The instructions may be purchased by visiting the PBI's website at [www.pbi.org](http://www.pbi.org).

Members of the bench and bar are urged to provide their comments and suggestions to the committee. Such comments are of great assistance to the reporters and subcommittee members in their ongoing efforts to ensure that the instructions reflect the current state of the law in Pennsylvania. Comments should be sent to the board's PBI contact, Lydia L. Hack, Esq. at the address listed at the bottom of page 61.

<b>New Criminal Law Instructions</b>	
15.3002	Human Trafficking Offenses: Definitions
15.3011	Trafficking in Individuals
15.3012	Involuntary Servitude
15.3013	Patronizing a Victim of Sexual Servitude
15.3014	Unlawful Conduct Regarding Documents
15.3015	Nonpayment of Wages
15.3018	Defenses to Human Trafficking
15.3131	Unlawful Dissemination of Intimate Image
15.3925	Theft of Secondary Metal
15.5511D.2	Protection of Dogs Used in Law Enforcement—Torturing Certain Dogs
15.6110	Possession of Firearm by a Minor
15.6110.2	Possession of a Firearm with an Altered Manufacturer's Number

**Table 4.2.1**



## 2016 Membership

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## Staff

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## Legal Authorization

Title 204 – Judicial System General Provisions Par V. Professional Ethics and Conduct [204 PA Code C. 82]

Pennsylvania Rules for Continuing Legal Education; No. 99 Supreme Court Rules Doc. No. 1

## About the Board

The Continuing Legal Education Board administers the rules pertaining to continuing legal education (CLE) for attorneys.

The board is comprised of ten active Pennsylvania attorneys. Terms are three years in length, and members may serve two consecutive terms.

**Continuing**

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## Board Information and Compliance Requirements

For information on CLE requirements and board operations, please see the board's website at [www.pacle.org](http://www.pacle.org).

## 2016 Board Actions and Operations Highlights

The board held three meetings in 2016.

Approximately 38,000 accredited courses were offered by more than 2,000 providers.

### *Attorney Compliance*

Lawyer compliance rates with CLE requirements remain high, at 99.8 percent for 2016.

### *Distance Learning*

Lawyers have the option to complete up to six credits per compliance period via distance learning. Currently, 124 providers are approved to offer such programs.

Distance learning accounted for 17.5 percent of the total credits reported in 2016.

### *Criminal Procedure Rule 801*

Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 801 requires that defense attorneys who wish to participate in capital cases complete 18 hours of training relevant to capital representation. In 2016 the board accredited 58 capital counsel training programs, and 449 lawyers met the requirement.

### *Juvenile Court Procedural Rules 182 and 1182*

These rules call for attorneys to complete six CLE credits of approved juvenile justice training every two years in order to remain eligible to provide services as masters in juvenile cases. The CLE Board is accrediting programs that qualify as juvenile training and providing internet search capabilities to locate upcoming approved programs.

### *Bridge the Gap Program*

The Bridge the Gap program assists newly admitted lawyers in making the transition from law student to practitioner. The board coordinates with accredited providers to ensure program availability and low cost. In 2016, 62 presentations were made, and 1,915 lawyers completed the program.

Also in 2016, the board began preliminary discussions and planning to update the program. The updated version will continue the facilitator-led training model, but incorporate current content, modernized delivery approaches and enhanced interaction techniques.



## *Proposed Rule Change*

**Emeritus License:** This license status would allow retired lawyers the option of reactivating with a limited license to practice *pro bono* work with qualifying legal service providers. The board is preparing a final recommendation to present to the Supreme Court for review.

## *PA CLE Providers Conference*

The 2016 Providers Conference was held in June. The topic this year was Meeting the Expectations of Lawyers: CLE for Our Learners & Consumers. Guest presenter Kathy Story spoke on adult learning theory and strategies for developing education for multiple generations and led a group discussion on how course providers engage speakers for their CLE programs.

## *Automated System for Accredited Providers (ASAP)*

The Automated System for Accredited Providers (ASAP) is an internally developed internet-based software that allows for the paperless reporting of provider courses, course attendance and course evaluations. More than 385 accredited providers use the program, and in 2016, 84 percent of credit hours were reported using the program.

## *Online Payments*

The CLE Board allows education providers to file payments online via Automated Clearing House (ACH). In 2016, 175 providers filed payments using this system.

An internally developed program provides an online option for noncompliant lawyers to pay late fees via credit card. Seventy-five percent of compliance payments were made in this manner in 2016.

## *Law Firm Transcript Service*

The board maintains a transcript service for law firms. This program allows designated users to access the compliance statuses of all lawyers in their respective firms. The service is updated daily and includes secure password controls. Currently, 98 law firms participate.

## *PA CLE Mobile*

The PA CLE Mobile app was launched in March. The app allows lawyers to track their CLE on tablets and mobile devices. In addition to compliance tracking and the ability to find upcoming approved CLE, the app will also offer advantages such as push notifications and secure payment options.

### *CLEreg: National Organization for Continuing Legal Education Regulators*

Pennsylvania maintained an active presence in the Organization for Continuing Legal Education Regulators (CLEreg). Dan Levering, a past president (2003) of the association, continues to serve as chair of the Technology Committee and as a member of the Management Committee. Associate Administrator Katey Buggy, also an association past president (2008), continues to serve as chair of the Management Committee and as a member of the Membership Committee.

Two meetings were held in 2016.

### *National Representation*

Dan Levering remained active in the National Association of Continuing Legal Education Regulators. He also presented for the Montana Commission on Continuing Legal Education and National Association of Bar Executives Small Bar Conference.

## 2016 Membership

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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)  
Rule 103, Pa. Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement  
Rule 205(a), Pa. Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement  
Rule 205(c), Pa. Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement

## About the Disciplinary Board

The Disciplinary Board was created by the Supreme Court in 1972 to consider and investigate the conduct of any person subject to the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement (Pa.R.D.E.). continued...

# Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court

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Such persons include:

- any attorney admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania
- any attorney from another jurisdiction specially admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court for a particular proceeding
- any disbarred, suspended or inactive attorney, with respect to violation of any rules committed prior to disbarment, suspension or transfer to inactivity
- any jurist with respect to any violation of rules committed prior to taking office, if the Judicial Conduct Board declines jurisdiction
- any attorney who resumes practice of law with respect to any nonjudicial acts performed while in office as a jurist

Investigations may be initiated by the Disciplinary Board on its own motion or upon complaint from another person. (See Pa.R.D.E. Rules 103, 205(a) and 205 (c)(1)(2).)

## Board Changes

In August 2016 former board secretary Elaine Bixler retired after 38 years of service to the Discipline Board. She served as secretary for 26 of those years. Julia M. Frankston-Morris, Esq. was appointed the new secretary.

At the same time, the board restructured the executive office. The secretary of the board now has oversight of the office of the secretary, board counsel and attorney registration. The director of finance oversees, finance, human resources and technology. The chief disciplinary counsel oversees the office of disciplinary counsel.

## Board Activities

Statistics for 2016 can be found in Table 4.4.1 to the right.

The Disciplinary Board met four times in 2016. The results of the executive sessions can be found in Table 4.4.2 on page 71. Statistics for Joint Petitions for Discipline on Consent for 2016 can be found in Table 4.4.3 on page 72. Hearing Committee statistics are in Table 4.4.4 on page 73. A tabulation of the disciplinary actions taken since the beginning of the board's operations in 1972 is set forth on Table 4.4.5 on page 74. Comparisons of cumulative actions taken and actions taken in 2016 can be found in Chart 4.4.6 on page 76.

<b>2016 Statistics</b>	
Attorneys	64,778*
Change from 2015	0.42%
<small>*This figure does not include 10,576 inactive paid attorneys.</small>	
Complaints filed with board	3,900
Change from 2015	(5.91)%
Pending at start of 2016	1,306
Complaints disposed of	3,667
Total complaints resulting in discipline	240
Total pending at end of 2016	1,539

**Table 4.4.1**

**Rules Committee**

The following rules changes were approved in 2016:

**Pa.R.D.E. 219:** Amendments to assist registering attorneys in determining which funds received by an attorney and belonging to a client or third party must be reported on the registration form. Conforming amendments were made to the Disciplinary Board Rules. Effective 4-16-16.

**Pa.R.D.E. 219:** Amendments to provide for the mandatory electronic annual registration of attorneys, along with an exemption process for good cause shown. Conforming amendments were made to the Disciplinary Board Rules. Effective 5-12-16.

**R.P.C. 1.17:** Amendments to relax requirements on attorneys desiring to sell a law practice and to clarify the responsibility of notification to clients affected by the sale. Effective 10-23-16.

**R.P.C. 1.2:** Amendment to permit attorneys to counsel clients on conduct prohibited by Pennsylvania law, provided the attorneys advise of the legal consequences

under other applicable laws. This rule change was in response to Pennsylvania’s enactment of the Medical Marijuana Act. Effective 11-25-16.

**R.P.C. 3.5:** Amendment alerting lawyers that they should be familiar with the Rules Governing Standards of Conduct for Magisterial District Judges, in addition to the Code of Judicial Conduct. Effective 1-4-17.

<b>2016 Executive Session Results</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adjudications involving formal charges	43
Board referrals to Supreme Court, including report and recommendation for public discipline	36
Oral arguments before three-member panels of board members	10
Recommendations for summary private reprimands, considered by three-member panels	3
Recommendations for summary public reprimands, considered by three-member panels	21
Respondents appearing before three-member panels to receive private reprimands	6
Respondents appearing before three-member panels to receive public reprimands	20
Hearing before one board member for emergency temporary suspension	3
Additional motions of various types before one board member, including, but not limited to motions for deferment, for continuance and to quash subpoenas and applications to terminate probation	34
Approved petitions for reinstatement to active status of attorneys on inactive, retired or administrative suspension status more than three years	96
Petitions for reinstatement to active status of attorneys on inactive, retired or administrative suspension status less than three years	597

**Table 4.4.2**

**R.P.C. 8.2:** Amendment to provide that attorney candidates for judicial office must comply with the applicable provisions of the codes governing the office being sought. Effective 1-4-17.

The Rules Committee also published for comment recommendations for changes to six other rules.

*Finance & Pension Committee*

In January 2016 the committee recommended and the board approved the assessment of an automatic late payment penalty of \$200 on attorneys who fail to complete registration by July 31. A second, nonwaivable late payment penalty of \$200 will be added to the delinquent account of any attorney who fails to complete registration by August 31. The fees are effective with 2016-17 registrations.

2016 Joint Petitions	
Action	Total
Joint Petitions in Support of Discipline on Consent filed	29
Petitions approved	26
Private discipline	4
Public discipline	22
Petitions denied	2
Petitions not yet final as of December 31	1

**Table 4.4.3**

*Education Committee*

The Education Committee designed the program for the board’s educational meeting in July 2016. The theme, Access to Justice, focused on the need for *pro bono* assistance to help meet the needs of those with limited access to legal services.

The Education Committee also designed the program used at the training session and refresher course for all Hearing Committee members, held in October 2016 in Hershey. Board members and staff from the executive office and Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented much of the program. Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers also made a presentation.

## Hearing Committee

Hearing Committee members are ranked based on their experience. Senior members are those who have served either as a member of the Disciplinary Board or a three-year term on a hearing committee that has conducted at least two hearings into formal charges of misconduct. Experienced members are those who have completed at least one full year of service and who have conducted at least one hearing into formal charges of misconduct. New members are those who are either still in their first year of service or have not yet had a full hearing.

A committee must be composed of at least one senior member and one senior or experienced member. A senior member chairs the committee. Only a senior or experienced member may conduct the mandatory prehearing conference.

As of December 31, 2016, 95 senior members, 25 experienced members and 37 new members were serving on a *pro bono* basis to conduct hearings.

Action	Total
Disciplinary hearings	25
Reinstatement hearings	14
Miscellaneous matters	2

Table 4.4.4

## Miscellaneous

Four board members made presentations at the annual meeting of the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards. The council is an organization that provides a means for disciplinary boards to exchange information and ideas relating to the various aspects of disciplinary proceedings.

The members presenting were

- Howell K. Rosenberg, Esq. — I Always Feel Like Somebody’s Watching Me!
- David A. Fitzsimons, Esq. — Attorney Disciplinary Sanctions: Consistent or Disparate? Prosecutors’ Duties: Beyond Brady
- Lawrence M. Kelly, Esq. — Nightmare on Board Street: What to Do When You are Sued
- Andrew J. Trevelise, Esq. — Look into My Crystal Ball: Can We Predict Who’s at Risk?

Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-2016									
Year	Informal Admonition	Private Reprimand	Public Reprimand	Probation	Public Censure	Temporary Suspension	Suspension	Disbarment	Total
1973	37	0		0	0		3	13	43
1974	55	7		0	2		12	4	80
1975	95	8		0	5		12	6	126
1976	81	9		0	8		8	5	111
1977	96	7		2	10		10	13	138
1978	102	14		1	7		13	6	143
1979	121	5		0	6		17	12	161
1980	98	5		0	1		8	12	124
1981	113	4		0	1		17	21	156
1982	156	6		0	2		12	33	209
1983	137	9		0	6		7	24	183
1984	125	21		0	1		7	21	175
1985	123	19		0	3		16	16	177
1986	101	27		0	2		5	29	164
1987	110	17		0	3		10	23	163
1988	106	25		0	0		17	32	180
1989	123	31		0	2		17	18	191
1990	98	26		1	1		18	26	170
1991	115	46		1	4		10	27	203
1992	82	42		7	1		20	38	190
1993	85	30		5	0		12	20	152
1994	75	41		5	1		23	32	177
1995	74	48		7	6		26	35	196
1996	70	31		3	3		37	41	185
1997	106	46		8	3		33	40	236
1998	88	43		5	7		24	33	200
1999	48	26		7	4		23	29	137
2000	45	29		3	0		30	32	139
2001	40	35		10	2		27	31	145
2002	54	32		8	2		29	42	167
2003	58	36		8	1		31	38	172
2004	106	34		20	1		38	37	236
2005	109	26		24	2		51	37	249
2006	77	22		11	4		65	39	218
2007	85	16		6	3		48	25	183
2008	90	25		15	5		45	38	218
2009	62	23		9	4		40	29	167
2010	55	16		8	2		34	45	160
2011	75	19		15	3		49	32	193
2012	56	15	9	11	5		50	36	182

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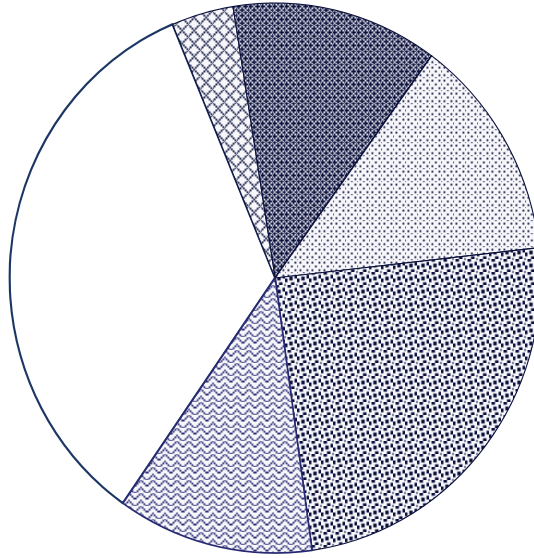


Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-2016, continued									
Year	Informal Admonition	Private Reprimand	Public Reprimand	Probation	Public Censure	Temporary Suspension	Suspension	Disbarment	Total
2013	48	13	9	8	1		32	40	151
2014	76	6	8	10	0		42	46	188
2015	58	10	24	16	2		38	37	185
2016	54	6	20	0	0	21	39	19	159
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>7,482</b>

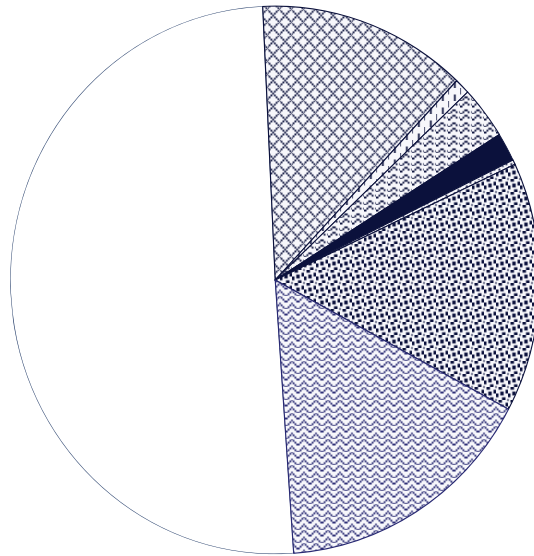
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### Disciplinary Board Actions Comparison

2016



1973-2016



- Informal Admonition    ▨ Private Reprimand    ▩ Public Reprimand    ▧ Probation
- Public Censure    ▤ Temporary Suspension    ▦ Suspension    ▫ Disbarment

Table 4.4.6

## 2016 Membership

Irwin W. Aronson, Esq., *Chair*  
Honorable Jacqueline L. Russell, *Vice Chair\**  
Gretchen L. Kelly, Esq., *Vice Chair\*\**  
Honorable Katherine B. Emery  
Alan M. Feldman, Esq.  
Honorable Kathy M. Manderino\*  
Forest N. Myers, Esq.  
Honorable Ourania Papademetriou  
David S. Posner, Esq.  
Barry M. Simpson, Esq.  
Stella L. Smetanka, Esq.

## Staff

Stephanie Libhart, *Executive Director*

\* Term expired 9-1-16

\*\* Appointed vice chair 9-1-16

## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)  
Rule 1.15, Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct

## About the Board

The Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) program was first established in 1988 as a voluntary means to raise money to provide civil legal services to the poor and disadvantaged of Pennsylvania. With the issue of Supreme Court Order 252, Disciplinary Docket No. 3 on July 17, 1996, this program became mandatory. It is the job of the IOLTA Board to administer the IOLTA and other programs authorized by the Supreme Court, collecting and managing the funds received and awarding grants to nonprofit organizations, law school clinical and internship programs, and pro bono programs.

The IOLTA Board is comprised of nine members appointed by the Supreme Court. Members serve terms of three years and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

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## How the IOLTA Program Works

For information on how the IOLTA program works, please visit the board's website at [www.paiolta.org](http://www.paiolta.org).

## Access to Justice Act

The Access to Justice Act (AJA), part of Act 122 of 2002, provides for a \$10 surcharge to be placed on all civil filings, the recordings of deeds and mortgages and their related filings and on criminal filings where a conviction or guilty plea is obtained. A percentage of this surcharge is placed into the Access to Justice Account for the IOLTA Board to provide grants to civil legal services provided by nonprofit legal aid organizations.

Act 49 of 2009 provides a supplemental filing fee of \$2 on the same courthouse filings as Act 122, excluding traffic citations.

The Act 122 fee is scheduled to sunset on November 1, 2017. The Act 49 fee was made permanent by Act 113 of 2014.

## Homeowner Assistance Settlement Act

Act 70 of 2012, better known as the Homeowner Assistance Settlement Act (HASA), was brought about by the settlement agreement between Pennsylvania's attorney general and the nation's leading mortgage serving companies, over "robo-signing" and other foreclosure and mortgage-servicing abuses. The act allocated to the Access to Justice Account \$337,000 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, for civil legal assistance related to housing issues.

## Loan Repayment Assistance Program

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) was begun by the Supreme Court in 2010 as a means of helping IOLTA-funded legal services organizations recruit and retain the best and brightest attorneys to serve the civil legal needs of poor Pennsylvanians. It provides student loan forgiveness to attorneys employed by agencies that help people who cannot afford legal representation.

The program is administered by the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, a charitable affiliate of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, through a three-year grant from the IOLTA Board. The grant is funded by *pro hac vice* admission fees paid by out-of-state attorneys. The initial grant ended on December 31, 2013. The second three-year grant ended on December 31, 2016, and provided \$1,050,858 in student loan repayment assistance to 149 legal aid attorneys. A third three-year grant in the amount of \$1,715,170 took effect on January 1, 2017.

## **Class Action Residuals**

The Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure provide that not less than 50 percent of funds remaining from class action lawsuits after plaintiffs, attorney fees and expenses have been paid will be allocated to the IOLTA Board to help fund civil legal aid.

Class action disbursements received during fiscal year 2016-17 totaled \$323,680.

## **Bank of America Settlement Funds**

In August 2014 the U.S. Department of Justice announced a \$17 billion settlement with Bank of America related to its involvement in residential mortgage-backed securities and other unlawful conduct that contributed to the national housing/financial crisis. The settlement provided for \$30 million to be distributed to every IOLTA program in the country and U.S. territories for "foreclosure related legal assistance" and "community redevelopment legal services."

In late April 2015, the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board received a settlement check totaling \$852,693. It is using the funds to extend for two years the special mortgage foreclosure-related representation currently funded by HASA revenue.

Pursuant to a separate provision of the settlement agreement, a surplus distribution in the amount of \$12,167,624 was received in April 2016. A smaller residual amount of \$13,441 was received in December 2016. These distribution carry the same restrictions on use as the first.

In the summer of 2016, the board conducted a comprehensive study of the foreclosure crisis in Pennsylvania. As a result of the study, four new grant programs were developed to distribute the restricted funds. The first round of grants will be made in the 2017-18 grant year.

## Fiscal Year 2016-17 Statistics

### Revenues

IOLTA & MJ-IOTA, net	\$ 3,648,697
Access to Justice Act	12,375,282
Attorney Assessment	1,951,405
<i>Pro Hac Vice</i>	681,375
<i>Pro Bono</i> Contributions	16,742
Class Action Residuals	323,680
Homeowner Assistance Settlement Act	337,000
Bank of America Settlement Funds	13,441
Other	297,780
Total	\$19,645,402

### Grants

Legal Service Organizations	\$ 14,208,065
Pennsylvania Law Schools	1,458,000
<i>Pro Bono</i> Grants	39,050
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	429,508
Total	\$16,134,623

The largest grant, \$11,760,373, was awarded to the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, which is an administrative and support organization that oversees a statewide system of legal aid programs.

Table 4.5.1 below shows the distribution of funds since the IOLTA fund became mandatory.

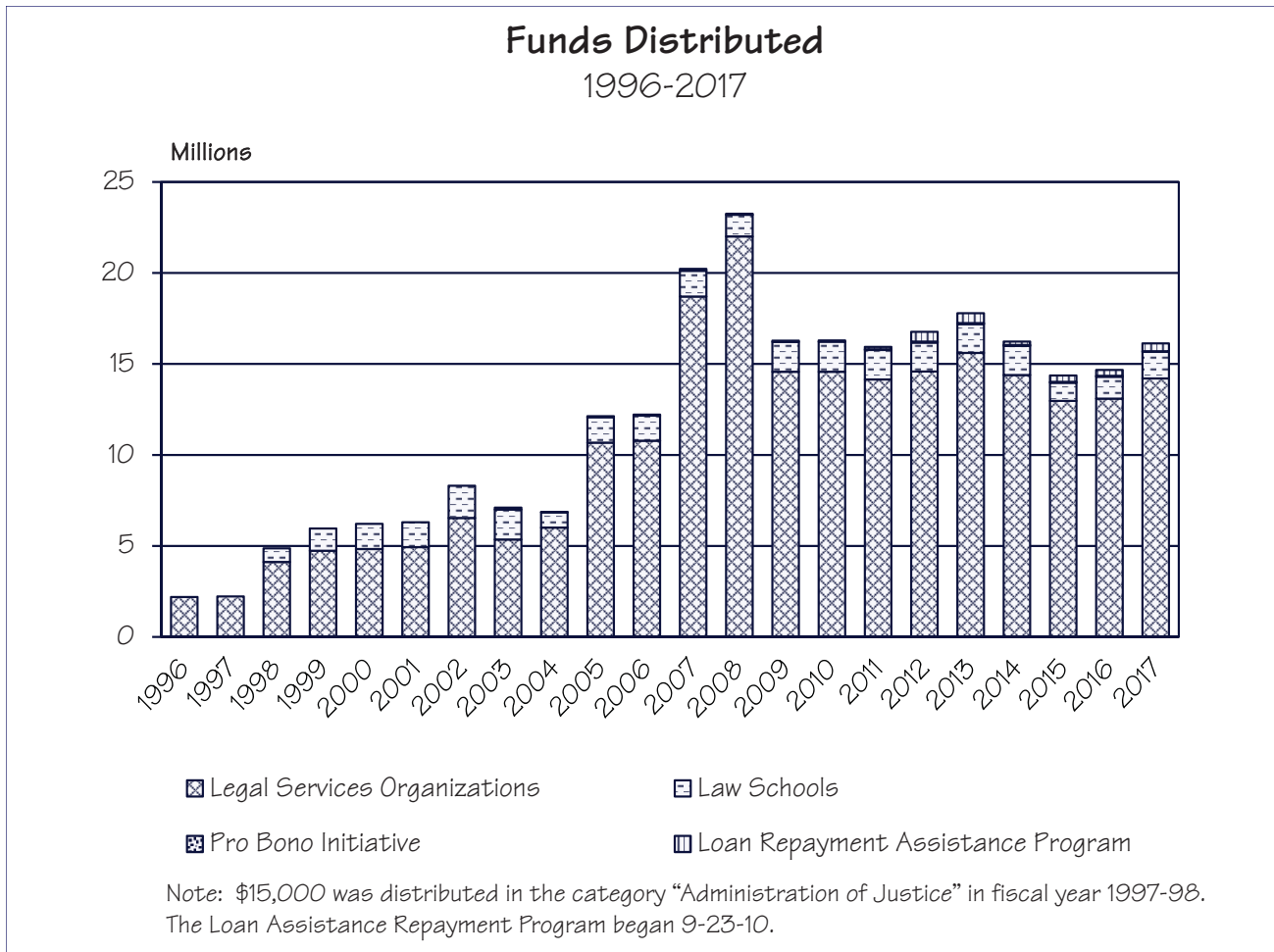


Table 4.5.1





## 2016 Membership

Honorable Fred B. Miller, *Chair*  
Honorable Nathan N. Firestone, *Vice Chair*  
Barbara A. Zemlock, Esq., *Secretary, Treasurer*  
Richard Hammon  
Honorable Henry J. Schireson  
Honorable Denise Snyder Thiel  
Honorable Karen Eisner Zucker

## Staff

Susan M. Davis, *Executive Director*  
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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)  
42 Pa. C.S., § 31  
42 Pa. C.S., § 2131  
42 Pa. C.S., § 3118

## About the Board

Article V, §12 of the Pennsylvania Constitution requires that magisterial district judges (MDJs) and judges of the former Philadelphia Traffic Court either be members of the bar of the Supreme Court or, before taking office, complete a course and pass an examination in the duties of their respective offices. Pennsylvania statute requires that those wishing to serve as Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates also complete a course and pass an exam. It is the responsibility of the Minor Judiciary Education Board (MJEB) to instruct and certify these individuals. The board approves the curriculum, appoints and evaluates instructors, establishes course content, reviews all tests and issues certificates to successful program participants.

In addition, the board conducts one-week continuing education classes for MDJs, judges who served on the Philadelphia Traffic Court but whose terms have not yet expired, arraignment court magistrates and for those individuals who wish to maintain a current certification in one or more of these areas. It also conducts a one-week practicum, or orientation course, for newly elected or appointed MDJs.

The board has seven members, who are appointed by the Supreme Court to three-year terms. Each may serve a maximum of two full terms.

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## Judiciary

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## Board

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## 2016 Curriculum

### *Four-Week Magisterial District Judge Certifying Course*

- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Civil Law and Procedure
- Landlord and Tenant Law
- Rules of Evidence
- Judicial Ethics
- Motor Vehicle Law
- Arrest/Search and Seizure
- Pennsylvania Drug/Device and Cosmetic Act
- Pennsylvania Crimes Code

### *Orientation Course for New Magisterial District Judges*

- Benefits and Nondiscrimination Policy
- District Judge Practices
- Ethics
- Evidence & Search Warrants
- Interpreter Program & *Pro Se* Litigants Limited English Proficiency
- Magisterial District Judge Panel
- MDJS Computer System
- MDJS Reports & Audits
- Office Administration & Management
- Public Access, ADA & AOPC Legal Representation

### *Continuing Education for Magisterial District Judges*

Magisterial district judges must take 32 hours of continuing education per year.

- Animal Cruelty
- AOPC Legal Update
- Autism Awareness
- Bail, Preventative Detention
- Challenge of Social Media
- Child Maltreatment, Animal Cruelty, Domestic Violence
- Civil Update
- Comprehensive Safety Analysis
- Criminal Update
- Ethics
- Illegal Dumping
- Judges Concerned for Judges
- Language Access
- MDJS Update
- Mental Health Assessment
- Motor Vehicle Update

*Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges*

- AOPC Legal Update
- Comprehensive Safety Analysis
- Court Continuity Plan & Safety
- Contempt, Sovereign Citizens
- Ethics
- Evidence
- Language Access in PA Courts
- Meeting the Social Media Challenge
- Traffic Court Administration
- Vehicle Code Update

*Philadelphia Arraignment Court Magistrates*

- AOPC Update
- Bail – Preventative Detention, Sexual Violence Protection Act
- Criminal Law Update
- Defenders’ Association
- District Attorney Association
- Elder Law
- Ethics
- Evidence and Search & Seizure
- Language Access in PA Update
- Meeting the Social Media Challenge
- Protection from Abuse

**2016 Statistics**

MJEB statistics for 2016 can be found in the chart below.

<b>2016 Educational Statistics</b>	
Continuing education to magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	580
Continuing legal education to attorney magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	148
Continuing legal education to former Philadelphia Traffic Court judge now serving in Philadelphia Municipal Court Traffic Division	1
Continuing legal education to Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates	6
Magisterial district judge recertification	7
Continuing legal education to prospective Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates	3
Certification classes to prospective magisterial district judges	71
Number certified	30
Certification classes to prospective Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates	6
Number certified	4

**Table 4.6.1**



## 2016 Membership

Lewis F. Gould Jr., Esq., *Board Chair*  
Daniel I. Booker, Esq., *Vice Chair*  
Stefanie J. Salavantis, Esq., *Treasurer*  
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Robert A. Gleason Jr.  
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## Staff

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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 12  
Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, §501 *et seq.*

## About the Board

The Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security was established by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1982 as a means of helping clients recover some or all losses of money and/or property stolen from them by their attorneys. It is funded by a special annual assessment (\$45 for 2016-17) paid by any attorney admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania. Clients may receive up to \$100,000 for a claim.

The fund is supervised by the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board. This board includes five members of the bar of the Supreme Court and two nonlawyer public members. Each member's term is three years in length, and a member may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

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## Fiscal Year 2016-17 Claims Statistics

Statistics for the 2016-17 fiscal year can be found in Table 4.7.1. Chart 4.7.2 on page 90 is a breakdown of amounts claimed by category. Chart 4.7.3 on page 91 gives comparisons of claims awarded versus claims rejected, both in terms of numbers and dollar amounts. Chart 4.7.4 on page 92 is a comparison of claims awarded, rejected and discontinued, both cumulatively and in 2016-17.

### Claims Categories

**Fiduciary Funds** - Theft of estate funds and trust/escrow funds consistently tops the list of claims filed against attorneys. During FY 2016-17 the fund awarded \$5,377,477 in this category, 88.24 percent of its total award dollars, settling 98 claims.

**Nonperformance\*** - The acceptance of unearned fees or retainers represented the second largest category in which funds were awarded in FY 2016-17, with 154 claimants receiving \$466,535.

\*Since the fund does not arbitrate fee disputes, for an award to be considered when the attorney performed any services of value, the claimant typically must first file a complaint with the local bar association's fee dispute committee. If the committee determines that all or a portion of the fees or retainer paid were not earned, and the attorney does not return the fee, the board will consider this type of claim and categorize the award as nonperformance by the attorney.

**Lawsuit Settlement Proceeds** - Claims of misappropriation of settlement proceeds often occur when an attorney settles a lawsuit without the knowledge or consent of the client. The attorney receives the funds and fails to remit them to the client. Also included in this category are claims involving attorneys who withhold funds from settlement proceeds to pay clients' medical providers and fail to make the payment/s. Claims of \$120,949 settling eight claims were paid in FY 2016-17.

Notwithstanding the award amounts reported, it should be noted that claims are filed against fewer than one percent of all Pennsylvania licensed attorneys.

**Remaining Balance** - The remaining \$129,514 awarded was paid on claims against an attorney acting as a settlement agent, who failed to disburse funds to third parties and to pay off an existing mortgage.

Claims	No.	Amount
Received	151*	\$3,035,633
<i>*7 in excess of \$100,000 limit</i>		
Awarded	274+	6,094,344
<i>+Includes awards made from the 533 cases still pending at the end of FY 2015-16</i>		
Rejected	98	2,460,050
Discontinued	17	1,637,386
Total	389	10,191,780
Pending	292	28,171,718

Note: During FY 2016-17, the board asked the Supreme Court to waive the \$1 million per attorney aggregate cap for a particular group of claims against one attorney. In May 2017 the court agreed and approved a maximum aggregate to this group not to exceed \$4.5 million.

The board decided to pay one-half of each award in December 2017. The remaining half will be made on or about December 1, 2018.

The \$6,094,344 noted above includes the awards that were approved to the claimants in this waiver request.

Table 4.7.1

## 2016-17 Finances

As noted earlier, the special assessment that provides funding for the board was set at \$45 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17. For FY 2017-18, the Supreme Court set the assessment at \$75, some of which was given to the board before the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year. As a result, the board received \$4,611,700 in assessment revenue for FY 2016-17, making the value of the fund at the end of the fiscal year \$10.8 million.

Of this amount, \$6.1 million is committed to pay awards associated with waivers of the \$1 million per attorney aggregate cap (see Table 4.7.1 note), leaving a fund value of approximately \$4.7 million. The pending claims at the end of the FY 2016-17 total \$28,171,718. With the \$100,000 claim cap, the liability to the fund is approximately \$5 million, more than the amount of the fund's uncommitted assets at the end of the fiscal year.

## 2016-17 Activities

### *County Bench, Bar Meetings*

The board met in Hershey, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in FY 2016-17.

As part of its ongoing mission to educate the legal community and Pennsylvania's citizens about the fund, the board holds informational dinners on the eves of its triannual meetings. Invitations are extended to the judiciary, bar leaders and prominent local citizens from the respective counties where the board meets as well as from the surrounding counties.

### *Restitution and Subrogation Efforts*

All fund claimants are required to execute a subrogation agreement prior to the receipt of any award. This agreement assigns the fund the right to collect the award amount. The fund may receive restitution through civil collection efforts or through criminal restitution payments. During FY 2016-17, the fund recovered \$1,167,112 through restitution payments.

### *Mandatory Overdraft Notification*

Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement 221 requires financial institutions to report to the fund all checks drawn on attorney fiduciary accounts which contain insufficient funds. In 2016-17 the fund received 222 overdraft notices. Twelve notices were pending. Of the 234 notices, 187 were reviewed and dismissed, and 35 were referred to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. Twelve notices remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

## Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers

With prior approval of the Supreme Court, the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security may provide funding to nonprofit organizations that assist Pennsylvania lawyers and judges who are impaired by alcohol or drugs. In accordance with this rule, during FY 2016-17 \$346,443 of funding was given to the organization known as Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers. Such assistance complements the fund’s mission to ameliorate losses resulting from attorney dishonesty as oftentimes when an attorney converts client funds, the conduct is related to substance abuse or a gambling addiction. The financial support for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers helps to mitigate the losses by providing a resource for impaired attorneys.

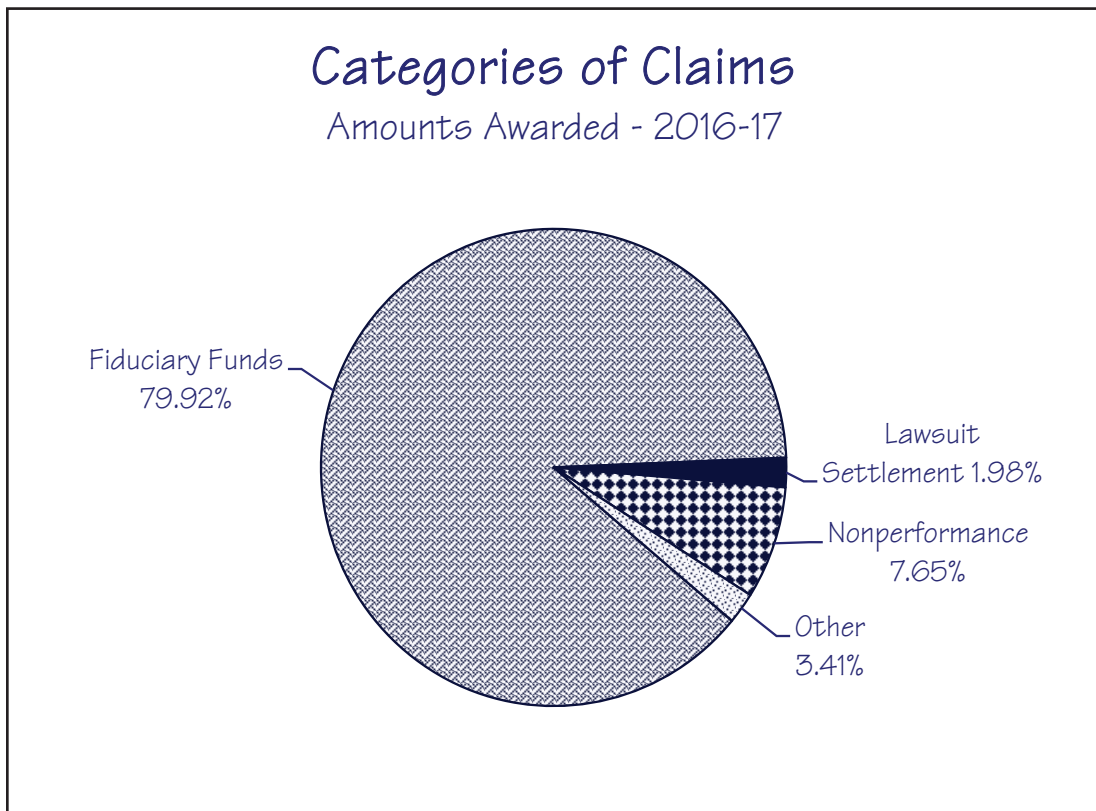


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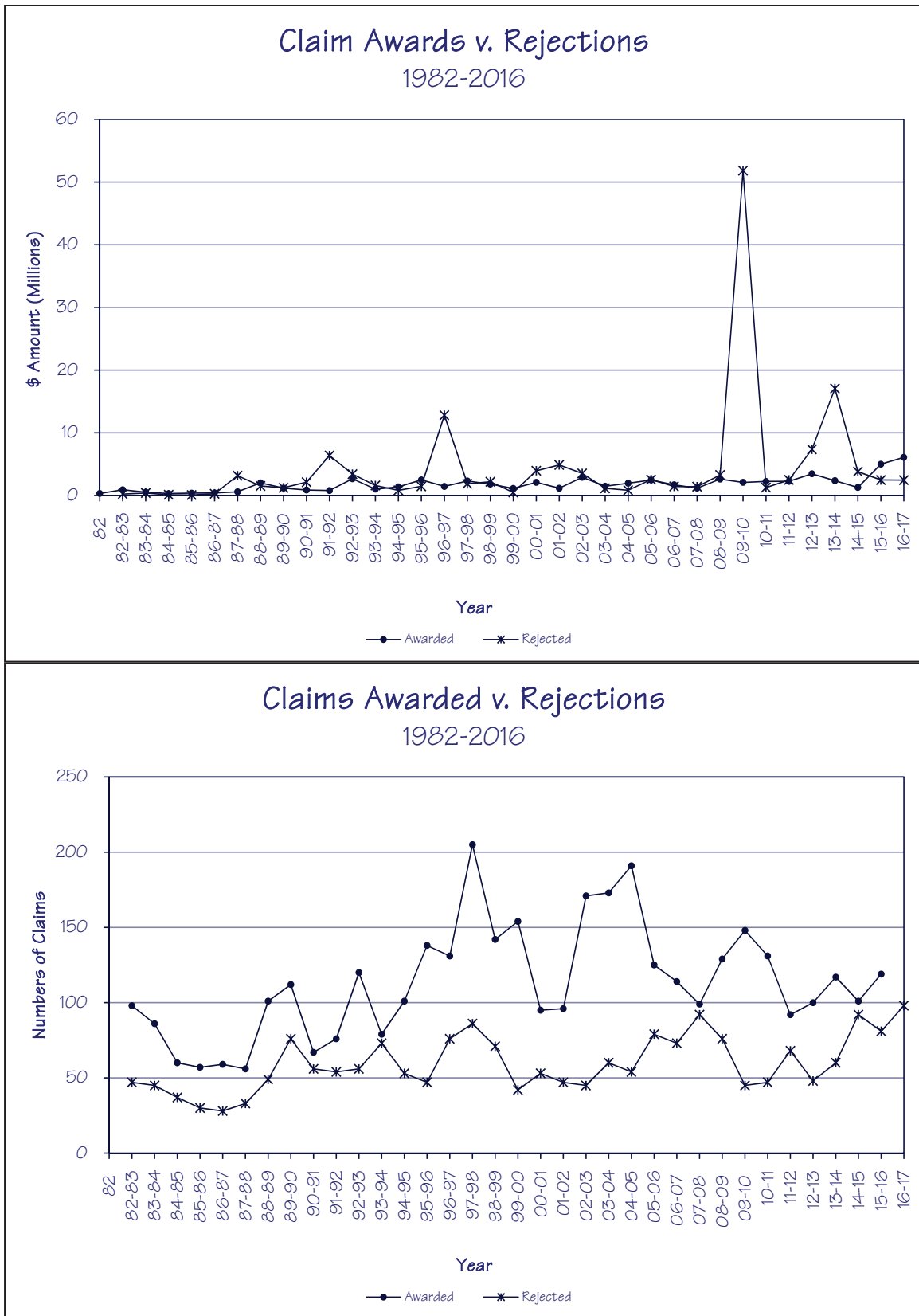
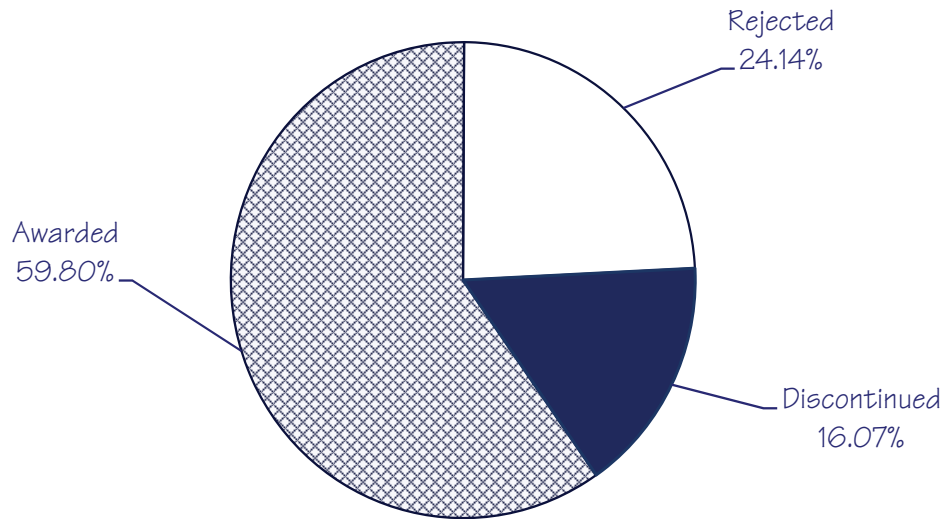


Table 4.7.3

### Comparison of Claim Dispositions

Amounts Awarded - 2016-17



Amounts Awarded - Cumulative

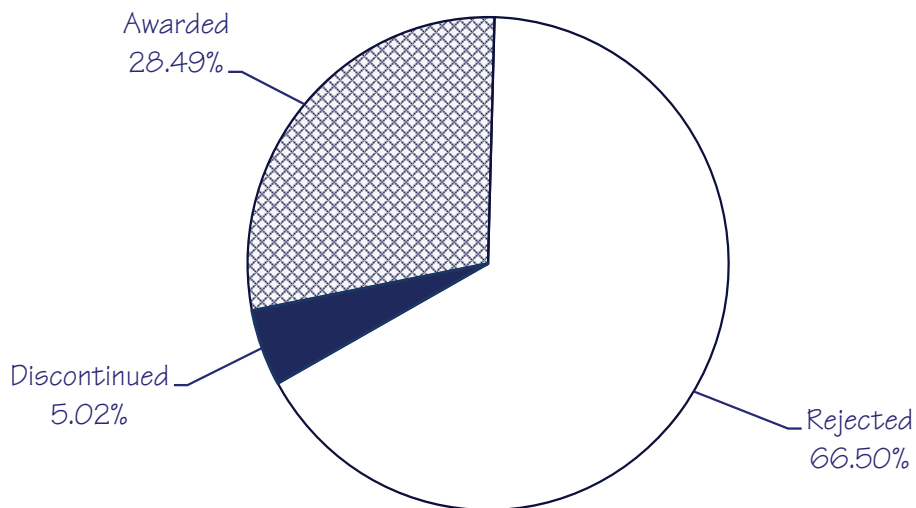


Table 4.7.4

Of the total state government expenditures for fiscal year (FY) 2016-17 administrative costs for the judiciary amounted to slightly more than one-half of one percent. Table 5.1 on page 95 shows the distribution of expenditures across the three branches of government. (With the county reimbursement grants discussed below, the judiciary accounts for approximately 0.55 percent of total state government expenditures.)

Funding for the Unified Judicial System derives from both state and county appropriations. The federal government provides limited funding for specific programs of federal interest, notably the ongoing Court Improvement Program, managed by the AOPC's Office of Children and Families in the Courts. The state pays the salaries for all judicial officers as well as the personnel and operating costs of the entire appellate court system, including the committees of the Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. Table 5.2 on page 96 provides a breakdown of the state appropriations for FY 2016-17.

In FY 2016-17, the judiciary saved almost \$14.6 million through a variety of measures, a reduction of 29 magisterial district judge offices to date since January 2010, contributions toward health care costs and rebidding the prescription drug contract.

## County Reimbursement Program

The Commonwealth also provides reimbursement to the counties for costs incurred in support of the Common Pleas Courts. Counties are reimbursed for 80 percent of juror compensation and travel allowances incurred when a trial or grand jury proceeding lasts longer than three days.

In addition, counties have traditionally been reimbursed for personnel and operating costs associated with the administration of the Courts of Common Pleas. Reimbursement is based on a statutory rate of \$70,000 for each authorized Common Pleas judge position, which, in the case of insufficient funding, must be reduced to the appropriated amount.

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The General Assembly also requires that counties spend an amount at least equal to the reimbursement paid. Sufficient funding was not provided in FY 2016-17 to pay the grant at the statutory rate. As a result, reimbursement was paid at the rate of \$46,094 per authorized judge and \$6,634,427 for Philadelphia.

Counties also receive partial reimbursement for expenses they incur to provide support – facilities and staff services – to assigned Common Pleas senior judges in accordance with Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration (R.J.A.) 701(F). Act 88 of 2001 served as the initial enabling legislation for the Senior Judge Support Reimbursement Grant and was succeeded by Act 37 of 2007. This grant has been provided each year since its inception in FY 2001-02.

Table 5.3 on page 99 identifies the amounts of reimbursement provided to each county, by grant program, for FY 2016-17.

## Local, State Government Revenue

The Unified Judicial System is a source of considerable revenue to local and state government. An example of this revenue can be found in Table 5.4 on page 102, which lists fees collected by the appellate courts, the Minor Judiciary Education Board and the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners. Appropriated by the General Assembly, these fees are used to support state-funded court operations.

Included in the table are revenues from a fee created during FY 2009-10 to supplement and help close shortfalls in state funding. Act 49 of 2009 imposed a temporary, 25-month surcharge beginning December 8, 2009; Act 30 of 2011 extended the fee through December 31, 2014. Acts 113 and 106 of 2014 increased the temporary surcharge from \$10.25 to \$21.25 and further extended authorization through December 31, 2017. In FY 2016-17, \$29.088 million of the Act 49 revenues were used to supplement judiciary state appropriations.

Although exact figures are not available, the court system raises millions of dollars in revenue for local municipalities. Depending on the police department (local or state) from which a citation is issued, a portion of fines collected is disbursed to local political subdivisions after adjudication within the Unified Judicial System. Examples of these fines include traffic violations under the vehicle code, violations of local ordinances and certain violations of summary offenses.

Counties also receive court-collected fines, fees and costs. Fees are generated in connection with the commencement of actions or the filing of liens, appeals and accounts, etc. On an annual basis, the collections amount to tens of millions of dollars. The monies are collected by courts at all levels of the system.

Finally, a portion of the revenues collected by the courts is earmarked for the state. Some of these funds are program specific, e.g., Pennsylvania’s Emergency Medical Fund and the Crime Victims’ Compensation Board. Others are used, through Act 64 of 1987 and Act 59 of 1990, as amended by Act 122 of 2002, to provide funding for the state-wide Judicial Computer System. Still other monies collected, such as motor vehicle fines, revert to state general use.

## Judicial Conduct Board/Court of Judicial Discipline

The Judicial Conduct Board and the Court of Judicial Discipline were established by constitution as independent organizations responsible for their own affairs, including financial matters. Pursuant to Act 56 of 1993, however, their annual budget requests are made as separate line items in the Supreme Court’s request to the General Assembly on behalf of the judicial branch.

<b>Pennsylvania Government FY 2016-17</b>		
<i>General, Special Federal &amp; Other Funds Expenditures</i>		
<b>Branch</b>	<b>\$ Amount (Thousands)</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Executive	79,426,908	99.06
Legislative	312,989	0.39
Judicial	413,529	0.52
Judicial - County Reimbursement for Courts	27,129	0.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,180,555</b>	

Totals shown exclude capital budget.

Note: The governor’s budget showed FY 2016-17 funds available to the judiciary as \$414.596 million. Actual total available funds, with \$29.088 million of Act 49 of 2009 revenues, augmentations of \$6.25 million, \$48 million of restricted receipts and \$228,000 of miscellaneous funds, were \$440.658 million.

Source: FY 2016-17 Governor’s Recommended Budget

**Table 5.1**

<b>Appropriations</b>	
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2016-17</b> (thousands)
Supreme Court*	\$17,150
Justices' Expenses	118
Rules Committees	1,595
Judicial Council	141
Interbranch Commission*	350
Superior Court*	32,377
Judges' Expenses	183
Commonwealth Court	21,192
Judges' Expenses	132
Court Administrator*	11,577
Court Improvement Program** (F)	1,130
Indigent Defense Study+ (F)	320
Pennsylvania Weighted Caseload Project-CP++ (F)	17
STOP Violence Against Women# (F)	370
Drug Court Outcome Evaluation## (F)	300
Pennsylvania Judicial Center*	814
District Court Administrators*	19,657
Office of Elder Justice in the Courts▲	496
Court Management Education	73
Problem-Solving Courts	1,103
Unified Judicial System Security▲▲	2,002
Statewide Judicial Computer System▼ (R)	48,000
Integrated Criminal Justice System	2,372
Courts of Common Pleas*	117,739
Common Pleas Senior Judges*	4,004
Common Pleas Judicial Education	1,247
Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges	62
Magisterial District Judges*	82,802
Magisterial District Judge Education*	744
Philadelphia Municipal Court*	7,794

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Table 5.2

<b>Appropriations, continued</b>	
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2016-17</b> (thousands)
County Court Reimbursement	23,136
Senior Judge Support Reimbursement	1,375
Juror Cost Reimbursement	1,118
County Court Interpreter Grant	1,500
Judicial Conduct Board	2,182
Court of Judicial Discipline	468
State Funds	355,503
(F) Federal Funds	2,137
(R) Restricted Receipts	48,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$405,640</b>
<p>* Collections from Act 49 of 2009 (amended by Act 30 of 2011 and acts 113 and 126 of 2014) generate revenues to supplement state funding among the various judiciary appropriations. In FY 2016-17, \$29.088 million of the Act 49 revenues were drawn to supplement state funding for these 11 appropriations. In accordance with acts 113 and 126, the temporary surcharge extends to December 31, 2017.</p>	
<p>** These federal funds are available under Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a Court Improvement Project involving dependency cases.</p>	
<p>+ The judiciary applied in 2015 to the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for a competitive grant to conduct an indigent defense study in Pennsylvania. Although a state appropriation was provided in FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 in anticipation of receiving those federal funds, the BJA did not award the funds to Pennsylvania.</p>	
<p>++ The Pennsylvania Weighted Caseload Project-CP Judges appropriation consists of \$80,000 from a multi-year federal grant from the State Justice Institute (SJI). The appropriation was made to fund approximately half of the cost of a weighted caseload study by the National Center for State Courts to determine the appropriate statewide Common Pleas Court judge complement. The grant was originally provided in FY 2012-13 and covered the period from 9-17-12 to 9-30-15. The SJI further extended the</p>	
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Table 5.2, cont'd.

### Appropriations, continued

grant to 9-30-17 to allow the remaining \$17,000 balance to be used. Act 1-A of 2017 provides an additional FY 2016-17 appropriation to draw against the federal grant for FY 2016-17 expenses.

- # The STOP Violence Against Women executive authorization provides access to a subgrant of federal funds from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). Each calendar-year grant straddles two fiscal years.
- ## The AOPC was awarded a \$300,000 grant by the Bureau of Justice Assistance in September 2016 to support a three-year statewide evaluation of problem-solving courts.
  - ▲ This new appropriation was provided in FY 2016-17 for the Office of Elder Justice in the Courts, created by the Supreme Court within the AOPC in January 2015.
  - ▲▲ The FY 2016-17 UJS Security appropriation was provided in the form of a continuing appropriation.
  - ▼ The statewide Judicial Computer System (JCS) is funded through a restricted revenue account in accordance with Act 64 of 1987 and Act 59 of 1990 as amended by Act 122 of 2002 and Act 49 of 2009. Funds in the account are appropriated annually and represent the maximum amount the JCS can draw from the account. Although the FY 2016-17 appropriation was \$57.048 million, only \$48 million was withdrawn. These funds were augmented by \$681,180 from miscellaneous revenues, including fees charged to users for information generated by the Magisterial District Judge System, \$2,511,654 from online payment fees and \$97,000 from fees imposed by Act 119 of 1996 (Jen and Dave's Law). The total amount available to the JCS in FY 2016-17 was \$51,289,834.

**Table 5.2, cont'd.**



**County Reimbursements for Courts  
FY 2016-17**

COUNTY	JUROR COST	COUNTY COURT	SENIOR JUDGE	COURT INTERPRETERS	TOTAL
Adams	\$712.34	\$184,376.00	\$2,306.00	\$16,628.00	\$204,022.34
Allegheny	83,300.34	1,982,042.00	193,579.00	15,807.00	2,309,728.84
Armstrong	313.31	92,188.00	1,035.00	0.00	93,536.31
Beaver	7,670.16	322,658.00	10,121.00	3,377.00	343,826.16
Bedford	0.00	92,188.00	0.00	3,368.00	95,556.00
Berks	12,116.07	599,222.00	86,625.00	176,250.00	874,213.07
Blair	1,305.14	230,470.00	7,221.00	1,921.00	240,917.14
Bradford	0.00	92,188.00	7,358.00	162.00	99,708.00
Bucks	23,597.24	599,222.00	57,564.00	81,591.00	761,974.24
Butler	9,625.67	276,564.00	2,139.00	1,310.00	289,638.67
Cambria	2,339.68	230,470.00	20,594.00	983.00	254,386.68
Cameron	0.00	6,453.00	338.00	597.00	7,388.00
Carbon	1,246.21	138,282.00	1,103.00	5,680.00	146,311.21
Centre	14,580.84	184,376.00	8,836.00	26,441.00	234,233.84
Chester	21,554.03	645,316.00	53,330.00	91,557.00	811,777.03
Clarion	6,374.77	46,094.00	3,311.00	116.00	55,895.77
Clearfield	1,982.48	92,188.00	0.00	0.00	94,170.48
Clinton	572.22	92,188.00	5,032.00	1,257.00	99,049.22
Columbia	0.00	72,830.00	2,321.00	1,410.00	76,561.00
Crawford	1,588.89	138,282.00	3,067.00	788.00	143,725.89
Cumberland	7,777.62	276,564.00	33,901.00	35,726.00	353,968.62
Dauphin	30,004.66	460,940.00	15,775.00	68,363.00	575,082.66
Delaware	24,817.82	921,880.00	102,826.00	65,044.00	1,114,567.82
Elk	953.56	39,641.00	2,896.00	258.00	43,748.56
Erie	3,297.12	414,846.00	1,067.00	6,863.00	426,073.12
Fayette	2,085.34	230,470.00	17,001.00	2,399.00	251,955.34
Forest	0.00	14,750.00	284.00	0.00	15,034.00
Franklin	0.00	209,728.00	2,134.00	69,229.00	281,091.00
Fulton	0.00	20,742.00	0.00	0.00	20,742.00
Greene	3,923.58	92,188.00	4,932.00	0.00	101,043.58
Huntingdon	0.00	46,094.00	17,114.00	0.00	63,208.00
Indiana	1,794.73	138,282.00	3,717.00	0.00	143,793.73
Jefferson	326.92	46,094.00	9,859.00	367.00	56,646.92
Juniata	0.00	32,266.00	0.00	2,930.00	35,196.00
Lackawanna	7,553.05	414,846.00	84,293.00	1,244.00	507,936.05
Lancaster	15,103.75	691,410.00	7,471.00	74,896.00	788,880.75

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**Table 5.3**

**County Reimbursements for Courts, continued**  
**FY 2016-17**

COUNTY	JUROR COST	COUNTY COURT	SENIOR JUDGE	COURT INTERPRETERS	TOTAL
Lawrence	2,757.11	184,376.00	19,392.00	1,620.00	208,145.11
Lebanon	318.90	184,376.00	0.00	16,469.00	201,163.90
Lehigh	30,074.69	460,940.00	7,484.00	83,995.00	582,493.69
Luzerne	22,180.82	460,940.00	81,838.00	49,993.00	614,951.82
Lycoming	7,077.73	230,470.00	2,239.00	1,955.00	241,741.73
McKean	2,623.74	92,188.00	10,056.00	707.00	105,574.74
Mercer	3,248.92	184,376.00	1,414.00	541.00	189,579.92
Mifflin	0.00	92,188.00	1,450.00	1,420.00	95,058.00
Monroe	16,976.94	276,564.00	6,280.00	15,447.00	315,297.94
Montgomery	40,582.29	1,060,162.00	100,710.00	78,540.00	1,297,994.29
Montour	0.00	19,359.00	0.00	507.00	19,866.00
Northampton	15,317.02	414,846.00	26,298.00	79,065.00	535,526.02
Northumberland	676.45	138,282.00	12,147.00	2,756.00	153,861.45
Perry	0.00	59,922.00	0.00	492.00	60,414.00
Philadelphia	360,151.44	6,634,346.00	193,579.00	220,418.00	7,408,494.44
Pike	0.00	92,188.00	0.00	3,563.00	95,751.00
Potter	0.00	46,094.00	5,561.00	0.00	51,655.00
Schuylkill	2,651.02	276,564.00	5,548.00	10,807.00	295,570.02
Snyder	65.44	43,328.00	2,617.00	783.00	46,793.44
Somerset	1,615.67	138,282.00	1,157.00	294.00	141,348.67
Sullivan	0.00	8,758.00	0.00	0.00	8,758.00
Susquehanna	371.81	46,094.00	0.00	0.00	46,465.81
Tioga	1,109.60	46,094.00	1,508.00	0.00	48,711.60
Union	0.00	48,861.00	2,356.00	2,916.00	54,133.00
Venango	1,096.00	92,188.00	3,824.00	713.00	97,821.00
Warren	0.00	77,438.00	4,454.00	569.00	82,461.00
Washington	915.13	276,564.00	40,555.00	2,686.00	320,720.13
Wayne	0.00	46,094.00	2,036.00	1,106.00	49,236.00
Westmoreland	5,297.05	507,034.00	21,991.00	2,949.00	537,271.05
Wyoming	0.00	37,336.00	1830.00	92.00	39,258.00
York	6,374.19	691,410.00	49,526.00	127,985.00	875,295.19
To Lapse Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer	310,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	310,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,118,000.00</b>	<b>\$23,136,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,375,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,129,000.00</b>

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Table 5.3, cont'd.

**County Reimbursements for Courts, continued**  
**FY 2016-17**

**FUNDING METHODOLOGIES:**

**Juror Cost** - The grant reimburses counties for 80 percent of the amounts they expend for compensation and travel allowances to jurors participating in a trial or grand jury proceedings after the first three days of service.

**County Court** - The grant provides reimbursement for costs associated with the administration and operation of the Courts of Common Pleas. For FY 2016-17, funding of \$23.136 million was appropriated 34.15 percent less than the amount needed to provide each county but Philadelphia the statutory rate of \$70,000 per authorized Common Pleas position and \$10,075,327 to Philadelphia. Each county's grant was thus reduced 34.15 percent in accordance with Act 37 of 2007. Counties were reimbursed \$46,094 per judge position, and Philadelphia received \$6,634, 427. This was an historical low.

In order to receive the full reimbursement, counties must provide a level of support at least equal to the reimbursement paid per authorized position. Nevertheless, except when required by Act 37 in the case of insufficient funding, no county will receive less than 77.5 percent of the actual reimbursement for court costs provided to it from state funds appropriated for the fiscal year July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981.

**Senior Judge** - The grant provides partial reimbursement for expenses counties incur to provide support - facilities and staff services - to assigned Common Pleas Court senior judges in accordance with Rule of Judicial Administration 701. Facilities include the use of judicial chambers, office equipment and supplies. Staff services include the services of law clerks and secretaries. The use of facilities is reimbursed at the current statutory rate of \$60 per day, billable in half-day increments. Services of a secretary are reimbursed at \$12 per hour and the services of a law clerk at \$20 per hour.

The statutory authorization for this grant, Act 37 of 2007, imposes two caps on county reimbursements. The first limits each county's payment to 20 percent of the total amount appropriated. For calendar year 2016, the payments to Allegheny and Philadelphia were thus reduced to \$275,000. The second cap limits the total county reimbursements to the amount appropriated. For calendar year 2016, the total reimbursement qualifying for payment totaled \$1,953,331, which exceeded the appropriation amount by \$578,331. Accordingly, the grant payment to each county was proportionally reduced by nearly 30 percent, (i.e., each county received approximately 70 percent of its qualified reimbursement) so that the total of all grants did not exceed the appropriation.

**Court Interpreter** - The grant provides funding to partially reimburse counties for the costs of language access services they provide under the counties' language access plans, and as required by state and federal law.

**Table 5.3, cont'd.**

<b>Fees That Support State Operations</b>	
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2016-17</b> (thousands)
Supreme Court	\$372
Pa. Board of Law Examiners	2,139
Superior Court	205
Commonwealth Court	146
Magisterial District Judge Education	29
Court Administrator	38
Judicial Computer System*	3,102
Act 49 Fees**	29,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,119</b>
<p>* Includes revenues collected under Act 119 of 1996 (Jen &amp; Dave's Law). These collections provided \$97,000 to support the "Jen/Dave" functions during FY 2016-17. The remainder was derived from public access fees of \$493,000 levied on nongovernmental users of information captured by the Magisterial District Judge System and online payment fees of \$2,512,000.</p> <p>** Revenues generated by the Act 49 surcharge used to supplement state funding among the various judiciary appropriations during FY 2016-17.</p>	

**Table 5.4**

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES  
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COMMONWEALTH COURT JUDGES  
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SUPERIOR COURT SENIOR JUDGES  
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COMMONWEALTH COURT SENIOR JUDGES  
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COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGES  
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COMMON PLEAS COURT SENIOR JUDGES  
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PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES  
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PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT JUDGES  
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PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT SENIOR JUDGES  
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PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT SENIOR JUDGES  
◆  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES  
◆  
SENIOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

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## Supreme Court Justices

Complement 7

Saylor, Thomas G.  
*Chief Justice*

Eakin, J. Michael\*\*  
Baer, Max  
Todd, Debra  
Stevens, Correale F.\*

Donohue, Christine L.  
Dougherty, Kevin M.  
Wecht, David N.  
Mundy, Sallie Updyke+

\* Term expired 1-3-16

\*\* Resigned 3-15-16

+ Appointed 6-27-16

## Superior Court Judges

Complement 15

Vacancy 2

Gantman, Susan Peikes  
*President Judge*

Ford Elliott, Kate#  
Bender, John T.  
Bowes, Mary Jane  
Panella, Jack A.  
Donohue, Christine L.\*

Ott, Paula Francisco  
Wecht, David N.\*  
Stabile, Victor P.  
Jenkins, Patricia H.\*\*  
Dubow, Alice B.

Shogan, Jacqueline O.  
Lazarus, Anne E.  
Mundy, Sallie Updyke+  
Olson, Judith Ference

Moulton, H. Geoffrey, Jr.++  
Solano, Carl A.++  
Ransom, Lillian Harris++

\* Elected to Supreme Court; resigned  
1-3-16

\*\* Term expired 1-3-16

+ Appointed to Supreme Court  
6-27-16

++ Appointed 6-27-16

# Resigned 2-4-17

## Commonwealth Court Judges

Complement 9

Leavitt, Mary Hannah\*  
*President Judge*

McGinley, Bernard L.\*\*  
Leadbetter, Bonnie Brigance\*\*  
Cohn Jubelirer, Renée  
Simpson, Robert, Jr.  
Brobson, P. Kevin

McCullough, Patricia A.  
Covey, Anne E.  
Wojcik, Michael H.  
Hearthway, Julia K.+  
Cosgrove, Joseph M.+

\* Elected president judge effective  
1-1-16

\*\* Resigned 1-31-16

+ Appointed 6-27-16

**Appellate**

**Court**

**Jurists**

(As of 6-30-17)

**Senior  
Appellate  
Court  
Judges**

**Superior Court Senior Judges**

Fitzgerald, James J., III  
Ford Elliott, Kate#  
Jenkins, Patricia H.+  
Musmanno, John L.  
Platt, William H.\*\*

Stevens, Correale F.++  
Strassburger, Eugene B., III\*

- \* Allegheny County senior Common Pleas Court judge assigned to Superior Court
- \*\* Lehigh County senior Common Pleas Court judge assigned to Superior Court
- + Effective 1-4-16; resigned 12-30-16
- ++ Effective 1-4-16
- # Effective 2-4-17

**Commonwealth Court Senior Judges**

Colins, James Gardner  
Friedman, Rochelle S.#  
Leadbetter, Bonnie Brigance++  
Oler, J. Wesley, Jr.\*\*  
Pellegrini, Dante R.+

Quigley, Keith B.\*

- \* Perry-Juniata counties senior Common Pleas Court judge; sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court
- \*\* Cumberland County senior Common Pleas Court judge; sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court
- + Effective 1-1-16
- ++ Effective 2-1-16
- # Retired 12-31-16



**ADAMS COUNTY (51)**

Complement 4

*George, Michael A.*  
Campbell, Thomas R.  
Kuhn, John D.\*  
Simpson, Christina M.  
Wagner, Shawn C.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY (05)**

Complement 43

*Manning, Jeffrey A.*

Administrative Judges

Cashman, David R.  
Clark, Kim Berkeley  
Folino, Ronald W.  
O'Toole, Lawrence J.

Bicket, Alexander P.  
Bigley, Kelly Eileen  
Borkowski, Edward J.  
Bubash, Cathleen Cawood  
Bush, Eleanor L.

Colville, Robert J.  
Cozza, Paul E.  
De Angelis, Guido A.  
Della Vecchia, Michael A.  
Durkin, Kathleen A.

Eaton, Kim D.  
Evashavik DiLucente, Susan  
Flaherty, Thomas E.  
Hens-Greco, Kathryn M.  
Hertzberg, Alan David

Ignelzi, Philip Anthony  
Klein, Arnold I.  
Lazzara, Beth A.  
Mariani, Anthony M.  
Marmo, Michael F.

McCarthy, Michael E.  
McCrary, Jennifer S.  
McDaniel, Donna Jo  
McGough, Hugh F.  
McVay, John T., Jr.

O'Brien, W. Terrence  
Rangos, Jill E.  
Regan, Daniel D.  
Sasinoski, Kevin G.  
Satler, Jennifer A.

Spurgeon, David L.\*\*  
Todd, Randal B.  
Tranquilli, Mark V.  
Walko, Donald R., Jr.  
Ward, Christine A.

Ward, William F.\*  
Williams, Joseph K., III  
Woodruff, Dwayne D.  
Zottola, John A.

\* Term expired 1-3-16  
\*\* Appointed 6-29-16

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY (33)**

Complement 2  
Vacancy 1

*Valasek, Kenneth G.\**  
*Panchik, James J.\*\**

\* Resigned 1-1-17  
\*\* Appointed president judge effective  
1-2-17

**BEAVER COUNTY (36)**

Complement 7

*McBride, John D.\**  
*Mancini, Richard\*\**  
Fouse, Dale M.  
Knafelc, Harry E.  
Kunselman, Deborah A.

Ross, James J.  
Tesla, Kim

\* Resigned as president judge  
12-31-16  
\*\* Appointed president judge effective  
1-1-17

**Common  
Pleas  
Court  
Judges**

(As of 6-30-17)

(Judicial district listed  
in parentheses)

*(Italics denotes president judge)*

**BEDFORD COUNTY (57)**

Complement 2

*Ling, Thomas S.*  
Livengood, Travis W.

**BERKS COUNTY (23)**

Complement 13

*Yatron, Paul M.*  
Antanavage, A. Joseph\*  
Barrett, Patrick T.  
Bucci, James M.  
Dimitriou Geishauser, Eleni V.

Fudeman, Madelyn S.  
Johnson, M. Theresa  
Keller, Scott D.\*\*  
Koestel, Jill Gehman+  
Lash, Scott E.

Lieberman, Stephen B.\*  
Lillis, James M.  
Parisi, Thomas G.  
Rowley, Timothy J.  
Sprecher, Jeffrey K.

Ullman, Mary Ann

\* Term expired 1-3-16

\*\* Resigned 1-31-16

+ Appointed 6-29-16

**BLAIR COUNTY (24)**

Complement 5

*Kopriva, Jolene Grubb\**  
*Doyle, Elizabeth A.\*\**  
Kagarise, Wade A.  
Milliron, Daniel J.  
Sullivan, Timothy M.

\* Resigned as president judge  
6-30-16

\*\* Appointed president judge effective  
7-1-16

**BRADFORD COUNTY (42)**

Complement 2

*Beirne, Maureen T.*  
Williams, Evan S., III

**BUCKS COUNTY (07)**

Complement 13

*Finley, Jeffrey L.*  
Baldi, Robert O.  
Bateman, Wallace H., Jr.  
Boylan, Rea Behney  
Fritsch, C. Theodore, Jr.

Gibbons, Diane E.  
Gilman, Gary B.  
McGuffin, Brian T.  
McHugh, Raymond F.  
McMaster, James M.

Mellon, Robert J.  
Rubenstein, Alan M.  
Trauger, Jeffrey G.\*

\* Appointed 6-29-16

**BUTLER COUNTY (50)**

Complement 6

*Doerr, Thomas J.*  
Horan, Marilyn J.  
McCune, Timothy F.  
Shaffer, William R.  
Streib, Kelley T.D.

Yeager, S. Michael

**CAMBRIA COUNTY (47)**

Complement 5

*Krumenacker, Norman A., III\**  
Bernstein, Tamara R.  
Fleming, Linda R.  
Kiniry, Patrick T.  
Tulowitzki, David J.

\* Appointed president judge effective  
1-1-16

**CARBON COUNTY (56)**

Complement 3

*Nanovic, Roger N.*  
Matika, Joseph J.  
Serfass, Steven R.

**CENTRE COUNTY (49)**

Complement 4

*Kistler, Thomas King*  
Grine, Jonathan D.  
Lunsford, Bradley P.\*  
Oliver, Katherine V.  
Ruest, Pamela A.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**CHESTER COUNTY (15)**

Complement 14

*Cody, Jacqueline C.*  
Bortner, David F.  
Carmody, Patrick  
Griffith, Edward  
Hall, John L.

MacElree, James P., II  
Mahon, William P.  
Platt, Katherine B.L.  
Royer, Allison Bell  
Sarcione, Anthony A.

Sommer, Jeffrey R.  
Streitel, Phyllis R.  
Tunnell, Mark L.  
Wheatcraft, Ann Marie M.

**CLARION COUNTY (18)**

Complement 1

*Arner, James G.*

**CLEARFIELD COUNTY (46)**

Complement 2

*Ammerman, Fredric J.*  
Cherry, Paul E.

**CLINTON COUNTY (25)**

Complement 2

*Miller, Craig P.*  
Salisbury, Michael F.

**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR COUNTIES (26)**

Complement 2

*James, Thomas A., Jr.*  
Norton, Gary E.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY (30)**

Complement 3

*Vardaro, Anthony J.*  
Spataro, John F.  
Stevens, Mark D.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY (09)**

Complement 6

*Hess, Kevin A.\**  
*Guido, Edward E.\*\**  
Brewbaker, Jessica E.  
Ebert, Merle L., Jr.  
Masland, Albert H.

Peck, Christylee L.  
Placey, Thomas A.

\* Term expired 1-3-16  
\*\* Appointed president judge effective 1-4-16

**DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)**

Complement 10  
Vacancy 2

*Lewis, Richard A.*  
Bratton, Bruce F.+  
Cherry, John F.  
Curcillo, Deborah E.  
Dowling, Andrew H.

Evans, Scott Arthur  
Hoover, Todd A.\*  
Serratelli, Lori K.\*\*  
Tully, William T.  
Turgeon, Jeannine

\* Resigned 6-3-16  
\*\* Appointed 6-29-16  
+ Resigned 8-31-16

**DELAWARE COUNTY (32)**

Complement 20

*Kenney, Chad F., Sr.\**  
*Kelly, Kevin F.\*\**  
Amoroso, Margaret J.  
Angelos, Spiros E.  
Bradley, James P.

Brennan, Mary Alice  
Cappelli, Richard M.  
Capuzzi, John P., Sr.  
Cartisano, Linda A.  
Dozor, Barry C.

Durham, Kathrynann W.  
Fizzano Cannon, Christine  
Green, G. Michael  
Mackrides, William C.  
Mallon, Gregory M.

Nichols, Nathaniel C.  
Nilon, James F., Jr.  
Pagano, George A.  
Pileggi, Dominic F.  
Scanlon, Anthony D.

\* President judge term expired 6-13-17  
\*\* Elected president judge effective 6-14-17

**ELK-CAMERON COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 1

*Masson, Richard A.*

**ERIE COUNTY (06)**

Complement 9  
Vacancy 1

*Trucilla, John J.\**  
Brabender, Daniel J., Jr.  
Cunningham, William R.  
Domitrovich, Stephanie A.  
Garhart, John

Kelly, Elizabeth K.  
Mead, John J.  
Sambroak, Robert A., Jr.\*\*  
Walsh, Joseph M.

\* Elected president judge effective 1-1-16  
\*\* Died 3-13-17

**FAYETTE COUNTY (14)**

Complement 5

*Wagner, John F., Jr.*  
Cordaro, Linda R.  
George, Joseph M., Jr.  
Leskinen, Steve P.  
Vernon, Nancy D.

**FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES (39)**

Complement 5

*Van Horn, Carol L.*  
Krom, Angela R.  
Meyers, Shawn D.  
Sponseller, Todd M.  
Zook, Jeremiah D.

**GREENE COUNTY (13)**

Complement 2  
Vacancy 1

*Toothman, Farley D.*  
Dayich, Louis M.

**HUNTINGDON COUNTY (20)**

Complement 1

*Zanic, George N.*

**INDIANA COUNTY (40)**

Complement 3  
Vacancy 1

*Martin, William J.*  
*Bianco, Thomas M.*  
*Hanna, Carol\**

\* Resigned 6-6-16

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (54)**

Complement 1

*Foradora, John H.*

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY (45)**

Complement 9

*Munley, Thomas J.\**  
*Barrasse, Michael J.\*\**  
*Bisignani Moyle, Margaret A.*  
*Corbett, Patricia*  
*Geroulo, Vito P.*  
  
*Gibbons, James A.*  
*Jarbola, Andrew J., III*  
*Minora, Carmen D.+*  
*Munley, Julia K.++*  
*Nealon, Terrence R.*

\* President judge term expired 1-2-16

\*\* Elected president judge effective 1-3-16

+ Term expired 1-3-16

++ Appointed 6-29-16

**LANCASTER COUNTY (02)**

Complement 15

*Reinaker, Dennis E.*  
*Ashworth, David L.*

*Brown, Leonard G., III*  
*Cullen, James P.*  
*Gorbey, Leslie*

*Hackman, Christopher A.*  
*Hoberg, Jay J.*  
*Knisely, Howard F.*  
*Miller, Margaret C.*  
*Reich, Jeffrey J.*

*Spahn, Merrill M., Jr.*  
*Sponaugle, Thomas B.*  
*Totaro, Donald R.*  
*Workman, David R.*  
*Wright, Jeffery D.*

**LAWRENCE COUNTY (53)**

Complement 4

*Motto, Dominick*  
*Acker, David H.*  
*Cox, J. Craig*  
*Hodge, John W.*

**LEBANON COUNTY (52)**

Complement 4

*Tylwalk, John C.*  
*Charles, Bradford H.*  
*Jones, Charles T., Jr.*  
*Kline, Samuel A.*

**LEHIGH COUNTY (31)**

Complement 10

*Reibman, Edward D.\**  
*Anthony, James T.*  
*Banach, Kelly L.*  
*Dantos, Maria L.*  
*Ford, William E.\*\**

*Johnson, J. Brian*  
*McCarthy Daniel K.+*  
*McGinley, Carol K.*  
*Reichley, Douglas G.*  
*Steinberg, Robert L.*

*Varricchio, Michele A.*

\* Elected to full term as president judge effective 1-6-16

\*\* Resigned 1-3-16

+ Appointed 6-29-16

**LUZERNE COUNTY (11)**

Complement 10

*Hughes, Richard M.*  
*Amesbury, William H.*  
*Burke, Thomas F., Jr.*  
*Gelb, Lesa S.*  
*Lupas, David W.*

*Pierantoni, Fred A., III*  
*Polachek Gartley, Tina*  
*Rogers, Jennifer L.*  
*Sklarosky, Joseph F., Jr.*  
*Vough, Michael T.*

**LYCOMING COUNTY (29)**

Complement 5

*Butts, Nancy L.*  
*Anderson, Dudley N.*  
*Gray, Richard A.*  
*Lovecchio, Marc F.*  
*Reynolds McCoy, Joy*

**MCKEAN COUNTY (48)**

Complement 2

*Pavlock, John H.*  
*Hauser, Christopher G.*

**MERCER COUNTY (35)**

Complement 4

*Dobson, Thomas R.*  
*St. John, Christopher J.*  
*Wallace, Daniel P.*  
*Yeatts, Robert G.*

**MIFFLIN COUNTY (58)**

Complement 2

*Barron, David W.*  
Gingrich, Aaron L.

**MONROE COUNTY (43)**

Complement 6

*Worthington, Margherita Patti*  
Higgins, Stephen M.  
Mark, Jonathan  
Sibum, Jennifer H.  
Williamson, David J.  
  
Zulick, Arthur L.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (38)**

Complement 23  
Vacancy 1

*Furber, William J., Jr.+*  
*DelRicci, Thomas M.++*  
Austin, Cheryl L.  
Barrett, R. Stephen  
Branca, Thomas C.  
  
Carluccio, Carolyn Tornetta  
Carpenter, William R.  
Clifford, Daniel J., III  
Coonahan, Patricia E.  
Daniele, Rhonda Lee  
  
Demchick-Alloy, Wendy  
Eisenberg, Todd D.  
Ferman, Risa Vetri  
Haaz, Richard P.  
Murphy, Lois E.  
  
O'Neill, Steven T.  
Ott, Stanley R.\*  
Page, Garrett D.  
Rogers, Thomas P.  
Silow, Gary S.  
  
Tolliver, Steven C.  
Wall, Kelly C.

Walsh, Joseph P.\*\*  
Weilheimer, Gail A.

- \* Resigned 1-3-16
- \*\* Appointed 6-29-16
- + Resigned 1-1-17
- ++ Elected president judge effective 1-2-17

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (03)**

Complement 9

*Baratta, Stephen G.*  
Beltrami, Anthony S.  
Dally, Craig A.  
Giordano, Emil A.  
Koury, Michael J., Jr.  
  
McFadden, F.P. Kimberly  
Murray, Samuel P.  
Roscioli, Paula A.  
Sletvold, Jennifer R.

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY (08)**

Complement 3

*Saylor, Charles H.\**  
Jones, Hugh A.  
Rosini, Anthony J.\*\*  
Rosini, Paige  
  
\* Appointed president judge effective 1-1-16  
\*\* Term expired 1-3-16

**PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES (41)**

Complement 2

*Morrow, Kathy A.*  
Mummah, Kenneth A.

**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY (01)**

Complement 93  
Vacancy 5

*Woods-Skipper, Sheila A.*

Administrative Judges

Allen, Jacqueline F.++  
Carrafiello, Matthew D.  
Dougherty, Kevin M.\*\*  
Murphy, Margaret Theresa  
  
Anders, Daniel J.  
Anhalt, Diana L.  
Bernstein, Mark I.▲▲  
Bright, Gwendolyn N.  
Brinkley, Genece E.  
  
Bronson, Glenn B.  
Brown, Joan A.#  
Butchart, Ann M.  
Byrd, Sandy L.V.  
Campbell, Giovanni O.  
  
Carpenter, Linda A.  
Ceisler, Ellen H.  
Chen, Ida K.  
Clemons Jones, Lucretia▲  
Cohen, Denis P.  
  
Coleman, Robert P.  
Cooperman, Amanda  
Covington, Roxanne E.  
Coyle, Anne Marie B.  
Cunningham, Charles J., III  
  
DeFino-Nastasi, Rose Marie  
DiClaudio, Scott  
Djerassi, Ramy I.  
Dubow, Alice B.+  
Dumas, Lori A.  
  
Ehrlich, Charles A.  
Erdos, Michael E.  
Fanning, Michael  
Fernandes, Joseph L.  
Fletman, Abbe F.  
  
Foglietta, Angelo J.  
Ford, Holly J.  
Fox, Idee C.  
Furlong, Vincent W.▲  
Glazer, Gary S.  
  
Gordon, Richard J., Jr.  
Gordon, Roger F., Jr.▲  
Grey, Daine A.

**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY,  
continued**

Hill, Glynnis D.  
Irvine, Jonathan Q.

Jackson, Elizabeth  
Johnson, Joel S.  
Johnson, Vincent L.  
Kennedy, Sean  
Lachman, Marlene F.

Lane, Timika R.  
Lynn, James Murray  
Mallios, Christopher P., Jr.  
Massiah-Jackson, Frederica A.  
McCaffery, Daniel D.

McDermott, Barbara A.  
McInerney, Patricia A.  
McLaughlin, Maria C.  
Means, Rayford A.  
Melchiorre, Vincent M.\*

Minehart, Jeffrey P.  
New, Arnold L.  
Nichols, Carolyn H.  
O'Keefe, Joseph Scott  
Olszewski, Walter J.

Overton, George W.  
Palumbo, Frank  
Panepinto, Paul P.▼▼  
Papademetriou, Ourania  
Patrick, Paula A.

Perez, Mia R.  
Powell, Kenneth J., Jr.  
Ransom, Lillian Harris##  
Rau, Lisa M.  
Rebstock, Robert J.

Robins New, Shelley  
Robinson, Rosalyn K.  
Roca, Angeles▼  
Roman, Tracy  
Sarmina, M. Teresa

Sawyer, Stephanie M.  
Schulman, Susan I.  
Scott, Kai N.

Shirdan-Harris, Lisette  
Shreeves-Johns, Karen

Sulman, Daniel R.▲  
Thomas-Street, Sierra L.  
Thompson, Diane R.  
Tsai, Stella M.▲  
Tucker, Leon W.

Woelpper, Donna M.  
Wright, Edward C.  
Wright Padilla, Nina N.  
Younge, John Milton  
Younge, Lyris F.

- \* Term expired 1-3-16;  
reappointed 6-29-16
- \*\* Elected to Supreme Court;  
resigned 1-3-16
- + Elected to Superior Court;  
resigned 1-3-16
- ++ Appointed administrative judge of  
trial division effective 1-29-16
- # Resigned 6-3-16
- ## Appointed to Superior Court  
6-27-16
- ▲ Appointed 6-29-16
- ▲▲ Resigned 9-30-16
- ▼ Removed from office 12-16-16
- ▼▼ Resigned 3-3-17

**PIKE COUNTY (60)**  
Complement 2

*Kameen, Joseph F.*  
Chelak, Gregory H.

**POTTER COUNTY (55)**  
Complement 1

*Minor, Stephen P.B.*

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (21)**  
Complement 6

*Baldwin, William E.*  
Dolbin, Cyrus Palmer  
Domalakes, John E.

Goodman, James P.  
Miller, Charles M.

Russell, Jacqueline L.

**SNYDER-UNION  
COUNTIES (17)**  
Complement 2

*Hudock, Michael T.*  
*Sholley, Michael H.*

**SOMERSET COUNTY (16)**  
Complement 3  
Vacancy 1

*Cascio, John M.\*\**  
*Geary, D. Gregory+*  
Bittner, Scott P.  
Klementik, David C.\*

- \* Term expired 1-3-16
- \*\* Resigned 1-1-17
- + Appointed president judge effective  
1-2-17

**SUSQUEHANNA  
COUNTY (34)**  
Complement 1

*Legg, Jason J.*

**TIOGA COUNTY (04)**  
Complement 1

*Wheeler, George W.*

**VENANGO COUNTY (28)**  
Complement 2

*Lobaugh, Oliver J.*  
Boyer, Robert L.

**WARREN-FOREST  
COUNTIES (37)**

Complement 2

*Skerda, Maureen A.*  
Hammond, Gregory J.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (27)**

Complement 6

*Emery, Katherine B.*  
Costanzo, Valerie S.  
DiSalle, John F.  
Faldowski, Damon J.\*  
Gilman, Gary M.

Lucas, Michael J.

\* Appointed 6-29-16

**WAYNE COUNTY (22)**

Complement 1

*Hamill Raymond L.*

**WESTMORELAND  
COUNTY (10)**

Complement 11

Vacancy 1

*McCormick, Richard E., Jr.*  
Bilik-DeFazio, Meagan A.  
Bononi, Michele G.  
Feliciani, Christopher A.  
Hathaway, Rita Donovan

Krieger, Timothy A.  
Marsili, Anthony G.  
Mears, Scott O.  
Pezze, Debra A.\*  
Scherer, Christian F.

Smail, Harry F., Jr.

\* Died 10-12-16

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN  
COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 1

*Shurtleff, Russell D.*

**YORK COUNTY (19)**

Complement 15

Vacancy 1

*Linebaugh, Stephen P.\**  
*Adams, Joseph C.\*\**  
Bortner, Michael E.  
Cook, Maria Musti  
Fawcett, Christy H.++

Flannelly, Michael W.  
Kennedy, John S.  
Marceca Strong, Andrea  
Menges, N. Christopher  
Ness, Harry M.

Platts, Todd R.  
Prendergast, Kathleen J.++  
Renn, Richard K.  
Snyder, Gregory M.  
Thompson, John W., Jr.+

Trebilcock, Craig T.

\* President judge term expired  
1-1-16; resigned 1-1-17

\*\* Elected president judge effective  
1-2-16

+ Resigned 1-3-16

++ Appointed 6-29-16

**Common  
Pleas  
Court  
Senior  
Judges**

**ADAMS COUNTY**

Bigham, Robert G.\*  
Kuhn, John D.\*\*

\* Effective 1-1-16  
\*\* Effective 1-4-16

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Bigley, Gerard M.  
Friedman, Judith L.A.  
James, Joseph M.  
Kelly, Robert A.  
Lucchino, Frank J.+

Lutty, Paul F., Jr.\*  
Mazur, Lee J.  
Mulligan, Kathleen R.  
Nauhaus, Lester G.  
O'Reilly, Timothy P.

Wettick, R. Stanton, Jr.\*\*

\* Effective 1-1-16  
\*\* Retired 12-31-16  
+ Resigned 12-31-16

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

Nickleach, Joseph A.  
Valasek, Kenneth G.\*

\* Effective 1-2-17

**BEAVER COUNTY**

Dohanich, John P.  
Kwidis, C. Gus\*

\* Effective 1-1-16

**BEDFORD COUNTY**

Howsare, Daniel L.

**BERKS COUNTY**

Boccabella, John A.\*  
Grim, Arthur E.  
Keller, Scott D.+  
Lieberman, Stephen B.\*\*  
Ludgate, Linda K.M.

Schmehl, Peter W.

\* Effective 1-1-16  
\*\* Effective 1-4-16  
+ Effective 2-16-16

**BLAIR COUNTY**

Carpenter, Hiram A., III

**BRADFORD COUNTY**

Smith, Jeffrey A.

**BUCKS COUNTY**

Cepparulo, Albert J.  
Kane, Michael J.  
Rufe, John J.  
Scott, Susan Devlin  
Waite, Clide W.

**CAMBRIA COUNTY**

Creany, Timothy P.\*  
Leahey, Francis J.+  
Long, Gerard\*\*

\* Effective 1-1-16  
\*\* Resigned 5-4-16  
+ Retired 12-31-16

**CARBON COUNTY**

Webb, Richard W.\*

\* Died 8-20-16

(As of 6-30-17)



**CENTER COUNTY**

Grine, David E.

**CHESTER COUNTY**

Gavin, Thomas G.  
Nagle, Ronald C.  
Shenkin, Robert J.  
Smith, Charles B.

**CLINTON COUNTY**

Brown, Carson V.  
Williamson, J. Michael

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Hess, Kevin A.\*\*  
Oler, J. Wesley, Jr.\*

\* Sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court  
\*\* Effective 1-4-16

**DAUPHIN COUNTY**

Clark, Lawrence F., Jr.

**DELAWARE COUNTY**

Burr, Charles B., II  
Coll, Michael F.X.  
Cronin, Joseph P., Jr.\*  
Hazel, Frank T.  
Osborne, Ann A.

\* Resigned 1-1-16

**ERIE COUNTY**

Bozza, John A.  
Connelly, Shad F.\*

DiSantis, Ernest J., Jr.  
Dunlavey, Michael E.

\* Effective 1-1-16

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

Capuzzi, Conrad B.  
Solomon, Gerald R.

**FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES**

Herman, Douglas W.  
Walker, John R.

**GREENE COUNTY**

Grimes, H. Terry\*  
Nalitz, William R.

\* Effective 2-2-16

**HUNTINGDON COUNTY**

Kurtz, Stewart L.

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

Harhut, Chester T.  
Mazzoni, Robert A.\*  
Minora, Carmen D.\*\*

\* Effective 1-1-16

\*\* Effective 1-4-16

**LANCASTER COUNTY**

Farina, Louis J.  
Madenspacher, Joseph C.\*

\* Effective 1-1-16

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

Piccione, Thomas M.\*  
Pratt, Ralph D.

\* Effective 1-1-16

**LEBANON COUNTY**

Eby, Robert J.

**LUZERNE COUNTY**

Augello, Joseph M.  
Mundy, Hugh F.  
Muroski, Chester B.

**LYCOMING COUNTY**

Brown, Kenneth D.  
Kieser, William S.

**MCKEAN COUNTY**

Cleland, John M.

**MERCER COUNTY**

Fornelli, Francis J.  
Reed, John C.

**MIFFLIN COUNTY**

Williams, Rick A.

**MONROE COUNTY**

Cheslock, Jerome P.  
Miller, Linda Wallach  
O'Brien, Peter J.\*

\* Retired 12-31-16

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Bertin, Emanuel A.+  
 Corso, S. Gerald  
 Drayer, Calvin S., Jr.  
 Moore, Bernard A.\*  
 Nicholas, William T.++

Ott, Stanley R.\*\*  
 Smyth, Joseph A., Jr.\*  
 Tilson, Arthur R.

\* Effective 1-1-16  
 \*\* Effective 1-4-16  
 + Effective 6-27-16  
 ++ Retired 12-31-16

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Zito, Leonard M.

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Sacavage, Robert B.  
 Wiest, William Harvey\*

\* Effective 1-1-16; died 5-27-17

**PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES**

Quigley, Keith B.\*

\* Sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court

**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**

Braxton, John L.  
 Cohen, Gene D.++  
 Colins, Mary D.  
 Dembe, Pamela Prior  
 DiNubile, Victor J., Jr.▲

Frazier-Clemons, Brenda  
 Geroff, Steven R.

Herron, John W.  
 Joseph, Barbara A.\*  
 Kafrisen, Arthur S.##

Kane, Harold M.  
 Keogh, D. Webster.  
 Lerner, Benjamin+  
 Lewis, Kathryn S.#  
 Mazzola, William J.

Moss, Sandra Mazer  
 O'Keefe, Joseph D.  
 Pechkurow, Doris A.\*  
 Reynolds, Abram Frank▲  
 Smith, Gregory E.\*\*

Summers, Edward R.  
 Sylvester, Esther R.  
 Tereshko, Allan L.  
 Trent, Earl W., Jr.

\* Effective 1-1-16  
 \*\* Effective 2-16-16  
 + Resigned 3-11-16  
 ++ Effective 6-27-16  
 # Effective 7-19-16  
 ## Effective 9-16-16  
 ▲ Retired 12-31-16

**POTTER COUNTY**

Leete, John B.

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY**

Stine, Dwight M.

**SNYDER-UNION COUNTIES**

Knight, Louise O.  
 Woelfel, Harold F.

**SOMERSET COUNTY**

Cascio, John M.\*\*  
 Fike, Eugene E., II  
 Klementik, David C.\*

\* Effective 1-4-16  
 \*\* Effective 3-16-17

**SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY**

Seamans, Kenneth W.

**VENANGO COUNTY**

White, H. William, Jr.

**WARREN-FOREST COUNTIES**

Millin, Paul H.  
 Morgan, William F.

**WAYNE COUNTY**

Conway, Robert J.\*

\* Retired 12-31-16

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY**

Ackerman, Daniel J.\*  
 Bell, Alfred B.  
 Blahovec, John E.  
 Driscoll, John J.  
 Ober, William J.

\* Resigned 5-9-17

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN COUNTIES**

Vanston, Brendan J.\*

\* Resigned 8-31-16

**YORK COUNTY**

Blackwell, Penny L.\*

Chronister, John H.

Linebaugh, Stephen P.\*\*

\* Resigned 1-2-16

\*\* Effective 1-1-17

**Philadelphia  
Minor  
Court  
Judges**

**Philadelphia  
Municipal Court  
Judges†**

Complement 27  
Vacancy 3

*Neifield, Marsha H.*  
Brady, Frank T.  
Coleman, Martin S.  
DeLeon, James M.  
Deni, Teresa Carr+  
  
Dugan, Patrick F.  
Eubanks, Joyce O.  
Frazier-Lyde, Jacquelyn M.  
Gehret, Thomas F.  
Gilbert, Barbara S.  
  
Gordon, Roger F.\*  
Hayden, Charles  
Hope, Christine  
Jimenez, Nazario, Sr.  
Kosinski, Gerard A.  
  
Lewandowski, Henry, III  
Losier, Sharon W.  
Meehan, William Austin, Jr.  
Moss, Bradley K.  
O'Neill, Joseph J.\*\*  
  
Pew, Wendy L.  
Pittman, Joffie C.  
Sawyer, Stephanie M.\*  
Segal, Dawn A.++  
Shields, T. Francis  
  
Shuter, David C.  
Simmons, Karen Y.  
Washington, Craig M.  
Williams, Marvin L.

\* Term expired 1-3-16  
\*\* Resigned 5-26-16  
+ Resigned 12-2-16  
++ Removed from office 12-16-16

**Philadelphia  
Traffic Court  
Judges†**

Complement 0

Administrative Judge  
Glazer, Gary S.\*

Solomon, Christine

- † Act 17-2013 moved the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Traffic Court (PTC) to the Philadelphia Municipal Court as part of the newly created traffic division, effective 6-19-13. Vacancies on the court were not filled. An amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution to abolish the court passed on 4-26-16. The remaining judge on the court will continue to serve in the traffic division of the Municipal Court until her term expires 12-31-17.
- \* Common Pleas Court judge appointed administrative judge of Traffic Court

## **Philadelphia Municipal Court Senior Judges**

Kirkland, Lydia Y.  
Moore, Jimmie\*  
Robbins, Harvey W.

\* Effective 12-8-16

**Philadelphia  
Municipal  
Court  
Senior  
Judges**

(As of 6-30-17)

## Magisterial

## District

## Judges

### ADAMS COUNTY (51)

Complement 4

Beauchat, Mark D.  
Bowman, Daniel S.  
Harvey, Matthew R.  
Little, Tony J.

### ALLEGHENY COUNTY (05)

Complement 46

Vacancy 2

Arnoni, Ronald A.  
Barton, David J.  
Bengel, Carolyn S.  
Blaschak, Suzanne R.\*  
Butler, Daniel E.+

Caulfield, Thomas P.  
Ceoffe, Anthony M.  
Cercone, Mary Ann  
Cooper, Kevin E., Jr.  
Costa, Ronald N., Sr.

DeLuca, Anthony L.  
Dzvonick, Robert P.  
Eichler, Roxanne S.  
Ford, Robert L.  
Hanley, James J., Jr.

Herbst, Jeffrey L.  
Hoots, Kim M.  
HRomyak, Leonard J.\*  
Joyce, Dennis R.++  
Kaiser, Ralph

King, Richard G.  
Lang, Elissa M.  
Larotonda, Blaise P.  
Martin, Armand A.  
Martini, Randy C.

McGough, Hugh F.\*\*  
McGraw-Desmet, Maureen  
Miller, Thomas G., Jr.  
Mills, Beth S.  
Motznik, James A.

Murray, Mary P.  
Olasz, Richard D., Jr.  
Opiela, Richard G.

Petite, Oscar J., Jr.  
Ravenstahl, Robert P., Jr.

Riazzi, Eugene F.  
Ricciardi, Eugene N.  
Rushing, Derwin D.  
Saveikis, Anthony W.  
Schricker, Scott H.

Smith, Tara L.  
Sosovicka, David J.  
Stephens, Craig C.  
Swan, Thomas T.  
Swearingen, Carla M.

Torkowsky, Thomas R.  
Wagner, William K.  
Zucco, Linda I.  
Zyra, Gary M.\*

\* Term expired 1-3-16

\*\* Elected to Common Pleas Court;  
resigned 1-3-16

+ Appointed 7-13-16

++ Resigned 1-1-17

### ARMSTRONG COUNTY (33)

Complement 4

Vacancy 1

Andring, James A.  
DeComo, J. Gary  
Owen, James H.

### BEAVER COUNTY (36)

Complement 8†-1

Vacancy 1

Finn, Tim  
Hladio, Andrew M.  
Howe, Edward C.  
Livingston, William R., II\*  
Loughner, C. Douglas

Nicholson, Dale F.  
Schafer, Joseph L.  
Swihart, Janet M.

† Magisterial district court 36-1-03  
eliminated 1-1-16 per Supreme  
Court order dated 2-25-13

\* Resigned 11-10-16

(As of 6-30-17)

**BEDFORD COUNTY (57)**

Complement 4

Baker, Brian K.  
Bingham, H. Cyril, Jr.  
Calhoun, Kathy S.  
Osman, Tonya M.

**BERKS COUNTY (23)**

Complement 17  
Vacancy 2

Bagenstose, Kim L.  
Book, Andrea J.  
Dougherty, Timothy M.\*  
Fegley, Sandra L.  
Frederick, Victor M., IV

Gauby, Thomas M., Sr.  
Glass, David E.  
Greth, Gail M.  
Hartman, Michael G.  
Kennedy, Stuart D.

Leonardziak, Michael J.\*\*  
Patton, Dean R.  
Robinson, Alvin B.  
Scott, Kyle L.  
Xavios, Thomas H.

Yoch, David L.  
Young, Ann L.

\* Resigned 5-16-16  
\*\* Resigned 8-3-16

**BLAIR COUNTY (24)**

Complement 6

Aigner, Paula M.  
Auker, Jeffrey P.  
Jackson, Steven D.  
Kelly, Todd F.  
Miller, Fred B.  
Ormsby, Craig E.

**BRADFORD COUNTY (42)**

Complement 4

Clark, Timothy M.  
Shaw, Michael G.  
Wheaton, Fred M.  
Wilcox, Jonathan M.

**BUCKS COUNTY (07)**

Complement 20  
Vacancy 2

Armitage-Smith, Regina M.  
Baranoski, Daniel E.  
Baum, Charles W.  
Benz, William J.  
Burns, Michael J.\*\*

Douple, Mark D.  
Falcone, Joseph P.  
Finello, Daniel J., Jr.  
Gallagher, Michael W.  
Gambardella, Thomas G.

Kelly, John J., Jr.  
Kline, Joanne V.  
Peranteau, Frank W., Sr.  
Petrucci, Michael W.  
Roth, C. Robert\*

Seaman, Jean  
Snow, Maggie  
Vislosky, Jan  
Wagner, Robert L., Jr.  
Waltman, John I.

\* Resigned 1-18-17  
\*\* Died 4-23-17

**BUTLER COUNTY (50)**

Complement 7

Fullerton, William T.  
Haggerty, Sue E.  
Kovach, David T.  
O'Donnell, Kevin P.  
O'Donnell, William S.

Seibel, Wayne D.  
Shaffer, Peter H.\*  
Stoughton, Lewis E.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**CAMBRIA COUNTY (47)**

Complement 8

Barron, John W.  
Creany, Frederick S.  
Decort, Galen F.\*  
Grecek, Leonard J.\*  
Musulin, Michael J.  
Prebish, John J., Jr.  
Price, Kevin J.  
Varner, Rick W.  
Zanghi, Mary Ann  
Zungali, Michael

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**CARBON COUNTY (56)**

Complement 4

Homanko, Joseph D., Sr.  
Kissner, William J.  
Kosciolek, Casimir T.  
Lewis, Edward M.\*  
Schrantz, Eric M.\*\*

\* Resigned 2-3-16  
\*\* Appointed 7-13-16

**CENTRE COUNTY (49)**

Complement 6  
Vacancy 1

Gillette-Walker, Kelley S.  
Jordan, Thomas N.  
Lachman, Steven F.  
Prestia, Carmine W., Jr.  
Sinclair, Allen W.

**CHESTER COUNTY (15)**

Complement 17  
Vacancy 2

Bailey, John R.  
Bruno, Mark A.  
Cabry, Michael J., III  
DeAngelo, James V.\*\*  
Donatelli, Lori Novak

Gill, Nancy A.  
Hines, Gregory V.  
Knapp, Gwenn S.\*  
Koon, Grover E.  
Kraut, William D.

Maisano, Daniel J.\*\*  
Massey, Scott A.  
Michaels, Theodore P., Jr.  
Seavey, Matthew  
Sondergaard, Analisa S.

Tartaglio, Thomas W.  
Valocchi, Jeffrey J.  
Vito, Marian T.

\* Term expired 1-3-16  
\*\* Resigned 1-3-16

**CLARION COUNTY (18)**

Complement 4

Miller, Jeffrey C.  
Quinn, Duane L.  
Schill, Timothy P.  
Turk, Amy Long

**CLEARFIELD COUNTY (46)**

Complement 4

Ford, Patrick N.  
Hawkins, James L.  
Ireland, Richard A.  
Nevling, Jerome M.

**CLINTON COUNTY (25)**

Complement 3

Maggs, John W.  
Mills, Frank P.  
Sanders, Joseph L., III

**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR  
COUNTIES (26)**

Complement 5

Brewer, Douglas D.  
Knecht, Richard W.  
Lawton, Russell L.  
Long, Craig W.  
Shrawder, Marvin K.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY (30)**

Complement 4†-1

Chisholm, William D.\*  
Marwood, Rita J.  
Nicols, Amy L.  
Pendolino, Samuel V.  
Rossi, A. Michael, Jr.\*  
  
Zilhaver, Lincoln S.

† Magisterial district court 30-3-02  
eliminated 1-4-16 per Supreme  
Court order dated 2-25-13

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY (09)**

Complement 10

Adams, Harold Anthony  
Beckley, Elizabeth S.  
Birbeck, Jonathan R.\*\*  
Brewbaker, Jessica E.\*  
Clement, Charles A., Jr.  
  
Cohick, Vivian J.  
Day, Susan K.  
Dougherty, Richard S., Jr.

Fegley, Paul M.  
Martin, Mark W.

Silcox, Kathryn H.

\* Elected to Common Pleas Court;  
resigned 1-3-16  
\*\* Appointed 7-13-16

**DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)**

Complement 15

Johnson, Gregory D.  
Judy, David H.  
Lenker, James A.  
Lenker, Kenneth A.  
Lindsey, Joseph S.

Margerum, Rebecca Jo  
McKnight, Sonya M.  
O'Leary, David F.\*  
Pelino, Dominic A.  
Pianka, Barbara

Smith, Michael John  
Wenner, William C.  
Witmer, Lowell A.  
Zozos, George A.  
Zozos, Paul T.

\* Appointed 7-13-16

**DELAWARE COUNTY (32)**

Complement 30†-2

Berardocco, Ann  
Burke, Robert R.  
D'Agostino, Robert M.  
Davis, Wilden H.  
Gallagher, Vincent D., Jr.

Griffin, David R.  
Holefelder, Diane M.  
Hunter, Leon, III  
Karapalides, Harry J.  
Krull, Deborah A.

Lacianca, Elisa C.  
Lang, David Hamilton  
Lippart, Jack D.



**DELAWARE COUNTY,  
continued**

Lippincott, Nicholas S.  
Loftus, Gregory J.

Mattox, Christopher R.  
McCray, C. Walter, III\*  
Merkins, James J.  
Micozzie-Aguirre, Kelly A.  
Puppio, Andrea E.

Radano, Robert J.  
Roberts, Wendy B.  
Sandone, Steven A.  
Seaton, Spencer B., Jr.  
Strohl, Walter A.

Tenaglia, Leonard V.  
Tozer, Peter P.  
Turner, Philip S., Jr.  
Vann, Dawn L.  
Williams, Will Keith

† Magisterial district court 32-2-41  
eliminated 1-1-16 per Supreme  
Court amended order dated  
12-22-14; magisterial district court  
32-1-26 eliminated 1-1-17 per  
Supreme Court order dated 2-26-16  
\* Resigned 5-31-17

**ELK-CAMERON  
COUNTIES (59)**  
Complement 3

Brown, Barry D., II  
Jacob, Mark S.  
Martin, James L.

**ERIE COUNTY (06)**  
Complement 13†-2

Bizzarro, Paul A.  
Carney, Thomas  
DiPaolo, Dominick D.  
Hammer, Scott B.  
Krahe, Mark R.

Mack, Suzanne C.  
MacKendrick, Christopher K.  
Manzi, Paul  
McGowan, Brian M.  
Nichols, Brenda A.  
Robie, Thomas C.\*  
Southwick, Carol L.\*\*  
Strohmeier, Susan D.  
Stuck-Lewis, Denise M.  
Urbaniak, Paul G.

† Magisterial district courts 06-2-01  
and 06 3-04 eliminated 1-3-16  
per Supreme Court order dated  
12-3-14  
\* Resigned 1-3-16  
\*\* Office eliminated; term expired  
1-3-16

**FAYETTE COUNTY (14)**  
Complement 7

Abraham, Randy S.\*  
Defino, Michael J., Jr.  
Dennis, Wendy D.  
Haggerty, Ronald J., Jr.  
Jeffries, Jennifer L.  
Kasunic, Richard A., II  
Metros, Michael M.  
Shimshock, Daniel C.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**FRANKLIN-FULTON  
COUNTIES (39)**  
Complement 10

Cunningham, Duane K.  
Eyer, Jody C.  
Heming, Tamela M.  
Horne, Devin C.  
Manns, Glenn K.  
Mellott, Wendy Richards  
Pentz, Larry G.  
Plum, David L.  
Rock, Kelly L.  
Williams, Todd R.

**GREENE COUNTY (13)**  
Complement 3  
Vacancy 1

Bates, D. Glenn  
Dayich, Louis M.\*  
Watson, Leroy W.

\* Elected to Common Pleas Court;  
resigned 1-3-16

**HUNTINGDON COUNTY (20)**  
Complement 3  
Vacancy 1

Gummo, Douglas L.  
Jamison, Mary G.\*  
Wilt, Richard S.

\* Resigned 4-2-17

**INDIANA COUNTY (40)**  
Complement 4

Haberl, Guy B.  
Rega, Jennifer J.  
Steffee, Susanne V.  
Thachik, George M.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (54)**  
Complement 3

Bazylak, Gregory M.  
Chambers, Douglas R.  
Inzana, David B.

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY (45)**  
Complement 10  
Vacancy 1

Corbett, Joanne P.  
Farrell, Alyce M.  
Gallagher, Terrence V.  
Giglio, Theodore J.  
Keeler, Paul  
McGraw, Sean P.  
Mercuri, John J.\*

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY,  
continued**

Pesota, John P.  
Turlip, Laura M.  
Ware, Paul J.

\* Resigned 1-3-16

**LANCASTER COUNTY (02)**

Complement 19  
Vacancy 1

Albert, Scott E.  
Benner, William E., Jr.  
Bixler, Miles K.  
Chudzik, Brian E.  
Commins, B. Denise

Duncan, Jayne F.  
Hamill, Nancy G.  
Hartman, Rodney H.  
Herman, Robert A., Jr.\*  
Jimenez, Janice

Keller, Joshua R.  
Miller, David P.  
Mylin, Stuart J.  
Roth, Bruce A.  
Russell, Tony S.

Sheller, Raymond S.  
Sponaugle, Mary Mongiovi  
Stoltzfus, Isaac H.\*  
Tobin, Edward A.  
Witkonis, Adam J.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**LAWRENCE COUNTY (53)**

Complement 5

Amodie, Melissa A.  
Cartwright, Jerry G., Jr.  
McGrath, Scott  
Nicholson, Jennifer L.  
Rishel, David B.

**LEBANON COUNTY (52)**

Complement 6

Capello, Thomas M.  
Dissinger, Maria M.  
Ditzler, John W.  
Garver, Carl R.  
Smith, Michael D.\*

Verna, Anthony J.  
Wolfe, Kim R.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**LEHIGH COUNTY (31)**

Complement 14  
Vacancy 1

Beck, Rodney R.  
Butler, Donna R.  
D'Amore, Michael D.  
Devine, Karen C.  
Engler, Patricia M.

Faulkner, Michael J.  
Halal, Robert C.\*  
Hammond, Jacob E.  
Howells, David M., Jr.  
Manescu, Ronald S.

Maura, Wayne  
Pochron, Michael J.  
Santiago, Rashid O.  
Trexler, Daniel C.

\* Died 6-5-17

**LUZERNE COUNTY (11)**

Complement 16  
Vacancy 2

Barilla, David A.  
Carmody, Joseph J.  
Cronauer, Richard J.  
Dixon, James M.  
Dotzel, Michael G.

Halesey, Joseph A.  
Hasay, John E.  
Kane, Martin R.\*

Kokura Kravitz, Alexandra C.  
Malast, Diana\*

Malloy, Thomas F.  
O'Donnell, Daniel  
Roberts, Paul J.+  
Spagnuolo, Joseph D., Jr.  
Swank, Ronald W.\*\*

Tupper, James E.  
Whittaker, Donald L.  
Zola, Joseph D.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

\*\* Resigned 1-3-16

+ Resigned 1-1-17

**LYCOMING COUNTY (29)**

Complement 6

Carn, James G.\*  
Frey, Christian D.  
Kemp, Jon E.  
Lepley, Jerry C.  
Page, Allen P., III

Sortman, James H.\*  
Solomon, William C.  
Whiteman, Gary A.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**MCKEAN COUNTY (48)**

Complement 4

Cerccone, Dominic A., Jr.  
Engman, David R.  
Luther, Richard W., Jr.  
Todd, William K.

**MERCER COUNTY (35)**

Complement 5  
Vacancy 1

Antos, Ronald E.  
Arthur, Brian R.  
Hinch, Lorinda L.\*

**MERCER COUNTY, continued**

McEwen, Daniel Neil  
Songer, Dennis M.

\* Resigned 1-5-17

**MIFFLIN COUNTY (58)**

Complement 3

Gingrich, Aaron L.\*  
Hunter, Tammy L.\*  
Miller, Jack E.  
Reed, Jonathan W.  
Smith, Kent A.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**MONROE COUNTY (43)**

Complement 10

Anzini, Kristina  
Claypool, Richard S.  
Fluegel, Anthony D.  
Germano, Brian R.  
Higgins, C. Daniel, Jr.

Krawitz, JoLana  
Mancuso, Colleen  
Muth, Michael R.  
Olsen, Thomas E.  
Riley, Phillip R.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (38)**

Complement 30

Augustine, Albert J.  
Bernhardt, Francis J., III  
Borek, Harold D.\*  
Casillo, Ester J.  
Cerski, Christopher J.

Duffy, Andrea D.  
Friedenberg, Jay S.  
Gadzicki, Walter F., Jr.  
Gallagher, James P.  
Hummel Fried, Catherine M.

Hunsicker-Fleischer,  
Margaret A.  
Kelly Rebar, Cathleen  
Kessler, John D.  
Kropp, Edward C., Sr.  
Lawrence, Francis J., Jr.

Leo, Paul N.  
Levine, Edward J.  
Lukens, Deborah A.  
Maruszczak, William I.  
McGill Magid, Katherine E.

McHugh Casey, Elizabeth A.  
Nesbitt, Harry J., III  
Palladino, Scott T.  
Price, Juanita A.  
Quinn, Michael P.

Saylor, Maurice H.  
Schireson, Henry J.  
Scott, Gregory  
Sobeck, Robert M.  
Valentine, Kathleen M.\*

Zaffarano, Patricia A.  
Zucker, Karen Eisner

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (03)**

Complement 15

Vacancy 2

Broscius, Patricia C.  
Capobianco, John C.  
Corpora, Daniel G.  
Grifo, Antonia  
Hawke, Robert A.

Manwaring, Roy A.  
Matos Gonzalez, Nancy  
Narlesky, James J.  
Schlegel, Douglas H., Sr.  
Taschner, Jacqueline M.

Tidd, David W.\*\*  
Yetter, Richard H., III  
Zito, Alicia R.\*

\* Appointed 7-13-16

\*\* Resigned 7-25-16

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY (08)**

Complement 4

Vacancy 1

Apfelbaum, Benjamin J.  
Diehl, Michael I.  
Gembic, John  
Jones, Hugh A.\*

\* Elected to Common Pleas Court;  
resigned 1-3-16

**PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES (41)**

Complement 5

Frownfelter, Elizabeth R.  
Leister, Jacqueline T.  
Lyter, Barbara M.  
McGuire, Daniel R.L.  
Schechterly, Michael E.

**PIKE COUNTY (60)**

Complement 4

Cooper, Alan B.  
Fischer, Deborah  
Menditto, Paul D.  
Muir, Shannon L.

**POTTER COUNTY (55)**

Complement 3

Easton, Annette L.  
McCleaff, Kari A.  
Weiss, Delores G.

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (21)**

Complement 7

Bayer, Stephen J.  
Ferrier, James R.  
Hale, Christina E.  
Kilker, Anthony J.  
Plachko, David A.

Reiley, James K.  
Rossi, David J.

**SNYDER-UNION  
COUNTIES (17)**

Complement 4

Armbruster, Leo S.  
Hackenberg, Lori R.  
Mensch, Jeffrey L.  
Reed, John H.

**SOMERSET COUNTY (16)**

Complement 5

Bell, Douglas McCall  
Johnson, Kenneth W.  
Mankamyer, Susan  
Seeger, William E.  
Stevanus, Sandra L.

**SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY (34)**

Complement 3

Brainard, Suzanne M.  
Cordner, Jodi L.  
Hollister, Jeffrey L.

**TIOGA COUNTY (04)**

Complement 3

Carlson, James E.  
Edgcomb, James R.  
Repard, Robert L.

**VENANGO COUNTY (28)**

Complement 3

Fish, Andrew F.  
Kirtland, Matthew T.  
Lowrey, Patrick E.

**WARREN-FOREST  
COUNTIES (37)**

Complement 4

Bauer, Laura S.  
Carlson, Glenn S.  
Miller, Daniel L.  
Woodin, Todd A.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (27)**

Complement 11

Ellis, James C.  
Havelka, Gary H.  
Hopkins, Larry W.  
Kanalos, Joshua P.  
Mark, David W.

McDonald, Traci L.  
Redlinger, Robert W.  
Thompson, Curtis L.  
Ward, Ethan T.  
Weller, Jay H.

Wilson, Mark A.

**WAYNE COUNTY (22)**

Complement 3

Carney, Bonnie L.  
Edwards, Ronald J.  
Mikulak, Theodore J.\*  
Myers, Linus H.

\* Term expired 1-3-16

**WESTMORELAND  
COUNTY (10)**

Complement 17

Vacancy 1

Albert, James E.+  
Bilik, Mark J.  
Bompiani, Louis A., II  
Buczak, Jason  
Christner, Charles M., Jr.

Conway, Charles R.  
Dalfonso, Joseph A.  
DeMarchis, Joseph R.  
Eckels, Roger F.  
Gongaware, Wayne B.\*\*

Kistler, Helen M.  
Mahady, Michael R.  
Mansour, Mark S.  
Moore, Charles D.  
Pallone, Frank J., Jr.

Peck-Yakopec, Cheryl J.  
Thiel, Denise Snyder  
Weimer, Douglas R., Jr.\*

\* Resigned 6-3-16

\*\* Appointed 7-13-16

+ Resigned 7-31-16

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN  
COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 3†-1

Plummer, David K.  
Smith, Carl W., Jr.  
Vandine, Jennifer Y.

† Magisterial district court 44-3-04  
eliminated 1-1-16 per Supreme  
Court order dated 2-27-13

**YORK COUNTY (19)**

Complement 19

Vacancy 1

Albright, Keith L.  
Bloss, Barry L., Jr.  
Dubs, Dwayne

**YORK COUNTY, continued**

Eckenrode, Robert A.  
Eshbach, David C.

Fishel, John H.  
Groom, Walter R.\*  
Gross, Scott J.  
Haskell, Ronald J., Jr.  
Joy, Jeff S.\*\*

Laird, Scott E.  
Manifold, Laura S.  
Miner, James S.  
Morgan, James S.  
Oberdorf, Jeffrey L.  
Olwert, John R.\*  
Patton Clancey, Jennifer J.

Reilly, Thomas J.  
Thomas, Richard T.  
Toluba, Joel N.

Williams, Linda Lou

\* Term expired 1-3-16

\*\* Resigned 4-28-16

**Magisterial  
District  
Senior  
Judges**

**ADAMS COUNTY**

Zepp, John C., III

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Barner, Robert L.  
Bova, John Norman  
Brletic, Thomas S.  
Capolupo, Pat A.  
Conroy, Eileen M.++

Firestone, Nathan N.  
HRomyak, Leonard J.\*  
Joyce, Dennis R.#  
Tibbs, Edward A.  
Welsh, Regis C., Jr.

Zielmanski, Eugene L.  
Zoller, Richard H.+  
Zyra, Gary M.\*\*

- \* Effective 1-4-16
- \*\* Effective 2-3-16
- + Died 4-5-16
- ++ Effective 5-19-16
- # Effective 1-2-17

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

Gerheim, Michael L.  
Goldstrohm, Samuel R.

**BEAVER COUNTY**

Armour, John W.  
DiBenedetto, James F.\*

- \* Effective 1-1-16; resigned 7-8-16

**BERKS COUNTY**

Bentz, Nicholas M., Jr.  
Hall, William N., Jr.  
Kowalski, Phyllis J.  
Stitzel, Gloria W.\*

- \* Resigned 5-24-16

**BLAIR COUNTY**

Jones, Patrick T.\*

- \* Resigned 12-31-16

**BUCKS COUNTY**

Brown, Leonard J.\*  
Daly, Philip J.  
Gaffney, Robert E.  
Schnell, Robert A., Jr.

- \* Effective 2-16-16

**BUTLER COUNTY**

O'Donnell, Joseph D., Jr.\*\*  
Shaffer, Peter H.\*

- \* Effective 2-5-16
- \*\* Resigned 4-30-16

**CAMBRIA COUNTY**

Decort, Galen F.\*  
Nileski, Charity L.  
Pavlovich, Max F.\*\*

- \* Effective 3-11-16
- \*\* Resigned 5-4-16

**CARBON COUNTY**

Appleton, Bruce F.  
Hadzick, Paul J.  
Lewis, Edward M.\*

- \* Effective 2-16-16

**CENTRE COUNTY**

Hoffman, Daniel R.  
Horner, Ronald J.\*

- \* Resigned 4-30-17

(As of 6-30-17)

**CHESTER COUNTY**

Charley, James J., Jr.++  
 Darlington, Chester F.\*\*  
 Knapp, Gwendoline S.\*  
 Welsh, Susann E.+  
 Winther, J. Peter

- \* Effective 1-4-16; resigned 12-31-16
- \*\* Resigned 1-14-16
- + Resigned 10-1-16
- ++ Retired 12-31-16

**CLARION COUNTY**

George, Daniel P.

**CLEARFIELD COUNTY**

Rudella, Michael A.\*

- \* Resigned 5-8-17

**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR COUNTIES**

Cashman, Richard P.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

Rossi, Michael A., Jr.\*

- \* Effective 1-4-16

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Correal, Paula P.

**DAUPHIN COUNTY**

Postelle, LaVon A.\*  
 Semic, Steven M.  
 Shugars, Raymond F.\*\*

- \* Effective 2-16-16
- \*\* Retired 12-31-16

**DELAWARE COUNTY**

Cullen, Michael G.  
 Lacey, Thomas J.  
 McDevitt, Leonard M.\*\*  
 McKeon, Laurence J.  
 Nistico, Charles G.

Tuten, John C.  
 Videon, David T.\*

- \* Resigned 5-3-16
- \*\* Retired 12-31-16

**ELK-CAMERON COUNTIES**

King, George A.

**ERIE COUNTY**

Abate, Frank, Jr.  
 Lefaiver, Joseph R.  
 Robie, Thomas C.\*  
 Vendetti, John A.\*\*  
 Weindorf, Arthur Joseph

- \* Effective 1-4-16
- \*\* Resigned 5-24-16

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

Breakiron, Robert W.  
 Cavalcante, Brenda K.  
 Cramer, Jesse J.  
 Mitchell, Herbert G., Jr.\*

- \* Effective 3-11-16

**FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES**

Carter, Gary L.\*  
 Johnson, Carol J.  
 Knepper, Brenda M.

- \* Resigned 5-9-16

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY**

Mercuri, John J.\*

- \* Effective 2-5-16

**LANCASTER COUNTY**

Brian, David E.\*\*  
 Eckert, Leo H., Jr.  
 Garrett, Daniel B.  
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