

**D. GREGORY GEARY**  
PRESIDENT JUDGE

**SCOTT P. BITTNER**  
JUDGE

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**SOMERSET COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

January 3, 2022

Joseph Mittleman, Esquire  
Director of Judicial Programs  
Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts  
1515 Market Street-Suite 1414  
Philadelphia, PA 19101

Dear Joe,

I am pleased to enclose our decennial Magisterial District Realignment Plan for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Included is our Judicial District Summary Worksheet, our 5 Magisterial District Summary Worksheets and a map showing the proposed realignment and major roadways in Somerset County.

Statistics compiled by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts show that in terms of average annual court filings, Somerset County is the sixth busiest of the 24 sixth-class counties in Pennsylvania. Somerset County magisterial district courts average 3,789 case filings per year. By comparison, magisterial district courts in the other sixth-class counties average just 3,230 filings per year. The upshot of these statistics is that Somerset County magisterial district courts are quite busy in comparison to similarly situated magisterial district courts across Pennsylvania. Consequently, our focus was not to eliminate offices but to reallocate the caseloads to achieve a more even distribution among the five offices.

District Court 16-3-03 is the most problematic. This office alone had over 29,000 traffic cases over the statistical reporting period, greatly skewing its workload totals in comparison to the other offices in the district. Our challenge was to devise a way to break these traffic cases up in order to more evenly balance workloads among the offices. As you will see in our plan, we have proposed shifting Somerset Township's heavy Turnpike traffic caseload to District Court 16-3-05 to achieve this goal. We believe this is the most appropriate way to achieve an even distribution of workloads for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

We propose to implement most of our changes on January 3, 2023. The exception is Lincoln Township, which is the home municipality of the magisterial district judge in District 16-3-03. That judge plans to retire at the end of his current term in 2023, which will allow us to shift Lincoln Township to District 16-3-01 on January 2, 2024. Once we finalize realignment, we anticipate that all offices will fall within the 15% target set by the Supreme Court.

Our Magisterial District Realignment Plan was released for public inspection and comment on November 24, 2021. All comments we received are attached to the Magisterial District Summary Worksheet for the district court to which the comment pertains.

Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions or concerns with our plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Gregory Geary".

D. Gregory Geary  
President Judge

Enclosures

**Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022**

Start by saving the fillable worksheet template locally on your system as a PDF form. Then, open and complete the worksheet in a PDF browser (not a web browser) to ensure all options and functionality are available. Answer the questions by typing or selecting responses. Press TAB or click on a field to advance. Hover the fields for tips and instructions. Save and upload the completed form to SharePoint. Complete one worksheet or one for each county if you are a joint judicial district.

<b>Judicial District Number:</b> 16	<b>County:</b> Somerset	<b>Class of County:</b> 6
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1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):  
16-3-01, 16-3-02, 16-3-03, 16-3-05, 16-3-06

**Caseload Analysis**

2. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,789	B. 3,230
3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county.	<i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
	559	6 out of 24
4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county?	No	

**Proposed Actions**

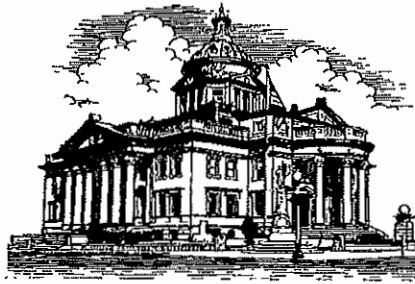
5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? If <b>YES</b> , list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).	No
6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment? If <b>YES</b> , list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes). 16-3-01, 16-3-02, 16-3-03, 16-3-05, 16-3-06	Yes
7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination? If <b>YES</b> , list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.	No



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## **MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REALIGNMENT PLAN**

I am pleased to release the court's decennial Magisterial District Realignment Plan for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Included in the release are a Judicial District Summary Worksheet, Magisterial District Worksheets for all five magisterial districts, and a map depicting the proposed realignments and major roadways in Somerset County.

Statistics compiled by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts show that in terms of average annual court filings, Somerset County is the sixth busiest of the 24 sixth-class counties in Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> Somerset County magisterial district courts average 3,789 case filings per year. By comparison, magisterial district courts in the other sixth-class counties average just 3,230 filings per year. The upshot of these statistics is that Somerset County magisterial district courts are quite busy in comparison to similarly situated magisterial district courts across Pennsylvania.

In Somerset County—and indeed across much of Pennsylvania—the magisterial districts are not aligned in a way that allows for equal or near equal distribution of caseloads among the several magisterial courts in the county. This problem is most clearly illustrated by the difference in caseloads between Somerset County's busiest magisterial court (average annual caseload of 8,596), and its two least busy courts (average annual caseloads of 1,696 and 1,576). This caseload disparity causes wide-ranging case management challenges for the high caseload courts, while unduly casting the low caseload courts in a less-than-favorable light in the media and elsewhere. I recognize our magisterial district courts with lower caseloads did not choose their caseloads; the caseloads were imposed on them by the past alignment decisions of higher courts.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: AOPC Reestablishment Data 2021-2022.

For the 2021-2022 decennial realignment, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has instructed president judges to draw district boundaries so that workload is equitably distributed among the magisterial district courts in the county. No magisterial district court is to have a total workload that is 15% less or greater than any other magisterial district court in the county.

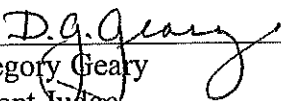
I believe this Magisterial District Realignment Plan complies with the Supreme Court's guidance. As you review the court's plan, you will see that we have realigned several boroughs and townships. The most challenging aspect of devising the plan involved allocating the heavy traffic caseloads generated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike. I acknowledge that some aspects of this plan don't make perfect sense from a geographic or convenience standpoint, particularly from the perspective of certain constituencies who regularly use the courts. But those flaws having been acknowledged, I believe they are secondary to the Supreme Court's instruction to achieve equitable caseload distribution.

Comments concerning this plan should be sent to the Court Administrator of Somerset County at the one of the below addresses. Comments must be submitted by December 30, 2021 in order for them to be made part of the proposal that is being submitted to the Supreme Court.

Mail: Somerset County Court Administrator  
Attn: Tammy Escalera  
111 E. Union Street, Suite 200  
Somerset, PA 15501

email: [escalerat@co.comerset.pa.us](mailto:escalerat@co.comerset.pa.us)

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
D. Gregory Geary  
President Judge

Enclosures



## Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Start by saving the fillable worksheet template locally on your system as a PDF form. Then, open and complete the worksheets in a PDF browser (not a web browser) to ensure all options and functionality are available. Answer the questions by typing or selecting responses. Press TAB or click on a field to advance. Save and upload the completed form to SharePoint.

<b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>	16-3-01	<b>County:</b>	Somerset
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b>		2. Effective date: <b>1/3/2023</b>	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Class of County</i>
	3,933	3,789	3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
		127	2nd      out of 5
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		686	21 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
<b>Workload Analysis</b>			
7. Average total workloads:		<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>
		21,272	23,149
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Total Difference</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-1,877	-8 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> this magisterial district, please explain ( <i>summarize your response from the petition</i> ) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Susan Mankamyer	12/31/23	12/31/41	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
200 Main Street, Boswell, PA 15531			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Boswell, Conemaugh, Jennerstown, Hooversville			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
US 219, US 30, State Route 403, 601			
18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Boswell Boro, Indian Lake Boro, Jennerstown Boro, Shanksville Boro, Conemaugh Twp, Jenner Twp, Stonycreek Twp, & Quemahoning Twp			
19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above?			No
If <b>NO</b> , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
Boswell Borough, Benson Borough, Conemaugh Township, Hooversville Borough Jenner Township, Jennerstown Borough, Quemahoning Township, Stoystown Borough,			
The municipality of Lincoln Township would shift to this district court as of 01/01/2024			
20. Additional Comments:			
We can't shift Lincoln Township until the Magisterial District Judge in 16-3-03 retires, as Lincoln Township is where he resides.			



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<b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b> 16-3-02		<b>County:</b> Somerset	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/3/2023	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Class of County</i>
	1,724	3,789	3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-2093	4th out of 5
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-1534	-47 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
<b>Workload Analysis</b>			
7. Average total workloads:		<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>
		15,699	23,149
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Total Difference</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-7,450	-32 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> this magisterial district, please explain ( <i>summarize your response from the petition</i> ) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
William E. Seger	1/4/26	12/31/36	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
509 15th Street, Windber, PA 15963			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If <b>YES</b> , please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Paint Borough, Paint Township, Shade Township, Windber Borough			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
State Routes 30, 56, 160			
18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Benson Borough, Central City Borough, Hooversville Borough, Paint Borough, Windber Borough, Ogle Township, Paint Township, Shade Township			
19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above? If <b>NO</b> , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			No
Central City Borough, Indian Lake Borough, Paint Borough, Windber Borough, Ogle Township, Paint Township, Shade Township, Shanksville Borough, Stonycreek Township			
20. Additional Comments:			
We will be relocating this office to: 1510 Jefferson Ave, Windber, PA 15963 in the 2022 year. This is only about 2 blocks away from his current office.			

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<b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>	16-3-03	<b>County:</b>	Somerset	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b>		2. Effective date: <b>1/3/2023</b>		
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>				
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Class of County</i>	
	8,644	3,789	3,230	
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Total</i>
		4807	1st	out of 5
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
		5366	166 %	
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.				
<b>Workload Analysis</b>				
7. Average total workloads:		<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	
		49,179	23,149	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Total Difference</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
		26,030	112 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower</i> than your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> this magisterial district, please explain ( <i>summarize your response from the petition</i> ) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.				

**Magisterial District Information**

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Kenneth W. Johnson

12/31/23

12/31/26

*Magisterial District Judge Name*

*Birthdate*

*Term Expiration Date*

*Mandatory Retirement Date*

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

218 North Kimberly Ave, Suite 200, Somerset, PA 15501

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Somerset Borough

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

PA Turnpike, Route 31, US Route 219, State Route 601, Route 281, Route 30

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Somerset Borough, Lincoln Township, Somerset Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?

No

If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Somerset Borough, Somerset Township minus the Turnpike traffic cases

Assign all Somerset Township Turnpike traffic cases to District Court 16-3-05. Then on 1/02/2024 we would add all of Lincoln Township to District Court 16-3-01 as Magisterial District Judge Kenneth W. Johnson is retiring 12/31/2023. Magisterial District Judge Johnson resides in Lincoln Township.

**20. Additional Comments:**

This district court has a high traffic caseload generated by the Turnpike which causes much of caseload imbalances within our county. By assigning most of the Turnpike cases to another district, we should bring all of our offices within the 15% target.

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<b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b> 16-3-05		<b>County:</b> Somerset	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b>		2. Effective date: 1/3/2023	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Class of County</i>
	1,590	3,789	3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
		-2213	5th      out of 5
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-1654	-51 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
<b>Workload Analysis</b>			
7. Average total workloads:		<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>
		12,645	23,149
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Total Difference</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-10,504	-45 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> this magisterial district, please explain ( <i>summarize your response from the petition</i> ) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Sandra L. Stevanus	12/31/23	12/31/47	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
2924 New Centerville Road, Rockwood, PA 15557			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If <b>YES</b> , please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Rockwood Borough			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
US 40, State Route 281, Route 31, Turnpike			
18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Addison Borough, Casselman Borough, Confluence Borough, New Centerville Borough, Rockwood Borough, Seven Springs Borough, Ursina Borough, Addison Township, Black Township, Lower Turkeyfoot Township, Middlecreek Township, Milford Township, Upper Turkeyfoot Township, Jefferson Township			
19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above?			No
If <b>NO</b> , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
Casselman Borough, Confluence Borough, New Centerville Borough, Rockwood Borough, Seven Springs Borough, Ursina Borough, Black Township, Jefferson Township, Lower Turkeyfoot Township, Middlecreek Township, Milford Township, Upper Turkeyfoot Township			
Plus, all the traffic citations from the Turnpike of Somerset Township			
20. Additional Comments:			
All of Jefferson Township cases will be moved to 16-3-05 of 1/3/2023.			

## Tammy Escalera

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**From:** Judge Stevanus <judgetevanus16305@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 1:09 PM  
**To:** Tammy Escalera  
**Subject:** Re: Magisterial District Realignment Plan

Tammy

Jefferson Twp is not listed in my jurisdiction. ~ *Corrected 1/3/22*

On Nov 24, 2021, at 11:40 AM, Tammy Escalera <escalerat@co.somerset.pa.us> wrote:

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Good Morning everyone,

Attached is President Judge D. Gregory Geary's Realignment Plan for our Magisterial District Judge offices. This plan will be posted in the Magisterial District Judge offices, on our county website, under the Court of Common Pleas page, in my office, the Clerk of Courts Office and the Prothonotary's Office, as of today. (offices mentioned, please make a copy and post in your office)

If anyone wishes to make comments, comments must be in writing and emailed to me or mailed to me at the address enclosed in the plan.

This plan must be out for comment for 30 days before the court moves to the next step. Therefore, anyone wishing to make any written comment must have their letter post marked by December 24, 2021 in order to be reviewed.

Any question about the plan please feel free to contact me at the below number.

Thanks!!!

Tammy J. Escalera  
Somerset County Court Administrator  
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Suite 200  
Somerset, PA 15501  
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814-445-1455 (fax)

<Somerset County Realignment plan.pdf>

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



COUNTY OF SOMERSET

**SANDRA L. STEVANUS**  
**MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE**

Magisterial District 16-3-05  
2924 New Centerville Road  
Rockwood, PA 15557

OFFICE:  
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FAX (814) 352-3101

December 16, 2021

Somerset County Court Administrator  
Attn: Tammy Escalera  
111 E Union Street Suite 200  
Somerset PA 15501

RE: Somerset County Realignment Plan for Magisterial District Courts

Honorable Court:

After careful review of the realignment plan for Somerset County Magisterial District Courts, I am excited to potentially receive the Somerset Township Turnpike traffic cases. However, I was surprised and troubled to see Addison Township and Borough potentially be relocated to Magisterial District Court 16306. By moving Addison Township and Borough out of my district, would cause confusion and restrict access to the justice system for the residents. Additionally, Addison Township and Borough are staples in my district and have been for years. I have not only cultivated a relationship with the residents of these municipalities, but I have developed an appreciation for the geographic composition of the area. Therefore, I am requesting the addition of Somerset Township turnpike traffic cases and retaining Addison Borough and Township in Magisterial District 16305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra L. Stevanus', written over a horizontal line.

Sandra L. Stevanus  
Magisterial District Judge





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<b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b> 16-3-06	<b>County:</b>	Somerset	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b>		2. Effective date: 1/3/2023	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Class of County</i>
	3,058	3,789	3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
		-745	3rd      out of 5
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-186	-6 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
<b>Workload Analysis</b>			
7. Average total workloads:		<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>
		16,949	23,149
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Total Difference</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-6,200	-27 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> this magisterial district, please explain ( <i>summarize your response from the petition</i> ) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Douglas McCall Bell	12/31/23	12/31/30	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
315 Grant Street, Meyersdale, PA 15552			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If <b>YES</b> , please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Berlin Borough, Elk Lick Township, Meyersdale Borough, Summit Township			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
US 219, State Routes 30,31,160, Turnpike			
18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Berlin Borough, Callimont Borough, Garrett Borough, Meyersdale Borough, New Baltimore Borough, Salisbury Borough, Wellersburg Borough, Allegheny Township, Brothersvalley Township, Elk Lick Township, Fairhope Township, Greenville Township, Larimer Township, Northampton Township, Southampton Township Summit Township,			
19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above?			No
If <b>NO</b> , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
Addison Borough, Berlin Borough, Callimont Borough, Garrett Borough, Meyersdale Borough, New Baltimore Borough, Salisbury Borough, Wellersburg Borough, Addison Township, Allegheny Township, Brothersvalley Township, Elk Lick Township, Fairhope Township, Greenville Township, Larimer Township, Northampton Township, Southampton Township Summit Township			
20. Additional Comments:			

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Tammy.

That looks good. We really appreciate the efforts of the P.J. and you to try to equalize caseloads.

I note that the list of major highways in my district, 16-3-06, didn't include the turnpike (in Allegheny Twp. and New Baltimore Boro.). I think that also applies to Judge Stevanus' district for Jefferson Twp.

*- Done TE 1/3/22*

It's probably fair to not include in planned development the completion of Route 219 through Summi9t and Elk Lick to the Md. border, although miracles can occasionally happen. I suppose you could speculatively add that as some icing on the cake, though.

Doug Bell

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