

**Annual Report of the  
Administrative Office of  
Pennsylvania Courts  
2015**

**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*

*'15 in Brief  
(listed chronologically)*

*Thomas G. Saylor appointed Chief Justice of Pennsylvania*

*Pennsylvania passes 100 mark in problem-solving courts with 103 in operation by the end of 2015 and three more in the planning stages*

*Supreme Court launches pilot program to link lawyers who want to volunteer their services, with clients unable to afford legal assistance*

*Judiciary unveils interactive, web-based criminal case data dashboards that allow the public, court staff and researchers to quickly analyze and interpret data related to criminal cases*

*Pennsylvania's longest-serving state court administrator, Zygmunt Pines, retires after nearly 15 years at helm of AOPC; Thomas B. Darr named new court administrator*

*Supreme Court launches PAeDocket, a free mobile app that provides users with a quick and simple search of Pennsylvania court cases*

*Supreme Court increases student loan repayment assistance for attorneys who work for legal aid organizations*

*Superior Court Judges Christine L. Donohue and David N. Wecht and Philadelphia County Common Pleas Court Judge Keven M. Dougherty are elected to the Supreme Court*

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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 2015, 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 reform; assuring the prompt and efficient administration of justice; providing safe, secure court facilities; ensuring that the judiciary remains open and transparent; and assisting other government agencies by providing needed data in a timely and efficient manner. Our annual report allows us to highlight these efforts.

Sincerely,



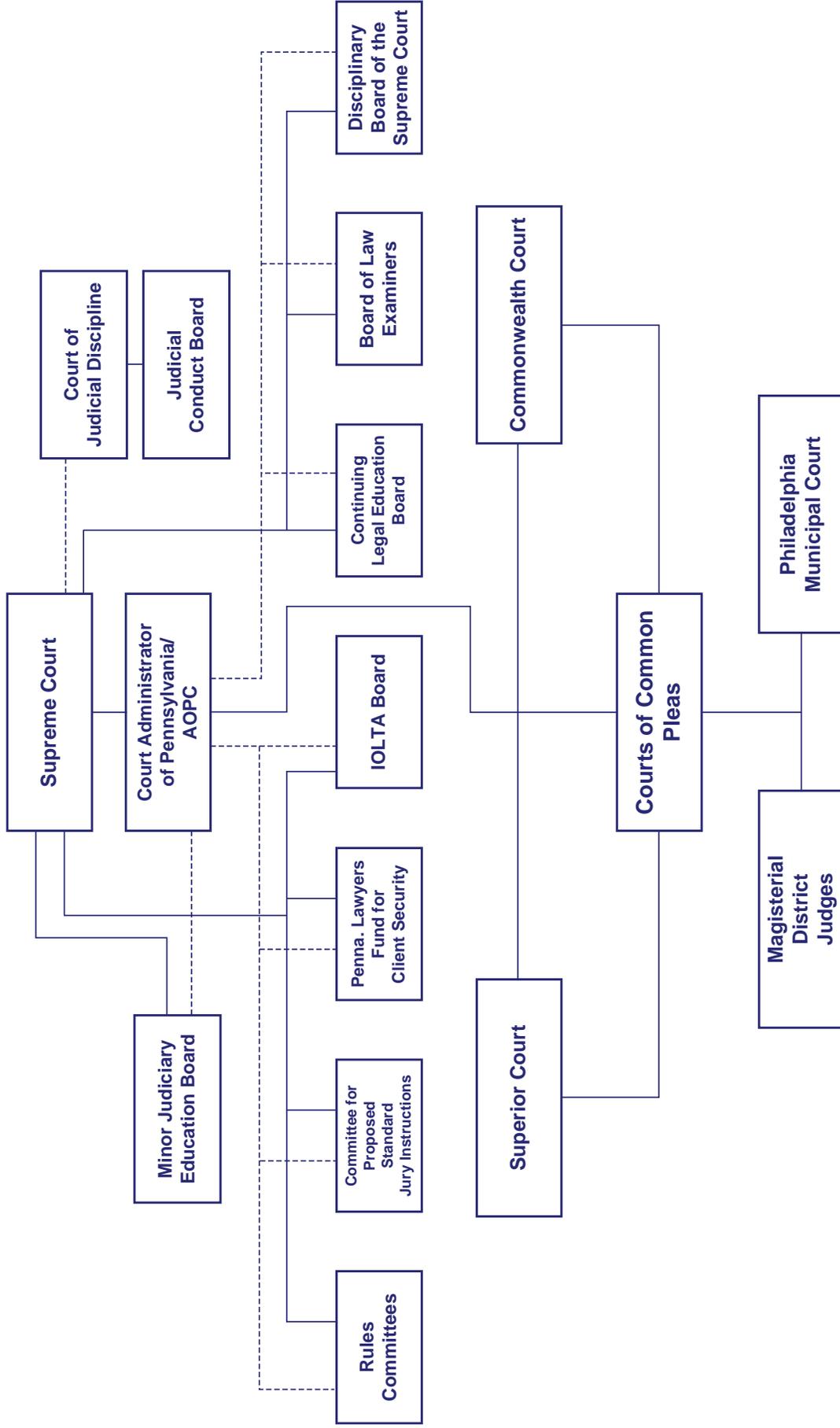
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December 9, 2015

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



# Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System





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).

The section on the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts can be found on page 5.

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



# Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts

The 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 – formerly known as Judicial Automation – 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 – formerly known as Judicial Programs – 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 2015:

- **Language Access Advisory Group**

Comprised of judges, interpreters, attorneys and representatives of state and local government, this group convened in August for the purpose of drafting 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 will ultimately present a proposed plan to the Supreme Court for its approval.

- **Training & Counseling**

In the spring of 2015, the coordinator for court access made available to all judicial district language access coordinators and additional court staff online training prepared by the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts, on the legal basis for and principles of language access. This training was followed by a webinar on implementing the judicial districts' language access plans. New district court administrators received the same training in May.

Starting in the fall, as part of the Minor Judiciary Education Board's annual continuing education program, magisterial district judges were trained on the appropriate use of telephone interpreting.

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**

An application for tracking the provision and cost of language access services by the judicial districts was developed by the AOPC IT Department with input from a focus group of district court administrators. It was rolled out to the judicial districts in the fall. This application will enable both the AOPC and the judicial districts to support funding requests for language access services.

- **Right to Interpreter Posters**

The AOPC produced internally and distributed to the judicial districts' language access coordinators a poster informing LEP court users of their right to an interpreter and asking them to point to their native language. The wording on the poster appears in the top 35 non-English languages spoken in Pennsylvania courts. The poster provides court staff with a tool to identify the language to request when contacting a telephone interpreting service to assist LEP court users.

## *Public Access*

In February 2015 a proposed policy was published for public comment in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* (45 Pa.B. 661). 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 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

- 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
- conduct court facility reviews/assessments when requested by president judges
- respond to security incidents filed electronically through the Pennsylvania Judicial Incident Reporting System (PAJIRS) and through other means by which such incidents come to their attention
- 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 2015 activities follows.

### **County Reimbursements**

In 2015 the office continued its project to provide funds to counties to reimburse for the purchase of security equipment for magisterial district courts. Equipment included security cameras (CCTVs), exterior lighting, duress alarm systems and access control devices and measures.

### **Eleventh 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 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 2015 workshop focused on understanding, detecting, preventing and disrupting active shooter incidents and targeted acts of violence. Staff collaborated with the FBI to develop and present the program.

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

## **Miscellaneous**

Staff worked with their colleagues in the Judicial District Operations and Programs Department to update magisterial district court guidelines to include provisions on security and safety.

They responded to 403 security incidents in Common Pleas and magisterial district courts. Of this total, law enforcement response was triggered in 307 incidents, and of this number, 101 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 274 sovereign citizen court filings and documents.

Staff conducted several training sessions on court security, emergency preparedness and active shooter/threat situations for court managers and staff in the First Judicial District, and presented a similar program for Bucks County magisterial district court office managers and for the Mid-Atlantic Association of Court Managers.

## *Judicial Services Office*

### **Conference/Meeting Planning**

Judicial Services provides logistical planning, 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 2015 are

- Supreme Court sessions
- Commonwealth Court sessions

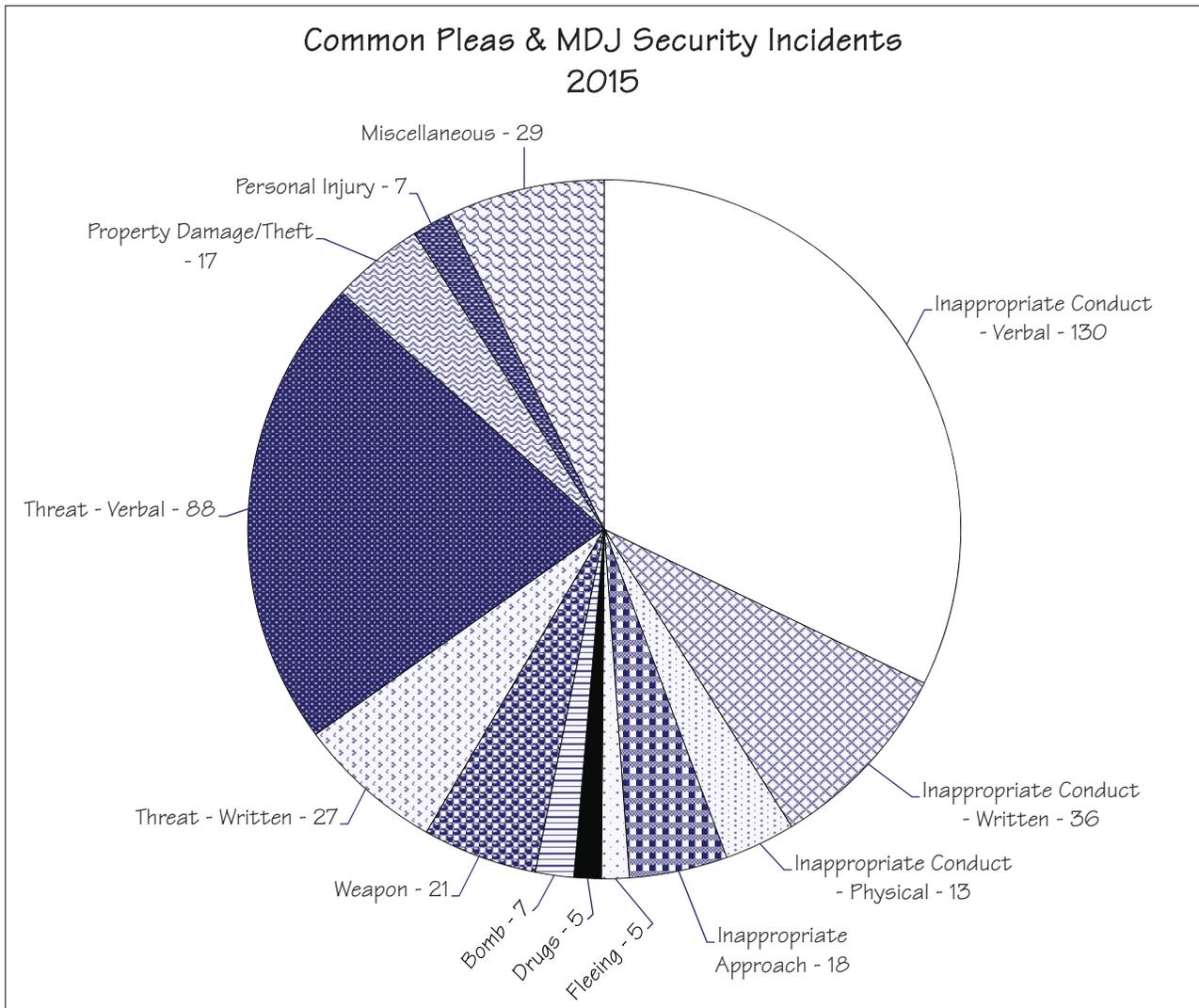


Table 2.1

- Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges (PCSTJ) Mid-Annual Conference
- Office of Children and Families in the Courts – Regional Round Table Meetings
- Office of Children and Families in the Courts – Round Table Summit
- Pennsylvania Association of Court Management (PACM) board meeting
- court interpreter orientation
- President Judges/PACM annual conference
- appellate courts annual conference
- Elder Law Task Force meetings

- PCSTJ Annual Conference
- Mid-Atlantic Association of Court Management conference
- veterans regional forums
- Juvenile Justice Academy
- Language Access Group meetings
- Judicial Independence Commission meeting
- Conference of Chief Justices/Conference of State Court Administrators annual 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
  - the *State of the Commonwealth's Courts*
  - *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 of Pennsylvania 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.

The AOPC Legal Department performs many of the functions of any in-house legal department and provides advice and counsel to the state court administrator, state court judges 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 Orphans’ Court Case Management 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 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. Data sets for civil, family and orphans’ courts as well as jury data are provided by the Commonwealth’s 60 judicial districts while criminal and dependency data are obtained from the judiciary’s automated Common Pleas Criminal Case Management System (CPCMS).

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 are 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.

The department regularly provides technical assistance and training to court personnel in using these data to support case management functions and resource allocation.

### *Topical Studies*

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

- monitoring an ongoing statewide audit 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 in the development of the data collection component of the judicial districts' language access plans

Within the agency, staff support all AOPC departments by conducting surveys, providing database management and creating infographics for publications and reports.

### *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 Department of Aging and the 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 Work*

Members of the department serve on the National Center for State Courts' Data Specialists Roundtable, a selected group of research and technology professionals from across the country that meet annually to discuss changes in the field of court statistics; identify best practices and refine understanding in different areas of data collection, analysis and dissemination. In addition, the department's director serves on the statistics advisory committee for the Conference of State Court Administrators as one of two invited data specialists.

## Information Technology Department

The AOPC's Information Technology (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.

### *2015 Highlights*

- **Nearly 2.7 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 1.1 million warrants** were issued through the MDJS and CPCMS
- **\$92 million** was collected through PAePay, an online payment application developed in-house that allows people to pay court costs and fees online
- **More than 42,000 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 **253,000 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 30 criminal justice partners and law enforcement and state agencies** that depend on the systems in order to perform their daily duties

### *Project milestones for 2015*

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

## PAeDocket – Mobile App



PAeDocket is a cell phone app that provides a quick and simple search of court cases, or dockets. It is mirrored from the tens of millions of public docket sheets that were accessed 65 million times last year on the UJS's website.

Available on the iTunes and Google Play stores, the app has had more than 22,000 downloads since its launch in May 2015.

## Orphans' Court Case Management System (PACMS)

The AOPC is developing its fourth statewide case management system, this one for the orphans' court clerks and registers of wills. The orphans' court project is part of the Supreme Court's initiative to integrate, automate and modernize the courts by providing statewide case management systems for all levels of court in a manner that is cost-beneficial to counties.



IT has met with users throughout the process and will continue to seek feedback during the design, construction and testing phases.

## Original Record Project

The aim of the multi-phase Original Record Project project is to build an electronic system for compiling, indexing, assembling and conveying original case records from the trial courts to the appellate courts. Implementing this project will save time and money by eliminating the manual compiling and mailing of official case records and transcripts to the appellate courts.

Phase one is complete and being tested in various courts.

## PACFile



PACFile allows attorneys and *pro se* litigants to directly electronically file documents with the courts, saving time and effort and advancing the judiciary's efforts to become a paperless operation. The Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth courts now accept electronic filings through PACFile, as do the Courts of Common Pleas in matters pertaining to juvenile delinquency.

Use of PACFile by Common Pleas Courts means all counties in the Commonwealth are now using the Common Pleas Criminal Case Management System for delinquency case processing.

## 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.

Automation of the orphans’ court system, which will allow courts to manage all of their responsibilities related to orphans’ court cases, including wills and estates, adoptions, guardianships and other matters, continued in 2015. Rollout is anticipated in late 2017 into early 2018. It will be followed by the development of family court and general civil court systems.

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
5,000	Number of e-filings received through PACFile each month

## Court Financials

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.

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### Highlights

- Over the last nine years, the AOPC has **collected and processed \$4.1 billion** in fines, costs and restitution
- The year 2015 saw a **\$2 million increase** in funds distributed over the previous year, with a **total of \$464.5 million collected** by the courts
- PAePay saw a **20 percent increase in online payments** over 2014, with a **record \$92 million** in court fines, fees and costs collected online in 2015

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 (formerly known as Judicial Programs) 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. This assistance includes

- administering the senior judge program, including processing applications for certification of senior judges and managing requests for senior judge assistance from judicial districts
- reviewing and assessing local court requests for state-level court administration personnel and other related human resources needs
- processing requests for changes of venue/venire
- developing and conducting training and continuing education programs for local court staff
- assisting local courts in responding to audits from the auditor general or county controller and addressing any deficiencies
- conducting training, testing and certification of court interpreters and maintaining a list of certified and qualified interpreters

In 2015 the department was involved in several noteworthy endeavors as follows.

### *Court Interpreters*

The AOPC's Interpreter Certification Program, as mandated by Act 172 of 2006, 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
- participates in providing training for judges, administrators, attorneys and other stakeholders on interpreter issues

- collaborates with the coordinator for court access in
  - the implementation of language access plans for the Unified Judicial System (UJS) and judicial districts through its work with the Language Access Advisory Group
  - the creation of a language access data collection tool to compile data about the use of interpreters and about associated costs throughout the UJS
- 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

The program has also started to explore the delivery of interpreting services using video remote technology.

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 48 candidates in 2015. The overall pass rate was 31 percent. Table 2.2 breaks down these results.

As of the end of 2015, the interpreter roster had 159 certified interpreters in 12 languages. Another 50 are qualified/conditional/registered interpreters in 20 languages. In all, 209 interpreters representing 32 languages are in the roster. Specific details can be found in Table 2.3 on page 20.

<b>Pennsylvania Interpreter Certification Program 2015 Oral Exam Results</b>	
<b>Tests Administered</b>	64
<b>Candidates Tested</b>	48
<b>Simultaneous</b>	
Pass	5
Fail	26
Total	31
<b>Sight &amp; Consecutive</b>	
Passed Sight & Consecutive	2
Failed Sight & Consecutive	5
Passed Sight only	8
Failed Sight only	6
Passed Consecutive only	5
Failed Consecutive only	14
Total	33
<b>Sight Retakes</b>	0
<b>Consecutive Retakes</b>	
Pass	2
Fail	4
Total	6
<b>Total Pass Rate</b>	<b>31%</b>
<small>Languages tested: Arabic, French, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese</small>	

**Table 2.2**

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts  
 Interpreter Certification Program  
 Roster Distribution as of December 2015

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	70	12	56	2	-	-	-
Cantonese	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
French	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Haitian-Creole	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Italian	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
Mandarin	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
Polish	5	2	3	-	-	-	-
Portuguese	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Russian	7	-	7	-	-	-	-
Spanish	79	3	65	11	-	-	-
Turkish	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</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	-
Dari	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Farsi	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Gujarati	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hindi	4	-	-	-	-	4	-
Kru	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Marathi	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Punjabi	3	-	-	-	-	2	1
Romanian	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Shanghai-Wu	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sicilian	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Swahili	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ukrainian	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Urdu	5	-	-	-	-	3	2
Uzbek	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Wolof	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>

Table 2.3

## *Problem-Solving Courts*

The Judicial District Operations and Programs Department continued its efforts in 2015 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 2015, 103 problem-solving courts existed in 38 counties in Pennsylvania (see Table 2.4 on page 22). Three additional counties are actively planning programs.

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. Using case management data captured by its 1,400 users, the system can generate reports of program performance for each type of problem-solving court using real-time data. The system is also capable of analyzing data of study groups to produce courtwide and statewide statistics on the effectiveness of these programs.

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 2015. By the end of the year, of the 28 applications received, 16 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 four courts successfully renewed accreditation.

Continuing Pennsylvania's position in the national vanguard in the development and implementation of veterans courts, with assistance from the National Center for State Courts, the unit's program office began an evaluation of veterans court processes. Unlike more established problem-solving courts, such as drug and DUI, scant research exists on what practices and procedures are most likely to produce the best results in veterans courts. This evaluation documented the processes used by the longest operating programs in Pennsylvania. The next step will be to identify promising practices.

As part of the evaluation, consulting with the National Center, a committee of experts from around the Commonwealth spent three days in Harrisburg to identify performance measures specific to veterans courts. These measures were distributed for review to Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois and Ohio before being finalized and released for use by programs around the country. The measures have been part of several presentations at national conferences around the country.

In 2012 the Supreme Court approved a Veterans Diversion Program for magisterial district judges. Training in these guidelines was included in the annual continuing education program for magisterial district judges. By the end of 2015, the diversion program was in place in 10 judicial districts.

In March 2015 Justice Debra Todd was appointed liaison justice to Pennsylvania's veterans courts. In the fall she hosted regional forums on programming for veterans coming

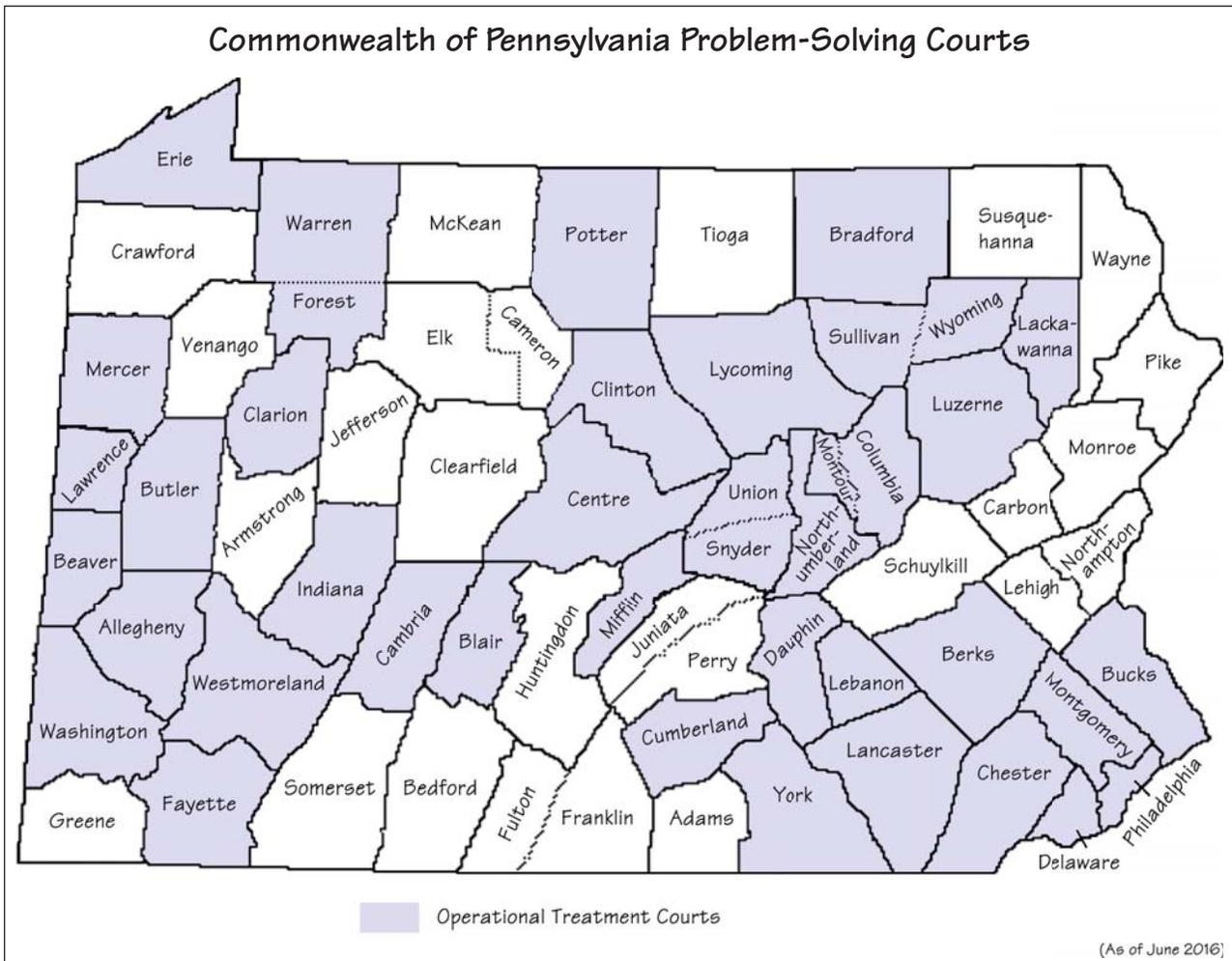


Table 2.4

into contact with Pennsylvania courts. These forums were held in six areas around the Commonwealth and were attended by representatives from every judicial district.

Each year, the problem-solving courts program office sponsors specialized training for drug court professionals throughout the Commonwealth. In 2015 two judges on faculty with the National Drug Court Institute presented a three-day program on “The Role of a Judge in a Problem-Solving Court,” which was attended by 30 judges. 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 drug court’s core component of ongoing training.

## 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 28 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 17 percent from 2011 to 2014, the number of children being supervised within their own homes or with family during the same time period increased by 44 percent. 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 2015 after extensive discussion and deliberation, the SRT commissioned a new workgroup tasked with analyzing the impact of caseworker retention on child safety, well-being and permanency. Child welfare and legal professionals agreed the issue was significant in the majority of county agencies and courts as to warrant this examination. The group will work to understand this complex issue and develop potential strategies to address it.

In April 2015 the OCFC co-sponsored the 2015 Children's Summit. The summit's theme, "Putting It All Together," addressed the importance of well-being and asked participants to consider Supreme Court Justice Max Baer's words, "If we save the body, but in so doing destroy the mind and soul of a child, what good have we really done? We must focus on the whole child, the whole parent, the whole family to bring a child to adulthood as a whole person. Only when we do this for every child will we consider our work a success."

Keynote speaker Tonier Cain, an abuse survivor and now victim advocate, chronicled her life story. Ann Adelist-Estrin, director of the Philadelphia-based National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated, addressed trauma. Pamela Petersen-Baston, a certified addiction and prevention professional, explored strategies for working with families affected by substance use disorders. Dr. James Schuster, chief medical officer for the Community Care Behavioral Health Organization of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, spoke on the overuse of psychotropic medications for dependent children.

The summit also included a panel of former foster youth, legal and social service professionals linking education to well-being and the importance of normalizing the foster care experience.

The summit was attended by 426 individuals, representing 56 counties and 96 percent of the foster care children in Pennsylvania.

## *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 2015. These include

- Comfort Dogs in the Courts (video)
- Understanding Kinship Care (video)
- Enhancing Normalcy for Pennsylvania Foster Youth (three-video set and discussion guide)

- Act 91 Extension of Care (video)
- Act 91 Resumption of Jurisdiction (video)

All resources and workgroup reports can be found on the OCFC's website at [www.ocfcpcourts.us](http://www.ocfcpcourts.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. The 2015 dashboard updates show an increase of nearly 5,000 child cases being overseen by the court (from 2011 to 2014). Of those cases, 700 additional children were placed into foster care, meaning many more children were supervised by the court while residing in their own homes or with family. Indeed, while overall placements rose slightly, the types of placement used have been trending in a very positive manner. In-home and kinship placements have continued to show a steady increase while congregate care placement use has consistently decreased.

## **Judicial Education Department**

The Judicial Education Department was formed in 2005 to provide 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*

Since 2004, jurists on Pennsylvania's three appellate courts have attended an annual appellate courts conference. The conference addresses the needs specific to jurists serving appellate duties. In addition to educational programs, members of each court hold administrative sessions at these conferences.

The 2015 conference featured these programs:

- Judicial Independence
- Freedom, Equality and the Declaration of Independence
- Foundations of the English "Constitution"
- Supreme Court of United States Update

## *Common Pleas Courts*

During 2015 more than 85 percent of all 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 the Judicial Education Department 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 2015 meetings were:

- Adolescent Development and Judicial Decision-Making
- What's New in DUI Law
- Developing Standards for Competence to Stand Trial in Juvenile Delinquency
- Concussion Injuries: The Myths, the Science and the Clinical Experience
- Classic Autopsy Mistakes
- Trying Adult Sex Offender Cases
- Anne and Emmitt: Understanding Implicit Bias
- The Art of Civil Jury Instruction
- The Law of Guns in Pennsylvania
- Jury Deliberations: An Insider's View
- Recurring Evidence Issues in Capital Cases and Drug Cases
- Orphans' Court Approval of Settlement Agreements
- Judicial Strategies for Dealing with the Opiate/Heroin Epidemic
- Civil Rights Cold Cases
- Elder Justice in the Courts: The Elder Law Task Force's Recommendations
- Vehicle Stops and Searches
- Tincher: From Discovery Through Jury Charge

- Disqualification, Recusal and Reporting Requirements under the Code of Judicial Conduct
- Memory Magic: Trials and Tribulations of Remembering
- Uninsured Motorist and Underinsured Motorist Claims after *IFP v. Koken*
- Statistics for Judges
- The Sandwich Generation
- The Who, What and Why of Procedural Rules Committees
- Should Pennsylvania Trial Courts Go to the Dogs?
- What Family Court Lawyers Want Family Court Judges to Know

### *Special Programs*

Special programming for president and administrative judges was presented that addressed

- developing operational principles around which courts are organized
- identifying and understanding court employees' needs
- developing effective court management techniques

The Juvenile Justice Academy convened to address the needs of judges hearing cases involving juveniles. The program focused on proper methods for conducting various hearings that involve juveniles.

### *New Product Development*

The Judicial Education Department develops educational resources and products to assist judges in the administration of their duties. Currently, three desk books are under development. One addresses questions related to restitution. One provides guidance to president judges on administrative and management issues. The third supports judges dealing with guardianship issues.

## **Finance Department**

The Finance Department 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:

- developing necessary policies and procedures on accounting and budget issues, and training staff at all levels in their use
- monitoring and preparing the budget for some 34 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.
- managing \$395 million in annual appropriations, including \$36.129 million in grants to counties
- preparing financial statements and administering the annual financial audit of the UJS
- performing the controller functions for the judiciary
- performing payroll functions for the judiciary
- responding to public access requests for financial and personnel 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

The Human Resources Department 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 benefit 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
- developing/presenting professional and educational training programs on HR topics, 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 Office**

The Office of Administrative Services 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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## Legal Authorization

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

## 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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## 2015 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2015:

- amendments to add page and word count limitations on petitions for allowance of appeal
- amendment to the rule governing length of briefs
- clarification of the rule regarding disposition on motion without reaching the merits
- corrective amendment regarding administrative orders
- addressing citation of authority

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2015:

- reorganization of Chapter 15 (Judicial Review of Government Determinations) and adoption of a new Chapter 16
- modification of terms of *supersedeas*

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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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## 2015 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2015:

- amendments to permit discontinuance by leave of court
- amendments to address the timely service of a subpoena to attend and testify
- amendments to address filing a distribution of proceeds from a sheriff's sale, with the prothonotary
- clarification of the requirements of filing post-trial motions on an appeal after remand
- amendments to provide guidance to the bench and bar regarding the use of electronic devices by jurors in civil cases
- rescission of the rule providing a right to oral argument, and giving discretion to the trial court to require oral argument, whether requested or not, or to dispose of any motion without oral argument

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2015:

- requirements for the service of original process by publication generally as well as additional requirements when the action to quiet title involves subsurface mineral rights
- reinstatement and amendment of the rule governing termination of inactive cases
- local rule adoption processes

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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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## **2015 Activities**

### *Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court*

One recommendation was adopted by the Supreme Court in 2015: an amendment to reference recent legislation on benevolent gestures by medical professionals.

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2015:

- exceptions to the rule against hearsay
- the exclusion from the rule against hearsay of a prior statement by declarant-witness claiming an inability to remember the subject matter of the statement

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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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## **2015 Activities**

### *Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2015:

- clarification of the use of incarceration for failure to post summary case collateral
- amendments to address use of personal electronic devices in the courtroom by jurors
- amendments to address petitions seeking leave to resume indicting grand juries

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2015:

- pleas of guilty to multiple offenses
- retention of summary case collateral
- issuance and service of subpoenas, particularly in the magisterial district courts
- availability of the elderly to testify
- contents of expungement petitions and orders
- local rule adoption processes
- scheduling of preliminary hearings for incarcerated defendants
- magistrate for the refiling of charges
- addition of offenses to the criminal information
- risk assessment tools for bail determination

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## 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.

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## 2015 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2015:

- establishment of the duration of custody provisions in protection from abuse orders
- clarification of the treatment of health insurance premiums and unreimbursed medical expenses in support cases
- prohibiting a court-appointed attorney who presides over nonrecord proceedings from practicing family law in the appointing jurisdiction
- addressing the impact of a child's Social Security derivative benefit in certain circumstances on support obligations
- amendments to the divorce rules, following an outreach effort by the committee to the bench, bar and court administrators to provide input into improving divorce practice and procedure
- implementation of legislation providing protective relief for victims of sexual violence and intimidation
- amendments to the custody rules, following outreach by the committee to the bench, bar and court administrators to provide input into improving custody practice and procedure
- stylistic and corrective changes to the rule governing alternative hearing procedures in support matters
- amendments to address pretrial procedures in custody cases

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2015:

- nonrecord proceedings in custody cases
- calculation of child support in divided or split custody cases
- joinder of related claims in divorce actions
- update of existing rules to incorporate protection of victims of sexual violence and intimidation, in response to recent legislation and rule-making

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## 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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## **2015 Activities**

### *Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2015:

- amendment to the rule governing retention of certain juvenile records
- amendments to the rules governing qualifications of masters in delinquency and dependency matters
- amendments to the rules governing family finding
- amendments to address permanency hearings to comply with federal sex trafficking prevention and family strengthening legislation

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2015:

- preservation of weight of evidence claims for appeal
- considerations, requirements and findings in Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) cases for children 16 years of age or older
- modifications and new rules in response to several recent amendments to the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL)
- adding cross references to the Rules of Criminal Procedure in a rule governing search warrants in delinquency matters
- local rule adoption processes

## 2015 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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## 2015 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2015:

- update of the chapter of rules governing minors and incapacitated persons as parties, to reflect statutory language
- implementation of legislation providing emergency protective relief for victims of sexual violence and intimidation

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2015:

- rescission of rules governing writs of *certiorari*
- the time frame for requesting an order for possession
- representation of parties in magisterial district court proceedings
- entry of judgment in Common Pleas Court
- correction of data errors
- procedures for the dismissals and transfers of civil actions for lack of personal or subject matter jurisdiction

## 2015 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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## **2015 Activities**

### *Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court*

One recommendation was adopted by the Supreme Court in 2015: implementation of new statewide rules governing orphans' court practice.

### *Recommendation Published for Comment*

The committee published for comment a proposal to modify current statewide forms for guardianship matters and add several new forms to assist in monitoring guardianships.

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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.

# Board of Law Examiners

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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 2015, including a comparison with 2013's figures, can be found in Table 4.1.1. Chart 4.1.2 on page 56 details the percentage of those passing the bar since 2004 while Chart 4.1.3 on page 57 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>Bar Statistics</b>		
2015 Applications processed		2,445
Sitting for February Exam		646
Change from 2014	(74)	(10.28)%
Persons passing February exam		340
Persons failing February exam		306
Passing Percentage		52.63%
2014 Passing Percentage		57.36%
Sitting for July exam		1,799
Change from 2014	(182)	(9.19)%
Persons passing July exam		1,280
Persons failing July exam		519
Passing Percentage		71.15%
2014 Passing percentage		75.52%
Applications for admission on motion		300
Applications for limited in-house counsel admission		55
Courtesy reviews of conditions that qualify for admission on motion		50+
Applications from attorneys participating in legal defender or legal services programs, seeking limited admission		8
Hearings held to appeal denial of admission		53

**Table 4.1.1**

## 2015 Activities

The board revamped and expanded the education-related questions in its online application to enable foreign-educated applicants to indicate if they have received a master's in law from a U.S. law school and to enable all applicants to list their entire educational history. The board also expanded the information attorney applicants are asked to provide in relation to their practice type, duties and percentage of time practicing law versus other duties.

The board worked with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' IT Department to create and implement a secure messaging system. This system allows staff members to correspond with applicants electronically without using email. The system enables the character and fitness process to proceed quickly, but preserves confidentiality. Among the capabilities, applicants will receive a series of messages upon acceptance of their applications by the board that describe supplemental documentation that must be provided.

The board decided that it will not hold the July 2016 bar exam in Philadelphia because the Democratic National Convention (DNC) is holding its meeting there the same week as the exam is being given. The size of an event such as the DNC impedes the board's ability to effectively administer the exam, as access to suitable examination space, availability of hotel rooms, traffic issues and increased security pose significant issues. The board instead made arrangements with the Utz Arena in York to hold the exam there. The Utz Arena is the York Expo Center's newest building, a state-of-the-art facility large enough and with the right lighting and electric capacity necessary for the administration of the exam.

Upon the board's recommendation, the Supreme Court approved a \$25 increase to application fees, effective August 1, 2015. The timely bar application fee was raised from \$575 to \$600.

### *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 2015 exam, 92 percent of applicants registered for the CBT. This is equal to the percentage of applicants who used the program in July 2014.

## **2015 Rules Changes**

The board requested no rules changes in 2015; however, it did post a clarification on its website of its interpretation of Pa.B.A.R. 205. Admission of Foreign Attorneys and Graduates of Foreign Institutions. The website states: "The board narrowly interprets Rule 205 when determining courses that qualify to meet 'Law Study Required' in 205(b). The course of study is expected to be that generally taught in introductory courses and cover basic concepts. Courses in Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Real Property, and Legal Research and Writing should cover the subjects as they traditionally have been taught in a first-year JD curriculum."

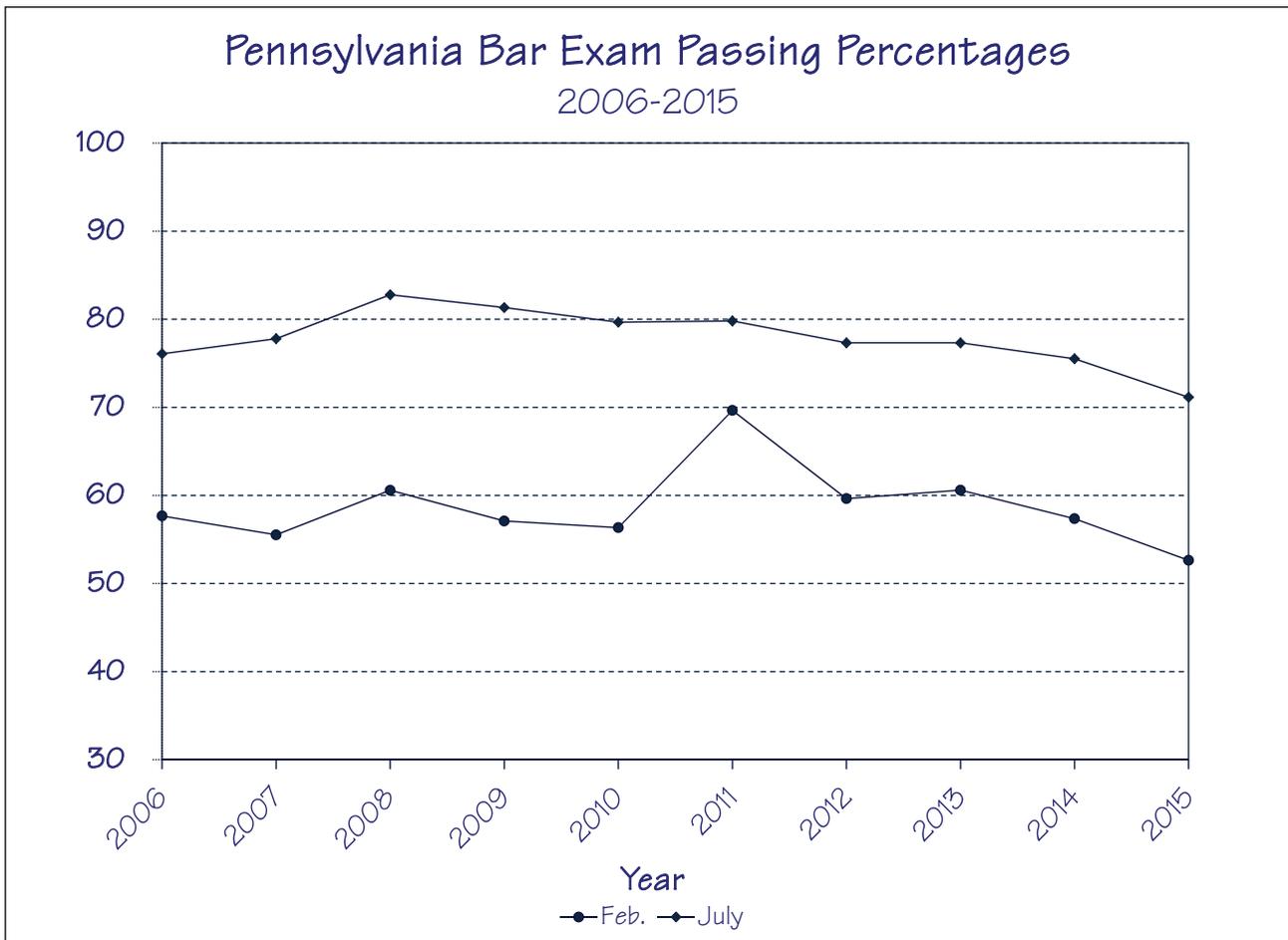


Table 4.1.2

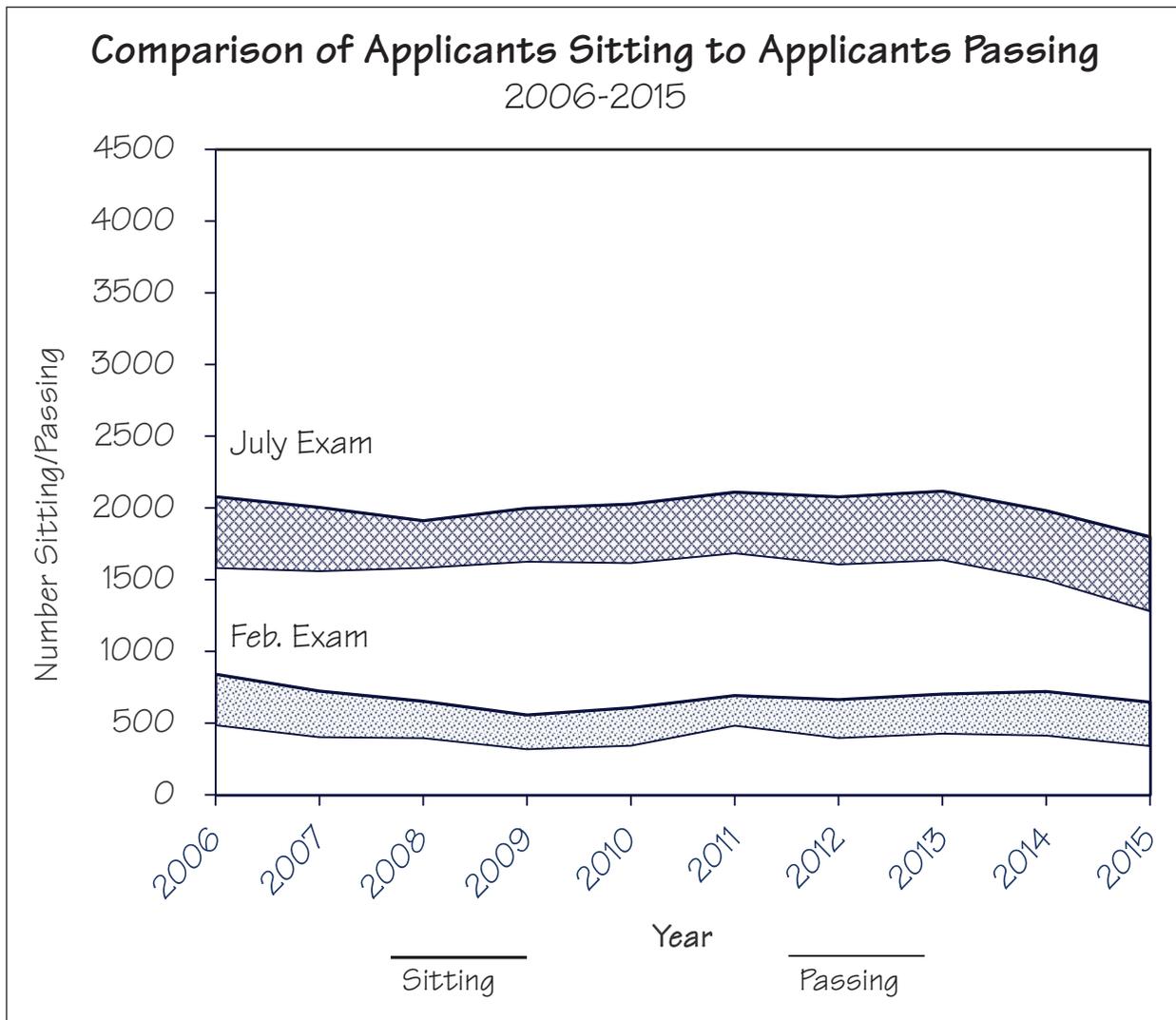


Table 4.1.3



## 2015 Membership

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### 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.

# Committee for Proposed Standard Jury Instructions

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## Committee Activities

### *Civil Instructions*

In 2015 the subcommittee released a supplement to the *Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions*, Fourth Edition. This new supplement introduced four new instructions:

- 1.181: Jurors' Pledge
- 5.51: Adverse Inference from Party's Assertion of Fifth Amendment Privilege
- 12.40: Deadlocked Jury
- 13.202: Released Party

In addition, the supplement includes updated subcommittee notes for all of Chapter 6: Agency, new Chapter 23: Prescription Drugs and Medical Devices and the revised instruction for 7.220: Wrongful Death and Survival Actions.

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 2015 the subcommittee released a supplement to the *Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions*, Second Edition (2005). The supplement includes revisions to 18 of the standard instructions and/or subcommittee notes. An additional 12 new instructions were introduced. A list the new instructions can be found in the table on page 61.

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 59.

<b>New Criminal Law Instructions</b>	
4.07C	Expert Testimony on Eyewitness Identification
8.314	Necessity
15.2702K	Aggravated Assault—Attempt to Cause Bodily Injury to a Victim under the Age of Six
15.2702L	Aggravated Assault—Causing Bodily Injury to a Victim under the Age of Six
15.3124.3	Sexual Assault by Sports Official, Volunteer, or Employee of Nonprofit Association
15.3301G	Aggravated Arson
15.3301H	Arson of a Historic Resource
15.3301I	Aggravating Factor for All Felony-Grade Arson Offenses
15.3934	Theft from a Motor Vehicle
15.4906.1	False Reports of Child Abuse
15.4958	Intimidation, Retaliation, or Obstruction in Child Abuse Cases
15.7107	Unlawful Actions by Athlete Agents

**Table 4.2.1**



## 2015 Membership

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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.

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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).

## 2015 Board Actions and Operations Highlights

The board held three meetings in 2015.

Approximately 37,000 accredited courses were offered by more than 2,000 providers.

### *Rules Changes*

**Distance Learning:** Increase in the number of education hours an attorney may complete via distance learning from four to six. Effective with the 2015 compliance year.

**Ethics Education:** Increase in the ethics component of the 12 hours of education that must be taken from one hour to two hours. Effective with the 2015 compliance year.

### *Distance Learning*

Lawyers have the option to complete up to six credits per compliance period via distance learning. Currently, 107 providers are approved to offer such programs.

Distance learning accounted for 15.5 percent of the total credits reported in 2015, an increase of just over 5 percent from 2014.

### *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 2015 the board accredited 86 capital counsel training programs, and 421 lawyers met the requirement.

### *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 2015, 68 presentations were made, and 1,992 lawyers completed the program.

### *Online Payments*

The CLE Board allows education providers to file payments and lawyers to pay late fees online via Automated Clearing House (ACH). In 2015, 73 percent of compliance payments were made in this manner, and 169 providers filed payments.

### *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 Providers Conference*

The 2015 Providers Conference was held in June. Among the highlights:

- Holly Hitchcock, executive director of the Rhode Island CLE Board gave a presentation on the outlook for mandatory CLE over the next 15 years. Issues regarding distance learning, modern practitioner needs, technology and evolving client expectations were covered.
- Board member Ken Horoho; Kerith Strano-Taylor, vice chair of the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee; and Sandra Moore, director of the AOPC's Office of Children and Families in the Courts gave a presentation on new educational requirements for masters who oversee juvenile cases. The session included a history on the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice and explanations on the rules established by the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee.
- Nate Graham, the CLE Board's provider coordinator, gave a preview of the board's upcoming CLE mobile app. Response was well received, and several providers offered to help the board promote the service.

## *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 370 accredited providers use the program, and in 2015, 84 percent of credit hours were reported using the program.

## *PA CLE Mobile*

Work began on development of PA CLE Mobile, the official mobile app of the CLE Board. The app will allow 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.

The app is scheduled to launch in 2016.

## *Attorney Compliance*

Lawyer compliance rates with CLE requirements remain high, at 99.6 percent for 2015. Table 4.3.1 on page 66 shows compliance data for each compliance group since continuing legal education for attorneys was mandated in 1992.

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

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

Two meetings were held in 2015.

## *National Association of Continuing Legal Education Regulators*

Dan Levering remained active in the National Association of Continuing Legal Education Regulators. At the organization's mid-annual meeting, he gave a presentation on the accreditation and quality of continuing legal education.

<b>Attorney Compliance</b>				
<b>Compliance Group/ Year Ending</b>	<b># Lawyers Subject to Requirements</b>	<b># Lawyers Complying</b>	<b># Lawyers Involuntarily Inactivated</b>	<b>Compliance Rates (%)</b>
<b>Group 1 (April)</b>				
92-93	17,100	16,959	141	99.2
93-94	17,300	17,179	121	99.3
94-95	17,619	17,552	67	99.6
95-96	17,873	17,768	105	99.4
96-97	17,804	17,639	165	99.1
97-98	17,665	17,523	142	99.2
98-99	17,864	17,751	113	99.4
99-00	18,132	18,018	114	99.4
00-01	18,426	18,295	131	99.3
01-02	18,480	18,342	138	99.2
02-03	18,668	18,539	129	99.3
03-04	18,224	18,720	104	99.4
04-05	19,223	19,141	82	99.6
05-06	19,672	19,602	70	99.6
06-07	20,214	20,117	97	99.5
07-08	20,427	20,276	151	99.3
08-09	20,757	20,643	114	99.4
09-10	20,674	20,616	58	99.7
10-11	20,846	20,774	72	99.7
11-12	21,154	21,082	72	99.7
12-13	21,365	21,302	63	99.7
13-14	21,595	21,521	74	99.7
14-15	21,771	21,712	59	99.7
<b>Group 2 (August)</b>				
92-93	17,124	16,868	256	98.5
93-94	17,289	17,134	155	99.1
94-95	17,649	17,540	109	99.4
95-96	17,595	17,507	87	99.5
96-97	17,410	17,294	116	99.3
97-98	17,613	17,511	102	99.5
98-99	17,756	17,666	90	99.5
99-00	18,087	17,974	113	99.4
00-01	18,181	18,100	81	99.6
01-02	18,143	18,011	132	99.3
02-03	18,572	18,493	79	99.6
				continued...

Table 4.3.1

<b>Attorney Compliance, continued</b>				
<b>Compliance Group/ Year Ending</b>	<b># Lawyers Subject to Requirements</b>	<b># Lawyers Complying</b>	<b># Lawyers Involuntarily Inactivated</b>	<b>Compliance Rates (%)</b>
<b>Group 2 (August)</b>				
03-04	18,753	15,664	89	99.5
04-05	19,098	19,019	79	99.6
05-06	19,556	19,443	113	99.4
06-07	19,934	19,842	92	99.5
07-08	20,342	20,206	136	99.3
08-09	20,385	20,311	74	99.6
09-10	20,478	20,394	84	99.8
10-11	20,674	20,607	67	99.7
11-12	21,247	21,171	76	99.6
12-13	21,514	21,434	80	99.6
13-14	21,719	21,626	93	99.6
14-15	21,871	21,826	45	99.8
<b>Group 3 (December)</b>				
92-93	17,269	16,936	333	98.1
93-94	17,474	17,414	60	99.7
94-95	17,679	17,574	105	99.4
95-96	17,542	17,430	112	99.4
96-97	17,582	17,456	126	99.3
97-98	17,781	17,647	134	99.2
98-99	17,968	17,865	103	99.4
99-00	18,220	18,113	107	99.4
00-01	18,361	18,227	134	99.3
01-02	18,479	18,366	113	99.4
02-03	18,625	18,527	98	99.5
03-04	18,887	18,792	95	99.5
04-05	19,443	19,347	96	99.5
05-06	19,882	19,797	85	99.6
06-07	20,231	20,107	124	99.4
07-08	20,605	20,491	114	99.4
08-09	20,608	20,509	99	99.5
09-10	20,753	20,659	94	99.5
10-11	21,112	21,035	77	99.6
11-12	20,982	20,882	100	99.5
12-13	20,857	20,753	104	99.5
13-14	21,335	21,260	75	99.6
14-15	21,628	21,592	36	99.8

Table 4.3.1, cont'd.



## 2015 Membership

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+ Term expired 1-29-15

++ Appointed vice chair 1-29-15; term expired 4-1-16

## Staff

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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...

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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 Activities

Statistics for 2015 can be found in Table 4.4.1 to the right.

The Disciplinary Board met four times in 2015. 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 2015 can be found in Table 4.4.3 on page 72. A tabulation of the disciplinary actions taken since the beginning of the board’s operations in 1972 is set forth on Table 4.4.4 on page 74. Comparisons of cumulative actions taken and actions taken in 2015 can be found in Chart 4.4.5 on page 76.

<b>2015 Statistics</b>	
Attorneys	64,509*
Change from 2014	0.54%
<small>*This figure does not include 10,951 inactive paid attorneys.</small>	
Complaints filed with board	4,145
Change from 2014	0.85%
Pending at start of 2015	1,281
Complaints disposed of	4,120
Total complaints resulting in discipline	265
Total pending at end of 2015	1,306

**Table 4.4.1**

## Rules Committee

The following rules changes were approved in 2015:

**R.P.C. 1.7, 1.8, 1.15, 5.7 and 5.8 and Pa.R.D.E. 208, 213, 215, 217, 218, 219 and 221:** Amendments to reduce losses

resulting from the misappropriation of client and third party funds. Adopted 12-30-14, effective 2-28-15.

**Pa.R.D.E. 502(b) and R.P.C. 1.15(u):** Amendments to

change annual fee allocations for the 2015-16 annual attorney registration period. Adopted 2-9-15, effective with the 2015-16 assessment year.

**Amendments to Board Rules of Organization and Procedure, Order No. 76:** Conforming amendments consistent with the amendments made to Pa.R.D.E. 208, 213, 215, 217, 218, 219 and 221 to reduce losses resulting from the misappropriation of client and third party funds. Adopted effective 3-2-15.

**Amendments to Board Rules of Organization and Procedure, Order No. 77:** Amendments to shorten the length of time informal admonitions are deemed relevant from six to four years and to change the location of the District I Office in Philadelphia. Adopted effective 6-22-15.

**Amendments to Board Rules of Organization and Procedure, Order No. 78:** Amendments to provide that probation is self-terminating upon the filing of the final quarterly report and upon the expiration of the fixed period of probation. Adopted effective 12-14-15.

The following recommendation was published for comment in 2015:

**R.P.C. 1.17 – Sale of a Law Practice:** Amendments to

- change the strict requirement that the seller of a law practice must cease to engage in the private practice of law in Pennsylvania
- permit a lawyer who wishes to stop practicing in one area of law to do so, while continuing to practice in other areas of law

<b>2015 Executive Session Results</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adjudications involving formal charges	36
Board referrals to Supreme Court, including report and recommendation for public discipline	30
Oral arguments before three-member panels of board members	5
Recommendations for summary private reprimands, considered by three-member panels	6
Recommendations for summary public reprimands, considered by three-member panels	18
Respondents appearing before three-member panels to receive private reprimands	10
Respondents appearing before three-member panels to receive public reprimands	15
Hearing before one board member for emergency temporary suspension	3
Hearing before one board member on a petition to dissolve a temporary suspension	1
Petitions for reinstatement to active status of attorneys inactive more than three years with no discipline involved, reviewed and approved	90
Hearings on probation violation matters	3
Review and approval of the filing of petitions with the Supreme Court for emergency temporary suspension	7
Petitions for reinstatement to active status of attorneys inactive more than three years with no discipline involved, reviewed and approved	89

**Table 4.4.2**

- eliminate the current requirement that a law practice be sold in its entirety to a single lawyer, allowing the sale of an entire area of practice, in addition to an entire practice, to one or more lawyers or law firms and placing the responsibility on the seller to give written notice to each of his/her clients.

### Finance & Pension Committee

In January 2016 the committee recommended and the board approved the assessment of an automatic late payment penalty of \$150 on attorneys who fail to complete registration by July 31. A second, nonwaivable late payment penalty of \$150 will be added to the delinquent account of any attorney who fails to complete registration by August 31.

### Education Committee

The Education Committee designed the program for the board’s educational meeting in July 2015. The program was titled How We Do Business and provided a look at how the various offices within the disciplinary system operate.

As no Hearing Committee members retired in 2015 and no appointments were made, no training session was held.

### 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, 2015, 96 senior members, 34 experienced members and 13 new members were serving on a *pro bono* basis to conduct hearings.

2015 Joint Petitions	
Action	Total
Joint Petitions in Support of Discipline on Consent filed	25
Petitions filed prior to scheduled disciplinary hearings	8
Petitions approved	23
Private discipline	0
Public discipline	23
Petitions denied	1
Petitions not yet final as of December 31	1

Table 4.4.3

## *Miscellaneous*

In April 2015, the District I Office of Disciplinary Counsel and deputy chief disciplinary counsel moved from 1635 Market Street to 1601 Market Street in Philadelphia.

Improvements were made to electronic filing to address safety and security concerns expressed by those hesitant to register electronically using credit or debit card information. Annual fees may now be paid by either credit card or voucher. Both methods require the attorney or his/her proxy to complete the online registration form, but when it comes time to pay the annual fee, an attorney now has the option to print a voucher and mail in a check or money order.

In July 2015 the board's new case management system was launched. The system is integrated with the board's document management software, and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) now electronically receives copies of filings made with the Office of the Secretary. Hearing committee members can also now receive electronically assignments to review case files and recommendations by the ODC.

In an effort to improve communications with Commonwealth law schools and their students, the Communications Committee approved the distribution of post cards and posters using the logo "Keep Calm and Follow the Rules." Law schools were contacted to arrange distribution of the materials to students.

In February 2015 board members, Howell K. Rosenberg, Douglas W. Leonard and David A. Fitzsimons; board secretary Elaine Bixler and Assistant Secretary Marcee Sloan attended the 12th Annual Meeting of the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards in Houston, Texas. Mr. Leonard made a presentation on Motivational Drivers during the meeting.

Finally, in an effort to broaden its online presence, the board in 2015 joined LinkedIn, a professional networking site.

Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-2015											
Disciplinary Cases								Reinstatement Cases			
Year	Informal	Private	Public	Public				Total	Petitions		Total
	Admonition	Reprimand	Reprimand	Probation	Censure	Suspension	Disbarment		Granted	Denied	
1973	37	0		0	0	3	13	43	1	1	2
1974	55	7		0	2	12	4	80	2	2	4
1975	95	8		0	5	12	6	126	2	2	4
1976	81	9		0	8	8	5	111	3	0	3
1977	96	7		2	10	10	13	138	3	0	3
1978	102	14		1	7	13	6	143	4	3	7
1979	121	5		0	6	17	12	161	2	1	3
1980	98	5		0	1	8	12	124	6	5	11
1981	113	4		0	1	17	21	156	42	4	46
1982	156	6		0	2	12	33	209	21	0	21
1983	137	9		0	6	7	24	183	22	0	22
1984	125	21		0	1	7	21	175	25	2	27
1985	123	19		0	3	16	16	177	21	0	21
1986	101	27		0	2	5	29	164	17	2	19
1987	110	17		0	3	10	23	163	24	1	25
1988	106	25		0	0	17	32	180	34	1	36
1989	123	31		0	2	17	18	191	27	0	27
1990	98	26		1	1	18	26	170	34	1	35
1991	115	46		1	4	10	27	203	35	0	35
1992	82	42		7	1	20	38	190	27	1	28
1993	85	30		5	0	12	20	152	29	1	30
1994	75	41		5	1	23	32	177	24	0	24
1995	74	48		7	6	26	35	196	44	1	45
1996	70	31		3	3	37	41	185	31	0	31
1997	106	46		8	3	33	40	236	35	2	37
1998	88	43		5	7	24	33	200	33	1	34
1999	48	26		7	4	23	29	137	45	4	49
2000	45	29		3	0	30	32	139	35	2	37
2001	40	35		10	2	27	31	145	55	3	58
2002	54	32		8	2	29	42	167	64	4	68
2003	58	36		8	1	31	38	172	58	4	62
2004	106	34		20	1	38	37	236	75	2	79
2005	109	26		24	2	51	37	249	72	1	73
2006	77	22		11	4	65	39	218	93	1	94
2007	85	16		6	3	48	25	183	64	2	66
2008	90	25		15	5	45	38	218	82	1	83
2009	62	23		9	4	40	29	167	84	3	87
2010	55	16		8	2	34	45	160	106	1	107

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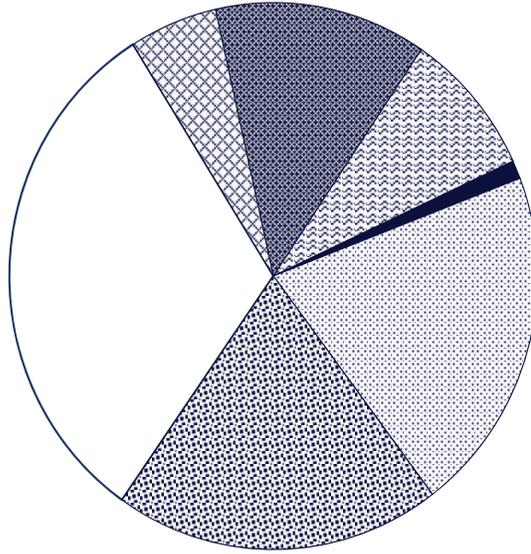
Table 4.4.4

<b>Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-2015, continued</b>											
<b>Disciplinary Cases</b>									<b>Reinstatement Cases</b>		
	<b>Informal</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>Public</b>		<b>Public</b>				<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Admonition</b>	<b>Reprimand</b>	<b>Reprimand</b>	<b>Probation</b>	<b>Censure</b>	<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Disbarment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Total</b>
2011	75	19		15	3	49	32	193	105	2	107
2012	56	15	9	11	5	50	36	182	88	2	90
2013	48	13	9	8	1	32	40	151	80	2	82
2014	76	6	8	10	0	42	46	188	107	1	108
2015	58	10	24	16	2	38*	37+	185	106#	1▲	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,714</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>7,323</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,934</b>
<p>* This figure includes 18 suspensions on consent (Rule 215 Pa.R.D.E.), but does not include 11 temporary suspensions (Rule 214 Pa.R.D.E.) or 10 temporary suspensions (Rule 208(f) Pa.R.D.E.).</p> <p>+ This figure includes 19 disbarments on consent (Rule 215 Pa.R.D.E.).</p> <p># This figure includes reinstatement to active status of 89 attorneys who had been inactive, retired or administratively suspended for three or more years; 15 who had been suspended and two who had been disbarred.</p> <p>▲ This figure includes one denied request for reinstatement after disbarment.</p>											

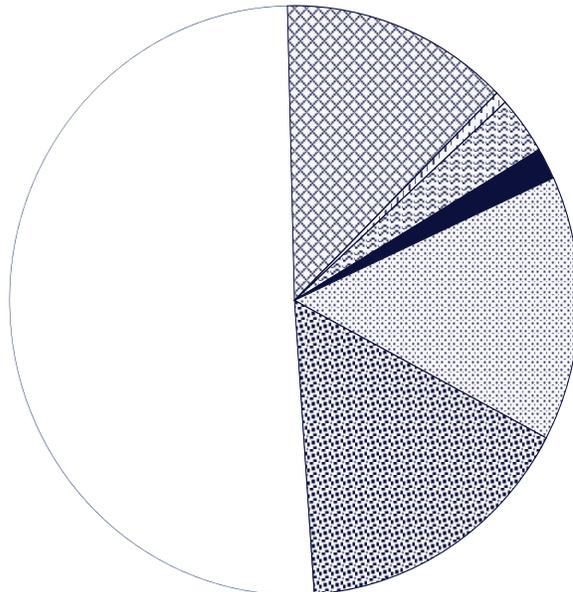
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### Disciplinary Board Actions Comparison

2015



1973-2015



- Informal Admonition    ▨ Private Reprimand    ▩ Public Reprimand    ▧ Probation
- Public Censure    ▤ Suspension    ▥ Disbarment

Table 4.4.5

## 2015 Membership

Bryan S. Neft, Esq., *Chair\**  
Irwin W. Aronson, Esq., *Chair\*\**  
Kathy M. Manderino, Esq., *Vice Chair*  
Honorable Jacqueline L. Russell, *Vice Chair+*  
Alan M. Feldman, Esq.  
Gretchen L. Kelly, Esq.  
Forest N. Myers, Esq.  
Honorable Ourania Papademetriou  
David S. Posner, Esq.  
Stella L. Smetanka, Esq.

## Staff

Stephanie Libhart, *Executive Director*

- \* Term expired 9-1-15
- \*\* Appointed chair 9-1-15
- + Appointed vice chair 9-1-15

## 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 (HASA)

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 \$600,000 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, for civil legal assistance related to housing issues.

## 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 will use 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. This distribution carries the same restrictions on use as the first.

## 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 2015-16 totaled \$346,440.

## 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. A new three-year grant in the amount of \$1,050,858 took effect on January 1, 2014.

## Fiscal Year 2015-16 Statistics

### Revenues

IOLTA & MJ-IOTA, net	\$ 3,149,107
Access to Justice Act	10,726,166
Attorney Assessment	1,947,185
<i>Pro Hac Vice</i>	628,675
<i>Pro Bono</i> Contributions	21,175
Class Action Residuals	346,440
Homeowner Assistance Settlement Act	600,000
Bank of America Settlement Funds	12,167,624
Other	163,270
Total	\$29,749,642

### Grants

Legal Service Organizations	\$ 13,098,345
Pennsylvania Law Schools	1,200,000
<i>Pro Bono</i> Grants	50,150
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	325,447
Total	\$14,673,942

The largest grant, \$10,854,958, 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.

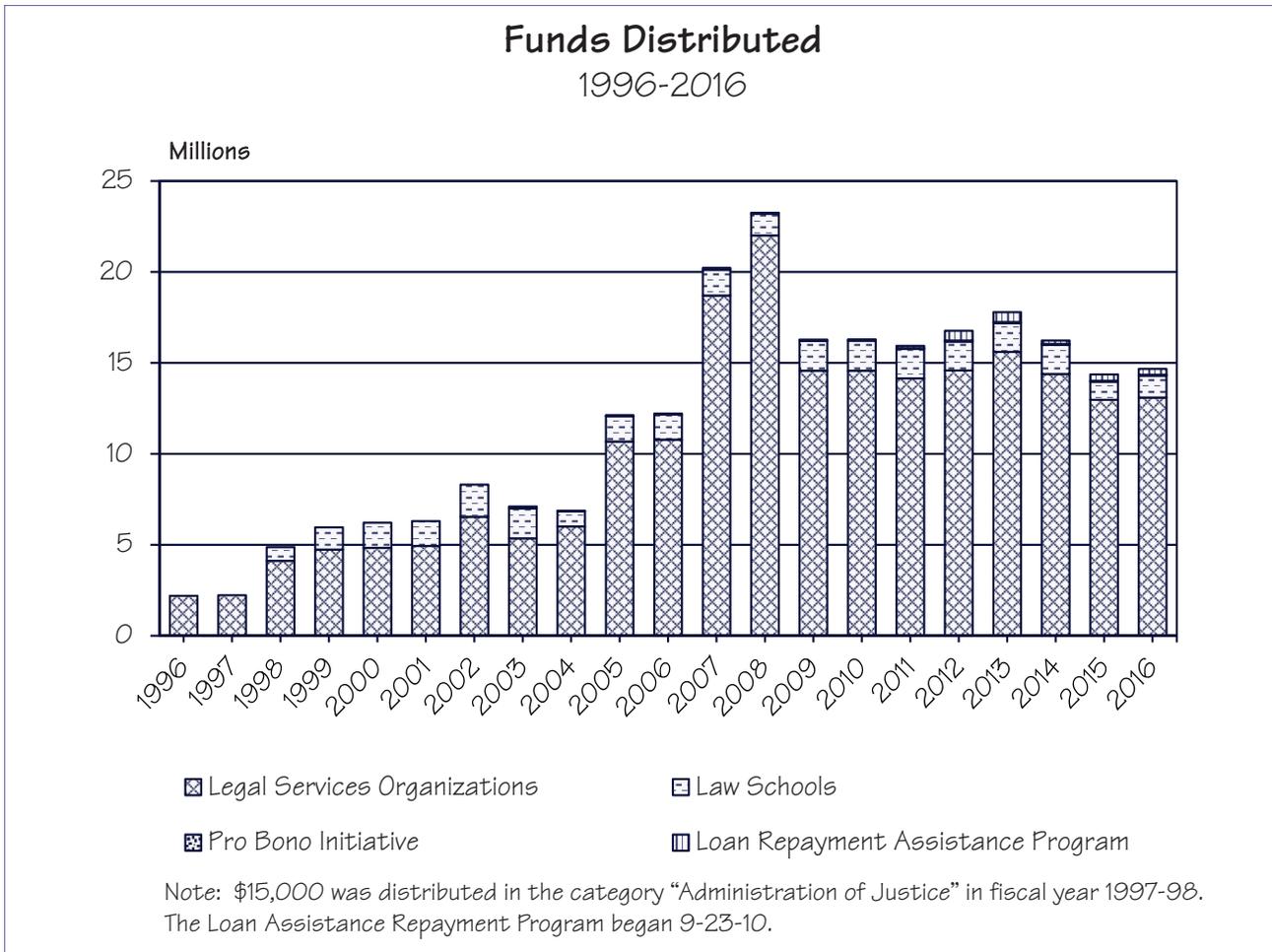


Table 4.5.1

## 2015 Membership

Honorable Richard G. King, *Chair*  
Honorable James K. Reiley, *Vice Chair*  
Honorable Fred B. Miller, *Secretary, Treasurer*  
Honorable Nathan N. Firestone  
Dick Hammon  
Honorable Henry J. Schireson  
Barbara A. Zemlock, Esq.

## Staff

Susan M. Davis, *Executive Director*  
Kate D. Grenke, *Assistant*

## 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

## Education

## Board

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## 2015 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*

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

### *Continuing Education for Magisterial District Judges*

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

- Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code Update
- Civil Law Update, Landlord-Tenant Update & International Property Maintenance Codes (Universal BOCA Code)
- Active Shooter Awareness
- Ethics
- Mental Health Law Update
- Constables & Fee Bill
- Mental Health Behavioral Clinical Assessment Program
- Bail & PFA
- Drugs & Electronic Wiretap
- Criminal Law Update
- Language Access in PA Courts
- Veterans Programming Update
- AOPC Legal Update
- Drug Recognition Testimony
- Truancy Update
- MDJS Update
- Stress Management & Ethics
- Phishing, Vishing & Other Digital Threats

**Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges**

- Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code Update
- Stress Management & Ethics
- Language Access in Pa Courts
- Active Shooter Awareness
- Motor Carrier Enforcement
- Mental Health Behavioral Clinical Assessment Program
- Ethics
- Traffic Court Administration
- Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association Safety
- Evidence

**Philadelphia Arraignment Court Magistrates**

- Autism Awareness
- Ethics
- Bail & PFA
- Drugs & Electronic Wiretap
- Defenders' Association
- Mental Health Law Update
- Mental Health Behavioral Clinical Assessment Program
- Computer-Facilitated Crimes
- Active Shooter Awareness
- Criminal Law Update
- Language Access in Pa Courts
- District Attorney Association
- Search & Seizure

**2015 Statistics**

MJEB statistics for 2015 can be found in the chart below.

<b>2015 Educational Statistics</b>	
Continuing education to magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	616
Continuing legal education to attorney magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	147
Continuing legal education to former Philadelphia Traffic Court judge now serving in Philadelphia Municipal Court Traffic Division	1
Continuing legal education to Philadelphia Municipal Court Traffic Division hearing officer	1
Continuing legal education to Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates	6
Magisterial district judge recertification	20
Continuing legal education to prospective Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates	3
Certification classes to prospective magisterial district judges	78
Number certified	31

**Table 4.6.1**



## 2015 Membership

Lewis F. Gould Jr., Esq., *Board Chair*  
Daniel I. Booker, Esq., *Vice Chair*  
Stefanie J. Salavantis, Esq., *Treasurer*  
John A. Barbour, Esq.  
Robert A. Gleason Jr.  
Honorable Albert H. Masland  
Bishop Keith W. Reed Sr.

## Staff

Kathryn J. Morgan, Esq., *Executive Director*  
Susan L. Erdman, *Administrative Assistant*

## 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 2015-16) 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 2015-16 Claims Statistics

Statistics for the 2015-16 fiscal year can be found in Table 4.7.1. Chart 4.7.2 on page 88 is a breakdown of amounts claimed by category. Chart 4.7.3 on page 89 gives comparisons of claims awarded versus claims rejected, both in terms of numbers and dollar amounts. Chart 4.7.4 on page 90 is a comparison of claims awarded, rejected and discontinued, both cumulatively and in 2015-16.

### Claims Categories

**Fiduciary Funds** – Theft of estate funds and trust/escrow funds consistently tops the list of claims filed against attorneys. During FY 2015-16 the fund awarded \$4,353,271 in this category, 87.03 percent of its total award dollars, settling 54 claims.

**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 \$343,232 settling seven claims were paid in FY 2015-16.

**Nonperformance\*** – The acceptance of unearned fees or retainers represented the third largest category in which funds were awarded in FY 2015-16, with 55 claimants receiving \$198,506.

\*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.

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

2015-16 Claims Statistics		
Claims	No.	Amount
Received	204*	\$28,682,975
	*16 in excess of \$100,000 limit	
Awarded	119	5,001,842
Rejected	81	2,482,424
Discontinued	18	138,262
Total	218	\$7,622,528
Pending	533	\$46,169,356

Note: During FY 2015-16, 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 April 2016 the court agreed and approved a maximum aggregate to this group not to exceed \$3.5 million.

The board decided to pay one-half of each award in July 2016. The remaining half will be made on or about July 1, 2017.

The \$5,001,842 noted above includes the awards that were approved to the claimants in this waiver request.

Table 4.7.1

## **2015-16 Activities**

### *County Bench, Bar Meetings*

The board met in Hershey, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in FY 2015-16.

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 2015-16, the fund recovered \$138,514 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 2015-16 the fund received 206 overdraft notices. Fourteen notices were pending. Of the 220 notices, 180 were reviewed and dismissed, and 28 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 2015-16 \$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.

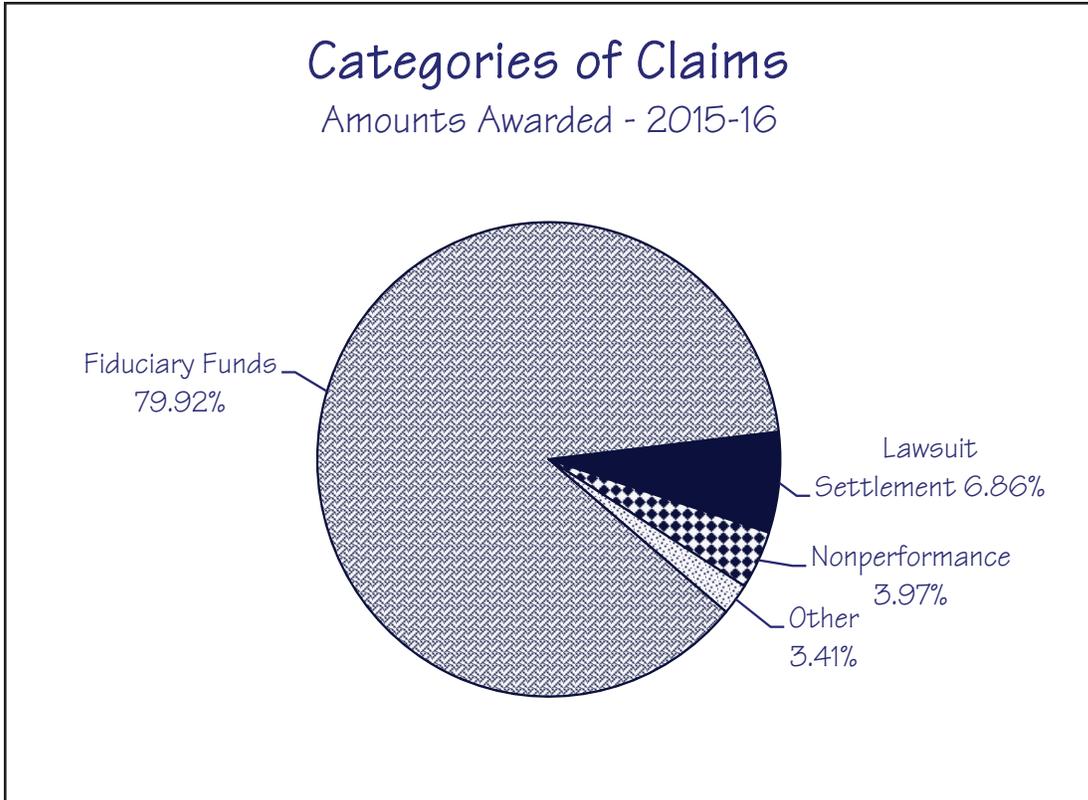


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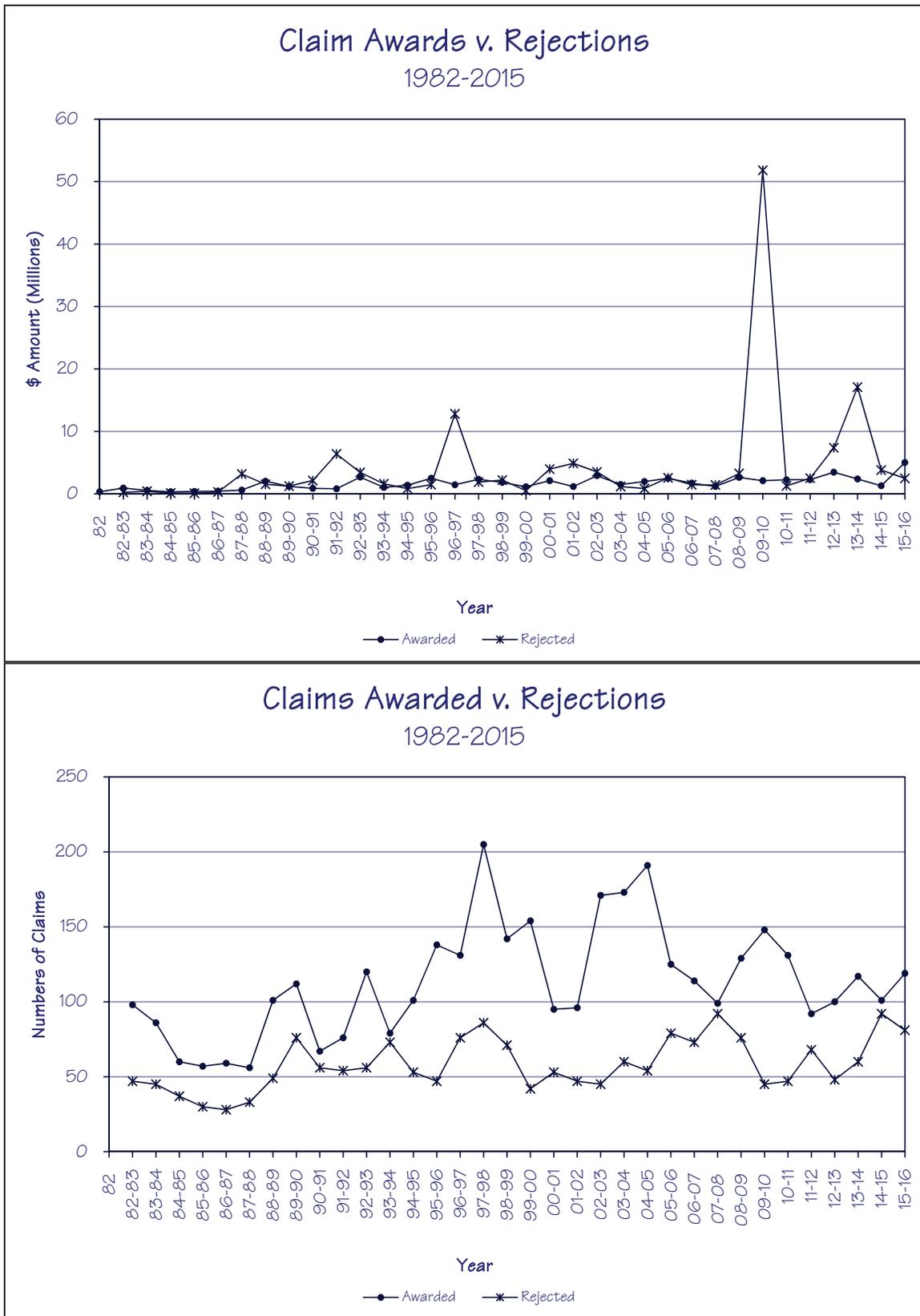
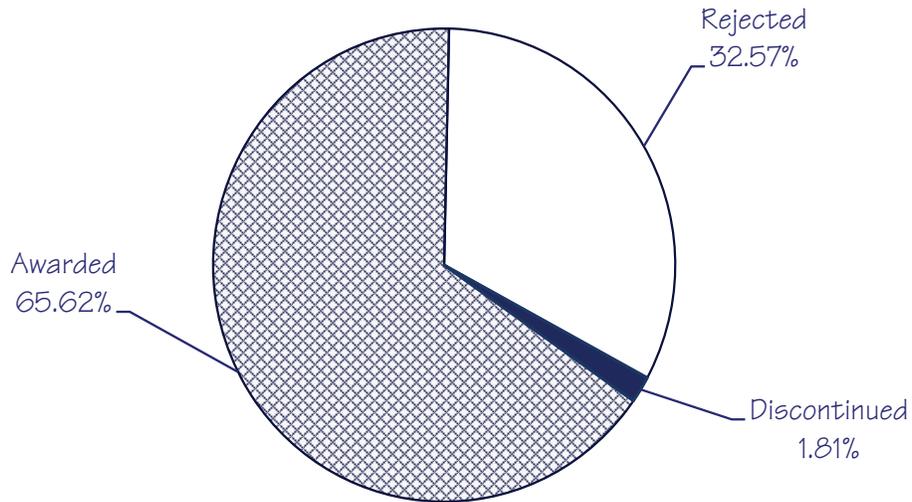


Table 4.7.3

### Comparison of Claim Dispositions

Amounts Awarded - 2015-16



Amounts Awarded - Cumulative

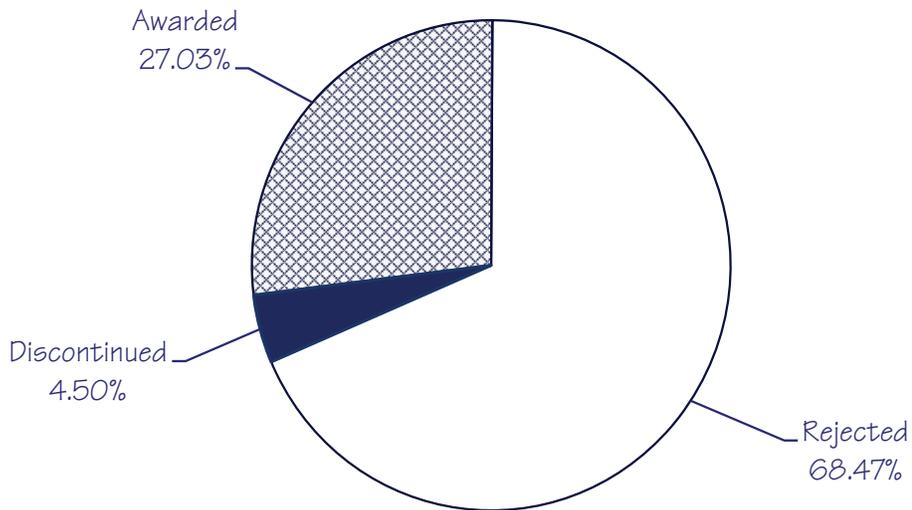


Table 4.7.4

Of the total state government expenditures for fiscal year (FY) 2015-16 administrative costs for the judiciary amounted to slightly more than one-half of one percent. Table 5.1 on page 93 shows the distribution of expenditures across the three branches of government. (With the county reimbursement grants discussed below, the judiciary accounts for approximately 0.6 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 94 provides a breakdown of the state appropriations for FY 2015-16.

In FY 2015-16, the judiciary saved more than \$9.5 million through a variety of measures, including not making appointments – at the request of the chief justice – to fill judge vacancies, a reduction of 28 magisterial district judge offices to date since January 2010, contributions toward health care costs and elimination of a staff COLA, to name just a few.

## 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

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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.

The General Assembly also requires that counties spend an amount at least equal to the reimbursement paid. Sufficient funding was provided in FY 2015-16 to pay the grant at the statutory rate.

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 97 identifies the amounts of reimbursement provided to each county, by grant program, for FY 2015-16.

## 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 100, 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 2015-16, \$41.676 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

As part of the reform of the judicial discipline process, the Judicial Conduct Board and the Court of Judicial Discipline were established 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 2015-16</b>		
<i>General, Special Federal &amp; Other Funds Expenditures</i>		
<b>Branch</b>	<b>\$ Amount (Thousands)</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
Executive	75,788,739	99.12
Legislative	229,760	0.30
Judicial	402,047	0.53
Judicial - County Reimbursement for Courts	39,129	0.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,459,675</b>	

Totals shown exclude capital budget.

Note: The governor’s budget showed FY 2015-16 funds available to the judiciary as \$401.044 million. Actual total available funds, with \$41.676 million of Act 49 of 2009 revenues, augmentations of \$5.307 million, \$50.348 million of restricted receipts and \$151,000 of miscellaneous funds were \$441.176 million.

Source: FY 2015-16 Governor’s Recommended Budget

**Table 5.1**

<b>Appropriations</b>	
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2015-16</b> (thousands)
Supreme Court*	\$14,020
Justices' Expenses	118
Rules Committees	1,571
Judicial Council	141
Interbranch Commission	350
Superior Court*	29,730
Judges' Expenses	183
Commonwealth Court*	18,183
Judges' Expenses	132
Court Administrator*	10,915
Court Improvement Program** (F)	1,130
Indigent Defense Study+ (F)	320
Pennsylvania Weighted Caseload Project-CP++ (F)	17
STOP Violence Against Women# (F)	266
Pennsylvania Judicial Center*	851
District Court Administrators*	19,140
Court Management Education	73
Problem-Solving Courts	103
Unified Judicial System Security##	2,002
Statewide Judicial Computer System▲ (R)	50,348
Integrated Criminal Justice System	2,372
Courts of Common Pleas*	107,948
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*	79,697
Magisterial District Judge Education*	715
Philadelphia Municipal Court*	7,322
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Table 5.2

<b>Appropriations, continued</b>	
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2015-16</b> (thousands)
County Court Reimbursement	35,136
Senior Judge Support Reimbursement	1,375
Juror Cost Reimbursement	1,118
County Court Interpreter Grant	1,500
Judicial Conduct Board	1,956
Court of Judicial Discipline	468
State Funds	342,432
(F) Federal Funds	1,733
(R) Restricted Receipts	50,348
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$394,513</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 2015-16, \$41.676 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 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 to fund approximately half of the costs of a weighted caseload study by the National Center for State Courts to determine the appropriate statewide Common Pleas Court judge complement. Most of the funds were spent in FY 2014-15, but a \$16,110 balance remains on the grant. No funds were spent in FY 2015-16.</p>	
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Table 5.2, cont'd.

### Appropriations, continued

- # The STOP Violence Against Women executive authorization provides access to a subgrant of federal funds from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). Congress mandates that 5 percent of the total authorization is to be spent by or on behalf of the courts. To date, \$495,855 has been received from this ongoing grant program (\$221,557 from the initial grant in 2015 and \$274,298 in 2016), with \$266,000 appropriated in FY 2015-16. The 25 percent state match to the federal funds is being met by the PCCD.
- ## The FY 2015-16 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 2015-16 appropriation was \$57.048 million, only \$50.348 million were withdrawn. These funds were augmented by \$597,150 from miscellaneous revenues, including fees charged to users for information generated by the Magisterial District Judge System, \$2,221,200 from online payment fees and \$97,230 from fees imposed by Act 119 of 1996 (Jen and Dave's Law). The total amount available to the JCS in FY 2015-16 was \$53,263,580.

Table 5.2, cont'd.

**County Reimbursements for Courts  
FY 2015-16**

COUNTY	JUROR COST	COUNTY COURT	SENIOR JUDGE	COURT INTERPRETERS	TOTAL
Adams	\$0.00	\$280,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,545.00	\$295,545.00
Allegheny	57,020.97	3,010,000.00	186,661.00	116,285.00	3,369,966.97
Armstrong	370.59	140,000.00	1,617.00	0.00	141,987.59
Beaver	6,846.84	490,000.00	9,521.00	3,583.00	509,950.84
Bedford	0.00	140,000.00	0.00	2,952.00	142,952.00
Berks	15,470.51	910,000.00	86,077.00	122,721.00	1,134,268.51
Blair	2,556.92	350,000.00	7,801.00	2656.00	363,013.92
Bradford	996.95	140,000.00	22,032.00	900.00	163,928.95
Bucks	40,768.83	910,000.00	51,812.00	108,422.00	1,111,002.83
Butler	335.22	420,000.00	774.00	1,347.00	422,456.22
Cambria	0.00	350,000.00	24,121.00	702.00	374,823.00
Cameron	0.00	9,800.00	93.00	328.00	10,221.00
Carbon	800.96	210,000.00	1,387.00	4,752.00	216,939.96
Centre	2,659.69	280,000.00	7,561.00	10,969.00	301,189.69
Chester	27,991.79	980,000.00	36,724.00	88,703.00	1,133,418.79
Clarion	1,427.80	70,000.00	4,774.00	0.00	76,201.80
Clearfield	1,015.35	140,000.00	0.00	0.00	141,015.35
Clinton	0.00	140,000.00	2,468.00	1,079.00	143,547.00
Columbia	2,095.41	110,600.00	2,118.00	1,509.00	116,322.41
Crawford	3,410.13	210,000.00	866.00	577.00	214,853.13
Cumberland	4,548.70	420,000.00	12,745.00	27,630.00	464,923.70
Dauphin	27,004.53	700,000.00	5,074.00	70,009.00	802,087.53
Delaware	25,755.47	1,400,000.00	140,555.00	61,678.00	1,627,988.47
Elk	2,409.16	60,200.00	3,959.00	0.00	66,568.16
Erie	4,766.24	630,000.00	6,845.00	6,854.00	648,465.24
Fayette	1,268.25	350,000.00	17,081.00	2,084.00	370,433.25
Forest	0.00	22,400.00	290.00	287.00	22,977.00
Franklin	0.00	318,500.00	12,457.00	58,046.00	389,003.00
Fulton	0.00	31,500.00	0.00	0.00	31,500.00
Greene	1,608.08	140,000.00	11,991.00	0.00	153,599.08
Huntingdon	0.00	70,000.00	11,686.00	98.00	81,784.00
Indiana	0.00	210,000.00	4,035.00	0.00	214,035.00
Jefferson	0.00	70,000.00	9,331.00	0.00	79,331.00
Juniata	0.00	49,000.00	0.00	2,262.00	51,262.00
Lackawanna	8,882.27	630,000.00	82,678.00	0.00	721,560.27
Lancaster	4,355.18	1,050,000.00	1,884.00	91,122.00	1,147,361.18

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Table 5.3

**County Reimbursements for Courts, continued**  
**FY 2015-16**

COUNTY	JUROR COST	COUNTY COURT	SENIOR JUDGE	COURT INTERPRETERS	TOTAL
Lawrence	3,103.82	280,000.00	23,150.00	1,028.00	307,281.82
Lebanon	11,637.00	280,000.00	14,894.00	18,394.00	324,925.00
Lehigh	31,041.17	700,000.00	31,535.00	89,538.00	852,114.17
Luzerne	26,431.21	700,000.00	111,941.00	45,991.00	884,363.21
Lycoming	1,572.72	350,000.00	6,241.00	2,363.00	360,176.72
McKean	696.00	140,000.00	5,888.00	538.00	147,122.00
Mercer	5,813.94	280,000.00	1,260.00	0.00	287,073.94
Mifflin	0.00	140,000.00	5,237.00	1,321.00	146,558.00
Monroe	14,295.22	420,000.00	4,008.00	20,997.00	459,280.22
Montgomery	28,912.00	1,610,000.00	52,337.00	74,837.00	1,766,086.00
Montour	570.59	29,400.00	0.00	526.00	30,496.59
Northampton	14,442.30	630,000.00	25,685.00	51,708.00	721,835.30
Northumberland	626.38	210,000.00	981.00	4,306.00	215,913.38
Perry	0.00	91,000.00	0.00	1,546.00	92,546.00
Philadelphia	352,980.00	10,075,327.00	189,977.00	237,750.00	10,856,034.00
Pike	602.42	140,000.00	0.00	4,947.00	145,549.42
Potter	0.00	70,000.00	2,528.00	258.00	72,786.00
Schuylkill	330.86	420,000.00	5,336.00	10,687.00	436,353.86
Snyder	322.43	65,800.00	2,420.00	551.00	69,093.43
Somerset	1,069.08	210,000.00	443.00	1,066.00	212,578.08
Sullivan	0.00	13,300.00	0.00	0.00	13,300.00
Susquehanna	0.00	70,000.00	0.00	0.00	70,000.00
Tioga	0.00	70,000.00	2,901.00	0.00	72,901.00
Union	1,178.47	74,200.00	1,530.00	4,225.00	81,133.47
Venango	2,396.00	140,000.00	3,974.00	0.00	146,370.00
Warren	0.00	117,600.00	3,286.00	1,475.00	122,361.00
Washington	2,479.46	420,000.00	35,924.00	2,666.00	461,069.46
Wayne	1,811.33	70,000.00	2,404.00	663.00	74,878.33
Westmoreland	8,455.82	770,000.00	28,443.00	2,650.00	809,548.82
Wyoming	1,568.64	56,700.00	2,131.00	0.00	60,399.64
York	15,297.30	1,050,000.00	43,528.00	116,889.00	1,225,714.30
To Lapse Funds	0.00	673.00	0.00	0.00	673.00
Transfer	346,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	346,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,118,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,136,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,375,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$39,129,000.00</b>

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Table 5.3, cont'd.

**County Reimbursements for Courts, continued**  
**FY 2015-16**

**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 2015-16 the reimbursement was paid at the statutory rate of \$70,000 per authorized Common Pleas position, whether filled or vacant. In order for counties to receive the full reimbursement, they 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. This cap affected only Philadelphia's payment in FY 2015-16. The second cap limits the total county reimbursements to the amount appropriated. For calendar year 2015, the total reimbursement qualifying for payment totaled \$1,990,374, which exceeded the appropriation amount of \$1,375,000 by \$615,374. Accordingly, the grant payment to each county was proportionally reduced by 31 percent, (i.e., each county received 69 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. Initial funding for the grant was provided in FY 2015-16.

**Table 5.3, cont'd.**

<b>Fees That Support State Operations</b>	
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
	(thousands)
Supreme Court	\$409
Pa. Board of Law Examiners	2,229
Superior Court	173
Commonwealth Court	147
Magisterial District Judge Education	22
Court Administrator	39
Judicial Computer System*	2,753
Act 49 Fees**	41,676
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,448</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 2015-16. The remainder was derived from public access fees of \$435,000 levied on nongovernmental users of information captured by the Magisterial District Judge System and online payment fees of \$2,221,000.</p>	
<p>** Revenues generated by the Act 49 surcharge used to supplement state funding among the various judiciary appropriations during FY 2015-16.</p>	

**Table 5.4**

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES  
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PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT SENIOR JUDGES  
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PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT SENIOR JUDGES  
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES  
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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#

\* Appointed chief justice effective  
1-1-15

\*\* Elected 11-3-15

+ Term expired 1-3-16

++ Resigned 3-15-16

# Appointed 6-27-16

## Superior Court Judges

Complement 15

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.  
Allen, Cheryl Lynn\*  
Lazarus, Anne E.  
Mundy, Sallie Updyke#  
Olson, Judith Ference

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

\* Resigned 9-4-15

\*\* Elected to Supreme Court 11-3-15;  
resigned 1-3-16

+ Elected 11-3-15

++ Term expired 1-3-16

# Appointed to Supreme Court  
6-27-16

## Appointed 6-27-16

## Commonwealth Court Judges

Complement 9

Pellegrini, Dante R.\*\*  
*President Judge*

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 11-3-15

\*\* Retired 12-31-15

+ Elected president judge effective  
1-1-16

++ Resigned 1-31-16

# Appointed 6-27-16

**Appellate**

**Court**

**Jurists**

(As of 6-30-16)

## Senior

## Appellate

## Court

## Judges

### Superior Court Senior Judges

Fitzgerald, James J., III

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

### 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

**ADAMS COUNTY (51)**

Complement 4

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

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Retired 12-31-15  
+ 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.  
Lutty, Paul F., Jr.+  
Mariani, Anthony M.

Marmo, Michael F.  
McCarthy, Michael E.

McCrary, Jennifer S.\*  
McDaniel, Donna Jo  
McGough, Hugh F.\*

McVay, John T., Jr.  
Mulligan, Kathleen R.\*\*  
O'Brien, W. Terrence  
Rangos, Jill E.  
Regan, Daniel D.\*

Sasinowski, 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.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Resigned 11-4-15  
+ Retired 12-31-15  
++ Term expired 1-3-16  
# Appointed 6-29-16

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY (33)**

Complement 2

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

**BEAVER COUNTY (36)**

Complement 7

*McBride, John D.*  
Fouse, Dale M.\*  
Knafelc, Harry E.  
Kunselman, Deborah A.  
Kwidis, C. Gus\*\*

Mancini, Richard  
Ross, James J.  
Tesla, Kim

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Retired 12-31-15

**Common  
Pleas  
Court  
Judges**

(As of 6-30-16)

(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.\*  
Boccabella, John A.\*\*  
Bucci, James M.  
  
Dimitriou Geishausser, Eleni V.\*  
Fudeman, Madelyn S.  
Johnson, M. Theresa  
Keller, Scott D.++  
Koestel, Jill G.#  
  
Lash, Scott E.  
Lieberman, Stephen B.+  
Lillis, James M.\*  
Parisi, Thomas G.  
Rowley, Timothy J.  
  
Sprecher, Jeffrey K.  
Ullman, Mary Ann

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Retired 12-31-15  
+ 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.

**BRADFORD COUNTY (42)**

Complement 2

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

\* Elected 11-3-15

**BUCKS COUNTY (07)**

Complement 13

*Finley, Jeffrey L.*  
Baldi, Robert O.  
Bateman, Wallace H., Jr.  
Boylan, Rea Behney  
Cepparulo, Albert J.\*\*  
  
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 3-2-15; elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Resigned 9-4-15  
+ Appointed 6-29-15

**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

*Creany, Timothy P.\*\**  
*Krumenacker, Norman A., III+*

Bernstein, Tamara R.\*  
Fleming, Linda R.  
Kiniry, Patrick T.  
  
Tulowitzki, David J.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Retired 12-31-15  
+ 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.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Term expired 1-3-16

**CHESTER COUNTY (15)**

Complement 14

*MacElree, James P., II\**  
*Cody, Jacqueline C.\*\**  
Bortner, David F.  
Carmody, Patrick C.  
Griffith, Edward  
  
Hall, John L.  
Mahon, William P.  
Platt, Katherine B.L.  
Royer, Allison B.+  
Sarcione, Anthony A.

Sommer, Jeffrey R.  
Streitel, Phyllis R.

**CHESTER COUNTY, continued**

Tunnell, Mark L.  
Wheatcraft, Ann Marie M.

- \* President judge term expired 1-3-15
- \*\* Elected president judge effective 1-4-15
- + Elected 11-3-15

**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.

- \* Elected 11-3-15
- \*\* Term expired 1-3-16
- + Appointed president judge effective 1-4-16

**DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)**

Complement 10

*Lewis, Richard A.\**  
Bratton, Bruce F.  
Cherry, John F.  
Coates, Bernard L., Jr.\*\*  
Curcillo, Deborah E.

Dowling, Andrew H.  
Evans, Scott Arthur  
Hoover, Todd A.+  
Serratelli, Lori K.++  
Tully, William T.

Turgeon, Jeannine

- \* Elected president judge effective 1-1-15
- \*\* Died 9-17-15
- + Resigned 6-3-16
- ++ Appointed 6-29-16

**DELAWARE COUNTY (32)**

Complement 20

*Kenney, Chad F., Sr.*  
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  
Kelly, Kevin F.  
Mackrides, William C.  
Mallon, Gregory M.

Nichols, Nathaniel C.  
Nilon, James F., Jr.  
Pagano, George A.  
Pileggi, Dominic F.\*  
Proud, James F.\*\*

Scanlon, Anthony D.\*

- \* Elected 11-3-15
- \*\* Retired 12-31-15

**ELK-CAMERON COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 1

*Masson, Richard A.*

**ERIE COUNTY (06)**

Complement 9

*DiSantis, Ernest J., Jr.\**  
*Connelly, Shad F.\*\**  
*Trucilla, John J.++*  
Brabender, Daniel J., Jr.  
Cunningham, William R.

Domitrovich, Stephanie A.  
Garhart, John  
Kelly, Elizabeth K.

**ERIE COUNTY continued**

Mead, John J.+  
 Sambroak, Robert A., Jr.  
 Walsh, Joseph M.+

- \* Resigned as president judge effective 1-3-15; resigned 1-31-15
- \*\* Elected president judge effective 1-4-15; retired 12-31-15
- + Elected 11-3-15
- ++ Elected president judge effective 1-1-16

**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

Herman, Douglas W.\*  
 Van Horn, Carol L.\*\*  
 Krom, Angela R.  
 Meyers, Shawn D.  
 Sponseller, Todd M.+  
 Zook, Jeremiah D.

- \* Resigned 1-2-15
- \*\* Appointed president judge effective 1-3-15
- + Elected 11-3-15

**GREENE COUNTY (13)**

Complement 2  
 Vacancy 1

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

- \* Appointed president judge effective 1-1-15
- \*\* Elected 11-3-15

**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\*  
 Mazzone, Robert A.\*\*  
 Minora, Carmen D.#  
 Munley, Julia K.##

Nealon, Terrence R.

- \* Elected 11-3-15
- \*\* Resigned 12-31-15
- + 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

Madenspacher, Joseph C.\*  
 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.

- \* President judge term expired 1-3-15; retired 12-31-15
- \*\* Elected president judge effective 1-4-15
- + Elected 11-3-15

**LAWRENCE COUNTY (53)**

Complement 4

Motto, Dominick  
 Acker, David H.\*  
 Cox, J. Craig  
 Hodge, John W.  
 Piccione, Thomas M.\*\*

- \* Elected 11-3-15
- \*\* Retired 12-31-15

**LEBANON COUNTY (52)**

Complement 4

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

**LEHIGH COUNTY (31)**

Complement 10

*McGinley, Carol K.\**  
*Reibman, Edward D.\*\**  
Anthony, James T.  
Banach, Kelly L.  
Dantos, Maria L.

Ford, William E.+  
Johnson, J. Brian  
McCarthy Daniel K.++  
Reichley, Douglas G.  
Steinberg, Robert L.

Varricchio, Michele A.

- \* Resigned as president judge term 8-31-15
- \*\* Elected president judge effective 9-1-15
- + Resigned 1-3-16
- ++ Appointed 6-29-16

**LUZERNE COUNTY (11)**

Complement 10

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

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

- \* President judge term expired 1-3-15
- \*\* Elected president judge effective 1-4-15

**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.\*

- \* Elected 11-3-15

**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

*Furber, William J., Jr.*  
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  
DelRicci, Thomas M.

Demchick-Alloy, Wendy  
Eisenberg, Todd D.\*  
Ferman, Risa Vetri\*  
Haaz, Richard P.  
Moore, Bernard A.\*\*

Murphy, Lois E.  
O'Neill, Steven T.  
Ott, Stanley R.+  
Page, Garrett D.  
Rogers, Thomas P.

Silow, Gary S.  
Smyth, Joseph A., Jr.\*\*  
Tolliver, Steven C.  
Wall, Kelly C.  
Walsh, Joseph P.++

Weilheimer, Gail A.

- \* Elected 11-3-15
- \*\* Retired 12-31-15
- + Resigned 1-3-16
- ++ Appointed 6-29-16

**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.

- \* Elected 11-3-15

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY (08)**

Complement 3

*Wiest, William Harvey\*\**  
*Saylor, Charles H.+*  
 Jones, Hugh A.\*  
 Rosini, Anthony J.++  
 Rosini, Paige\*

- \* Elected 11-3-15
- \*\* Retired 12-31-15
- + 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 1

*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  
 Dembe, Pamela Pryor++  
 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.✦  
 Grey Daine A.▲  
 Hill, Glynnis D.

Irvine, Jonathan Q.  
 Jackson, Elizabeth  
 Johnson, Joel S.  
 Johnson, Vincent L.  
 Joseph, Barbara A.▲▲

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.  
 Pechkurow, Doris A.▲▲  
 Perez, Mia R.▲  
 Powell, Kenneth J., Jr.▲

Ransom, Lillian Harris■  
 Rau, Lisa M.  
 Rebstock, Robert J.  
 Rizzo, Annette M.\*\*  
 Robins New, Shelley

Robinson, Rosalyn K.  
 Roca, Angeles  
 Rogers, Peter F.▼  
 Roman, Tracy▲  
 Sarmina, M. Teresa

Sawyer, Stephanie M.▲  
 Schulman, Susan I.  
 Scott, Kai N.▲  
 Shirdan-Harris, Lisette  
 Shreeves-Johns, Karen

Smith, Gregory E.+  
 Snite, Albert John, Jr.\*\*  
 Sulman, Daniel R.✦  
 Thomas-Street, Sierra L.  
 Thompson, Diane R.

Tsai, Stella M.✦  
 Tucker, Leon W.  
 Woelpper, Donna M.  
 Wogan, Chris R.#  
 Wright, Edward C.

**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY,**  
**continued**

Wright Padilla, Nina N.  
Younge, John Milton  
Younge, Lyris F.▲

- \* Appointed administrative judge of orphans' court effective 1-1-15
- \*\* Resigned 1-2-15
- + Resigned 1-4-15
- ++ Resigned 7-5-15
- # Resigned 8-8-15
- ## Defeated in primary election 5-19-15; term expired 1-3-16; reappointed 6-29-16
- ▲ Elected 11-3-15
- ▲▲ Retired 12-31-15
- ▼ Resigned 12-31-15
- ▼▼ Elected to Supreme Court 11-3-15; resigned 1-3-16
- ◆ Elected to Superior Court 11-3-15; 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

**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

*Cascio, John M.*  
Bittner, Scott P.\*  
Geary, D. Gregory  
Klementik, David C.\*\*  
  
\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Term expired 1-3-16

**SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY (34)**  
Complement 1

*Legg, Jason J.\**  
  
\* Elected 11-3-15

**TIOGA COUNTY (04)**  
Complement 1

*Wheeler, George W.\**  
  
\* Elected 11-3-15

**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

*O'Dell Seneca, Debbie\**  
*Emery, Katherine B.\*\**  
Costanzo, Valerie S.  
DiSalle, John F.  
Faldowski, Damon J.+  
  
Gilman, Gary M.  
Lucas, Michael J.

- \* Resigned 1-4-15
- \*\* Appointed president judge effective 1-5-15
- + Appointed 6-29-16

**WAYNE COUNTY (22)**  
Complement 1

*Hamill Raymond L.*

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY (10)**  
Complement 11

*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.  
Regoli, David A.\*

Scherer, Christian F.  
Smail, Harry F., Jr.\*\*

- \* Defeated for election 11-3-15; term expired 1-3-16
- \*\* Elected 11-3-15

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN COUNTIES (44)**  
Complement 1

*Shurtleff, Russell D.*

**YORK COUNTY (19)**

Complement 15

*Linebaugh, Stephen P.*+

*Adams, Joseph C.*++

Bortner, Michael E.

Cook, Maria Musti

Fawcett, Christy H.##

Flannelly, Michael W.\*\*

Kelley, Thomas H.\*

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.

\* Resigned 10-9-15

\*\* Elected 11-3-15

+ President judge term expired  
1-1-16

++ Elected president judge effective  
1-2-16

# Resigned 1-3-16

## Appointed 6-29-16

**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.  
Gallo, Robert C.\*\*  
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 11-5-15  
\*\* Retired 12-31-15  
+ Effective 1-1-16

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

Nickleach, Joseph A.

**BEAVER COUNTY**

Dohanich, John P.  
James, George E.\*  
Kunselman, Robert E.\*  
Kwidis, C. Gus\*\*

\* Retired 12-31-15  
\*\* 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.\*

\* Resigned 2-2-15; recertified 9-2-15

**BUCKS COUNTY**

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

\* Effective 1-1-15  
\*\* Effective 9-5-15

**CAMBRIA COUNTY**

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

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

**CARBON COUNTY**

Webb, Richard W.

**Common  
Pleas  
Court  
Senior  
Judges**

(As of 6-30-16)

**CENTER COUNTY**

Brown, Charles C., Jr.\*  
Grine, David E.

\* Retired 12-31-15

**CHESTER COUNTY**

Gavin, Thomas G.  
Nagle, Ronald C.  
Riley, Howard F., Jr.\*  
Shenkin, Robert J.\*\*  
Smith, Charles B.

\* Resigned 1-21-15

\*\* Effective 1-1-15

**CLINTON COUNTY**

Brown, Carson V.  
Saxton, Richard N., Jr.\*  
Williamson, J. Michael

\* Retired 12-31-15

**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.\*

\* Effective 1-1-15

\*\* Resigned 1-1-16

**ERIE COUNTY**

Bozza, John A.  
Connelly, Shad F. \*\*  
DiSantis, Ernest J., Jr.\*  
Dunlavey, Michael E.

\* Effective 2-2-15

\*\* Effective 1-1-16

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

Capuzzi, Conrad B.  
Solomon, Gerald R.

**FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES**

Herman, Douglas W.\*  
Walker, John R.

\* Effective 1-3-15

**GREENE COUNTY**

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

\* Effective 1-1-15

\*\* Resigned 1-21-15; recertified 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.  
Hummer, Wayne G., Jr.\*  
Madenspacher, Joseph C.\*\*

\* Retired 12-31-15

\*\* Effective 1-1-16

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

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

\* Effective 1-1-16

**LEBANON COUNTY**

Eby, Robert J.

**LEHIGH COUNTY**

Brenner, Lawrence J.\*

\* Retired 12-31-15

**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.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Albright, Kent H.\*  
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.

\* Resigned 9-18-15  
\*\* Effective 1-1-16  
+ Effective 1-4-16  
++ Effective 6-27-16

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Zito, Leonard M.

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Feudale, Barry F.\*  
Sacavage, Robert B.  
Wiest, William Harvey\*\*

\* Removed 11-12-15  
\*\* Effective 1-1-16

**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.++  
Kane, Harold M.

Keogh, D. Webster.  
Lerner, Benjamin##  
Maier, Eugene Edward J.+  
Matthews, Robert J.+  
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 1-1-15  
\*\* Effective 7-6-15  
+ Retired 12-31-15  
++ Effective 1-1-16  
# Effective 2-16-16  
## Resigned 3-11-16  
▲ Effective 6-27-16

**POTTER COUNTY**

Leete, John B.

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY**

Stine, Dwight M.

**SNYDER-UNION COUNTIES**

Knight, Louise O.  
Woelfel, Harold F.

**SOMERSET COUNTY**

Fike, Eugene E., II  
Klementik, David C.\*

\* Effective 1-4-16

**SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY**

Seamans, Kenneth W.\*

\* Effective 1-1-15

**VENANGO COUNTY**

White, H. William, Jr.

**WARREN-FOREST COUNTIES**

Millin, Paul H.  
Morgan, William F.

**WAYNE COUNTY**

Conway, Robert J.

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY**

Ackerman, Daniel J.  
Bell, Alfred B.  
Blahovec, John E.

Driscoll, John J.  
Hudock, Joseph A.\*

Ober, William J.

\* Retired 12-31-15

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN  
COUNTIES**

Vanston, Brendan J.

**YORK COUNTY**

Blackwell, Penny L.\*  
Chronister, John H.

\* Resigned 1-2-16

## Philadelphia Municipal Court Judges

Complement 27  
Vacancy 1

*Neifield, Marsha H.*  
Brady, Frank T.  
Coleman, Martin S.  
DeLeon, James M.  
Deni, Teresa Carr

Dugan, Patrick F.  
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.  
Webb Eubanks, Joyce O.  
Williams, Marvin L.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Term expired 1-3-16  
+ Resigned 5-26-16

## Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges†

Complement 0

Administrative Judge  
Glazer, Gary S.\*

Solomon, Christine  
Sullivan, Michael J.\*\*

- † 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
- \*\* Relieved of duties by the Supreme Court 2-1-13; suspended without pay by the Court of Judicial Discipline 8-9-13; resigned 8-21-15

## Philadelphia Minor Court Judges

(As of 6-30-16)

*(Italics denotes president judges)*

## **Philadelphia Municipal Court Senior Judges**

Blasi, Robert S.\*  
Kirkland, Lydia Y.  
Robbins, Harvey W.

\* Retired 12-31-15

**Philadelphia**

**Municipal**

**Court**

**Senior**

**Judges**

(As of 6-30-16)

**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.++  
Caulfield, Thomas P.

Ceoffe, Anthony M.  
Cercone, Mary Ann  
Cooper, Kevin E.\*  
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.

Reschenthaler, Guy\*\*  
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.++

\* Resigned 3-31-15

\*\* Resigned 7-10-15

+ Elected 11-3-15

++ Term expired 1-3-16

# Elected to Common Pleas Court  
11-3-15; resigned 1-3-16**ARMSTRONG COUNTY (33)**

Complement 4

Vacancy 1

Andring, James A.  
DeComo, J. Gary  
Goldstrohm, Samuel R.\*  
Owen, James H.

\* Resigned 7-31-15

**BEAVER COUNTY (36)**

Complement 8†-1

DiBenedetto, James F.\*  
Finn, Tim  
Hladio, Andrew M.  
Howe, Edward C.  
Livingston, William R., II

Loughner, C. Douglas  
Nicholson, Dale F.

**Magisterial****District****Judges**

(As of 6-30-16)

**BEAVER COUNTY, continued**

Schafer, Joseph L.  
Swihart, Janet M.

† Magisterial district court 36-1-03  
eliminated 1-1-16 per Supreme  
Court order dated 2-25-13  
\* Retired 12-31-15

**BEDFORD COUNTY (57)**

Complement 4

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

**BERKS COUNTY (23)**

Complement 17

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.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Resigned 5-16-16

**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

Armitage-Smith, Regina M.\*  
Baranoski, Daniel E.  
Baum, Charles W.  
Benz, William J.  
Brown, Leonard 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.  
\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Retired 12-31-15

**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, C. Timothy\*\*  
Shaffer, Peter H.+  
Stoughton, Lewis E.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Retired 12-31-15  
+ 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

\* Defeated in the primary election  
5-18-15; term expired 1-3-16  
\*\* Elected 11-3-15  
+ Term expired 1-3-16

**CARBON COUNTY (56)**

Complement 4

Vacancy 1

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

\* Resigned 2-3-16

**CENTRE COUNTY (49)**

Complement 6  
Vacancy 1

Dutchcot, Leslie A.\*  
Gillette-Walker, Kelley S.  
Jordan, Thomas N.  
Lachman, Steven F.  
Prestia, Carmine W., Jr.

Sinclair, Allen W.

\* Resigned 11-8-15

**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.\*

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* 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  
\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Term expired 1-3-16

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY (09)**

Complement 10  
Vacancy 1

Adams, Harold Anthony  
Beckley, Elizabeth S.  
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 11-3-15; resigned 1-3-16

**DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)**

Complement 15  
Vacancy 1

Jennings, Robert, III\*  
Johnson, Gregory D.  
Judy, David H.  
Lenker, James A.  
Lenker, Kenneth A.

Lindsey, Joseph S.  
Margerum, Rebecca Jo  
McKnight, Sonya M.++  
Pelino, Dominic A.  
Pianka, Barbara

Postelle, LaVon A.\*\*  
Smith, Michael John  
Stewart, Marsha C.+  
Wenner, William C.  
Witmer, Lowell A.

Zozos, George A.  
Zozos, Paul T.++

\* Suspended with pay by Court of Judicial Discipline 11-17-14; resigned 7-31-15  
\*\* Resigned 1-4-15  
+ Resigned 9-30-15  
++ Elected 11-3-15

**DELAWARE COUNTY (32)**

Complement 31†-1  
Vacancy 1

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.  
Lippincott, Nicholas S.  
Loftus, Gregory J.

Mattox, Christopher R.  
McCray, C. Walter, III  
Merkins, James J.\*\*  
Micozzie-Aguirre, Kelly A.  
Perfetti, John J.\*

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

\* Resigned 5-5-15

\*\* Elected 11-3-15

**ELK-CAMERON  
COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 3

Brown, Barry D., II  
Jacob, Mark S.  
King, George A.\*  
Martin, James L.\*\*

\* Resigned 1-1-15

\*\* Elected 11-3-15

**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

\* Elected 11-3-15

\*\* 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.\*

\* Elected 11-3-15

\*\* 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  
11-3-15; resigned 1-3-16

**HUNTINGDON COUNTY (20)**

Complement 3

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

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

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Resigned 1-3-16

**LANCASTER COUNTY (02)**

Complement 19  
Vacancy 1

Albert, Scott E.  
Ballentine, Kelly S.\*  
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.\*\*

\* Removed from office 8-4-15  
\*\* Elected 11-3-15  
+ 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.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Term expired 1-3-16

**LEHIGH COUNTY (31)**

Complement 14

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.

**LUZERNE COUNTY (11)**

Complement 16  
Vacancy 1

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.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Term expired 1-3-16  
+ Resigned 1-3-16

**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.

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Term expired 1-3-16

**MCKEAN COUNTY (48)**

Complement 4

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

**MERCER COUNTY (35)**

Complement 5

Antos, Ronald E.  
Arthur, Brian R.  
Hinch, Lorinda L.  
McEwen, Daniel Neil  
Songer, Dennis M.

**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  
\*\* Defeated for re-election 11-3-15;  
term expired 1-3-16  
+ Elected 11-3-15

**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, 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

\* Defeated for re-election 11-3-15;  
term expired 1-3-16  
\*\* Elected 11-3-15  
+ Term expired 1-3-16

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (03)**

Complement 15

Vacancy 2

Barner, Joseph K.#  
Broscius, Patricia C.++  
Capobianco, John  
Corpora, Daniel G.  
Grifo, Antonia

Hawke, Robert A.  
Manwaring, Roy A.  
Marakovits, Diane M.\*  
Matos Gonzalez, Nancy  
Narlesky, James J.

Romig-Passaro, Patricia A.+  
Schlegel, Douglas H., Sr.  
Strohe, Todd M.\*\*  
Taschner, Jacqueline M.  
Tidd, David W.

Yetter, Richard H., III

\* Resigned 1-4-15  
\*\* Died 3-4-15  
+ Resigned 10-19-15  
++ Elected 11-3-15  
# Retired 12-31-15

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY (08)**

Complement 4

Vacancy 1

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

\* Elected to Common Pleas Court  
11-3-15; resigned 1-3-16

**PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES (41)**

Complement 5

Frownfelter, Elizabeth R.  
Leister, Jacqueline T.  
Lyter, Barbara M.

**PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES,  
continued**

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.  
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**SNYDER-UNION  
COUNTIES (17)**

Complement 4

Armbruster, Leo S.  
Hackenberg, Lori R.  
Mensch, Jeffrey L.  
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**SOMERSET COUNTY (16)**

Complement 5

Bell, Douglas McCall  
Johnson, Kenneth W.  
Mankamyer, Susan  
Seger, 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.

\* Elected 11-3-15

**VENANGO COUNTY (28)**

Complement 3†-1

Fish, Andrew F.  
Kirtland, Matthew T.\*\*  
Lowrey, Patrick E.  
Snyder, Michael D.\*

† Magisterial district court 28-3-02  
eliminated 1-1-15 per Supreme  
Court order dated 11-29-14

\* Resigned 9-30-15

\*\* Elected 11-3-15

**WARREN-FOREST  
COUNTIES (37)**

Complement 4

Bauer, Laura S.  
Carlson, Glenn S.  
Lindemuth, Cynthia K.\*

Miller, Daniel L.  
Woodin, Todd A.\*\*

\* Resigned 1-5-15

\*\* Elected 11-3-15

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (27)**

Complement 11

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

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

Wilson, Mark A.

\* Elected 11-3-15

**WAYNE COUNTY (22)**

Complement 3

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

Myers, Linus H.\*\*

\* Defeated for election 11-3-15;  
term expired 1-3-16

\*\* Elected 11-3-15

**WESTMORELAND  
COUNTY (10)**

Complement 17

Vacancy 1

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

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY,  
continued**

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

\* Elected 11-3-15  
\*\* Resigned 6-3-16

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN  
COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 3†-1

Hovan, John J.\*  
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

\* Retired 12-31-15

**YORK COUNTY (19)**

Complement 19  
Vacancy 1

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

\* Defeated in the primary election  
5-18-15; term expired 1-3-16  
\*\* Elected 11-3-15  
+ Term expired 1-3-16  
++ Resigned 4-28-16

**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.##  
Longo, Nancy L.#  
McGraw, Elaine M.\*\*  
McLaughlin, Charles A., Jr.++

Peglow, Lee G.+  
Presutti, Donald H.+  
Tibbs, Edward A.  
Welsh, Regis C., Jr.  
Zielmanski, Eugene L.

Zoller, Richard H.▲▲  
Zyra, Gary M.▲

- \* Effective 2-18-15
- \*\* Resigned 4-1-15
- + Resigned 5-5-15
- ++ Died 8-19-15
- # Resigned 11-15-15
- ## Effective 1-4-16
- ▲ Effective 2-3-16
- ▲▲ Died 4-5-16
- ▼ Effective 5-19-16

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

Gerheim, Michael L.  
Goldstrohm, Samuel R.\*

\* Effective 8-1-15

**BEAVER COUNTY**

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

\* Effective 1-1-16

**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.

**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

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**CENTRE COUNTY**

Hoffman, Daniel R.  
Horner, Ronald J.

**CHESTER COUNTY**

Charley, James J., Jr.  
Darlington, Chester F.#  
Davis, Robert L.\*\*  
Knapp, Gwendoline S.++  
Farmer, Harry W., Jr.\*

Smith, Larry E.+  
Welsh, Susann E.  
Winther, J. Peter

\* Resigned 4-22-15  
\*\* Resigned 7-5-15  
+ Resigned 8-24-15  
++ Effective 1-4-16  
# Resigned 1-14-16

**CLARION COUNTY**

George, Daniel P.

**CLEARFIELD COUNTY**

Rudella, Michael A.

**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

**DELAWARE COUNTY**

Cullen, Michael G.  
Gannon, Edward J., Jr.\*  
Lacey, Thomas J.\*\*  
McDevitt, Leonard M.  
McKeon, Laurence J.

Nistico, Charles G.  
Tuten, John C.  
Videon, David T.+

\* Resigned 5-14-15  
\*\* Effective 5-26-15  
+ Resigned 5-3-16

**ELK-CAMERON COUNTIES**

King, George A.\*

\* Effective 1-2-15

**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.  
Herman, Robert A., Jr.\*  
Reuter, William G.

Willwerth, Jene A.  
Winters, John C.

\* Effective 1-4-16

**LEHIGH COUNTY**

Balliett, Carl L.  
Crawford, Charles H.  
Gatti, Richard A.  
Harding, David B.  
Rapp, Anthony G., Jr.

Snyder, Joan L.  
Warmkessel, Patricia E.

**LUZERNE COUNTY**

Barilla, Andrew, Jr.\*  
 Feissner, Gerald Louis  
 Kane, Martin R.\*\*  
 Malast, Diana+  
 Sharkey, Thomas J.  
 Swank, Ronald W.\*\*

\* Retired 12-31-15  
 \*\* Effective 1-4-16  
 + Effective 2-16-16

**LYCOMING COUNTY**

Carn, James G.\*  
 McRae, C. Roger  
 Sortman, James H.\*

\* Effective 1-4-16

**MERCER COUNTY**

Fagley, William L.  
 Russo, Henry J.

**MIFFLIN COUNTY**

Clare, Barbara A.

**MONROE COUNTY**

Shiffer, Thomas R., Jr.  
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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Berkoff, F. Elaine\*\*  
 Deatelhauser, Kenneth E.\*  
 Murray, John S., III  
 Price, Richard M.+  
 Saraceni, Robert A.

\* Effective 1-1-15  
 \*\* Resigned 5-15-15  
 + Resigned 5-4-16

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Barner, Joseph K.+  
 Frey, Elmo L., Jr.\*  
 Grigg, Sherwood R.  
 Marinkovits, Joan\*\*  
 Romig-Gainer, Elizabeth A.  
 Stocklas, James F.

\* Resigned 5-18-15  
 \*\* Resigned 8-27-15  
 + Effective 1-1-16

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Mychak, Michael F.

**PIKE COUNTY**

Rose, Jay R.\*  
 \* Died 4-9-16

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY**

Pankake, Carol A.\*  
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**SNYDER-UNION COUNTIES**

Mihalik, Edward G., Jr.

**SOMERSET COUNTY**

Cannoni, Joseph Anthony  
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**TIOGA COUNTY**

Edgcomb, Brian W.

**VENANGO COUNTY**

Fish, David L.

**WARREN-FOREST COUNTIES**

Fedora, Michael L.  
 Zerbe, Arthur Willard, Sr.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Dutton, Jay H.  
 \* Resigned 3-1-16

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY**

Falcon, James N.\*  
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 Scott, Robert E.\*\*  
 \* Effective 1-1-15  
 \*\* Retired 12-31-15  
 + Resigned 2-29-16  
 ++ Resigned 5-21-16

**YORK COUNTY**

Bria, Margaret L.  
 Edie, Nancy L.  
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 Groom, Walter Richard.\*\*  
 Martin, Richard E., II  
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