

Annual Report of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts 2014

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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'14 in Brief
(listed chronologically)

Supreme Court approves new Code of Judicial Conduct to strengthen, clarify rules for judicial behavior

Judge Susan Peikes Gantman elected president judge of Superior Court

Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille invited by U.S. Dept. of Justice to serve as part of expert workgroup to develop best practices, guidelines for use of videoconferencing technology in state, local courts

Supreme Court issues new rules to standardize practice of state's courts relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act

Pennsylvania's judiciary unveils first in a series of interactive, Web-based data dashboards that allow users to quickly analyze, interpret data related to court cases, court operations

Supreme Court strengthens rules to protect children in court by requiring masters, hearing officers who hear cases in juvenile court to meet consistent experience, education, training standards

Chief Justice Castille announces two-year data review by Pennsylvania's courts has resulted in 19 percent reduction in backlog of civil cases

Supreme Court's Elder Law Task Force, chaired by Justice Debra Todd, delivers its report of recommendations to improve how Pennsylvania elders interact with the court system, are protected from abuse, neglect. Supreme Court approves first recommendation, creation of Office of Elder Justice in the Courts

Court data confirms number of dependent Pennsylvania children safely remaining in their homes or with family continues to increase, eliminating time otherwise spent in foster care, saving taxpayer dollars, reducing potential emotional trauma.

Supreme Court adopts new rules governing court reporting operations

AOPC receives Court Statistics Project 2014 Reporting Excellence Award for its creation, use of a civil cover sheet that provides detailed case data in a way not previously available. Award was presented to Court Administrator Zygmunt Pines by Conference of State Court Administrators Court Statistics Committee

Supreme Court enhances protection of client funds invested by attorneys by adopting stricter standards of accountability for attorneys who invest funds

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I am pleased to present this Report of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for 2014, outlining many of the programs and services that exemplify the Commonwealth's state court system.

Organizations are known reputationally by the sum total of their works. Each day, throughout the year those working in Pennsylvania's judicial system build that reputation through their collective efforts. This annual report is a record of that achievement.

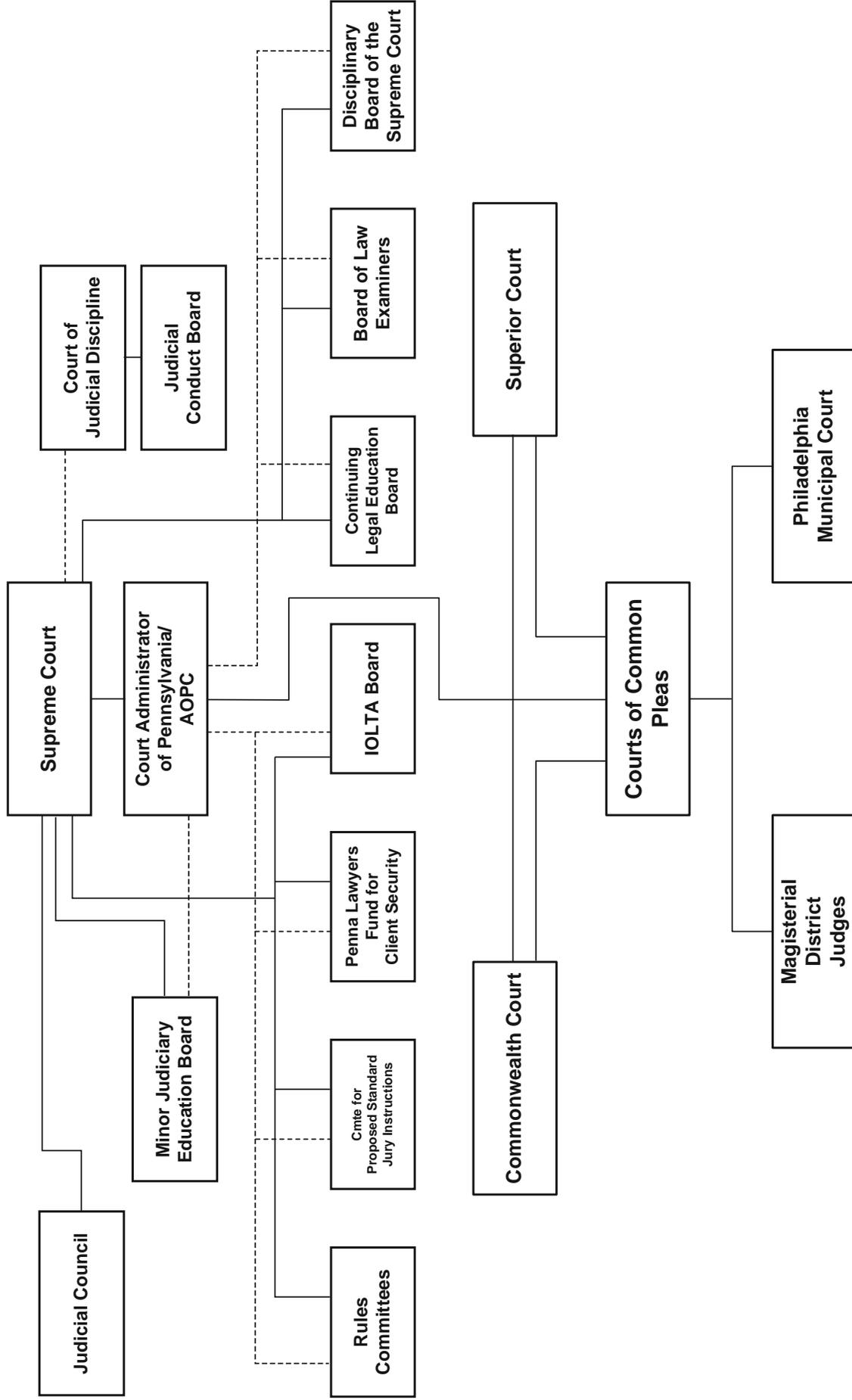
Sincerely,



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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.

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

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 has been 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 Administrative Office conducts business from offices in Philadelphia and the Harrisburg area. In addition to the court administrator's office, the departments in Philadelphia include Research and Statistics and Judicial Services. The deputy court administrator's office is located in Harrisburg and includes Communications/Intergovernmental Relations and Administrative Services. Also found in Harrisburg are the Finance, Human Resources, Judicial Education and Judicial Security departments. Judicial Automation is in Mechanicsburg. Legal and Judicial Programs have offices in both Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

The Administrative Office's supervisory, administrative and long-range planning 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.

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 67 counties 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

The Research and Statistics staff conducts studies to support the policy work of the Supreme Court's various workgroups and committees. Among these this past year were a statewide audit of the civil case inventory; empirical data reports about the volume and types of guardianship petitions to the Supreme Court's Elder Law Task Force; and a statewide study of Domestic Relations Fees, which resulted in the establishment of a Supreme Court workgroup to examine family court fee structures statewide.

Within the agency, the staff supports 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 Public Welfare. 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' (NCSC) Data Specialists Roundtable, a selected group of analysts, 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 2014 the department was recognized by the NCSC Court Statistics Project for its work to improve the quality of civil case data, which was achieved through the establishment of a civil filing coversheet, and a study and audit of civil case inventory sizes across the state.



Court Access

The AOPC created a position – Coordinator for Court Access – in 2014 to oversee judiciary compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title II of the ADA requires that public entities, including the courts, make their services, programs and activities accessible to people

with disabilities. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act requires recipients of federal financial assistance, including the courts, to provide meaningful access to limited-English-proficient individuals. In 2014 the following was accomplished in these two areas:

Title II, Americans with Disabilities Act

Implementation of procedures to ensure access by those with disabilities

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania adopted Rules of Judicial Administration 250-252 in March 2014, requiring all UJS entities to create ADA policies, including forms for requesting reasonable accommodations and grievance procedures. These policies have been created and are available on court and county websites.

Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

Judicial District Language Access Plans

Utilizing a template developed by the AOPC, Pennsylvania's judicial districts developed language access plans that inform court staff, court users with limited English proficiency, and the public of available services and procedures. These services and procedures include information on

- how to obtain interpreters for judicial proceedings
- what language services, such as telephonic interpreting, assistance by bilingual staff, and translated court documents, are available outside of the courtroom
- what additional services are anticipated in the future

The plans also establish central points of contact – language access coordinators – to oversee plan implementation.

As an extension of this work, the coordinator for court access worked with the AOPC's Research and Statistics Department to convene a focus group of district court administrators for input on how best to collect and compile data on language access services provided in the Unified Judicial System, and of Judicial Automation Department staff to develop a tool for tracking such data.

In April 2014 the AOPC held educational sessions on both the ADA and language access for district court administrators and for clerks of courts and prothonotaries by invitation. Throughout the remainder of the year, additional programs on language access requirements and services were presented at the President Judge/Pennsylvania Association of Court Management conference in June, at the annual conference of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania in November and as part of the Minor Judiciary Education Board's annual continuing legal education program for magisterial district judges, beginning in September.

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)]. Two attorneys are located in Pittsburgh, five attorneys and one administrative assistant have offices in Harrisburg and the remaining staff is located in Philadelphia.

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 Judicial Automation 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.

AOPC representation is not provided in criminal or disciplinary actions.

Judicial Automation Counsel

Judicial Automation lawyers participate in planning and implementing the statewide Judicial Automation System and related automation programs by

- ensuring that case management systems comply with all applicable laws and legal procedural requirements
- responding to inquiries of a legal nature pertaining to judicial automation and databases
- serving as the primary point of contact for the Legal Department with other agencies, organizations and departments that work with the AOPC to obtain information and data from the AOPC’s various case management systems

Transactional Counsel

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

Administration Counsel

Administration lawyers provide advice directly to the state court administrator, especially on topics of particular urgency.

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 2014 are

- New Judge School
- PCSTJ Mid-Annual Conference
- Supreme Court sessions
- PACM board meeting
- Judicial Writing Academy
- Americans with Disabilities Act training
- Office of Children & Families in the Courts (OCFC) Family Group Decision-Making
- court interpreter orientation
- PCSTJ/Pennsylvania Bar Association Officers meeting
- President Judges/PACM Conference
- appellate courts conference
- Elder Law Task Force meetings
- New to Dependency seminar
- PCSTJ Annual Conference
- Mid-Atlantic Association of Court Management conference
- Joint Family Law seminar

- President Judges Conference
- 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.

Judicial Programs Department

The mission of the Judicial Programs Department 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
- collecting, analyzing and disseminating data and information regarding court operations
- establishing standards and procedures for program performance, audits and evaluations
- developing and conducting training and continuing education programs for local court staff
- assisting courts in devising solutions for implementation of new rules, statutes and statutory changes
- processing requests for changes of venue/venire

- assisting those judicial districts with elected president judges in conducting the elections
- conducting training, testing and certification of court interpreters

In 2014 the department was involved in several noteworthy endeavors as follows.

Court Interpreters

The mission of the AOPC’s Interpreter Certification Program, as mandated by Act 172 of 2006, is to ensure 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 is achieved by the AOPC through certification.

The program also assists judicial districts in obtaining adequate language assistance services. In addition, it participates in providing training for judges, administrators, attorneys and other stakeholders on interpreter issues and the implementation of language access plans for the judicial districts.

To become certified, interpreters must first complete an 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.

Seventy-four oral tests were administered to 52 candidates in 2014. The overall pass rate was 41 percent. Table 2.1 breaks down these results.

As of the end of 2014, the interpreter roster had 162 certified interpreters in 11 languages. Another 38 are qualified/conditional/registered interpreters in 18 languages. Specific details can be found in Table 2.2 on page 13.

Pennsylvania Interpreter Certification Program 2014 Oral Exam Results	
Tests Administered	74
Candidates Tested	52
Simultaneous	
Pass	14
Fail	34
Total	48
Sight & Consecutive	
Passed Sight & Consecutive	8
Passed Sight	5
Passed Consecutive	0
Failed Sight & Consecutive	9
Total	22
Sight Retakes	0
Consecutive Retakes	
Pass	3
Fail	1
Total	4
Languages tested: French, Khmer, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese	

Table 2.1

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts
 Interpreter Certification Program
 Roster Distribution as of December 2014

Language	Number of Interpreters	Master	Certified	Qualified	Conditional	Registered	Administrative Hearings Only
Languages with National Center for State Courts (NCSC) Oral Certification Exams							
American Sign	74	13	58	3	-	-	-
Cantonese	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
French	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Haitian-Creole	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Italian	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mandarin	3	-	2	1	-	-	-
Polish	4	2	2	-	-	-	-
Portuguese	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Russian	7	-	7	-	-	-	-
Spanish	75	4	66	5	-	-	-
Turkish	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Vietnamese	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Subtotal	172	20	142	10	0	0	0
Languages without NCSC Oral Certification Exams							
Albanian	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Amharic	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Belarusian	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bengali	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dari	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Farsi	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Gujarati	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hindi	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Kru	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Marathi	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Punjabi	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
Romanian	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Shanghai-Wu	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Swahili	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ukrainian	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Urdu	4	-	-	-	-	2	2
Wolof	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Subtotal	28	-	-	-	-	23	5
Total	200	20	142	10	0	23	5

Table 2.2

Problem-Solving Courts

The Judicial Programs Department continued its efforts in 2014 to assist judicial districts in the creation, expansion and maintenance of problem-solving courts, such as drug courts, DUI courts and mental health courts. By the end of 2014, 102 problem-solving courts existed in 36 counties in Pennsylvania (see Table 2.3 below).

A problem-solving courts case management system was implemented 2013. This system, the Problem-Solving Adult and Juvenile Court Information System, or PACJIS, will enable problem-solving courts to manage all aspects of their cases, from intake through treatment and graduation. It will also produce court-wide and statewide statistics on the effectiveness of these courts.

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 2014. By the end of the year, 12 courts in the state had gone through the application and review process and achieved Supreme Court accreditation.

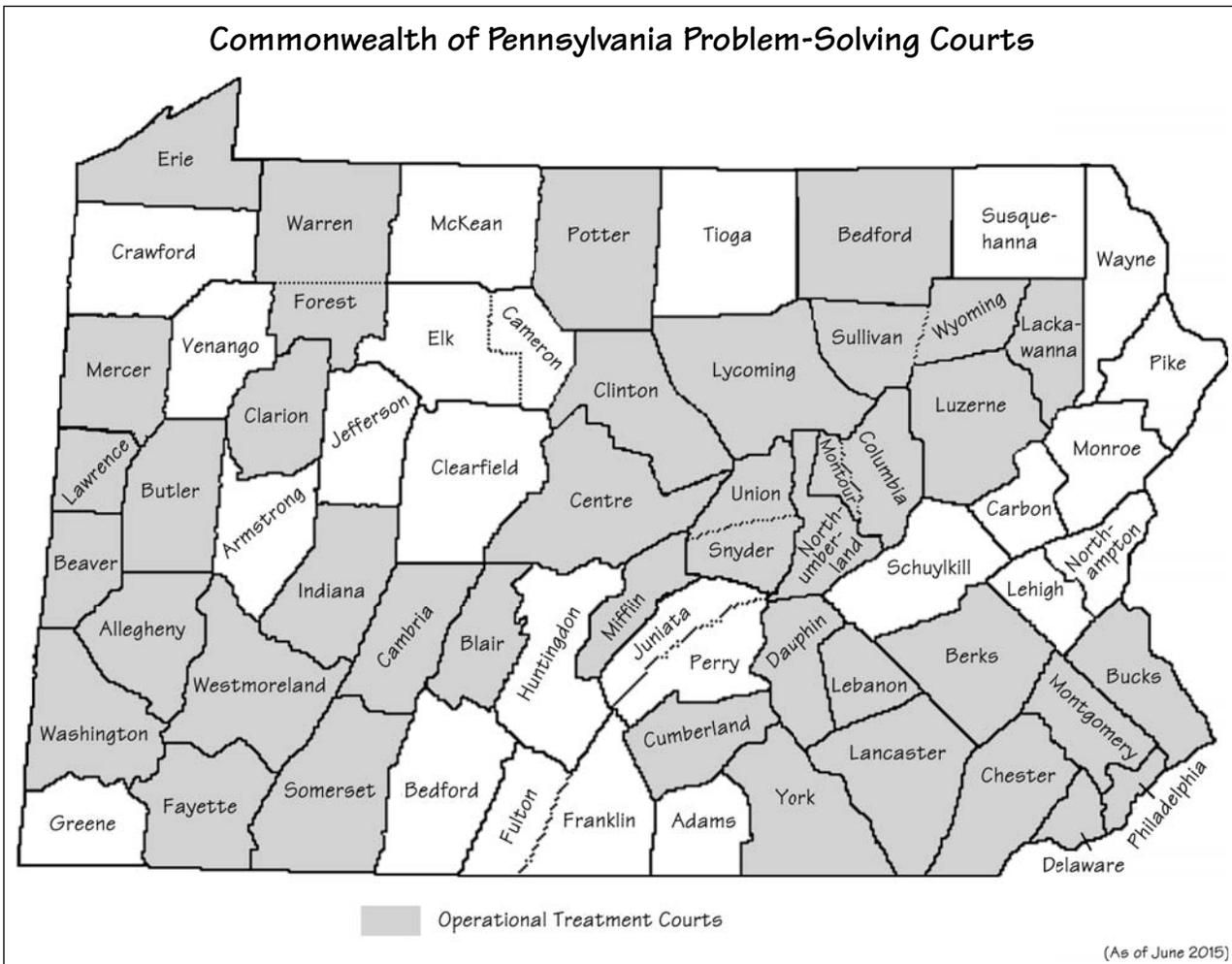


Table 2.3

Continuing Pennsylvania's position in the national vanguard in the development and implementation of veterans courts, Judicial Programs, with assistance from the National Center for State Courts, embarked on an evaluation of veterans courts 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 results in these courts. This evaluation should produce an analysis of what are the best practices.

Office of Children and Families in the Courts

The Office of Children and Families in the Courts (OCFC) continued its mission 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 34 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 8 percent from 2011 to 2013, the number of children being supervised within their own home or with family during the same time period increased by 38 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

In April 2014 the OCFC co-sponsored the 2014 Family Group Decision-Making Conference in partnership with the OCYF, Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, Child Welfare Resource Center and Statewide Adoption Network. The conference sold out within three weeks of the registration open date with 500-plus attendees.

The OCFC also hosted its annual Permanency Practice Initiative (PPI) county meeting in April 2014, which included teams from 34 of the 36 PPI counties. The meeting focused on elements of the PPI, but in particular, family finding, supporting kinship placements and making lasting connections for children/youth.

Pennsylvania Dependency Benchbook

In July 2014 the *Pennsylvania Dependency Benchbook*, 2nd Edition was released. New information and new tools related primarily to child well-being, such as educational success, visitation, trauma reduction, family connections and older youth, were added.

Another addition was a section regarding the framework for legal decisions on safety. This new section, found in chapter two, "The Role of Judges and Hearing Masters," provides a judicial guide that includes consideration of the specific safety threat, each child's vulnerability and each parent's protective capacity.

Over 1,000 benchbooks were distributed to judges, hearing masters, attorneys and child welfare professionals.

In-Depth Technical Assistance

Another Court Improvement Program initiative relates to the work of the State Roundtable's Drug & Alcohol Workgroup. Through its efforts eight counties representing the various demographics found in Pennsylvania have volunteered to receive In-Depth Technical Assistance (IDTA) from the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. These local jurisdictions will be utilized as change agents and change test sites for the Commonwealth, exploring root causes for the issue and possible solutions/strategies for various sized communities.

New Resources

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

- educational curriculum - Visitation Enhancement: What an Attorney Needs to Know About Visitation
- an educational video for judges and legal professionals: Dependent Children of Incarcerated Parents
- *Pennsylvania Teen Visitation Handbook*
- *What's happening with Visitation: A Child's Activity Book*
- *Visitation Is a Right, Not a Privilege: A Pennsylvania Resource Parent Handbook*
- Pennsylvania Practice Standards for Guardians *ad Litem* and Parent Attorneys
- *Is Cyber Charter School the Best Option?*, a brochure for those considering such for foster youth
- *Psychotropic Medication Discussion Guide for Local Children's Roundtables*
- toolkit of resources for Local Children's Roundtables
- Key Questions When a Child is on Psychotropic Medication

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 significantly updated in November 2014. Now, with several years of court data, those involved in protecting children are able to see trends and make more data-informed decisions on practices that work and areas that need improvement. The revised dashboards contain more information than earlier versions, are better organized and are easier to use. They allow users to more easily compare categories between years and between counties. Data can be used to enhance local and statewide court practices, resulting in better outcomes for abused/neglected children and their families.

All resources and workgroup reports can be found on the OCFC's website at www.ocfcpacourts.us.

Dependency data dashboards are located on the judiciary's website at www.pacourts.us.

Judicial Automation Department

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

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

2014 Highlights

- **Nearly 2.6 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).
- **Approximately 11 million transactions per day occurred** across all three case management systems and the UJS Web portal.
- **Almost 218,000 cases were electronically transferred** from the MDJS to the CPCMS, saving county court staff countless hours by eliminating the need for redundant data entry.
- 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 to perform their daily duties.
- **More than 1.1 million warrants** were issued through the MDJS and CPCMS.
- The UJS's Web portal **provides access to tens of millions of docket sheets** for the MDJS, CPCMS and PACMS, which were **viewed more than 65 million times** last year free of charge.

Key 2014 Projects

PACFile

The AOPC continues to move Pennsylvania's courts to a paperless operation by expanding electronic filing, known as PACFile. PACFile saves time for both filers and court staff by allowing the direct electronic filing of documents with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Commonwealth Court and Court of Common Pleas for juvenile delinquency filings by attorneys and *pro se* litigants.

Highlights

- Superior Court PACFile implementation is scheduled for February 2015
 - A total of 20,142 new docket entries were created through PACFile in 2014
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Juvenile Delinquency Case Management Project

The CPCMS was expanded to accommodate juvenile delinquency case management. This allows courts to report statistics, establish reporting protocols for delinquency case information and reduce duplicate information and data entry errors through the exchange of data between systems.

Highlights

- Used by 66 of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania and should be available statewide by May 2015
 - Allows courts to track and manage their delinquency caseloads by providing management tools and statistical reporting
 - Provides a reporting protocol for delinquency case information and promotes statewide standardization of court practices
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Interactive Dashboards

The AOPC launched several interactive dashboards, which are Web-based visual data representations that allow the public, court staff and researchers to quickly analyze and interpret court-related data, identify trends and measure performance.

Highlights

- Provide a detailed look at civil cases, child dependency data, protection from abuse orders and court financials
 - Identify court trends and serve as a valuable resource for court management
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Public Access Requests

Judicial Automation receives hundreds of public access data requests every year from a variety of private organizations, government agencies, legislators, media and counties. With an overwhelming amount of data collected by the case management systems, these requests are fairly involved, and generally, specific queries must be written for each request in order to extract the requested data.

Highlights

- *Public access requests increased in 2014 by 20 percent*
 - *Requests from private organizations, Pennsylvanians and the media increased by 65 percent*
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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.

Planning began on 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. Rollout is anticipated in late 2017 into early 2018. It will be followed by the development of family court and general civil court systems.

Highlights

Statewide case management systems provide

- *uniform administration of justice through integration and standardization of business practices between county courts*
 - *access to information about parties related to cases anywhere in the state*
 - *data sharing and uniform exchange of data on cases as they move through the court system (all three systems — MJDS, CPCMS and PACMS — are linked)*
 - *cost savings by sharing and reducing staff resources and equipment costs at both the state and county levels*
 - *flexibility in accommodating changes in both law and rules of court*
 - *disaster recovery capability for data and documents. This year, Judicial Automation enhanced the disaster recovery plan and improved access to documents and public data with the Electronic Records Management System, which provides direct access to documents by integrating with PACMS and CPCMS and publishing documents to the Internet*
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Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS)

The Magisterial District Judge System provides case management and accounting functions to all magisterial district judges and their staffs.

Approximately 3,500 users throughout the state depend on the system to manage traffic cases, nontraffic cases, private complaints (summary and court cases), police criminal complaints, landlord/tenant cases, civil cases and miscellaneous docket cases.

The system tracks cases throughout their life cycles using a sophisticated event management system which prompts court users to issue documents (such as warrants and license suspension requests) when expected responses or payments do not occur.

Highlights

- Almost 2.3 million cases were docketed in the system in 2014
 - The system provided remote access to the MDJS for more than 520 users. This allows magisterial district judges (MDJs) remote access to the system during nonbusiness hours
 - Nearly 3,200 people attended MDJS training sessions, and the IT trainers logged more than 441 teaching days
 - The help desk fielded more than 57,000 calls or email queries
 - The number of agencies that are now filing electronically increased by 167 percent, with more than 80 local police departments and parking authorities electronically filing traffic, nontraffic and parking citations from municipal computer systems to the MDJS
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Common Pleas Criminal Case Management System (CPCMS)

The CPCMS is a statewide case management system for Pennsylvania's criminal, delinquency and dependency trial courts that includes docketing, accounting and other important case management functions.

Groups that use CPCMS for their operations include judges, clerks of courts, court administration, county fiscal offices, probation departments, district attorneys, sheriffs and prison offices.

An important function of the CPCMS is its ability to provide case information to criminal justice agencies through JNET. Most critical to public safety is the timely, automated transfer of statewide warrant information to FBI and Pennsylvania State Police criminal databases – a process that helps protect law enforcement officials and increases the likelihood of apprehending fugitives.

Highlights

- More than 251,000 criminal cases were docketed in Pennsylvania's Common Pleas Courts in 2014
 - The system's 12,000 users docket cases; track party filings submitted on each case and complete the administrative functions, including courtroom scheduling and accounting, necessary to adjudicate all cases
 - In 2014, 26,500 reports were run daily by county court staff
 - Hundreds of users attended training sessions during the year, and Judicial Automation staff logged more than 1,240 training days
 - The CPCMS Help Desk fielded more than 58,800 calls, more than 34,200 of which were resolved at the first point of contact
-

Pennsylvania Appellate Court Case Management System (PACMS)

PACMS is an integrated case management system supporting the management of cases for the appellate courts – Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth. Primarily, this electronic case management system allows the approximately 500 jurists and staff of the appellate courts to docket cases, track party filings submitted on each case and complete the administrative steps necessary to adjudicate cases in a timely manner.

Highlights

- In 2014, 15,066 cases were docketed in PACMS
 - PACMS tracks many of the administrative functions completed by the courts, including general accounting; internal assignment tasking and the processing of attorney bar admissions, disciplinary cases and certificates of good standing
 - Over 200,000 documents were electronically uploaded into PACMS in 2014, including nearly 30,000 submitted through PACFile
 - PACMS facilitated 2,119 bar admissions and 2,542 senior judge appointments during the year
-

Court Financials

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

Highlights

- Over the last eight years, the AOPC has **collected and processed \$3.5 billion** in fines, costs and restitution
- The year 2014 saw a \$7 million increase in funds distributed over the previous year
- PAePay saw a 23 percent increase in online payments over 2013, with a record \$77 million in court fines, fees and costs collected online in 2014

Additional financial data is available on www.pacourts.us, under “Research and Statistics” through an interactive dashboard.

Table 2.4 shows the moneys collected and disbursed by the MDJS in 2014. Table 2.5 on page 24 shows the monies collected and disbursed by the CPCMS in 2014.

Deputy Court Administrator’s Office

Communications/Intergovernmental Relations Office

In its role as both legislative and media 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 annual *State of the Commonwealth’s Courts*
 - *Pennsylvania’s Judicial System: A Citizen’s Guide*, a brochure about Pennsylvania’s courts

2014 MDJS Collections

Through the MDJS money is used to collect fees, fines, costs and restitution. A record \$254 million was collected and distributed in 2014.

These collections were disbursed as follows:

Commonwealth General Fund	\$164,839,963
Counties	\$42,401,452
Municipalities	\$39,850,338
Other (schools, libraries, tax agencies, etc.)	\$2,758,653
Subtotal	\$249,850,406
Restitution	\$4,384,537
Total	\$254,234,943

Table 2.4

- Pennsylvania’s Courts: A Video Introduction, an educational video guide to Pennsylvania’s courts
- *AOPConnected*, 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.

2014 CPCMS Collections

Through the CPCMS money is collected for fees, fines, costs and restitution assessed to criminal cases, using numerous methods. In 2014 a record \$207 million was collected and distributed.

These collections were disbursed as follows:

Commonwealth General Fund	\$56,113,132
Counties	111,039,597
Municipalities	9,001,563
Other (schools, libraries, tax agencies, etc.)	1,069,613
Subtotal	177,223,905
Restitution to victims	30,701,538
Total	\$207,925,443

Table 2.5

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 is 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
- serving as the point of contact for all after-hours emergencies

Procurement

Responsibilities of the Administrative Services (Purchasing) unit include

- 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
- administering the cellular phone program
- posting procurements on the judiciary's public access website

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

Judicial Security Office

The goal of Judicial 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.

2014 Projects

County Reimbursements

In 2014 the AOPC provided funds to counties to reimburse them for the purchase of perimeter security equipment for magisterial district courts. Equipment included security cameras (CCTVs), exterior lighting and access control devices. In addition, funds were made available for counties to purchase duress alarms and shatterproof glass at public transaction counters for those magisterial district courts that lacked these security features.

Also in 2014, the AOPC completed its project to reimburse counties for the purchase of electronic systems to image, store and retrieve vital court records. The project is part of broader efforts to enable courts to perform essential functions during and in the immediate aftermath of a natural or man-made disaster.

Tenth Fall Security Workshops

Each county in Pennsylvania has established its own court security committee, comprised primarily of president judges, sheriffs, court administrators and county commissioners/county executives. These 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 yearly develop and conduct a series of workshops responsive to the interests and needs of these local committees as well as safety and security issues that are topical. The workshops also provide participants with the opportunity to network with and share with each other effective strategies to enhance court security.

The fall 2014 workshop focused on best practices in emergency preparedness, Continuity of Operations Planning, and security and safety plans. In addition, the day-long program included a session on cyber security.

Miscellaneous

In 2014 the Office of Judicial Security assisted Chief Justice Ronald Castille in his work with the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice on the development of best practices and guidelines for the use of videoconferencing technology in state and local courts. Since 2008, Pennsylvania's Common Pleas and magisterial district courts have had the capability to conduct preliminary arraignments and other court proceedings through the use of this technology. The AOPC provided videoconferencing systems to those courts without such systems in order to reduce the risk of violent altercations by defendants. Use of this technology has lessened the risk of escape during prisoner transports and achieved savings for counties by a reduction in the number of transports.

A task group of magisterial district judges and court administrators began work with Office of Judicial Security and Judicial Programs Department staff on updates to the courts' guidelines manual, including provisions on safety and security. The goal is to provide a one-stop resource for the judges and their staff.

In 2014 staff conducted security assessments of two courts and an AOPC data center and worked with courts on security preparedness and protocols for several high profile court proceedings.

In addition, staff handled 446 security incidents in Common Pleas and magisterial district courts and threat reviews of 53 sovereign citizen-type communications with courts.

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 2014 conference featured these programs:

- United States Supreme Court Update
- Nuremberg: Its Lesson For Today
- The Code of Judicial Conduct
- The Law of Slavery and Freedom in Pennsylvania, 1780-1861

Common Pleas Courts

During 2014 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 2014 meetings were:

- 21st Century Technology for Judges
- Post-Conviction Relief Act Update
- Judicial Ethics
- DPW and the Orphans' Court
- Church Members in Conflict
- The Art of Criminal Jury Instructions
- Coordinating Multi-Jurisdiction Civil Litigation
- iPad/Tablets for Judges
- Life After the Bench

- Attachment Theory
- Magna Carta: Why, Who, How and Now
- Is It a PFA, Custody or Dependency Case?
- Hot Topics in Adoption
- Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania
- The New Code of Judicial Conduct
- Why Don't They Change: Addictive Behaviors
- Remedies
- Authentication and 21st Century Technology

Special Programs

Several special conferences and symposia were held for judges in 2014:

- New Judge School
- Symposium: Evidence: Hearsay Exceptions and Crawford Issues
- Symposium: Opinion Writing
- President Judge Symposium: Moving Toward Effective Management
- Joint Family Law Conference

New Product Development

The Judicial Education Department develops educational resources and products to assist judges in the administration of their duties. Currently, two desk books are under development. One addresses questions related to restitution. The other provides guidance to president judges on administrative and management 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 33 UJS line items in the Commonwealth's annual budget. These line-item appropriations include funding for the Administrative Office, state-funded courts, most Supreme Court advisory procedural rules committees, juror cost reimbursements and county court grants.
- managing \$371 million in annual appropriations, including \$36.9 million in grants to counties
- participating in 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
- providing educational programs for judiciary personnel regarding UJS policies and state/federal employment laws

Classification and Compensation

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

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

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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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2014 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2014:

- recognition that a delay in the production of a transcript may be good cause to lengthen the time for filing a Rule 1925 statement
- eliminating the requirement for parallel citations to cases in briefs
- update of the rules and notes as they pertain to appeals of the discretionary aspects of sentences
- amendments to the rule and note pertaining to the review of death sentences
- amendments to the requirements of a petition for review to avoid waiver

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2014:

- interlocutory appeals and whether the failure to take such an appeal waives review of the issue in a subsequent appeal
- the continued representation of parties on appeal
- page and word count limitations on petitions for allowance of appeal
- page and word limitations on the briefs of *amici*

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Legal Authorization

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

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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2014 Activities

Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court

One recommendation was adopted by the Supreme Court in 2014: establishment of procedures to terminate garnishments, postpone or continue a sheriff's sale, and correct a sheriff's deed.

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2014:

- permitting discontinuance by leave of court
- rescission of the rule providing a right to oral argument
- provision for the timely service of a subpoena to attend and testify
- filing a distribution of proceeds from a sheriff's sale with the prothonotary
- limitations on the discovery of expert witness communications
- requiring substantial prejudice in order to strike an untimely filing
- the requirements for filing post-trial motions on an appeal after remand

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Legal Authorization

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

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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2014 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2014:

- amendment to Comment language referencing a new criminal rule
- amendment of Rule 611 addressing the ability to use leading questions for hostile witnesses

Recommendation Published for Comment

The committee published for comment a proposal to codify the attorney-client privilege.

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Legal Authorization

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

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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2014 Activities

Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2014:

- an increase in the amount of time available to a defendant to withdraw a guilty plea entered pursuant to Rule 550
- procedures for the admissibility of forensic laboratory reports in lieu of expert testimony and a corollary revision to the Comment to Pa. Rule of Evidence 802
- updates prompted by the abolition of the Philadelphia Traffic Court and the transfer of the court's functions to the Traffic Division of the Philadelphia Municipal Court
- amendment to require that court case dispositions that must be reported to PennDOT be done so electronically
- amendments to permit the clerk of courts to apply any certain bail monies that would be returnable to the defendant after full and final disposition of the case for payment of any of the defendant's outstanding restitution, fees, fines, costs and bail judgments

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2014:

- procedures concerning the incarceration for failure to post summary case collateral
- predissmissal procedures for Post-Conviction Review Act petitions
- clarification that experience as a prosecutor should be considered to satisfy the experiential requirements for the qualification as defense counsel in capital cases
- amendments to require the approval of the attorney for the Commonwealth before a defendant may consolidate multiple cases for guilty plea and sentencing
- standardizing the procedures by which restitution is awarded in criminal cases

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Legal Authorization

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

About the Committee

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

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

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2014 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2014:

- amendment to the rule governing service in domestic relations matters to permit use of electronic receipts when serving by certified mail, return receipt requested
- amendment to the income calculation when allocating unreimbursed medical expenses in spousal support and alimony *pendente lite* cases
- requirement that support conference officers and hearing officers submit their recommendations within specific time frames
- allowing a party to challenge standing in a custody case by preliminary objection
- amendments to the custody rules to effectuate statutory amendments requiring reporting of involvement with a Children and Youth Services agency by litigants in a custody case
- requirement that all jurisdictions accept for filing family law forms adopted by the Supreme Court and posted on the judiciary's website

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2014:

- prohibiting a court-appointed attorney who presides over non-record proceedings from practicing family law in the appointing jurisdiction
- 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
- 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
- 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
- the continuation of alimony *pendente lite* after the death of the payor

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Legal Authorization

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

About the Committee

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

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

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2014 Activities

Recommendation Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2014:

- amendment to the definition of a placement facility in the Comment to Rule 120
- codification of the procedures for the expungement of juvenile records
- establishment of the qualifications of masters in juvenile and dependency proceedings

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2014:

- the authority of masters to hear certain cases
- extending the timing of an adjudication of delinquency
- notice and demand requirements for the admission of a forensic report with the presence of a live witness
- intercounty transfer, docketing a change in custody and clarifying the timing of a transition plan hearing

2014 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.

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2014 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2014:

- procedures for withdrawing a complaint or settling an action
- permitting the use of electronic receipts in lieu of paper receipts where elected and available as well as the use of commercial carriers in lieu of the U.S. Postal Service

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2014:

- procedures for the dismissal and transfer of matters for lack of personal or subject matter jurisdiction
- the time and method of appealing landlord-tenant judgments in residential matters involving victims of domestic violence
- usage of the term "incapacitated persons" instead of "incompetent" to reflect statutory language
- implementation of legislation providing emergency relief from sexual violence and intimidation
- establishing an appellate process from automated red light enforcement

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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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2014 Activities

The Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee continued its review of the comments received in response to proposed revisions to the Chapter 15 adoption rules, including implementation of post-adoption contact agreements set forth in previously enacted legislation. It also concluded its work on a complete revision of the statewide orphans' court rules and submitted the revision to the Supreme Court for consideration.

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Legal Authorization

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

About the Board

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

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

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Bar Procedures

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

Bar Statistics

Statistics for 2014, 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 2003 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.

Bar Statistics		
2014 Applications processed		2,797
Sitting for February Exam		720
Change from 2013	17	2.42%
Persons passing February exam		413
Persons failing February exam		307
Passing Percentage		57.36%
2013 Passing Percentage		60.60%
Sitting for July exam		1,981
Change from 2013	(136)	(6.42)%
Persons passing July exam		1,496
Persons failing July exam		485
Passing Percentage		75.52%
2013 Passing percentage		77.33%
Applications for admission on motion		approx. 300
Applications for limited in-house counsel admission		62
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		7
Hearings held to appeal denial of admission		51

Table 4.1.1

2014 Activities

Reciprocity

The board approved a reciprocity agreement with New Mexico that will become effective in June 2015.

It also re-evaluated its agreement with Virginia following Virginia's revision of its rule for admission with examination, but decided no change was needed.

Multistate Bar Exam

The National Conference of Bar Examiners asked the board to comment on possible changes to the Multistate Bar Examination.

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 2014 exam, 92 percent of applicants registered for the CBT. This is an increase from 89 percent in 2013 and 84 percent in 2012.

2014 Rules Changes

The board requested no rules changes in 2014.

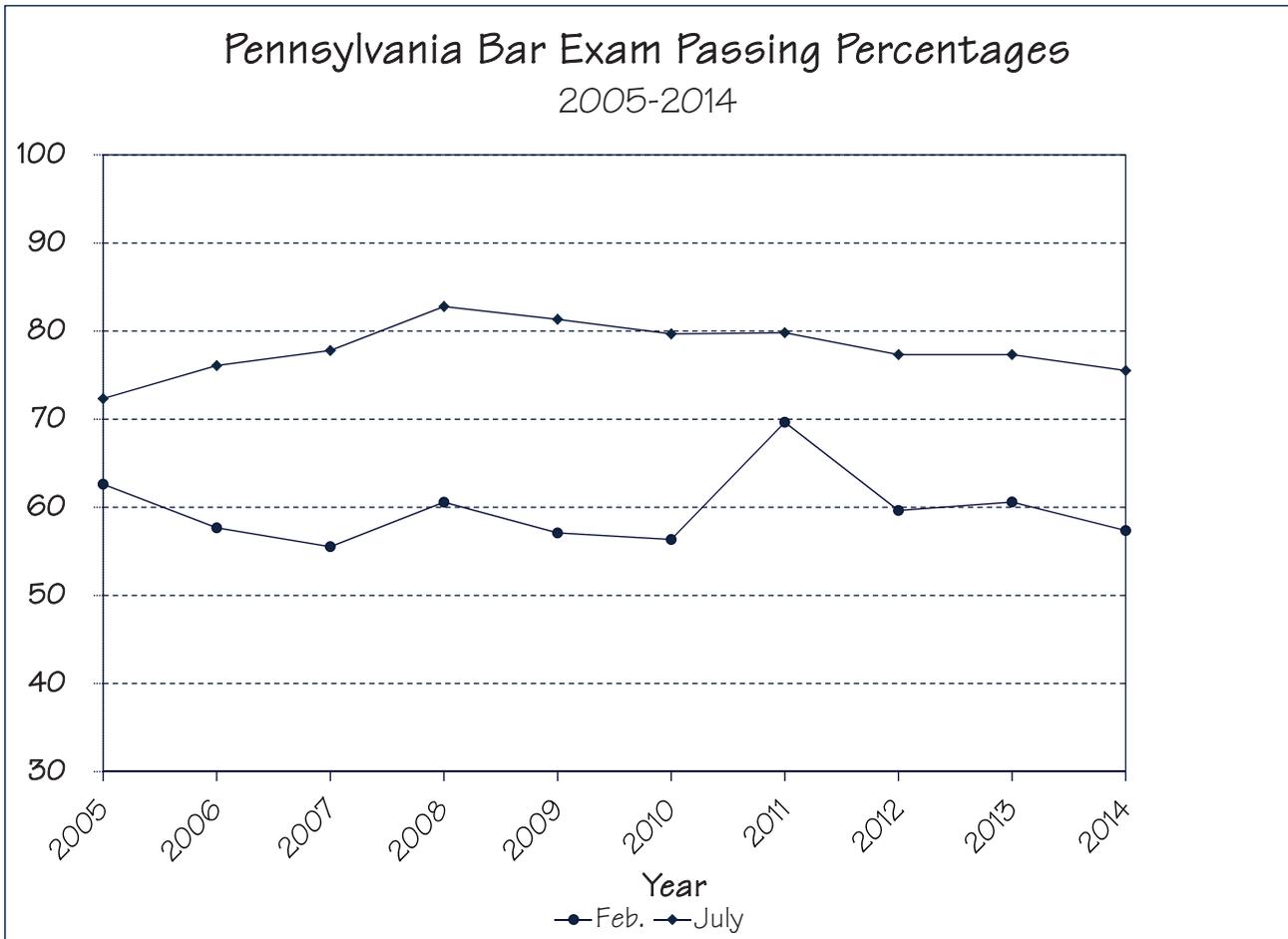


Table 4.1.2

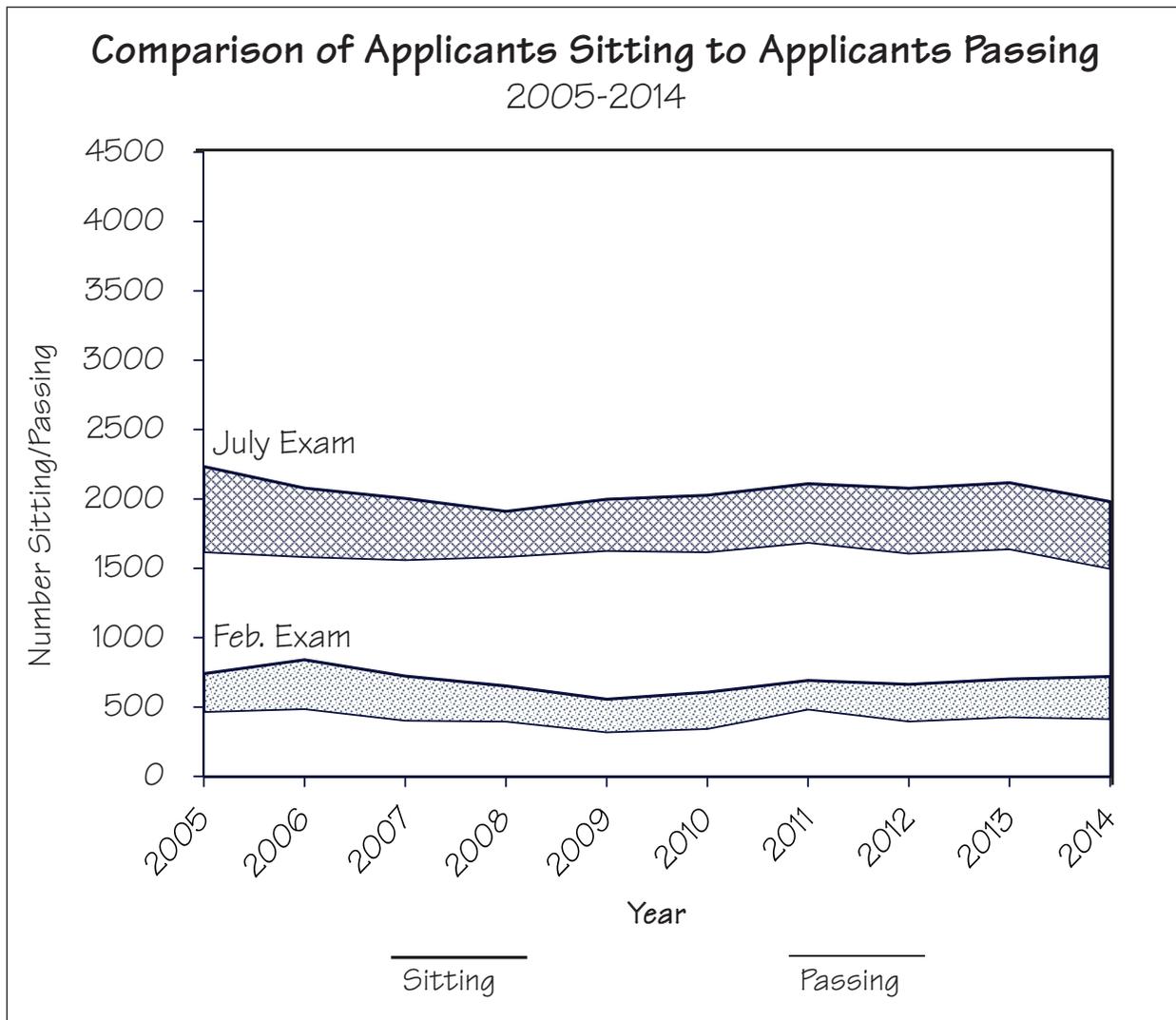


Table 4.1.3

2014 Membership

Civil Jury Instructions Subcommittee

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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.

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Committee Activities

Civil Instructions

In 2014 the subcommittee released a supplement to the *Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions*, Fourth Edition. This new supplement introduces two new negligence instructions in Chapter 13:

- 13.71: Negligent Entrustment of Motor Vehicle
- 13.201: Comparative Negligence – Settling Non-Parties

In addition, the supplement includes both updated subcommittee notes for all of Chapter 18 – Owner/Occupier of Land and a completely reviewed and revised Chapter 22 – Eminent Domain.

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 2014 the subcommittee released a supplement to the *Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions*, Second Edition (2005). The supplement includes revisions to 48 of the standard instructions and/or subcommittee notes. An additional 18 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.

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.

New Criminal Law Instructions	
7.00	Introduction to Concluding and Post-Trial Instructions
13.00	Introduction to <i>Apprendi</i> and <i>Alleyne</i> Instructions
13.00A	Listing of Statutes
15.00	Introduction to Specific Offenses Under the Crimes Code Instructions
15.2501A.1	Advisory Note Regarding Sentencing Enhancements for Juvenile Defendants — Enhancements Under 18 Pa.C.S., § 1102.1
15.3100.1	Megan’s Law Reporting Violations (Occurring after December 20, 2012)
15.3100.2	Failure to Comply with Counseling Requirements
15.3124.2A	Institutional Sexual Assault of a Minor
15.4302.1	Incest of a Minor
15.5131	Recruiting Criminal Gang Members
15.5511A.1	Animal Cruelty — Guide Dogs
15.5902K	Promoting Prostitution of a Minor
15.6111	Unlawful Sale or Transfer of Firearms
15.1373	Unlawful Purchase or Exchange of Food Stamps
15.7314	Fraudulent Traffic in Food Orders
16.00	Introduction to Selected Offenses Under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act Instructions
17.3802(i)	Enhancement Where Minor is Passenger in Vehicle During § 3802 Violation
18.1.5	Chop Shop — Transportation of Vehicle or Parts

Table 4.2.1

2014 Membership

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Daniel Levering, *Administrator*
Katey Buggy, *Associate Administrator*

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.

2014 Board Actions and Operations Highlights

The board held three meetings in 2014.

A total of 35,105 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. Adopted 1-23-14, 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 four credits per compliance period via distance learning. Currently, 101 providers are approved to offer such programs. Approximately 10,550 programs are available.

Distance learning accounted for 10.4 percent of the total credits reported in 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 2014 the board accredited 71 capital counsel training programs, and 423 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 2014, 57 presentations were conducted, and 2,162 lawyers completed the program.

PA CLE Providers Conference

The 2014 Providers Conference was held in June. Guest speaker Anne McSorley of WorkBest Consulting presented a program on the development of ethics programming, assisted by board member Patricia Daly.

Online Payments

The CLE Board allows education providers to file payments and lawyers to pay late fees online via Automated Clearing House (ACH). In 2014, 71 percent of compliance payments were made in this manner. More than 160 providers filed payments through ACH.

Automated System for Accredited Providers (ASAP)

The board continued to provide training and technical support to over 360 accredited providers who use the Automated System for Accredited Providers (ASAP). This internally developed Internet software allows for the paperless reporting of provider courses, course attendance and course evaluations. In 2014, 85 percent of credit hours were reported electronically.

Attorney Compliance

Lawyer compliance rates with CLE requirements remain high, at 99.6 percent for 2014. 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 2014.

National Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Working Group

Dan Levering continued to serve on a national working group dedicated to the advancement of MCLE. The group includes representatives from law schools, law firms, bar associations, and legal education regulators and providers.

Current efforts are focused on developing accreditation standards for distance learning programs and on reviewing competency-based education strategies for legal education.

Attorney Compliance				
Compliance Group/ Year Ending	# Lawyers Subject to Requirements	# Lawyers Complying	# Lawyers Involuntarily Inactivated	Compliance Rates (%)
Group 1 (April)				
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
Group 2 (August)				
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
03-04	18,753	15,664	89	99.5
04-05	19,098	19,019	79	99.6
				continued...

Table 4.3.1

Attorney Compliance, continued				
Compliance Group/ Year Ending	# Lawyers Subject to Requirements	# Lawyers Complying	# Lawyers Involuntarily Inactivated	Compliance Rates (%)
Group 2 (August)				
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
Group 3 (December)				
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

Table 4.3.1, cont'd.

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** Appointed chair 1-29-15

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++ Appointed vice chair 1-29-15

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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 2014 can be found in Table 4.4.1 to the right.

The Disciplinary Board met five times in 2014. 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 2014 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 75. Comparisons of cumulative actions taken and actions taken in 2014 can be found in Chart 4.4.5 on page 77.

2014 Statistics	
Attorneys	64,161*
Change from 2013	0.83%
<small>*This figure does not include 10,805 inactive paid attorneys.</small>	
Complaints filed with board	4,110
Change from 2013	(4.77%)+
<small>+This marks the sixth consecutive year that complaints have declined.</small>	
Pending at start of 2014	727
Complaints disposed of	3,974
Total complaints resulting in discipline	257
Total pending at end of 2014	556

Table 4.4.1

Rules Committee

The following rules changes were approved in 2014:

Pa.R.D.E. 214(h): Clarification that both direct and indirect criminal contempt fall under

the self-reporting requirements of the rule. Adopted 3-14-14, effective 4-3-14.

Pa.R.D.E. 219(a) and R.P.C. 1.15(u): Amendments to change

annual fee allocations for the 2014-2015 annual attorney registration period. Adopted 5-1-14, effective with the 2014-15 assessment year.

Amendments to Board Rules of Organization and Procedure, Order No. 75: A conforming amendment consistent with the amendments made to Pa.R.D.E. 214(h) regarding direct and indirect criminal contempt. Adopted effective 6-2-14.

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

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2014:

R.P.C. 1.7, 1.8, 5.7, 1.15 and Pa.R.D.E. 208, 221, 219, 213, 215, 217 and 218: Amendments relating to reducing losses resulting from the misappropriation of client and third party funds.

Act 32 of 2014: Amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct to protect children from suspected child abuse.

2014 Executive Session Results	
Action	Total
Adjudications involving formal charges	24
Board referrals to Supreme Court, including report and recommendation for public discipline	20
Oral arguments before three-member panels of board members	4
Recommendations for summary private reprimands, considered by three-member panels	6
Recommendations for summary public reprimands, considered by three-member panels	7
Respondents appearing before three-member panels to receive private reprimands	3
Respondents appearing before three-member panels to receive public reprimands	5
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

Table 4.4.2

Finance & Pension Committee

In March 2014 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.

In May 2014 the board approved a committee recommendation to establish an ad

hoc committee on succession planning to begin planning for the transition of some key players in the executive office and in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Education Committee

The Education Committee designed the program for the board’s educational meeting in July 2014. The committee’s topics for discussion included

- The State of Ethics Education. The guest speaker was Professor Mark Yochum from Duquesne University School of Law
- Legal Education Advisory Committee. The board discussed outreach to Pennsylvania law schools and the establishment of a Legal Education Advisory Committee that would consist of designated representatives from the respective law schools. The role of the committee would be to exchange information on ways to better educate students about the disciplinary system and share information with the law schools about changes to the rules and procedures as well as provide other information of interest to students and faculty.
- establishing an Outstanding Ethics Award to be presented by the board to one outstanding student at each of the law school clinical programs
- Continuity of Discipline. Three previously decided Pennsylvania disciplinary cases were presented to test members on the type of discipline that would be recommended today.

The board was joined at its retreat by Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Solo & Small Firm Practice Section invited the board to make a presentation at the section’s annual meeting in July 2014. Board Chair R. Burke McLemore Jr., Vice Chair Stephan K. Todd and board member David E. Schwager gave a one-hour presentation on cases involving solo practitioners and the areas of practice where most of the violations occurred.

2014 Joint Petitions	
Action	Total
Joint Petitions in Support of Discipline on Consent filed	24
Petitions filed prior to scheduled disciplinary hearings	8
Petitions approved	19
Private discipline	2
Public discipline	17
Petitions denied	1
Petitions not yet final as of December 31	4

Table 4.4.3

The Education Committee also designed the program used at the training session and refresher course for all Hearing Committee members, held in October 2014 in Hershey. Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille provided opening remarks, and Justice J. Michael Eakin spoke on the role the Supreme Court has in the disciplinary process. Laurie J. Besden, the deputy executive director of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, spoke on her journey through law school, addiction and recovery.

Workshops were held to provide new members with information on the disciplinary system and the roll of hearing committees. Senior and experienced members offered tips on chairing hearing committees, presiding at hearings on subpoena issues and conducting prehearing conferences. Guest speaker Ellen C. Brotman, Esq. brought perspective from respondents’ counsel.

The program was attended by 116 Hearing Committee members and board members.

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, 2014, 58 senior members, 48 experienced members and 39 new members were serving on a *pro bono* basis to conduct hearings.

Miscellaneous

In January 2014 the board's design team began work on creating the custom software needed to implement a new case management system. The aim is to make the new system fully integrated with the DocuWare software currently being used for document management in the district offices as well as the board's executive office. The board contracted with a software development firm and anticipates that the new system will be up and running before the end the first quarter in 2015.

In September 2014 the board entered into a memo of understanding with the Supreme Court for the AOPC's Judicial Automation Department to provide IT support to the board offices. This agreement was made in an effort to cut costs, decrease downtimes and streamline support for all offices.

The board also budgeted to upgrade the servers and workstations used in the various offices.

In July the board agreed to change the notices published in local daily newspapers and legal journals when attorneys are suspended or disbarred. Notices will now include the attorney's ID number as well as his/her last public address of record. This was done in an effort to eliminate confusion when attorneys with similar names reside in the same county. In addition, the board began issuing regional news releases when attorneys are suspended or disbarred, thus expanding the coverage beyond the county where the attorneys maintained their offices. (Information on suspensions and disbarments is also available on the Disciplinary Board's website.)

At the same time, the board approved a rules amendment to require that attorneys reimburse the board when suspension, disbarment or reinstatement hearing notices are published.

In October 2014 the board amended the schedule of courses required for reinstatement to increase the allowable online hours from 12 to 16, effective January 1, 2015. This

change coincides with similar changes to the rules for continuing legal education that take effect starting in 2015.

In February 2014 board members, R. Burke McLemore Jr., Douglas W. Leonard and Tracey McCants Lewis; Board Secretary Elaine Bixler and Assistant Secretary Marcee Sloan attended the eleventh annual meeting of the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards (NCLDB), in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Leonard gave a presentation on motivational drivers.

Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-2014											
Disciplinary Cases								Reinstatement Cases			
	Informal	Private	Public	Public					Petitions	Petitions	
Year	Admonition	Reprimand	Reprimand	Probation	Censure	Suspension	Disbarment	Total	Granted	Denied	Total
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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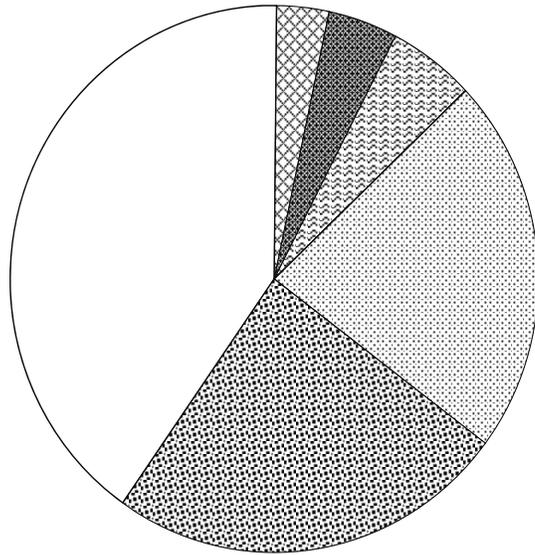
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Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-2014, continued											
Disciplinary Cases									Reinstatement Cases		
	Informal	Private	Public		Public				Petitions	Petitions	
Year	Admonition	Reprimand	Reprimand	Probation	Censure	Suspension	Disbarment	Total	Granted	Denied	Total
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
Total	3,656	940	26	218	124	1,028	1,146	7,138	1,761	66	1,827
<p>* This figure includes 14 suspensions on consent (Rule 215 Pa.R.D.E.), but does not include 12 temporary suspensions (Rule 214 Pa.R.D.E.) or four temporary suspensions (Rule 208(f) Pa.R.D.E.).</p> <p>+ This figure includes 28 disbarments on consent (Rule 215 Pa.R.D.E.).</p> <p># This figure includes reinstatement to active status of 91 attorneys who had been inactive, retired or administratively suspended for three or more years; 14 who had been suspended and two who had been disbarred.</p> <p>▲ This figure includes one denied request for reinstatement after disbarment.</p>											

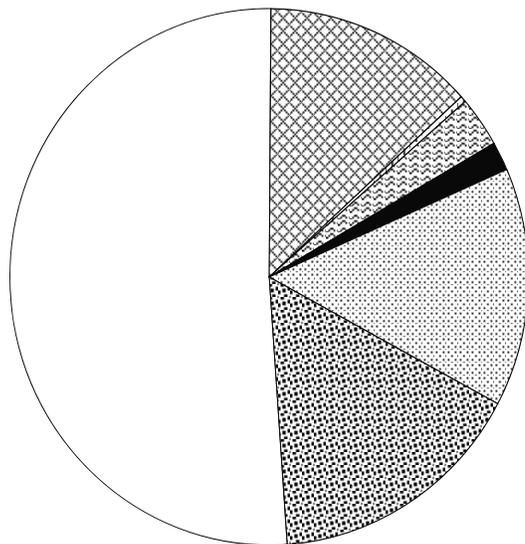
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Disciplinary Board Actions Comparison

2014



1973-2014



- Informal Admonition ⊠ Private Reprimand ⊠ Public Reprimand ⊠ Probation
- Public Censure ⊠ Suspension ⊠ Disbarment

Table 4.4.5

2014 Membership

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Honorable Justin M. Johnson*
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Ourania Papademetriou, Esq.
David S. Posner, Esq.
Honorable Jacqueline L. Russell

Staff

Stephanie Libhart, *Executive Director*

- * Resigned 3-27-14
- ** Term expired 9-1-14
- + Appointed chair 9-1-14
- ++ Appointed vice chair 9-1-14

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 maximums 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.

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, 2015, 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.

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 2014-15 totaled \$1,059,021.

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 2014-15 Statistics

Revenues

IOLTA & MJ-IOTA, net	\$ 3,286,655
Access to Justice Act	10,644,801
Attorney Assessment	2,255,990
<i>Pro Hac Vice</i>	319,575
<i>Pro Bono</i> Contributions	35,185
Class Action Residuals	1,059,021
Homeowner Assistance Settlement Act	600,000
Bank of America Settlement Funds	852,693
Other	84,537
Total	\$19,138,457

Grants

Legal Service Organizations	\$ 12,972,910
Pennsylvania Law Schools	1,000,000
<i>Pro Bono</i> Grants	42,600
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	352,441
Total	\$14,367,951

The largest grant, \$10,973,000, 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.

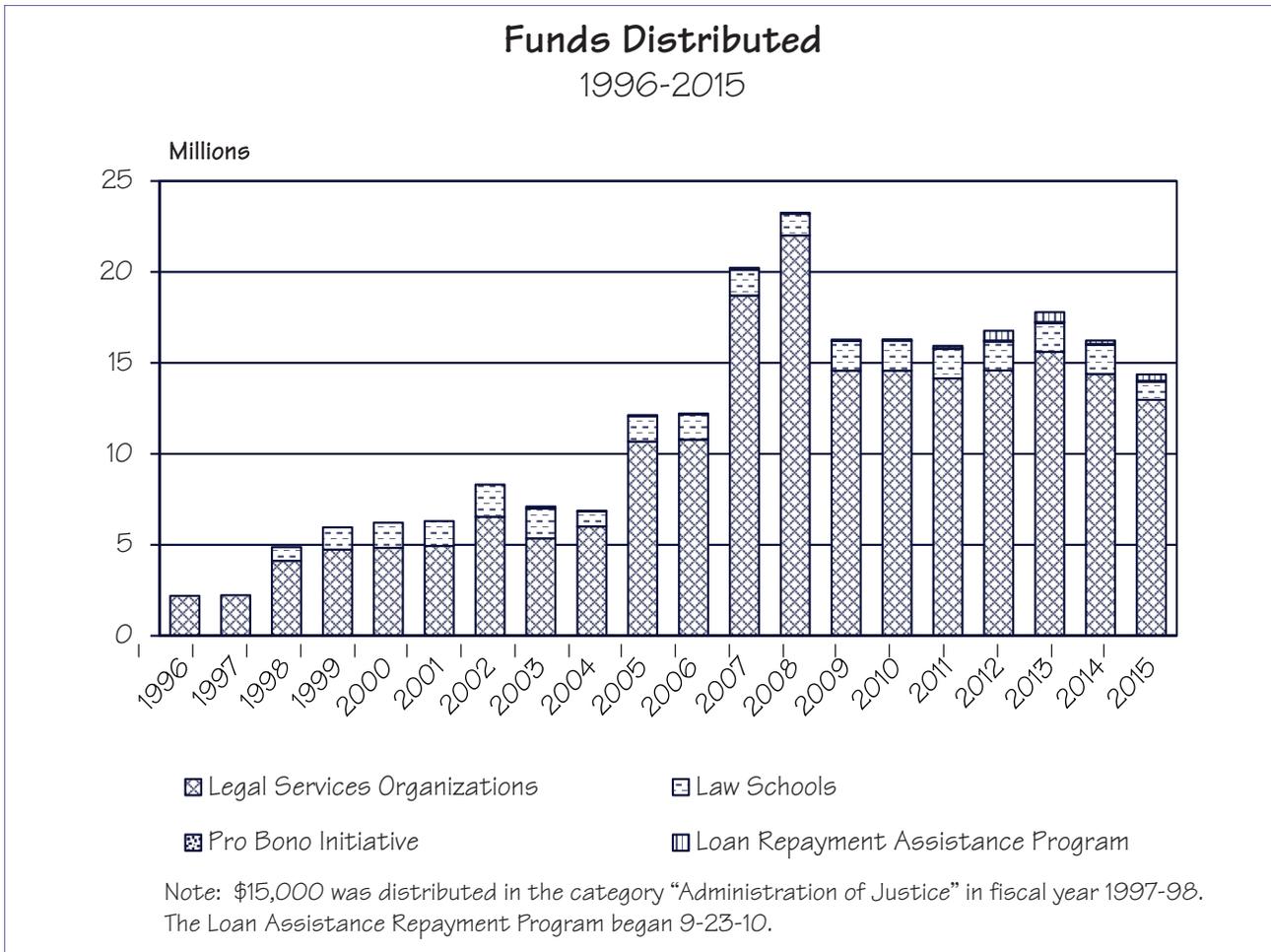


Table 4.5.1

2014 Membership

John T. Robinson, *Chair*
Honorable Richard G. King, *Vice Chair, Secretary*
Honorable Nathan N. Firestone
Dick Hammon
Honorable Fred B. Miller
Honorable James K. Reiley
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Staff

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Legal Authorization

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

About the Board

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

In addition, the board conducts one-week continuing education classes for MDJs, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges, 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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2014 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
- Benefits and Nondiscrimination Policy
- Mental Health & Elder Law
- Evidence & Search Warrants
- Public Access, ADA & AOPC Legal
- Magisterial District Judge Panel
- Ethics
- MDJS Computer System
- District Judge Practices
- MDJS Reports & Audits
- 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 Update, Landlord Tenant Update & Local Ordinances & Home Improvement Fraud Act & RV Parks
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation (Human Trafficking)
- Act 112 Procedures, Penalties & Alternative Sentencing for Youth & Tobacco Cases
- Ethics
- Understanding Criminal History (Rap Sheets) for Purposes of Setting/Amending Bail, Electronic Monitoring and Nontraditional Modes of Bail
- Internal Controls
- Restitution, Expungements, out of County Warrants & ICC Warrants
- Criminal Law Update, Notarizing Protocol & Home Improvement Fraud Act
- Case File Destruction
- Bankruptcy
- Computer-Facilitated Crimes
- Truancy Update
- Judges Concerned for Judges
- Sexting, Cyberbullying, Viral Shaming

Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges

- Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code Update
- Sexting, Cyberbullying & Viral Shaming
- Ethics
- Drug Recognition Experts
- Traffic Court Administration
- Nondiscrimination Policy
- Evidence
- Access to the Courts under the ADA & the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Ethics & Professionalism

Philadelphia Arraignment Court Magistrates

- District Attorneys Session
- Mental Health Assessment Program
- Ethics
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation (Human Trafficking)
- Computer-Facilitated Crimes
- Sexting, Cyberbullying, Viral Shaming
- Defenders' Association Session
- Understanding Criminal History (Rap Sheets) for Purposes of Setting/Amending Bail, Electronic Monitoring and Nontraditional Modes of Bail
- Criminal Law Update, Notarizing Protocol & Home Improvement Fraud Act

2014 Statistics

MJEB statistics for 2014 can be found in the chart below.

2014 Educational Statistics	
Continuing education to magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	612
Continuing legal education to attorney magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges	163
Magisterial district judge recertification	11
Certification classes to prospective magisterial district judges	55
Number certified	21
Certification of prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court judges	1
Certification of prospective Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates	3

Table 4.6.1

2014 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. Peifer, 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 (\$40 for 2014-15) 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 2014-15 Claims Statistics

Statistics for the 2014-15 fiscal year can be found in Table 4.7.1. Chart 4.7.2 on page 90 is a breakdown of amounts claimed by category. Chart 4.7.3 on page 91 gives comparisons of claims awarded versus claims rejected, both in terms of numbers and dollar amounts. Chart 4.7.4 on page 92 is a comparison of claims awarded, rejected and discontinued, both cumulatively and in 2014-15.

Claims Categories

Fiduciary Funds - Theft of estate funds and trust/escrow funds consistently tops the list of claims filed against attorneys. During FY 2014-15 the fund awarded \$1,025,018 in this category, 79.92 percent of its total award dollars, settling 32 claims. The 49 claims noted in Table 4.7.1 are all trust-related claims.

Nonperformance* - The acceptance of unearned fees or retainers represented the second largest category in which funds were awarded in FY 2014-15, with claimants receiving \$62,813.

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

Lawsuit Settlement Proceeds - Claims of misappropriation of settlement proceeds often occur when an attorney settles a lawsuit without the knowledge or consent of the client. The attorney receives the funds and fails to remit them to the client. Also included in this category are claims involving attorneys who withhold funds from settlement proceeds to pay clients' medical providers and fail to make the payment/s. Claims of \$62,813 were paid in FY 2014-15.

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

2014-15 Claims Statistics

Claims	No.	Amount
Received	364*	\$6,784,550
	*19 in excess of \$100,000 limit	
Awarded	101	1,282,614
Rejected	92	3,805,783
Discontinued	20	760,342
Total	213	\$5,848,739
Pending	547	\$29,311,659

Note: During FY 2013-14, 49 claims were determined to be compensable; however, as of the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2014, the amounts of the awards had yet to be determined. These claims all pertained to Pa.R.D.E. 514(b), regarding the \$1 million maximum disbursement per attorney.

In FY 2014-15, the board asked the Supreme Court to waive the aggregate cap. In February 2015, the court approved a maximum aggregate to this group of claimants not to exceed \$3.95 million.

The board decided to pay one-half of each award as quickly as possible. Most of these payments were made by the end of the fiscal year. The remaining half of each award will be made on or about June 1, 2016.

These awards were processed in a joint venture with the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection as the attorney involved was licensed in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The New Jersey fund paid an additional \$8,401,298 to the victims.

Table 4.7.1

2014-15 Activities

County Bench, Bar Meetings

The board met in Hershey, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in FY 2014-15.

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 2014-15, the fund recovered \$122,164 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 2014-15 the fund received 218 overdraft notices. Sixteen notices were pending. Of the 234 notices, 200 were reviewed and dismissed, and 19 were referred to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. One notice was sent to another state for appropriate review. Fourteen 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 2014-15 \$343,798 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.

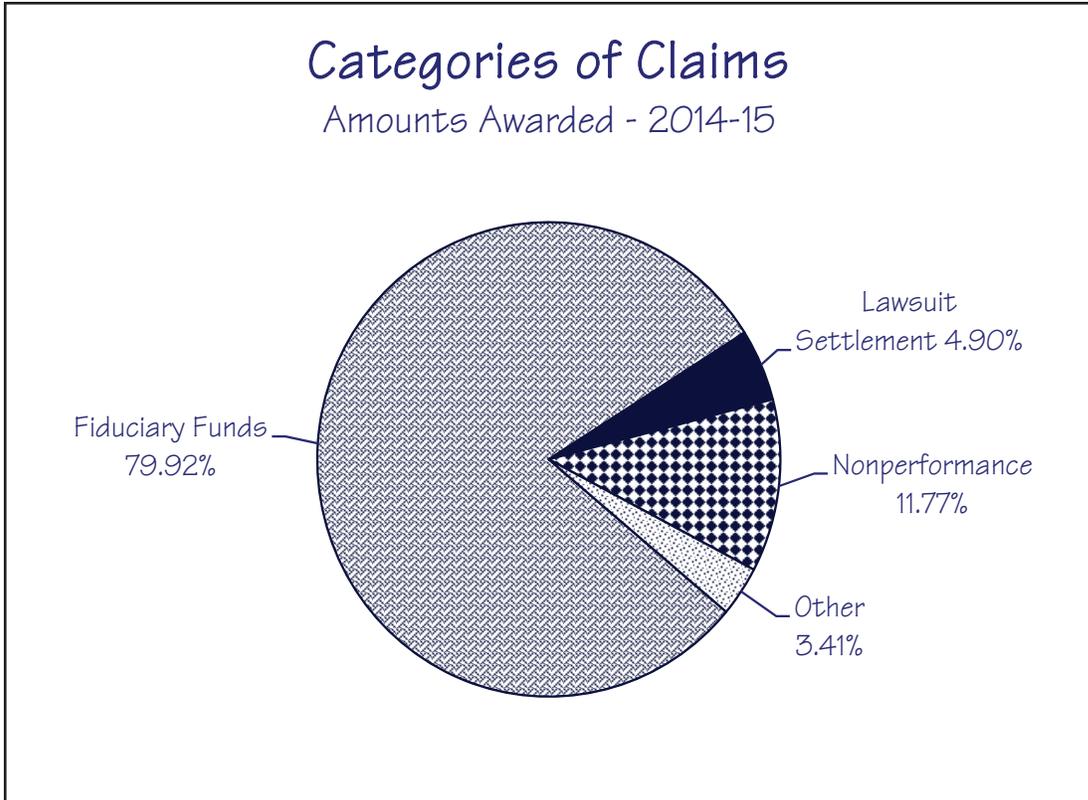


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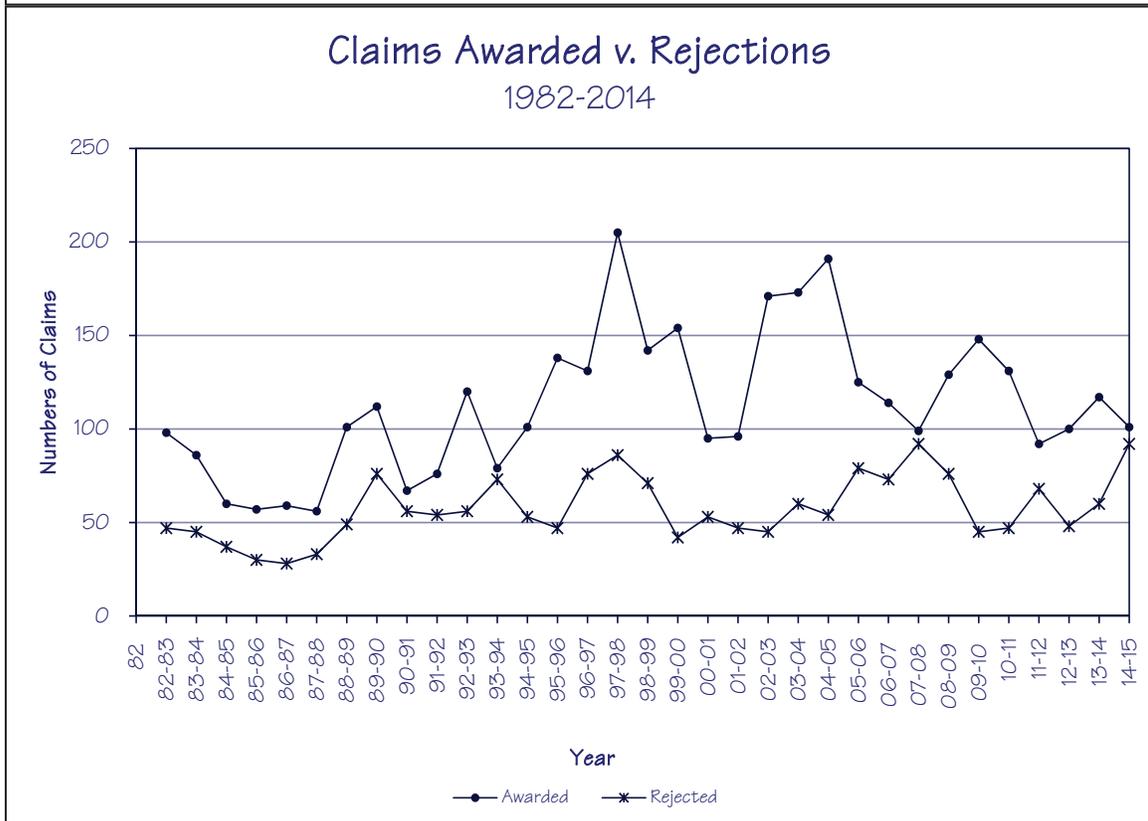
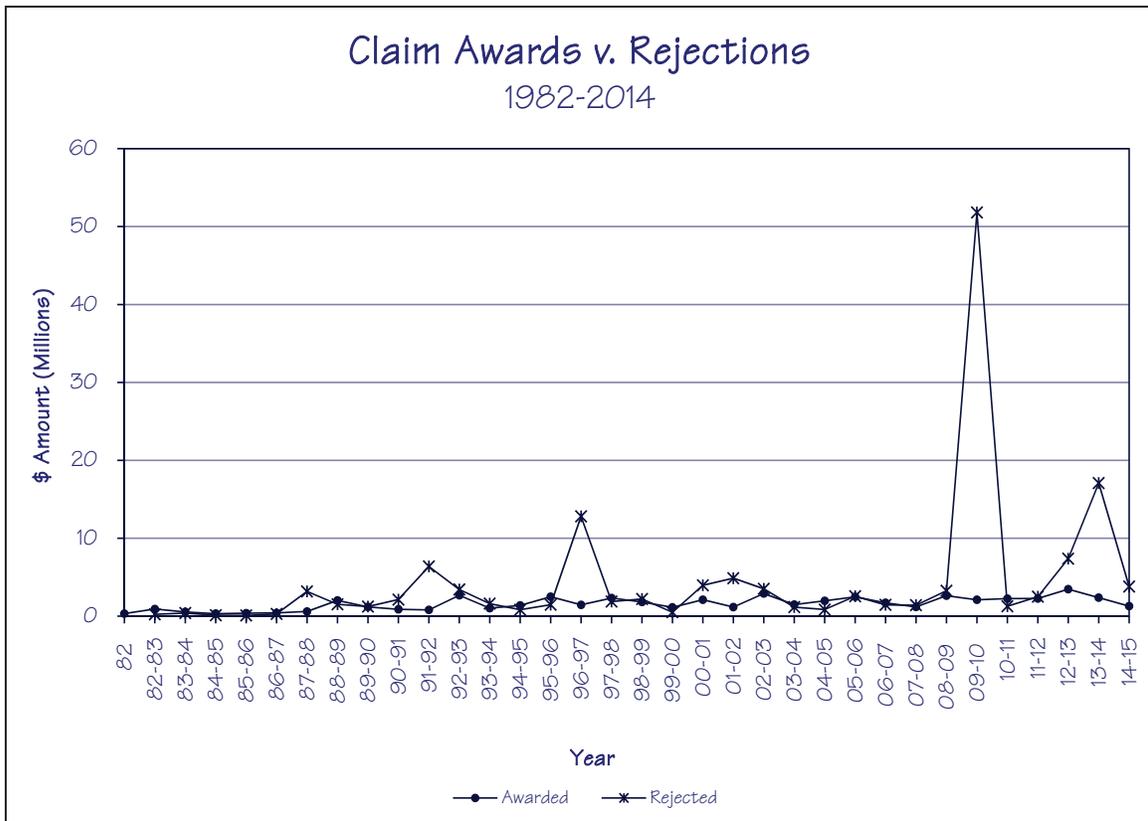
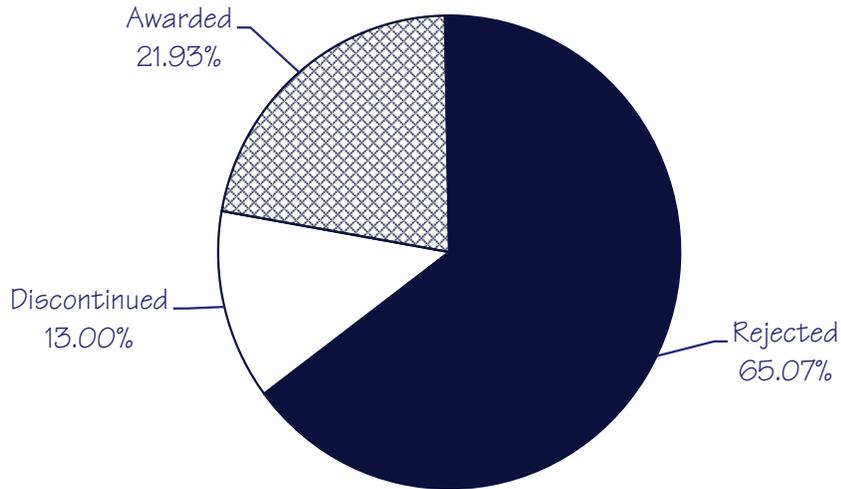


Table 4.7.3

Comparison of Claim Dispositions

Amounts Awarded - 2014-15



Amounts Awarded - Cumulative

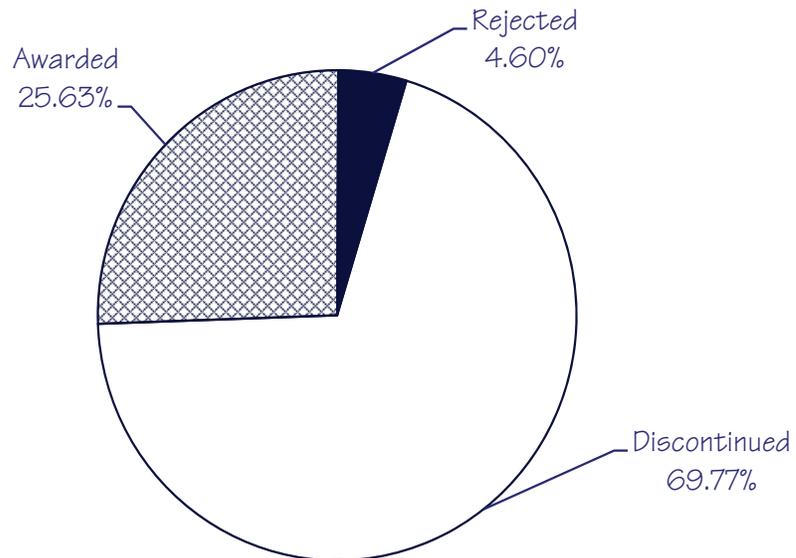


Table 4.7.4

Of the total state government expenditures for fiscal year (FY) 2014-15 administrative costs for the judiciary amounted to approximately one-half of one percent. Table 5.1 on page 95 shows the distribution of expenditures across the three branches of government. (With the county reimbursement grants discussed below, the judiciary accounts for approximately 0.6 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; the personnel and operating costs of the entire appellate court system as well as the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and the committees of the Supreme Court; and the salaries and benefits for district court administrators. Table 5.2 on page 96 provides a breakdown of the state appropriations for FY 2014-15.

In FY 2014-15, the judiciary saved more than \$11.8 million through a variety of measures, including not making appointments – at the request of the chief justice – to fill judge vacancies, a reduction of 23 magisterial district judge offices to date since January 2010, and contributions toward health care costs 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 a percentage of juror costs incurred when a trial or grand jury proceeding lasts longer than three days.

In addition, counties have traditionally been reimbursed for personnel and operating costs associated with the administration of the Courts of Common Pleas. Reimbursement is based on a statutory rate of \$70,000 for each authorized Common Pleas judge position,

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which, in the case of insufficient funding, must be reduced in order to adjust to the appropriated amount.

The General Assembly also requires that counties spend an amount at least equal to the flat reimbursement rate per judge. Funding provided in FY 2014-15 allowed payment of the grant at the rate of \$68,686.

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

Table 5.3 on page 99 identifies the amounts of reimbursement provided to each county, by grant program, for FY 2014-15.

Local, State Government Revenue

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

Included in the table are revenues from a fee created during FY 2009-10 to supplement and help close shortfalls in state funding. Act 49 of 2009 imposed a temporary, 25-month surcharge beginning December 8, 2009; Act 30 of 2011 extended the fee through December 31, 2014. Acts 113 and 106 of 2014 increased the temporary surcharge from \$10.25 to \$21.25 and further extended authorization through December 31, 2017. In FY 2014-15, \$45.353 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. Some 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.

Pennsylvania Government FY 2014-15		
<i>General, Special Federal & Other Funds Expenditures</i>		
Branch	\$ Amount (Thousands)	Percent of Total
Executive	71,603,256	99.10
Legislative	228,906	0.32
Judicial	383,842	0.53
Judicial - County Reimbursement for Courts	36,900	0.05
Total	72,252,904	

Totals shown exclude capital budget.

Note: The governor’s budget showed FY 2014-15 funds available to the judiciary as \$376.109 million. Actual total available funds, with \$45.353 million of Act 49 of 2009 revenues, augmentations of \$4.691 million and \$52.063 million of restricted receipts were \$420.742 million.

Source: FY 2014-15 Governor’s Recommended Budget

Table 5.1

Appropriations	
Appropriation	2014-15 (thousands)
Supreme Court*	\$13,636
Justices' Expenses	118
Rules Committees	1,491
Judicial Council*	141
Interbranch Commission	308
Superior Court*	27,024
Judges' Expenses	183
Commonwealth Court*	16,404
Judges' Expenses	132
Court Administrator*	9,953
Court Improvement Program** (F)	1,130
Veterans Court Process Evaluation+ (F)	197
Pennsylvania Weighted Caseload Project-CP++ (F)	80
STOP Violence Against Women# (F)	222
Pennsylvania Judicial Center*	675
District Court Administrators*	17,276
Court Management Education	73
Unified Judicial System Security##	2,002
Statewide Judicial Computer System▲ (R)	52,063
Integrated Criminal Justice System	2,372
Courts of Common Pleas*	100,636
Common Pleas Senior Judges*	3,715
Common Pleas Judicial Education	1,138
Problem-Solving Courts	103
Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges	57
Magisterial District Judges*	73,522
Magisterial District Judge Education*	671
Philadelphia Municipal Court*	6,857
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Table 5.2

Appropriations, continued	
Appropriation	2014-15 (thousands)
County Court Reimbursement	34,407
Senior Judge Support Reimbursement	1,375
Juror Cost Reimbursement	1,118
Judicial Conduct Board	1,577
Court of Judicial Discipline	468
State Funds	317,432
(F) Federal Funds	1,629
(R) Restricted Receipts	52,063
Total	\$371,124
<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 2014-15, \$45,353,000 of the Act 49 revenues were drawn to supplement state funding for these 12 appropriations.</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 Veterans Court Process Evaluation appropriation consists of a \$200,000 federal grant to undertake a thorough process evaluation of Pennsylvania's veterans courts. The grant period began September 1, 2012, and extends through August 31, 2015. The unspent funds from prior years of \$105,535 were carried over and appropriated for FY 2014-15.</p>	
<p>++ The Pennsylvania Weighted Caseload Project-CP Judges appropriation consists of \$80,000 of federal funds 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. As of June 30, 2015, \$63,890 had been spent. The \$16,000 balance remains available to spend in FY 2015-16.</p>	
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Table 5.2, cont'd.

Appropriations, continued

- # The STOP Violence Against Women executive authorization consists of a \$221,577 federal subgrant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). These funds will be allocated equally and provided to Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape to provide training and technical assistance to Pennsylvania's judiciary on topics relating to violence against women crimes, including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The AOPC is responsible for grant management of the project. The grant period extends from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. The unspent funds of \$175,219 at the end of FY 2014-15 carry over and are available for appropriation in FY 2015-16.

- ## The FY 2014-15 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 2014-15 appropriation was \$57.048 million, only \$52.063 million were withdrawn. These funds were augmented by \$446,149 from miscellaneous revenues, including fees charged to users for information generated by the Magisterial District Judge System, \$1,859,234 from online payment fees and \$87,890 from fees imposed by Act 119 of 1996 (Jen and Dave's Law). The total amount available to the JCS in FY 2014-15 was \$54,456,273.

Table 5.2, cont'd.

County Reimbursements for Courts FY 2014-15				
COUNTY	JUROR COST	COUNTY COURT	SENIOR JUDGE	TOTAL
Adams	\$0.00	\$274,744.00	\$357.00	\$275,101.00
Allegheny	56,455.78	2,953,498.00	123,945.00	3,133,898.78
Armstrong	0.00	137,372.00	1,953.00	139,325.00
Beaver	14,336.22	480,802.00	16,137.00	511,275.22
Bedford	0.00	137,372.00	0.00	137,372.00
Berks	8,678.03	892,918.00	102,322.00	1,003,918.03
Blair	1,928.54	343,430.00	10,102.00	355,460.54
Bradford	0.00	137,372.00	22,265.00	159,637.00
Bucks	46,063.45	892,918.00	10,543.00	949,524.45
Butler	2,742.71	412,116.00	319.00	415,177.71
Cambria	3,143.40	343,430.00	30,898.00	377,471.40
Cameron	0.00	9,616.00	77.00	9,693.00
Carbon	839.83	206,058.00	261.00	207,158.83
Centre	4,939.99	274,744.00	4,994.00	284,677.99
Chester	33,129.81	892,918.00	15,743.00	941,790.81
Clarion	73.87	68,686.00	3,315.00	72,074.87
Clearfield	1,347.78	137,372.00	0.00	138,719.78
Clinton	0.00	137,372.00	3,967.00	141,339.00
Columbia	1,247.57	108,524.00	1,192.00	110,963.57
Crawford	0.00	206,058.00	236.00	206,294.00
Cumberland	8,726.26	412,116.00	10,411.00	431,253.26
Dauphin	29,324.46	686,860.00	565.00	716,749.46
Delaware	31,396.09	1,373,720.00	135,834.00	1,540,950.09
Elk	917.11	59,070.00	2,766.00	62,753.11
Erie	2,443.45	618,174.00	1,270.00	621,887.45
Fayette	25,035.32	343,430.00	22,653.00	391,118.32
Forest	0.00	21,980.00	0.00	21,980.00
Franklin	3,482.47	312,521.00	2,783.00	318,786.27
Fulton	0.00	30,909.00	0.00	30,909.00
Greene	4,084.41	137,372.00	0.00	141,456.41
Huntingdon	0.00	68,686.00	10,673.00	79,359.00
Indiana	2,243.13	206,058.00	917.00	209,218.13
Jefferson	727.84	68,686.00	6,304.00	75,717.84
Juniata	0.00	48,080.00	0.00	48,080.00
Lackawanna	13,714.23	618,174.00	121,159.00	753,047.23
Lancaster	2,551.99	1,030,290.00	1,165.00	1,034,006.99

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Table 5.3

County Reimbursements for Courts, continued				
FY 2014-15				
COUNTY	JUROR COST	COUNTY COURT	SENIOR JUDGE	TOTAL
Lawrence	4,623.63	274,744.00	29,640.00	309,007.63
Lebanon	284.75	274,744.00	0.00	275,028.75
Lehigh	24,189.70	686,860.00	35,641.00	746,690.70
Luzerne	9,680.77	686,860.00	129,749.00	826,289.77
Lycoming	2,275.01	343,430.00	11,846.00	357,551.01
McKean	0.00	137,372.00	6,832.00	144,204.00
Mercer	3,395.57	274,744.00	2,103.00	280,242.57
Mifflin	0.00	137,372.00	7,747.00	145,119.00
Monroe	4,550.87	412,116.00	5,715.00	422,381.87
Montgomery	29,180.58	1,579,778.00	57,229.00	1,666,187.58
Montour	0.00	28,848.00	0.00	28,848.00
Northampton	25,877.06	618,174.00	31,237.00	675,288.06
Northumberland	0.00	206,058.00	13,406.00	219,464.00
Perry	0.00	89,292.00	0.00	89,292.00
Philadelphia	466,382.14	9,886,098.00	228,584.00	10,581,064.14
Pike	0.00	137,372.00	0.00	137,372.00
Potter	0.00	68,686.00	5,137.00	73,823.00
Schuylkill	641.60	412,116.00	6,443.00	419,200.60
Snyder	1,505.79	64,565.00	4,051.00	70,121.79
Somerset	152.64	206,058.00	339.00	206,549.64
Sullivan	0.00	13,050.00	0.00	13,050.00
Susquehanna	982.39	68,686.00	0.00	69,668.39
Tioga	0.00	68,686.00	17,019.00	85,705.00
Union	913.85	72,807.00	3,961.00	77,681.85
Venango	3,700.00	137,372.00	9,742.00	150,814.00
Warren	646.78	115,392.00	4,545.00	120,583.78
Washington	1,528.90	412,116.00	1,260.00	414,904.90
Wayne	291.14	68,686.00	3,178.00	72,155.14
Westmoreland	7,879.79	755,546.00	36,627.00	800,052.79
Wyoming	590.72	55,636.00	1,778.00	58,004.72
York	6,152.78	1,030,290.00	56,065.00	1,092,507.78
Transfer to JCS	223,000.00	0.00	0.00	223,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,118,000.00	\$34,407,000.00	\$1,375,000.00	\$36,900,000.00

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Table 5.3, cont'd.

County Reimbursements for Courts, continued
FY 2014-15

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 2014-15 the reimbursement was paid at a rate of \$68,686 per authorized Common Pleas position, whether filled or vacant, which represents the proportional reduction made to each county's grant as required by Act 37 of 2007 in order to adjust to insufficient funding to pay at the statutory \$70,000 reimbursement rate. 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 2014-15. The second cap limits the total county reimbursements to the amount appropriated. For calendar year 2014, the total reimbursement qualifying for payment totaled \$1,654,199, which exceeded the appropriation amount of \$1,375,000 by \$279,199. Accordingly, the grant payment to each county was proportionally reduced by 17 percent, (i.e., each county received 83 percent of its qualified reimbursement) so that the total of all grants did not exceed the appropriation.

Table 5.3, cont'd.

Fees That Support State Operations	
Appropriation	2014-15
	(thousands)
Supreme Court	\$408
Pa. Board of Law Examiners	2,297
Judicial Computer System*	2,338
Superior Court	198
Commonwealth Court	140
Magisterial District Judge Education	25
Court Administrator	43
Act 49 Fees**	45,353
Total	\$50,802
<p>* Includes revenues collected under Act 119 of 1996 (Jen & Dave's Law). These collections provided \$88,000 to support the "Jen/Dave" functions during FY 2014-15. The remainder was derived from public access fees of \$390,000 levied on nongovernmental users of information captured by the Magisterial District Judge System and online payment fees of \$1,859,000.</p>	
<p>** Revenues generated by the Act 49 surcharge used to help close shortfalls in state funding among the various judiciary appropriations during FY 2014-15.</p>	

Table 5.4

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

**The
Directory
2014**

Supreme Court Justices

Complement 7

Castille, Ronald D.**
Chief Justice

Saylor, Thomas G.+
Chief Justice

Eakin, J. Michael
Baer, Max
Todd, Debra

McCaffery, Seamus P.*
Stevens, Correale F.

* Resigned 10-27-14

** Retired 12-31-14

+ Appointed chief justice effective 1-1-15

Superior Court Judges

Complement 15

Bender, John T.*
President Judge

Gantman, Susan Peikes**
President Judge

Ford Elliott, Kate
Bowes, Mary Jane
Panella, Jack A.
Donohue, Christine L.
Shogan, Jacqueline O.

Mundy, Sallie Updyke
Olson, Judith Ference
Ott, Paula Francisco

Allen, Cheryl Lynn
Lazarus, Anne E.

Wecht, David N.
Stabile, Victor P.
Jenkins, Patricia H.

* President judge term expired 1-6-14

** Elected president judge effective 1-7-14

Commonwealth Court Judges

Complement 9

Pellegrini, Dante R.
President Judge

McGinley, Bernard L.
Leadbetter, Bonnie Brigance
Cohn Jubelirer, Renée
Simpson, Robert, Jr.

Leavitt, Mary Hannah
Brobson, P. Kevin
McCullough, Patricia A.
Covey, Anne E.

Appellate

Court

Jurists

(As of 6-30-15)

**Senior
Appellate
Court
Judges**

Superior Court Senior Judges

Fitzgerald, James J., III
Musmanno, John L.
Platt, William H.**
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

Commonwealth Court Senior Judges

Colins, James Gardner
Friedman, Rochelle S.
Oler, J. Wesley, Jr.**
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

ADAMS COUNTY (51)

Complement 4

George, Michael A.
Bigham, Robert G.
Campbell, Thomas R.
Kuhn, John D.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (05)

Complement 43

Vacancy 1

Manning, Jeffrey A.

Administrative Judges

Cashman, David R. +
Clark, Kim Berkeley
Folino, Ronald W.**
O'Brien, W. Terrence*
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.
Machen, Donald E.#

Mariani, Anthony M.
Marmo, Michael F.
McCarthy, Michael E.
McDaniel, Donna Jo
McVay, John T., Jr.

Mulligan, Kathleen R.
Rangos, Jill E.
Sasinoski, Kevin G.
Satler, Jennifer A.
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.

- * Administrative judge term expired 1-1-14
- ** Apointed administrative judge of civil division effective 1-2-14
- + Appointed administrative judge of criminal division effective 1-2-14
- ++ Term expired 1-5-14; reapointed 6-30-14
- # Resigned 11-12-14

ARMSTRONG COUNTY (33)

Complement 2

Valasek, Kenneth G.
Panchik, James J.

BEAVER COUNTY (36)

Complement 7

McBride, John D.
Dohanich, John P.*
Knafelc, Harry E.
Kunselman, Deborah A.
Kwidis, C. Gus

Mancini, Richard
Ross, James J.
Tesla, Kim

- * Resigned 1-5-14

BEDFORD COUNTY (57)

Complement 2

Ling, Thomas S.
Livengood, Travis W.

**Common
Pleas
Court
Judges**

(As of 6-30-15)

(Judicial district listed
in parentheses)

(Italics denotes president judge)

BERKS COUNTY (23)

Complement 13

Yatron, Paul M.
 Antanavage, A. Joseph*
 Boccabella, John A.
 Bucci, James M.
 Fudeman, Madelyn S.
 Johnson, M. Theresa
 Keller, Scott D.
 Lash, Scott E.
 Lieberman, Stephen B.
 Parisi, Thomas G.

Rowley, Timothy J.
 Sprecher, Jeffrey K.
 Ullman, Mary Ann

* Appointed 6-30-14

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

Vacancy 1

Beirne, Maureen T.

BUCKS COUNTY (07)

Complement 13

*Scott, Susan Devlin**
*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.
 Waite, Clyde W.+

* President judge term expired
 1-6-14; retired 12-13-14
 ** Elected president judge effective
 1-7-14
 + Retired 12-31-14
 ++ Appointed 3-2-15

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.
 Fleming, Linda R.
 Kiniry, Patrick T.
 Krumenacker, Norman A., III
 Tulowitzki, David J.

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.
 Ruest, Pamela A.

CHESTER COUNTY (15)

Complement 14†+1

Vacancy 1

*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.
 Sarcione, Anthony A.
 Shenkin, Robert J.*
 Sommer, Jeffrey R.
 Streitl, Phyllis R.
 Tunnell, Mark L.
 Wheatcraft, Ann Marie M.

† Act 114 of 2010 temporarily
 reduced the complement by one,
 effective 1-22-11 until 1-6-14
 when the complement returned
 to 14
 * Retired 12-31-14
 ** President judge term expired
 1-3-15
 + Elected president judge effective
 1-4-15

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.
Ebert, Merle L., Jr.
Guido, Edward E.
Masland, Albert H.
Peck, Christylee L.
Placey, Thomas A.

DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)

Complement 10

*Hoover, Todd A.**
*Lewis, Richard A.***
Bratton, Bruce F.
Cherry, John F.
Coates, Bernard L., Jr.

Curcillo, Deborah E.
Dowling, Andrew H.
Evans, Scott Arthur
Tully, William T.
Turgeon, Jeannine

* Resigned as president judge effective 12-31-14
** Elected president judge effective 1-1-15

DELAWARE COUNTY (32)

Complement 20
Vacancy 1

Kenney, Chad F., Sr.
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.
Osborne, Ann A.**
Pagano, George A.
Proud, James F.
Scanlon, Anthony D.*

* Appointed 6-30-14
** Retired 12-31-14

**ELK-CAMERON
COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 1

Masson, Richard A.

ERIE COUNTY (06)

Complement 9
Vacancy 1

*DiSantis, Ernest J., Jr.**
*Connelly, Shad F.***
Brabender, Daniel J., Jr.
Cunningham, William R.
Domitrovich, Stephanie A.

Garhart, John
Kelly, Elizabeth K.

Sambroak, Robert A., Jr.
Trucilla, John J.

* Resigned as president judge effective 1-3-15; resigned 1-31-15
** Elected president judge effective 1-4-15

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
Vacancy 1

*Herman, Douglas W.**
*Van Horn, Carol L.***
Krom, Angela R.
Meyers, Shawn D.
Zook, Jeremiah D.

* Resigned 1-2-15
** Appointed president judge effective 1-3-15

GREENE COUNTY (13)

Complement 2
Vacancy 1

*Nalitz, William R.**
*Toothman, Farley D.***

* Retired 12-31-14
** Appointed president judge effective 1-1-15

HUNTINGDON COUNTY (20)

Complement 1

*Kurtz, Stewart L.**
*Zanic, George N.***

* Resigned 1-5-14

** Elected as president judge; term started 1-6-14

INDIANA COUNTY (40)

Complement 3

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

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.
Mazzoni, Robert A.
Minora, Carmen D.
Nealon, Terrence R.

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.
Totaro, Donald R.
Workman, David R.

Wright, Jeffery D.

* President judge term expired 1-3-15

** Elected president judge effective 1-4-15

LAWRENCE COUNTY (53)

Complement 4

Motto, Dominick
Cox, J. Craig
Hodge, John W.
Piccione, Thomas M.

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.
Anthony, James T.
Banach, Kelly L.
Dantos, Maria L.
Ford, William E.

Johnson, J. Brian
Reibman, Edward D.
Reichley, Douglas G.

Steinberg, Robert L.
Varricchio, Michele A.

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
Vacancy 1

*Searer, Timothy S.**
*Barron, David W.***

* Term expired 1-5-14

** Elected as president judge; term started 1-6-14

MONROE COUNTY (43)

Complement 6

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

Zulick, Arthur L.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (38)

Complement 23
Vacancy 1

Furber, William J., Jr.
Austin, Cheryl L.
Barrett, R. Stephen
Bertin, Emanuel A.*
Branca, Thomas C.

Carluccio, Carolyn Tornetta
Carpenter, William R.
Coonahan, Patricia E.
Daniele, Rhonda Lee
DelRicci, Thomas M.

Demchick-Alloy, Wendy
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.
Weilheimer, Gail A.

* Retired 12-31-14

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (03)

Complement 9
Vacancy 1

Baratta, Stephen G.
Beltrami, Anthony S.
Dally, Craig A.
Giordano, Emil A.
Koury, Michael J., Jr.

McFadden, F. P. Kimberly
Roscioli, Paula A.
Sletvold, Jennifer R.
Smith, Edward G.*

* Resigned 3-31-14

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY (08)

Complement 3

*Sacavage, Robert B.**
*Wiest, William Harvey***
Rosini, Anthony J.+
Saylor, Charles H.

* Resigned 1-5-14

** Appointed president judge effective 1-6-14

+ Appointed 6-30-14

PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES (41)

Complement 2

Morrow, Kathy A.
Mummah, Kenneth A.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY (01)

Complement 93
Vacancy 7

Woods-Skipper, Sheila A.

Administrative Judges

Carrafiello, Matthew D.▲▲
Dougherty, Kevin M.
Herron, John W.▲
Murphy, Margaret Theresa##
O'Keefe, Joseph D.▲

Allen, Jacqueline F.
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.
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
Di Vito, Gary F.+
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.

**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY,
continued**

Fox, Idee C.
Glazer, Gary S.

Gordon, Richard J., Jr.
Gordon, Roger F.*
Hill, Glynnis D.
Irvine, Jonathan Q.
Jackson, Elizabeth

Johnson, Joel S.
Johnson, Vincent L.
Joseph, Barbara A.
Kennedy, Sean
Keogh, D. Webster*

Lachman, Marlene F.
Lane, Timika R.
Lynn, James Murray
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.
Patrick, Paula A.
Pechkurow, Doris A.

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.
Sarmina, M. Teresa

Schulman, Susan I.
Shirdan-Harris, Lisette
Shreeves-Johns, Karen
Smith, Gregory E.▼▼
Snite, Albert John, Jr.▼

Summers, Edward R.++
Tereshko, Allan L.▲
Thomas-Street, Sierra L.
Thompson, Diane R.
Trent, Earl W., Jr.▲

Tucker, Leon W.
Woelpper, Donna M.
Wogan, Chris R.
Wright, Edward C.
Wright Padilla, Nina N.

Younge, John Milton

- * Term expired 1-5-14
- ** Term expired 1-5-14; reappointed 6-30-14
- + Resigned 1-31-14
- ++ Resigned 6-6-14
- # Appointed 6-30-14
- ## Appointed administrative judge of family court effective 12-1-14
- ▲ Retired 12-31-14
- ▲▲ Appointed administrative judge of orphans' court effective 1-1-15
- ▼ Resigned 1-2-15
- ▼▼ Resigned 1-4-15

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

Sholley, Michael H.
Hudock, Michael T.

SOMERSET COUNTY (16)
Complement 3

Cascio, John M.
Geary, D. Gregory
Klementik, David C.

**SUSQUEHANNA
COUNTY (34)**
Complement 1
Vacancy 1

*Seamans, Kenneth W.**

- * Resigned 12-31-14

TIOGA COUNTY (04)
Complement 1

*Dalton, Robert E., Jr.**
*Wheeler, George W.***

- * Resigned 1-5-14
- ** Appointed 6-30-14

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
Vacancy 1

*O'Dell Seneca, Debbie**
*Emery, Katherine B.***
Costanzo, Valerie S.
DiSalle, John F.
Gilman, Gary M.

Lucas, Michael J.

* Resigned 1-4-15

** Appointed president judge effective
1-5-15

WAYNE COUNTY (22)

Complement 1

Hamill Raymond L.

**WESTMORELAND
COUNTY (10)**

Complement 11
Vacancy 1

*Caruso, Gary P.***
McCormick, Richard E., Jr.+
Bell, Alfred B.#
Bilik-DeFazio, Meagan A.
Blahovec, John E.*

Bononi, Michele G.
Feliciani, Christopher A.
Hathaway, Rita Donovan
Marsili, Anthony G.
Pezze, Debra A.

Regoli, David A.++
Scherer, Christian F.
Smail, Harry F., Jr.++

* Resigned 1-5-14

** Resigned 4-6-14

+ Elected president judge effective
4-7-14

++ Appointed 6-30-14

Resigned 7-18-14

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN
COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 1

Shurtleff, Russell D.

YORK COUNTY (19)

Complement 15
Vacancy 2

Linebaugh, Stephen P.
Adams, Joseph C.
Blackwell, Penny L.**
Bortner, Michael E.
Cook, Maria Musti

Flannelly, Michael W.*
Kelley, Thomas H.
Kennedy, John S.
Marceca Strong, Andrea
Ness, Harry M.

Platts, Todd R.
Renn, Richard K.
Snyder, Gregory M.
Thompson, John W., Jr.
Trebilcock, Craig T.

* Term expired 1-5-14

** Resigned 1-5-14

**Common
Pleas
Court
Senior
Judges**

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Bigley, Gerard M.
Friedman, Judith L.A.
Gallo, Robert C.
James, Joseph M.
Kelly, Robert A.

Lucchino, Frank J.
Mazur, Lee J.
Nauhaus, Lester G.*
O'Reilly, Timothy P.
Wettick, R. Stanton, Jr.

* Effective 1-1-14

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Nickleach, Joseph A.

BEAVER COUNTY

Dohanich, John P.*
James, George E.
Kunselman, Robert E.

* Effective 1-6-14

BEDFORD COUNTY

Howsare, Daniel L.

BERKS COUNTY

Grim, Arthur E.
Ludgate, Linda K.M.
Schmehl, Peter W.*

* Effective 1-1-14

BLAIR COUNTY

Carpenter, Hiram A., III

BRADFORD COUNTY

Smith, Jeffrey A.*

* Resigned 2-2-15

BUCKS COUNTY

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

* Effective 1-1-15

CAMBRIA COUNTY

Leahey, Francis J.
Long, Gerard

CARBON COUNTY

Webb, Richard W.

CENTER COUNTY

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

CHESTER COUNTY

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

* Effective 2-26-14; resigned
1-21-15

** Effective 1-1-15

CLINTON COUNTY

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

(As of 6-30-15)

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Oler, J. Wesley, Jr.*

* Sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Clark, Lawrence F., Jr.*

* Effective 1-1-14

DELAWARE COUNTY

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

* Effective 1-1-14

** Effective 1-1-15

ERIE COUNTY

Bozza, John A.
DiSantis, Ernest J., Jr.*
Dunlavey, Michael E.

* Effective 2-2-15

FAYETTE COUNTY

Capuzzi, Conrad B.
Solomon, Gerald R.
Warman, Ralph C.*

* Resigned 10-31-14

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

HUNTINGDON COUNTY

Kurtz, Stewart L.*

* Effective 1-6-14

LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Harhut, Chester T.

LANCASTER COUNTY

Farina, Louis J.*
Hummer, Wayne G., Jr.
Perezous, Michael J.**

* Effective 1-1-14

** Retired 12-31-14

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Pratt, Ralph D.

LEBANON COUNTY

Eby, Robert J.

LEHIGH COUNTY

Brenner, Lawrence J.

LUZERNE COUNTY

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

LYCOMING COUNTY

Brown, Kenneth D.
Kieser, William S.

MCKEAN COUNTY

Cleland, John M.
Yoder, John H.*

* Resigned 8-1-14

MERCER COUNTY

Fornelli, Francis J.
Reed, John C.
Wherry, Michael J.*

* Retired 12-31-14

MIFFLIN COUNTY

Williams, Rick A.

MONROE COUNTY

Cheslock, Jerome P.
Miller, Linda Wallach
O'Brien, Peter J.
Vican, Ronald E.*

* Died 10-24-14

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Albright, Kent H.
Corso, S. Gerald
Drayer, Calvin S., Jr.
Nicholas, William T.
Tilson, Arthur R.*

* Effective 1-1-14

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Zito, Leonard M.*

* Effective 1-1-14

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Feudale, Barry F.
Sacavage, Robert B.*

* Effective 1-6-14

PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES

Quigley, Keith B.*

* Sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Braxton, John L.
Colins, Mary D.
DiNubile, Victor J., Jr.
Frazier-Clemons, Brenda
Geroff, Steven R.

Herron, John W.+
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.+

Reynolds, Abram Frank
Summers, Edward R.**
Sylvester, Esther R.

Tereshko, Allan L.+
Trent, Earl W., Jr.+

* Effective 1-6-14
** Effective 6-7-14
+ Effective 1-1-15

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

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Seamans, Kenneth W.*

* Effective 1-1-15

TIOGA COUNTY

Dalton, Robert E., Jr.*

* Effective 1-6-14; resigned 12-24-14

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.

* Effective 1-6-14
** Effective 7-19-14

WYOMING-SULLIVAN COUNTIES

Vanston, Brendan J.

YORK COUNTY

Blackwell, Penny L.*
Brillhart, Michael J.**
Chronister, John H.
Uhler, John C.+

* Effective 1-6-14
** Resigned 7-9-14
+ Resigned 8-31-14

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.
Eubanks, Joyce O.
Frazier-Lyde, Jacquelyn M.
Gehret, Thomas F.
Gilbert, Barbara S.

Gordon, Roger F.**
Hayden, Charles
Jimenez, Nazario, Sr.
Kosinski, Gerard A.
Lewandowski, Henry, III

Meehan, William Austin, Jr.
Moss, Bradley K.
O'Keefe, Joseph Scott*
O'Neill, Joseph J.
Pew, Wendy L.

Sawyer, Stephanie M.**
Segal, Dawn A.
Shields, T. Francis
Shuter, David C.
Simmons, Karen Y.

Washington, Craig M.
Waters, Joseph C., Jr.+
Williams, Marvin L.

* Term expired 1-5-14

** Appointed 6-30-14

+ Resigned 9-23-14

Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges†

Complement 0

Administrative Judge
Glazer, Gary S.*

Lowry, Michael**
Mulgrew, Robert**
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 PTC will not be filled. The court will become inactive once the terms of the two remaining judges expire 12-31-17.

* Common Pleas Court judge appointed administrative judge

** Term expired 1-5-14; office dissolved by Act 17-2013

+ Relieved of duties by the Supreme Court 2-1-13; suspended without pay by the Court of Judicial Discipline 8-9-13

Philadelphia

Minor

Court

Judges

(As of 6-30-15)

(Italics denotes president judges)

Philadelphia Municipal Court Senior Judges

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

Philadelphia

Municipal

Court

Senior

Judges

(As of 6-30-15)

ADAMS COUNTY (51)

Complement 4

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

* Term expired 1-5-14

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (05)

Complement 46

Vacancy 3

Arnoni, Ronald A.**
Barner, Robert L.+
Barton, David J.
Bengel, Carolyn S.
Blaschak, Suzanne R.

Capolupo, Pat A.*
Caulfield, Thomas P.
Ceoffe, Anthony M.
Cercone, Mary Ann
Cooper, Kevin E.++

Costa, Ronald N., Sr.
Dzvonick, Robert P.
Ford, Robert L.
Hanley, James J., Jr.
Herbst, Jeffrey L.

Hoots, Kim M.
HRomyak, Leonard J.
Joyce, Dennis R.
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.
Swearingen, Carla M.
Torkowsky, Thomas R.
Wagner, William K.
Zucco, Linda I.

Zyra, Gary M.

* Term expired 1-5-14

** Appointed 4-1-14

+ Resigned 4-6-14

++ Resigned 3-31-15

ARMSTRONG COUNTY (33)

Complement 4

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

BEAVER COUNTY (36)

Complement 9

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

Loughner, C. Douglas
Nicholson, Dale F.
Schafer, Joseph L.
Swihart, Janet M.

Magisterial

District

Judges

(As of 6-30-15)

BEDFORD COUNTY (57)

Complement 4

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

BERKS COUNTY (23)

Complement 17
Vacancy 2

Bagenstose, Kim L.
Book, Andrea J.
Dougherty, Timothy M.
Frederick, Victor M., IV
Gauby, Thomas M., Sr.

Glass, David E.
Greth, Gail M.
Hartman, Michael G.
Kennedy, Stuart D.
Kowalski, Phyllis J.*

Leonardziak, Michael J.
Patton, Dean R.
Robinson, Alvin B.
Scott, Wallace S.**
Xavios, Thomas H.

Yoch, David L.
Young, Ann L.

* Resigned 5-6-14
** Resigned 12-31-14

BLAIR COUNTY (24)

Complement 6

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

Ormsby, Craig E.

BRADFORD COUNTY (42)

Complement 4

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

BUCKS COUNTY (07)

Complement 20
Vacancy 1

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.
Gambardella, Thomas G.

Kelly, John J., Jr.
Kline, Joanne V.
Nasshorn, Donald **
Peranteau, Frank W., Sr.
Roth, C. Robert

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

* Appointed 6-30-14
** Died 12-1-14

BUTLER COUNTY (50)

Complement 7

Haggerty, Sue E.
Kovach, David T.
O'Donnell, Kevin P.
Seibel, Wayne D.
Shaffer, C. Timothy

Shaffer, Peter H.
Stoughton, Lewis E.

CAMBRIA COUNTY (47)

Complement 8†-2

Barron, John W.
Creany, Frederick S.
Decort, Galen F.
Grecek, Leonard J.
Musulin, Michael J.

Nileski, Charity L.*
Varner, Rick W.
Zanghi, Mary Ann
Zungali, Michael

† Magisterial district court 47-2-01
eliminated 1-1-14 per Supreme
Court order dated 1-18-13;
magisterial district court 47-3-04
eliminated 1-6-14 per Supreme
Court amended order dated 7-3-13
* Term expired 1-5-14

CARBON COUNTY (56)

Complement 4

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

CENTRE COUNTY (49)

Complement 6

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

Sinclair, Allen W.

CHESTER COUNTY (15)

Complement 17†-2

Bailey, John R.
Bruno, Mark A.**
Cabry, Michael J., III
Darlington, Chester F.*
DeAngelo, James V.

**CHESTER COUNTY,
continued**

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.

† Magisterial district court 15-2-05
eliminated 1-6-14 per Supreme
Court amended order dated 7-3-13;
magisterial district court 15-2-06
eliminated 8-1-14 per Supreme
Court amended order dated
6-18-14

* Resigned 1-5-14

** Supreme Court suspension of
2-1-13 vacated 8-28-14; Court of
Judicial Discipline suspension of
2-1-13 lifted 8-13-14

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 5

Chisholm, William D.
Marwood, Rita J.
Nicols, Amy L.
Rossi, A. Michael, Jr.
Zilhaver, Lincoln S.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (09)

Complement 10

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.

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
Pelino, Dominic A.
Pianka, Barbara
Postelle, LaVon A.**

Smith, Michael John
Stewart, Marsha C.
Wenner, William C.
Witmer, Lowell A.
Zozos, George A.

* Suspended with pay by Court of
Judicial Discipline 11-17-14

** Resigned 1-4-15

DELAWARE COUNTY (32)

Complement 32†-1

Vacancy 2

Berardocco, Ann
Burke, Robert R.
Cappelli, Richard M.*
D'Agostino, Robert M.
Davis, Wilden H.

Gallagher, Vincent D., Jr.
Griffin, David R.
Holefelder, Diane M.
Hunter, Leon, III
Karapalides, Harry J.

Klein, Stephanie H.**
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.+

**DELAWARE COUNTY,
continued**

Sandone, Steven A.
Scanlon, Anthony D.++
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 32-1-29 eliminated 1-1-14 per Supreme Court order dated 2-15-13
- * Resigned 1-5-14; elected to Common Pleas Court
- ** Term expired 1-5-14
- + Appointed 4-1-14
- ++ Resigned 7-16-14; appointed to Common Pleas Court
- # Appointed 10-14-14
- ## Resigned 5-5-15

**ELK-CAMERON
COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 3
Vacancy 1

Brown, Barry D., II
Jacob, Mark S.
King, George A.*

- * Resigned 1-1-15

ERIE COUNTY (06)

Complement 15
Vacancy 1

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.

FAYETTE COUNTY (14)

Complement 7†-1
Vacancy 1

Abraham, Randy S.
Defino, Michael J., Jr.
Dennis, Wendy D.
George, Joseph M., Jr.*
Haggerty, Ronald J., Jr.

Kasunic, Richard A., II
Metros, Michael M.

- † Magisterial district court 14-3-06 eliminated 1-1-14 per Supreme Court order dated 3-5-13
- * Resigned 1-5-14; elected to Common Pleas Court

**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

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

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.
Gibbons, James A.*
Giglio, Theodore J.

McGraw, Sean P.
Mercuri, John J.
Pesota, John P.
Turlip, Laura M.
Ware, Paul J.

- * Resigned 1-5-14; elected to Common Pleas Court

LANCASTER COUNTY (02)

Complement 19
Vacancy 1

Albert, Scott E.
Ballentine, Kelly S.
Benner, William E., Jr.

**LANCASTER COUNTY,
continued**

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.

Sponaugle, Mary Mongiovi
Stoltzfus, Isaac H.
Tobin, Edward A.

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.
Garver, Carl R.
Smith, Michael D.
Verna, Anthony J.

Wolfe, Kim R.

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.
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Trexler, Daniel C.

LUZERNE COUNTY (11)
Complement 16†-1

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

Feissner, Gerald L.*
Halesey, Joseph A.
Hasay, John E.
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Swank, Ronald W.
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Whittaker, Donald L.
Zola, Joseph D.

† Magisterial district court 11-3-05
eliminated 12-1-14 per Supreme
Court amended order dated
11-29-14
* Resigned 5-7-14

LYCOMING COUNTY (29)
Complement 6

Carn, James G.
Kemp, Jon E.
Lepley, Jerry C.
Page, Allen P., III
Sortman, James H.
Whiteman, Gary A.

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.
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MIFFLIN COUNTY (58)
Complement 3

Gingrich, Aaron L.
Hunter, Tammy L.
Miller, Jack E.

MONROE COUNTY (43)
Complement 10

Anzini, Kristina
Claypool, Richard S.
Fluegel, Anthony D.
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Whitesell, John D.*

Riley, Phillip R.

* Resigned 1-5-14

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (38)
Complement 30

Augustine, Albert J.
Bernhardt, Francis J., III
Borek, Harold D.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
continued**

Casillo, Ester J.
Cerski, Christopher J.

Deatelhauser, Kenneth E.*
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Zaffarano, Patricia A.
Zucker, Karen Eisner

* Retired 12-31-14

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (03)

Complement 15
Vacancy 2

Barner, Joseph K.
Capobianco, John
Corpora, Daniel G.
Grifo, Antonia
Hawke, Robert A.

Manwaring, Roy A.
Marakovits, Diane M.*
Matos Gonzalez, Nancy

Narlesky, James J.
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* Resigned 1-4-15

** Died 3-4-15

**NORTHUMBERLAND
COUNTY (08)**

Complement 4

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

**PERRY-JUNIATA
COUNTIES (41)**

Complement 5

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

PIKE COUNTY (60)

Complement 4

Cooper, Alan B.
Fischer, Deborah
McBride, Stephen A.*
Menditto, Paul D.
Muir, Shannon L.

* Resigned 1-5-14

POTTER COUNTY (55)

Complement 3

Easton, Annette L.
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SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (21)

Complement 7

Bayer, Stephen J.
Ferrier, James R.
Hale, Christina E.
Kilker, Anthony J.
Pankake, Carol A.*

Plachko, David A.
Reiley, James K.
Rossi, David J.

* Term expired 1-5-14

**SNYDER-UNION
COUNTIES (17)**

Complement 4

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

SOMERSET COUNTY (16)

Complement 5

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

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY (34)

Complement 3

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

TIOGA COUNTY (04)

Complement 3
Vacancy 1

Carlson, James E.
Repard, Robert L.

VENANGO COUNTY (28)

Complement 4
Vacancy 1

Dinberg, Douglas I.*
Fish, Andrew F.
Lowrey, Patrick E.
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* Retired 12-31-14

**WARREN-FOREST
COUNTIES (37)**

Complement 4
Vacancy 1

Bauer, Laura S.
Carlson, Glenn S.
Gregory, George F.*
Lindemuth, Cynthia K.**
Miller, Daniel L.

* Term expired 1-5-14

** Resigned 1-5-15

WASHINGTON COUNTY (27)

Complement 11
Vacancy 1

Costanzo, Valarie S.*
Ellis, James C.
Havelka, Gary H.
Hopkins, Larry W.
Kanalos, Joshua P.

Mark, David W.
Redlinger, Robert W.
Thompson, Curtis L.
Ward, Ethan T.
Weller, Jay H.

Wilson, Mark A.

* Resigned 1-5-14; elected to
Common Pleas Court

WAYNE COUNTY (22)

Complement 3†-1

Carney, Bonnie L.
Edwards, Ronald J.
Farrell, Jane E.*
Mikulak, Theodore J.

† Magisterial district court 22-3-03
eliminated 1-1-14 per amended
Supreme Court amended order dated
1-6-14

* Resigned 1-5-14

**WESTMORELAND
COUNTY (10)**

Complement 17
Vacancy 1

Albert, James E.
Bilik, Mark J.
Buczak, Jason
Christner, Charles M., Jr.
Conway, Charles R.

Dalfonso, Joseph A.
DeMarchis, Joseph R.
Eckels, Roger F.
Falcon, James N.*
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.

* Retired 12-31-14

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN
COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 4

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

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.
Martin, Richard E., II*
Miner, James S.
Oberdorf, Jeffrey L.
Olwert, John R.

Reilly, Thomas J.
Thomas, Richard T.
Toluba, Joel N.
Williams, Linda Lou

* Resigned 9-6-14

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Barner, Robert L.+
Bova, John Norman*
Brletic, Thomas S.++
Capolupo, Pat A.**
Firestone, Nathan N.
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.

* Effective 1-1-14
** Effective 1-6-14
+ Effective 4-7-14
++ Effective 2-18-15
Resigned 4-1-15
Resigned 5-5-15

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Gerheim, Michael L.

BEAVER COUNTY

Armour, John W.

BERKS COUNTY

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

* Effective 6-6-14
** Resigned 9-1-14

BLAIR COUNTY

Jones, Patrick T.

BUCKS COUNTY

Daly, Philip J.
Gaffney, Robert E.
Schnell, Robert A., Jr.

BUTLER COUNTY

O'Donnell, Joseph D., Jr.

CAMBRIA COUNTY

Nileski, Charity L.**
Pavlovich, Max F.*

* Effective 1-1-14
** Effective 1-6-14

CARBON COUNTY

Appleton, Bruce F.
Hadzick, Paul J.

CENTRE COUNTY

Hoffman, Daniel R.
Horner, Ronald J.

CHESTER COUNTY

Charley, James J., Jr.
Darlington, Chester F.*
Davis, Robert L.
Farmer, Harry W., Jr.+
Scott, Stanley**
Smith, Larry E.
Welsh, Susann E.
Winther, J. Peter

* Effective 1-6-14
** Resigned 3-8-14
+ Resigned 4-22-15

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CLARION COUNTY

George, Daniel P.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY

Rudella, Michael A.

COLUMBIA-MONTOUR COUNTIES

Cashman, Richard P.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Correal, Paula P.

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Semic, Steven M.
Shugars, Raymond F.

DELAWARE COUNTY

Cullen, Michael G.
Davis, Horace Z.#
Gannon, Edward J., Jr.##
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Liberace, Gerald C.++

McDevitt, Leonard M.
McKeon, Laurence J.
Nistico, Charles G.+
Tuten, John C.*
Videon, David T.

* Effective 1-1-14
** Effective 1-6-14; resigned 10-31-14
+ Effective 2-11-14
++ Removed 10-8-14
Retired 12-31-14
Resigned 5-14-15
▲ Effective 5-26-15

ELK-CAMERON COUNTIES

Brown, Alvin H.*
King, George A.**

* Resigned 3-13-14
** Effective 1-2-15

ERIE COUNTY

Abate, Frank, Jr.
Lefaiver, Joseph R.
Vendetti, John A.
Weindorf, Arthur Joseph

FAYETTE COUNTY

Breakiron, Robert W.
Cavalcante, Brenda K.
Cramer, Jesse J.*

* Effective 10-3-14

FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES

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

LANCASTER COUNTY

Brian, David E.
Eckert, Leo H., Jr.
Garrett, Daniel B.
Hartman, Cheryl N.*
Reuter, William G.

Willwerth, Jene A.
Winters, John C.

* Resigned 2-27-14

LEHIGH COUNTY

Balliett, Carl L.
Crawford, Charles H.
Gatti, Richard A.

Harding, David B.
Murphy, Thomas P.*

Rapp, Anthony G., Jr.
Snyder, Joan L.
Warmkessel, Patricia E.

* Retired 12-31-14

LUZERNE COUNTY

Barilla, Andrew, Jr.
Feissner, Gerald Louis*
Sharkey, Thomas J.

* Effective 5-8-14

LYCOMING COUNTY

McRae, C. Roger

MERCER COUNTY

Fagley, William L.
Russo, Henry J.

MIFFLIN COUNTY

Clare, Barbara A.

MONROE COUNTY

Shiffer, Thomas R., Jr.
Whitesell, John D.*

* Effective 1-6-14

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

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

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

* Resigned 5-18-15

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Mychak, Michael F.

PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES

Howell, Donald F.*

* Died 4-9-14

PIKE COUNTY

McBride, Stephen A.**
Rose, Jay R.*

* Effective 1-1-14

** Effective 1-6-14; resigned 7-31-14

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Pankake, Carol A.*

* Effective 1-6-14

SNYDER-UNION COUNTIES

Mihalik, Edward G., Jr.

SOMERSET COUNTY

Cannoni, Joseph Anthony
Cook, Arthur K.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Dayton, Watson J.*
Janicelli, Peter M.

* Retired 12-31-14

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.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Falcon, James N.*
King, J. Bruce
McCutcheon, Bernice A.
Scott, Robert E.

* Effective 1-1-15

YORK COUNTY

Bria, Margaret L.
Dubs, Mervin L.+
Edie, Nancy L.*
Estep, Roger A.
Garber, Daniel B.

Martin, Richard E., II**
Meisenhelter, Douglas F.
Nixon, Barbara H.
Shoemaker, Gerald E.
Teyral, JoAnn L.

* Effective 2-11-14

** Effective 9-7-14

+ Retired 12-31-14

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