



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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February 2026

Greetings,

As Liaison to the Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts, and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, I am honored to introduce the 2025 Annual Report of the Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts. It is my pleasure to once again recognize the tremendous accomplishments of the Council’s leadership, members, and contributing staff, along with the staff of the Office of Elder Justice in the Courts (“OEJC”) in addressing the needs of older Pennsylvanians and the challenges they face. I express my personal gratitude to State Court Administrator Andrea Tuominen, for her leadership and support of the work of the Council and the OEJC.

The Advisory Council members are to be commended for their commitment to meeting the challenges faced by our Commonwealth in addressing the growing needs of older Pennsylvanians. I express my sincere appreciation to Advisory Council Chair Judge Lois Murphy, Vice-Chair Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper, OEJC Director Amy Whitworth, OEJC Assistant Director Keith Hinkel, Jr., along with the OEJC staff members, Cole Benko, Joan Bertone, and Robert Campbell for their time and effort in the preparation of this Report.

This Report highlights the work of the Council and the OEJC, recipients of a three-year \$3 million grant which ended August 31, 2025. OEJC successfully completed 14 projects under the grant including two Guardianship Summits, the publication and distribution of the Guardian Handbook, both in English and Spanish, two educational video series for family/lay guardians and for attorneys, a legal services pilot project in collaboration with MidPenn Legal Services to provide representation to alleged incapacitated persons age 60 and over in four pilot counties. OEJC also made enhancements to the website to provide self service training materials, established a standard report review protocol and comprehensive interactive training curriculum for report reviewers, and expanded the Dauphin County court visitor program.

In addition, numerous enhancements were made to our award-winning Guardianship Tracking System (GTS), including a groundbreaking measure to establish an automated process through which the entire repository of Pennsylvania’s guardians is compared to the Commonwealth’s unified judicial system criminal databases on a regular basis.

I am so proud of the work that our Advisory Council has done over the past ten years. President John F. Kennedy once said, “One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.” Let us all continue to try to make a difference in the lives of older Pennsylvanians.

Warmest regards,

Debra Todd



ELDER JUSTICE IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts (Advisory Council) focuses on ensuring access to justice and due process for older Pennsylvanians, the protection of vulnerable persons with a guardianship, and the prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The Advisory Council and Office of Elder Justice in the Courts (OEJC) exist to identify areas of need and challenges faced by elders, and to improve the ability of Pennsylvania courts to meet those needs.

ABOUT THE ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Advisory Council was established in 2015 to advise the OEJC regarding the implementation of the Elder Law Task Force's (ELTF) Report and Recommendations regarding best practices, judicial rules, and legislation to benefit older citizens of the Commonwealth. In addition to the 2025 accomplishments discussed in this Annual Report, the Advisory Council continues its ongoing work with the ELTF's recommendations.

The mission of the Advisory Council is to identify and address elder justice issues affecting older Pennsylvanians.

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF ELDER JUSTICE IN THE COURTS

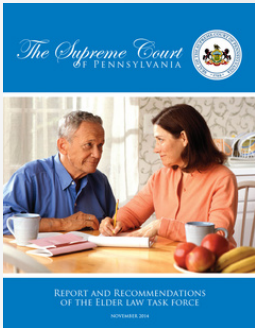
The OEJC was established in 2015 to promote best practices to address elder abuse and neglect, guardianship, and access to justice in the Commonwealth's courts. The OEJC also educates judges, court staff, attorneys, guardians, and the public about the warning signs of elder abuse, and how to respond to suspected elder abuse.

In addition to education and best practices, the OEJC actively fosters collaboration with other elder justice entities and branches of government to enhance older Pennsylvanians' ability to fully participate in legal proceedings.



ADVISORY COUNCIL 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY: 2015-2025

2025 marked the ten-year anniversary of the founding of the Advisory Council and the OEJC in 2015 in response to the Report and Recommendations of the Elder Law Task Force. Below are a small sample of collected highlights from a decade of the Council.



Report and Recommendations of the Elder Law Task Force, 2014

2014

2015 Advisory Council and OEJC founded, 2015

Advisory Council, 2018



2018

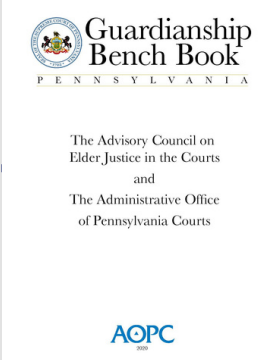


Guardianship Tracking System (GTS) launches in 2018

Pictured below: 2023: First Pennsylvania Guardianship Justice Summit

2024: Retirement and recognition of Cherstin Hamel, founding OEJC Director (pictured: Judge Lois Murphy, Madame Chief Justice Debra Todd; Cherstin Hamel; Senator Maria Collet, Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper, and Senior Judge Paula Ott)

2020



Pennsylvania Guardianship Bench Book, originally published in 2020

2025: OEJC staff at the February 2025 Advisory Council meeting

2022



ACL grant allows expansion of Council projects and OEJC staff



2023

2024



2025



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**denotes Long-Range Planning Committee Member*

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OEJC FINISHES THREE-YEAR GRANT AND PROCURES ONE-YEAR EXTENSION



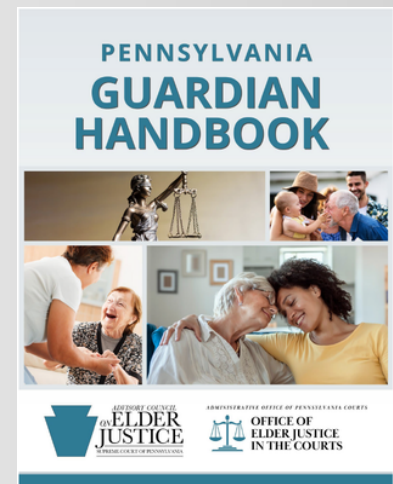
The OEJC completed its three-year Elder Justice Innovation Grant (EJIG) from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in August of 2025. The OEJC was approved for a one-year extension to continue work on grant-funded projects, including guardianship monitoring.

The ongoing guardianship monitoring project work represents one of fourteen total projects supported by the grant. All projects were aligned with supporting the EJIG goals of assuring due process for alleged incapacitated persons, improving guardianship monitoring capabilities to prevent abuse and exploitation, and promoting alternatives to guardianship.

Grant-funded projects completed from 2022–2025 by the OEJC and Advisory Council included:

- Hosting two Pennsylvania Guardianship Justice Summits;
- A legal services pilot project in collaboration with MidPenn Legal Services in four counties which provided representation for alleged incapacitated persons (AIPs) and incapacitated persons (IPs);
- The completion and distribution of the Pennsylvania Guardian Handbook;
- Two educational video series on guardianship;
- Numerous enhancements for the statewide Guardianship Tracking System (GTS);
- Statewide regional collaboration group-based public listening sessions on guardianship;
- Enhancements for the OEJC's website; and more.

The ACL EJIG grant experience allowed the OEJC to expand its impact with additional staff and access to additional resources. Data from the wide range of completed projects demonstrates that the work has improved statewide professional knowledge around guardianship, alternatives to guardianship, legal representation, and guardianship monitoring. Additionally, the work has helped bolster and expand a collaborative statewide network of guardianship stakeholders working together to ensure greater access to justice for older adults.



SECOND PENNSYLVANIA GUARDIANSHIP JUSTICE SUMMIT A POWERFUL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR STATEWIDE NETWORK



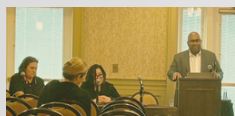
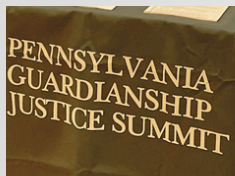
Recognizing the need for continued guardianship reform, the Advisory Council hosted the second Pennsylvania Guardianship Justice Summit in May, focused on bringing together leaders from across the state to explore the use of alternatives to guardianship and expand access to justice.



"Guardianship carries profound responsibility, and our courts must lead in ensuring it is exercised with the utmost care, compassion and respect for individual rights," said Advisory Council Supreme Court liaison Madame Chief Justice Debra Todd. "This Summit provides a critical forum for collaboration, education and innovation as we work together to strengthen guardianship practices, promote alternatives to guardianship whenever possible and ensure access to justice for all Pennsylvanians."



Summit topics included national and state level perspectives on guardianship reform, alternatives to guardianship, elder abuse and financial exploitation, guardianship monitoring, advance planning, and more. The sessions and subsequent discussions promoted collaboration across counties, agencies, and professions to address issues facing older adults and persons with a disability who may need a guardian.



Speakers included Chief Justice Debra Todd, Pennsylvania Court Administrator Andrea Tuominen, Esq., and representatives from numerous national legal and guardianship organizations. Additional speakers and attendees included judges, district court administrators, court staff, attorneys, professional guardians, doctors, advocates, and representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and Department of Human Services, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Adult Protective Services, Older Adult Protective Services, financial institutions, medical facilities, and other elder justice experts.



GTS ENHANCEMENT NOTIFIES COURTS WHEN ACTIVE GUARDIAN IS MATCHED TO STATEWIDE CRIMINAL DATABASE



In July, after working collaboratively with the OEJC, AOPC IT released a GTS enhancement to run a recurring automated process which compares the statewide repository of guardians with the statewide criminal database. In conjunction with a prior GTS enhancement requiring guardians to provide key identifying information (Social Security Number, driver's license number, and date of birth), GTS guardian data is compared to the AOPC's statewide criminal database to identify and match guardians active on a case who have been charged with a crime. This enhancement represents another "first in the nation" step for Pennsylvania's courts.

A potential match can be made on the following case types:

- **Criminal**
- **Non-Traffic**
- **Summary**
- **Civil**
- **Landlord/Tenant**
- **Miscellaneous** (limited to abuse of elderly, adult protective services, emergency protection from abuse, emergency protection from sexual violence or intimidation, or indirect criminal contempt violation of protective order)

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COURT USERS COMMEND THE CMS MATCHING ALERT GTS ENHANCEMENT

"Pennsylvania continues to lead the way in implementing innovative tools to enhance the ability of court staff to monitor court appointed guardians and to assure that the individuals appointed are trustworthy and able to meet the needs of adults with a guardianship. The daily criminal records match provides timely information to alert courts to a potential concern about a guardian."
 –Judge Lois Murphy, Montgomery County

"The criminal background check interface with GTS has given us an exceptional new tool to evaluate the individuals who are responsible for caring for some of our most vulnerable citizens. With this new functionality, my office has been alerted to and reviewed situations where the welfare of the incapacitated person could be jeopardized by the individual charged with their care. I applaud the AOPC and OEJC for implementing this groundbreaking technology."
 –Sarah Edwards, Register of Wills and Clerks of Orphans' Court, Butler County

(cont'd. from prev. page) If a guardian match is made, relevant information, such as the county in which the offense occurred and case details, is presented to the counties that have an active guardianship case with the guardian in question. Counties can utilize this information to take appropriate action on the case or guardian. An alert is also generated in GTS, and an icon is displayed on the guardian participant portal to alert court users of this match.

This enhancement is crucial to improving guardianship monitoring and ensuring Pennsylvania continues to be a national leader in guardianship innovation as it eliminates the courts' reliance on the guardian's self-reporting of criminal charges and ensures that courts have the necessary information needed to monitor guardianship cases effectively and efficiently.

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"The newly implemented criminal matchmaking enhancement feature has proven to be an effective tool in helping us direct our attention to guardianship cases that might be at higher risk of abuse or exploitation by appointed guardians. Criminal activity related to guardians is often underreported, so this added level of security as well as the immediate email notifications that we receive is invaluable. This enhancement truly supports the court's mission of protecting incapacitated individuals."

-Matthew Pio, Deputy Court Administrator, Montgomery County



BY THE NUMBERS

Pennsylvania's Guardianship Tracking System (GTS) Statistics as of 1/1/26

20,666

Total number of active guardianship cases

21,407

Number of family/lay guardians appointed

348

Number of professional guardians and agencies appointed

\$2,321,000,000+

TOTAL ASSETS UNDER COURT SUPERVISION

OEJC DELIVERS GUARDIANSHIP REPORT REVIEWER TRAININGS STATEWIDE

The OEJC conducted six full-day, in-person, interactive trainings for guardianship report reviewers across the state. Reviewing the annual reports filed by court-appointed guardians for Pennsylvanians age 18 and over is an essential part of monitoring the health, wellbeing, and estate of individuals with a guardian.

The trainings introduced a statewide standard for the guardianship report review process, reviewed GTS functionality, and engaged report reviewers through hands-on activities and discussions to share best practices.

The OEJC also launched an ongoing “Lunch and Learn” virtual report reviewer training that will focus on specific topics relevant to the report review process.

The review of a guardianship report is an important and complex job. Report review is a critical piece of guardianship monitoring that helps assure the safety and well-being of adjudicated incapacitated persons. Through these report review trainings, the OEJC continues to promote best practices, while also offering report reviewers statewide a chance to network, discuss topics together, and offer their own solutions, processes, and expertise to one another.



NAPSA CONFERENCE FEATURES OEJC AND OAPS

The OEJC and the Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) collaborated on a presentation for the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) conference in Bellevue, Washington.

Cole Benko, OEJC Analyst, and Charlene Lane, Bureau Director for Older Adult Protective Services (OAPS), presented on the topics of guardianship basics, alternatives to guardianship, and legislative efforts in Pennsylvania. The presentation was well received and the conference presented a strong opportunity for the OEJC and the courts to gain insight into the best ways to continue fostering collaboration with APS workers in their daily operations, including interactions with guardianship cases, and addressing potential challenges of APS workers nationwide.



VOLUNTEER COURT VISITOR PROGRAMS LAY FOUNDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MONITORING GUARDIANSHIPS

Court visitors serve as the eyes and ears of the court, adding an extra layer of support and review of cases to which they are appointed. Planning for a Guardianship Court Visitor pilot program in Cumberland County occurred throughout 2025.

The program, which bolsters court guardianship monitoring through the appointment of volunteer court visitors, is modeled after an existing program in Dauphin County. Advisory Council member Mary Catherine Scott, Esq., has facilitated the involvement of students and faculty from Widener Commonwealth Law in that program.

Cumberland County Orphans' Court will partner with the Cumberland County Bar Association and Penn State Dickinson Law to pilot the new program. The court will appoint attorneys, who will serve pro bono as court visitors, to guardianship cases. Law students may shadow court visitors, attend annual visits and draft the visitor report in order to learn about guardianships and gain experience.



PRO BONO CLE VOLUNTEER WORK CONTINUES TO INCREASE IN PENNSYLVANIA

PRO BONO CLE Statistics (as of December 2025)

Lawyers reported
for credit:

862

CLE credits
reported:

1,446

Volunteer hours these
credits represent:

7,230

OEJC DEVELOPS EDUCATIONAL SERIES FOR UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The OEJC partnered with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work to offer a three-part series of recorded online trainings for social workers.

Robert Campbell and Keith Hinkel, Jr. worked with Pittsburgh School of Social Work to design the program, which included sessions on:

- Identifying and responding to elder abuse, mistreatment, and exploitation;
- Representation and legal resources for caregivers, as well as an introductory workshop on caregiver burnout; and,
- Judicial perspectives and the work of Area Agencies on Aging and Older Adult Protective Services.



The OEJC hopes to deliver similar programming to other social worker-focused organizations in the future.

COUNCIL AND OEJC PRESENT AT MULTIPLE STATE HEALTHCARE CONFERENCES

The OEJC and members of the Advisory Council presented at multiple residential care and long-term care home conferences throughout 2025. Topics included the impact of Act 61 of 2023, the guardianship process, and an emphasis on the use of alternatives to guardianship when appropriate. Panels for each presentation included judges from the Advisory Council (Judge Lois Murphy and Judge Frank Ruggiero), attorneys from the Advisory Council (John Kennedy, Esq. and Pam Walz, Esq.), and OEJC Assistant Director Keith Hinkel, Jr. to provide a wide range of expertise on these important topics. *(See Educational Programs and Trainings list pp. 26-32 for more details.)*

Residential care facilities and nursing homes often care for individuals who have lost their ability to make decisions. It is important that the leadership and staff at these facilities understand the role of a guardian, their powers and responsibilities, and what alternatives exist to allow a resident to retain their autonomy as long as possible. The sessions also allowed facility leadership and staff to express the challenges they face with guardianships and the courts. These discussions led to additional educational sessions for individual nursing homes and residential care homes, as well as identified educational opportunities for guardians, attorneys, and judges. Collaboration between the courts, OEJC, and long-term care facilities is paramount to ensuring older adults retain their rights as long as they can and are treated with dignity.

GEISINGER PARTNERSHIP LEADS TO SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The OEJC partnered with the Geisinger College of Health Sciences to offer a free public educational event for older adults to provide essential information on legal guardianship and alternatives to guardianship.

Pennsylvania Department of Aging Secretary Jason Kavulich and Lackawanna County Judge Frank Ruggiero (pictured, right) represented the Advisory Council and presented along with OEJC Assistant Director Keith Hinkel, Jr. Together they shared insights on guardianship in Pennsylvania, highlighting why planning ahead matters to ensure guardianship is only used as a last resort and how collaboration between medical and legal professionals benefits older adults and their families.



The recording of the event is available on the [Geisinger College of Health Sciences' Youtube channel](#) (QR code for access as well).

AGING IN MEDIA PRESENTATION MAKES A SPLASH AT STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES



After closing May's Pennsylvania Guardianship Justice Summit in Hershey with a successful presentation on "Aging and Guardianship in Media," OEJC Trainer Robert Campbell presented the session at the National Guardianship Association (NGA) Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging (SWPPA) Educational Conference in Cranberry Township. By evaluating media representations of aging, older adults, and guardianship, the presentation aims to uncover the often biased, unfair, and problematic portrayals that dominate the cultural media landscape.

The "Aging and Guardianship in Media" presentation helps caregivers, family members, attorneys, guardians, court staff, OAPS workers, and other guardianship affiliated professionals support aging loved ones and clients in ways that reject bias and allows them greater autonomy and respect. It impacts audiences on both analytical and emotional levels, and offers perspectives on how to responsibly confront ageism.

LSO PILOT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED IN NCSC'S TRENDS IN STATE COURTS

An article written by OEJC staff Joan Bertone and Cole Benko was included in Trends in State Courts 2025 (Trends), the annual National Center for State Courts (NCSC) publication highlighting the work of state courts. The article, titled "Zealous Advocacy, Alternatives, and Monitoring: Adult Guardianship Innovation in Pennsylvania," offered a high-level overview of adult guardianship in Pennsylvania, the legal services pilot project, GTS enhancements, and a few other OEJC projects funded by the ACL Elder Justice Innovation Grant.

The article also highlighted data from the legal services pilot project and discussed the implications of the project. The authors compared case outcomes and attorney costs for the four pilot counties during the first year of the project to statewide outcomes of petitions for guardianship.



The data showed a significant increase in the percentage of cases for which less restrictive alternatives to guardianship were implemented for the pilot project counties when compared to the rest of the state. This suggested that contracting with a legal services organization to represent incapacitated and alleged incapacitated persons in guardianship cases led to better outcomes for these individuals, preserving as many of their rights as possible and ensuring their access to due process.

The OEJC was honored to be included in Trends, and to have the opportunity to share the guardianship innovations occurring in Pennsylvania. To read this article and others included in the 2025 issue of Trends, visit: [Trends in State Courts 2025 by National Center for State Courts](#) (QR code for link access).



OEJC DIRECTOR NAMED TO CGC BOARD

OEJC Director Amy Whitworth was appointed to the board of directors of the Center for Guardianship Certification (CGC) in the fall of 2025.

The CGC began as an allied foundation of the NGA to elevate guardianship services through national certification. Established in November 1997, CGC is the steward of the national certification process. Certification entitles the guardian to represent to the courts and the public that he or she is eligible to be appointed, is not disqualified by prior conduct, agrees to abide by universal ethical standards governing a person with fiduciary responsibilities, submits to a disciplinary process, and can demonstrate through a written test an understanding of basic guardianship principles and laws. (Source: CGC website.)

CHIEF JUSTICE AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY DA INTERVIEWED FOR THEIR ELDER JUSTICE IMPACT IN PITTSBURGH SENIOR NEWS

Madame Chief Justice Debra Todd and Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala were interviewed for the Pittsburgh Senior News in recognition of their longstanding efforts in elder justice in Pennsylvania.

Chief Justice Todd and DA Zappala have collaborated alongside many other professional volunteer advisors since the days of the statewide Elder Law Task Force (ELTF) in 2013 (pictured below), and both of them continue to serve on the Advisory Council.

The article from June's issue of the Pittsburgh Senior News focused on the ELTF, Allegheny County's Elder Abuse Special Victims Unit, Fraud Squad alert system, and Senior Justice Advocates. Chief Justice Todd recognized the impact of GTS, and additionally articulated an ongoing focus for the future:



Madame Chief Justice Todd and DA Zappala

"The judiciary has grappled with difficulties in guardianship appointment, screening, monitoring, and reporting of physical and financial abuse - all of which have been cited as significant areas of concern with respect to elders... Continued meaningful transformation of the adult guardianship system will be essential to supporting the safety, wellbeing, and financial security of this growing population while also protecting their legal rights, freedom, and access to justice."

-Madame Chief Justice Debra Todd, Pennsylvania Supreme Court



The inaugural Pennsylvania Elder Law Task Force in 2013. The work of the ELTF was featured in the Pittsburgh Senior News article.

OEJC PROJECTS FEATURED IN THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN



The project work of the OEJC and Advisory Council from the ACL Elder Justice Innovation Grant (EJIG) was featured in the winter 2025 issue of The National Guardian, a publication for professional guardians and affiliated professionals published by the National Guardianship Association (NGA).

In the article “Protecting Vulnerable Adults: States Advance Guardianship Reform with ACL Grants,” Pennsylvania’s EJIG-related work is highlighted alongside that of three other states. In particular, the article noted Pennsylvania’s work in guardianship monitoring through the analysis of GTS data, report reviewer trainings held statewide, the Pennsylvania Guardian Handbook, both guardianship-focused educational video series, and the LSO pilot project that collected impactful data around zealous advocacy and representation for AIPs and IPs.

“Our pilot project has shown incredible results with the promotion of alternatives to guardianship and making sure that the person that is allegedly in need of a guardian has their rights heard and have someone fighting on their behalf.”

–OEJC Assistant Director Keith Hinkel, Jr., quoted in the article

NEW EDUCATIONAL VIDEO SERIES EXPLORES GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS IN THE COURTS

In September, a new educational video series was released by the OEJC, the *Elder Law and Guardianship Training Video Series for Attorneys*. This series serves as an educational counterpart to the 2024 *Guardianship Training Series*, which was designed for family-lay guardians and persons new to the guardianship process.

The attorney series focuses on fundamentals of representing AIPs and IPs in guardianship hearings, zealous advocacy, alternatives to guardianship, emergency guardianships, limited guardianships, post-adjudication processes, and more. The full series can be seen on [PA Courts’ YouTube channel](#) and is also linked on the OEJC website’s Guardianship in Pennsylvania resource page. (QR code for access to link).



ELDER JUSTICE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

HOUSE BILL 18 PASSES, ENACTED AS ACT 39 OF 2025

House Bill 18 passed the House 202-0 on July 1 and passed the Senate 47-1 on October 7. It was signed into law by Governor Shapiro as Act 39 of 2025 (Act 39) on October 27.

Act 39 modifies 20 Pa.C.S. Section 5512.2 (a.1), requiring the court to schedule a review hearing within 30 days, and conduct the review hearing within 60 days. Act 39 allows the court to continue the date of the hearing beyond 60 days to allow for interested parties and counsel to have adequate time to prepare and conduct capacity evaluations or address other medical needs. Finally, Act 39 allows courts to decline review hearing petition requests if a previous review hearing has taken place within the previous 180 days and no new issues or facts have been raised in the newest petition.

OAPSA REWRITES CONTINUE TO BE DISCUSSED

Three bills which would amend aspects of the Older Adults Protective Services Act (OAPSA) remain in committee:

- House Bill 1611 is a comprehensive rewrite of OAPSA that includes provisions to address the decision in *Peake v. Commonwealth* dealing with lifetime employment bans and mandatory and voluntary reporting of abuse, including duties placed on financial institutions.
- Senate Bill 738 requires financial institution employees to report financial exploitation of an older adult and if after review of the report there exists reasonable cause to believe that financial exploitation may have occurred, may have been attempted, or is being attempted, it shall be reported to the appropriate AAA or DOA.
- Senate Bill 1100 requires DOA to establish in each AAA, a fatality review team to review any death of an older adult that occurs during a period in which there exists an investigation into allegations of abuse or neglect of the deceased. Finally, a co-sponsorship memo has been filed for the reintroduction of legislation that would create a statewide registry of individuals convicted of neglect or abuse toward elders in facilities - similar to Senate Bill 885 from last session.



ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS HIGHLIGHTED ON ESTATE LAW AND AGING PODCASTS

“DEATH AND DIRT”

Advisory Council member Anne N. John, Esq. appeared on a podcast by the Pennsylvania Bar Association to explore the critical issues surrounding guardianship reform and elder protection in Pennsylvania.



Ms. John shared her experiences with the Council, including the implementation of GTS, which improves oversight and transparency in guardianship cases, as well as the impact of two statewide Guardianship Summits that brought together key stakeholders to identify reform priorities. She shared about the impacts of Act 61 of 2023 and the collaboration that resulted in its passage in the legislature. Additionally, Ms. John also emphasized the importance of proactive planning, noting that legal tools like powers of attorney can often serve as effective alternatives to guardianship, empowering individuals to make their own decisions while maintaining autonomy and dignity.



“THE AGE OF AGING”

Advisory Council member Dr. Jason Karlawish, Penn Medicine, is the Executive Producer of “The Age of Aging” podcast produced by the Penn Memory Center. Now in its fourth season, the podcast is hosted by Terence Casey and Jake Johnson. “The Age of Aging” featured Advisory Council chair Judge Lois Murphy in its first episode of season four, titled “Just Aging.”

During the episode, Judge Murphy shared judicial perspectives from the bench, analyzing the larger systemic layers involved in the guardianship process in courtrooms through career anecdotes from practical casework.



QR code link to “Death & Dirt” podcast episode featuring Anne John, Esq.

QR code link to “The Age of Aging” podcast episode featuring Judge Lois Murphy.



AGING TOGETHER IN PA PUBLIC TELEVISION SERIES FEATURES ADVISORY COUNCIL EXPERTS

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging, working collaboratively with public television stations WITF and WVIA, produced a series of short informative videos called "Aging Together in PA."



The video series highlights a wide range of topics important to older adults in Pennsylvania and nationwide, including elder justice, ageism, age-friendly communities, scams, caregiver supports, adaptive technology, housing, transportation, and more.

One of the videos in the series released in September, "Elder Justice: Protecting Seniors with Vigilance and Care," features elder justice testimonials from Advisory Council chair Judge Lois Murphy of Montgomery County Courts and David Shallcross, representing the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. Additionally, the video highlights the Advisory Council's Pennsylvania Guardianship Bench Book.

The video and series can be viewed online at: <https://www.pbs.org/show/aging-together-in-pennsylvania/> (QR code for link access).



DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND SENIORLAW CENTER PARTNER TO SUPPORT GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

On September 24, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and SeniorLAW Center announced the creation of a free legal service and referral helpline to support grandparents raising grandchildren across the Commonwealth. Chief Justice Debra Todd, Aging Secretary Jason Kavulich, and SeniorLAW Center Executive Director Karen Buck, Esq. spoke at the event, among others.

The PA Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Legal Line is a first-of-its-kind phone service offering legal information, advice, referrals, and legal support services. It is available statewide.

By calling the SeniorLAW Center at 1-877-727-7529, older caregivers can receive free advice and counsel on a variety of civil matters, including custody and dependency; support in representing themselves in family court, such as help with preparing necessary documents; and information on kinship caregivers, support groups, and other resources.



Above: Madame Chief Justice Debra Todd speaks at the launch event for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Legal Line.

Below: SeniorLAW Center Executive Director Karen Buck, Esq. speaks at the launch event.



REFRAMING AGING: IMPACTFUL EVENT SHOWCASES ADVISORY COUNCIL COLLABORATION

Widener Commonwealth Law School hosted an event exploring how language and bias shape justice for older adults. The presentation was titled “Reframing Aging” and was presented by Advisory Council member Rebecca May-Cole, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging (P4A) and certified trainer for Reframing Aging. The event, facilitated by fellow advisory council member Mary Catherine Scott, Esq. (Widener Commonwealth Law), was held for students across all nine Pennsylvania law schools to address ageist biases and to promote dignity and equity in legal practice.

The event was part of a series led by the Pennsylvania Elder Justice Consortium. The Consortium is a coalition of faculty from all Pennsylvania’s law schools working to advance elder justice through education and advocacy, of which Mary Catherine Scott is co-chair.

“Aging is a natural and normal part of life - it is something we all do from the moment we are born,” said May-Cole, “but the way we talk about it can make it seem like a problem, rather than a process. Our words matter.” She broke down the subtle but damaging impact of ageist language, from casual phrases like “senior moment” to more serious assumptions in courtrooms and care settings. These patterns, she explained, can erode trust and even contribute to billions of dollars in preventable healthcare costs each year.



LACKAWANNA COUNTY OPENS OLDER ADULT ADVOCACY CENTER

On May 16, 2025, Advisory Council members and OEJC staff were honored to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of Lackawanna County’s Older Adult Advocacy Center at Telespond Senior Services in Scranton. This center, which is the first of its kind in the state, provides older adults in need from Northeast Pennsylvania with temporary housing and other services, which are provided on site. The new facility includes private living spaces decorated to feel home-like, common areas, and private medical service rooms.



ALLEGHENY COUNTY SENIOR EXPO EVENTS UNITE PITTSBURGH-AREA AGING NETWORK

Allegheny County District Attorney and Advisory Council member Stephen Zappala's office hosted several Senior Expo events in Allegheny County in 2025.

The first expo of the year, held at Acrisure Stadium in Pittsburgh on June 18, brought together a wide range of community organizations whose work centers around the older adult community in a spirit of collegiality and collaboration. Hundreds of members of the public attended to hear speakers, engage in activities, and network with the local law enforcement personnel, court staff, nonprofit organizations, and governmental agencies in attendance.

The second event, held November 13 at St. Thomas More Church in Bethel Park, drew a similarly large turnout. Featured speakers included DA Zappala, Deputy Attorney General Sam Zappala, Judge Ron Arnoni, and Robert Campbell of the OEJC. All speakers acknowledged how the event celebrated the dynamic range of organizations working to support older adults in Allegheny County and brought local older adults into direct contact with those organizations.



SECRETARY KAVULICH NAMED TO MULTIPLE NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS

In early May, Advisory Council member Pennsylvania Department of Aging Secretary Jason Kavulich was named to the advisory boards of two national organizations dedicated to meeting the needs of older adults and protecting them from harm.

Secretary Kavulich has joined the advisory board for the National Collaboratory to Address Elder Mistreatment at the Education Development Center (EDC).

Secretary Kavulich also recently began serving on the board of directors for ADvancing States, the national association representing state aging and long-term services agencies. "Secretary Kavulich is a remarkable leader in the field of aging and has a deep commitment to addressing elder abuse," said Martha Roherty, executive director of ADvancing States.



AOPC COMMUNICATIONS DESIGNS EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN FOR WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

The OEJC and Advisory Council partnered with AOPC Communications to create and distribute digital infographics (samples shown here) on social media in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.



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2025 ADVISORY COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

January 29th-30th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

February 12th, 2025

Pennsylvania Homecare Association Pediatric Cabinet

Virtual Training

Advisory Council on Elder Justice and Office of Elder Justice: Considerations for Families with Loved Ones Aging Out of the System

Judge Lois Murphy, Amy Whitworth, and Robert Campbell

February 13th, 2025

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Midyear Meeting

Update on the work of the Advisory Council and the Office of Elder Justice

Madame Chief Justice Debra Todd

February 18th-19th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

February 20th, 2025

Pennsylvania Trial Judges' Conference

Philadelphia, PA

Elder Justice Updates

Judge Lois Murphy, Judge John McNally (Dauphin County), and Keith Hinkel, Jr.

March 5th, 2025

OEJC

Harrisburg, PA

Report Reviewer Training

Keith Hinkel, Jr., Cole Benko, and Joan Bertone

March 6th, 2025

Social Security Administration and OEJC

Virtual Training

Social Security: Disability Programs/Online Services/Medicare/Representative Payee

Frank Magni (Social Security Administration), Cole Benko, and Robert Campbell

March 6th, 2025

Pennsylvania Bar Association Conference of County Bar Leaders

Gettysburg, PA

Advisory Council on Elder Justice: Updates

Anne John, Esq.

March 12th-13th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

March 27th, 2025

OEJC

Franklin, PA

Report Reviewer Training

Keith Hinkel, Jr., Cole Benko, and Joan Bertone

March 28th, 2025

OEJC

Washington, PA

Report Reviewer Training

Keith Hinkel, Jr., Cole Benko, and Joan Bertone

2025 ADVISORY COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

March 31st, 2025

OEJC

Lock Haven, PA

Report Reviewer Training

Keith Hinkel, Jr., Cole Benko, and Joan Bertone

April 4th, 2025

Widener Law Commonwealth Civil Law Clinic

Harrisburg, PA

Estate Planning Workshop

Mary Catherine Scott, Esq.

April 7th, 2025

**Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies
on Aging**

Virtual Training

Act 61 and Alternatives to Guardianship

Judge Lois Murphy

April 9th, 2025

OEJC

Wilkes-Barre, PA

Report Reviewer Training

Keith Hinkel, Jr., Cole Benko, and Joan Bertone

April 10th, 2025

OEJC

West Chester, PA

Report Reviewer Training

Keith Hinkel, Jr., Cole Benko, and Joan Bertone

April 15th-16th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

***Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family
and Non-Professional Guardians Need to
Know***

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

April 16th, 2025

Leading Age

Virtual Training

***The OEJC, Act 61, and Alternatives to
Guardianship***

Judge Lois Murphy, Pam Walz, Esq., John
Kennedy, Esq., and Keith Hinkel, Jr.

April 17th, 2025

**Temple Harrisburg Institute on Protective
Services**

Virtual Training

***Advisory Council on Elder Justice and Office
of Elder Justice in the Courts: Guardianship
Resources and Updates***

Robert Campbell

April 23rd, 2025

Widener Commonwealth Law School

Harrisburg, PA

Reframing Aging

Rebecca May-Cole and Mary Catherine Scott,
Esq.

April 30th, 2025

**Pennsylvania Coalition of Affiliated
Healthcare & Living Communities**

In-person conference

State College, PA

***Alternatives to Guardianship and Act 61:
What You Need to Know***

Judge Frank Ruggiero, Judge Richard Hughes
(Luzerne County), John Kennedy, Esq., and Keith
Hinkel, Jr.

May 6th, 2025

National Guardianship Association (NGA)

Virtual Training

Limited Guardianships

Judge Lois Murphy and President Judge Shawn
Meyers

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May 7th, 2025

National Guardianship Association (NGA)

Virtual Training

Panel Discussion: Monitoring & Oversight:

It's Not a Gotcha Game

Keith Hinkel, Jr.

May 7th-9th, 2025

The Second Pennsylvania Guardianship

Justice Summit

Hershey, PA

Numerous Advisory Council presenters

May 12th-13th, 2025

Julian Gray Associates

Southpointe, PA

Alternatives to Guardianship and Elder Law

Julian Gray, Esq.

May 14th, 2025

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

Philadelphia, PA

Adult Surrogate Decision-Making and Guardianship

Judge Lois Murphy and Pam Walz, Esq.

May 15th, 2025

Jefferson Health

Philadelphia, PA

Healthcare Decision-Making

Judge Lois Murphy and Judge Melissa Sterling (Montgomery County)

May 22nd, 2025

Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities, Cambria County Financial

Exploitation Task Force

Johnstown, PA

Alternatives to Guardianship

Keith Hinkel, Jr.

June 2nd, 2025

Pennsylvania Association of Court

Management, President Judge's Conference

State College, PA

Legal Services Organization Pilot Project

Judge John McNally (Dauphin County), Judge

James Gavin (Berks County), Rhodia Thomas,

Esq. (MidPenn Legal Services), and Keith Hinkel,

Jr.

June 5th, 2025

Social Security Administration and the OEJC

Virtual Training

Social Security: Disability Programs/Online

Services/Medicare/Representative Payee

Frank Magni (Social Security Administration),

Cole Benko, and Robert Campbell

June 25th-26th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

July 17th, 2025

Pennsylvania Bar Association Real Property

Probate Trust Section

Podcast

Death and Dirt Podcast, season 1, episode 12: Guardianship Reform, Protection and Dignity for Older Adults: Elder Justice in

Pennsylvania

Anne John, Esq.

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July 23rd-24th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

July 28th, 2025

Registers of Wills and Clerks of Orphans' Court Association Conference

Erie, PA

GTS and Advisory Council initiatives

Sarah Edwards

July 28th, 2025

Registers of Wills and Clerks of Orphans' Court Association Conference

Erie, PA

Act 61 of 2023 and Guardianship

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Cole Benko

August 6th, 2025

AOPC Minor Judiciary Education Board

Virtual Training

Abuse, Violence, and Exploitation in Later Life

Robert Campbell and Lindy Keefe (Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

August 14th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

August 20th, 2025

Geisinger School of Medicine

Public educational event (Lackawanna County)

Needing Help Later in Life: Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship

Secretary Jason Kavulich, Judge Frank Ruggiero, and Keith Hinkel, Jr.

August 20th, 2025

US Government Accountability Office Harrisburg, PA

Site visit-law school clinic work on elder justice and guardianship monitor program in Dauphin County

Mary Catherine Scott, Esq.

August 27th, 2025

Dauphin County Multidisciplinary Team Harrisburg, PA

Needing Help Later in Life: Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship

Keith Hinkel, Jr.

September 3rd, 2025

Pennsylvania Health Care Association Conference

Bethlehem, PA

Alternatives to Guardianship and Act 61: What You Need to Know

Judge Frank Ruggiero, Judge Richard Hughes (Luzerne County), John Kennedy, Esq., and Keith Hinkel, Jr.

September 4th, 2025

Dauphin County and OEJC Virtual Training

Guardianship 101

Joan Bertone and Robert Campbell

2025 ADVISORY COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

September 8th, 2025

National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Conference
Bellevue, WA

Alternatives to Guardianship and the Courts
Cole Benko and Dr. Charlene Lane (OAPS)

September 9th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

September 10th, 2025

PA Health and Wellness

Virtual Training

Alternatives to Guardianship and Act 61: What You Need to Know

Judge Frank Ruggiero, John Kennedy, Esq. and Keith Hinkel, Jr.

September 11th, 2025

OEJC

Virtual Training

Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know

Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

September 16th, 2025

Penn Memory Center

Podcast

The Age of Aging Podcast, season 4, episode 1: Just Aging

Judge Lois Murphy

October 1st, 2025

University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and OEJC

Virtual Training

Identifying Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation

David Shallcross, Christina Kotsalos (Department of Banking), and Robert Campbell

October 15th, 2025

University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and OEJC

Virtual Training

Advocacy for and Employment of Families and Caregivers

Robert Campbell, Brendan Corbalis, Esq. (SeniorLAW), Kevin Boswell, Esq. (SeniorLAW), and Robert Lodge, Esq. (Disability Rights PA)

October 15th, 2025

Hershey Public Library

Hershey, PA

Navigating Powers Of Attorney and End of Life Planning

Mary Catherine Scott, Esq.

October 16th, 2025

OEJC

Harrisburg, PA

Report Reviewer Training

Cole Benko, Joan Bertone, and Robert Campbell

October 21st, 2025

Dauphin County Elder Abuse Task Force

Harrisburg, PA

Guardianship 101

Robert Campbell and Keith Hinkel, Jr.

2025 ADVISORY COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

October 23rd, 2025

Washington County OAPS
Washington, PA
Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship
Keith Hinkel, Jr.

October 25th, 2025

National Guardianship Association:
National Conference on Guardianship
Oklahoma City, OK
Guardianship and Older Adults in the Media
Robert Campbell

November 5th-6th, 2025

OEJC
Virtual Training
Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know
Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

November 12th, 2025

Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging (SWPPA) Educational Conference
Cranberry, PA
Setting the Stage: Aging in Media
Robert Campbell

November 12th, 2025

Philadelphia Bar Association Probate Section/FJD Elder Justice Committee
Virtual Training
Benefits and Resources for Aging
Pam Walz, Esq.

November 12th, 2025

Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Estate Law Institute
Philadelphia, PA
PA Guardianship Laws, Changes, Discussion, and Impact
Keith Hinkel, Jr.

November 13th, 2025

Office of Allegheny County District Attorney
Stephen A. Zappala, Jr.
Pittsburgh, PA
South Hills Senior Justice and Wellness Expo
District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala, Jr. and Robert Campbell

November 19th, 2025

OEJC
Virtual Training
Report Reviewer Lunch and Learn: GTS and CMS Matching Alerts
Cole Benko, Joan Bertone, and Robert Campbell

December 15th, 2025

AOPC and State Justice Institute (SJI)
Harrisburg, PA
The Work of the OEJC
Amy Whitworth

December 29th, 2025

OEJC
Virtual Training
Fundamentals of Guardianship: What Family and Non-Professional Guardians Need to Know
Keith Hinkel, Jr. and Joan Krechmer

2025 ADVISORY COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

2025 PRESENTATIONS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ELDER JUSTICE

February 26th, 2025

Judicial Perspectives on Legal Services Organization Project

Judge James Gavin (Berks County), Judge John McNally (Dauphin County), and Rhodia Thomas, Esq. (MidPenn Legal Services)

February 26th, 2025

Presentation on Alternatives to Guardianships for Hospital Systems

David Sontag, Esq. (Beth Israel Lahey Health and Harvard Medical School)

June 18th, 2025

Presentation on Professional Guardian Certification

Denise Calabrese (Center for Guardianship Certification) and Kristina Yann (Center for Guardianship Certification)

September 24th, 2025

Presentation on the Upstream Project on Adult Guardianship

Angela Sager (National Center for State Courts)



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