

**Annual Report of the  
Administrative Office of  
Pennsylvania Courts  
2011**

**Supreme Court of Pennsylvania**

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*'11 in Brief  
(listed chronologically)*

*Supreme Court  
streamlines foreign  
adoption process by  
establishing guidelines  
to be used when a  
child's adoption is not  
"full and final" in the  
foreign country*

*Justice Seamus P.  
McCaffery joins state  
and national veterans'  
groups in seeking to  
assist other veterans  
who come into contact  
with the criminal jus-  
tice system*

*Court Administrator  
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appointed to serve on  
the national Criminal  
Justice Information  
Services Advisory  
Policy Board, which  
influences federal  
policy on criminal  
justice operations and  
policies*

*Nation's first Sexual  
Violence Benchbook,  
designed to guide  
magisterial district  
judges in handling  
sexual violence crimes,  
published by Supreme  
Court*

*Supreme Court  
launches statewide  
training program for  
attorneys representing  
children and parents  
in dependency cases*

*State's first sex offender court established by Supreme Court with a goal of increasing community safety by reducing recidivism among sex offenders*

*Supreme Court issues guide to help judges handle the issues inherent in court dependency cases involving abused and neglected children*

*For the first time in its history, Supreme Court allows cameras into its courtrooms, giving Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Court's oral arguments for later broadcast*

*Statewide process of redrawing magisterial district court boundaries begins with aim to reduce number of magisterial district court judgeships 10 percent*

*Common Pleas Court Judge David N. Wecht is elected to Superior Court; Bucks County attorney Anne E. Covey is elected to Commonwealth Court*

*Supreme Court launches online training program — believed to be the first of its kind in the nation — for those wanting to become mentors to veterans*

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I am pleased to present this Report of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for 2011, outlining many of the programs and services that define the Commonwealth's state court system. This report highlights noteworthy accomplishments in the administration of the state court system that took place during what was both a very busy and significant year.

Among events of significance during the year was the historic **first broadcast of a Supreme Court session**, shown on the Pennsylvania Cable Network, or PCN, during proceedings held at historic Independence Hall in Philadelphia in commemoration of Constitution Day. PCN also aired several shows about the Supreme Court, including an hour-long interview with Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille. PCN now routinely provides gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Supreme Court's oral arguments for later broadcast to its network of more than 3.3 million homes.

## Court Finances

Concern over court finances dominated much of the Pennsylvania Judiciary's focus during the year.

National and state leaders joined the chief justice at events at Penn State University, Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle that focused on how the court system can work with its sister branches to sustain courts, especially during tough economic times and against political pressures. "**Justice Unfunded – Justice Undone? Assuring Sustainable Funding for Courts**" was organized by the Supreme Court's Judicial Independence Commission. Participants shared their insight and expertise on questions regarding the value of our justice system and how the proper balance is struck in making sure there are adequate resources to guarantee citizens prompt, efficient administration of justice.

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A first-ever comprehensive **court disbursement report** released during the year showed that despite a weak economy and fewer case filings, Pennsylvania’s criminal courts in 2011 collected and disbursed a record \$480 million in fines, costs and restitution. The state’s judicial automation systems and advanced technologies were credited for the improved collections and the processing of payments, particularly at Pennsylvania’s Common Pleas Court level – underscoring public trust and confidence in the effectiveness of the state courts.

The report included payments for traffic, summary, civil and landlord/tenant cases in the magisterial district courts and criminal side of the Common Pleas Courts. The majority of funds disbursed by the courts to the Commonwealth are deposited into specific funds, such as the state’s motor vehicle fund. Most of the funds disbursed to local governments go to general funds.

Also during the year, the Supreme Court **eliminated eight magisterial district judgeships** to save the state an estimated \$1 million. Judgeships eliminated were either existing vacancies or scheduled to be unfilled by the end of 2011 because of death, mandatory retirement or the completion of a term. President judges earlier in the year were asked to develop a plan regarding the feasibility of reducing the number of vacant or soon-to-be vacant magisterial district posts in an effort to reduce costs. Workloads in each of the areas covered by the eliminated positions will be assigned to other magisterial district judge offices. One position each was eliminated in Berks, Delaware, Lackawanna, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Snyder counties; two judgeships in Allegheny County. A Blair County post was eliminated in 2010.

Also in 2011, pursuant to constitutional and statutory provisions, the Supreme Court began the **review of the number and boundaries of magisterial districts** within the Commonwealth. Only the First Judicial District, which has no magisterial district judges (MDJs), does not participate. The comprehensive analysis, undertaken every ten years, helps ensure the effective administration of justice throughout the Commonwealth and that the configuration of each magisterial district is appropriate to serve its residents. The AOPC provided each judicial district with a variety of information, including detailed instructions on how to navigate the process. The resources provided included demographic and population data culled from the U.S. Census Bureau as well as case filing and disposition statistics. Proposals can become effective immediately or up to six years into the future, when a sitting judge’s term expires or the judge reaches mandatory retirement age. Proposals were made available for public comment prior to submission to the Supreme Court.

To assist in the process, the AOPC created a committee of judges from every class of county – rural, urban and suburban – to

develop a weighted caseload measuring tool to help decide how to reconfigure the districts. Instead of looking only at the total number of cases handled by an MDJ, the weighted measure adjusts the different impact that each case type has on the judge's overall workload.

## National Recognition

National recognition of state court staff performance, achievements and programs came in 2011 as new initiatives were implemented and existing practices enhanced.

**I was appointed to** a national advisory board that influences federal policy on criminal justice operations and policies. The 34-member U.S. Department of Justice's **Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board** is comprised of representatives from criminal justice agencies in the U.S. and Canada and makes recommendations to enhance safety for law enforcement and citizens.

**Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System was honored** in 2011 by the Consortium for Language Access in the Courts **for innovation in training, education and credentialing of interpreters**. The honor singled out Pennsylvania for the creation of compact disk, or CD, resources for spoken and sign language interpreters. The CDs are distributed during regional orientation workshops by the AOPC's Interpreter Programs Department. They contain legal glossaries in 17 languages, copies of the law establishing court interpreter certification and regulations, a resource document listing colleges and universities that offer training, sources of practice materials, and reference materials for the professional development of interpreters. The CDs are created and updated at least once a year with assistance from the AOPC's Judicial Education Department.

The consortium operates under the auspices of the National Center for State Courts to promote equal access to justice in courts by eliminating language barriers for those with limited English proficiency.

The **nation's first bench book guide to assist magisterial district judges on how to handle sex crime cases** was unveiled during a ceremonial presentation by Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin, Dauphin County President Judge Todd Hoover and Magisterial District Judge Robert Jennings of Harrisburg. Justice Eakin was a member of the advisory committee overseeing development of the book, whose principal author was Superior Court Judge Jack Panella.

Along related lines, Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd guided the efforts of the Fifth Judicial District (Allegheny County) to launch the **state's first sex offender court**, taking an innovative approach to

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handling adult defendants charged with and convicted of Megan’s Law offenses. Composed of judges with specialized knowledge in handling such cases, the focus is on uniformity, accountability and coordinated case management of defendants, while improving communication and organization among the various agencies involved in sex offense cases. The court’s overriding goal is increased community safety through a reduction in recidivism among sex offenders.

Although the program targets offenders charged with and convicted of Megan’s Law violations, defendants charged with other sex offenses may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The court is expected to eventually handle as many as 300 cases and will be funded with reallocated tax dollars and perhaps future grants.

New York and Ohio are the only other states with courts of this type.

### **Court Training**

A variety of court-approved training programs held during 2011 enhanced the ability of jurists, lawyers and others to familiarize themselves with new and emerging fields of law and strengthen their skills in and outside the courtroom.

Sixty attorneys attended the Supreme Court’s **first training session specially designed for those representing children and parents in dependency cases**, rating their experience as “outstanding” and encouraging others to take advantage of additional sessions that were scheduled throughout the state in October and November 2011. The training curriculum was developed by a Legal Representation Education Workgroup created by the State Children’s Roundtable. The workgroup was comprised of legal and child welfare professionals. The training, following best practices outlined in the Pennsylvania Dependency Benchbook, was sponsored by the AOPC’s Office of Children and Families in the Courts.

The AOPC also sponsored nine operational county drug court teams from around the Commonwealth for a **training session presented by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals**. The training was designed to assist drug court teams with learning how to apply the latest research and best practice techniques to their existing programs. The event was facilitated by experts from around the country, including judges from Georgia, California and Alabama. Also participating was a defense bar member from Ohio, a treatment administrator from Michigan and leading researchers in the drug court field.



The AOPC established a team in 2011 to identify how to provide services and resources to affected courts in **anticipation of potential effects of Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling activity on the state court system**. Judges and court administrators reported an increase in landlord/tenant filings; professional liability actions; quiet title actions; mineral rights cases; zoning appeals; extraditions; municipal ordinance violations; summary violations (commercial vehicle violations and disorderly conducts); violent assaults; sex offenses and homicides. The AOPC continues to seek ways to monitor changes in caseloads attributed to Marcellus Shale drilling.

The Law and Government Institute of the Widener University Law School held an historic **statewide offender re-entry summit** that brought together national law enforcement executives and officials from the legislative, executive and judicial branches. A fundamental question presented by the summit was whether all three branches of government, business and faith-based communities, and rehabilitated offenders can work collaboratively to find new and more effective ways to prevent offenders from reoffending and returning to prison.

## Jury Data

Beginning in September 2011, the AOPC changed the **manner in which jury data is collected** by requiring all counties to use the National Center for State Courts' Jury Managers' Toolbox (JMT). The online software application helps court administration and jury managers evaluate and improve jury management operations and procedures. Pennsylvania became the first state in the country to make the software use mandatory.

## Attorney Registration

The AOPC's Judicial Automation Department unveiled a **new online registration system** in 2011, **allowing attorneys to securely submit registration forms and pay the annual fee** to the Attorney Registration Office of the Disciplinary Board. Payments are now accepted using Visa, MasterCard and Discover as well as ATM/debit cards. In the first month, more than 600 attorneys registered online.

## Streamlining Foreign Adoptions

The Supreme Court approved a new rule aimed at **streamlining the foreign adoption process** by establishing guidelines to be used when the child's adoption was not "full and final" in the foreign country. Orphans' Court Procedural Rule 15.9 provides a relatively easy and inexpensive procedure for finalizing an adoption when, for

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immigration purposes, the child’s adoption in the foreign country was deemed not to be “full and final.” This situation can arise, for example, when both parents are not present in the foreign country at the time of the adoption hearing.

## **Reports Issued**

A number of reports were issued during the year to update the Commonwealth’s citizens on their courts’ performances and a variety of other issues.

The annual release of state court system data on **medical malpractice case filings and verdicts** for 2010 showed declines in the number of lawsuits filed statewide for a sixth consecutive year. In 2010 the 1,491 filings represented a 45.4 percent decline from the “base years” of 2000–2002. In Philadelphia, the state’s judicial district with the largest caseload, the decline was nearly 70 percent during the same period. The base years are the period just prior to two significant rule changes made by the Supreme Court. The first change requires attorneys to obtain from a medical professional a certificate of merit that establishes that the medical procedures in a case fall outside acceptable standards. A second change requires medical malpractice actions to be brought only in the county where the cause of action takes place – a move aimed at eliminating so-called “venue shopping.”

A report on **changes the courts made in response to the juvenile justice scandal in Luzerne County** showed many significant reforms were taken. Many changes were based on recommendations from the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice, a group created by law in August 2009 with the support of the governor and the Supreme Court to investigate the so-called “kids for cash” scandal and develop recommendations for reform.

An interim report on **substantial steps taken in Philadelphia’s criminal justice system** to address problems chronicled in a series of articles published by the Philadelphia Inquirer also was issued in 2011. The report was created by an advisory board of judges, attorneys and criminal justice experts under the leadership of Justice Seamus P. McCaffery. Among the its key findings are that more cases are being resolved on their merits earlier in the process; fewer cases are being dismissed; minor cases are being diverted into special programs; bail collections are up substantially and accurate data regarding case activity is now available.

The Supreme Court also issued an 800-page guide, developed by judges for judges, to enhance judges’ ability to handle the complex social, developmental and interpersonal issues inherent in **court dependency cases involving abused and neglected children**. Over

the last year, a team of experienced judges and social science experts spent countless hours of review and analysis to develop resource material designed to assist judges and judicial officers in 14 areas, including child attachment and bonding, child development, domestic violence, grief and loss, individual case planning, mental health, neglect and deprivation, physical/sexual/emotional abuse, placement, safety and risk, substance abuse, transitioning youth, trauma and visitation.

The guide is part of the Court’s ongoing efforts to improve the lives of Pennsylvania’s abused and neglected children, getting them out of temporary foster care and into safe, permanent homes. It serves as a supplemental resource to the previously-released Dependency Benchbook, which has become the central document for dependency proceedings in Pennsylvania. Each section of the guide connects the elements of social science to the many judicial proceedings and practices outlined in the judicial bench book.

Another survey released in 2011 by the Supreme Court showed that **increasing use of videoconferencing technology to conduct preliminary arraignments and other court proceedings is saving taxpayers an estimated \$21 million annually.** Conducted by the AOPC’s Office of Judicial Security, the survey found that – on average – more than 15,700 proceedings are held via videoconferencing each month, saving the state’s magisterial district and Common Pleas courts an estimated \$1.7 million monthly, or a cumulative cost savings of more than \$21 million annually. Philadelphia and Delaware counties reported the highest monthly savings of \$550,000 and \$271,000, respectively. Of the total projected annual savings, 43 percent, or more than \$9 million, is a direct result of the 488 videoconferencing units installed by the AOPC over the last three years at a cost of \$4.2 million from a budget appropriations item.

Chief Justice Castille also issued a **call** during the year **to the Commonwealth’s 70,000 attorneys to volunteer more time and money to help ensure Pennsylvanians with limited financial means receive needed civil legal representation.** Saying the Commonwealth is “dealing with a civil legal aid crisis,” the chief justice reminded Pennsylvania attorneys in a letter distributed through the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) of their professional obligation to support services to citizens of limited financial means – otherwise known as pro bono service.

## Miscellaneous

**Construction began in 2011 on the family court project at 15th and Arch Streets in Philadelphia.** The new 14-story facility will replace inadequate courtrooms in two outdated buildings and be the

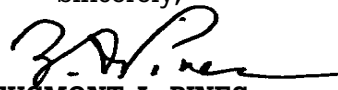
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center for proceedings such as juvenile cases and divorces in the First Judicial District.

A specially-designated **Twitter feed was established to provide instant notice of the online posting of Supreme Court orders, rules, opinions, and concurring and dissenting statements written by the justices**, at <http://twitter.com/SupremeCtofPA>. Anyone can sign up to receive alerts. Interactive links labeled "Follow Us on Twitter" also appear on the state court system's website to take interested parties directly to the page. The specially-dedicated Supreme Court feed comes nearly a year after a separate site was launched by the AOPC's Communications office to alert followers to news releases and other general court information, including some appellate court rulings, at <http://twitter.com/PACourts>. The move was a logical extension of an ongoing commitment to enhance the delivery of court information and services in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

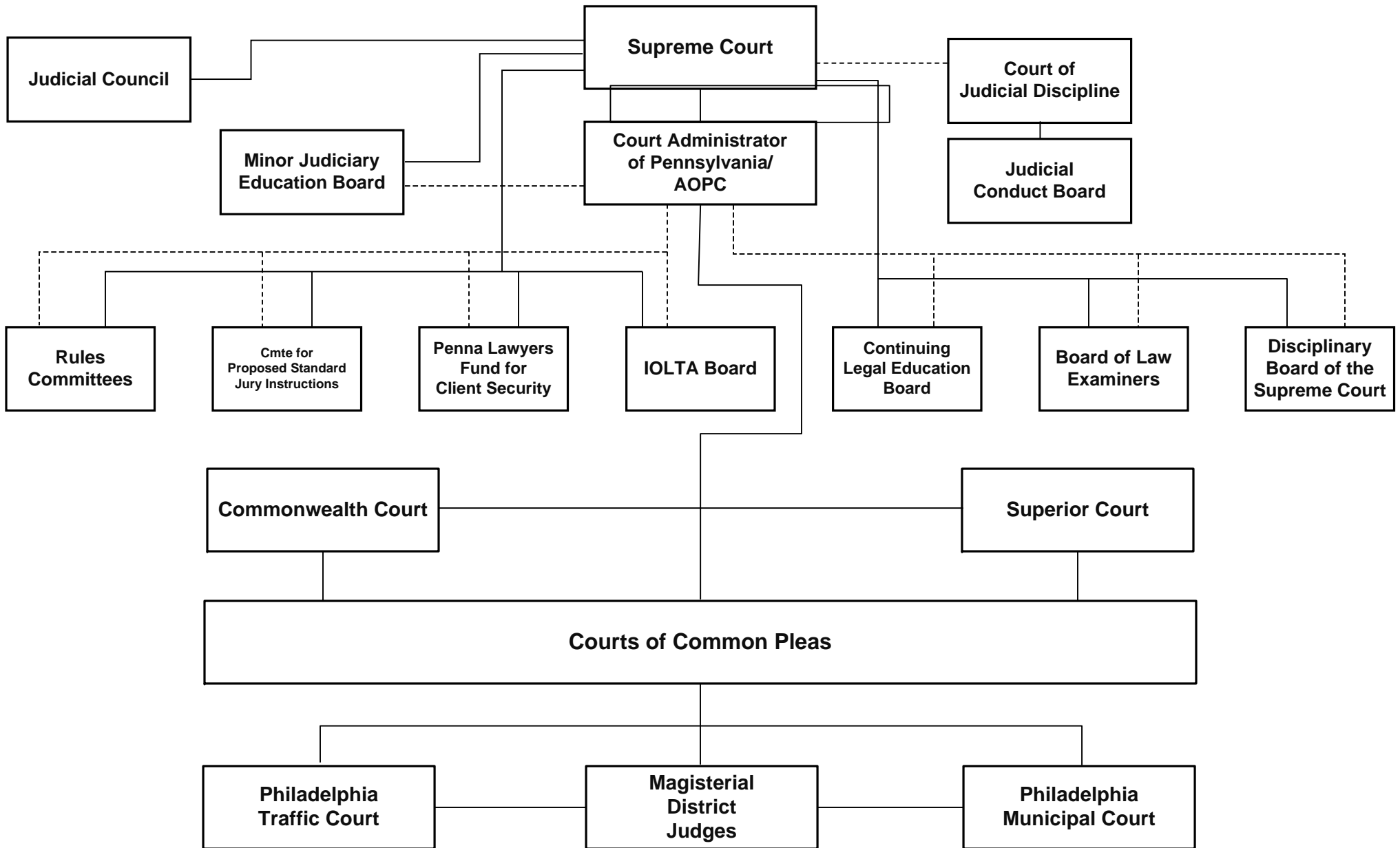
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# Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System



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 public page of the judicial system's website at [www.pacourts.us/links/public](http://www.pacourts.us/links/public).

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# **Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts**

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

The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania 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, Legal and Judicial Services. The deputy court administrator's office is located in Harrisburg and includes Communications/Legislative Affairs and Administrative Services. Also found in Harrisburg are the Finance, Human Resources, Judicial Education and Judicial Security departments. Judicial Automation is in Mechanicsburg. Judicial Programs has 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

The Administrative Office's Research and Statistics Department analyzes and evaluates the operations of the Unified Judicial System's (UJS) various components. During any given year, the department conducts a variety of studies, ranging from caseload management reviews of individual trial courts to statewide evaluations of the safety and security of court facilities.

A core function of the department is to systematically assemble data on the caseloads

of county and local courts, including the numbers and types of new, disposed and pending cases, and, for certain case types, the ages of the cases awaiting adjudication. The statistical information is reviewed and periodically verified through audits of county dockets. The Administrative Office annually publishes the data in the Caseload Statistics of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania. This report is available from the AOPC page on the UJS website at [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us).

The Administrative Office uses the statistical information gathered for many purposes, including the monitoring of county court system operations and development of policy initiatives consistent with its mandate under the Rules of Judicial Administration.

Among the departmental projects recently completed or now in progress are:

- a study of fees charged to litigants in domestic relations matters
- following the implementation of standardized civil cover sheets, ongoing technical assistance to counties to improve the quality and accuracy of the civil data
- development of new data products that expand the use and circulation of caseload data, such as county-specific executive summaries with time trend information, protection from abuse summary reports, dependency summary reports and civil case type summary reports
- a county-by-county assessment of civil court case management programs and procedures
- annual data collection cycles in the areas of medical malpractice filings and jury verdicts, guardianships and other specific case types
- annual submission of statewide data to the Pennsylvania Data Center, the National Center for State Courts Court Statistics Project and other data clearinghouses

## Legal Department

The Legal Department provides advice and counsel to the state court administrator and to the Unified Judicial System (UJS) generally while also assisting in various administrative areas.

The chief counsel's staff represent UJS personnel in state and federal litigation. Representation is not provided in criminal or disciplinary actions. Actions involving UJS personnel often include suits filed in the federal district courts that raise various civil rights and constitutional issues. Other court proceedings involving court personnel include petitions for review of governmental actions, petitions to determine the rights and duties of public officials, employment matters and related appeals.

Significant activities include:

- active participation in planning and implementing the statewide Judicial Automation System and related automation programs
- reviewing and negotiating leases and contracts
- providing legal assistance and advice to the personnel of the UJS
- assisting in procurement matters
- reviewing legislation affecting the judiciary.

## Judicial Services Department

The Judicial Services Department provides logistical planning, coordination, administration and staffing for an extensive schedule of educational conferences, seminars and meetings for the Supreme Court, the Administrative Office and affiliated groups.

In 2011 the department coordinated the following conferences:

- *Juvenile Court Regional Forums*

- *Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Mid-Annual Conference*
- *Family Court Regional Forums*
- *Handling Capital Cases 2011*
- *Orphans' Court Regional Forums*
- *President Judges/Pennsylvania Association of Court Management Conference*
- *Appellate Courts Conference*
- *Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Annual Conference*
- *Office of Children & Families in the Courts State Roundtable*
- *Social Technology Uses, Abuses and Implications*
- *Pennsylvania Association of Court Management Conference*

## Judicial Programs

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 other departments within the AOPC to assist with implementation of policies, procedures, rule changes and reporting standards. This assistance includes:

- 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
- devising, developing and conducting training and continuing education programs for local court staff
- analyzing the impact of legislation related to judicial operations and devising solutions for implementation of new statutes and statutory changes
- overseeing senior judge requests, assignments for change of venue/venire and AOPC communication with judicial districts concerning president judge elections
- overseeing training, testing and certification of court interpreters.

In 2011 the department was involved in several noteworthy endeavors as follows.

### *Magisterial District Realignment*

Pennsylvania statute requires that the magisterial district courts be reviewed following each decennial federal census to determine how best to allocate court resources to serve the Commonwealth's citizens. The review after the 2010 census began in 2011 with a weighted caseload study to learn how long it takes magisterial district judges to process the different types of cases they hear. The results of this study were provided to the respective president judges of each judicial district, along with detailed case-filing, census and demographic information for each district. After review, the president judges began preparing recommendations for the realignment, or reconfiguration, of the magisterial district courts.

The goal of the review process is to maximize workload equity among the districts and to scrutinize the number of magisterial

districts, eliminating any districts whose caseload is insufficiently small.

### *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 and had several significant achievements in 2011.

The *Pennsylvania Dependency Benchmark* was completed with the issuance of part two, supplementing the part one discussions of law and procedure with information about the science behind the issues.

The Third Annual Children's Welfare Summit was held in September 2011. Nearly 400 judges, county child welfare directors and other officials from 51 counties met for three days to hear from international experts in child welfare and child development. The focus of the summit was on transformative change, an essential element in the ongoing efforts to decrease the number of children in foster care in Pennsylvania and shorten the length of time children must wait for safe and permanent homes.

### *Problem-Solving Courts*

The Judicial Programs Department continued its efforts in 2011 to assist judicial districts in the creation, expansion or maintenance of problem-solving courts, such as drug courts, DUI courts and mental health courts. By the end of 2011, 82 problem-solving courts existed in 36 counties in Pennsylvania.

The fastest growing type of problem-solving courts in 2011 was veterans courts, increasing to nine courts throughout the state. Pennsylvania has become a national leader in providing services and support to our veterans.

In 2011 the Supreme Court approved an accreditation program for adult drug and DUI courts. Accreditation provides the Supreme Court with a mechanism to ensure the proper operation of these programs, gives judges who oversee these courts the opportunity to use sentencing guidelines designed for problem-solving courts and provides the courts with information about the operations of their programs.

In addition, 2011 saw the beginning of an effort to obtain a management information system for problem-solving courts throughout the Commonwealth.

### *Court Interpreters*

The Judicial Programs Department's Interpreter Certification Program in 2011 continued its mission, as mandated by Act 172 of 2006, of ensuring that foreign language and sign language interpreters working in the courts of the Commonwealth are certified by the AOPC.

As of the end of 2011, the interpreter roster has 166 qualified interpreters in 26 languages. Of this number 123 are certified interpreters, and 43 are listed as qualified, of whom 27 speak languages for which there is no certifying exam, but who have demonstrated the necessary knowledge and skills.

To become certified, interpreters must first complete a training session, then pass a two-part written test and a three-part oral test. The first part of the written examination measures the candidate's general English language proficiency and usage, knowledge of court-related terms and familiarity with ethical and professional conduct. The second part is a translation exam that assesses the candidate's knowledge of the foreign language he/she speaks. Upon passing the written test, interpreters then take an oral performance exam that is a simulation of an actual courtroom interpretation.

Those who complete this rigorous process become certified interpreters, able to work in any court in the Commonwealth. Those who do not pass have the opportunity for further training and retesting.

Interpreters may also be certified in Pennsylvania if they have been certified by another state that is part of the National Consortium for Language Access in the Courts.

Statistics for 2011 are as follows:

- 164 interpreter candidates attended orientation sessions to learn about the Pennsylvania court system and the Interpreter Certification Program
- 32 interpreters became certified
- 2 interpreters certified in other states were granted certification in Pennsylvania through reciprocity
- 16 foreign language interpreters passed all phases of the examination
- 153 candidates took various parts of the certification examinations, of whom 69 passed at least one part.

### **Judicial Automation**

The AOPC's Judicial Automation Department is responsible for developing and maintaining case management and other software applications for courts and administrative staff in the Unified Judicial System. This department also provides general technology support to the Supreme Court justices, their staffs and the administrative court staff in Pennsylvania.

The highlights of several important projects undertaken by this department are described beginning on page 10.

### *Pennsylvania Appellate Court Case Management System (PACMS)*

PACMS is an integrated case management system designed for Pennsylvania's appellate courts – Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth.

In 2011 project staff streamlined the process for receiving, recording, processing and resolving issues reported to the PACMS help desk, reducing the number of outstanding calls.

Staff continued to work on the Electronic Records Management System (ERMS), assisting with the transfer of more than 14,000 documents from Commonwealth Court's existing imaging system into PACMS. Plans were developed to expand the ERMS into more chambers functions and a Joint Application Development session was held with 45 users from the appellate courts to review future system enhancements.

Judicial Automation staff also developed a completely new and separate docket for Commonwealth Court's Reliance Insurance cases and prototyped a template merge concept, which will allow the appellate courts to instantly generate an editable caption in a document with information from PACMS.

Additional document management functions were developed for the appellate court case management system to include chambers circulations and internal assignments. Training sessions in these areas were held for Supreme Court staff.

Work continued on the e-filing module for PACMS. The pilot phase of the project is slated to begin in early 2012. Petitions for Allowance of Appeal and all other documents (motions, briefs, reproduced records, etc.) on existing Supreme Court cases will be filed. Online payment of filing fees through e-Pay will be required for e-filers.

### *Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS)*

CPCMS is a statewide case management system for Pennsylvania's trial courts that includes docketing, accounting and other important case management functions. The first phase of development, completed in 2006, covers criminal courts and is used primarily by clerks of courts, court administration and judges and their staffs.

CPCMS produces approximately 575 forms and reports, including master account reports that completely automate the disbursement of funds collected by the courts to the correct entities. It provides a facility to export report data from the system to other applications such as Microsoft Excel and Access so that counties can customize the presentation of information as desired.

As in previous years, in 2011 Judicial Automation staff held many regional training sessions for both new and existing system users. The training sessions focused on enhancements to the system as well as provided advanced training in complex areas such as accounting.

### Dependency Case Module

Judicial Automation continued work on a dependency case module that generates local and statewide statistical information based on national performance measures. These measures will allow the courts to assess their efficiency in handling dependency matters.

An e-filing process for both the dependency and delinquency petitions into CPCMS was also developed as a pilot in Philadelphia.

Numerous changes were made to the dependency orders to reflect rules changes that went into effect on July 2011. A new form was also developed to accommodate a new rule requiring court approval prior to changing a child's placement.

An Advanced Dependency Workshop on data quality and statistical reports was offered throughout the state from September to November. The workshops were designed to decrease errors and problems on the statistical reports and illustrate to users how to manage their caseloads using the existing CPCMS reports.

A new system for tracking incoming expungement requests for CPCMS was developed, using bar code technology to track where the requests are at different stages of the AOPC process. The expungements are tracked in a spreadsheet that shows current status and history of all requests coming into the AOPC.

### *Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS)*

The Magisterial District Judge System provides case management and accounting functions to all magisterial district judges (MDJs) and their staffs statewide, approximately 3,500 users. The system has been in place since 1992 and generates all forms needed for civil, criminal and traffic case-processing.

Rollout of the newly-designed MDJS was completed in December 2011, providing more functionality and access to statewide data on an updated technology platform similar to that of the Common Pleas and appellate case management systems.

New printers and thin clients were installed in each MDJ court, and one "old" thin client in several MDJ courts was left for use by the public for making online payments and for viewing the public docket sheets.

As part of its ongoing efforts to control costs within the judiciary, the Supreme Court began efforts at "right-sizing" the MDJ courts, i.e., determining how best to serve citizens of the Commonwealth while reducing the number of courts. These efforts required increased MDJS functionality to move existing caseloads from the offices being eliminated to active MDJ offices. In addition, the asset management team

made arrangements to relocate staff, offices and equipment as well as disconnect the network infrastructure in place at the closing offices.

The team also met with Judicial Programs staff to discuss data needs for right-sizing. The team proposed creation of an Access database of MDJS information that the Judicial Programs staff could use to provide data and weighted caseload information reports to the counties.

Allegheny County continued filing criminal complaints electronically. Approximately 75,000 cases had been accepted by year's end. While the paper complaints still need to be filed, this program has saved enormous amounts of data entry time for district court staff.

To handle new requirements, a new function was also added to the MDJS to record the parcel number and address of property in code violation cases. This information was added to the Web docket sheets for both the CPCM and MDJ systems and included the ability to search public docket sheets by parcel number or parcel address.

A new system for tracking incoming expungement requests was also developed for the MDJS.

### *Administrative Support Application Project (ASAP)*

ASAP is a software application that was developed in-house at the AOPC to support the administrative functions of the appellate courts, AOPC and First Judicial District (Philadelphia). The system includes payroll, human resources and finance modules. The ASAP team also supports applications developed for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE).

The 2011 financial disclosure filing year for judicial officers and court staff closed on May 1. This year 70 percent of judicial officers filed their statements online, a two percent increase over last year.

An online payment feature was added to the (BLE's) Online Bar Application system, allowing bar applicants to pay their bar examination fees electronically. This project includes features such as electronic signature capability and online authorization and release.

### *Web Team/Data Hub Team*

The Data Hub Team filled 513 public access requests for court data.

In addition to working on e-filing, the Web team began to work with the AOPC Communications Office to develop a new UJS content website.

### *General*

The courts continued developing "e-filing" at several levels to eliminate the need for manual data entry and to save a significant amount of time for both filers and court staff. The recently completed joint effort with the Pennsylvania State Police to electronically file traffic citations, for example, proved to be very successful, cutting in half the amount of time it takes a trooper to issue a citation manually. With this process no paper is filed in the courts, eliminating the need for officers to deliver the traffic citations to the district courts and for court staff to enter citation information manually into the judiciary's computer system. This new process is estimated to save court staff 77,000 hours annually.

The process also improves safety because when driver's license and registration information is entered into a trooper's mobile data terminal, state and national databases are automatically checked to determine whether outstanding warrants exist for the driver or whether the vehicle has been reported stolen. In addition, license and registration information is electronically transferred to the traffic citation form, thus allowing the trooper to get back on the road more quickly and resume duties.

In 2011 a few local police departments begin e-filing traffic citations, and many are expected to begin doing so in the future.

In conjunction with the Incident Management Team, Judicial Automation staff implemented the new Judicial Emergency Notification System (JENS). The system allows the AOPC to easily generate electronic notifications through a wide variety of communications methods to advise court staff of weather advisories, pandemics and other emergencies. This system replaces reliance on BlackBerries and enables the AOPC to reach a wider audience.

Judicial Automation staff also developed a Web-based attorney registration application for the Disciplinary Board, allowing attorneys to file their annual statements and pay their registration fees online.

The use of the public and secure Web docket sheets continued to rise with an average of nearly 1.8 million hits per month.

## **Deputy Court Administrator's Office**

### *Communications/Legislative Affairs*

In its role as both legislative and media liaison, the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs 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

- *Pennsylvania's Courts: A Video Introduction*, an educational video guide to Pennsylvania's Courts
- *AOPConnected*, the Administrative Office's quarterly newsletter
- develop other publications
- set up news conferences.

The office also monitors the progress of legislation in the General Assembly; compiles and publishes a legislative summary when the General Assembly is in session and, when appropriate, comments on the effect legislation may have on the fiscal and administrative operations of the judicial system. With the computerization of the magisterial district judge and Common Pleas courts, staff also monitor and report on legislation that may necessitate changes to the respective software programs.

### *Administrative Services*

The Office of Administrative Services is responsible for a variety of administrative-related tasks, including procurement for the Administrative Office, issues relating to facility management, fixed asset control, disaster recovery planning, mail and messenger services, fleet vehicle management, employee and visitor parking and oversight of the conference center in the Pennsylvania Judicial Center.

A significant responsibility of the department during the year was working collaboratively with the Judicial Automation Department in renovations of its Ritter Road facilities. Staff involvement included building design and layout; selection and placement of office furniture, workstations and office equipment; developing policies and procedures for building access, parking and security; budget and asset management system preparation and review of commercial leases.

## **Judicial Security**

The goal of Judicial Security is to support efforts to ensure that every state court facility in Pennsylvania is a safe place, not only for jurists and their staff, but for litigants and their families, jurors, witnesses, victims of crime and the general public to conduct their business.

In 2011 the AOPC completed its comprehensive project to provide Common Pleas and magisterial district courts with the ability to conduct preliminary arraignments via videoconferencing technology. The initiative is intended to reduce defendant transports from jails, prisons, state police barracks and booking centers to these courts, thereby minimizing the risk of incidents that cause injury or harm to participants in these judicial proceedings, transporting officers and bystanders. In addition, the use of videoconferencing has realized cost savings for participating counties and law enforcement agencies.

The AOPC embarked on a project to reimburse counties for the purchase of security equipment for Common Pleas and magisterial district courts. Funds will be used for security cameras, access control systems, exterior lighting and other physical security measures.

In the fall a seventh round of regional workshops was conducted for all local court security committees throughout the Commonwealth. These committees, comprised primarily of president judges, sheriffs, court administrators and county executives, are encouraged to meet regularly to formulate and implement plans to respond to security incidents and emergency situations that occur in their courts. The workshop focused on the fundamentals of safety and security and the Rules of Judicial Administration governing court emergencies, continuity of operations planning and safety and security.

In 2011 the AOPC began a project to ensure that all courts have the means to preserve and make available vital court records in order to perform essential functions in the



aftermath of disrupted operations due to man-made or natural disasters or public emergencies.

## Judicial Education

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 judges serving appellate duties. In addition to educational programs, members of each court hold administrative sessions at these conferences.

The conference featured these programs in 2011:

- United States Supreme Court Update
- Nuremburg Trials and the Rule of Law
- Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention and America

### *Courts of Common Pleas*

During 2011 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 2011 meetings were:

- Law and Justice and the Holocaust: How the Courts Failed Germany
- Criminal Law Update
- Cross Cultural Issues in Dispute Resolution - Part II
- There is Nothing Cool About Being a Bully
- Current Issues Involving Medicare and Medicaid Subrogation and Lien Resolution in Tort Litigation
- Crimmigration
- Orphans' Court: Projected Legislative and Rule Changes
- Diversity and Nondiscrimination in the Workforce of Pennsylvania Courts
- How State Probation and Parole Sentences Are Implemented
- Family Law: Preparing the Opinion, Fast Track and the New Custody Statute
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- From Personal Liberty of Emancipation: Pennsylvania's Impact on the End of Slavery
- When Judges Speak: The Ethics of Judicial Communication inside and outside the Courtroom

- Right to Know Law Update
- Business Valuation
- Reengineering Your Parole and Probation Department
- Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Adjudications of Delinquency
- Civil Gideon
- Hot Button Issues in Real Estate Law
- Establishing Custody Orders That Meet the Developmental Needs of Children
- Nuisance Bars
- Social Networks II
- The Death of American Virtue: *Clinton vs. Starr*

### Symposia

The Judicial Education Department also presents symposia across the Commonwealth. These two-day programs allow jurists opportunities for in-depth examination of discrete areas of law in smaller, more intensive groups. These sessions are repeated in different regions of the state to maintain small group size and encourage open and critical discourse.

The department presented the following symposia in 2011:

- Handling Capital Cases  
Faculty included national experts and jurists from Pennsylvania's Courts of Common Pleas. Topics of discussion included a primer on constitutional law, jury selection, Pennsylvania statutes, aggravators and victim impact, mitigating factors, the penalty phase, evidence, closing arguments, jury instructions, responding to problems and emerging topics in capital cases.

- Social Technologies in the Courtroom: Uses, Abuses and Implications  
This symposium looked at the ways in which social media can impact the courts in regards to evidence and juries and as a public reporting mechanism. Faculty included national experts.

### Special Programs

The Judicial Education Department facilitated several special programs during 2011.

- Villanova Sentencing Workshop  
Each year the Judicial Education Department collaborates with Villanova Law School and the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission to produce a sentencing workshop. The workshop combines twelve third-year law students from Villanova and six Common Pleas judges in an exercise to better understand and utilize sentencing guidelines. This successful program garners high praise from judges who attend.
- Teachers Institute on the Judiciary  
This one-day program, geared toward junior high and high school teachers, was developed in collaboration with the Office of the First Lady and the Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy (PennCORD). The program centered on civics education with specific focus on the role of the judiciary in a democratic society. Prominent constitutional scholars provided lecture material that complemented the day's activities and offered teachers alternative methods of teaching about the courts. Judges described the functions of their courts in the Pennsylvania system and facilitated mock Supreme Court arguments. This program was first held in 2008.

### New Product Development

Several new products were developed during 2011 to enhance the educational experience of judges and to increase efficiency in the

delivery of educational programs. In addition, department staff contributed to the development of educational materials to enhance civic education about the judiciary and its role in our democracy. Included in these products are

- **President Judge Desk Book**  
The Judicial Education Department began developing a desk book for judges with administrative responsibilities, in 2009. During 2011 the book underwent extensive review and editing. It provides basic information and guidance to president judges in a form that can be adapted to local rules and customs. Publication in 2012 is expected.
- **Dependency Curriculum and Program Modules**  
The Judicial Education Department developed an educational curriculum for trial judges who handle cases involving dependent children. The document is grounded in – and intended to be used with – the Pennsylvania Dependency Benchbook and Science Companion. Pennsylvania dependency procedures and child development science are covered in discrete curricular program modules. The 90-page document incorporates adult learning principles with identified educational objectives in 27 program outlines.
- **Regional Round Table**  
These gatherings were conceived as opportunities for judges hearing similar types of cases to discuss areas of common concern and interest. Regional round tables were held in four regions of the Commonwealth in each of five different areas of law: civil, criminal, juvenile, family and orphans' court.

## Human Resources

The Department of Human Resources

- monitors and ensures UJS compliance with state and federal employment statutes
- maintains all UJS fringe benefit programs and counsels judiciary personnel regarding their provisions and utilization
- administers the UJS employee leave accounting program and the UJS Unemployment Compensation and Workers Compensation programs
- formulates and administers the personnel policies and procedures that govern the personnel operations of the UJS
- assists managers in the recruiting, interviewing and hiring of new staff and develops and administers AOPC hiring procedures
- formulates and administers position classification and pay plans for the UJS
- monitors and administers the UJS performance management system
- develops training curriculum, policies and procedures for judiciary personnel.

## Finance

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 \$357.9 million in annual appropriations, including \$35.8 million in grants to counties

- participating in the annual financial audit of the UJS
- serving as the central clearinghouse for all financial transactions impacting the judiciary
- assisting in the management of the finances of the First Judicial District/AOPC Procurement Unit, including recommending investment and banking strategy. **AOPC**



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

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

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## 2011 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2011:

- codification that a petition for allowance of appeal is the procedural mechanism for review of an intermediate appellate court order quashing or dismissing an appeal
- a new Comment to the rule governing petition for review to provide a case citation
- clarification that an automatic *supersedeas* continues through any proceedings in the United States Supreme Court
- clarification of the filing and service requirements for *amicus curiae* briefs
- a joint recommendation with the Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee on the appealability of certain orders from orphans' court

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2011:

- clarification of the deadline calculation for filing cross appeals, cross petitions for allowance of appeal and additional petitions for review
- permitting an appellant to address in a reply brief matters raised in *amicus curiae* briefs
- procedures requiring counsel to proceed with an appeal regardless of whether the attorney believes there are no non-meritorious issues to appeal
- a mechanism for the expedited appellate review of an order of out of home placement entered pursuant to the Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure
- clarification of the procedure for disposing of pending post-trial motions after a notice of appeal has been filed
- briefing schedules and timing
- the implementation of an e-filing program of certain legal papers in the Supreme Court.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's website at [www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/AppCtRulesCom](http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/AppCtRulesCom).

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## About the Committee

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

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

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## 2011 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The Supreme Court adopted the following recommendations in 2011:

- amendment to the rules governing venue in medical professional liability actions so that out-of-state defendants are treated the same as in-state defendants
- amendment to permit the written jury charge to be submitted to the jury for use during its deliberations.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's website at [www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/CivilProcRulesCom](http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/CivilProcRulesCom).

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2011:

- prohibition of discovery of communications between counsel and his/her expert witness
- guidance for addressing the discovery of electronically stored information
- uniform interstate depositions and discovery
- admission of documentary evidence upon the trial of an appeal from the award of arbitrators in compulsory arbitration
- requirement that the written statement on which a certificate of merit is based be attached to the certificate of merit when the certificate is not signed by an attorney
- relief from judgment of *non pros* for inactivity based on case law.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's website.

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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 of Pennsylvania 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 about 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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## 2011 Activities

The committee published for comment a complete restyling of the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence to reflect changes with the Federal Rules of Evidence, improve readability and eliminate historical Comments. **AOPC**

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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.

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## 2011 Activities

### *Proposals Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were approved by the Supreme Court in 2011:

- alignment of procedures related to license suspensions after failing to respond to a citation or summons with new legislation
- revision of Comments to include citations to recent case law that address the defendant's right to proceed *pro se* and the timeliness of a defendant's request to proceed *pro se*
- clarification that orders for expungement in Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition cases must contain the same content as expungement orders for summary cases
- clarification of procedures for appeals from the Philadelphia Municipal Court to the Court of Common Pleas for a trial *de novo*.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's website at [www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/CrimProcRules](http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/CrimProcRules).

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2011:

- clarification that criminal case records in both the magisterial district court and Court of Common Pleas are available to the public with certain exceptions
- clarification that a defendant may plead guilty to other offenses at the time of sentencing in probation, intermediate punishment or parole violation cases
- amendment to provide for the Commonwealth's participation in the waiver of the individual method of *voir dire*
- procedure to require counsel to proceed with an appeal regardless of whether the attorney believes there are no non-meritorious issues to appeal
- new procedures in summary cases when a defendant fails to respond to a citation or summons
- the use of two-way communications in certain court proceedings
- amendments pertaining to indicting grand juries.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's website.

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42 Pa. C.S., § 1722(a)

## 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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## 2011 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2011:

- reorganization of divorce rules to be consistent with the format of support and custody rules
- clarification of the apportionment of medical insurance premiums in support cases
- clarification that the reductions in a child support order for substantial or shared custody apply in high income cases that are not calculated pursuant to the schedule of basic child support
- authorization of the court to enter a child support order against either party in all cases without regard to which party initiated the support action. The amendments also provide that, in general, the party who has primary custody of the child/ren is the obligee. When the parties share custody equally, the obligee will be the party with the lower income
- methodology for calculating support when the parties have more than one child and the children have different custodial schedules

- calculation of child support in situations in which a support obligor is the party receiving Social Security derivative benefits on a child's behalf
- prevention of overpayments in support cases and recoupment of overpayments of support
- requirement that income information be provided in all cases and that a guidelines calculation be performed unless both parties are represented by counsel in reaching an agreement and object to providing income information
- an unpublished recommendation for amendments of a perfunctory nature.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's website at [www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/DomRelProcRules](http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/DomRelProcRules).

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The committee published recommendations for comment dealing with comprehensive amendments to the custody rules to implement the revised custody statute.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's website.

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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.

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## 2011 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The Supreme Court adopted the following recommendations in 2011:

- address of the educational, health care and disability needs for juveniles and children involved in juvenile court
- address of several proposals from the Pennsylvania Children's Roundtable Benchbook Committee, including
  - informing the guardian of the right to counsel
  - requiring a motion for modification of a dependent child's placement prior to the child being moved
  - requiring a permanency hearing at least every six months
  - requiring certain findings when terminating court supervision
- clarification of the intent of Rule 1604 when a foster parent, pre-adoptive parent or relative providing care for a child may submit a report to the court
- clarification of the intent of the bench warrant rule
- address of the use of advanced communication technology and mandate of certain in-person court appearances

- limitation of the use of restraints in the courtroom
- setting presumption that every juvenile is indigent, thereby requiring appointment of counsel
- address of the rights of victims to be a part of the court process, receiving notice and having the opportunity to participate in the proceedings
- clarification of the role and authority of the juvenile probation officer and requirement that the officer have training
- clarification of the definition of a juvenile.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's website at [www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/JuvenileCourtProcedural](http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/JuvenileCourtProcedural).

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2011:

- the role of the prosecutor in juvenile proceedings
- limitations on a juvenile's ability to waive counsel
- written admission colloquy
- procedures for *nunc pro tunc* relief.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's website. **AOPC**

## 2011 Membership

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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.

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## 2011 Activities

The Minor Court Rules Committee continued to monitor legislation, practice and procedure and formulate recommendations that will facilitate the practice of law in the Commonwealth.

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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.

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## 2011 Activities

### *Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court*

The Supreme Court adopted the following recommendations in 2011:

- amendments to statewide forms used to petition for probate and grant of letters to reflect recent legislation and forms
- creation of rules for foreign adoptions so adoptive families can obtain a decree from the local orphans' court allowing adoptive children to complete the citizenship process and obtain a birth certificate

- enactment of a joint recommendation with the Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee on the appealability of certain orders from orphans' court.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's website at [www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/OrphansCourtProcedural](http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/OrphansCourtProcedural).

### *Recommendations Published for Comment*

The committee published proposed changes to adoption procedures to incorporate aspects of Act 101 of 2010, concerning open adoption agreements.

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## Legal Authorization

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

## About the Board

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

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

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## Bar Procedures

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

## 2011 Statistics

Statistics for 2011, including a comparison with 2010's figures, can be found in Table 4.1.1. Chart 4.1.2 on page 41 details the percentage of those passing the bar since 2002 while Chart 4.1.3 on page 42 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.

## 2011 Activities

The board met or held teleconferences seven times in 2011 to review bar admission rules and recommend rule changes, review proposed essay questions and analyses, approve examination results and set policy. It also held two semi-annual meetings, one following each of the two bar examinations, to review the essay exam questions, analyses and proposed grading guidelines.

### *Proposals Adopted by the Supreme Court*

**Pa.B.A.R 231:** Amendment specifying both the **time limit** in which applicants must file a **Motion for Admission** after having taken the bar examination and the time limit in which applicants must file an application for **admission on motion**. Adopted 3-22-11, effective 4-21-11.

**Pa.B.A.R. 203 and 204:** Amendments to require an applicant seeking to sit for the bar examination or be admitted on motion to have **graduated from a law school that was approved by the American Bar Association** at

Sitting for February Exam		692
Change from 2010	85	14.00%
Persons passing February exam		482
Persons failing February exam		210
Passing Percentage		69.65%
2010 Passing Percentage		56.34%
Sitting for July exam		2,110
Change from 2010	83	4.09%
Persons passing July exam		1,684
Persons failing July exam		426
Passing Percentage		79.81%
2010 Passing percentage		79.67%
Applications for admission on motion/ limited in-house counsel admission		340
Courtesy reviews of conditions that qualify for admission on motion		50+
Hearings held to appeal denial of admission		42

Table 4.1.1

the time the applicant matriculated or graduated or to have met certain other requirements. Adopted 10-14-11, effective 11-13-11.

## Filing Fees

The filing fees charged for processing applications in 2011 are as follows:

For new applicants:

- \$500 first-time filing fee
- \$650 late first filing fee
- \$950 second late filing fee
- \$1,350 final filing fee

For re-applicants:

- \$250 first-time filing fee
- \$400 late first filing fee

- \$650 second late filing fee
- \$950 final filing fee

Other:

- \$1,000 for admission on motion
- \$650 for limited in-house counsel license

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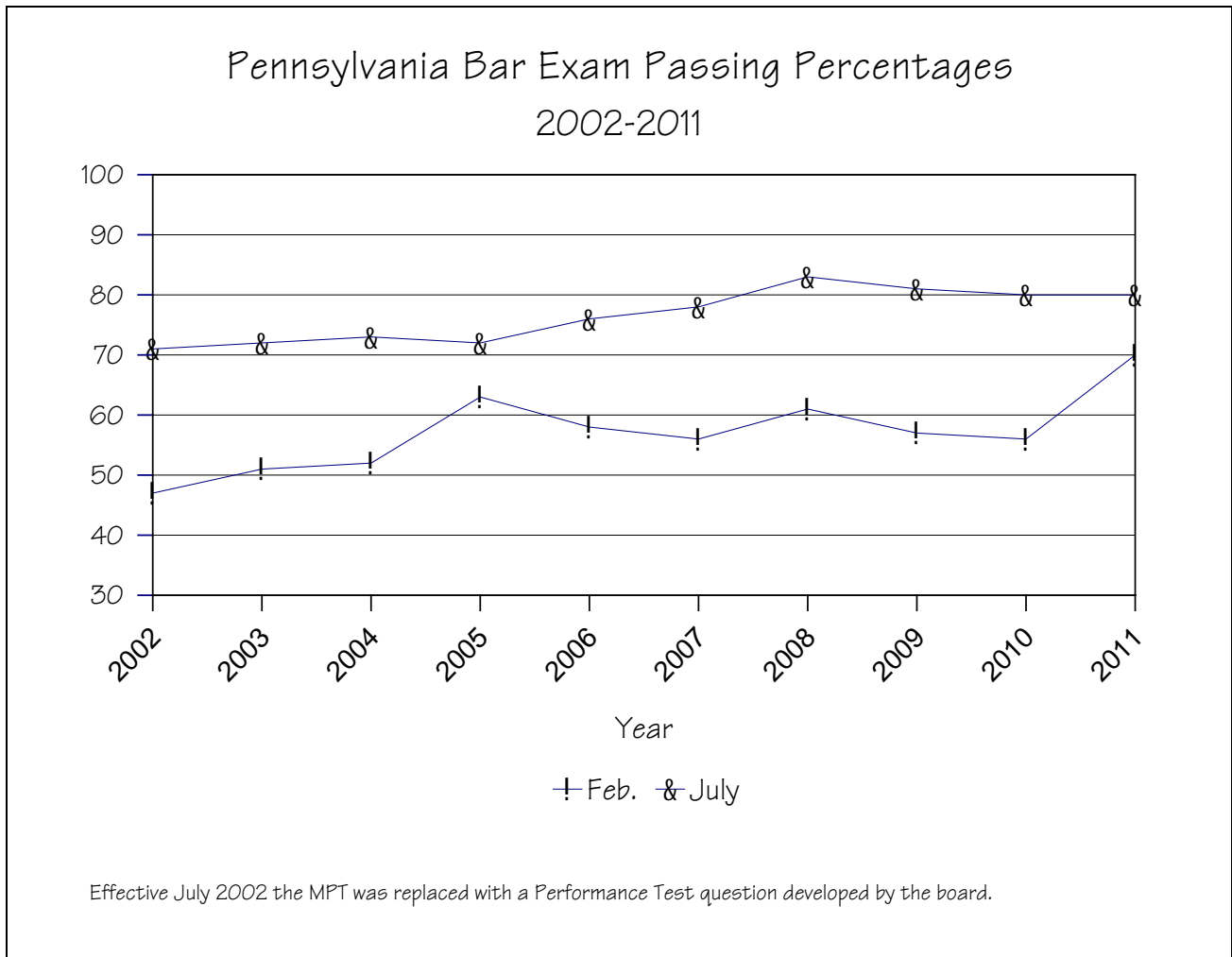
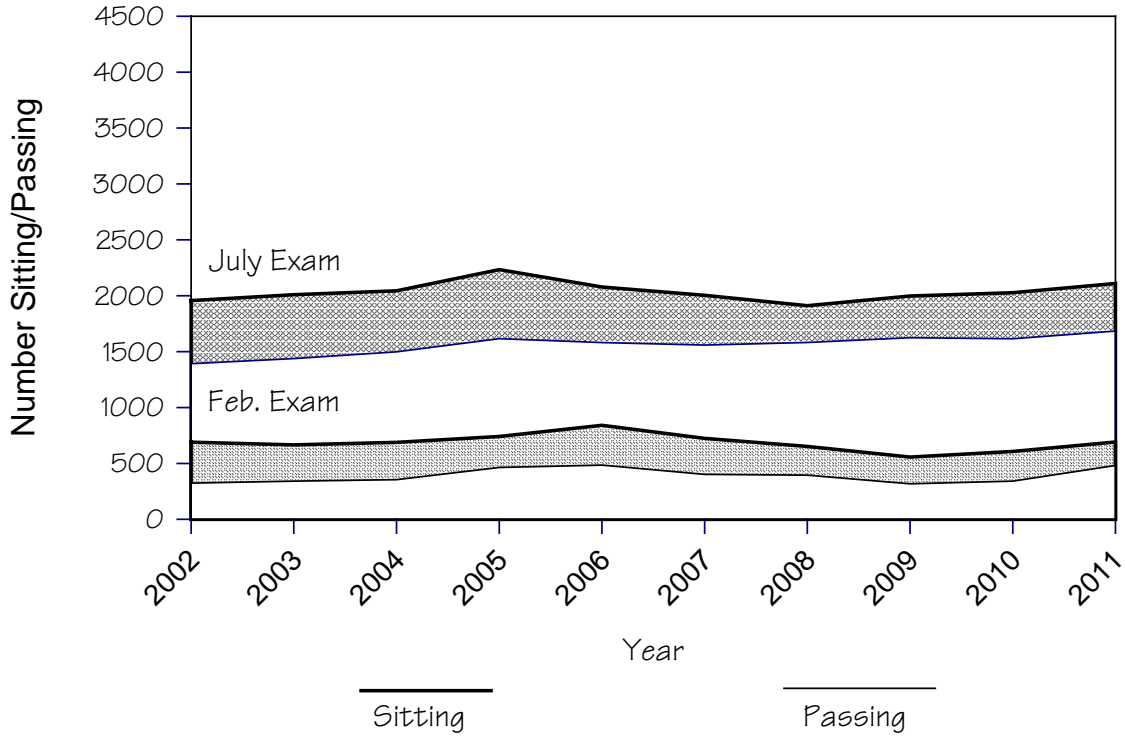


Table 4.1.2

### Comparison of Applicants Sitting to Applicants Passing 2002-2011



Effective July 2002 the MPT was replaced with a Performance Test question developed by the board.

Table 4.1.3

## 2011 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.

# Committee for Proposed Standard Jury Instructions

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## Committee Activities

### *Civil Instructions*

In 2011 the Civil Jury Instructions Subcommittee continued its mission of updating the *Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions* by releasing a fourth edition. This new edition features the following:

- a revised sequence of chapters with non-cause of action instructions compiled in volume one and cause of action instructions compiled in volume two
- reorganized evidence instructions from one chapter to the following three chapters: Evidence, Believability of Witnesses, and Burden of Proof and Presumption
- incorporated plain English revisions throughout the new edition
- addition of an Appellate Citation Table, citing all cases referencing the *Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions*

The fourth edition includes updates of the searchable companion CD-ROM, derivation table and subject matter index.

The subcommittee continues to incorporate revisions based upon case law developments, new Rules of Civil Procedure and new

legislation as well as comments from lawyers and judges. It also continues its plain-English objective to revise the instructions to make them more understandable to lay jurors. It is committed to updating the instructions every 18 to 24 months.

### *Criminal Instructions*

In 2011 the subcommittee continued its mission of updating the Pennsylvania *Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions* included in the Second Edition (2005) and subsequent supplements (2006, 2008, 2010).

This reference, which includes a searchable companion CD and a subject matter index, contains hundreds of criminal instructions keyed numerically to the Crimes Code, with many offering alternative language, depending on the case facts.

The committee members continually monitor pertinent case law to update the Subcommittee Notes, which offer commentary explaining the appropriate instruction application, identifying relevant case law citations and offering practical guidance. The subcommittee's ongoing goal is to improve the language of the instructions to ensure that a proper statement of law is conveyed and that the instructions are accessible to the jurors applying them. The subcommittee is committed to updating the instructions every 18 to 24 months. **AOPC**

## 2011 Membership

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## Legal Authorization

Title 204 – Judicial System General Provisions Part 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 & Compliance Requirements**

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

## **2011 Board Actions and Operations Highlights**

The board held three meetings in 2011.

A total of 31,334 accredited continuing education courses were offered by more than 1,900 course providers in 2011.

### *Distance Learning*

Lawyers have the option to complete up to four credits per compliance period via distance learning. Currently, 76 providers are approved to offer such programs. Approximately 17,000 programs are available.

### *Bridge the Gap Program*

The board coordinated Bridge the Gap programming with accredited providers to ensure availability and low-cost offerings to newly admitted lawyers. In 2011, 53 presentations were conducted, and 1,886 lawyers completed the program.

### *PA CLE Providers Conference*

The board's annual conference for CLE providers was held June 10, 2011. Opening remarks were provided by Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin. In addition to news and updates on continuing legal education, the conference included a presentation on "Soft Skills: Importance for Lawyers – Importance for CLE" and a panel discussion on CLE in Pennsylvania. The panel included CLE Board

Chair Abraham Reich, Chief Disciplinary Counsel Paul Killion and CLE Board Administrator Daniel Levering. It was facilitated by Evelyn Sullivan, executive director of the Lancaster Bar Association.

### *Criminal Procedure Rule 801*

Rule of Criminal Procedure 801 requires that defense attorneys who wish to participate in capital cases meet certain education and experiential requirements. It is the responsibility of the Continuing Legal Education Board to administer and track the educational requirements of this rule. To this end, in 2011 the board accredited 55 capital counsel training programs. It also maintained online mechanisms to promote course availability and identify counsel who satisfied the educational requirement. In 2011, 492 lawyers met the requirement.

### *Electronic Compliance Notifications*

The board introduced automated preliminary transcript reports in 2011. This electronic compliance notification system replaces the paper transcripts previously sent to attorneys. The benefits of this feature include a cost savings as well as the ability to provide lawyers with the most accurate and up-to-date CLE records.

### *Law Firm Services*

The board maintains an online CLE compliance transcript option for law firms. This program allows designated users access to the compliance status of all lawyers in their firms. Currently, 83 law firms participate.

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

The board continued to provide training and technical support to over 300 accredited

providers who use the Automated System for Accredited Providers (ASAP). The internally-developed Internet software allows for the paperless reporting of provider courses, course attendance and course evaluations. In 2011, 37 new training sessions were provided, and 83 percent of credit hours were reported electronically.

### *Online Payment Features*

The CLE Board allows lawyers to pay late fees online. In 2011, 60 percent of compliance payments were made in this manner.

The board continued to utilize Automated Clearing House (ACH), an automated payment system, to process payments from CLE providers. In 2011, 136 providers filed payments through ACH.

### *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 on the Management Committee. Board Office Manager and association Past President (2008) Katey Buggy serves as chair of the Management Committee and on the Membership Committee.

Two meetings were held in 2011.

### *National Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Working Group*

In 2011 a group was formed to consider possible methods for implementing recommendations made at a 2009 CLE and lawyer development institute. This group includes participants from across the country. Dan Levering is one of three participants from states that require CLE for attorneys.

The current focus of the group is on developing accreditation standards for distance learning programs and updating standards for live programs.

### *Philadelphia Bar Association: Open Forum on CLE*

The Professional Responsibility Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Education Center held a program called "An Open Forum on CLE." Abraham Reich and Dan Levering participated in the event as panelists along with Sarah Woods, executive director of Philadelphia VIP, a legal services organization.

### *Attorney Compliance*

Lawyer compliance rates with CLE requirements remain high. Table 4.3.1 on page 48 indicates the percentage of lawyers who met the requirements. **AOPC**

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
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
05-06	19,556	19,443	113	99.4
06-07	19,934	19,842	92	99.5
				continued...

Table 4.3.1

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

Table 4.3.1, cont'd.



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- \*\* Appointed chair 4-1-11
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- ++ Term expired 12-29-11

## 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 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).)

2011 Statistics	
Attorneys	58,968*
Change from 2010	(0.94%)
*This figure does not include 11,296 inactive paid attorneys.	
Complaints filed with board	4,598
Change from 2010	(2.75%)
Pending at start of 2011	937
Complaints disposed of	4,666
Total complaints resulting in discipline	270
Total pending at end of 2011	1,008

Table 4.4.1

## 2011 Activities

Statistics for 2011 can be found in Table 4.4.1 above.

In an effort to save on expenses, the Disciplinary Board reduced the number of board meetings from five to four in 2011. The results of the executive sessions can be found in Table 4.4.2 on page 53. 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 56. Comparisons of cumulative actions taken and actions taken in 2011 can be found in Chart 4.4.5 on page 58. Statistics for Joint Petitions for Discipline on Consent for 2011 can be found in Table 4.4.3 on page 54.

In October 2011 the board adopted a procedure to expedite processing requests for reinstatements from inactive status, retired status or administrative suspension. In cases where the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) initially opposes one of these reinstatements then withdraws the objection, the case will be assigned to one board member for review. If the board member approves the reinstatement, a report is drafted, and the matter is forwarded to the Supreme Court. If the board member has concerns, the matter will be held over to the next scheduled board meeting for consideration.

## Rules Committee

The following rules change became effective in 2011:

**Pa.R.D.E. 514(b):** Amendment to increase the **maximum amount the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security may disburse** to any one claimant with respect to the dishonest conduct of an attorney from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Adopted 11-30-10, effective 1-17-11.

The following rules changes were approved by the Supreme Court in 2011:

**Pa.R.D.E. 301(e):** Amendment to require that a **certificate of admission of disability** filed by an attorney who is suffering from a disability that makes it impossible for him/her to prepare an adequate defense to disciplinary charges include an opinion from at least one medical

expert that explains the basis for the expert's opinion. Upon receipt of the certificate, the Court may either place the respondent on disability inactive status or order that he/she be examined by a medical expert. Adopted 1-3-11, effective 2-2-11.

**Pa.R.D.E. 205(c):** Amendment to clarify that the **duty of the board** is not to investigate complaints against attorneys, but to adjudicate matters brought before it by the ODC, which has the duty to investigate under Rule 207(b). Adopted 3-16-11, effective 4-15-11.

**Pa.R.D.E. 219 and 502 and Pa.R.P.C. 1.15:** Decreases the **annual fee** attorneys must pay to the Disciplinary Board from \$140 to \$135 and increases the annual fee to the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security from \$35 to \$40. Adopted 4-8-11, effective immediately.

**Pa.R.D.E. 203(b):** Amendment to provide that a respondent-attorney's failure to respond without good cause to the ODC's request or supplemental request for a statement of the respondent-attorney's position is **grounds for discipline**. Adopted 5-26-11, effective 6-25-11.

**Pa.R.D.E. 209(a):** Amendment to mirror the language used in **Rule 12 of the ABA Model Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement**, consistent with the opinion filed July 22, 2010, by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in *Stilp v. Contino*, 613 F.3d 405 (3d. Cir. 2010). Adopted 6-14-11, effective 7-14-11.

**Board Rules of Organization and Procedure Order No. 72: Conforming amendments** consistent with the amendments made to the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement to

2011 Executive Session Results	
Action	Total
Adjudications involving formal charges	64
Board referrals to Supreme Court, including report and recommendation for public discipline	54
Oral arguments before three-member panels of board members	12
Considerations by three-member panels of recommendations for summary private reprimands	10
Appeals by Office of Disciplinary Counsel from Review Hearing Committee members before three-member panels	1
Respondents appearing before board or three-member panels to receive private reprimands	20
Hearing before one board member on a probation violation	2
Hearing before one board member for emergency temporary suspension	1
Petitions for reinstatement to active status of attorneys inactive more than three years with no discipline involved	88

Table 4.4.2

Rules 208(f)(1), 203, 214, 216, 219, 214, 301, 205, 219, 203 and 209, respectively. Adopted effective 8-6-11.

The following recommendations for rules changes were published by the Disciplinary Board in 2011:

**Pa.R.D.E. 218 and 219: Reinstatement Procedures and Annual Attorney Registration.**

**Pa.R.D.E. 214: Self-reporting** criminal convictions, authorizing the ODC to commence prosecution while the conviction is pending in the Supreme Court.

**Pa.R.D.E. 204(a): Public reprimand** as a new type of discipline.

At the end of the year four proposals were pending with the Court.



2011 Joint Petitions for Discipline on Consent	
Action	Total
Joint Petitions in Support of Discipline on Consent filed	34
Petitions filed prior to scheduled disciplinary hearings	9
Petitions approved	20
Private discipline	10
Public discipline	10
Petitions denied	4
Petitions not yet final as of 12-31-11	10

Table 4.4.3

**Education Committee**

The Education Committee designed the program for the board’s retreat meeting in July 2011. The topic was “The Role of Education in the Disciplinary Process.” Guest speaker was Dan Levering, administrator of the Continuing Legal Education Board, and discussion centered on the Bridge the Gap program, how it began, where it is now and what is in the future.

The board also did a statistical study of rules violations versus the number of years the violating attorneys had been in practice. Results showed that it is not the newly admitted, younger attorneys who are engaging in the most common rules violations, but the attorneys who have more than 20 years of experience.

As a result of this study, the board decided that an educational course should be developed specifically for attorneys who engage in misconduct. In October 2011 the committee and several board members met with Ken Hagreen, executive director of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers. Mr. Hagreen recommended that the committee frame out the concept, come up with a plan and select six topics directed at the most common areas where violations occur.

The committee is continuing to develop this idea and has plans to discuss it further at the July 2012 education retreat.

In the meantime, the board voted to require that disbarred and suspended attorneys who are seeking reinstatement take the Bridge the Gap course through an accredited continuing legal education provider as part of the 36 hours of credits required to file for reinstatement. This change took effect December 1, 2011.

The Education Committee also designed the program used at the training session and refresher course for all Hearing Committee members, held in October 2011 in Hershey. Ken Hagreen again attended to discuss the science of addiction and mental health monitoring. Board members and staff presented other topics.

The program was attended by 47 Hearing Committee members.

**Hearings and Hearing Committees**

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, 2011, 82 senior members, 27 experienced members and 41 new

members were serving on a *pro bono* basis to conduct hearings.

### *Online Attorney Registration*

In the Spring of 2011, the Disciplinary Board launched online annual attorney registration. The system allows attorneys to securely submit registration forms and pay the annual fee to the board's Attorney Registration Office online. Payments are accepted using Visa, MasterCard and Discover as well as ATM/debit cards. Full details and instructions on the system are available on the Unified Judicial System Web Portal at <http://ujportal.pacourts.us>.

At the close of the registration period, 20 percent of all registered attorneys used online registration to pay their 2011-12 annual fees.

### *Going Paperless*

One of the topics at the February 2011 annual meeting of the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Inc. was Going Paperless. Discussions included electronic filing (e-filing), virtual case files and Web training. After that meeting the Disciplinary Board began exploring ways to eliminate the paper copies board members receive of adjudication folders, which contain the pleadings filed in matters coming before the board.

With the help of Amy Ceraso, director of the AOPC's Judicial Automation Department, and

her staff, a SharePoint site was developed under the umbrella of the Unified Judicial System. Board members are only able to access the site through a Web portal by using board-purchased laptop computers that are preprogrammed with high levels of security by AOPC IT staff.

The October 2011 board meeting was the first entirely paperless meeting. The board feels strongly that the savings in paper, postage and processing time will more than pay for the purchase of the laptops.

### *Allen Feingold Conservatorship and Bankruptcy*

In 2009 the Disciplinary Board appointed a conservator for the office of disbarred attorney Allen Feingold after Mr. Feingold persistently refused to comply with the Supreme Court's disbarment order. In February 2011 Judge Chad F. Kenney Sr. of Delaware County issued a final order discharging the conservator and directing, among other things, that Mr. Feingold pay the Disciplinary Board \$44,889.92 for outstanding costs relating to the prosecution of four disciplinary matters against him and \$9,375.00 for fees incurred in the conservatorship.

Mr. Feingold subsequently filed for bankruptcy, and the board has hired counsel from Florida to protect its interests in the bankruptcy proceeding. This matter was still pending at the close of 2011. **AOPC**

**DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-2011										
Disciplinary Cases								Reinstatement Cases		
Year	Informal	Private	Probation	Public			Total	Petitions	Petitions	Total
	Admonition	Reprimand		Censure	Suspension	Disbarment		Granted	Denied	
1973	37	0	0	0	3	3	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
2011	75	19	15	3	49*	32+	193	105#	2▲	107
Total	3,476	906	189	118	904	1,024	6,424	1,486	61	1,440

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Table 4.4.4

Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-2011, continued

- \* This figure includes 12 suspensions on consent (Rule 215 Pa.R.D.E.), but does not include eleven temporary suspensions (Rule 214 Pa.R.D.E.) or two temporary suspensions (Rule 208(f) Pa.R.D.E.)
- + This figure includes 16 disbarments on consent (Rule 215 Pa.R.D.E.).
- # This figure includes reinstatement to active status of 91 attorneys who had been inactive three or more years, eleven reinstatements after suspensions, one reinstatement from disability inactive status and two reinstatements after disbarment.
- ▲ This figure includes one reinstatement request denied after the attorney had been inactive for three or more years and one reinstatement denied after disbarment.

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### Disciplinary Board Actions Comparison

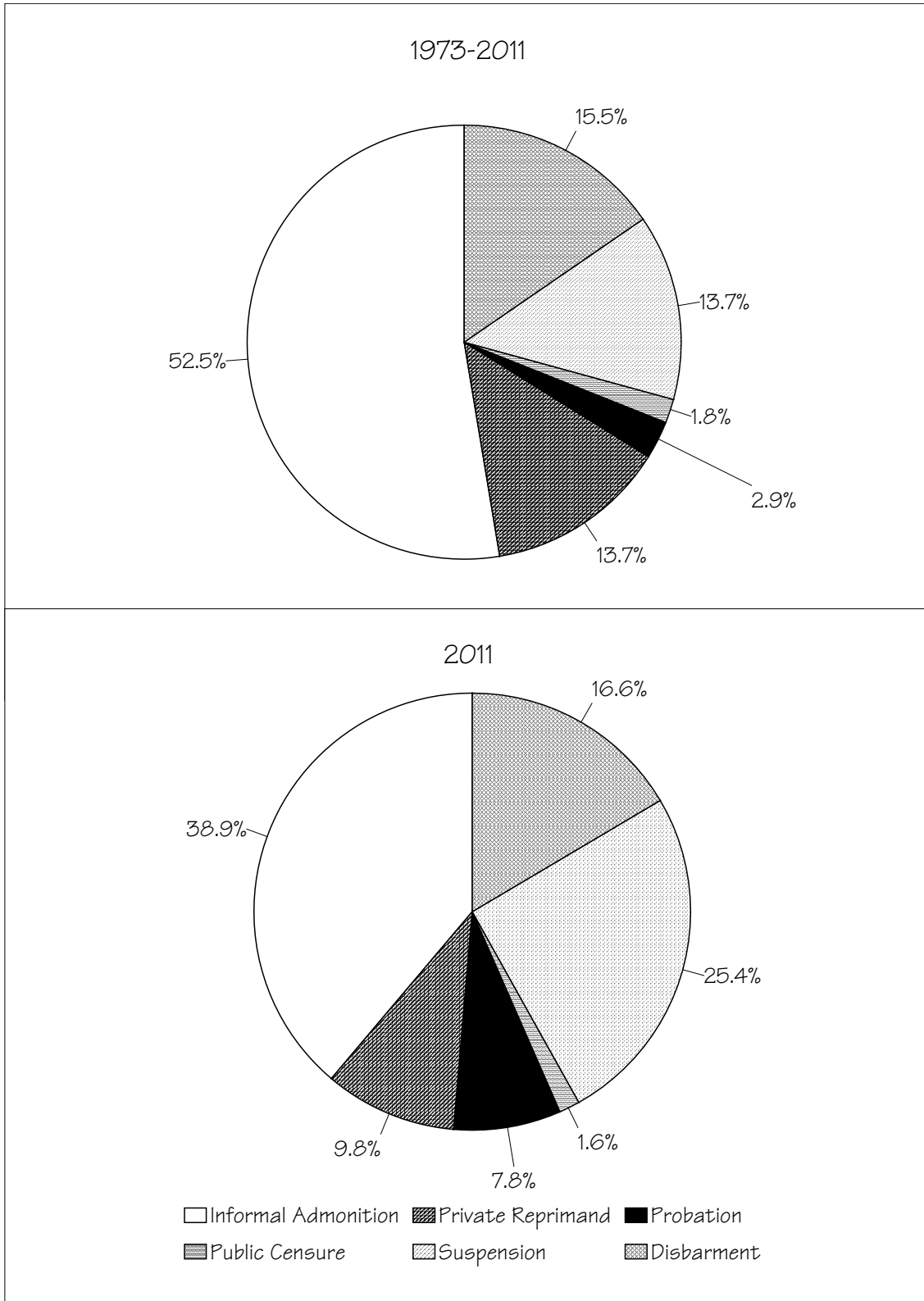


Table 4.4.5

## 2011 Membership

William T. Hangle, Esq., *Chair\**  
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Honorable Justin M. Johnson  
Kathy M. Manderino, Esq.  
Bryan S. Neft, Esq.  
James C. Schwartzman, Esq.  
Honorable Margherita Patti Worthington

## Staff

Alfred J. Azen, *Executive Director*  
Stephanie Libhart, *Assistant Director*

- \* Term expired 9-1-11
- \*\* Vice chair appointed chair 9-1-11
- + Appointed vice chair 9-1-11

## Legal Authorization

Supreme Court Order No. 252 (Disciplinary Docket No. 3, July 17, 1996)  
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](http://www.paiolta.org).

## Access to Justice Act

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

As part of the sunset provision in the statute, at least one year prior to the statute expiration date (November 1, 2012), the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LB&FC) must submit a performance audit to the General Assembly for the purpose of determining whether there is a continuing justification for the activities and level of financial support funded by the act.

The LB&FC conducted its audit and released its report in May 2011. The full report can be found on the IOLTA Board's website. The committee's two recommendations were as follows:

- that the General Assembly consider making the AJA fee and surcharge permanent in order to provide a more stable funding stream for civil legal aid
- that the IOLTA Board and Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc. (PLAN) develop a follow-up process to determine whether legal assistance provided by telephone has been effective.

The board and PLAN commissioned the study as suggested and will have the results in 2012.

## IOLTA Survey

In November 2011 the IOLTA Board issued its first ever survey on the provision of civil legal assistance by IOLTA-funded organizations. The results of the survey, which covered the 2009 calendar year or the 2009-10 fiscal year, can be found on the board's website. They show a statewide community of legal aid providers receiving funding of \$87,360,818. Sources include federal, state and local governments as well as miscellaneous local and private funds. In-kind, volunteer *pro bono* representation totaled an additional \$26.5 million.

The number of attorney hours spent in indigent client representation was estimated to be the equivalent of 61 full-time legal aid attorneys for the one-year period of the survey. Totals of 554 attorneys, 211 paralegals and 368 other volunteers provided *pro bono* assistance.

Statewide, 113,337 cases were closed by the 52 organizations participating in the survey. The most common types of cases included:

- family issues: 26%  
e.g., adoption, custody/visitation, divorce/separation/annulment, adult guardianship, name changes, paternal rights termination, domestic abuse, paternity, child support
- housing issues: 23%  
e.g., home ownership, landlord/tenant, foreclosures, public housing, housing discrimination, lending practices
- consumer/finance issues: 11%  
e.g., bankruptcy/debt relief, collection, contracts and warranties, lending practices, public utilities, unfair/deceptive sales practices
- miscellaneous issues: 10%  
e.g., legal assistance to nonprofit organizations, tribal law, licenses, torts, wills/estates, powers of attorney, municipal legal needs

**Fiscal Year 2011-12 Statistics**

Revenues for fiscal year 2011-12 were as follows:

IOLTA & MJ-IOTA	\$ 3,784,508
Access to Justice Act	10,537,316
Attorney Assessment	1,737,153
<i>Pro Hac Vice</i>	391,900
<i>Pro Bono</i> Contributions	46,404
Class Action Residuals	864,030
Other	27,919
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,389,230</b>

Grants totaling \$16,769,421 were awarded in fiscal year 2011-12 as follows:

Legal Service Organizations	\$14,583,717
Pennsylvania Law Schools	1,599,739
<i>Pro Bono</i> Grants	48,750
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	537,215

The largest grant, \$12,527,215, 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 how IOLTA funds have been distributed since fiscal year 1995-96 when the program became mandatory. **AOPC**

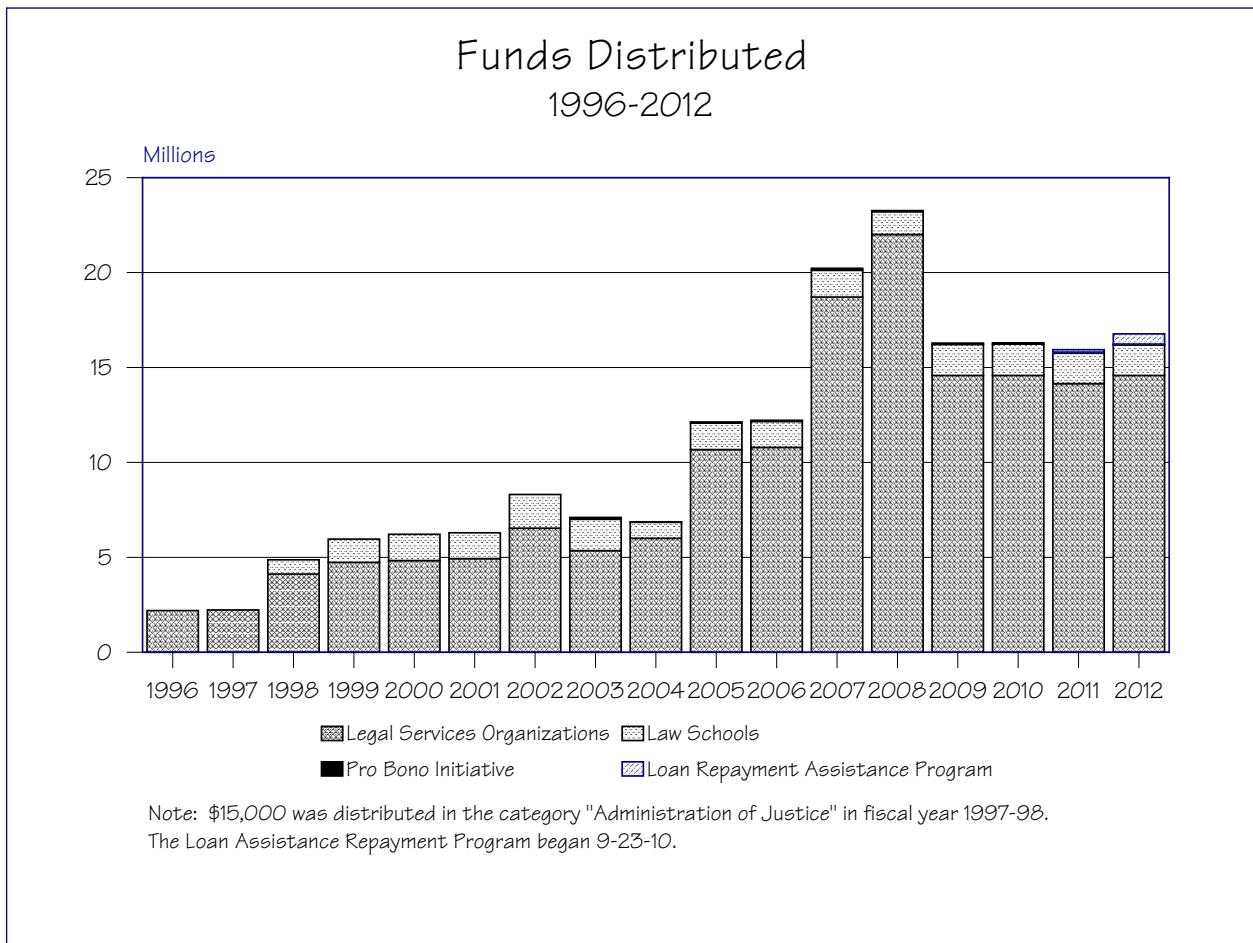


Table 4.5.1





## 2011 Membership

Honorable Catherine M. Hummel Fried, *Chair*  
Jack Treadway, Ph.D., *Vice Chair*  
Honorable Richard G. King, *Secretary*  
Honorable Jonathan D. Grine  
Honorable John T. Robinson  
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## Staff

Susan M. Davis, *Judicial Education Administrator*  
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## Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution, Article V, §12  
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 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. It is the responsibility of the Minor Judiciary Education Board (MJEB) to instruct and certify individuals wishing to become magisterial district judges, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges or Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates. 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 magisterial district judges, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges, Philadelphia bail commissioners 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 magisterial district judges.

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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## 2011 Curriculum

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

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

### *Continuing Education for Magisterial District Judges*

Class requirements are 32 hours per year and were offered over 13 scheduled weeks.

- Review and Update of Civil Rules and Landlord/Tenant
- Review and Update of Criminal Rules of Procedure
- Pennsylvania Game Code
- Pennsylvania Dog Law
- Oversize Vehicles & Permitting
- Review and Update of the Motor Vehicle Code
- HUD & BOCA
- Sales Tax Collection Act 46
- Understanding Your Audit
- Litigating Cases in a Judge's Defense
- Ethics
- Insurance Fraud
- Truancy & Updates on Evidentiary Law & Search Warrants
- Procedural Fairness in the Courts
- MDJS Computer System Rewrite

### *Philadelphia Arraignment Court Magistrates*

- Bail
- Code of Conduct

- Handling Sex Crime Cases & Benchbook
- Digital Stalking
- Procedural Fairness in the Courts
- Litigating Cases in a Judge's Defense
- Review and Update of Criminal Rules of Procedure
- Ethics
- Charging Procedures

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

- Bankruptcy Law
- Ethics
- Magisterial District Judge Practices
- Magisterial District Judge Panel
- SCJAP President's Address
- SCJAP Website & List Serve Overview
- Office Administration
- Benefits & Code of Conduct
- Involuntary Mental Health Treatment & Commitment in Pennsylvania
- Landlord/Tenant Law
- MDJS Reports
- District Court Security

### *Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges*

- Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Update
- Boot & Tow
- Traffic Court Administration
- Ethics
- Litigating Cases in a Judge's Defense
- Procedural Fairness in the Courts
- Benefits
- Understanding Your Audit
- Hearsay Evidence

## Statistics

MJEB statistics for 2011 can be found in the chart on page 65.

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<i>2011 Educational Statistics</i>	
<i>Continuing education to magisterial district judges &amp; sr. magisterial district judges</i>	<i>643</i>
<i>Continuing legal education to attorney magisterial district judges &amp; sr. magisterial district judges</i>	<i>141</i>
<i>Magisterial district judge recertification</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Certification classes to prospective magisterial district judges</i>	<i>121</i>
<i>    Total certified</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Certification of prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court judges</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Certification of prospective Philadelphia Bail Commissioners</i>	<i>0</i>

Table 4.6.1



## 2011 Membership

Eric N. Anderson, Esq., *Board Chair*  
Robert K. Reitzel, *Board Vice Chair*  
Edwin H. Beachler III, Esq.  
Lewis F. Gould, Jr., Esq.  
Honorable Robert A. Graci  
Bishop Keith W. Reed, Sr.  
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Lisa A. Watkins, Esq., *Counsel*  
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 (\$35 for 2011-12 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 non-lawyer 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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## 2011 Claims Statistics

Statistics for the 2011-12 fiscal year can be found in Table 4.7.1. Chart 4.7.2 on page 70 is a breakdown of amounts claimed by category. Chart 4.7.3 on page 71 gives comparisons of claims awarded versus claims rejected, both in terms of numbers and dollar amounts. Chart 4.7.4 on page 72 is a comparison of claims awarded, rejected and discontinued, both cumulatively and in 2011-12.

Claims	No.	Amount
Received	245*	\$17,738,854
*40 in excess of \$100,000 limit		
Awarded	92	2,272,570
Rejected	68	2,491,831
Discontinued	16	507,804
Total	176	\$5,272,205
Pending	210	\$ 7,261,378

Table 4.7.1

### Claims Categories

**Fiduciary Funds** - Theft of estate funds and trust/escrow funds consistently tops the list of claims filed against attorneys. Combined, these two types of theft during FY 2011-12 cost the fund \$1,538,745, 67.71 percent of its total award dollars, settling 30 claims. Approximately 63.6 percent of the funds in this category went to former clients of one 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. Payments of \$324,006 to five claimants in this category were made in 2011-12. Of this, \$137,490 were paid to two former clients of one attorney.

**Fraud** - The conversion of funds through fraudulent representations or activities by the attorney represented the third highest payment category in 2011-12 with awards to seven claimants totaling \$263,512. Nearly 88 percent of this total went to clients of one attorney.

Claims involving fraud often occur where an attorney requests a loan from a client or agrees to hold and invest settlement funds on

behalf of the client, then converts the funds for personal use. The types of claims which typically fall into this category are those where a long-standing attorney/client relationship has existed. They tend to be the most difficult to evaluate.

**Nonperformance\*** - The acceptance of unearned fees or retainers represented the final category in which funds were awarded in 2011-12 with 49 claimants receiving \$146,307.

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

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

## 2011 Activities

During the year the board met in Hershey, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

### *Restitution and Subrogation Efforts*

All claimants are required to execute a subrogation agreement prior to the receipt of an approved 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 2011-12, the fund recovered \$127,034 in 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 2011-12 the fund received 221 overdraft notices. Another six notices were pending. Of the 227 notices, 197 were reviewed and dismissed, and 29 were referred to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. One notice remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

### **County Bench, Bar Meetings**

The board has been holding meetings and dinners with leaders of the county benches

and bars in conjunction with the board's quarterly business meetings since 1989. These meetings keep the bench and bar leaders informed about the fund's activities, both state-wide and regionally, and request the assistance of the bench and bar in carrying out the fund's mission. In 2011 and 2012 the fund met with Allegheny, Dauphin and Philadelphia counties.

### **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 2011-12 \$322,578 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. The financial support for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers helps to mitigate the losses by providing a resource for impaired attorneys.

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### Categories of Claims

Amounts Awarded - 2011-12

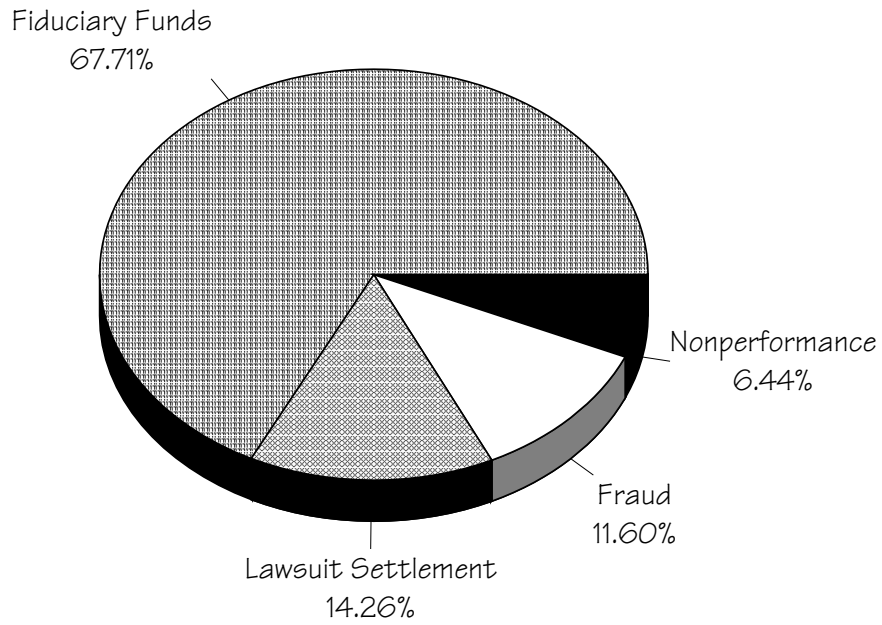
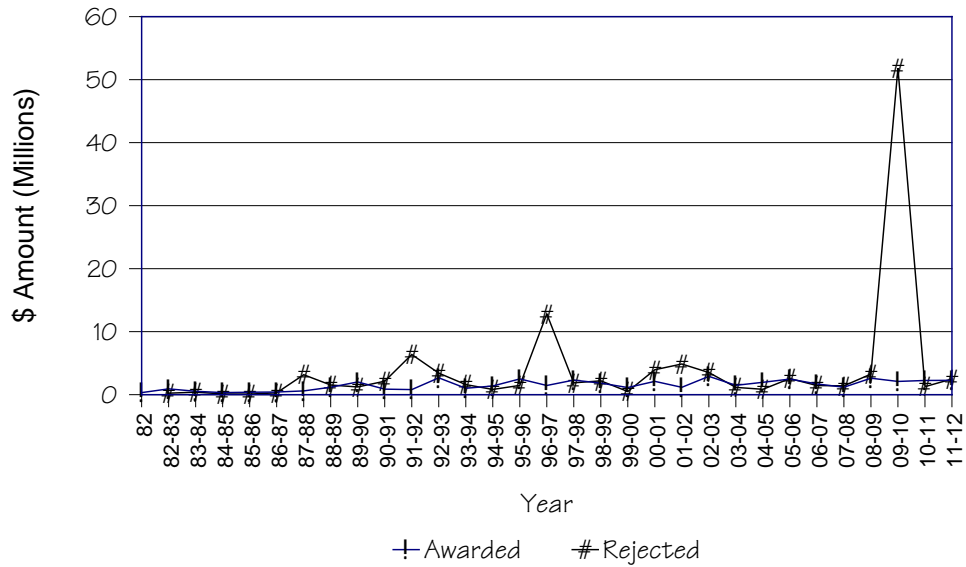
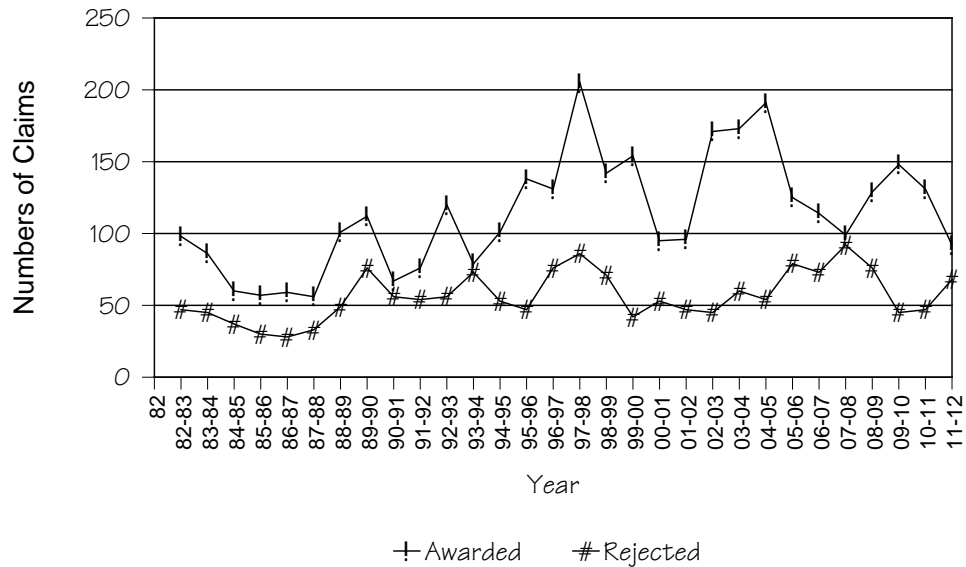


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### Claim Awards v. Rejections 1982-2012



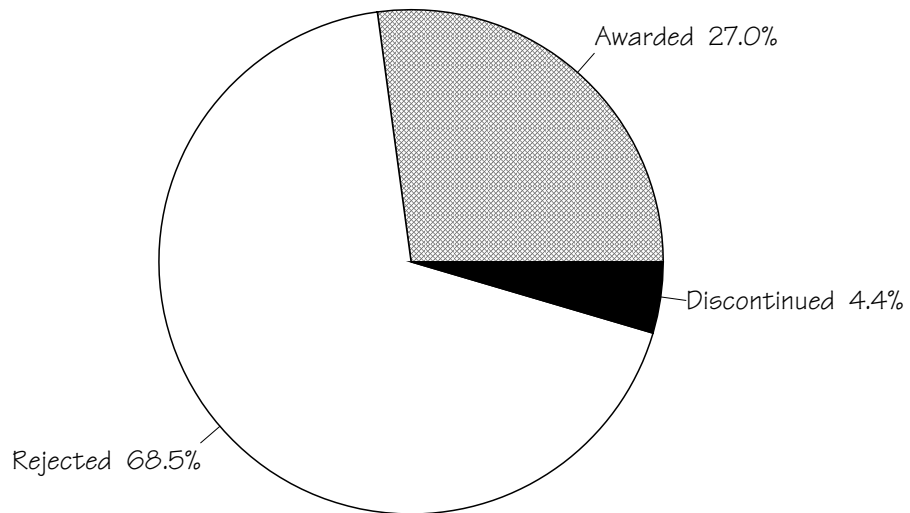
### Claims Awarded v. Rejections 1982-2012



Effective 7-1-00, the maximum reimbursable amount was raised from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Effective 12-31-10, the maximum reimbursable amount was raised to \$100,000.

Table 4.7.3

### Comparison of Claim Dispositions Cumulative



### 2011-12

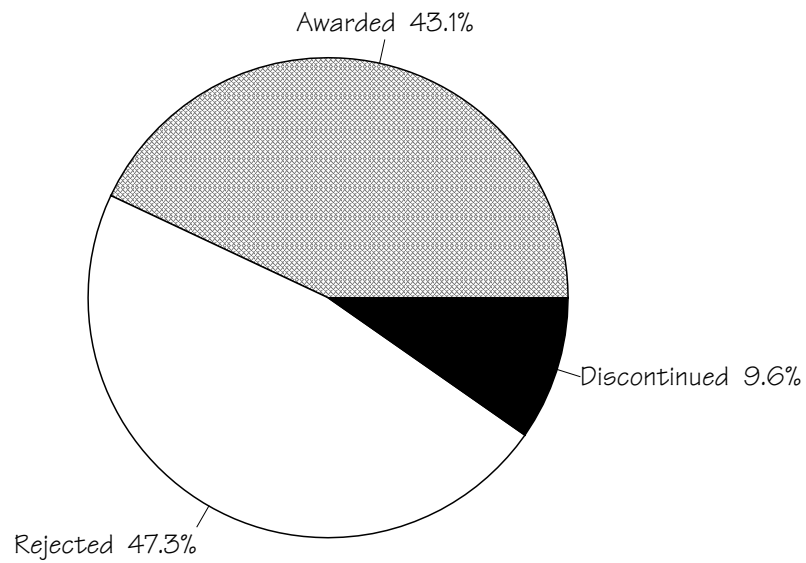


Table 4.7.4

**O**f the total state government expenditures for fiscal year 2011-12 administrative costs for the judiciary amounted to approximately one-half of one percent. Table 5.1 on page 75 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. The state pays the salaries for all judicial officers as well as the personnel and operating costs of the entire appellate court system, including the committees of the Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. Beginning January 1, 2000, in accordance with Act 12 of 1999, the Commonwealth also funds the salaries and benefits for district court administrators transferred to state service effective that date. Table 5.2 on page 76 provides a breakdown of the state appropriations for fiscal year 2011-12.

In fiscal year 2011-12, the judiciary saved a total of more than \$8 million through a variety of measures, including the suspension of a staff COLA through the first quarter of the year, continuation of a 20 percent reduction in merit increments, not making appointments — at the request of the chief justice — to fill judge vacancies, a reduction of ten magisterial district judge offices to date and attrition.

### **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

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of \$70,000 for each authorized Common Pleas judge position, 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 2011-12 allowed payment of the grant at the rate of \$66,685.

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 79 identifies the amounts of reimbursement provided to each county, by grant program, for fiscal year 2011-12.

One exception to the current funding pattern has been the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court, which was merged into the magisterial district judge system within Allegheny County on January 1, 2005, as part of the decennial realignment of magisterial districts by the Supreme Court. Traditionally, costs for this court were borne by the city. In fiscal year 1995-96, however, the Commonwealth reimbursed Pittsburgh for costs related to the court by the payment of a \$1.2 million grant. Grant money continued to be provided to Pittsburgh each fiscal year until 2000-01, when the grant was not funded. Funding was restored in 2001-02, but was not granted subsequently. A grant was provided annually to Allegheny County from FY 2005-06 through FY 2010-11 to assist with consolidation costs arising from the merger.

A grant was also provided to Philadelphia to assist with the costs of a “gun court”

instituted within its trial courts. Funding for the grant was first provided in FY 2004-05 and continued annually through FY 2010-11.

In FY 2011-12, at the judiciary’s request, the funding for the annual Allegheny County court consolidation grant and the Philadelphia gun court grant was rolled into the County Court Reimbursement Grant in order to increase the grant amount paid to all counties.

## 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 82, 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 on 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. Of the total \$13.50 surcharge imposed on court filings and recordings of deeds, \$10.25 was earmarked for use by the Supreme Court in closing deficits within the various judiciary appropriations. The surcharge generated \$25.579 million, which was used toward closing FY 2010-11 deficits.

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 statewide Judicial Computer System. Still other monies collected, such as motor vehicle fines, revert to state general use.

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.

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Pennsylvania Government FY 2011-12 General, Special Federal & Other Funds Expenditures		
Branch	\$ Amount (Thousands)	Percent of Total
Executive	64,260,445	98.99
Legislative	272,784	0.42
Judicial	350,087	0.54
Judicial - County Reimbursement for Courts	35,825	0.06
Total	64,919,141	

Totals shown exclude capital budget.

Note: The governor's budget showed FY 2011-12 funds available to the judiciary as \$322,169. Actual total available funds, with \$25,000 of Act 49 of 2009 revenues and augmentations of \$3,528 were \$350,697. The state total operating expenditures shown here were adjusted to reflect this difference.

Source: FY 2011-12 Governor's Recommended Budget

Table 5.1

Appropriations	
Appropriation	2011-12 (thousands)
Supreme Court*	\$13,424
Justices' Expenses	115
Rules Committees	1,448
Judicial Council	137
Interbranch Commission	349
Superior Court*	26,237
Judges' Expenses	178
Commonwealth Court*	15,926
Judges' Expenses	128
Court Administrator*	9,663
Court Improvement Program** (F)	1,420
Drug Court Training+ (F)	18
STOP Violence against Women++ (F)	198
Specialty Courts IT Project#	450
Pennsylvania Judicial Center	655
District Court Administrators*	16,773
Court Management Education	71
Unified Judicial System Security##	1,994
Statewide Judicial Computer System▲ (R)	57,048
Integrated Criminal Justice System	2,303
Courts of Common Pleas*	92,803
Common Pleas Senior Judges*	3,607
Common Pleas Judicial Education	1,105
Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges	55
Magisterial District Judges*	68,039
Magisterial District Judge Education*	651
Philadelphia Traffic Court	912
Philadelphia Municipal Court*	5,546
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Table 5.2

Appropriations, continued	
Appropriation	2010-11 (thousands)
County Court Reimbursement	33,405
Senior Judge Support Reimbursement	1,335
Juror Cost Reimbursement	1,085
Judicial Conduct Board*	1,182
Court of Judicial Discipline	454
State Funds	298,860
(F) Federal Funds	2,086
(R) Restricted Receipts	57,048
Total	\$357,994
<p>* Act 49 imposed a temporary, 25-month surcharge of \$10.25, effective December 8, 2009, to generate revenues to help close shortfalls in state funding among the various judiciary appropriations. Total available surcharge revenues of \$25,000,000 were used during the year to help close deficits totaling \$25,568,000 incurred in these appropriations. The remainder of the shortfall was closed by transfers of \$568,000 from state funds available at year end from other judiciary line items.</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 the dependency courts.</p>	
<p>+ The federal drug court training funds were first made available as a \$200,000 subgrant by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in FY 2007-08, with unspent amounts rolled into each succeeding fiscal year. As of December 31, 2011, the remaining funds were spent.</p>	
<p>++ The STOP Violence Against Women appropriation is funded by a single \$198,000 subgrant of federal Justice Assistance Grant funds from the PCCD. This grant was initially made available in FY 2010-11, but because no funds were spent that year, the grant was made available for spending in FY 2011-12. The grant expired June 30, 2012.</p>	
<p># The Specialty Courts IT Project is funded by a subgrant of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) federal Justice Assistance Grant funds from the PCCD. The grant period began January 1, 2012, and extends through December 31, 2013.</p>	
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Table 5.2, cont'd.



Appropriations, continued

- ## The FY 2010-11 UJS Security appropriation was provided in the form of a continuing appropriation.
- ▲ The Statewide Judicial Computer System is funded through a restricted receipt 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. The funds in the account may be supplemented by the transfer of available surplus funds at year end from certain UJS appropriations as authorized by statute. The appropriation from the restricted receipt account was augmented by \$153,768 from miscellaneous revenues, including fees charged to users for information generated by the Magisterial District Judge System; \$798,848 from online payment fees; and \$78,900 from fees imposed by Act 119 of 1996 (Jen & Dave's Law). The total amount available to the Judicial Computer System in FY 2011-12 was \$58,079,515.

Table 5.2, cont'd.

COUNTY REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COURTS FY 2011-12				
COUNTY	JUROR COST	COUNTY COURT	SENIOR JUDGE	TOTAL
Adams	\$432.36	\$266,740.00	\$0.00	\$267,172.36
Allegheny	69,146.83	2,867,455.00	150,316.00	3,086,917.83
Armstrong	605.41	133,370.00	1,407.00	135,382.41
Beaver	7,471.32	466,795.00	18,488.00	492,754.32
Bedford	0.00	133,370.00	0.00	133,370.00
Berks	9,614.13	866,905.00	113,822.00	990,341.13
Blair	5,242.64	333,425.00	7,359.00	346,026.64
Bradford	676.96	133,370.00	493.00	134,539.96
Bucks	30,799.56	866,905.00	0.00	897,704.56
Butler	2,325.71	400,110.00	626.00	403,061.71
Cambria	4,836.84	333,425.00	33,228.00	371,489.84
Cameron	0.00	9,366.00	308.00	9,644.00
Carbon	3,201.51	200,055.00	40,228.00	243,484.51
Centre	2,116.74	266,740.00	644.00	269,500.74
Chester	27,031.82	933,590.00	73,680.00	1,034,301.82
Clarion	2,288.66	66,685.00	6,256.00	75,229.66
Clearfield	1,321.23	133,370.00	0.00	134,691.23
Clinton	2,278.56	133,370.00	0.00	135,648.56
Columbia	0.00	105,362.00	4,943.00	110,305.00
Crawford	355.20	200,055.00	1,499.00	201,909.20
Cumberland	4,234.73	333,425.00	0.00	337,659.73
Dauphin	20,454.40	666,850.00	8,983.00	696,287.40
Delaware	16,481.13	1,333,700.00	73,786.00	1,423,967.13
Elk	2,716.81	57,349.00	2,264.00	62,329.81
Erie	9,619.22	600,165.00	0.00	609,784.22
Fayette	4,408.78	333,425.00	4,972.00	342,805.78
Forest	0.00	21,339.00	348.00	21,687.00
Franklin	1,359.60	303,417.00	8,223.00	312,999.60
Fulton	0.00	30,008.00	0.00	30,008.00
Greene	10,971.24	133,370.00	0.00	144,341.25
Huntingdon	0.00	66,685.00	0.00	66,685.00
Indiana	306.78	200,055.00	4,817.00	205,178.78
Jefferson	2,568.52	66,685.00	3,328.00	72,581.52
Juniata	0.00	46,680.00	0.00	46,680.00
Lackawanna	9,250.72	600,165.00	79,123.00	688,538.72
Lancaster	14,159.93	1,000,275.00	0.00	1,014,434.93

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Table 5.3

COUNTY REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COURTS, continued  
 FY 2011-12

COUNTY	JUROR COST	COUNTY COURT	SENIOR JUDGE	TOTAL
Lawrence	5,911.20	266,740.00	10,492.00	283,143.20
Lebanon	4,179.33	266,740.00	0.00	270,919.33
Lehigh	39,634.74	666,850.00	46,972.00	753,456.74
Luzerne	22,587.03	666,850.00	221,231.00	910,668.03
Lycoming	,932.19	333,425.00	8,358.00	342,715.19
McKean	700.90	133,370.00	15,238.00	149,308.90
Mercer	2,900.92	266,740.00	5,828.00	275,468.92
Mifflin	0.00	133,370.00	0.00	133,370.00
Monroe	3,181.56	400,110.00	1,998.00	405,289.56
Montgomery	43,514.57	1,533,755.00	39,966.00	1,617,235.57
Montour	0.00	28,008.00	0.00	28,008.00
Northampton	23,679.57	600,165.00	30,181.00	654,025.57
Northumberland	0.00	200,055.00	581.00	200,636.00
Perry	441.12	86,690.00	0.00	87,131.00
Philadelphia	412,518.41	9,598,455.00	234,859.00	10,245,832.41
Pike	5,890.00	133,370.00	0.00	139,260.00
Potter	745.66	66,685.00	1,742.00	69,172.66
Schuylkill	1,673.12	400,110.00	6,069.00	407,852.12
Snyder	453.86	62,684.00	9,250.00	72,387.86
Somerset	3,428.66	200,055.00	303.00	203,786.66
Sullivan	0.00	12,670.00	0.00	12,670.00
Susquehanna	211.01	66,685.00	0.00	66,896.01
Tioga	653.28	66,685.00	728.00	68,066.28
Union	0.00	70,686.00	7,693.00	78,379.00
Venango	5,166.40	133,370.00	12,681.00	151,217.40
Warren	0.00	112,031.00	8,005.00	120,036.00
Washington	5,652.35	400,110.00	572.00	406,334.35
Wayne	3,195.93	66,685.00	0.00	69,880.93
Westmoreland	9,634.15	733,535.00	2,586.00	745,755.15
Wyoming	912.61	54,015.00	5,140.00	60,067.61
York	20,924.09	1,000,275.00	25,386.00	1,046,585.09
Transfer to JCS	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,085,000.00	\$33,405,000.00	\$2,335,000.00	\$35,825,000.00

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Table 5.3, cont'd.

COUNTY REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COURTS, *continued*  
FY 2011-12

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 2011-12 the reimbursement was paid at a rate of \$66,685 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 rate 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. After imposition of the Act 37 cap limiting any county's payment to 20 percent of the total appropriation (this affected only Philadelphia), the total calendar year 2011 reimbursement qualifying for payment during FY 2011-12 exceeded the appropriation by \$182,706. In accordance with Act 37, therefore, the grant payment to each county was proportionally reduced by approximately 12 percent.

Table 5.3, cont'd.

<i>Fees That Support State Operations</i>	
<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>2011-12 (thousands)</i>
<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>\$435</i>
<i>Pa. Board of Law Examiners</i>	<i>2,081</i>
<i>Judicial Computer System*</i>	<i>1,012</i>
<i>Superior Court</i>	<i>193</i>
<i>Commonwealth Court</i>	<i>158</i>
<i>Magisterial District Judge Education</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Court Administrator</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>Act 49 Fees**</i>	<i>25,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$28,941</i>
<p><i>* Includes revenues collected under Act 119 of 1996 (Jen &amp; Dave’s Law). These collections provided \$789,000 to support the “Jen/Dave” functions during FY 2011-12. The remainder was derived from public access fees levied on nongovernmental users of information captured by the Magisterial District Judge System.</i></p>	
<p><i>** Revenues generated by the Act 49 surcharge used to help close shortfalls in state funding among the various judiciary appropriations during FY 2011-12.</i></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

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COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGES

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COMMON PLEAS COURT SENIOR JUDGES

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PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

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PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT SENIOR JUDGES

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PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT JUDGES

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PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT SENIOR JUDGES

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

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SENIOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

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## Supreme Court Justices

Complement 7

Castille, Ronald D.  
*Chief Justice*

Saylor, Thomas G.  
Eakin, J. Michael  
Baer, Max

Todd, Debra  
McCaffery, Seamus P.  
Orie Melvin, Joan

## Superior Court Judges

Complement 15

Ford Elliott, Kate\*  
*President Judge*

Musmanno, John L.  
Bender, John T.  
Bowes, Mary Jane  
Gantman, Susan Peikes  
Panella, Jack A.

Donohue, Christine L.  
Shogan, Jacqueline O.

Stevens, Correale F.\*\*  
*President Judge*

Allen, Cheryl Lynn  
Lazarus, Anne E.  
Mundy, Sallie Updyke  
Olson, Judith Ference  
Ott, Paula Francisco

Freedberg, Robert A.++  
Wecht, David N.+

\* President judge term expired  
1-8-11

\*\* Elected president judge effective  
1-9-11

+ Elected 11-8-11  
++ Term expired 1-1-12

## Commonwealth Court Judges

Complement 9

Leadbetter, Bonnie Brigance+  
*President Judge*

McGinley, Bernard L.  
Cohn Jubelirer, Renée  
Simpson, Robert E., Jr.  
Leavitt, Mary Hannah

Pellegrini, Dante R.++  
*President Judge*

Brobson, P. Kevin  
McCullough, Patricia A.  
Butler, Johnny J.\*\*  
Covey, Anne E.\*

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

+ President judge term expired  
1-6-12

++ Elected president judge effective  
1-7-12

**Appellate**

**Court**

**Jurists**

(As of 6-30-12)



**Senior  
Appellate  
Court  
Judges**

**Superior Court  
Senior Judges**

Colville, Robert E.\*  
Fitzgerald, James J., III  
McEwen, Stephen J., Jr.  
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 1-3-11
- + Allegheny County senior  
Common Pleas Court judge  
assigned to Superior Court  
effective 1-3-11

**Commonwealth  
Court Senior Judges**

Colins, James Gardner++  
Feudale, Barry F.\*  
Friedman, Rochelle S.  
Kelley, James R.+  
Oler, J. Wesley, Jr.#

- Quigley, Keith B.\*\*
- \* Northampton County senior  
Common Pleas Court judge; sat  
on occasion in Commonwealth  
Court until 9-23-11
  - \*\* Perry-Juniata counties senior  
Common Pleas Court judge; sits  
on occasion in Commonwealth  
Court
  - + Retired 12-31-11
  - ++ Effective 1-1-12
  - # Cumberland County senior  
Common Pleas Court judge; sits  
on occasion in Commonwealth  
Court effective 1-30-12

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**ADAMS COUNTY (51)**

Complement 4

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

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY (05)**

Complement 43

*McDaniel, Donna Jo*

Administrative Judges

Hens-Greco, Kathryn M.+  
Manning, Jeffrey A.  
O'Brien, W. Terrence+  
O'Toole, Lawrence J.  
Strassburger, Eugene B., III\*  
Wecht, David N.\*\*

Bicket, Alexander P.#  
Bigley, Kelly Eileen  
Borkowski, Edward J.  
Bubash, Cathleen Cawood  
Cashman, David R.

Clark, Kim Berkeley  
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.  
Folino, Ronald W.

Friedman, Judith L.A.  
Hertzberg, Alan David  
Ignelzi, Philip Anthony  
James, Joseph M.  
Kelly, Robert A.++

Klein, Arnold I.  
Lazzara, Beth A.  
Lutty, Paul F., Jr.

Machen, Donald E.  
Mariani, Anthony M.

Marmo, Michael F.#  
McCarthy, Michael E.  
McVay, John T., Jr.  
Mulligan, Kathleen R.  
Nauhaus, Lester G.

Rangos, Jill E.  
Sasinoski, Kevin G.  
Todd, Randal B.  
Walko, Donald R., Jr.  
Ward, Christine A.  
Ward, William F.##

Williams, Joseph K., III  
Woodruff, Dwayne D.  
Zottola, John A.

- \* Resigned 1-2-11
- \*\* Administrative judge term expired 1-18-11; elected to Superior Court 11-8-11
- + Appointed administrative judge effective 1-19-11
- ++ Resigned 9-2-11
- # Elected 11-8-11
- ## Appointed 6-30-12

**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  
Tesla, Kim

**Common**

**Pleas**

**Court**

**Judges**

(As of 6-30-12)

(Judicial district listed in parentheses)

*(Italics denotes president judge)*

**BEDFORD COUNTY (57)**

Complement 2

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

\* Elected 11-8-11

**BERKS COUNTY (23)**

Complement 13

*Schmehl, Jeffrey L.*  
Boccabella, John A.  
Bucci, James M.  
Keller, Scott D.  
Lash, Scott E.

Lieberman, Stephen B.  
Ludgate, Linda K.M.  
Parisi, Thomas G.  
Rowley, Timothy J.  
Schmehl, Peter W.

Sprecher, Jeffrey K.  
Ullman, Mary Ann  
Yatron, Paul M.

**BLAIR COUNTY (24)**

Complement 5

*Kopriva, Jolene Grubb*  
Carpenter, Hiram A., III  
Doyle, Elizabeth A.  
Milliron, Daniel J.  
Sullivan, Timothy M.

**BRADFORD COUNTY (42)**

Complement 2

*Smith, Jeffrey A.*  
Beirne, Maureen T.

**BUCKS COUNTY (07)**

Complement 13

*Scott, Susan Devlin*  
Baldi, Robert O.  
Bateman, Wallace H., Jr.  
Boylan, Rea Behney  
Cepparulo, Albert J.

Finley, Jeffrey L.  
Fritsch, C. Theodore, Jr.  
Gibbons, Diane E.  
Gilman, Gary B.  
McMaster, James M.\*

Mellon, Robert J.  
Rubenstein, Alan M.  
Waite, Clyde W.

\* Elected 11-8-11

**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.

\* Elected 11-8-11

**CENTRE COUNTY (49)**

Complement 4

*Grine, David E.\*\**  
*Kistler, Thomas King+*  
Grine, Jonathan D.\*  
Lunsford, Bradley P.  
Ruest, Pamela A.

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Term expired 1-1-12  
+ Appointed president judge  
effective 1-2-12

**CHESTER COUNTY (15)**

Complement 13†-1

*MacElree, James P., II*  
Bortner, David F.  
Cody, Jacqueline C.  
Gavin, Thomas G.\*  
Griffith, Edward

Hall, John L.  
Mahon, William P.  
Platt, Katherine B.L.  
Riley, Howard F., Jr.  
Sarcione, Anthony A.

Shenkin, Robert J.  
Streitel, 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  
\* Resigned 1-2-11  
\*\* Elected 11-8-11

**CLARION COUNTY (18)**

Complement 1

*Arner, James G.*

**CLEARFIELD COUNTY (46)**

Complement 2

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

**CLINTON COUNTY (25)**

Complement 2

*Williamson, J. Michael*  
Miller, Craig P.

**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR COUNTIES (26)**

Complement 2

*Naus, Scott W.\**  
*James, Thomas A., Jr.\*\**  
Norton, Gary E.+

\* Resigned 1-2-11  
\*\* Appointed president judge effective 1-3-11  
+ Elected 11-8-11

**CRAWFORD COUNTY (30)**

Complement 3

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

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY (09)**

Complement 6†+1

*Hess, Kevin A.*  
Ebert, Merle L., Jr.  
Guido, Edward E.  
Masland, Albert H.  
Oler, J. Wesley, Jr.\*\*

Peck, Christylee L.\*  
Placey, Thomas A.\*

† Per Act 98 of 2008, one new judgeship was added, beginning with the 2011 election  
\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Retired 12-31-11

**DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)**

Complement 10

*Hoover, Todd A.*  
Bratton, Bruce F.  
Cherry, John F.  
Clark, Lawrence F., Jr.  
Coates, Bernard L., Jr.

Curcillo, Deborah E.  
Dowling, Andrew H.  
Evans, Scott A.  
Lewis, Richard A.  
Turgeon, Jeannine

**DELAWARE COUNTY (32)**

Complement 20

*Cronin, Joseph P., Jr.+*  
*Kenney, Chad F., Sr.++*  
Angelos, Spiros E.\*  
Bradley, James P.  
Brennan, Mary Alice

Capuzzi, John P., Sr.\*  
Cartisano, Linda A.  
Coll, Michael F.X.  
Dozor, Barry C.  
Durham, Kathrynann W.

Fizzano Cannon, Christine\*  
Green, G. Michael\*  
Hazel, Frank T.\*\*  
Jenkins, Patricia H.  
Kelly, Kevin F.

Mallon, Gregory M.  
Nichols, Nathaniel C.\*  
Nilon, James F., Jr.

Osborne, Ann A.  
Pagano, George A.

Proud, James F.

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Retired 12-31-11  
+ Resigned as president judge effective 6-13-12  
++ Elected president judge effective 6-14-12

**ELK-CAMERON COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 1

*Masson, Richard A.*

**ERIE COUNTY (06)**

Complement 9

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

Dunlavey, Michael E.  
Garhart, John  
Kelly, Elizabeth K.  
Trucilla, John J.

**FAYETTE COUNTY (14)**

Complement 5

*Solomon, Gerald R.*  
Leskinen, Steve P.  
Vernon, Nancy D.  
Wagner, John F., Jr.  
Warman, Ralph C.

**FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES (39)**

Complement 5

*Herman, Douglas W.*  
Krom, Angela R.

**FRANKLIN-FULTON  
COUNTIES, continued**

Meyers, Shawn D.  
Van Horn, Carol L.  
Walsh, Richard J.

**GREENE COUNTY (13)**  
Complement 2

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

\* Elected 11-8-11

**HUNTINGDON COUNTY (20)**  
Complement 1

*Kurtz, Stewart L.*

**INDIANA COUNTY (40)**  
Complement 3

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

\* Resigned 1-7-11  
\*\* Elected 11-8-11

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (54)**  
Complement 1

*Foradora, John H.*

**LACKAWANNA  
COUNTY (45)**  
Complement 9

*Harhut, Chester T.\**  
*Munley, Thomas J.\*\**  
Barrasse, Michael J.  
Bisignani Moyle,  
Margaret A.  
Corbett, Patricia

Geroulo, Vito P.  
Mazzoni, Robert A.  
Minora, Carmen D.  
Nealon, Terrence R.

\* President judge term expired  
1-2-11  
\*\* Elected president judge  
effective 1-3-11

**LANCASTER COUNTY (02)**  
Complement 15

*Madenspacher, Joseph C.*  
Ashworth, David L.  
Brown, Leonard G., III\*  
Cullen, James P.  
Farina, Louis J.

Gorbey, Leslie  
Hackman, Christopher A.  
Hoberg, Jay J.  
Knisely, Howard F.  
Miller, Margaret C.

Reich, Jeffrey J.  
Reinaker, Dennis E.  
Totaro, Donald R.  
Workman, Daniel R.  
Wright, Jeffrey D.

\* Elected 11-8-11

**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.

\* Elected president judge  
effective 1-1-11  
\*\* Elected 11-8-11

**LUZERNE COUNTY (11)**  
Complement 10

*Burke, Thomas F., Jr.*  
Amesbury, William H.  
Cosgrove, Joseph M.\*\*  
Gelb, Lesa S.\*  
Hughes, Richard M.\*

Lupas, David W.  
Pierantoni, Fred A., III\*  
Polachek Gartley, Tina  
Rogers, Jennifer L.\*  
Sklarosky, Joseph F., Jr.\*

Van Jura, Joseph J.\*\*  
Vough, Michael T.\*  
Wetzel, Lewis W.\*\*

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**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.\*

\* Elected 11-8-11

**MERCER COUNTY (35)**

Complement 4

*Fornelli, Francis J.\*\**  
*Dobson, Thomas R.+*  
Reed, John C.  
St. John, Christopher J.  
Yeatts, Robert G.\*

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Retired 12-31-11

+ Appointed president judge  
effective 1-1-12

**MIFFLIN COUNTY (58)**

Complement 2

*Searer, Timothy S.*  
Williams, Rick A.

**MONROE COUNTY (43)**

Complement 6

*Vican, Ronald E.\*\**  
*Worthington,*  
*Margherita Patti+*  
Higgins, Stephen M.\*  
Mark, Jonathan  
Miller, Linda Wallach\*\*

Sibum, Jennifer H.  
Williamson, David J.\*  
Zulick, Arthur L.

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

+ Appointed president judge  
effective 1-2-12

**MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY (38)**

Complement 23

*Hodgson, Richard J.+*  
*Furber, William J., Jr.++*  
Albright, Kent H.\*\*  
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.  
Tilson, Arthur R.  
Wall, Kelly C.

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Retired 12-31-11

+ President judge term expired  
1-6-12

++ Elected president judge  
effective 1-7-12

**NORTHAMPTON  
COUNTY (03)**

Complement 9

*McFadden, F.P. Kimberly*  
Baratta, Stephen G.  
Beltrami, Anthony S.  
Dally, Craig A.  
Giordano, Emil A.

Koury, Michael J., Jr.  
Roscioli, Paula A.  
Smith, Edward G.  
Zito, Leonard N.

**NORTHUMBERLAND  
COUNTY (08)**

Complement 3

*Sacavage, Robert B.*  
Saylor, Charles H.  
Wiest, William Harvey

**PERRY-JUNIATA  
COUNTIES (41)**

Complement 2

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

**PHILADELPHIA  
COUNTY (01)**

Complement 93

Vacancy 2

*Dembe, Pamela Pryor*

Administrative Judges

Dougherty, Kevin M.  
Herron, John W.##  
Keogh, D. Webster#  
O'Keefe, Joseph D.

Abramson, Howland W.▼  
Allen, Jacqueline F.  
Anders, Daniel J.  
Anhalt, Diana L.++  
Beloff, Adam M.

Bernstein, Mark I.  
Berry, Willis W., Jr.  
Bright, Gwendolyn N.  
Brinkley, Genece E.  
Bronson, Glenn B.

Brown, Joan A.  
Butchart, Ann M.

**PHILADELPHIA  
COUNTY, continued**

Byrd, Sandy L.V.  
Carpenter, Linda A.  
Carrafiello, Matthew D.

Ceisler, Ellen H.  
Chen, Ida K.

Cohen, Denis P.  
Coleman, Robert P.  
Cooperman, Amanda

Covington, Roxanne E.  
Cunningham,

Charles J., III  
DeFino-Nastasi, Rose Marie  
Dempsey, Thomas E. ▼ ▼  
Di Vito, Gary F.

Djerassi, Ramy I.  
Dubow, Alice B.  
Dumas Brooks, Lori A.  
Ehrlich, Charles A. ++  
Erdos, Michael E.

Foglietta, Angelo J. ++  
Ford, Holly J.  
Fox, Idee C.  
Glazer, Gary S. ▲  
Gordon, Richard J., Jr.

Gordon, Roger F. \*\*  
Hill, Glynnis D.  
Hughes, Renee Cardwell\*  
Irvine, Jonathan Q. ++

Jackson, Elizabeth  
Johnson, Joel S.  
Johnson, Vincent L. ++  
Joseph, Barbara A.  
Kane, Harold M. ▲ ▲

Kennedy, Sean ++  
Lachman, Marlene F.  
Lerner, Benjamin ▲ ▲  
Lynn, James Murray  
Manfredi, William J.

Massiah-Jackson,  
Frederica A.  
McDermott, Barbara A. ++

McInerney, Patricia A.  
McLaughlin, Maria C. ++  
Means, Rayford A.

Minehart, Jeffrey B.  
Moss, Sandra Mazur  
Murphy, Margaret Theresa  
New, Arnold L.  
Nichols, Carolyn H. ++

Nocella, Thomas M. ++  
Olszewski, Walter J.  
Overton, George W.  
Palumbo, Frank  
Panepinto, Paul P.

Papalini, Joseph I. ▲ ▲  
Patrick, Paula A.  
Pechkurow, Doris A.  
Powell, Kenneth J., Jr. ◆  
Quiñones Alejandro, Nitza I.

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.  
Thompson, Diane R.  
Trent, Earl W., Jr.  
Tucker, Leon W.  
Woelpper, Donna M.

Wogan, Chris R.  
Wolf, Flora Barth+  
Woods-Skipper, Sheila A.

Wright, Edward C. ++  
Wright Padilla, Nina N.

Younge, John Milton

- \* Resigned 6-3-11
- \*\* Defeated in primary election 5-17-11; term expired 1-1-12; reappointed 6-30-12
- + Resigned 7-31-11
- ++ Elected 11-8-11
- # Administrative judge term expired 11-9-11
- ## Appointed administrative judge effective 11-10-11
- ▲ Appointed administrative judge of Philadelphia Traffic Court effective 12-19-11
- ▲▲ Retired 12-31-11
- ▼ Term expired 1-1-12
- ▼▼ Resigned 2-3-12
- ◆ Appointed 6-30-12

**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  
Vacancy 1

*Baldwin, William E.*  
*Dolbin, Cyrus Palmer*  
*Domalakes, John E.*  
*Goodman, James P. \*\**  
*Miller, Charles M.*

*Russell, Jacqueline L.*  
*Stine, D. Michael\**

- \* Resigned 1-3-11
- \*\* Elected 11-8-11

**SNYDER-UNION  
COUNTIES (17)**

Complement 2

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

- \* Appointed president judge effective 1-1-11
- \*\* Elected 11-8-11

**SOMERSET COUNTY (16)**

Complement 3

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

**SUSQUEHANNA  
COUNTY (34)**

Complement 1

*Seamans, Kenneth W.*

**TIOGA COUNTY (04)**

Complement 1

*Dalton, Robert E., Jr.*

**VENANGO COUNTY (28)**

Complement 2

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

**WARREN-FOREST  
COUNTIES (37)**

Complement 2

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

**WASHINGTON  
COUNTY (27)**

Complement 6

*O'Dell Seneca, Debbie*  
*Bell, Janet Moschetta*  
*DiSalle, John F.*  
*Emery, Katherine B.*  
*Gilman, Gary M.\**

*Melograne, Phillippe A.\*\**  
*Pozonsky, Paul M.+*

- \* Elected 11-8-11
- \*\* Term expired 1-1-12
- + Resigned 6-30-12

**WAYNE COUNTY (22)**

Complement 1

*Hamill Raymond L.*

**WESTMORELAND  
COUNTY (10)**

Complement 11

*Blahovec, John E.\**  
*Caruso, Gary P.\*\**  
*Bell, Alfred B.*  
*Bononi, Michele G.*  
*Driscoll, John J.*

*Feliciani, Christopher A.*  
*Hathaway, Rita Donovan*  
*Marsili, Anthony G.*  
*McCormick, Richard E., Jr.*  
*Pezze, Debra A.*

*Scherer, Christian F.*

- \* President judge term expired 4-8-12
- \*\* Elected president judge effective 4-9-12

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN  
COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 1

*Shurtleff, Russell D.*

**YORK COUNTY (19)**

Complement 15

*Renn, Richard K.\**  
*Linebaugh, Stephen P.\*\**  
*Adams, Joseph C.*  
*Blackwell, Penny L.*  
*Bortner, Michael E.*

*Cook, Maria Musti*  
*Dorney, Sheryl Ann*  
*Flannelly, Michael W.#*  
*Kelley, Thomas H.*  
*Kennedy, John S.*  
*Marceca Strong, Andrea+*  
*Ness, Harry M.*  
*Patterson, Clarence N., Jr.++*  
*Snyder, Gregory M.*  
*Thompson, John W., Jr.*  
*Trebilcock, Craig T.+*

- \* President judge term expired 1-1-11
- \*\* Elected president judge effective 1-2-11
- + Elected 11-8-11
- ++ Died 11-21-11
- # Appointed 6-30-12



**Common  
Pleas  
Court  
Senior  
Judges**

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Bigley, Gerard M.  
Gallo, Robert C.  
Kelly, Robert A.\*  
Lucchino, Frank J.  
Mazur, Lee J.

O'Reilly, Timothy P.  
Wettick, R. Stanton, Jr.

\* Effective 9-3-11

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

Nickleach, Joseph A.

**BEAVER COUNTY**

James, George E.  
Kunselman, Robert E.  
Steege, Peter O.\*

\* Retired 12-31-11

**BEDFORD COUNTY**

Howsare, Daniel L.

**BERKS COUNTY**

Eshelman, Thomas J.  
Grim, Arthur E.  
Stallone Albert A.\*

\* Retired 12-31-11

**BLAIR COUNTY**

Peoples, Thomas G., Jr.

**BUCKS COUNTY**

Kane, Michael J.  
McAndrews, R. Barry\*  
Rufe, John J.  
Rufe, William H., III

\* Retired 12-31-11

**CAMBRIA COUNTY**

Leahey, Francis J.  
Long, Gerard  
Swope, Thomas A., Jr.

**CARBON COUNTY**

Webb, Richard W.

**CENTER COUNTY**

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

\* Effective 1-2-12

**CHESTER COUNTY**

Gavin, Thomas G.\*\*  
Nagle, Ronald C.\*  
Smith, Charles B.

\* Effective 1-1-11

\*\* Effective 1-3-11

**CLEARFIELD COUNTY**

Reilly, John K., Jr.\*

\* Died 9-12-11

(As of 6-30-12)

**CLINTON COUNTY**

Brown, Carson V.  
Saxton, Richard N., Jr.

**COLUMBIA & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES**

Naus, Scott W.\*

\* Effective 4-7-11; resigned  
1-17-12

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Oler, J. Wesley, Jr.\*

\* Effective 1-1-12; sits on  
occasion in Commonwealth  
Court

**DAUPHIN COUNTY**

Kleinfelter, Joseph H.\*

\* Died 8-9-11

**DELAWARE COUNTY**

Burr, Charles B., II\*  
Hazel, Frank T.+  
Keeler, Charles C.\*\*

\* Effective 1-1-11  
\*\* Resigned 12-31-11  
+ Effective 1-1-12

**ERIE COUNTY**

Anthony, Fred P.  
Bozza, John A.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

Capuzzi, Conrad B.

**FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES**

Walker, John R.

**GREENE COUNTY**

Grimes, H. Terry

**LANCASTER COUNTY**

Hummer, Wayne G., Jr.  
Perezous, Michael J.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

Pratt, Ralph D.

**LEBANON COUNTY**

Eby, Robert J.

**LEHIGH COUNTY**

Black, Alan M.  
Brenner, Lawrence J.

**LUZERNE COUNTY**

Augello, Joseph M.  
Mundy, Hugh F.  
Muroski, Chester B.  
Toole, Patrick J., Jr.\*

\* Retired 12-31-11

**LYCOMING COUNTY**

Brown, Kenneth D.  
Kieser, William S.  
Smith, Clinton W.\*

\* Retired 12-31-11

**MCKEAN COUNTY**

Cleland, John M.\*  
Yoder, John H.

\* Effective 1-1-11

**MERCER COUNTY**

Fornelli, Francis J.\*  
Wherry, Michael J.

\* Effective 1-1-12

**MONROE COUNTY**

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

\* Effective 1-2-12

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Albright, Kent H.\*  
Corso, S. Gerald  
Drayer, Calvin S., Jr.  
Nicholas, William T.

\* Effective 1-1-12

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Franciosa, Michael V.\*\*  
Moran, William F.\*

\* Resigned 9-15-11; reaptd.  
effective 5-21-12  
\*\* Resigned 10-21-11

**NORTHUMBERLAND  
COUNTY**

Feudale, Barry F.

**PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES**

Quigley, Keith B.\*  
Rehkamp, C. Joseph\*\*

\* Sits on occasion in  
Commonwealth Court  
\*\* Resigned 1-17-12

**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**

Ackerman, Norman  
Braxton, John L.  
Colins Mary D.  
DiBona, Alfred J., Jr.  
DiNubile, Victor J., Jr.

Frazier-Clemons, Brenda  
Geroff, Steven R.\*  
Jackson, Ricardo C.  
Kane, Harold M.++  
Lerner, Benjamin++

Maier, Eugene Edward J.  
Matthews, Robert J.  
Mazzola, William J.  
O'Grady, John J., Jr.+  
Papalini, Joseph I.++

Reynolds, Abram Frank  
Sheppard, Albert W., Jr.\*\*

Sylvester, Esther R.  
Temin, Carolyn Engel

\* Effective 1-1-11  
\*\* Died 9-4-11  
+ Retired 12-31-11  
++ Effective 1-1-12

**PIKE COUNTY**

Thomson, Harold A., Jr.

**POTTER COUNTY**

Leete, John B.

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY**

Stine, Dwight M.\*

\* Effective 1-4-11

**SNYDER-UNION COUNTIES**

Knight, Louise O.  
Woelfel, Harold F.\*

\* Effective 1-1-11

**SOMERSET COUNTY**

Fike, Eugene E., II

**VENANGO COUNTY**

White, H. William, Jr.

**WARREN-FOREST  
COUNTIES**

Millin, Paul H.  
Morgan, William F.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Bell, John F.

**WAYNE COUNTY**

Conway, Robert J.

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY**

Ackerman, Daniel J.  
Hudock, Joseph A.  
Loughran, Charles H.  
Ober, William J.

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN  
COUNTIES**

Vanston, Brendon J.

**YORK COUNTY**

Brillhart, Michael, J.  
Chronister, John H.  
Uhler, John C.

**Philadelphia  
Municipal Court  
Judges**

Complement 25

*Neifield, Marsha H.*  
Brady, Frank T.  
Daher, Georganne V.#  
DeLeon, James M.  
Deni, Teresa Carr  
  
Dugan, Patrick F.  
Eubanks, Joyce O.+  
Frazier-Lyde, Jacquelyn M.  
Gehret, Thomas F.  
Gilbert, Barbara S.  
  
Hayden, Charles  
Jimenez, Nazario, Sr.  
Kirkland, Lydia Y.\*\*  
Kosinski, Gerard A.  
Meehan, William Austin, Jr.  
  
Moore, Jimmie\*  
Moss, Bradley K.  
O'Keefe, Joseph Scott##  
O'Neill, Joseph J.  
Pew, Wendy L.  
  
Powell, Kenneth J., Jr.++  
Robbins, Harvey W.  
Segal, Dawn A.  
Shields, T. Francis##  
Shuter, David C.  
  
Simmons, Karen Y.  
Washington, Craig M.  
Waters, Joseph, C., Jr.  
Williams, Marvin L.+

\* Resigned 6-5-11  
\*\* Resigned 11-4-11  
+ Elected 11-8-11  
++ Defeated for election 11-8-11;  
term expired 1-1-12  
# Resigned 1-31-12  
## Appointed 6-30-12

**Philadelphia  
Traffic Court  
Judges**

Complement 7  
Vacancy 2

*Tynes, Thomasine*

Administrative Judge  
Sullivan, Michael J.\*  
Glazer, Gary S.++

Green, Earlene\*\*  
Lowry, Michael  
Mulgrew, Robert  
Singletary, Willie F.#  
Solomon, Christine+

\* Appointed administrative judge  
4-27-11; relieved of assignment  
12-19-11  
\*\* Resigned 6-3-11  
+ Elected 11-8-11  
++ Common Pleas Court judge  
appointed administrative judge  
effective 12-19-11  
# Resigned 2-27-12

**Philadelphia**

**Minor**

**Courts**

**Judges**

(As of 6-30-12)

*(Italics denotes  
president judge)*

**Philadelphia  
Minor  
Courts  
Senior  
Judges**

**Philadelphia  
Municipal Court  
Senior Judges**

Blasi, Robert S.  
Stack, Felice Rowley

**Philadelphia  
Traffic Court  
Senior Judges**

Cermele, Dominic M.  
DeAngelis, Bernice A.\*  
Perri, Fortunato N., Sr.

\* Effective 1-1-11; continued to  
serve as administrative judge until  
4-27-11; removed by Supreme  
Court 4-20-12

(As of 6-30-12)

**ADAMS COUNTY (51)**

Complement 4

Beauchat, Mark D.  
Bowman, Daniel S.  
Carr, Thomas R.  
Little, Tony J.\*  
Zepp, John C., III\*\*

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY (05)**

Complement 4†-2

Barner, Robert L.  
Barton, David J.  
Bengel, Carolyn S.  
Blaschak, Suzanne R.  
Bova, John N.

Capolupo, Pat A.  
Caulfield, Thomas P.\*  
Ceoffe, Anthony M.  
Cercone, Mary Ann  
Cioppa, Ross C.\*\*

Cooper, Kevin E.  
Costa, Ronald N., Sr.  
Dzvonick, Robert P.  
Firestone, Nathan N.+  
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.

Riazzzi, 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.

Welsh, Regis C., Jr.++  
Wyda, Robert C.  
Zucco, Linda I.  
Zyra, Gary M.

† Magisterial district courts  
05-2-09 and 05-2-46  
eliminated 1-2-12 per Supreme  
Court order dated 2-15-11

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Resigned 12-9-11  
+ Retired 12-31-11  
++ Term expired 1-1-12

**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

**Magisterial**

**District**

**Judges**

(As of 6-30-12)

**BEAVER COUNTY,  
continued**

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

**BEDFORD COUNTY (57)**

Complement 4

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

**BERKS COUNTY (23)**

Complement 17†-1

Bagenstose, Kim L.  
Bentz, Nicholas M., Jr.  
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.  
Lachina, Deborah P.\*  
Leonardziak, Michael J.  
Patton, Dean R.  
Robinson, Alvin B.

Scott, Wallace S.  
Xavios, Thomas H.\*\*  
Young, Ann L.

† Magisterial district court  
23-1-04 eliminated 1-2-12  
per Supreme Court order dated  
2-15-11

\* Defeated in primary election  
5-17-11; term expired 1-1-12

\*\* Elected in different district  
11-8-11 after his district was  
eliminated

**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

Baranoski, Daniel E.  
Baum, Charles W.  
Benz, William J.  
Brown, Leonard J.  
Burns, Michael J.

Douple, Mark D.  
DuBree, M. Kay\*\*  
Falcone, Joseph P.  
Finello, Daniel J., Jr.  
Gaffney, Robert E.

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.\*

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**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.

\* Elected 11-8-11

**CAMBRIA COUNTY (47)**

Complement 10

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

Nileski, Charity L.  
Pavlovich, Max F.  
Varner, Rick W.  
Zanghi, Mary Ann  
Zungali, Michael

**CARBON COUNTY (56)**

Complement 4

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

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**CENTRE COUNTY (49)**

Complement 6

Vacancy 2

Dutchcot, Leslie A.  
Grine, Jonathan D.\*  
Hoffman, Daniel R., II\*\*

**CENTRE COUNTY,  
continued**

Jordan, Thomas N.  
Prestia, Carmine W., Jr.  
Sinclair, Allen W.

\* Elected to Common Pleas Court  
11-8-11

\*\* Resigned 6-30-12

**CHESTER COUNTY (15)**  
Complement 19

Arnold, Rita A.  
Bailey, John R.\*\*  
Blackburn, Jeremy M.\*  
Bruno, Mark A.  
Cabry, Michael J., III

Darlington, Chester F.  
DeAngelo, James V.  
Donatelli, Lori Novak  
Farmer, Harry W., Jr.++  
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  
Smith, Larry E.+  
Sondergaard, Analisa S.\*\*

Tartaglio, Thomas W.  
Valocchi, Jeffrey J.

\* Defeated for re-election  
11-8-11; term expired  
1-1-12

\*\* Elected 11-8-11

+ Resigned 12-31-11

++ Term expired 1-1-12

**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.\*  
Rudella, Michael A.\*\*

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**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.  
Stackhouse, Ola E.\*\*

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Retired 12-31-11

**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  
Vacancy 1

Adams, Harold Anthony\*\*  
Beckley, Elizabeth S.\*\*  
Brewbaker, Jessica E.  
Clement, Charles A., Jr.  
Cohick, Vivian J.

Correal, Paula P.+  
Day, Susan K.  
Dougherty, Richard S., Jr.  
Fegley, Paul M.\*\*  
Martin, Mark W.

Placey, Thomas A.\*

\* Elected to Common Pleas Court  
11-8-11

\*\* Elected 11-8-11

+ Term expired 1-1-12

**DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)**  
Complement 15†-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  
Solomon, Joseph S.\*  
Stewart, Marsha C.



**DAUPHIN COUNTY,  
continued**

Wenner, William C.  
Witmer, Lowell A.

Zozos, George A.

† Magisterial district court  
12-1-03 eliminated 9-2-11 per  
Supreme Court order dated  
7-29-11

\* Resigned 6-6-11

**DELAWARE  
COUNTY (32)**

Complement 33†-1

Berardocco, Ann  
Blythe, Robert J.+  
Burke, Robert R.  
Cappelli, Richard M.  
Capuzzi, John P.\*\*

Christie, Edward W.  
Cullen, Michael G.#  
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.

Lacianca, Elisa C.  
Lang, David Hamilton  
Lippart, Jack D.  
Lippincott, Nicholas S.  
Mattox, Christopher R.

McCray, C. Walter, III  
McKeon, Laurence J.  
Micozzie-Aguirre, Kelly A.  
Perfetti, John J.  
Puppio, Andrea E.

Radano, Robert J.++  
Sandone, Steven A.  
Scanlon, Anthony D.  
Seaton, Spencer B., Jr.  
Strohl, Walter A.

Tenaglia, Leonard V.  
Tolliver, Elkin A.\*  
Tozer, Peter P.  
Turner, Philip S., Jr.  
Tuten, John C.

Vann, Dawn L.  
Williams, Will Keith++

† Magisterial district court  
32-2-50 eliminated 3-1-11  
per Supreme Court order  
dated 2-15-11

\* Defeated in primary election  
5-17-11; term expired  
1-1-12

\*\* Elected to Common Pleas  
Court 11-8-11

+ Defeated for re-election  
11-8-11; term expired  
1-1-12

++ Elected 11-8-11

# Term expired 1-1-12

**ELK-CAMERON  
COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 3

Brown, Alvin H.\*\*  
Brown, Barry D., II\*  
Jacob, Mark S.\*  
King, George A.  
Wilhelm, Donald A.\*\*

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**ERIE COUNTY (06)**

Complement 15

Alonge, Gerard J.\*  
Carney, Thomas  
DiPaolo, Dominick D.  
Dwyer, James J., III\*\*  
Hammer, Scott B.+

Krahe, Mark R.  
Lefaiver, Joseph R.  
Mack, Suzanne C.  
MacKendrick,  
Christopher K.  
Manzi, Paul

McGowan, Brian M.+  
Nichols, Brenda A.  
Robie, Thomas C.  
Southwick, Carol L.  
Strohmeyer, Susan D.

Stuck-Lewis, Denise M.  
Urbaniak, Paul G.

\* Defeated in primary election  
5-17-11; term expired 1-1-12

\*\* Resigned 11-1-11

+ Elected 11-8-11

**FAYETTE COUNTY (14)**

Complement 8

Abraham, Randy S.  
Cramer, Jesse J.  
Defino, Michael J., Jr.  
Dennis, Wendy D.  
George, Joseph M., Jr.

Haggerty, Ronald J., Jr.  
Metros, Michael M.  
Shaner, Dwight K.

**FRANKLIN-FULTON  
COUNTIES (39)**

Complement 10

Bard, Tamela M.\*  
Carter, Gary L.\*\*  
Cunningham, Duane K.  
Eyer, Jody C.\*  
Hawbaker, David E.\*\*

Horne, Devin C.  
Johnson, Carol J.\*\*  
Manns, Glenn K.\*  
Mellott, Wendy Richards  
Pentz, Larry G.

Plum, David L.  
Rock, Kelly L.  
Williams, Todd R.

\* Elected 11-8-11

\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**GREENE COUNTY (13)**

Complement 3

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

**HUNTINGDON COUNTY (20)**

Complement 4

Colyer, Michael M.  
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.

\* Elected 11-8-11

**LACKAWANNA COUNTY (45)**

Complement 10†-1

Corbett, Joanne P.\*\*  
Farrell, Alyce M.  
Gallagher, Terrence V.  
Gibbons, James A.  
Giglio, Theodore J.

Golden, Thomas J.\*  
McGraw, Sean P.  
Mercuri, John J.

Pesota, John P.  
Russell, Robert G.+

Turlip, Laura M.  
Ware, Paul J.\*\*

† Magisterial district court  
45-1-07 eliminated 2-15-11  
per Supreme Court order dated  
2-15-11

\* Resigned 1-2-11

\*\* Elected 11-8-11

+ Term expired 1-1-12

**LANCASTER COUNTY (02)**

Complement 20

Vacancy 1

Albert, Scott E.+  
Ballentine, Kelly S.  
Benner, William E., Jr.+  
Chudzik, Brian E.+  
Commins, B. Denise

Duncan, Jayne F.  
Eckert, Leo H., Jr.#  
Fee, Thomas J.\*\*  
Garrett, Daniel B.#  
Hamill, Nancy G.

Hartman, Cheryl N.  
Hartman, Rodney H.  
Herman, Robert A., Jr.  
Jiminez, Janice  
Keller, Joshua R.+

Miller, David P.  
Mylin, Stuart J.  
Reuter, William G.\*  
Roth, Bruce A.  
Russell, Tony S.+

Sponaugle, Mary Mongiovi  
Stoltzfus, Isaac H.  
Tobin, Edward A.+  
Willwerth, Jene A.++

\* Resigned 1-2-11

\*\* Died 8-30-11

+ Elected 11-8-11

++ Retired 12-31-11

# Term expired 1-1-12

**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.\*\*  
Heck, Christine R.\*  
Smith, Michael D.

Verna, Anthony J.\*\*  
Wolfe, Kim R.

\* Defeated for re-election  
11-8-11; term expired 1-1-12

\*\* Elected 11-8-11

**LEHIGH COUNTY (31)**

Complement 14

Vacancy 1

Balliet, Carl L.++  
Beck, Rodney R.  
Butler, Donna R.  
Crawford, Charles H.++  
D'Amore, Michael D.+

Devine, Karen C.  
Engler, Patricia M.  
Faulkner, Michael J.+  
Halal, Robert C.  
Hammond, Jacob E.

Harding, David B.  
Howells, David M., Jr.+  
Manescu, Ronald S.  
Maura, Wayne  
Merlo, Maryesther S.\*\*

**LEHIGH COUNTY,  
continued**

Pochron, Michael J.+  
Rapp, Anthony G., Jr.\*

- \* Resigned 6-3-11
- \*\* Removed from office  
10-17-11
- + Elected 11-8-11
- ++ Term expired 1-1-12

**LUZERNE COUNTY (11)**

Complement 17  
Vacancy 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.  
Kane, Martin R.  
Malast, Diana

O'Donnell, Daniel  
Pierantoni, Fred A., III\*  
Roberts, Paul J.  
Sharkey, Thomas J.+  
Swank, Ronald W.

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

- \* Elected to Common Pleas Court  
11-8-11
- \*\* Elected 11-8-11
- + Term expired 1-1-12

**LYCOMING COUNTY (29)**

Complement 6

Carn, James G.  
Kemp, Jon E.\*  
Lepley, Jerry C.

McRae, C. Roger\*\*  
Page, Allen P., III

Schriner, Kenneth T., Jr.\*\*  
Sortman, James H.  
Whiteman, Gary A.\*

- \* Elected 11-8-11
- \*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**MCKEAN COUNTY (48)**

Complement 4

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

- \* Elected 11-8-11

**MERCER COUNTY (35)**

Complement 5

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

**MIFFLIN COUNTY (58)**

Complement 3

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

**MONROE COUNTY (43)**

Complement 10

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

Krawitz, JoLana  
Mancuso, Colleen+

Muth, Michael R.  
Olsen, Thomas E.  
Shiffer, Thomas R., Jr.\*

Whitesell, John D.  
York, Debby A.\*\*

- \* Resigned 1-3-11
- \*\* Defeated for re-election  
11-8-11; resigned 11-14-11
- + Elected 11-8-11

**MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY (38)**

Complement 30

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

Deatelhauser, Kenneth E.  
Dougherty, Joseph H.\*\*  
Duffy, Andrea D.++  
Friedenberg, Jay S.  
Gadzicki, Walter F., Jr.

Gallagher, James P.  
Householder,  
William R., Jr.+  
Hummel Fried, Catherine M.  
Hunsicker-Fleischer,  
Margaret A.  
Keightly, David A.\*

Kelly Rebar, Cathleen  
Kessler, John D.++  
Kropp, Edward C., Sr.  
Lawrence, Francis J., Jr.  
Leo, Paul N.

Lukens, Deborah A.  
Maruszczak, William I.  
McGill Magid,  
Katherine E.++  
McHugh, Elizabeth A.  
Murray, John S., III#

Nesbitt, Harry J., III  
Palladino, Scott T.++  
Palladino, Thomas A.#

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
continued**

Price, Juanita A.  
Saylor, Maurice H.

Schireson, Henry J.  
Sobeck, Robert M.++  
Valentine, Katleen M.  
Zaffarano, Patricia A.  
Zucker, Karen Eisner

- \* Defeated in primary election  
5-17-11; term expired  
1-1-12
- \*\* Defeated for re-election  
11-8-11; term expired  
1-1-12
- + Resigned 8-2-11
- ++ Elected 11-8-11
- # Term expired 1-1-12

**NORTHAMPTON  
COUNTY (03)**

Complement 15

Barner, Joseph K.  
Capobianco, John  
Corpora, Daniel G.  
Elwell, Gay L.  
Hawke, Robert A.

Manwaring, Roy A.  
Marakovits, Diane M.  
Masut, Adrienne L.\*\*  
Matos Gonzalez, Nancy  
Narlesky, James J.

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

Yetter, Richard H., III\*

- \* Elected 11-8-11
- \*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**NORTHUMBERLAND  
COUNTY (08)**

Complement 4†-1

Apfelbaum, Benjamin J.+  
Bolton, Robert J.++  
Gembic, John  
Jones, Hugh A.+  
Kear, William F.\*

Rice, Carl B.\*\*

- † Magisterial district court  
08-3-01 eliminated 3-1-11  
per Supreme Court order  
dated 3-1-11
- \* Resigned 1-31-11
- \*\* Died 7-22-11
- + Elected 11-8-11
- ++ Resigned 2-29-12

**PERRY-JUNIATA  
COUNTIES (41)**

Complement 5

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

- \* Elected 11-8-11

**PIKE COUNTY (60)**

Complement 4

Cooper, Alan B.  
Fischer, Deborah  
McBride, Stephen A.  
Rose, Jay R.

**POTTER COUNTY (55)**

Complement 3

Bristol, Delores G.  
Easton, Annette L.

Easton, Barbara J.\*\*  
Stubbs, Kari A.\*

- \* Elected 11-8-11
- \*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (21)**

Complement 7†-1

Bayer, Stephen J.  
Ferrier, James R.  
Hale, Christina E.\*\*  
Kilker, Anthony J.  
Moran, Charles V.\*

Pankake, Carol A.  
Plachko, David A.  
Reiley, James K.

- † Magisterial district court  
21-3-02 eliminated 4-1-11  
per Supreme Court order dated  
4-1-11
- \* Resigned 1-31-11
- \*\* Elected 11-8-11

**SNYDER-UNION  
COUNTIES (17)**

Complement 4†-1

Armbruster, Leo S.  
Hackenberg, Lori R.\*  
Mensch, Jeffrey L.  
Mihalik, Edward G., Jr.\*\*  
Reed, John H.\*

Robinson, John T.\*\*  
Savidge, Willis E.\*\*

- † Magisterial district court  
17-3-05 eliminated 1-2-12  
per Supreme Court order dated  
2-15-11
- \* Elected 11-8-11
- \*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**SOMERSET COUNTY (16)**

Complement 5  
Vacancy 1

Bell, Douglas McCall  
Cannoni, Joseph A.+  
Cook, Arthur K.\*\*  
Johnson, Kenneth W.\*  
Mankamyer, Susan  
Stevanus, Sandra L.

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Term expired 1-1-12  
+ Resigned 1-1-12

**SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY (34)**

Complement 3

Brainard, Suzanne M.  
Cordner, Jodi L.\*  
Hollister, Jeffrey L.  
Janicelli, Peter M.\*\*

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**TIOGA COUNTY (04)**

Complement 3

Carlson, James E.  
Edgcomb, Brian W.  
Repard, Robert L.\*\*  
Sweet, Phillip L.\*

\* Resigned 6-29-11  
\*\* Elected 11-8-11

**VENANGO COUNTY (28)**

Complement 4

Dinberg, Douglas I.  
Fish, Andrew F.  
Gerwick, Douglas B.\*\*

Lowrey, Patrick E.\*  
Snyder, Michael D.

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**WARREN-FOREST COUNTIES (37)**

Complement 4

Bauer, Laura S.  
Carlson, Glenn S.\*  
Gregory, George F.  
Lindemuth, Cynthia K.  
Zerbe, Arthur W.\*\*

\* Elected 11-8-11  
\*\* Term expired 1-1-12

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (27)**

Complement 11

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

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

**WAYNE COUNTY (22)**

Complement 4

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

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY (10)**

Complement 17

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.  
Glenn, Elise\*

Kistler, Helen M.  
Mahady, Michael R.  
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Moore, Charles D.\*\*  
Pallone, Frank J., Jr.

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

\* Defeated for election 11-8-11;  
term expired 1-1-12  
\*\* Elected 11-8-11

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 4

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

\* Elected 11-8-11

**YORK COUNTY (19)**

Complement 19†-1  
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Albright, Keith L.+  
Bloss, Barry L., Jr.  
Dubs, Dwayne  
Edie, Nancy L.++  
Eshbach, David C.+

**YORK COUNTY, continued**

Fishel, John H.  
Garber, Daniel B.++  
Groom, Walter R.  
Gross, Scott J.  
Haskell, Ronald J., Jr.  
Joy, Jeff S.+  
Laird, Scott E.+  
Leppo, Kim S.++

Martin, Richard E., II  
Miner, James S.  
Naylor, Alan G.\*  
Nixon, Barbara H.\*\*  
Olwert, John R.  
Reamer, Walter P.++  
Reilly, Thomas J.+  
Shoemaker, Gerald E.++  
Teyral, JoAnn L.++

Thomas, Richard T.  
Williams, Linda Lou

† Magisterial district court  
19-3-02 eliminated 1-2-12  
per Supreme Court order  
dated 4-15-11  
\* Resigned 1-31-11  
\*\* Resigned 5-31-11  
+ Elected 11-8-11  
++ Term expired 1-1-12

**Senior**

**Magisterial**

**District**

**Judges**

**ADAMS COUNTY**

Zepp, John C., III\*

\* Effective 1-2-12

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Burnett, Edward  
Firestone, Nathan N.\*\*  
Longo, Nancy L.  
McGraw, Elaine M.  
McLaughlin, Charles A., Jr.

Peglow, Lee G.  
Presutti, Donald H.  
Reed, Douglas W.\*  
Tibbs, Edward A.  
Welsh, Regis C., Jr.+  
Zielmanski, Eugene L.  
Zoller, Richard H.

\* Resigned 4-1-11  
\*\* Effective 1-1-12  
+ Effective 1-2-12

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

Gerheim, Michael L.

**BEAVER COUNTY**

Armour, John W.

**BERKS COUNTY**

Beck, Richard C.  
Hall, William N., Jr.  
Mest, Ronald C.  
Stitzel, Gloria W.

**BLAIR COUNTY**

Jones, Patrick T.

**BUCKS COUNTY**

Daly, Philip J.  
Dietrich, Ruth C.  
Hogeland, H. Warren  
Schnell, Robert A., Jr.

**BUTLER COUNTY**

O'Donnell, Joseph D., Jr.  
Woessner, Clifford J.\*

\* Resigned 2-14-11

**CARBON COUNTY**

Appleton, Bruce F.\*  
Hadzick, Paul J.

\* Effective 1-2-12

**CENTRE COUNTY**

Horner, Ronald J.

**CHESTER COUNTY**

Anthony, John F.\*  
Charley, James J., Jr.  
Davis, Robert L.  
Farmer, Harry W., Jr.+  
Scott, Stanley

Smith, Larry E.\*\*  
Welsh, Susann E.  
Winther, J. Peter

\* Resigned 12-31-11  
\*\* Effective 1-1-12  
+ Effective 1-2-12

**CLARION COUNTY**

George, Daniel P.

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**CLEARFIELD COUNTY**

Rudella, Michael A.\*

\* Effective 1-2-12

**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR COUNTIES**

Cashman, Richard P.  
Coombe, Donna J.\*

\* Resigned 5-22-12

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Bender, Harold E.\*  
Correal, Paula P.\*\*

\* Effective 1-1-11; resigned  
3-5-12

\*\* Effective 1-2-12

**DAUPHIN COUNTY**

Semic, Steven M.  
Shugars, Raymond F.

**DELAWARE COUNTY**

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

McDevitt, Leonard M.  
Miller, Kenneth N.  
Videon, David T.

\* Effective 1-1-11  
\*\* Resigned 5-11-11  
+ Effective 1-2-12

**ELK-CAMERON COUNTIES**

Brown, Alvin H.\*

\* Effective 1-2-12

**ERIE COUNTY**

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

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

Breakiron, Robert W.  
Cavalcante, Brenda K.  
Haggerty, Ronald J., Sr.  
Rubish, Michael\*

\* Resigned 2-23-11

**FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES**

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

\* Effective 1-2-12

**INDIANA COUNTY**

Steffee, Michael K.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Beck, Richard D.\*

\* Effective 1-1-11

**LANCASTER COUNTY**

Brian, David E.\*  
Eckert, Leo H., Jr.#  
Garrett, Daniel B.#  
Reeser, Richard L.+  
Reuter, William G.\*\*

Simms, Richard H.  
Willwerth, Jene A.++  
Winters, John C.

\* Effective 1-1-11  
\*\* Effective 1-3-11  
+ Resigned 5-16-11  
++ Effective 1-1-12  
# Effective 1-2-12

**LEBANON COUNTY**

Swisher, Hazel V.

**LEHIGH COUNTY**

Balliet, Carl L.+  
Crawford, Charles H.+  
Dugan, John E.  
Gatti, Richard A.  
Hausman, Joan K.\*

Murphy, Thomas P.  
Rapp, Anthony G., Jr.\*\*

Snyder, Joan L.  
Warmkessel, Patricia E.

\* Effective 2-3-11  
\*\* Effective 6-8-11  
+ Effective 1-2-12

**LUZERNE COUNTY**

Barilla, Andrew, Jr.  
Sharkey, Thomas J.\*

\* Effective 1-2-12



**LYCOMING COUNTY**

McRae, C. Roger\*

\* Effective 1-2-12

**MERCER COUNTY**

Fagley, William L.  
Russo, Henry J.

**MIFFLIN COUNTY**

Clare, Barbara A.

**MONROE COUNTY**

Eyer, Charles P.  
Shiffer, Thomas R., Jr.\*

\* Effective 1-4-11

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

Berkoff, F. Elaine  
Durkin, John J.++  
Inlander, Gloria M.\*\*  
Murray, John S., III+  
Price, Richard M.

Saraceni, Robert A.  
Skerchock, Dorothy\*

\* Effective 6-28-11  
\*\* Retired 12-31-11  
+ Effective 1-2-12  
++ Resigned 2-27-12

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Frey, Elmo L., Jr.  
Grigg, Sherwood R.  
Litzenberger, Ralph W.

Marinkovits, Joan  
Romig Gainer, Elizabeth A.

Stocklas, James F.

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**

Kear, William F.\*  
Mychak, Michael F.

\* Effective 8-4-11

**PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES**

Howell, Donald F.\*

\* Effective 1-24-11

**SNYDER-UNION COUNTIES**

Mihalik, Edward G., Jr.\*

\* Effective 1-2-12

**SOMERSET COUNTY**

Cannoni, Joseph Anthony\*  
Cook, Arthur K.\*

\* Effective 1-2-12

**SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY**

Dayton, Watson J.  
Franklin, Gene A.\*  
Janicelli, Peter M.\*\*

\* Resigned 6-29-11  
\*\* Effective 1-2-12

**VENANGO COUNTY**

Fish, David L.

**WARREN-FOREST COUNTIES**

Carlson, Glenn S.\*  
Fedora, Michael L.  
Zerbe, Arthur Willard, Sr.\*\*

\* Elected to magisterial district court 11-8-11  
\*\* Effective 1-2-12

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Dutton, Jay H.

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY**

DelBene, Frank, Jr.\*  
King, J. Bruce  
McCutcheon, Bernice A.  
Medich, Martha\*\*  
Scott, Robert E.

\* Died 8-4-11  
\*\* Retired 12-31-11

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN COUNTIES**

Baumunk, Linda M.\*

\* Resigned 1-1-12

**YORK COUNTY**

Bria, Margaret L.  
Diehl, Paul M., Jr.  
Dubs, Mervin L.  
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Garber, Daniel B.++  
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**YORK COUNTY, CONTINUED**

Nixon, Barbara H.+  
Reamer, Walter Paul#

Shoemaker, Gerald E.++

\* Effective 2-1-11; resigned  
2-28-12

\*\* Resigned 5-10-11

+ Effective 6-1-11

++ Effective 1-2-12

# Effective 1-2-12; resigned  
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