

**Report of the
Administrative Office of
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
2004**

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

*Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy
Justice Ronald D. Castille
Justice Russell M. Nigro
Justice Sandra Schultz Newman
Justice Thomas G. Saylor
Justice J. Michael Eakin
Justice Max Baer*

*'04 in Brief
(listed chronologically)*

*Supreme Court promul-
gates criminal rules
changes to require that
attorneys representing
defendants in capital
cases meet specific cri-
teria for training, educa-
tion and experience*

*Commonwealth Court's
mediation program suc-
cessfully resolves its 500th
case since the program
began in January 2000*

*Chief Justice Ralph J.
Cappy and Governor Ed
Rendell unveil plans for
Pennsylvania Judicial
Center to be built in
Harrisburg*

*Supreme Court updates its
professional conduct rules
for attorneys, to better
serve and protect clients
receiving legal services in
the Commonwealth.
Changes are the culmina-
tion of eight years of work
involving American and
Pennsylvania Bar Associ-
ations and Disciplinary
Board of the Supreme
Court*

U.S. Supreme Court appoints Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy to Federal Judicial Conference Committee

Administrative Office announces creation of new court interpreter program to enhance translator services in Pennsylvania's courts for growing non-English-speaking population

Supreme Court merges Pittsburgh Magistrates Court into Allegheny County district justice court system

Administrative Office announces framework for security enhancements in the state court system for the public, litigants, staff and jurists



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