

**Report of the
Administrative Office of
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
1996**

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

*Chief Justice John P. Flaherty
Justice Stephen A. Zappala
Justice Ralph J. Cappy
Justice Ronald D. Castille
Justice Russell M. Nigro
Justice Sandra Schultz Newman*

*'96 in Brief
(listed chronologically)*

*Superior Court president
judge James Rowley retires*

*North Carolina
Administrative Office of
the Courts visits AOPC to
learn about Judicial
Computer Project*

*Superior Court judge
Donald E. Wieand dies*

*Superior Court is lauded
by National Center for
State Courts for its expe-
ditious efforts in deciding
cases despite a heavy
caseload*

*Ecuadorean jurists visit
Philadelphia Family Court
to learn American judi-
ary's attitudes on family
courts, family violence,
court administration and
juvenile justice*

Former Commonwealth Court judge Genevieve Blatt dies. Judge Blatt was the first woman elected to statewide office in Pennsylvania and the first woman to serve on the Commonwealth Court

Montgomery County senior judge Horace A. Davenport receives the 1996 Golden Crowbar award for initiating the county's settlement conference program

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appoints former Supreme Court justice and current Superior Court senior judge Frank J. Montemuro as head of commission to study statewide funding of a unified judiciary

Chief Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr., retires. Chief Justice Nix joined the Supreme Court in 1972 after serving as a Common Pleas Court judge. He became Chief Justice in 1984

Chinese jurists touring the United States to learn about America's jury system visit Delaware County Courthouse

Members of the international group The Independent Jury spend a week touring Philadelphia Courts as guests of the U.S. Government

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