

**Report of the
Administrative Office of
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
1997**

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
Justice Thomas G. Saylor*

*'97 in Brief
(listed chronologically)*

Supreme Court, Commonwealth Court opinions available on the Internet beginning in January; Superior Court opinions become available in December

Rule of Judicial Administration 703 revised to increase accountability of courts, thus improving disposition of cases

Act 2 of 1997, signed by Governor Ridge on 2-14-97, increases number of judges in Common Pleas Courts, Philadelphia Municipal Court and Philadelphia Traffic Court by 31 over three years

Legislative Budget and Finance Committee gives Unified Judicial System a highly favorable review of the District Justice System, citing management, cost effectiveness, user satisfaction

Annual and lifetime caps on deposits into Judicial Computer System Augmentation Accounts lifted

Supreme Court appoints Special Commission to Limit Campaign Expenditures to explore ways to cap skyrocketing cost of running for judge in Pennsylvania

Chester County hosts delegation of ten legal professionals from Uzbekistan, who are visiting to learn about America's justice system. Delegation also visits Delaware County

Three branches of government working together on the issue of statewide funding of Pennsylvania's courts

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