

# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

## Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Armstrong**

Judicial District #: **33**

### Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 33 and its class of county: **-4.9 %**

1. Average annual **workload** is higher than 6th class county average.
2. Eliminating one magisterial district would require remaining three districts to cover @220 square miles each.
3. County is cut in half by Allegheny River making realignment difficult.
4. Of all four districts, 33-3-04 has the potential to be eliminated via attrition since the current MDJ is currently age 62 – however, the office would need to be moved closer to population centers in the southern end of the county; but the current lease for this office does not expire until 2018.
5. Marcellus Shale also has the potential to increase in this judicial district.

#### Summary of Proposed Actions

33-3-01 Reestablish

33-3-02 Reestablish

33-3-03 Reestablish

33-3-04 Reestablish

### Night/Central/Alternate Court Operations

This judicial district utilizes the following diversionary courts to assist in balancing workload:

Central Court: No Night Court: No

### Public Comment

Proposal Posted for Public Comment: Yes Comments Received: Yes

**General Comments** *All 3 public comments received (all from police) support the plan to maintain the current configuration as it currently exists.*

# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

County Name: **Armstrong**

Judicial District #: **33**

## Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

**Magisterial District #: 33-3-01**

**Proposed Action: Reestablish**

Average Annual Caseload:	3,182	Average Annual Workload:	29,854
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	3.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-2.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-2.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

### Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

J. Gary DeComo

206 Fifth Avenue, Suite A P.O. Box 306

Ford City, PA 16226

Birthdate: 11-18-52

Mandatory Retirement: 2022

Term Expires: 12-31-17

### Existing Geography:

CADOGAN TWP Voting District; FORD CITY VTD NORTHERN WD 01; FORD CITY VTD NORTHERN WD 02; FORD CITY VTD SOUTHERN WD 01; FORD CITY VTD SOUTHERN WD 02; FORD CLIFF Voting District; FREEPORT DIST 01; FREEPORT DIST 02; MANOR TWP VTD NORTHERN; MANOR TWP VTD SOUTHERN 1; MANOR TWP VTD SOUTHERN 2; MANORVILLE Voting District; NORTH BUFFALO TWP VTD EASTERN; NORTH BUFFALO TWP VTD WESTERN; SOUTH BUFFALO TWP VTD EASTERN; SOUTH BUFFALO TWP VTD WESTERN

### Proposed Geography:

CADOGAN TWP Voting District; FORD CITY VTD NORTHERN WD 01; FORD CITY VTD NORTHERN WD 02; FORD CITY VTD SOUTHERN WD 01; FORD CITY VTD SOUTHERN WD 02; FORD CLIFF Voting District; FREEPORT DIST 01; FREEPORT DIST 02; MANOR TWP VTD NORTHERN; MANOR TWP VTD SOUTHERN 1; MANOR TWP VTD SOUTHERN 2; MANORVILLE Voting District; NORTH BUFFALO TWP VTD EASTERN; NORTH BUFFALO TWP VTD WESTERN; SOUTH BUFFALO TWP VTD EASTERN; SOUTH BUFFALO TWP VTD WESTERN

**Office within district:** Yes

**Residence within district:** Yes

**Police Departments:** Ford City Borough, Freeport Borough, Manor Township, North Buffalo Township, South Buffalo Township

**Major Highways:** PA 28 Allegheny Valley Expressway, PA 66, US 422

## Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

**Magisterial District #: 33-3-02**

**Proposed Action: Reestablish**

Average Annual Caseload:	3,242	Average Annual Workload:	36,483
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	4.50	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	<b>19.50</b>
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	0.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

### Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

James H. Owen

201 North Jefferson Street

Kittanning, PA 16201

Birthdate: 10-7-48

Mandatory Retirement: 2018

Term Expires: 12-31-17

### Existing Geography:

APPLEWOLD Voting District; BRADYS BEND TWP VTD 01; BRADYS BEND TWP VTD 02; EAST FRANKLIN TWP VTD EASTERN; EAST FRANKLIN TWP VTD NORTHERN; EAST FRANKLIN TWP VTD WESTERN; HOVEY TWP Voting District; KITTANNING WD 01; KITTANNING WD 02; KITTANNING WD 03; KITTANNING WD 04; PARKER CITY WD 01; PARKER CITY WD 02; PERRY TWP Voting District; RAYBURN TWP Voting District; SUGARCREEK TWP Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP VTD NORTHERN; WASHINGTON TWP VTD SOUTHERN; WEST FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; WEST KITTANNING Voting District; WORTHINGTON Voting District

### Proposed Geography:

APPLEWOLD Voting District; BRADYS BEND TWP VTD 01; BRADYS BEND TWP VTD 02; EAST FRANKLIN TWP VTD EASTERN; EAST FRANKLIN TWP VTD NORTHERN; EAST FRANKLIN TWP VTD WESTERN; HOVEY TWP Voting District; KITTANNING WD 01; KITTANNING WD 02; KITTANNING WD 03; KITTANNING WD 04; PARKER CITY WD 01; PARKER CITY WD 02; PERRY TWP Voting District; RAYBURN TWP Voting District; SUGARCREEK TWP Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP VTD NORTHERN; WASHINGTON TWP VTD SOUTHERN; WEST FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; WEST KITTANNING Voting District; WORTHINGTON Voting District

**Office within district:** Yes

**Residence within district:** Yes

**Police Departments:** East Franklin Township, Kittanning Borough, West Kittanning Borough, Worthington Borough

**Major Highways:** PA 28 Allegheny Valley Expressway, PA 66, PA 368, US 422

## Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

**Magisterial District #: 33-3-03**

**Proposed Action: Reestablish**

Average Annual Caseload:	3,607	Average Annual Workload:	31,063
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	16.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	2.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	10.00		

*Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.*

### Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

James A. Andring

241 Market Street

Leechburg, PA 15656

Birthdate: 08-04-63

Mandatory Retirement: 2033

Term Expires: 1-3-16

### Existing Geography:

APOLLO WD 01; APOLLO WD 02; BETHEL TWP Voting District; GILPIN TWP VTD 01 ED FORKS CHURCH; GILPIN TWP VTD 02 ED SCHENLEY; GILPIN TWP VTD 03 ED GEORGETOWN; KISKIMINETAS TWP VTD HORRELL; KISKIMINETAS TWP VTD ORCH.HILLS-NORTH; KISKIMINETAS TWP VTD ORCH.HILLS-SOUTH; KISKIMINETAS TWP VTD SPRING CHURCH; LEECHBURG VTD 01; LEECHBURG VTD 02; NORTH APOLLO Voting District; PARKS TWP VTD KEPPLER HILL; PARKS TWP VTD NORTH VANDERGRIFT; PARKS TWP VTD WESTERN

### Proposed Geography:

APOLLO WD 01; APOLLO WD 02; BETHEL TWP Voting District; GILPIN TWP VTD 01 ED FORKS CHURCH; GILPIN TWP VTD 02 ED SCHENLEY; GILPIN TWP VTD 03 ED GEORGETOWN; KISKIMINETAS TWP VTD HORRELL; KISKIMINETAS TWP VTD ORCH.HILLS-NORTH; KISKIMINETAS TWP VTD ORCH.HILLS-SOUTH; KISKIMINETAS TWP VTD SPRING CHURCH; LEECHBURG VTD 01; LEECHBURG VTD 02; NORTH APOLLO Voting District; PARKS TWP VTD KEPPLER HILL; PARKS TWP VTD NORTH VANDERGRIFT; PARKS TWP VTD WESTERN

**Office within district:** Yes

**Residence within district:** Yes

**Police Departments:** Apollo Borough, Bethel Township, Gilpin Township, Kiskiminetas Township, Leechburg Borough, Parks Township

**Major Highways:**

## Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

**Magisterial District #:** 33-3-04

**Proposed Action:** Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	2,377	Average Annual Workload:	24,754
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-23.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-19.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-28.00		

*Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.*

### Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Samuel R. Goldstrohm  
720 Main Street P.O. Box 393  
Rural Valley, PA 16249

Birthdate: 6-23-49  
Mandatory Retirement: 2019  
Term Expires: 12-31-17

### Existing Geography:

ATWOOD Voting District; BOGGS TWP Voting District; BURRELL TWP Voting District; COWANSHANNOCK TWP VTD EASTERN; COWANSHANNOCK TWP VTD SAGAMORE; COWANSHANNOCK TWP VTD WESTERN; DAYTON Voting District; ELDERTON Voting District; KITTANNING TWP Voting District; MADISON TWP Voting District; MAHONING TWP VTD EASTERN; MAHONING TWP VTD WESTERN; PINE TWP Voting District; PLUMCREEK TWP Voting District; REDBANK TWP VTD OAK RIDGE; REDBANK TWP VTD 02; RURAL VALLEY Voting District; SOUTH BEND TWP Voting District; SOUTH BETHLEHEM Voting District; VALLEY TWP Voting District; WAYNE TWP Voting District

### Proposed Geography:

ATWOOD Voting District; BOGGS TWP Voting District; BURRELL TWP Voting District; COWANSHANNOCK TWP VTD EASTERN; COWANSHANNOCK TWP VTD SAGAMORE; COWANSHANNOCK TWP VTD WESTERN; DAYTON Voting District; ELDERTON Voting District; KITTANNING TWP Voting District; MADISON TWP Voting District; MAHONING TWP VTD EASTERN; MAHONING TWP VTD WESTERN; PINE TWP Voting District; PLUMCREEK TWP Voting District; REDBANK TWP VTD OAK RIDGE; REDBANK TWP VTD 02; RURAL VALLEY Voting District; SOUTH BEND TWP Voting District; SOUTH BETHLEHEM Voting District; VALLEY TWP Voting District; WAYNE TWP Voting District

**Office within district:** Yes

**Residence within district:** Yes

**Police Departments:** Rural Valley Borough

**Major Highways:** US 422, PA 56, PA 156, PA 210, PA 85

# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

## Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

### Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

**Armstrong / 33**

Judicial District Average Caseload			
2011 Class	2011 Filings	2012 Class	2012 Filings
6	3,102	6	3,102

2011 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2011 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
6	251	126	2,087	485	231	43	41	3,263

2012 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2012 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
6	244	155	2,019	477	228	42	39	3,204

#### Notes on Analysis:

**CASELOAD:** The statistics provided are used to compare the average annual caseload of each magisterial district to the class of county average as one measure to assess whether any changes should be proposed. Reported values are provided by the judicial district; the comparison values are provided by the MDJS.

**WORKLOAD:** Where the average annual workload of a magisterial district is greater/less than 15% of the judicial district's workload average, the judicial district should realign - OR - explain why this difference does not impact workload equity within the judicial district. A value that is green indicates it is within range; red requires justification if realignment or elimination are not proposed.

Judicial District Caseload Averages		
Armstrong	2011	2012
Class	6	6
CR	345	345
NT	725	725
PC	183	183
TR	1,566	1,566
CV	182	182
LT	44	44
MD	57	57
AVG	3,102	3,102

Judicial District Workload Averages		
Armstrong	2011	2012
Class	6	6
CR	12,678	12,678
NT	7,788	7,788
PC	1,964	1,964
TR	3,570	3,570
CV	2,054	2,053
LT	639	637
MD	1,846	1,856
-15 % Workload	25,957	25,964
Average Workload	30,538	30,546
+ 15% Workload	35,118	35,128

## Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

**33-3-01**

**Reestablish**

### **CASELOAD**

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,182		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

3	2.58%	2.58%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-2	-2.50%	-0.69%
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### **WORKLOAD**

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
29,854		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-2	-2.24%	-2.26%
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**33-3-02**

**Reestablish**

### **CASELOAD**

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,242		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

4.5	4.51%	4.51%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

0	-0.66%	1.18%
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### **WORKLOAD**

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
36,483		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

<b>19.5</b>	19.47%	19.44%
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## Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

**33-3-03**

**Reestablish**

### **CASELOAD**

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
3,607	2011	2012

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

16	16.28%	16.28%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

10	10.53%	12.57%
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### **WORKLOAD**

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
31,063	2011	2012

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

2	1.72%	1.69%
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**33-3-04**

**Reestablish**

### **CASELOAD**

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
2,377	2011	2012

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-23	-23.37%	-23.37%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-28	-27.16%	-25.82%
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### **WORKLOAD**

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
24,754	2011	2012

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-19	-18.94%	-18.96%
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**JUDGE'S CHAMBERS**  
Thirty-Third Judicial District  
Armstrong County Courthouse  
Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201  
(724) 543-2500

February 2, 2012

Mr. Joseph Mittleman  
Director Judicial Programs  
Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts  
1515 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19101

Re: 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District  
Armstrong County  
Magisterial District Reestablishment

Dear Mr. Mittleman:

Enclosed herewith are the following:

1. A Judicial District Summary Worksheet.
2. Four Magisterial District Reestablishment Worksheets, one for each Magisterial District in Armstrong County.
3. A map of Armstrong County depicting the four current magisterial districts (a circle showing the town in which the office is located).
4. Three public comment communications.
5. Proof that an invitation for public comment was published in the Armstrong County Legal Journal and in the Leader Times, a local newspaper.

The above constitutes the entire package that I will submit.

If you need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth G. Valasek  
President Judge

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Enclosures

cc: Amy Kehner, AOPC

# AOPC

## JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET.

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

<b>I.</b>	<b>JUDICIAL DISTRICT NUMBER:</b>	33
<b>A.</b>	Wh at is the class of county?	6
<b>B.</b>	Wh at is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county?	18%
<b>II.</b>	<b>PROPOSED ACTIONS:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	List existing magisterial districts: 33-3-01, 33-3-02, 33-3-03, and 33-3-04	
<b>B.</b>	Does this judicial district have an annual average caseload that is ten percent above the average caseload for the applicable class of county?	YES
	1. If the answer to <b>II. B.</b> above is <i>NO</i> , are eliminations proposed?	Choose Yes or No
	a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination.	
	b) If no eliminations are proposed based on <b>II. B.</b> above, what are the factors for this decision?	
	2. If the answer to <b>II. B.</b> above is <i>YES</i> , are eliminations proposed?	Choose Yes or No
	a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination.	
<b>C.</b>	Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?	YES
	1. List magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment. 33-3-01, 33-3-02, 33-3-03, and 33-3-04	
<b>D.</b>	Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment?	NO
	1. List magisterial districts proposed for realignment.	

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## JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

<b>III. NIGHT AND CENTRAL COURT OPERATIONS</b>								
A. Is there a night court operating within the judicial district?		NO						
B. Is there a central court operating within the judicial district?		NO						
C. Note comments regarding how night, central or other similar court programs impact operations within the judicial district.								
<b>IV. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>								
A. A request for public comment was posted:		YES						
B. Comments were received:		YES						
C. Comments are attached:		YES						
<b>V. ADDITIONAL REMARKS CONCERNING PROPOSAL:</b>								
<p>1. The average workload of the four (4) Magisterial Districts in Armstrong County is substantially higher than that of 6<sup>th</sup> Class Counties as a whole, to wit, 18% higher.</p> <p>2. The average workloads of three (3) of Armstrong County's Magisterial Districts (33-3-01, 02, and 03) are higher than that of 6<sup>th</sup> Class Counties as a whole.</p> <p>3. The single Magisterial District in Armstrong County whose workload is lower than that of 6<sup>th</sup> Class Counties as a whole, is 33-3-04. Yet 33-3-04 is by far the largest District in terms of territory. A glance at the enclosed map shows that 33-3-04 encompasses about one-half of the entire county. Currently, the Magisterial District Judge office for 33-3-04 is in Rural Valley Borough, centrally located in the District, and providing a moderately convenient location for the District's far-flung residents. To eliminate this District and to divide it among two or more of the other three Districts is wholly impractical for the reasons set forth in #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, below.</p> <p>4. If Armstrong County were to lose a Magisterial District, its three (3) remaining districts would average 220 square miles each.</p> <p>5. Concomitant to No. 4, above, the current vehicular travel times from the most distant point of each Magisterial District to the current Magisterial District Judge office are as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">33-3-01</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Freeport to Ford City</td> <td>25 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>33-3-02</td> <td>Parker to Kittanning</td> <td>45 minutes</td> </tr> </table>			33-3-01	Freeport to Ford City	25 minutes	33-3-02	Parker to Kittanning	45 minutes
33-3-01	Freeport to Ford City	25 minutes						
33-3-02	Parker to Kittanning	45 minutes						

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## JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

33-3-03	Shady Plain to Leechburg	30 minutes
33-3-04	Mateer To Rural Valley	40 minutes

If Armstrong County loses one of its four Magisterial Districts, driving times will balloon and result in great public and private inconvenience, and increased costs to our residents and municipalities.

6. A noteworthy geographic feature of Armstrong County is that the County is cut in half by the Allegheny River. There are only three (3) bridges which directly connect the eastern half and the western half of the County. All three of these bridges are in the Kittanning-Ford City area in the central part of the County, and the northernmost and southernmost of them are only five (5) miles apart. Accordingly, a person cannot drive from one side of the Allegheny River to the other anywhere north of Kittanning. Also a person cannot drive from one side to the other south of Ford City.

7. Further, if District 33-3-04 were eliminated in the future when Magisterial District Judge Samuel R. Goldstrohm (33-3-04), currently age 62, retires, his sprawling district would have to be divided so that Manorville Borough, where Magisterial District Judge DeComo (33-3-01) lives, and Kittanning Borough, where Magisterial District Judge Owen (33-3-02) lives, remain in separate districts. Manorville and Kittanning are within sight of each other! This constraint seriously aggravates the redistricting problem.

8. If District 33-3-04 were eliminated, its judicial office would likely be moved from its current location in Rural Valley Borough to a new one closer to population centers in the southern part of the county. The lease for the current site, however, does not expire until 2018. Also, if District 33-3-04 were eliminated, the judicial office of District 33-3-01 would have to be moved in a similar direction; yet, the lease for the building does not expire until the end of 2019.

9. Marcellus shale gas drilling activities have begun and will undoubtedly substantially increase within the next decade. The customary attendant problems will increase as well.

**VI. DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC:** FEBRUARY 7, 2012

**VII. PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME:** Kenneth G. Valasek

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Signature

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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THIS WORKSHEET FOR EACH MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

<b>I.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	33-3-01
<b>II.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Caseload:	3,182
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	3%
<b>C.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-2%
<b>III.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Workload:	29,854
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-2%
<b>C.</b>	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
<b>D.</b>	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This Magisterial District (01) has a workload that is very close to the average with the Judicial District. Therefore, its workload does not impact workload equity.	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
<b>B.</b>	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	7/1/2012
<b>V.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Magisterial District Judge Name: J. Gary DeComo	

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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

<b>B.</b> Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
<b>C.</b> Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2022
<b>D.</b> Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	206 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Ford City 16226
<b>E.</b> Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
<b>F.</b> Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
<b>G.</b> List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	Ford City Borough, Freeport Borough, Manor Township, North Buffalo Township, South Buffalo Township
<b>H.</b> List any major highways within this magisterial district:	PA 28 (Allegheny Valley Expressway), PA 66, and U.S. 422
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Cadogan Township, Ford City Borough, Ford Cliff Borough, Freeport Borough, Manor Township, Manorville Borough, North Buffalo Township, South Buffalo Township
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Cadogan Township, Ford City Borough, Ford Cliff Borough, Freeport Borough, Manor Township, Manorville Borough, North Buffalo Township, South Buffalo Township
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	None
PLEASE SAVE A COPY OF THIS WORKSHEET PRIOR TO ENTERING DATA FOR THE NEXT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.	

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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THIS WORKSHEET FOR EACH MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

<b>I.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	33-3-02
<b>II.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Caseload:	3,242
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	4.5%
<b>C.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	0%
<b>III.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Workload:	36,483
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	19.5%
<b>C.</b>	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	Yes
<b>D.</b>	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This Magisterial District's (02) workload is far in excess of the average within the Judicial District. It is above-average to the same extent that 33-3-04 is below-average.	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
<b>B.</b>	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	7/1/2012
<b>V.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Magisterial District Judge Name: James H. Owen	

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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

<b>B.</b> Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
<b>C.</b> Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2018
<b>D.</b> Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	201 N. Jefferson St. Kittanning 16201
<b>E.</b> Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	Yes
<b>F.</b> Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	Yes
<b>G.</b> List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	East Franklin Township, Kittanning Borough, West Kittanning Borough, Worthington Borough
<b>H.</b> List any major highways within this magisterial district:	PA 28 (Allegheny Valley Expressway), PA 66, PA 368, U.S. 422
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Applewold Borough, Bradys Bend Township, East Franklin Township, Hovey Township, Kittanning Borough, City of Parker, Perry Township, Rayburn Township, Sugarcreek Township, Washington Township, West Franklin Township, West Kittanning Borough, Worthington Borough ✓
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Applewold Borough, Bradys Bend Township, East Franklin Township, Hovey Township, Kittanning Borough, City of Parker, Perry Township, Rayburn Township, Sugarcreek Township, Washington Township, West Franklin Township, West Kittanning Borough, Worthington Borough ✓
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	
	None
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<b>I.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	33-3-03
<b>II.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Caseload:	3,607
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	16%
<b>C.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	10%
<b>III.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Workload:	31,063
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	2%
<b>C.</b>	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
<b>D.</b>	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This Magisterial District (03) has a workload that is very close to the average within the Judicial District. Therefore, its workload does not impact workload equity.	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
<b>B.</b>	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	7/1/2012
<b>V.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Magisterial District Judge Name: James Andring	

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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

<b>B.</b> Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2015
<b>C.</b> Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2033
<b>D.</b> Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	241 Market Street Leechburg 15656
<b>E.</b> Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
<b>F.</b> Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
<b>G.</b> List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	Apollo Borough, Bethel Township, Gilpin Township, Kiskiminetas Township, Leechburgh Borough, Parks Township
<b>H.</b> List any major highways within this magisterial district:	
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Apollo Borough, Bethel Township, Gilpin Township, Kiskiminetas Township, Leechburg Borough, North Apollo Borough, Parks Township ✓
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Apollo Borough, Bethel Township, Gilpin Township, Kiskiminetas Township, Leechburg Borough, North Apollo Borough, Parks Township ✓
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	
	None
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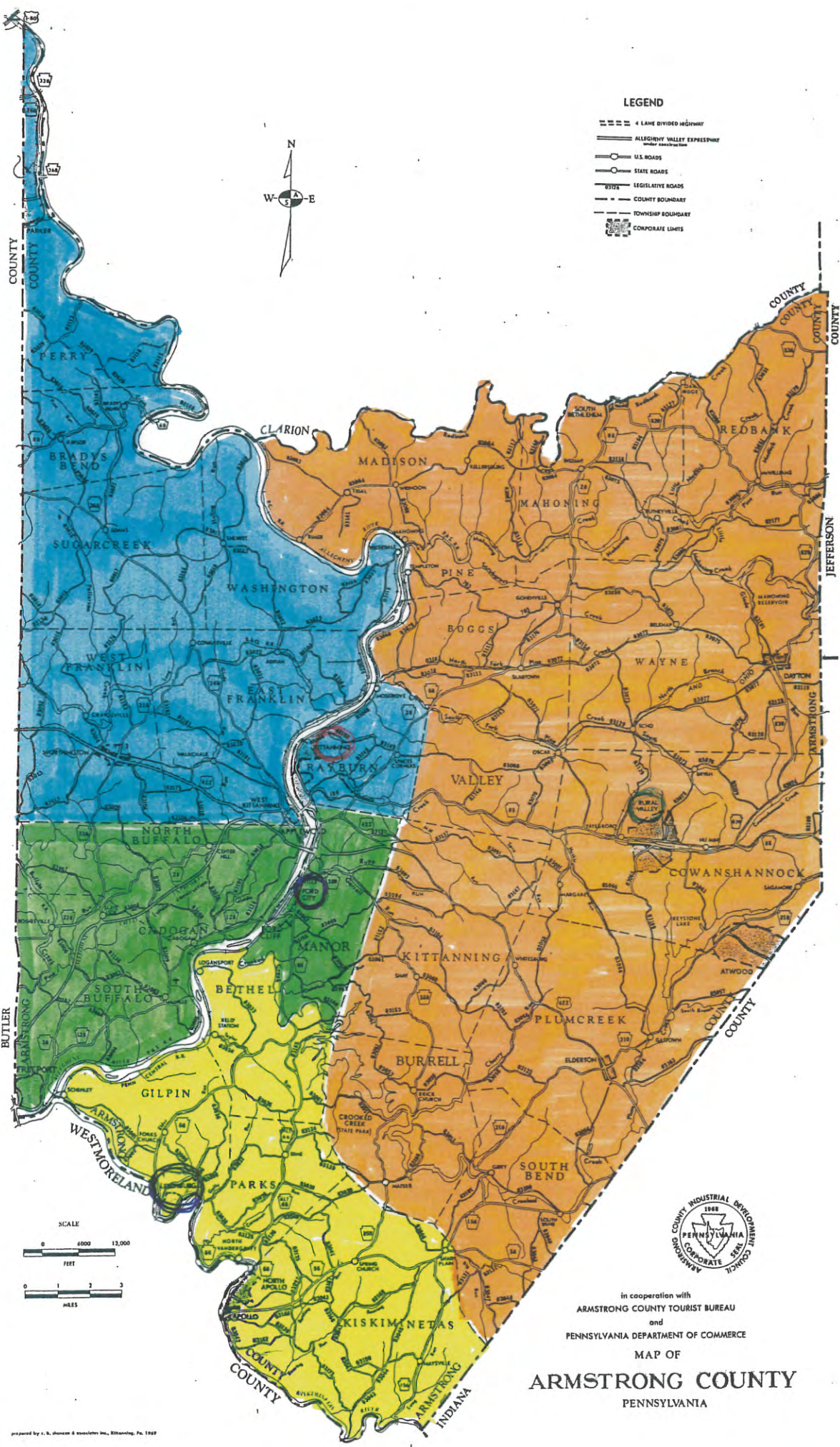
<b>I.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	33-3-04
<b>II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>		
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Caseload:	2,377
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-23%
<b>C.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-28%
<b>III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>		
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Workload:	24,754
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-19%
<b>C.</b>	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
<b>D.</b>	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This Magisterial District (04) has a workload that is far below the average within the Judicial District. It is below average to the same extent that 33-3-02 is above average.	
<b>IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>		
<b>A.</b>	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
<b>B.</b>	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	7/1/2012
<b>V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>		
<b>A.</b>	Magisterial District Judge Name: Samuel R. Goldstrohm	

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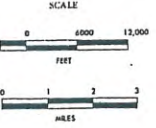
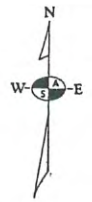
<b>B.</b> Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
<b>C.</b> Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2019
<b>D.</b> Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	720 Main Street Rural Valley 16249
<b>E.</b> Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
<b>F.</b> Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
<b>G.</b> List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	Rural Valley Borough
<b>H.</b> List any major highways within this magisterial district:	U.S. 422, PA 56, PA 156, PA 210, PA 85
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Atwood Borough, Boggs Township, Burrell Township, Cowanshannock Township, Dayton Borough, Elderton Borough, Kittanning Township, Madison Township, Mahoning Township, Pine Township, Plumcreek Township, Redbank Township, Rural Valley Borough, South Bend Township, South Bethlehem Borough, Valley Township, Wayne Township ✓
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<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	
	The judges of the other three Magisterial Districts all know that their workloads exceed that of the judge in this District (04). Nevertheless, none of them firmly believe that this "inequitable" distribution of the workload should result in any realignment.
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January 25, 2012

Armstrong Common Pleas Court  
Honorable Judge Kenneth G. Valasek  
Armstrong County Courthouse  
500 East Market Street  
Kittanning PA 16201

Judge Valasek,

In response to your correspondence in regards to the reestablishment, realignment, and/or elimination of Magisterial Judicial Districts within the Thirty-Third Judicial District, I find the current configuration of Magisterial Districts acceptable and would not recommend changing the configuration. The current configuration allows for convenient access by those who rely on the services of the Magisterial Offices the most, the citizens of their respective local communities. I believe anything less than four Magisterial District Offices would cause a hardship on the citizens of Armstrong County. Magisterial District Offices are the first line of contact for citizens when they utilize in the judicial process. I believe it is important to maintain the four offices to maintain this level of local contact.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Thomas E. Dubovi".

Lieutenant Thomas E. Dubovi  
Station Commander  
Troop D, Kittanning

**Susie A. Davis**

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**From:** efpd@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2012 10:21 PM  
**To:** Susie A. Davis  
**Subject:** Public Comment

Court Administrator:

It is the feelings of this officer that all of Armstrong County Magisterial Districts be reestablished as they currently are.

Thank You:

Sgt. William C Evans

O.I.C.

East Franklin Twp. Police Department

106 Cherry Orchard Ave

Kittanning, Pa. 16201

[sgtevans@comcast.net](mailto:sgtevans@comcast.net)

**Susie A. Davis**

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**From:** parkstwppd@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2012 10:16 AM  
**To:** Susie A. Davis  
**Subject:** Armstrong County Magisterial Districts

After having reviewed the received "Invitation for Public Comment" letter, I would select item number one of the three choices. Item one states; "Shall all four (4) of Armstrong County's Magisterial Districts be re-established "as is"."

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Chief Douglas E. Ciuca  
Parks Township Police Department  
26 Jackson St.  
Vandergrift, PA 15690  
724-567-5525



# ARMSTRONG COUNTY LEGAL JOURNAL

## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned, an appointed agent of ARMSTRONG COUNTY LEGAL JOURNAL having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that ARMSTRONG COUNTY LEGAL JOURNAL is the officially designated legal newspaper in and for the Courts of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, owned and published each Thursday continuously since October 7, 1965 by the Armstrong County Bar Association at Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, that the notice hereto securely attached, exactly as printed or published, appear in the ARMSTRONG COUNTY LEGAL JOURNAL issue or issues dated: *November 27, 2011*

### INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The President Judge of each Judicial District in Pennsylvania, including the undersigned, has been directed to submit a proposal to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts concerning reestablishment, realignment, and/or elimination of Magisterial Judicial Districts within the Judicial District.

The undersigned is therefore inviting public comment on the following issues:

- (1) Shall all four (4) of Armstrong County's Magisterial Districts be reestablished "as is."
- (2) Shall any two (2) or more of Armstrong County's four (4) Magisterial Districts be realigned?
- (3) Shall the number of Magisterial Districts in Armstrong County be reduced from four (4) to three (3) through attrition, upon the death or retirement of any current Magisterial District Judge?

Comments to these issues must be in writing. The name and address of the commentor must be legible. The comment should also state the position of the commentor, such as township supervisor, chief of police, business owner, resident, etc.

The written comments will be forward to the AOPC together with the recommendations of the undersigned. A written comment may be mailed or hand delivered to the Office of the Court Administrator, Armstrong County Courthouse, 500 E. Market Street, Suite 200, Kittanning, PA 16201. Comments may also be emailed to the Court Administrator @ sadavis@co.armstrong.pa.us.

Comments must be received by January 3, 2012.

Kenneth G. Valasek  
President Judge  
Thirty-Third Judicial District  
Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

Affiant further states that he is not foregoing statement as to time, place and

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ing and that all of the allegations in the

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*Nancy J. Capone*  
Agent

*November 27, 2011*

*Marianne Hillman*  
*Lori Stewart*

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