

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Butler**

Judicial District #: **50**

Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 50 and its class of county: **11%**

Note: If the difference is >= 10% no proposed eliminations or justification is required.

Summary of Proposed Actions

50-1-01 Reestablish

50-3-01 Reestablish

50-3-02 Reestablish

50-3-03 Reestablish

50-3-04 Reestablish

50-3-05 Reestablish

50-3-06 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**

Introducing a central court process to help distribute criminal cases among MDJs since the highest volume is in Butler City.

Public Comment

Proposal Posted for Public Comment: **Yes** Comments Received: **No**

- The caseload and workload statistics for Butler County are skewed by district court 50-3-05. When this district is taken out of the averages, all but one of the remaining districts are within the optimal workload range (except for 50-3-01, which is 18% below the average workload for the judicial district).
- When compared to other fourth class counties, Butler has the highest average filings and workload per judge has the least amount of judges.
- It is one of the few counties in western Pennsylvania experiencing population growth; and may be impacted in the future by Marcellus Shale.

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

Butler / 50

Judicial District Average Caseload			
2011 Class	2011 Filings	2012 Class	2012 Filings
4	4,894	4	4,894

2011 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2011 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
4	404	176	2,697	724	250	97	58	4,407

2012 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2012 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
4	392	141	2,635	733	262	92	66	4,320

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		
Butler	2011	2012
Class	4	4
CR	489	489
NT	843	843
PC	106	106
TR	2,960	2,960
CV	336	336
LT	105	105
MD	56	56
AVG	4,894	4,894

Butler	2011	2012
Class	4	4
CR	17,946	17,946
NT	9,050	9,050
PC	1,136	1,136
TR	6,748	6,748
CV	3,790	3,790
LT	1,525	1,525
MD	1,829	1,829
-15 % Workload	35,720	35,720
Average Workload	42,024	42,024
+ 15% Workload	48,327	48,327

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

50-1-01

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,984		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

3	1.83%	1.83%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

13	13.10%	15.37%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
43,013		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

7	2.35%	2.35%
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50-3-01

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
5,450		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

13	11.35%	11.35%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

24	23.67%	26.15%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
41,699		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

3	-0.77%	-0.77%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

50-3-02

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,655		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-25	-25.32%	-25.32%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-17	-17.06%	-15.40%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
37,806		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-7	-10.04%	-10.04%
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50-3-03

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,373		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-10	-10.65%	-10.65%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-1	-0.77%	1.22%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
33,398		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-18	-20.53%	-20.53%
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50-3-04

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,518		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

7	-7.69%	-7.69%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

3	2.53%	4.58%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
33,534		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-18	-20.20%	-20.20%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

50-3-05

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
6,102		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

27	24.68%	24.68%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

39	38.47%	41.25%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
54,037		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

34	28.59%	28.59%
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50-3-06

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,795		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-1	-2.03%	-2.03%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

9	8.81%	10.99%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
36,879		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-9	-12.24%	-12.24%
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Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

County Name: **Butler**

Judicial District #: **50**

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 50-1-01

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,984	Average Annual Workload:	43,013
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	3.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	7.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	13.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Kevin P. O'Donnell

121 Sunnyview Circle, Suite 101

Butler, PA 16001

Birthdate: 9-30-59

Mandatory Retirement: 2029

Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

BUTLER TWP VTD 01 ED 01; BUTLER TWP VTD 01 ED 02;
BUTLER TWP VTD 02; BUTLER TWP VTD 03; BUTLER
TWP VTD 04; BUTLER TWP VTD 05; BUTLER TWP VTD 06
ED NORTH; BUTLER TWP VTD 06 ED SOUTH

Proposed Geography:

BUTLER TWP VTD 01 ED 01; BUTLER TWP VTD 01 ED
02; BUTLER TWP VTD 02; BUTLER TWP VTD 03;
BUTLER TWP VTD 04; BUTLER TWP VTD 05; BUTLER
TWP VTD 06 ED NORTH; BUTLER TWP VTD 06 ED
SOUTH

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Butler Township, PA State Police, BC3

Major Highways: PA Route 8, PA Route 422

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 50-3-01

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	5,450	Average Annual Workload:	41,699
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	13.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	3.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	24.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This office is located in a state college environment and receives a lot of foot traffic. It has the largest clerical staff of all districts in Butler County.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

C. Timothy Shaffer

520 Kelly Blvd.

Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Birthdate: 10-02-45

Mandatory Retirement: 2015

Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

BRADY TWP Voting District; FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; HARRISVILLE Voting District; MERCER TWP Voting District; MUDDYCREEK TWP Voting District; PORTERSVILLE Voting District; PROSPECT Voting District; SLIPPERY ROCK TWP Voting District; SLIPPERY ROCK Voting District; WEST LIBERTY Voting District; WORTH TWP Voting District

Proposed Geography:

BRADY TWP Voting District; FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; HARRISVILLE Voting District; MERCER TWP Voting District; MUDDYCREEK TWP Voting District; PORTERSVILLE Voting District; PROSPECT Voting District; SLIPPERY ROCK TWP Voting District; SLIPPERY ROCK Voting District; WEST LIBERTY Voting District; WORTH TWP Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Slippery Rock Borough, Slippery Rock University, Moraine State Park, Harrisville Borough, Prosepect Borough, Portersville Borough, PA State Police

Major Highways: PA Route 8, I-79

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 50-3-02

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,655	Average Annual Workload:	37,806
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-25.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-7.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-17.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

Although this district has the smallest caseload in the county, it is comprised of 14 of the 33 municipalities that comprise the county.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Lewis E. Stoughton

Birthdate: 1-3-65

Chicora Borough Building 112 North Main Street P.O.
Box 249

Mandatory Retirement: 2035

Chicora, PA 16025

Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

ALLEGHENY TWP Voting District; BRUIN Voting District; CENTER TWP VTD 01; CENTER TWP VTD 02; CENTER TWP VTD 03; CHERRY TWP Voting District; CHERRY VALLEY Voting District; CHICORA Voting District; CLAY TWP Voting District; CLEARFIELD TWP Voting District; CONCORD TWP Voting District; DONEGAL TWP Voting District; EAST BUTLER Voting District; EAU CLAIRE Voting District; FAIRVIEW TWP Voting District; FAIRVIEW Voting District; KARNS CITY Voting District; MARION TWP Voting District; OAKLAND TWP Voting District; PARKER TWP Voting District; PETROLIA Voting District; SUMMIT TWP VTD NORTH; SUMMIT TWP VTD SOUTH; VENANGO TWP Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP Voting District; WEST SUNBURY Voting District

Proposed Geography:

ALLEGHENY TWP Voting District; BRUIN Voting District; CENTER TWP VTD 01; CENTER TWP VTD 02; CENTER TWP VTD 03; CHERRY TWP Voting District; CHERRY VALLEY Voting District; CHICORA Voting District; CLAY TWP Voting District; CLEARFIELD TWP Voting District; CONCORD TWP Voting District; DONEGAL TWP Voting District; EAST BUTLER Voting District; EAU CLAIRE Voting District; FAIRVIEW TWP Voting District; FAIRVIEW Voting District; KARNS CITY Voting District; MARION TWP Voting District; OAKLAND TWP Voting District; PARKER TWP Voting District; PETROLIA Voting District; SUMMIT TWP VTD NORTH; SUMMIT TWP VTD SOUTH; VENANGO TWP Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP Voting District; WEST SUNBURY Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: PA State Police

Major Highways: PA Route 8, PA Route 422

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 50-3-03

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,373	Average Annual Workload:	33,398
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-10.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-18.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-1.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This magisterial district is located in the fastest growing area in the county due to its proximity to PA Rte 28 between Allegheny and Butler counties. This district judge frequently fills in for other MDJs.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Sue E. Haggerty	Birthdate:	4-26-52
426 West Main Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2022
Saxonburg, PA 16056	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

BUFFALO TWO PCT 01; BUFFALO TWP PCT 02; BUFFALO TWP PCT 03; CLINTON TWP Voting District; JEFFERSON TWP VTD I; MIDDLESEX TWP VTD NORTH; JEFFERSON TWP VTD II; MIDDLESEX TWP VTD SOUTH; PENN TWP VTD EAST; PENN TWP VTD WEST; SAXONBURG Voting District; WINFIELD TWP Voting District

Proposed Geography:

BUFFALO TWO PCT 01; BUFFALO TWP PCT 02; BUFFALO TWP PCT 03; CLINTON TWP Voting District; JEFFERSON TWP VTD I; MIDDLESEX TWP VTD NORTH; JEFFERSON TWP VTD II; MIDDLESEX TWP VTD SOUTH; PENN TWP VTD EAST; PENN TWP VTD WEST; SAXONBURG Voting District; WINFIELD TWP Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Buffalo Township, Middlesex Township, Penn Township, Saxonburg Borough, PA State Police

Major Highways: PA Route 8, PA Route 28

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 50-3-04

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,518	Average Annual Workload:	33,534
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	7.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-18.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	3.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district court is located in a rapidly growing area of the county.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

David T. Kovach	Birthdate:	02-04-54
213 Executive Drive, Suite 140	Mandatory Retirement:	2024
Cranberry Township, PA 16066	Term Expires:	1-3-16

Existing Geography:

CRANBERRY TWP VTD EAST ED 01; CRANBERRY TWP VTD EAST ED 02; CRANBERRY TWP VTD EAST ED 03; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 01; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 02; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 03; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 04; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 05; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 06; SEVEN FIELDS Voting District

Proposed Geography:

CRANBERRY TWP VTD EAST ED 01; CRANBERRY TWP VTD EAST ED 02; CRANBERRY TWP VTD EAST ED 03; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 01; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 02; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 03; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 04; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 05; CRANBERRY TWP VTD WEST ED 06; SEVEN FIELDS Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Cranberry Township

Major Highways: I-79

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 50-3-05

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	6,102	Average Annual Workload:	54,037
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	27.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	34.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	39.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district has the highest number of criminal complaints in the judicial district – but will be helped by the implementation of central court.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Peter H. Shaffer

227 West Cunningham Street P.O. Box 1208

Butler, PA 16003

Birthdate: 10-2-47

Mandatory Retirement: 2017

Term Expires: 1-3-16

Existing Geography:

BUTLER WD 01; BUTLER WD 02; BUTLER WD 03;
BUTLER WD 04 PCT 01; BUTLER WD 04 PCT 02; BUTLER
WD 05

Proposed Geography:

BUTLER WD 01; BUTLER WD 02; BUTLER WD 03;
BUTLER WD 04 PCT 01; BUTLER WD 04 PCT 02;
BUTLER WD 05

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Butler City

Major Highways: PA Route 8

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 50-3-06

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,795	Average Annual Workload:	36,879
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-1.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-9.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	9.00		

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

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Wayne D. Seibel

202 East Main Street

Evans City, PA 16033

Birthdate: 11-16-54

Mandatory Retirement: 2024

Term Expires: 1-3-16

Existing Geography:

CALLERY Voting District; CONNOQUENESSING TWP Voting District; CONNOQUENESSING Voting District; EVANS CITY Voting District; FORWARD TWP Voting District; HARMONY Voting District; JACKSON TWP Voting District; LANCASTER TWP Voting District; MARS Voting District; VALENCIA Voting District; ZELIENOPE VTD 01; ZELIENOPE VTD 02; ZELIENOPE VTD 03; ADAMS PCT 01; ADAMS PCT 02; ADAMS PCT 03

Proposed Geography:

CALLERY Voting District; CONNOQUENESSING TWP Voting District; CONNOQUENESSING Voting District; EVANS CITY Voting District; FORWARD TWP Voting District; HARMONY Voting District; JACKSON TWP Voting District; LANCASTER TWP Voting District; MARS Voting District; VALENCIA Voting District; ZELIENOPE VTD 01; ZELIENOPE VTD 02; ZELIENOPE VTD 03; ADAMS PCT 01; ADAMS PCT 02; ADAMS PCT 03

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Adams Township, Jackson Township, Lancaster Township, Evans City Borough, Mars Borough, Callery Borough, Evans City Borough, Zelienople Borough

Major Highways: I-79



**JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
FIFTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
COURTHOUSE
SOUTH MAIN STREET
P.O. BOX 1208
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA 16003-1208**

**THOMAS J. DOERR
PRESIDENT JUDGE**

**TELEPHONE
(724) 284-5444**

March 27, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Mittleman,

Pursuant to the request of the Chief Justice, please find attached the requisite worksheets related to our evaluation of the appropriateness of eliminating, realigning or reestablishing the several Magisterial District Courts within the 50th Judicial District. Based upon our analysis we are recommending that there be no change in the configuration of our Magisterial District Courts.

We note, for your consideration, that District Court 50-3-05 (Butler City) significantly skews both the caseload and workload numbers for Butler County because their numbers are so high. When we remove that district from our analysis the remaining six Magisterial Districts all fall within the 15% +/- variation (with the exception of District Court 50-3-01/Slippery Rock which in this scenario shows an +18% deviation in the average number of filings). We believe, after due consideration of all the numbers, that we can substantiate our belief that no change be made.

Although not a part of the original guidelines that were furnished to us by the AOPC, we also looked at the average number of filings and the average workload scores for each of the fourth class counties and, by dividing into those numbers the actual number of Magisterial District Judges in each district, determined average filing and workload numbers per District Judge. That chart appears below

THOMAS J. DOERR
PRESIDENT JUDGE
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

County	# of District Judges	Average filing per Judge	Average Workload per Judge
Beaver	9	481.45	4071.67
Butler	7	699.15	6003.43
Cambria	10	290.7	2944.7
Cumberland	10	647.9	4577.7
Fayette	8	424.25	4033.13
Schuylkil	7	597.72	5138.15
Washington	11	423.19	3278.64

A simple analysis of these numbers indicates that Butler County has significantly higher numbers related to filings and workloads when compared to the other counties of the fourth class with the lowest number of Magisterial District Judges.

Butler County continues to be one of the few in Western Pennsylvania that is experiencing population growth. We expect that trend to continue particularly in the southern tier of townships as families migrate up the I-79 and Pa Route 28 corridors. We also are reminded that while Marcellus Shale drilling has recently just begun, there is the expectation of a significant increase in the complaints filed in our Magisterial District offices.

As requested, our proposal was presented at a public meeting of the Butler County Commissioners and was subsequently advertised in the Butler Eagle (our daily newspaper) and on the local radio station. Comments were invited but none were received.

With all of these things in mind, we are respectfully recommending that there be no change in the configuration of Magisterial District Judge offices in the 50th Judicial District at this time. If you have any questions about our recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Doerr, President Judge



JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET.

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

I.	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NUMBER:	50
A.	Wh at is the class of county?	4
B.	Wh at is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county?	11%
II.	PROPOSED ACTIONS:	
A.	List existing magisterial districts: 50-1-01 Butler Township; 50-3-01 Slippery Rock; 50-3-02 Chicora; 50-3-03 Saxonburg; 50-3-04 Cranberry Twp; 50-3-05 Butler City; 50-3-06 Evans City.	
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 II. B. above is NO, are eliminations proposed?	NO
	a)List magisterial districts proposed for elimination.	
	b)If no eliminations are proposed based on II. B. above, what are the factors for this decision?	
	2. If the answer to II. B. above is YES, are eliminations proposed?	NO
	a)List magisterial districts proposed for elimination.	
C.	Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?	NO
	1. List magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment.	
D.	Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment?	NO

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

1. List magisterial districts proposed for realignment.

III. NIGHT AND CENTRAL COURT OPERATIONS

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.
Butler County is considering introduction of a Central Court Process. A review of the statistics shows that there is a wide disparity in the number of criminal cases handled within the County based upon the high volume of criminal arrests in Butler City. Central Court would allow for the more even assignment of criminal cases among the several Magisterial District Judges.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. A request for public comment was posted: YES
B. Comments were received: NO
C. Comments are attached: NO

V. ADDITIONAL REMARKS CONCERNING PROPOSAL:

VI. DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC: 3/20/2012

VII. PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME: Thomas J. Doerr

Signature



AOPC

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	50-1-01
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
	A. Average Total Caseload:	4,984
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	3%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	13%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
	A. Average Total Workload:	43,013
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	7%
	C. 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:	NO
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?	
IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:		
	A. 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. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Kevin O'Donnell	
	B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2029
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	121 Sunnyview Circle Suite 101 Butler, 16001
E. Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
F. Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
G. List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	Butler Township; PSP; BC3
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	PA Rte 8; PA Rte 422
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Butler Township
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Butler Township
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	50-3-01
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
	A. Average Total Caseload:	5,450
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	13%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	24%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
	A. Average Total Workload:	41,699
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	3%
	C. 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:	NO
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?	
IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:		
	A. 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. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: C. Timothy Shaffer	
	B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018

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C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2015
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	520 Kelly Boulevard Slippery Rock 16057
E. Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
F. Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
G. List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	Slippery Rock Borough; Slippery Rock University; Moraine State Park; Harrisville Borough; Prospect Borough; Portersville Borough; PSP
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	PA Route 8; I-79
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Brady Twp; Franklin Twp; Harrisville Boro; Mercer Twp; Muddy Creek Twp; Portersville Boro; Prospect Boro; Slippery Rock Twp; Slippery Rock Boro; West Liberty Boro; Worth Twp.
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Brady Twp; Franklin Twp; Harrisville Boro; Mercer Twp; Muddy Creek Twp; Portersville Boro; Prospect Boro; Slippery Rock Twp; Slippery Rock Boro; West Liberty Boro; Worth Twp.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	This office is located in a state college environment with a substantial amount of foot traffic made up in large part by college students. This office, because of the amount of visitors it gets, has the largest clerical staff of all of the MDJ offices in Butler County.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	50-3-02
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
	A. Average Total Caseload:	3,655
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-25%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-17%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
	A. Average Total Workload:	37,806
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-7%
	C. 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:	NO
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?	
IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:		
	A. 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. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Lewis E. Stoughton	
	B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018



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C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2033
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	112 N. Main Street P.O. Box 249 Chicora 16025
E. Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
F. Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
G. List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	PSP
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	PA Rte 8; PA Rte 422
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Townships Of Clearfield, Summit, Center, Oakland, Donegal, Clay, Concord, Fairview, Parker, Washington, Cherry, Venango, Allegheny, Marion; And Boroughs Of Bruin, Chicora, East Butler, Cherry Valley, Eau Clair, Fairview, Karns City, Petrolia And West Sunbury.
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Townships Of Clearfield, Summit, Center, Oakland, Donegal, Clay, Concord, Fairview, Parker, Washington, Cherry, Venango, Allegheny, Marion; And Boroughs Of Bruin, Chicora, East Butler, Cherry Valley, Eau Clair, Fairview, Karns City, Petrolia And West Sunbury.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	We note that although this magisterial district has the smallest caseload in Butler County it is comprised of 43% of the geographical area of the county. Butler County has 33 townships of which 14 are in this magisterial district.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	50-3-03
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
A.	Average Total Caseload:	4,373
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-10%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-1%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
A.	Average Total Workload:	33,398
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-18%
C.	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
D.	<p>If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?</p> <p>Although there is a larger than usual percentage difference between this magisterial district's workload and the judicial districts' averager work load, we note that this district is located in what is becoming the fastest growing area in the County. Proximity to the Pa Route 28 corridor is bringing residents to Butler County from Allegheny County at a high rate. We anticipate this caseload will grow exponentially in the next several years. We also note that this MDJ is often tapped to fill in for other MDJs who find they must recuse from any given case.</p>	
IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:		
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign

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B. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Sue E. Haggerty	
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2020
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	426 W. Main Street Saxonburg 16056
E. Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
F. Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
G. List any police departments located within this magisterial district: Buffalo Township; Middlesex Township; Penn Township; Saxonburg Borough; PSP	
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: PA Rte 8; PA Rte 28	
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Borough Of Saxonburg; Townships Of Buffalo, Clinton, Jefferson, Middlesex, Penn And Winfield	
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Same As Above.	
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	50-3-04
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	4,518
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	7%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	3%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	33,534
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	18%
C.	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
D.	<p>If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?</p> <p>Item B above is a -18%. We note that this Magisterial District is located in a rapidly growing area of Butler County. As more people move north into the area, they are finding that the Cranberry area is a very desirable place to live. We anticipate that this area will continue to grow rapidly. We also note that the case load disparity when compared to other magisterial districts in the County is fairly low.</p>	
IV.	PROPOSED CHANGE:	
A.	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.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	



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V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:
A. Magisterial District Judge Name: David Kovach
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy): 1/1/2016
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy): 12/31/2024
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code): 213 Executive Drive Suite 140 Cranberry Twp 16003
E. Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district: YES
F. Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district: YES
G. List any police departments located within this magisterial district: Cranberry Twp
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: I-79
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Cranberry Township; Seven Fields Boro
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Cranberry Township; Seven Fields Boro
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	50-3-05
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
	A. Average Total Caseload:	6,102
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	27%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	39%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
	A. Average Total Workload:	54,037
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	34%
	C. 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
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This magisterial district experiences the single highest number of criminal complaints within the 50 th Judicial District. The MDJ, however, claims that he is satisfied with his ability to handle the workload. We note that the President Judge is looking at the implementation of a central court model that would even out the number of preliminary hearings conducted by the Magisterial District Judges. Implementation of the central court model is tentatively being discussed for later in 2012.	
IV.	PROPOSED CHANGE:	
	A. 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



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B. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Peter H. Shaffer	
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2016
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	227 W. Cunningham Street P.O. Box 1208 Butler 16003
E. Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
F. Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
G. List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	Butler City
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	PA Rte 8
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Butler City	
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Butler City	
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	50-3-06
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
	A. Average Total Caseload:	4,795
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-1%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	9%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
	A. Average Total Workload:	36,879
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-9%
	C. 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:	NO
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?	
IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:		
	A. 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. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Wayne Seibel	
	B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2016

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C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	202 E. Main Street Evans City 16033
E. Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
F. Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:	YES
G. List any police departments located within this magisterial district:	Adams Township; Jackson Township; Lancaster Township; Evans City Borough; Mars Borough; Callery Borough; Evans City Borough; Zelienople Borough
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	I-79
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Townships Of Adams, Connoquenessing, Forward, Jackson, Lancaster, Boroughs Of Callery, Connoquenessing, Evans City, Harmony, Mars, Valencia And Zilienople
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Townships Of Adams, Connoquenessing, Forward, Jackson, Lancaster, Boroughs Of Callery, Connoquenessing, Evans City, Harmony, Mars, Valencia And Zilienople
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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County: Leave district judges alone

State asked to retain posts

By Tom Victoria
Eagle Staff Writer

Butler County Court is asking the state Supreme Court to retain all of its seven district judges.

Every 10 years following each census, the state requires counties to evaluate the number, loca-

tion and makeup of their district courts.

During the latter part of 2011, county court administration reviewed statistical data provided by the state to compare caseloads among the seven district judges in this county and with those in other 4th-class counties.

The review was based on the seven counties that were designated 4th class in 2011. Additional counties were given that designation while others were

moved into other classes for 2012.

Butler was tied with Schuylkill County with the fewest number of district judges at seven. Washington County had the most at 11.

Tom Holman, deputy court administrator, said Butler County also is requesting there be no realignment of assignments for municipalities in its judicial districts.

"The statistics suggest that Butler County is at the low end

of district judges when compared to other counties of a similar size," he said.

According to the report, Butler District Judge Pete Shaffer had the most cases in 2011 with 5,172.

Chicora District Judge Lewis Stoughton had the fewest with 3,422 cases. Holman pointed out Stoughton has the smallest office staff among all seven judges.

The Butler district court also had the most criminal cases with 718. Saxtonburg District Judge

Sue Haggerty had the least with 322.

Cranberry District Judge David Kovač had the most civil cases with 570. Shaffer had the least at 201.

According to state records, the average annual caseload for Butler district judges between 2005 and part of 2011 was 4,839.

Shaffer had the highest number with a 6,102 average.

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DISTRICT JUDGES' CASELOADS

Here are the 2011 caseloads of the seven district judges in Butler County.



Kevin O'Donnell



Tim Shaffer



Lewis Stoughton



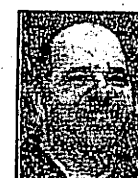
Sue Haggerty



David Kovach



Pete Shaffer



Wayne Seibel

Criminal	459	346	412	322	379	718	375
Civil	381	220	358	218	570	201	379
Traffic	2,107	2,312	1,453	2,314	2,381	2,846	2,488
Nontraffic	950	1,010	1,104	630	200	1,087	602
Landlord	52	172	43	29	106	215	32
Misc.	176	55	52	62	12	105	105
Total	4,125	4,115	3,422	3,575	3,648	5,172	3,981
	Butler Township	Slippery Rock	Chicora	Saxonburg	Cranberry Township	Butler	Evans City

BUTLER EAGLE GRAPHIC

SOURCE: Butler County Courts

Man, 47, dies in collision

Head-on crash injures 2 others

By Jim Smith
Eagle Staff Writer

PARKS TWP, Armstrong County — A North Buffalo Township man was killed and two others hurt Tuesday afternoon when the vehicle he was driving collided with a pickup truck hauling a burial vault, authorities said.

Killed in the head-on crash about 1:40 p.m. on Alternate Route 66 about one-quarter mile south of Pump Station Road was 47-year-old Daryl Eujene Baum II.

Baum's live-in girlfriend Michele McAdoo, 34, and the other driver, Orlando Bianco, 58, of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, were both flown by medical helicopters to Pittsburgh hospitals.

Their conditions were not known this morning.

Witnesses told investigators that Baum's south-bound 1997 Ford Explorer crossed the center line and struck a 2003 Ford F-550 that was traveling north.

Parks Township police said the pickup, owned by the Pennsylvania Vault Co. of Johnstown, Cambria County, flipped over the guardrails and ended up on its side in a creek.

Judges

From Page 1

Stoughton had the lowest average at 3,655.

For the same time period, other 4th-class counties fell above and below the county average. Cumberland County had the highest average with 6,479. Cambria County had the lowest with 2,907.

Haggerty said the statis-

tics indicate there's no reason to eliminate or realign districts.

"We're in good shape as far as caseloads in Butler County," she said.

Evans City District Judge Wayne Seibel agreed.

"We really don't see a need for a change," he said. "Everybody is pretty much where they need to be."

The county review

included weighted caseload statistics provided by the state that factor in the time required for different types of cases.

Under the weighted system, Shaffer scored the highest with 54,037 points. Evans City District Judge Wayne Seibel had the lowest with 31,879.

The average of all seven judges was 39,481.

Under this state formula, Cumberland had the

highest score with 45,774. Cambria had the lowest with 29,447.

Before the county court submits its recommendation to the Supreme Court in mid-March, public comment about the issue will be accepted.

Anyone with questions or comments about the recommendation should call county court administration at 724-284-5200.

'We really don't see a need for a change. Everybody is pretty much where they need to be.'

Wayne Seibel,
Evans City District Judge