

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Columbia**

Judicial District #: **26**

Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 26 and its class of county: **3%**

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

Summary of Proposed Actions

26-2-01 Reestablish

26-3-01 Reestablish

26-3-02 Reestablish

26-3-03 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: **No**

- This is a dual county judicial district.
- Three of the four MDJs have terms that expire on 1/1/18.
- Interstate 80 runs through the entire judicial district.

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

County Name: Columbia

Judicial District #: 26

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 26-2-01

Proposed Action: Reestablish

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|---|-------|---|--------|
| Average Annual Caseload: | 6,533 | Average Annual Workload: | 51,313 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district): | 39.00 | % Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district): | 52.00 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county): | 50.00 | <i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i> | |

High workload due to Bloomsburg University and I-80; this district is also located in the county seat.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Russell L. Lawton

700 Sawmill Road, Suite 102

Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Birthdate: 12-08-68

Mandatory Retirement: 2038

Term Expires: 1-3-16

Existing Geography:

BLOOMSBURG 1ST WARD; BLOOMSBURG 2ND WARD;
BLOOMSBURG TOWN DIST 03 ED 01; BLOOMSBURG
TOWN DIST 03 ED 02; BLOOMSBURG 4TH WARD;
MONTOUR TWP Voting District; SCOTT TWP VTD EAST;
SCOTT TWP VTD WEST

Proposed Geography:

BLOOMSBURG 1ST WARD; BLOOMSBURG 2ND WARD;
BLOOMSBURG TOWN DIST 03 ED 01; BLOOMSBURG
TOWN DIST 03 ED 02; BLOOMSBURG 4TH WARD;
MONTOUR TWP Voting District; SCOTT TWP VTD EAST;
SCOTT TWP VTD WEST

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Bloomsburg Police Dept., Bloomsburg University Police Dept., Montour Township Police Department, Scott Township Police Dept.

Major Highways: I-80, Route 11

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 26-3-01

Proposed Action: Reestablish

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|---|--------|---|---------------|
| Average Annual Caseload: | 3,015 | Average Annual Workload: | 22,330 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district): | -35.00 | % Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district): | -34.00 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county): | -9.00 | <i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i> | |

This district has the smallest workload but is anticipated to change because it is prime Marcellus Shale territory where exploration has begun. The municipalities within the district also have small police departments, so realigning this district may compromise public safety. This MDJ office is also tapped to handle recusals when needed.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Douglas D. Brewer | Birthdate: | 9-25-67 |
| 673 North State Street P.O. Box 180 | Mandatory Retirement: | 2037 |
| Millville, PA 17846 | Term Expires: | 12-31-17 |

Existing Geography:

BENTON TWP Voting District; BENTON Voting District; FISHING CREEK TOWNSHIP Voting District; GREENWOOD TWP Voting District; HEMLOCK TOWNSHIP Voting District; JACKSON TWP Voting District; MADISON TWP Voting District; MILLVILLE Voting District; MT. PLEASANT TWP Voting District; PINE TWP Voting District; ORANGE TWP Voting District; ORANGEVILLE Voting District; STILLWATER Voting District; SUGARLOAF TWP Voting District

Proposed Geography:

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Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Benton Police Dept., Greenwood Township Police Dept., Orangeville Police Dept., Madison Township, Millville Police Dept., Hemlock Police Dept.

Major Highways: US Route 11

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 26-3-02

Proposed Action: Reestablish

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|---|-------|---|--------|
| Average Annual Caseload: | 4,499 | Average Annual Workload: | 40,468 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district): | -4.00 | % Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district): | 20.00 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county): | 38.00 | <i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i> | |

There is no significant impact. This MDJ office processes the most serious crimes in the district.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Richard W. Knecht | Birthdate: | 05-12-56 |
| 339 West Front Street | Mandatory Retirement: | 2026 |
| Berwick, PA 18603 | Term Expires: | 12-31-17 |

Existing Geography:

BERWICK 1ST WARD; BERWICK WD 02; BERWICK 3RD WARD; BERWICK 4TH WARD; BRIAR CREEK TWP VTD NORTHEAST; BRIAR CREEK TWP VTD WEST; BRIAR CREEK Voting District; NORTH CENTRE TWP Voting District; SOUTH CENTRE TWP Voting District

Proposed Geography:

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Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Berwick Police Dept., South Centre Township Police Dept., Briar Creek Township Police Dept., PA State Police

Major Highways: US Route 11

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 26-3-03

Proposed Action: Reestablish

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| Average Annual Caseload: | 4,753 | Average Annual Workload: | 20,406 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district): | 1.00 | % Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district): | -40.00 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county): | 46.00 | <i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i> | |

There is no impact. Because of the impact of Bloomsburg University on workload and caseload, the workload numbers are skewed upwards and are misleading.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

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|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Craig W. Long | Birthdate: | 9-5-67 |
| 400 Fisher Avenue | Mandatory Retirement: | 2037 |
| Catawissa, PA 17820 | Term Expires: | 12-31-17 |

Existing Geography:

BEAVER TWP Voting District; CATAWISSA TWP Voting District; CATAWISSA BOROUGH Voting District; CENTRALIA Voting District; CLEVELAND TWP Voting District; CONYNGHAM TOWNSHIP Voting District; FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; LOCUST TWP Voting District; MAIN TWP Voting District; MIFFLIN TWP Voting District; ROARING CREEK TWP Voting District

Proposed Geography:

BEAVER TWP Voting District; CATAWISSA TWP Voting District; CATAWISSA BOROUGH Voting District; CENTRALIA Voting District; CLEVELAND TWP Voting District; CONYNGHAM TOWNSHIP Voting District; FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; LOCUST TWP Voting District; MAIN TWP Voting District; MIFFLIN TWP Voting District; ROARING CREEK TWP Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Catawissa Borough Police Dept., Conyngham Township Police Dept., Locust Township Police Dept., Main Township Police Dept.

Major Highways: I-81

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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

Columbia / 26

| Judicial District Average Caseload | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 2011 Class | 2011 Filings | 2012 Class | 2012 Filings |
| 6 | 4,690 | 6 | 4,690 |

| 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 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Columbia | 2011 | 2012 |
| Class | 6 | 6 |
| CR | 286 | 286 |
| NT | 678 | 678 |
| PC | 135 | 135 |
| TR | 3,027 | 3,027 |
| CV | 454 | 454 |
| LT | 67 | 67 |
| MD | 44 | 44 |
| AVG | 4,690 | 4,690 |

| Judicial District Workload Averages | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Columbia | 2011 | 2012 |
| Class | 6 | 6 |
| CR | 10,485 | 10,485 |
| NT | 7,282 | 7,282 |
| PC | 1,445 | 1,445 |
| TR | 6,901 | 6,901 |
| CV | 5,117 | 5,117 |
| LT | 968 | 968 |
| MD | 1,430 | 1,433 |
| -15 % Workload | 28,585 | 28,588 |
| Average Workload | 33,630 | 33,632 |
| + 15% Workload | 38,674 | 38,677 |

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

26-2-01

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| | 2011 | 2012 |
| 6,533 | | |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

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|----|--------|--------|
| 39 | 39.31% | 39.31% |
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

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|----|---------|---------|
| 50 | 100.19% | 103.89% |
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| | 2011 | 2012 |
| 51,313 | | |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

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|-----------|--------|--------|
| 52 | 52.58% | 52.57% |
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26-3-01

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| | 2011 | 2012 |
| 3,015 | | |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

| | | |
|-----|---------|---------|
| -35 | -35.71% | -35.71% |
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

| | | |
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| -9 | -7.61% | -5.91% |
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| | 2011 | 2012 |
| 22,330 | | |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

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| -34 | -33.60% | -33.61% |
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

26-3-02

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| 4,499 | 2011 | 2012 |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

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|----|--------|--------|
| -4 | -4.06% | -4.06% |
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

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| 38 | 37.86% | 40.41% |
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| 40,468 | 2011 | 2012 |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

| | | |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| 20 | 20.33% | 20.32% |
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26-3-03

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| 4,753 | 2011 | 2012 |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| 1 | 1.35% | 1.35% |
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

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| 46 | 45.64% | 48.34% |
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| 20,406 | 2011 | 2012 |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

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| -40 | -39.32% | -39.33% |
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JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

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| I. JUDICIAL DISTRICT NUMBER: | 26 |
| A. What is the class of county? | Wh 6 |
| B. What is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county? | Wh 3% |
| II. PROPOSED ACTIONS: | |
| A. List existing magisterial districts: (Columbia) District Court 26-2-01, District Court 26-3-01, District Court 26-3-02, District Court 26-3-03, District Court 26-3-04 (Montour) | |
| B. Does this judicial district have an annual average caseload that is ten percent above the average caseload for the applicable class of county? | NO |
| 1. If the answer to II. B. above is <i>NO</i> , are eliminations proposed? | NO |
| a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination. none | |
| b) If no eliminations are proposed based on II. B. above, what are the factors for this decision? Note that the terms of the MDJs expire in several years: Judge Lawton and Judge Shrawder (Montour) expire on 1/3/16 and Judge Knecht, Judge Long, and Judge Brewer expire on 1/1/18. The 26 th judicial district is comprised of two counties, Columbia and Montour. A separate sheet is being provided for Montour County and its one MDJ Office. The four Columbia County MDJ offices are extremely busy. The one office facially has a smaller caseload but is busy and serves a large geographical area with many municipalities. However, that district is the heart of the Marcellus Shale deposit, the inherent legal and demographic issues and burdens are simmering and will come to full boil in the near future. Interstate 80 runs throughout the entire Judicial District and generates a great many legal issues, as does Bloomsburg University. The judicial district borders areas where gangs are active and those issues have spilled into our two counties. We have used MDJs within | |



JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

our judicial district to cover for one another when there are recusals, without seeking outside help. The 26th Judicial District clearly needs all the existing MDJ offices in order to run efficiently. Eliminating would be more costly, necessitating senior judge coverage, more office staff, and additional cost to the county on several levels. Frankly, eliminating will overburden an already busy and efficient MDJ system.

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. none

D. Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment? NO

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.

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:



JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

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| The Court has discussed reestablishment issues with the MDJs. the MDJs agree that neither eliminatin nor realignment is appropriate. Eliminating would damage the ability of the courts to process cases and serve the public. | |
| VI. DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC: | 3/26/2012 |
| VII. PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME: | Honorable Thomas A. James, Jr. |
| <hr/> Signature | |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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| I. | MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####): | 26-2-01 |
| II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD | | |
| A. | Average Total Caseload: | 6,533 |
| B. | Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload: | 39% |
| C. | Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload: | 50% |
| III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD | | |
| A. | Average Total Workload: | 51,313 |
| B. | Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload: | 52% |
| 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>This district has a high caseload based largely on service to the Bloomsburg University community and a long stretch of Interstate 80, as well as the county seat, Bloomsburg. However, there is a large staff and the workload is processed efficiently. The district is comprised of only three municipalities, one of which is very small. the smallest municipality could be realigned, but is it not necessary since, at this point, its impact on the caseload is small</p> | |
| IV. PROPOSED CHANGE: | | |
| A. | Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply. | <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate |
| B. | What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy): | |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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| V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION: |
| A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Russell Lawton |
| B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy): 1/3/2016 |
| C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy): 12/8/2038 |
| D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code): 700 Sawmill Road Bloomsburg 17815 |
| 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: Bloomsburg Police Department, Bloomsburg University Police Department, Montour Township Police Department, Scott Township Police Department |
| H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: Interstate Route 80, Route 11 |
| VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Town Of Bloomsburg, Township Of Montour, Township Of Scott |
| VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: |
| VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Bloomsburg University is located in District 26-2-01, with a total enrollment 2010-11 of 10,091 (full/part-time) students. Approximatley 60% of the total summary caseload is related to Bloomsburg University being located in this District. Interstate 80 is located through the district adding to the caseload. Bloomsburg, the county seat, is located in the district. The volume is high and includes a significant number of summary offenses. |
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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| 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: | 22,330 |
| 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. | <p>If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?</p> <p>This district has the smallest caseload in the county for now. This is about to change due to this district is comprised of municipalities which are at the heart of the Marcellus Shale territory. Exploration has begun in several of the municipalities already. Following the example of counties such as Tioga, the judicial system will be straining to keep up with the influx of additional work in the very near future. In addition, the municipalites in this district have one or two person police forces, leaving the communities unprotected when the police have to leave for lengthy periods of time. This MDJ office is often used for recusals in the other districts. Having this MDJ office is crucial and essential to the functioning of the MDJ system in this Judicial Distirct.</p> | |
| IV. PROPOSED CHANGE: | | |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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| <p>A. Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate |
| <p>B. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):</p> | |
| <p>V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</p> | |
| <p>A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Douglas Brewer</p> | |
| <p>B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):</p> | <p>1/2/2018</p> |
| <p>C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):</p> | <p>9/25/2037</p> |
| <p>D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):</p> | <p>673 State Street Millville 17846</p> |
| <p>E. Is the office within the boundaries of the magisterial district:</p> | <p>YES</p> |
| <p>F. Is the residence of the magisterial district judge within the boundaries of the magisterial district:</p> | <p>YES</p> |
| <p>G. List any police departments located within this magisterial district: Benton Police Department, Greenwood Township Police Department, Orangeville Police Department, Madison Township, Millville Police Department, Hemlock Police Department</p> | |
| <p>H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: U.S. Route 11</p> | |
| <p>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Benton Borough, Sillwater Borough, Millville Borough, Orangeville Borough, Sugarloaf Township, Benton Township, Pine Township, Greenwood Township, Orange Township, Mt. Pleasant Township, Madison Township, Hemlock Township, Fishingcreek Township, Jackson Township</p> | |
| <p>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</p> | |
| <p>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: This MDJ office is crucial and necessary to our judicial district. It serves fourteen municipalities. The average caseload is presently a little below the average for this size of MDJ office. However, in light of the number of municipalities served and particularly in light of the caseload that will be generated by the Marcellus</p> | |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

Shale, it is absolutely necessary that this MDJ office be maintained as is.

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| 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? There is no significant impact. This MDJ office generally processes the most serious crimes in the judicial district. It is a very busy office, bordering Luzerne County. This office cannot absorb more work. | |
| IV. PROPOSED CHANGE: | | |
| A. | Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply. | <input 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: Richard Knecht | |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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|---|---|
| B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy): | 1/3/2018 |
| C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy): | 5/12/2026 |
| D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code): | 339 West Front Street Berwick 18603 |
| 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: | Berwick Police Department, South Centre Township Police Department, Briar Creek Township Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police |
| H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: | U.S. Route 11 |
| VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: | Berwick Borough, Briar Creek Borough, Briar Creek Township, North Centre Township, South Centre Township |
| VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: | |
| VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: | This is a very busy office, traditionally handling the most serious cases (factually) in the judicial district. |
| PLEASE SAVE A COPY OF THIS WORKSHEET PRIOR TO ENTERING DATA FOR THE NEXT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT. | |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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| I. | MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####): | 26-3-03 |
| II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD | | |
| A. | Average Total Caseload: | 4,753 |
| 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: | 46% |
| III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD | | |
| A. | Average Total Workload: | 20,406 |
| B. | Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload: | -40% |
| 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>There is no impact. This office could possibly absorb Montour Township. but it has a small staff and is not necessary now. In reality, this is a busy office. It serves 10 municipalities (plus Centralia). This office handles all cases in the south side of the county, below the Susquehanna River. The differential of the workload is skewed by the significant numbers generated by the MDJ office servicing Bloomsburg University and a large portion of Interstate 80.</p> | |
| IV. PROPOSED CHANGE: | | |
| A. | Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply. | <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate |
| B. | What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy): | |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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| V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION: | |
| A. Magisterial District Judge Name: | Craig Long |
| B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy): | 1/3/2018 |
| C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy): | 9/5/2037 |
| D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code): | 400 Fisher Ave. Catawissa 17820 |
| 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: | Catawissa Borough Police Department, Conyngham Township Police Department, Locust Township Police Department, Main Township Police Department |
| H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: | Interstate 81 |
| VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: | |
| Catawissa Borough, Centralia Borough, Conyngham Township, Main Township, Catawissa Township, Franklin Township, Cleveland Township, Locust Township, Roaring Creek Township, Beaver Township, Mifflin Township | |
| VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: | |
| | |
| VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: | |
| As noted above, in reality, this is a busy office. It serves 10 municipalities (plus Centralia). This office handles all cases in the south side of ther county, below the Susquehanna River. The differential of the workload is skewed by the significant numbers generated by the MDJ office servicing Bloomsburg University and a large portion of Interstate 80 | |
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT 2011-2012
6TH CLASS COUNTY-COLUMBIA-MONTOUR

| TABLE 3 | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| JUDICIAL DISTRICT | AVG | ADAMS | BEDFORD | INDIANA | SOMERSET |
| | CASELOAD | 4685 | 4795 | 4378 | 4238 |
| MDJ-26-2-01 | 6533 | 35.00% | 36% | 49% | 54% |
| MDJ-26-3-01 | 3015 | -36% | -37% | -31% | -29% |
| MDJ-26-3-02 | 4459 | -4% | -6% | 3% | 6% |
| MDJ-26-3-03 | 4753 | 1.40% | -0.90% | 8% | 12% |
| | | | | | |
| AVERAGE | 4690 | | | | |
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| TABLE 4 | | | | | |
| | AVG | | | | |
| | CASELOAD | VARIANCE | | | |
| JUDICIAL DISTRICT | 4690 | | | | |
| ADAMS | 4685 | 0% | | | |
| BEDFORD | 4795 | 2% | | | |
| INDIANA | 4378 | -6% | | | |
| SOMERSET | 4238 | -9% | | | |

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT 2011-2012
6TH CLASS COUNTY-COLUMBIA/MONTOUR

| TABLE 5 | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| DOCKET TYPE | CASE WEIGHT | | | | | | | |
| CR | 9.18 | | | | | | | |
| NT (INCLUDES PC) | 2.68 | | | | | | | |
| TR | 1.75 | | | | | | | |
| CV | 2.81 | | | | | | | |
| LT | 3.61 | | | | | | | |
| MD | 8.17 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| TABLE 6 | | | | | | | | |
| JUDICIAL DISTRICT | CR | NT | PC | TR | CV | LT | MD | AVG WORKLOAD |
| AVERAGE | 10485 | 7282 | 1445 | 6901 | 5117 | 968 | 1430 | 33630 |
| MDJ-26-2-01 | 16818 | 15596 | 974 | 8690 | 6796 | 1093 | 1346 | 51313 |
| MDJ-26-3-01 | 7944 | 3555 | 1468 | 4642 | 2207 | 582 | 1932 | 22330 |
| MDJ-26-3-02 | 12222 | 6421 | 3088 | 4886 | 10291 | 1986 | 1574 | 40468 |
| MDJ-26-3-03 | 4957 | 3557 | 252 | 9386 | 1173 | 212 | 869 | 20406 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| MDJ-26-3-04 | 9431 | 3557 | 1144 | 7708 | 3895 | 907 | 4473 | 31115 |

TABLE 7

| JUDICIAL DISTRICT | AVERAGE WORKLOAD | VARIANCE |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| AVERAGE | 33630 | |
| MDJ-26-2-01 | 51313 | 52% |
| MDJ-26-3-01 | 22330 | -34% |
| MDJ-26-3-02 | 40468 | 20% |
| MDJ-26-3-03 | 20406 | -40% |

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Montour**

Judicial District #: **26**

Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 26 and its class of county: **48%**

Note: If the difference is $\geq 10\%$ no proposed eliminations or justification is required.

Summary of Proposed Actions

26-3-04 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: **No**

Montour is part of a two county judicial district; there is only one magisterial district to serve Montour County. I-80 runs through this judicial district; and it is also home to Geisinger Medical Center.

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

County Name: **Montour**

Judicial District #: **26**

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 26-3-04

Proposed Action: Reestablish

| | | | |
|---|-------|---|--------|
| Average Annual Caseload: | 4,621 | Average Annual Workload: | 31,115 |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district): | -1.00 | % Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district): | |
| % Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county): | 48.00 | <i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i> | |

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Marvin K. Shrawder

30 Woodbine Lane, Suite 1

Danville, PA 17821

Birthdate: 9-29-62

Mandatory Retirement: 2032

Term Expires: 1-3-16

Existing Geography:

ANTHONY TWP Voting District; COOPER TWP Voting District; DANVILLE VTD 01; DANVILLE VTD 02; DANVILLE VTD 03; DANVILLE VTD 04; DERRY TWP Voting District; LIBERTY TWP Voting District; LIMESTONE TWP Voting District; MAHONING TWP DIST 01; MAHONING TWP DIST 02; MAYBERRY TWP Voting District; VALLEY TWP Voting District; WASHINGTONVILLE Voting District; WEST HEMLOCK TWP Voting District

Proposed Geography:

ANTHONY TWP Voting District; COOPER TWP Voting District; DANVILLE VTD 01; DANVILLE VTD 02; DANVILLE VTD 03; DANVILLE VTD 04; DERRY TWP Voting District; LIBERTY TWP Voting District; LIMESTONE TWP Voting District; MAHONING TWP DIST 01; MAHONING TWP DIST 02; MAYBERRY TWP Voting District; VALLEY TWP Voting District; WASHINGTONVILLE Voting District; WEST HEMLOCK TWP Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Danville Borough Police Dept., Mahoning Township Police Dept.

Major Highways: I-80, Route 11

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

Montour / 26

| Judicial District Average Caseload | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 2011 Class | 2011 Filings | 2012 Class | 2012 Filings |
| 8 | 4,620 | 8 | 4,620 |

| 2011 Class of County Caseload Averages | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-------|
| 2011 Class | CR | PC | TR | NT | CV | LT | MD | Total |
| 8 | 127 | 28 | 1,645 | 230 | 122 | 16 | 44 | 2,212 |

| 2012 Class of County Caseload Averages | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-------|
| 2012 Class | CR | PC | TR | NT | CV | LT | MD | Total |
| 8 | 127 | 28 | 1,645 | 230 | 122 | 16 | 44 | 2,212 |

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 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Montour | 2011 | 2012 |
| Class | 8 | 8 |
| CR | 257 | 257 |
| NT | 331 | 331 |
| PC | 107 | 107 |
| TR | 3,381 | 3,381 |
| CV | 345 | 345 |
| LT | 63 | 63 |
| MD | 137 | 137 |
| AVG | 4,620 | 4,620 |

| Judicial District Workload Averages | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Montour | 2011 | 2012 |
| Class | 8 | 8 |
| CR | 9,431 | 9,431 |
| NT | 3,557 | 3,557 |
| PC | 1,144 | 1,144 |
| TR | 7,708 | 7,708 |
| CV | 3,895 | 3,895 |
| LT | 907 | 907 |
| MD | 4,473 | 4,462 |
| -15 % Workload | 26,448 | 26,438 |
| Average Workload | 31,115 | 31,104 |
| + 15% Workload | 35,782 | 35,769 |

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

26-3-04

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| | 2011 | 2012 |
| 4,621 | | |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

| | | |
|----|-------|-------|
| -1 | 0.02% | 0.02% |
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

| | | |
|----|---------|---------|
| 48 | 108.92% | 108.92% |
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

| Reported | AOPC | |
|----------|------|------|
| | 2011 | 2012 |
| 31,115 | | |

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

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| | 0.00% | 0.04% |
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JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

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| I. JUDICIAL DISTRICT NUMBER: | 26 |
| A. What is the class of county? | Wh 8 |
| B. What is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county? | Wh 48% |
| II. PROPOSED ACTIONS: | |
| A. List existing magisterial districts: (Columbia) District Court 26-2-01, District Court 26-3-01, District Court 26-3-02, District Court 26-3-03, District Court 26-3-04 (Montour) | |
| 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 <i>NO</i> , are eliminations proposed? | NO |
| a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination. none | |
| b) If no eliminations are proposed based on II. B. above, what are the factors for this decision? The 26 Judicial District is comprised of two counties, Columbia and Montour. A separate sheet is being provided for Columbia county and its four MDJ offices. This is the only MDJ office in the county and cannot be eliminated. Besides, it is a busy office. Interstate 80 runs through the county and Montour County is situs of the hugely busy Geisinder Medical Center complex. | |
| 2. If the answer to II. B. above is <i>YES</i> , are eliminations proposed? | Choose Yes or No |
| a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination. | |
| C. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? | NO |



JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. List magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment. none | |
| D. Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment? | NO |
| 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. | |
| 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: | |
| the Court has discussed reestablishment issues with the MDJs in both counties. the MDJs agree that neither eliminatin nor realignment is appropriate. Eliminatin would damage the ability of the courts to processs cases and serve the public. | |
| VI. DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC: | 3/26/2012 |
| VII. PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME: | Honorable Thomas A. James, Jr. |
| _____ Signature | |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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| I. | MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####): | 26-3-04 |
| II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD | | |
| A. | Average Total Caseload: | 4,621 |
| 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: | 48% |
| III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD | | |
| A. | Average Total Workload: | 31,115 |
| B. | Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload: | % |
| 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 is the only MDJ office in Montuor County. There is no impact. | |
| IV. PROPOSED CHANGE: | | |
| A. | Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply. | <input 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: Marvin K. Shrawder | |
| B. | Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy): | 1/3/2016 |



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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|---|---|
| C. Mandatory Retirement Date (<i>m/d/yyyy</i>): | 9/29/2032 |
| D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code): | 30 Woodbine Lane Danville 17821 |
| 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: | Danville Borough Police Department, Mahoning Township Police Department |
| H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: | Interstate Route 80, Route 11 |
| VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: | Anthony Township, Cooper Township, Derry Township, Borough Of Danville, Liberty Township, Limestone Township, West Hemlock Township, Mayberry Township, Mahoning Township, Valley Township, Washingtonville Borough |
| VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: | |
| VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: | This is the only MDJ Office in Montour County. It is also a very busy office serving the county seat, Danville, and the Geisinger Medical Center, and a large stretch of Interstate 80. |
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