

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Erie**

Judicial District #: **6**

Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 6 and its class of county: **-37 %**

Three eliminations are proposed: MDJ Southwick - 06-3-04 in 2016; MDJ Robie - 06-2-01 in 2016; MDJ Hammer - 06-3-02 in 2018.

Summary of Proposed Actions

06-1-01	Realign
06-1-02	Reestablish
06-1-03	Realign
06-1-04	Reestablish
06-1-05	Reestablish
06-2-01	Eliminate
06-2-02	Reestablish
06-2-04	Realign
06-3-01	Realign
06-3-02	Eliminate
06-3-03	Realign
06-3-04	Eliminate
06-3-05	Reestablish
06-3-06	Reestablish
06-3-08	Reestablish

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Night/Central/Alternate Court Operations

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

Central Court: **Yes** Night Court: **No**

Public Comment

Proposal Posted for Public Comment: **Yes** Comments Received: **Yes**

- 06-1-01 (MDJ Mack): Concern that statistics are not correct because several MDJs don't enter search warrants in the MDJS; upward trend in all docket filings except traffic. The judge believes that a reduction of two MDJs will meet the needs and will be the least disruptive; and also cites the unknown impact of the increase in civil jurisdiction to \$12,000. Finally, Judge Mack is concerned that the numbers don't tell the story, for example the diversion programs for juveniles.
- 06-2-04 (MDJ Nichols): Expressed concern that consolidation of her office with Judge Southwick's office will result in a hardship to people in their districts; and the location of her office from Corry.
- 06-2-02 (MDJ Manzi): Concerns about realigning his district and moving Millcreek 23 into 06-3-02 because of accessibility and a reduction in caseload and workload.
- 06-3-04 (MDJ Southwick): Retiring at the end of her term but notes that the district covers a large area that is economically depressed. Closing and realigning this office will amount to hardship to the people residing in these municipalities.
- 06-3-02 (MDJ Hammer): This MDJ is a newly elected judge who does not want his district eliminated. He believes that the numbers are low in his district because the prior MDJ was not easy to get along with and as a result filings decreased.
- 06-3-01 (MDJ Krahe): Assumes (and hopes) realignment of districts would not occur until retirements; does not support moving Harborcreek #7 from 06-3-01 to 06-3-02 until completion of the elected term because otherwise it would be a violation of the PA Constitution. In lieu of moving Harborcreek #7, the judge proposed an administrative order moving PSP filings arising from I-90 and I-290 to 06-3-02. The judge does not agree to fragmenting voting districts of Harborcreek Township and eliminating 3 offices as provided in the second option; and suggests looking at night court as an option to balancing workload within the City of Erie. Finally, the judge does not think that the extras and MDJ does for the community is included in the statistics used to make these decisions.
- MDJ Krahe followed up with an email after meeting with the president judge and proposes that 06-3-02 be studied over the next four years to determine caseload with a new judge; and asks for reconsideration of combining courts 06-3-01 and 06-3-02, primarily because it is a growing community.
- MDJ Nichols sent a follow up email to Court Administrator, Tom Aaron with additional concerns about moving the office out of the City of Corry.
- Email from public citizen "Marlynn1@aol.com" voices opinion that reducing number of courts reduces availability of judges at the local level.
- Email from public citizen "Bevconely@aol.com" agrees with State Representative Harkins that the proposed cuts are a bad idea.
- Email from public citizen, Jan Montie, who is against the plan.
- Letter from Vernon Frye, Chairman, Northeast Township Board of Supervisors attaching resolution noting township's opposition to proposed plan.
- Letter from Harborcreek Township Board of Supervisors opposing realignment of 06-3-02.
- Sally Carlow, Coordinator Greater Kawkwa Neighborhood Watch opposes any plan to close the MDC

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in Erie's 4th Ward.

- Jay McConaughy, Council President, North East Borough, opposes realignment of North East Borough and North East Township with 06-3-01 because of the expense, inconvenience and delay in processing cases.
- Letter from Borough of Union City Council requesting that any approved plan include an office location in the borough of Union City.
- Letter from Senior MDJ Abate opposes elimination of 06-3-02.
- Thomas Loftus, President, Lawrence Park Township opposes consolidation of 06-3-01 and 06-3-02.
- Peter Nye, Manager/Secretart/Treasurer, Borough of Wesleyville and resolution opposing realignment that increases the workload of 06-3-01.

General Comments *Elimination of 06-3-02 and realignment with 06-3-01 is controversial because the sitting MDJs might fight contested reelection campaigns - or run for the same office.*

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Judicial District #: 06

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-1-01

Proposed Action: Realign

Average Annual Caseload:	3,014	Average Annual Workload:	40,862
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-10.90	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	19.90
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-44.60	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This marginal difference does not present an issue with workload equity. Proposed realignment removing some of the voting districts of Ward 4 and dividing them between Ward 1 (within this district) and Ward 3 (06-1-03).

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Suzanne C. Mack

824 East Sixth Street

Erie, PA 16507

Birthdate: 7-21-61

Mandatory Retirement: 2031

Term Expires: 1-5-14

Existing Geography:

ERIE WD 01 DIST 01; ERIE WD 01 DIST 02; ERIE WD 01 DIST 03; ERIE WD 01 DIST 04; ERIE WD 01 DIST 05; ERIE WD 01 DIST 06; ERIE WD 01 DIST 07; ERIE WD 01 DIST 08

Proposed Geography:

ERIE WD 01 DIST 01; ERIE WD 01 DIST 02; ERIE WD 01 DIST 03; ERIE WD 01 DIST 04; ERIE WD 01 DIST 05; ERIE WD 01 DIST 06; ERIE WD 01 DIST 07; ERIE WD 01 DIST 08

Erie Ward 4 is planned to be divided between Erie Ward 3 and Erie Ward 1. Actual voting districts in each district will be determined at the time realignment.

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Erie Police Department

Major Highways: 6th Street, Rte. 5, Bayfront Highway

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-1-02

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,283	Average Annual Workload:	44,040
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-2.90	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	29.20
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-39.70	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

No impact on workload.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Paul G. Urbaniak

1021 Parade Street

Erie, PA 16503

Birthdate: 5-21-59

Mandatory Retirement: 2029

Term Expires: 1-5-14

Existing Geography:

ERIE WD 02 DIST 01; ERIE WD 02 DIST 03; ERIE WD 02 DIST 04; ERIE WD 02 DIST 05; ERIE WD 02 DIST 06; ERIE WD 02 DIST 07; ERIE WD 02 DIST 08; ERIE WD 02 DIST 09

Proposed Geography:

ERIE WD 02 DIST 01; ERIE WD 02 DIST 03; ERIE WD 02 DIST 04; ERIE WD 02 DIST 05; ERIE WD 02 DIST 06; ERIE WD 02 DIST 07; ERIE WD 02 DIST 08; ERIE WD 02 DIST 09

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Erie Police Department

Major Highways: Bayfront Highway, Alt. Rte. 5, 12th Street

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-1-03

Proposed Action: Realign

Average Annual Caseload:	2,362	Average Annual Workload:	31,261
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-30.20	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-8.30
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-56.60	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

Erie Ward 4 is proposed to be divided between Erie Ward 3 (within this magisterial district) and Erie Ward 1.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Thomas Carney	Birthdate:	12-28-53
901 West 12th Street, Suite 201	Mandatory Retirement:	2023
Erie, PA 16501	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

ERIE WD 03 DIST 01; ERIE WD 03 DIST 02; ERIE WD 03 DIST 03; ERIE WD 03 DIST 04; ERIE WD 03 DIST 05; ERIE WD 03 DIST 06; ERIE WD 03 DIST 07

Proposed Geography:

ERIE WD 03 DIST 01; ERIE WD 03 DIST 02; ERIE WD 03 DIST 03; ERIE WD 03 DIST 04; ERIE WD 03 DIST 05; ERIE WD 03 DIST 06; ERIE WD 03 DIST 07

Erie Ward 4 is planned to be divided between Erie Ward 3 and Erie Ward 1. Actual voting districts in each district will be determined at the time realignment.

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Erie Police Department

Major Highways: Bayfront Highway, 12th Street

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-1-04

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,325	Average Annual Workload:	53,830
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	28.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	58.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-20.50	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This difference does not have an impact on workload within the county.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Joseph R. Lefaiver

460 East 26th Street

Erie, PA 16504

Birthdate: 11-1-47

Mandatory Retirement: 2017

Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

ERIE WD 05 DIST 01; ERIE WD 05 DIST 02; ERIE WD 05 DIST 03; ERIE WD 05 DIST 04; ERIE WD 05 DIST 05; ERIE WD 05 DIST 06; ERIE WD 05 DIST 07; ERIE WD 05 DIST 08; ERIE WD 05 DIST 09; ERIE WD 05 DIST 10; ERIE WD 05 DIST 11; ERIE WD 05 DIST 12; ERIE WD 05 DIST 13; ERIE WD 05 DIST 14; ERIE WD 05 DIST 15; ERIE WD 05 DIST 16; ERIE WD 05 DIST 17; ERIE WD 05 DIST 18; ERIE WD 05 DIST 19; ERIE WD 05 DIST 20; ERIE WD 05 DIST 21

Proposed Geography:

ERIE WD 05 DIST 01; ERIE WD 05 DIST 02; ERIE WD 05 DIST 03; ERIE WD 05 DIST 04; ERIE WD 05 DIST 05; ERIE WD 05 DIST 06; ERIE WD 05 DIST 07; ERIE WD 05 DIST 08; ERIE WD 05 DIST 09; ERIE WD 05 DIST 10; ERIE WD 05 DIST 11; ERIE WD 05 DIST 12; ERIE WD 05 DIST 13; ERIE WD 05 DIST 14; ERIE WD 05 DIST 15; ERIE WD 05 DIST 16; ERIE WD 05 DIST 17; ERIE WD 05 DIST 18; ERIE WD 05 DIST 19; ERIE WD 05 DIST 20; ERIE WD 05 DIST 21

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Erie Police Department

Major Highways: Bayfront Highway, Rte. 20

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-1-05

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,558	Average Annual Workload:	40,078
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	5.30	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	17.60
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-34.60	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This marginal difference does not affect workload equity.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Dominick D. DiPaolo	Birthdate:	12-18-46
1563 West 38th Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2016
Erie, PA 16508	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

ERIE WD 06 DIST 01; ERIE WD 06 DIST 02; ERIE WD 06 DIST 03; ERIE WD 06 DIST 04; ERIE WD 06 DIST 05; ERIE WD 06 DIST 06; ERIE WD 06 DIST 07; ERIE WD 06 DIST 08; ERIE WD 06 DIST 09; ERIE WD 06 DIST 10; ERIE WD 06 DIST 11; ERIE WD 06 DIST 12; ERIE WD 06 DIST 13; ERIE WD 06 DIST 14; ERIE WD 06 DIST 15; ERIE WD 06 DIST 16; ERIE WD 06 DIST 17

Proposed Geography:

ERIE WD 06 DIST 01; ERIE WD 06 DIST 02; ERIE WD 06 DIST 03; ERIE WD 06 DIST 04; ERIE WD 06 DIST 05; ERIE WD 06 DIST 06; ERIE WD 06 DIST 07; ERIE WD 06 DIST 08; ERIE WD 06 DIST 09; ERIE WD 06 DIST 10; ERIE WD 06 DIST 11; ERIE WD 06 DIST 12; ERIE WD 06 DIST 13; ERIE WD 06 DIST 14; ERIE WD 06 DIST 15; ERIE WD 06 DIST 16; ERIE WD 06 DIST 17

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Erie Police Department

Major Highways: I-79, Rte. 20

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-2-01

Proposed Action: Eliminate

Average Annual Caseload:	2,096	Average Annual Workload:	27,623
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-38.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-19.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-61.50	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

Elimination of this district is proposed on retirement of incumbent or end of term.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Thomas C. Robie	Birthdate:	2-25-49
556 West Fourth Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2019
Erie, PA 16507	Term Expires:	1-3-16

Existing Geography:

ERIE WD 04 DIST 01; ERIE WD 04 DIST 02; ERIE WD 04 DIST 03; ERIE WD 04 DIST 04; ERIE WD 04 DIST 06; ERIE WD 04 DIST 07; ERIE WD 04 DIST 08; ERIE WD 04 DIST 09

Proposed Geography:

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Erie Police Department

Major Highways: Bayfront Highway, Rte. 5, 6th Street

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-2-02

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	5,908	Average Annual Workload:	47,558
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	74.80	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	39.60
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	8.60	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This difference does not have an impact on workload equity.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Paul Manzi

3608 West 26th Street, Suite 104

Erie, PA 16506

Birthdate: 1-26-51

Mandatory Retirement: 2021

Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

MILLCREEK TWP DIST 03; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 04;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 05; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 06;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 07; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 08;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 09; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 10;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 13; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 14;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 15; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 16;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 17; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 22;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 23; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 24

Proposed Geography:

MILLCREEK TWP DIST 03; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 04;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 05; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 06;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 07; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 08;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 09; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 10;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 13; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 14;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 15; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 16;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 17; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 22;
MILLCREEK TWP DIST 23; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 24

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Millcreek Police Dept.

Major Highways: I-79, Rte. 5, Rte. 20

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-2-04

Proposed Action: Realign

Average Annual Caseload:	1,991	Average Annual Workload:	24,797
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-41.20	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-27.30
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-63.40	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

The workload of this district will increase when combined with 06-3-04.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Brenda A. Nichols
732 Worth Street
Corry, PA 16407

Birthdate: 12-29-70
Mandatory Retirement: 2040
Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

CORRY WD 01; CORRY WD 02; CORRY WD 03; CORRY WD 04

Proposed Geography:

AMITY TWP Voting District; CONCORD TWP Voting District; CORRY WD 01; CORRY WD 02; CORRY WD 03; CORRY WD 04; ELGIN Voting District; UNION TWP Voting District; UNION CITY WD 01; UNION CITY WD 02; WAYNE TWP DIST EAST; WAYNE TWP WD WEST

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: PA State Police, Corry Police Department

Major Highways: Rte. 6, Rte. 89

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-3-01

Proposed Action: Realign

Average Annual Caseload:	4,251	Average Annual Workload:	36,502
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	25.80	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	7.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-21.90	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district is proposed for realignment at the end of the judge's term presiding in 06-3-02 (1/1/18).

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Mark R. Krahe	Birthdate:	12-10-55
3921 Buffalo Road	Mandatory Retirement:	2025
Erie, PA 16510	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 01; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 02; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 03; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 04; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 05; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 06; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 07; LAWRENCE PARK TWP DIST 01; LAWRENCE PARK TWP DIST 02; LAWRENCE PARK TWP DIST 03; WESLEYVILLE DIST EAST; WESLEYVILLE DIST WEST

Proposed Geography:

HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 01; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 02; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 03; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 04; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 05; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 06; HARBORCREEK TWP DIST 07; LAWRENCE PARK TWP DIST 01; LAWRENCE PARK TWP DIST 02; LAWRENCE PARK TWP DIST 03; NORTH EAST TWP DIST 01; NORTH EAST TWP DIST 02; NORTH EAST WD 01; NORTH EAST WD 02; WESLEYVILLE DIST EAST; WESLEYVILLE DIST WEST

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: PA State Police, Lawrence Park Police Department, Wesleyville Police Department

Major Highways: Rte. 5, Rte. 20, I-90

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-3-02

Proposed Action: Eliminate

Average Annual Caseload:	2,172	Average Annual Workload:	20,064
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-35.80	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-41.20
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-60.10	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district is proposed for elimination at the end of the incumbent's term.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Scott B. Hammer	Birthdate:	09-23-68
10300 West Main Road P.O. Box 8	Mandatory Retirement:	2038
North East, PA 16428	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

GREENFIELD TWP Voting District; NORTH EAST TWP DIST 01; NORTH EAST TWP DIST 02; NORTH EAST WD 01; NORTH EAST WD 02

Proposed Geography:

At the end of the current term MDJ District 06-3-02 will be combined with 06-3-01 and 06-3-03

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: North East Police Department, PA State Police

Major Highways: Rte. 5, Rte 20

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-3-03

Proposed Action: Realign

Average Annual Caseload:	3,683	Average Annual Workload:	30,158
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	9.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-11.60
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-32.30	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

At the end of the incumbent MDJ's term (06-3-02), this district will include Greenfield Township.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Susan D. Strohmeyer	Birthdate:	2-10-54
9333 Tate Road, Suite 109	Mandatory Retirement:	2024
Erie, PA 16509	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

GREENE TWP DIST 01; GREENE TWP DIST 02;
 MILLCREEK TWP DIST 01; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 02;
 MILLCREEK TWP DIST 11; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 12;
 MILLCREEK TWP DIST 18; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 19;
 MILLCREEK TWP DIST 20; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 21;
 VENANGO TWP Voting District; WATTSBURG Voting District

Proposed Geography:

GREENE TWP DIST 01; GREENE TWP DIST 02;
 GREENFIELD TWP Voting District; MILLCREEK TWP
 DIST 01; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 02; MILLCREEK TWP
 DIST 11; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 12; MILLCREEK TWP
 DIST 18; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 19; MILLCREEK TWP
 DIST 20; MILLCREEK TWP DIST 21; VENANGO TWP
 Voting District; WATTSBURG Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: PA State Police, Millcreek Township Police Dept.

Major Highways: I-79, I-910, Rte. 19, Rte. 97

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-3-04

Proposed Action: Eliminate

Average Annual Caseload:	1,582	Average Annual Workload:	13,213
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-53.20	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-61.30
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-71.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district is proposed to be eliminated on the retirement of the incumbent MDJ or on expiration of her term; and municipalities will become part of 06-2-04.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Carol L. Southwick	Birthdate:	7-12-47
132 North Main Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2017
Union City, PA 16438	Term Expires:	1-3-16

Existing Geography:

AMITY TWP Voting District; CONCORD TWP Voting District; ELGIN Voting District; UNION TWP Voting District; UNION CITY WD 01; UNION CITY WD 02; WAYNE TWP DIST EAST; WAYNE TWP WD WEST

Proposed Geography:

To be combined with MDJ District 06-2-04

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Union City Police Department, PA State Police

Major Highways: Rte. 8, Rte. 6

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-3-05

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,526	Average Annual Workload:	26,799
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	4.30	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-21.40
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-35.20	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district has a new casino within its boundaries and is expected to grow in terms of caseload and workload.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Brian M. McGowan

7200 Peach Street, Unit 420

Erie, PA 16509

Birthdate: 9-20-69

Mandatory Retirement: 2039

Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

LE BOEUF TWP Voting District; MILL VILLAGE Voting District; SUMMIT TWP DIST 01; SUMMIT TWP DIST 02; WATERFORD TWP DIST EAST; WATERFORD TWP DIST WEST; WATERFORD Voting District

Proposed Geography:

LE BOEUF TWP Voting District; MILL VILLAGE Voting District; SUMMIT TWP DIST 01; SUMMIT TWP DIST 02; WATERFORD TWP DIST EAST; WATERFORD TWP DIST WEST; WATERFORD Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: PA State Police stationed at casino

Major Highways: I-90, Rte. 19, Rte. 97

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-3-06

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	5,498	Average Annual Workload:	43,131
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	62.70	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	26.60
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	1.10	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This court also has a satellite office (06-3-96). The difference in workload is not a factor within the County.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Denise M. Stuck-Lewis

8952 West Main Street P.O. Box 53

McKean, PA 16426

Birthdate: 10-3-63

Mandatory Retirement: 2033

Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

EDINBORO DIST 01; EDINBORO DIST 02; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 01; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 02; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 03; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 04; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 05; FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; MC KEAN TWP Voting District; MC KEAN Voting District

Proposed Geography:

EDINBORO DIST 01; EDINBORO DIST 02; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 01; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 02; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 03; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 04; FAIRVIEW TWP DIST 05; FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; MC KEAN TWP Voting District; MC KEAN Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Edinboro University Police Department, Edinboro Police Department, PA State Police

Major Highways: I-79, Rte. 99

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 06-3-08

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,459	Average Annual Workload:	31,361
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	2.30	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-8.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-36.50	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Christopher K. MacKendrick
6880 Route 215 P.O. Box 157
East Springfield, PA 16411

Birthdate: 8-18-62
Mandatory Retirement: 2032
Term Expires: 1-5-14

Existing Geography:

ALBION Voting District; CONNEAUT TWP Voting District; CRANESVILLE Voting District; ELK CREEK TWP Voting District; GIRARD TWP DIST NORTH; GIRARD TWP DIST SOUTH; GIRARD Voting District; LAKE CITY Voting District; PLATEA Voting District; SPRINGFIELD TWP Voting District

Proposed Geography:

ALBION Voting District; CONNEAUT TWP Voting District; CRANESVILLE Voting District; ELK CREEK TWP Voting District; GIRARD TWP DIST NORTH; GIRARD TWP DIST SOUTH; GIRARD Voting District; LAKE CITY Voting District; PLATEA Voting District; SPRINGFIELD TWP Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: PA State Police, Girard Police Dept., Lake City Police Dept.

Major Highways: I-90, Rte. 5, Rte. 20

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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

Erie / 6

Judicial District Average Caseload			
2011 Class	2011 Filings	2012 Class	2012 Filings
3	3,224	3	3,382

2011 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2011 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
3	409	171	3,480	803	288	194	100	5,446

2012 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2012 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
3	414	196	3,590	796	292	192	98	5,576

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		
Erie	2011	2012
Class	3	3
CR	319	320
NT	671	716
PC	163	174
TR	1,575	1,642
CV	225	240
LT	160	171
MD	111	119
AVG	3,224	3,382

Judicial District Workload Averages		
Erie	2011	2012
Class	3	3
CR	11,735	11,750
NT	7,207	7,690
PC	1,748	1,869
TR	3,591	3,744
CV	2,537	2,707
LT	2,313	2,476
MD	3,626	3,876
-15 % Workload	27,844	28,995
Average Workload	32,758	34,112
+ 15% Workload	37,672	39,229

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

06-1-01 Realign

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,014		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-10.9	-6.51%	-10.88%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-44.6	-44.66%	-45.95%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
40,862		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

19.9	24.74%	19.79%
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06-1-02 Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,283		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-2.9	1.83%	-2.93%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-39.7	-39.72%	-41.13%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
44,040		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

29.2	34.44%	29.10%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

06-1-03 Realign

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
2,362		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-30.2	-26.74%	-30.16%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-56.6	-56.63%	-57.64%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
31,261		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-8.3	-4.57%	-8.36%
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06-1-04 Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,325		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

28	34.15%	27.88%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-20.5	-20.59%	-22.44%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
53,830		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

58	64.33%	57.80%
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06-1-05 Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,558		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

5.3	10.36%	5.20%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-34.6	-34.67%	-36.20%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
40,078		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

17.6	22.35%	17.49%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

06-2-01

Eliminate

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
2,096		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-38	-34.99%	-38.02%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-61.5	-61.51%	-62.41%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
27,623		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-19	-15.68%	-19.02%
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06-2-02

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
5,908		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

74.8	83.25%	74.69%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

8.6	8.48%	5.95%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
47,558		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

39.6	45.18%	39.42%
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06-2-04

Realign

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
1,991		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-41.2	-38.24%	-41.13%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-63.4	-63.44%	-64.30%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
24,797		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-27.3	-24.30%	-27.31%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

06-3-01 Realign

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,251		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

25.8	31.85%	25.69%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-21.9	-21.94%	-23.77%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
36,502		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

7	11.43%	7.01%
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06-3-02 Eliminate

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
2,172		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-35.8	-32.63%	-35.78%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-60.1	-60.12%	-61.05%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
20,064		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-41.2	-38.75%	-41.18%
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06-3-03 Realign

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,683		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

9	14.24%	8.90%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-32.3	-32.37%	-33.95%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
30,158		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-11.6	-7.94%	-11.59%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

06-3-04

Eliminate

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
1,582		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-53.2	-50.93%	-53.22%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-71	-70.95%	-71.63%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
13,213		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-61.3	-59.67%	-61.27%
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06-3-05

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,526		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

4.3	9.37%	4.26%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-35.2	-35.26%	-36.77%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
26,799		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-21.4	-18.19%	-21.44%
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06-3-06

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
5,498		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

62.7	70.53%	62.57%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

1.1	0.95%	-1.41%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
43,131		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

26.6	31.66%	26.44%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

06-3-08

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,459		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

2.3	7.29%	2.28%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-36.5	-36.49%	-37.97%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
31,361		

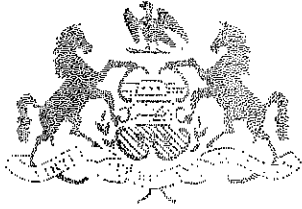
Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-8	-4.27%	-8.06%
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT

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SUBMITTED TO AOPC MARCH 29, 2012



ERNEST J. DISANTIS, JR.
PRESIDENT JUDGE

JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
ERIE, PA 16501

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Pennsylvania Supreme Court

FROM: Ernest J. DiSantis, Jr., President Judge

DATE: March 29, 2012

RE: Redistricting of Magisterial Districts

To the Honorable Court:

Please find enclosed my responses to your directive that president judges review the magisterial districts within their venue to determine whether consolidation is appropriate. I recommend the following:

1. Upon the retirement or at the expiration of the term of MDJ Southwick, District Court 06-3-04 (Union City), that district shall be combined with District Court 06-2-04 (Corry). I anticipate that this will occur in 2016. The office location will be determined once her term expires or she leaves office.
2. Upon the retirement or at the expiration of the term of MDJ Robie, (District Court 06-2-01 (Erie 4th Ward), that district shall be combined with District Court 06-1-03 (Erie 3rd Ward) and/or District Court 06-1-01 (Erie 1st Ward). I anticipate this will occur in 2016. The final decision regarding reallocation of the caseload for 06-2-01 will be determined at the time his term expires or when he leaves office.
3. Effective January 1, 2018, District Court 06-3-02 will be realigned so as to combine North East Township and North East Borough with District Court 06-3-01 (Harborcreek, Lawrence Park and Wesleyville). Greenfield Township will be combined with District Court 06-3-03. Office location will be determined prior to the effective date of the change.

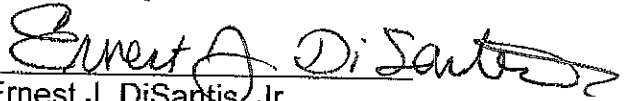
As part of the process, I formed a committee that included the current chair of our magisterial district judges association, as well as veteran members of our court administration staff. We reviewed the statistical information provided by the AOPC. In addition, we solicited public comments through a newspaper advertisement and I specifically solicited the opinions of our common pleas judges, magisterial district judges, district attorney, public defender, police agencies, our county executive and county council. All comments are being submitted to you along with the other information that you requested.

The proposed consolidations for the City of Erie and the cities of Corry and Union City have engendered little controversy. The major outstanding issues will be the location of the office for Corry and Union City and the reallocation of cases for the Erie 4th Ward.

The consolidation affecting North East, Lawrence Park, Harborcreek and Wesleyville spawned the most controversy. I would be remiss if I did not advise you that part of this controversy involves the fact that the sitting magisterial district judges might face contested reelection campaigns. In fact, they may have to vie for the same spot. Although other arguments have been submitted in opposition to the proposed consolidation, none of them are compelling enough to preclude the recommendation that I am making. As with the Corry and Union City situation, office location will be an issue, but one that can be resolved.

I have been sensitive to the concerns of the Erie County community concerning this proposed consolidation because I recognize that change is always unsettling. Nevertheless, given the economic climate, the statistical analysis, and other relevant factors, I believe that the recommendations that I am making meet your goals. I only ask that there be some flexibility so that before the changes are actually implemented, we can assess circumstances as they exist at that time. Although I do not anticipate that the recommendations would change, I respectfully request some latitude as to the details of the consolidations. I leave it to your Honorable Court to make the final decision.

Respectfully,


Ernest J. DiSantis, Jr.
President Judge

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Enclosures

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT

AOPC Judicial District Summary Worksheet -----1

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

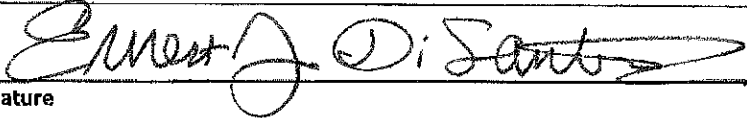
PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET.

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I. JUDICIAL DISTRICT NUMBER:	6
A. What is the class of county?	3
B. What is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county?	-37%
II. PROPOSED ACTIONS:	
A. List existing magisterial districts: 06-1-03, 06-1-05, 06-3-02, 06-3-01, 06-1-04, 06-1-01, 06-3-05, 06-3-08, 06-2-02, 06-2-04, 06-2-01, 06-3-04, 06-3-03, 06-3-06, 06-1-02	
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 NO, are eliminations proposed?	YES
a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination. 06-2-01, 06-3-04, 06-3-02	
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?	Choose Yes or No
a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination.	
C. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?	YES
1. List magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment. 06-1-05, 06-1-04, 06-3-05, 06-3-08, 06-2-02, 06-3-06, 06-1-02	
D. Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment?	YES
1. List magisterial districts proposed for realignment. 06-1-03, 06-3-01, 06-1-01, 06-2-04, 06-3-03	

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

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?	YES
C. Note comments regarding how night, central or other similar court programs impact operations within the judicial district. Central Court provides the opportunity for the early review of cases by both prosecutors and defense attorneys resulting in more expedient resolution of cases.	
IV. PUBLIC COMMENT	
A. A request for public comment was posted:	YES
B. Comments were received:	YES
C. Comments are attached:	YES
V. ADDITIONAL REMARKS CONCERNING PROPOSAL:	
VI. DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC:	MARCH 29, 2012
VII. PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME:	Judge Ernest J. DiSantis, Jr.
Signature	

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT

AOPC Magisterial District Reestablishment Worksheet ----- 2

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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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 (#####):	06-1-01
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	3,014
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-10.9%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-44.6%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	40,862
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	19.9%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
D.	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? We do not believe that this marginal increase will have any impact.	
IV.	PROPOSED CHANGE:	
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	01/3/2016
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

A. Magisterial District Judge Name: MDJ Sue Mack	
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/5/14
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/31
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	824 East Sixth St. Erie, PA 16507
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: Erie Police Dept.	
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: 6 th Street, Route 5, Bayfront Highway	
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
Erie Ward 1, Districts 01,02,03,04,05,06,07,08	
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
Existing districts and will include Districts from eliminated 4 th Ward, to be determined at a future time.	
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
The Erie Ward 4 is planned to be divided between Erie Ward 3 and Erie Ward 1. Actual voting districts in each district will be determined at the time of realignment.	
PLEASE SAVE A COPY OF THIS WORKSHEET PRIOR TO ENTERING DATA FOR THE NEXT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.	

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-1-02
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
	A. Average Total Caseload:	3,283
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-2.9%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-39.7%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
	A. Average Total Workload:	44,040
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	29.2%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	Yes
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? We do not think that this will have an impact on the workload equity within the County.	
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):	Immediately
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Paul Urbaniak	
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/5/2014
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2029
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	1021 Parade Street Erie, Pa. 16503
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:	Erie Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Bayfront Highway, Alt. Rt. 5, 12 th Street
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
Erie Ward 2, Districts 01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09	✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
Will remain the same	
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-1-03
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
	A. Average Total Caseload:	2,362
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-30.2%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-56.6%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
	A. Average Total Workload:	31,261
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-8.3%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	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 type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
	B. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	01/3/2016
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Thomas Carney	
	B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2023
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	809 West 12 th Street Suite 201 Erie, PA 16501
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:	Erie Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Bayfront Highway, 12 th Street
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Erie Ward 3, Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Existing districts and will include Districts from eliminated 4 th Ward, to be determined at a future time.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	The Erie Ward 4 is planned to be divided between Erie Ward 3 and Erie Ward 1. Actual voting districts in each district will be determined at the time of realignment.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-1-04
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
	A. Average Total Caseload:	4,325
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	28.0%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-20.5%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
	A. Average Total Workload:	53,830
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	58.0%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? We do not think that this will have an impact on the workload equity within the County.	
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):	Immediately
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Joseph LeFalver	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	460 East 26 th Street Erie, PA 16504
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:	Erie Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Bayfront Highway, Rt. 20,
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Erie Ward 5, Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Will remain the same
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-1-05
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
	A. Average Total Caseload:	3,558
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	5.3%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-34.6%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
	A. Average Total Workload:	40,078
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	17.6%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? We do not think that this will have an impact on the workload equity within the County.	
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):	Immediately
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Dominick DiPaolo	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2016
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	1563 West 38 th Street Erie, PA 16508
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:	Erie Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Interstate 79, Rt. 20
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Erie Ward 6, Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Will remain the same.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-2-01
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
	A. Average Total Caseload:	2,096
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-38.0%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-61.5%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
	A. Average Total Workload:	27,623
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-19.0%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This District is proposed to be eliminated upon the retirement of the current MDJ or at the end of the term of the current MDJ.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
	B. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	01/03/2016
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Thomas Robie	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/03/2016
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2019
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	556 West 4 th Street Erie, PA 16507
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:	Erie Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Bayfront Highway, Rt. 5, Sixth St.
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Erie Ward 4, District 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 07 ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	To be combined with Erie Ward 1 and Erie Ward 4.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	District to be divided at the time the District is proposed for elimination based on caseload at that time.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-2-02
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	5,908
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	74.8%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	8.6%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	47,558
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	39.6%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
D.	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? We do not think that this will have an impact on the workload equity within the County.	
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):	Immediately
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name: Paul Manzi	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2021
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	3608 West 26 th St. Erie, PA 16506
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:	Millcreek Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Interstate 79, Rt. 5, Rt. 20
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Millcreek Twp. Districts 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Will remain the same
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-2-04
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	1,991
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-41.2%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-63.4%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	24,797
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-27.3%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
D.	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? Workload will increase when combined with MDJ District 06-3-04	
IV.	PROPOSED CHANGE:	
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	01/3/2016
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name: Brenda Nichols	
B.	Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018

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C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2040
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	732 Worth Street Corry, PA 16407
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, Corry Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Rt. 6, Rt. 89
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Corry Ward 01, 02, 03, 04 ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Existing Districts and will include Union City Ward 01, Ward 02, Amity Twp., Wayne Twp., Union Twp., Concord Twp., Union City Boro, Elgin Boro ✓
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	MDJ District 06-3-04 will be eliminated upon the retirement or at the end of the term of the existing MDJ and will be combined with MDJ District 06-2-04.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-3-01
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	4,251
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	25.8%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-21.9%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	36502
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	7.1%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	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 type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name: Mark Krahe	
B.	Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018

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C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2025
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	3921 Buffalo Rd. Erie, PA 16510
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, Lawrence Park Police Dept., Wesleyville Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Rt. 5, Rt. 20, Interstate 90
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Harborcreek Twp. District 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, Lawrence Park Twp. District 01, 02, 03, Wesleyville District East and West. ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Existing Districts and will include Districts from Eliminated MDJ District 06-3-02 to include North East Twp. District 01, 02 and North East Ward 01, 02. ✓
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	At the end of the current term of the MDJ in District 06-3-02 (01/01/2018), this district will be combined with 06-3-01 and 06-3-03.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-3-02
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	2,172
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-35.8%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-60.1%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	20,064
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-41.2%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
D.	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This District is proposed to be eliminated at the end of the term of the current MDJ.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name: Scott Hammer	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2038
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	10300 W. Main Road, Box 8 North East, PA 16428
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:	North East Police Dept., PSP
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Rt. 5, Rt. 20,
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	North East Twp. District 01, 02, North East Ward 01, 02, Greenfield Twp. ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	At the end of the current term MDJ District 06-3-02 will be combined with 06-3-01 and 06-3-03.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	Specific location of the new combined office of Court 06-3-01 to be determined at the time of the elimination of Court 06-3-02.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-3-03
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	3,683
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	9.0%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-32.3%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	30,158
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-11.6%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	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 type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name: Susan Strohmeier	
B.	Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018

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C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2024
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	9333 Tate Road, Suite 109 Erie, PA 16509
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, Millcreek Twp. Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Interstate 79, Interstate 910, Rt. 19, Rt. 97
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Greene Twp. District 01, 02, Venango Twp., Wattsburg Boro, Millcreek Twp. District 01, 02, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Existing Districts and <u>Greenfield Twp</u> will be included.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	At the end of the term of the current MDJ in District Court 06-3-02, Greenfield Twp will be added to District Court 06-3-03.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-3-04
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	1,582
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-53.2%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-71.0%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	13,213
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-61.3%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
D.	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This District is proposed to be eliminated upon the retirement of the current MDJ or at the end of the term of the current MDJ.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	01/03/2016
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name: Carol Southwick	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/03/2016
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	132 North Main Street Union City, PA 16438
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:	Union City Police Dept., PSP
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Rt. 8, Rt. 6
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Amity Twp. East & West, Union Twp., Concord Twp., Union City Ward 01, 02, Elgin Boro. ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	To be combined with MDJ District 06-2-04
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	Upon the retirement or at the expiration of the current term, MDJ District 06-3-04 will be combined with MDJ District 06-2-04. Specific office location of the combined Court 06-2-04 will be determined at the time of elimination of Court 06-3-04.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-3-05
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
	A. Average Total Caseload:	3,526
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	4.3%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-35.2%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
	A. Average Total Workload:	26,799
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-21.4%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? The District has a new Casino in it and increasing population and therefore is expected to grow in caseload and workload in the future.	
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):	Immediately
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
	A. Brian McGowan	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2039
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	Temporary address 7200 Peach St., Unit 420 Erie, PA 16509
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 stationed at Casino
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Interstate 90, Rt. 19, Rt. 97
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Summit Twp District 01, 02, Waterford Twp District East & West, Waterford, Mill Village, LeBoeuf Twp. ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Existing districts
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-3-06 & 06-3-96
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	5,498
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	62.7%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	1.1%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	43,131
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	26.6%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
D.	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? We do not think that this will have an impact on the workload equity within the County.	
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):	Immediately
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name: Denise Stuck-Lewis	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/01/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2033
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	06-3-06 - 8952 West Main St P. O. Box 53 McKean, PA 16426 06-3-96 - 124 Meadville St Room 215 Edinboro, PA 16412
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:	Edinboro University Police Dept., Edinboro Police Dept., PSP
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Interstate 79, Rt. 99
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Fairview Twp. District 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, McKean Twp., Franklin Twp., McKean, Washington Twp., Edinboro District 01, 02
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Will remain the same
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	06-3-08
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	A. Average Total Caseload:	3,459
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	2.3%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-36.5%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
	A. Average Total Workload:	31,361
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-8.0%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	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):	Immediately
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Christopher MacKendrick	
	B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	01/05/2014

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2032
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	6880 Route 215 P. O. Box 157 East Springfield, PA 16411
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, Girard Police Dept., Lake City Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Interstate 90, Rt. 5, Rt. 20
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Conneaut Twp., Elk Creek Twp., Albion, Cranesville, Springfield Twp., Girard Twp. District North & South, Girard, Lake City, Platea ✓
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Will remain the same.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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Notice for Public Comment3

ERIE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Notice for Public Comment Magisterial District Realignment Plan

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Constitution, a reestablishment of magisterial districts is to occur in the year following the Federal decennial census. By directive of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, each magisterial district within Erie County was analyzed and evaluated with respect to a number of factors including population, caseload and workload measures. As a result, the following plan is being considered for submission to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court: **1. at the end of the term or upon retirement of the current Magisterial District Judge (MDJ), District Court 06-3-04 (Union City) will be combined with District Court 06-2-04 (Corry), 2. at the end of the term or upon retirement of the current MDJ, District Court 06-2-01 (Erie 4th Ward) will be combined with District Court 06-1-03 (Erie 3rd Ward) and/or District Court 06-1-01 (Erie 1st Ward), 3. effective 01/1/2018 District Court 06-3-02 will be realigned so as to combine North East Twp. and North East Borough with District Court 06-3-01 (Harborcreek, Lawrence Park and Wesleyville) and Greenfield Twp. will be combined with District Court 06-3-03 (Millcreek Twp. Greene Twp. Venango Twp. and Wattsburg Boro). All other districts will remain unchanged.** Interested parties may view the entire plan and all relevant statistical data at www.eriecountygov.org/MDJPlan, or at the office of, Thomas C. Aaron, District Court Administrator, 140 West Sixth Street, Room 210, Erie, PA 16501, between the hours of 8:30 – 4:00 Monday thru Friday. Comments may be submitted in writing to the above office, or to taaron@eriecountygov.org by March 20, 2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ERIE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE REDISTRICTING PLAN

February 19, 2012

The Pennsylvania Constitution requires a reestablishment of Magisterial Districts in the year following the Federal decennial census. After the 2010 census, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court directed that each President Judge review the workloads and caseloads for magisterial districts in his/her county to determine whether any districts can be consolidated. In order to reduce taxpayer costs while still maintaining judicial services, the Supreme Court wants to reduce the number of Magisterial District Judges by ten percent (10%) statewide.

After a review of the relevant data provided by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and suggestions of Erie County's Magisterial District Judges, each magisterial district within Erie County has been evaluated. Among the factors considered were: population, travel distance, caseload and workload measures. District caseload/workload averages were compared to those of other third class counties and statewide averages. Each Magisterial District Judge has had the opportunity to comment.

As a result of this analysis, the following proposed plan is being considered for submission to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court:

- 1. Upon the retirement or at the expiration of the term of the current Magisterial District Judge in District Court 06-3-04 (Union City), that district shall be combined with District Court 06-2-04 (Corry). I anticipate that this will occur in 2016. The office location will be determined once the term expires or when the office is vacant. (The Court may consider two offices or one centrally located office.)**
- 2. Upon the retirement or at the expiration of the term of the current Magisterial District Judge in District Court 06-2-01 (Erie 4th Ward), that district shall be combined with District Court 06-1-03 (Erie 3rd Ward) and/or District Court 06-1-01 (Erie 1st Ward). I anticipate this will occur in 2016. The final decision regarding reallocation of the caseload for 06-2-01 will be determined at the time the current term expires or when the office is vacant.**

3. **Effective January 1, 2018, District Court 06-3-02 will be realigned so as to combine North East Township and North East Borough with District Court 06-3-01 (Harborcreek, Lawrence Park and Wesleyville). Greenfield Township will be combined with District Court 06-3-03. Location of the office in District 06-3-01 will be determined prior to the effective date of the change.**
4. **All other districts within Erie County are to remain unchanged at this time.**

This proposed plan will eliminate unnecessary taxpayer costs, serve the needs of the citizens of Erie County and meet the needs of the Court. By delaying the decision on office location and readjustment of case/workloads to the time redistricting occurs, the Court will be able to consider the facts that exist at that time.

Any citizen who wishes to comment may do so by writing the District Court Administrator, Thomas C. Aaron, 140 West Sixth Street, Room 210, Erie, PA 16501 or emailing him at taaron@eriecountygov.org. The deadline for comments is March 20, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernest J. DiSantis, Jr.
President Judge
Erie County Court of Common Pleas

This Proposed Plan will be available for review at www.eriecountygov.org/MDJPlan along with additional statistical data.

ERIE COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - AVERAGE CASELOAD

MDJ	DISTRICT #	CRIMINAL	NON TR	PR COM	TRAFFIC	CIVIL	LAN. TEN.	MISC.DOC	Total
1 Mack	06-1-01	357	1,000	88	808	140	419	202	3,014
2 Urbaniak	06-1-02	491	837	166	1,074	160	392	163	3,283
3 Carney	06-1-03	284	574	55	826	156	264	203	2,362
4 Lefaiver	06-1-04	545	1,064	366	1,405	447	332	166	4,325
5 DiPaolo	06-1-05	342	882	199	1,296	466	246	127	3,558
6 Robie	06-2-01	238	689	51	603	134	241	140	2,096
7 Manzi	06-2-02	373	1,097	205	3,459	507	134	133	5,908
8 Nichols	06-2-04	198	528	502	444	209	27	83	1,991
9 Krahe	06-3-01	418	689	119	2,639	209	92	85	4,251
10 Hammer	06-3-02	186	448	168	1,151	116	37	66	2,172
11 Strohmeyer	06-3-03	262	596	151	2,225	249	104	96	3,683
12 Southwick	06-3-04	115	224	145	949	79	17	53	1,582
13 McGowan	06-3-05	263	493	81	2,360	181	70	78	3,526
14 Stuck-Lewis	06-6-06	395	1,069	123	3,411	313	87	100	5,498
15 MacKendrick	06-3-08	329	548	186	1,977	235	97	87	3,459
TOTAL		4,796	10,738	2,805	24,627	3,601	2,559	1,782	50,708
AVERAGE		320	716	174	1,642	240	171	119	3,381

ERIE COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - AVERAGE WORKLOAD

MDJ	DISTRICT #	CRIMINAL	NON TR	PR COM	TRAFFIC	CIVIL	LAN. TEN.	MISC.DOC	Total
1 Mack	06-1-01	13,109	10,740	945	1,842	1,579	6,067	6,579	40,861
2 Urbaniak	06-1-02	18,030	8,989	1,783	2,449	1,805	5,676	5,309	44,041
3 Carney	06-1-03	10,428	6,165	591	1,883	1,760	3,823	6,612	31,262
4 Lefaiver	06-1-04	20,012	11,427	3,939	3,203	5,042	4,807	5,407	53,837
5 DiPaolo	06-1-05	12,558	9,473	2,137	2,955	5,256	3,562	4,136	40,077
6 Robie	06-2-01	8,739	7,400	548	1,375	1,512	3,490	4,560	27,624
7 Manzi	06-2-02	13,697	11,782	2,202	7,887	5,719	1,940	4,332	47,559
8 Nichols	06-2-04	7,271	5,671	5,391	1,012	2,358	391	2,703	24,797
9 Krahe	06-3-01	15,349	7,400	1,278	6,017	2,358	1,332	2,768	36,502
10 Hammer	06-3-02	6,830	4,812	1,804	2,624	1,308	536	2,150	20,064
11 Strohmeyer	06-3-03	9,621	6,401	1,622	5,073	2,809	1,506	3,127	30,159
12 Southwick	06-3-04	4,223	2,406	1,557	2,164	891	246	1,726	13,213
13 McGowan	06-3-05	9,657	5,295	870	5,381	2,042	1,014	2,540	26,799
14 Stuck-Lewis	06-6-06	14,504	11,481	1,321	7,777	3,531	1,260	3,257	43,131
15 MacKendrick	06-3-08	12,081	5,886	1,998	4,508	2,651	1,405	2,834	31,363
TOTAL		176,109	115,328	27,986	56,150	40,621	37,055	58,040	511,289
AVERAGE		11,741	7,689	1,866	3,743	2,708	2,470	3,669	34,085

COMPARISON OF THIRD CLASS COUNTIES

	AVG		COUNTY		Population per MDJ
	Workload	Variance	POP.	# MDJ's	
ERIE COUNTY AVERAGE	34,085	-21%	280,566	15	18,704
THIRD CLASS COUNTY AVERAGE	43,169		3,961,167	181	21,885
Berks	55,177	28%	411,442	18	22,858
Chester	42,660	-1%	498,886	19	26,257
Dauphin	57,437	33%	268,100	16	16,756
Lackawanna	39,791	-8%	214,437	11	19,494
Lancaster	39,015	-10%	519,445	20	25,972
Lehigh	53,263	23%	349,497	14	24,964
Luzerne	38,239	-11%	320,918	17	18,878
Northampton	34,451	-20%	297,735	15	19,849
Westmorelar	33,488	-22%	365,169	17	21,481
York	48,576	13%	434,972	19	22,893

MDJ DISTRICT COMPARED TO 3RD CLASS COUNTY AVG.

Mack	06-1-01	40,861	-5%
Urbaniak	06-1-02	44,041	2%
Carney	06-1-03	31,262	-28%
Lefaver	06-1-04	53,837	25%
DiPaolo	06-1-05	40,077	-7%
Robie	06-2-01	27,624	-36%
Manzi	06-2-02	47,559	10%
Nichols	06-2-04	24,797	-43%
Krahe	06-3-01	36,502	-15%
Hammer	06-3-02	20,064	-54%
Strohmeier	06-3-03	30,159	-30%
Southwick	06-3-04	13,213	-69%
McGowan	06-3-05	26,799	-38%
Stuck-Lewis	06-3-06	43,131	0%
Mackendrick	06-3-08	31,363	-27%

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT

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Breaking News: GoErie.com

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3 local district courts might close

Low caseloads force cost-cutting

By VALERIE MYERS
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Three district courts in Erie County could adjourn permanently by 2018.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has asked county court judges across the state to consider closing and consolidating district courts to cut costs for the financially strapped judiciary.

In Erie County, President Judge Ernest J. DiSantis Jr. proposes closing district courts in lower westside Erie and in northeastern and southeastern Erie County. Neighboring courts would assume their territories and caseloads.

The recommendation is based on low caseloads, shifting population and other factors, Court Administrator Thomas Aaron said.

"We didn't have any hidden agendas here. We just looked at what makes sense," Aaron said.

Erie County Court proposes to close the Erie 4th Ward District Court at 556 W. Fourth St., the court at 10300 W. Main St. in North East Township, and the court at 143 N. Main St. in Union City. Low caseloads are the main reason, officials said.

"We're strictly basing this on the amount of work that each district court handles. That's absolutely what it comes down to," Aaron said.

Erie's 4th Ward District Court has the lightest caseload in the city, with an average of 2,096 cases annually, according to court figures.

The court would close in 2016, when District Judge Tom Robie's term expires. Its territory and

Courts: Consolidation proposed

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caseload would be transferred to District Judge Thomas Carney's court, at 718 W. 18th St.

The Union City District Court would also close in 2018, when District Judge Carol Southwick's term ends. That court handles an average of 1,582 cases annually.

Its cases and territory, including Elgin Borough and Amity, Concord, Union and Wayne townships, would be assigned to the district court in Corry.

The North East court would close in 2018, when newly elected District Judge Scott Hammer completes his term. North East borough and township would become part of the Harborcreek District Court, Greenfield Township would be shifted to the Greene Township District Court.

The North East court handles an average of 2,172 cases each year.

Erie County's busiest district court, with an average of 6,908 cases annually, is in Millcreek Township.

Local police and state legislators oppose the proposed closings, particularly outside of the city of Erie, where small police departments often have only one officer on duty. That officer would be out of town every time he or she testifies, files papers or takes a prisoner to court, critics of the plan said.

"If this court closes, it's going to create a situation where we have to pay someone overtime to cover the borough when I'm in Harborcreek or somewhere else," North East Borough Police Chief Chris Thompson said. "We can't just leave the town unprotected."

Thompson estimates he is in court on police business four or five times each week. "Right now, I'm only a mile and a half away in the township," he said.

Union City police would have to drive almost 20 miles to the district court in Corry, Police Chief Kevin Jones said.

"For an arraignment, the average time now runs about an hour and a half. Add on the travel time to and from Corry, and that's another 45 minutes to an hour," Jones said. "That's time we would be out of Union City, and that's definitely a concern."

Increased caseloads and decreased public accessibility are also concerns, municipal officials said.

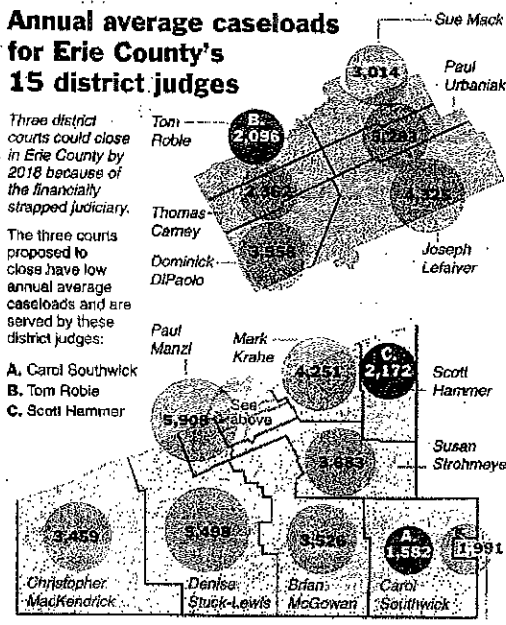
"(Harborcreek) District Judge (Mark) Krahe's office is extremely busy with the caseload that he has. You add in cases from

Annual average caseloads for Erie County's 15 district judges

Three district courts could close in Erie County by 2018 because of the financially strapped judiciary.

The three courts proposed to close have low annual average caseloads and are served by these district judges:

- A. Carol Southwick
- B. Tom Robie
- C. Scott Hammer



SOURCE: Erie County Court. VALERIE MYERS and CHRIS SIGMUND/Erie Times-News

WHAT'S NEXT

The district court reconfiguration plan, along with caseload and population figures, is available on the county website at www.eriecounty.gov.

Public comments on the plan will be accepted through March 19 and should be sent to Court Administrator Thomas Aaron, 140 W. Sixth St., Room 210, Erie, PA 16501, or to laaron@eriecounty.gov.

Court administrators will review the comments before submitting a final proposal to the state Supreme Court by March 31.

The Supreme Court will approve or reject the local court's recommendation.

North East, and it will become more like assembly-line justice," Harborcreek Township Supervisor Joseph Peck said.

People without cars or access to public transportation would have trouble getting to more distant courts, North East Township Supervisor Dennis Culver said.

"I've seen people coming on a bicycle to see the judge, or walking down. They're not going to be able to do that if the court moves," Culver said.

Consolidated courts could be moved to more central locations or be operated in more than one location, county court administrators said.

"For instance, a court might operate three days a week in Corry and two days a week in Union City," Aaron said.

By state law, county courts are required to consider redistricting every 10 years, following the federal census.

In 2011, the state Supreme Court asked president judges to also consider the court's goal of eliminating one of 110 district courts statewide, to cut judicial spending. The cost to operate Erie County's 15 district courts, including judicial and staff salaries, office rent and utilities, will be more than \$25 million this year, according to county budget figures.

By closing three district courts,

or 20 percent of its system, Erie County could be doing more than its share to cut judicial system costs, said state Rep. Patrick Harkins, of Erie, D-1st Dist. Harkins recently discussed court redistricting with other legislators and the Democratic leader of the House Judiciary Committee.

"We stand to lose three district judges in Erie County. Nobody else in the room had that many," Harkins said.

Erie County Court administrators had no specific percentage or number of cuts in mind when they considered how district courts could be reconfigured, Aaron said.

"The easiest thing to do would be to say there should be no changes. But we tried to look at this in full honesty and make the best recommendation that we could," Aaron said.

Local legislators said court administrators should schedule public hearings on the redistricting plan.

"People need to weigh in and should be part of this process," Harkins said.

The last major reorganization of district courts in Erie County was in the mid-1980s, when district courts in Girard and Wesleyville were closed.

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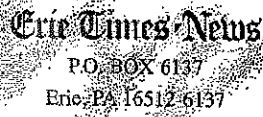
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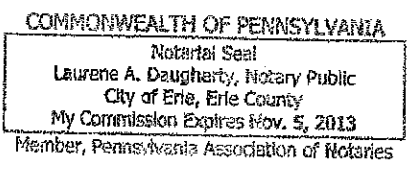
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Gingrich: Negative ads have lowered voter turnout

CUMMING, Ga. — Newt Gingrich on Saturday blamed negative ads run by Mitt Romney and an allied independent group — not dissatisfaction with the Republican field — for depressing voter enthusiasm and turnout in the Republican

After a brief the Republican cross-country s maries and fo tween Feb. 28 day on March 6. A stake are more than three ber awarded s predictable con a GOP opponer Barack Obama. A debate on W zona, the first in possibly the last paign, adds to ti The political are daunting a torum, Gingrich weigh the cost one state again winning in a se merely running delegates in a th "Not all states portance," said who helped the nee, Arizona Se navigate the can



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I am the Managing Editor of the *Erie County Legal Journal*. The *Erie County Legal Journal* is the duly designated legal newspaper for Erie County, Pennsylvania, which legal newspaper was established in 1945 and is published by the Erie County Bar Association, 302 West Ninth Street, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania 16502. A copy of the printed notice of publication is attached hereto exactly as printed or published in the issue or issues of said legal newspaper on the following date or dates:

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Heidi M. Weismiller, Managing Editor

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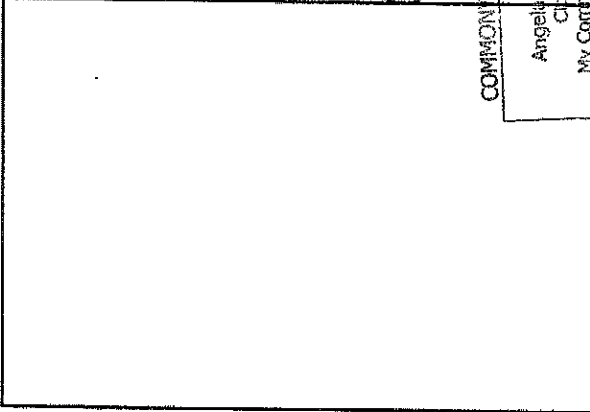
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COUNTY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA
Magisterial District Court 06-1-01

SUZANNE C. MACK
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

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Phone: (814) 451-6524
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November 29, 2011

Mr. Tom Aaron
Erie County Court House
140 West 6th Street
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Tom,

In response to the proposals set forth from the committee, I would like to offer the following response. First I would like to thank the committee for their hard work on this very difficult task. With that said, I would ask that we explore and examine other issues, not just numbers.

Before we make recommendations for closure or redistricting, I would ask that we take the time to make sure the numbers are correct. One issue is that several of the MDJ's have not been entering search warrants in the computer. There is nothing that needs to be printed from the computer so I did not have my staff enter the information which was my error. We all are required to keep records for 7 years, so I would ask that your committee ask those who have not entered search warrants in the computer be given the opportunity to correct this omission. The other issue is that it appears to be a straight percentage over the last 6 years, this does not take into account trends – for instance in my court the projections for this year the committee reviewed, I have already exceeded in every area except traffic. This upward trend has been occurring over the last several years.

I believe that a reduction of 2 MDJ's will meet the needs of this community in an effort to "right size" the minor judiciary. This can occur as the 2 MDJ's retire. I would ask that this be the end of the redistricting with no further re drawing of lines/districts etc. I feel that this meets the basic request from the Supreme Court. I appreciate that the 15% variance will not be met in each and every court, but this approach will be the least disruptive to the remaining MDJ districts. As you know, we run for this office every 6 years – to change voting districts makes it difficult not only for the MDJ running but for the public. By moving the districts this has the potential to impact the committees that have worked with the MDJ's for many years. I am not sure how this would occur as we are not all up for election at the same time. In addition if these splits occur I foresee the dismantling of our current association which is unfortunate as we have had an excellent working relationship and have come together for many issues as needed.

There are also some unknowns, the change in civil jurisdiction, increasing to \$12,000, went into effect during this year and we do not have the data as to how this may impact our courts in the future. The new MDJ in North East may see an increase in filings -- as you know there were issues with the sitting MDJ which may have seen a hesitation for some filings, as was the case in Summit township. I do not feel that having an MDJ run against a sitting MDJ is in the best interest of our community. Our state association has been advocates for this position since the last census re-districting project; the focus was on retiring MDJ's or changes via attrition.

As you are also aware, there are other things we as MDJ's do that are not in the numbers. Several of us offer Diversion Programs for juvenile first time offenders, and those with schools and truancy have a greater demand for judge time -- as you know a hearing is scheduled immediately so there is greater bench time for truancy violations. Other issues I would ask that be considered - many MDJ's do accept M3 pleas, use alterative sentence of EM for 1543 (b) and 6th or subsequent 1543 (a) this does take extra time for the judge and by MDJ's accepting these pleas it reduces the number of cases at the court of common pleas. Also, we are told daily that we are the face of the court system, and "where the rubber meets the road". I take this responsibility very seriously and devote the time to the job and the constituents who elected me. I also sit on boards; do presentations to neighborhood watch groups, schools and other community activities.

In closing, I believe that these changes should occur over the next 3 election cycles and the focus would be on attrition. I would ask that the presentation to the Supreme Court include the elimination of only 2 positions, and not to re-draw lines.

I would be happy to discuss the issues identified at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne C. Mack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "M".

Suzanne C. Mack



City of Corry

COUNTY OF ERIE
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December 1, 2011

District Court Administrator

Thomas C. Aaron

Erie County Courthouse

Office of Court Administration

140 West Sixth Street

Erie, PA 16501-1030

Dear Mr. Aaron:

I am responding to the letter dated, November 16 from Judge Disantis. I reviewed the proposal for the consolidation of my office with that of Judge Carol Southwick. The poverty level in my district and Judge Southwick's area is higher than anywhere else in the county. Closing of one office will be a hardship for some of the people in our district. The main goal of the committee is to provide the district for which we serve with adequate judicial services. By only having one office open, this might present a problem for our constituents.

My biggest concern is the location of my office. I don't believe that it should be moved from Corry. Corry is the 2nd largest city in Erie County. We are not a township or a boro. In our 3rd class city code, we are required to maintain a full-time police department. Taking my office out of the area would have a huge impact on the city's budget. We are a city that has no public transportation. I have a considerable amount of foot traffic. I service the Corry Area School District and my office is centrally located to those areas. My recommendation to the county is to have one judge service both areas with the possibility of having an office in Corry open all week and the one in Union City open two days per week. Union City gets as much foot traffic as we do on a daily basis. Other areas have two offices with one judge. I am afraid if there is only one office that constables will have more warrants because people will have a difficult time making their pleas. For some reason, people in this district will not use the mail

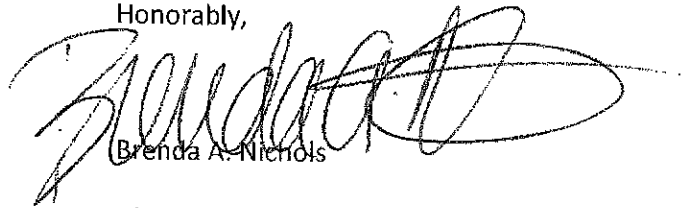
to submit a plea. Also our office is off of Route 6, which is a busy roadway and easily accessible for mine and Judge Southwick's area. Judge Southwick has Wayne Township and Concord Township, but these areas have a large population and my office is centrally located for each of those areas. One of the reasons we were moved from our old office was due to lack of security in our old office. Our landlords designed our office space with security in mind. We do our banking across the street and don't have to travel far to deposit our funds for the day.

When redistricting becomes a reality, I hope that the judge who takes over will be able to start immediately upon the sitting judge's retirement and/or the judge's term ends. Leaving an office vacant for a few months would not be good for either community. In terms of staffing, I also would like to be included in those discussions before any final decisions are made.

I would be interested in meeting with you and the other committee members to discuss these matters further. I believe it would be beneficial to ask the judge's that will be affected by these changes to be asked questions and to be able to answer questions. By us simply being asked to write a letter will not give the committee a complete picture.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Honorably,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda A. Nichols", written over a horizontal line.

Brenda A. Nichols

District Judge

cc: Judge Ernest J. Disantis, Jr.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



COUNTY OF ERIE

PAUL MANZI

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

06-2-02
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MILLCREEK

11-22-11

Thank you for your letter and request to voice my opinion. I have no preference for either plan, though obviously I would prefer losing only 2 MDJ's. That said I bring to your attention your last paragraph "Citizens of Erie County will have adequate access to Judicial Services." By reducing 06-2-02 by placing voting Millcreek District 23 into MDJ Strohmeier's territory 06-3-02 is a DIS-SERVICE for those citizens.

District 23 is a huge area and would require those citizens to travel in excess of 9 miles one way to MDJ Strohmeier's when my office is but a mile away (example 38 & Amherst)! I have outlined my 3 objections as:

1. The most relevant problem is accessibility. To force constituents living on 38 & Amherst (1 miles from MDJ 06-2-02) to travel in excess of 9 miles to MDJ 06-3-03 for a numbers benefit only to the Courts and no benefit to the citizens of that District.
2. By not moving District 23, MDJ Strohmeier's numbers drop to about 3500 still 700 better than Hammer, equal to McGowan, MacKendrick, DiPaolo, Urbaniak (who is slightly less) and Mack! Why inconvenience the voting constituency for no purpose.
3. Work load – I will be retired and realize a new MDJ might be overwhelmed with looking at the numbers; however, just as I had no problem managing the work load when I first started I see no problem for whoever follows.

Further, my time now managing the caseload is a breeze. I would welcome a 20% increase to just make the day go faster.

In closing I realize the committees intent to average out the workload between all the MDJ's but we owe the citizens of Millcreek Township accessibility and keeping MDJ 06-2-02 configured in an accessible square shape easily explained and appropriate for the area and the caseload involved.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Manzi".

Paul Manzi
Magisterial District Judge



CAROL L. SOUTHWICK
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE
ERIE COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT 06-3-04
132 NORTH MAIN STREET
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November 29, 2011

Mr. Thomas C. Aaron
District Court Administrator
Erie County Courthouse
140 W. 6th Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501

Dear Mr. Aaron:

I am retiring at the end of my term, as you well know, and I realize that anything I have to say will not make a difference in any decision that has already been made, but I would be remiss if I didn't give my thoughts which concern the people who elected me for three (3) terms.

The District Court 06-3-04 covers a large area. The area is very economic depressed and we get a lot of foot traffic due to the fact that many of the people do not have transportation and others who have transportation will have quite a distance to travel after the consolidation. I would hope that you consider these factors and move the office after consolidation to a more central area in order to have access to judicial services. If this is not done I fail to understand how someone who lives on the outskirts of this area will have access to judicial services.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol L. Southwick".

CAROL L. SOUTHWICK
Magisterial District Judge

SCOTT HAMMER
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE - ELECT

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December 1, 2011

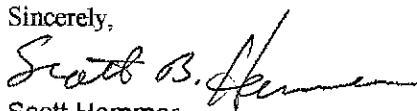
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President Judge
140 W. 6th St.
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Judge Disantis

First let me say thank you that you are giving the Magisterial District Judges (MDJ's) the opportunity to voice our opinions on the matter of eliminating MDJ Offices in the county. I do understand that our numbers are lower than other counties. I do realize that if we would go with option 1 that would only eliminate two offices through attrition which would fall well into the 10% rate that the Supreme Court wants eliminated. I would respectfully ask that my office not be one that is eliminated. I do realize that the numbers are down in my district for a number of reasons. The biggest reason I feel is that the current MDJ was not easy to get along with. I have heard from North East Police, PA State Police and the PA Game Commission. All have expressed their displeasure. One of My goals is to win back the respect that has been lost. I have been told by many different sources that I should expect a higher case volume once I take over. I do believe that the numbers will increase as they have already done this year. During the 2010 year there were 1805 cases. In the year 2011 there have been 2,186 cases, without Decembers counts. I would welcome any additional caseload from Venango Township, Wattsburg Borough and District 7 of Harborcreek Township in order to stabilize the case numbers.

I do feel that it would be a great disservice to the North East residents the North East Police Department the School District the many growing businesses and the rapidly growing Mercyhurst College to eliminate this office. We are still a growing community. Of over 10,000 population. When I took over as Tax Collector 14 years ago North East had a poverty level of 38%. I had the privilege this year to see the numbers and we are now tipping the scale at 49%. The crime rate has also gone up. I now boarder New York from both North East and Greenfield. It is very important to know who you are dealing with. I have known the residents in North East and Greenfield as well as Ripley, South Ripley and Findley Lake for many years. I feel that information is invaluable. Given our geographic location I would hope you would consider this to be a location that is well needed and worth keeping as I do. I will do my best to bring the respect back to the office. Again, Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Scott Hammer
Magisterial District Judge-Elect

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Traffic	88	143	110	128	134	114	175	153	194	88	135		1452
Non Traffic	18	36	40	33	66	67	29	22	47	40	12		416
Civil	22	18	9	21	16	14	17	19	8	15	18		177
Criminal	4	12	12	12	15	16	21	18	13	11	9		143
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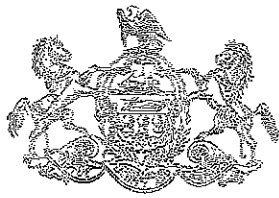
District Court 06-3-02

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2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Traffic	40	80	129	109	81e	101e	108	131e	92	111e	110	48	1066
Non Traffic	27	41	17	33	42	35	32	34	29	39	34	11e	379
Civil	7	8	14	10	10	15	14	20	14	19	8	20	159
Criminal	16	10	11e	15	17	9	15	12	24	29	22	11e	201
Total													1805.00

District Court 06-3-02



MARK R. KRAHE
DISTRICT JUDGE
(814) 451-6516

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 06-3-01
ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

3921 BUFFALO ROAD
ERIE, PA 16510
FAX: (814) 451-7499

December 1, 2011

Thomas C. Aaron
Court Administrator
6th Judicial District of Pennsylvania
Erie, Pa 16501

Dear Tom,

As you are well aware, we received a request from Erie County President Judge DiSantis to review the report presented by the Judge's Committee for caseload balancing. I have reviewed the report and make the following recommendations:

- 1) The proposal which combines the District Courts in Corry and Union City, and the District Court for City of Erie, wards 3 & 4; would be the most favorable to all those involved. Also by removing a voting District from Harborcreek (district 7) and adding the venue to the NorthEast Court, appears to add some volume to their caseload and may be sufficient to bring their level up to an acceptable level. Should these changes be accepted (and sufficient) by the Supreme Court, certainly we would concur.
- 2) Although the statistical information provided does not include a timeline, we would assume the combination of courts would not occur until the positions were vacated by retirement. Judge Robie and Southwick have indicated they will retire at the end of their term, 1-3-16.

In similar fashion, the area defined to assist NorthEast District Court (06-3-02), Harborcreek voter District #7, is the venue of District Court 06-3-01. It is my position that this area cannot be removed from District Court 06-3-01 until the completion of the elected term (2018) or if the district would become vacant. I have no intention of retiring during the upcoming term (and may likely run for another term) and this office and no part of this office would be vacant (unless I was removed from office). I believe by transferring a voter district out of the courts venue during the term of office, would be a violation of the Pennsylvania Constitution. I believe the voters of District #7 have spoken through the electoral process and to remove the voter district

out of this venue would violate that process. Certainly at the end of the term (Jan. 2018), the Supreme Court could reassign the voter district to another district court and give the electorate the option to who will be the District Judge for that area. I may not agree with the move of the voter district in 2018, but I would not raise an objection at that time.

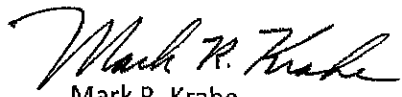
This court would offer an alternative to voter District #7 that may have sufficient caseload to accomplish the same goal. The interstate highway system (I-90 and I-290) is patrolled exclusively by the Pennsylvania State Police. The traffic enforcement, criminal violations (DUI, drugs, etc.) and non-traffic violations (particularly underage drinking) for these two highways constitute approximately 35% of the caseload for this District Court. By transferring the interstate enforcement to District Court 06-3-02, the net result may be higher than Harborcreek Voter District #7. Additionally, I believe the interstate highway system would be considered politically neutral (there is not a single voter registered or in residence on these highways) and could be transferred immediately; rather than waiting until the end of the term. There has been precedence set in Erie County (for this practice) in that all of I-79 has been assigned to District Court 06-3-06 (see attached court order signed by Judge Kelly on July 16, 2008). This area crosses the voter districts of several courts (06-1-05, 06-1-03, 06-2-01, 06-2-02 and 06-3-03) and continues to be covered by one court, 06-3-06. I believe there are other areas in the state with similar situations.

- 3) The 2nd proposal offered by the committee is to eliminate Hammer's court (06-3-02) in addition to Robie and Southwick. The consolidation of Hammer's court with District Court 06-3-01 is being proposed to create equality between the caseload of other county courts. The consolidation will result in a much higher caseload for DC06-3-01 and the committee proposes removing three of the voter Districts from Harborcreek (32% of HC voters) and sending those cases to District Court 06-3-03. The committee offers that this transfer will result in a higher degree of caseload equality. By numerical comparison, this transfer increases the number of cases per court, however the range (from 5,908 to 3,459 in the county) is still much higher than directed by the Supreme Court. It would also leave the court in Harborcreek extremely fragmented. Each case would require that venue be individually determined by voter district. This would result in confusion by affiants, excessive amounts of work by office personnel and mistrust by the general public (imagine being told you received this ticket in a different voting district, so you must go to a different court; or your civil action is in voter district – so you have to go somewhere else). I have always believed the court should not be involved in politics and certainly this is the impression we would offer. I would vehemently disagree with this consolidation. Fragmenting the courts in a community where a District Court already exists is not the answer. If the courts must be consolidated, leave the voter districts out of the equation and consolidate entire communities (wherever possible). Please note the attached voter registration map of Harborcreek Township (specifically defining districts 4 (where my office is located), 6 and 7).

- 4) Should the Supreme Court require more than the elimination of (2) two courts (the consolidations of Robie and Southwick's courts with adjoining courts), we must evaluate all the courts and make consolidations which are based on the totality of the request by the Supreme Court. The court has ordered that there must be little deviation between the caseload of one court to another and that the caseload must be within 10% of the statewide average for a county of our size (3rd class county). The consolidation proposed by the study group (eliminating 3 courts) results in difference of 22% between the average in Erie County and the average of 3rd class counties, which may not be acceptable by the Supreme Court.
- 5) To accomplish the ratio requested by the Supreme Court, an additional court would have to be eliminated. If District Court 06-3-05 was also eliminated (in 2018), the work would be divided between courts 06-2-04, 06-3-03 and 06-3-06. To further equalize the caseload of the district courts, the community of Greenfield Twp., Venango Twp and Wattsburg Boro would be consolidated into DC06-2-04. DC06-3-08 would assume Fairview Twp (and Boro). This would result in a Erie County (county courts only) caseload average of 5,339, which would net a .02% difference from the state 3rd class average of 5440; which is well within the amount requested by the Supreme Court. Please note the attached caseload study for the listed consolidations.
- 6) With respect to the District Courts within the City of Erie, the caseload averages between the (5) five remaining courts are comparable to each other. Unless the city and county courts are united into one complete county system, they should remain separate and studied further when vacancies occur within the offices . If further consolidation between the city and county courts were to be considered, the creation of a night court and a county wide booking center should be considered.

In conclusion, I believe the intent of the Supreme Court is to reduce the number of courts across Pennsylvania by 10% and seek equality between the courts with respect to caseloads. These courts are a representation of the communities they serve and are not equal. I believe it should be the goal of the courts to attempt to maintain equal caseloads across the state, but this may not be possible. Also, to make adjustments based on statistical data only eliminates all the extra work District Judges do for the Judiciary and the court we serve. The study takes no consideration of the judge who spends hundreds of extra hours counseling young juvenile offenders, conducting speaking programs in schools, clubs and community functions on the courts and the judiciary. Nor does the study weigh the difference between a judge who takes extra care and concern to insure the rights of the accused are thoroughly protected and a judge who brags about running large numbers of people through the court to gain time away from the court. Yes we can create larger courts and larger caseloads, but there is a cost for everything. This profession is not about numbers, savings or creating equality between the courts. It is about working hard to insure that Justice is served. To those who have made this a part-time job or extra job to cover benefits, you're in the wrong world. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the people of my three communities and I hope to continue doing so as long as I am able.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Krahe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mark R. Krahe

Magisterial District Judge

District Court 06-3-01

Erie County Average Caseload

Proposal to Eliminate Southwick, Alonge & Dwyer Court in County

JUDGE	COURT #	CRIMINAL	NON-TRAFFIC	PR COM	TRAFFIC	CIVIL	LAND-TEN	MISC.	TOTAL
Krahe	DC 06-3-01	418	689	119	2639	209	92	85	4251
add 06-3-02		186	448	168	1151	116	37	66	2172
subtract Greenfield		-10	-19	-2	-177	-19	-6	-11	-244
sub-total		594	1118	285	3613	306	123	140	6179
Nichols (Southwick)	DC 06-2-04	313	752	647	1393	288	44	136	3573
add Waterford B & T		58	123	48	220	69	27	9	554
add Mill Village		3	6	2	9	5	2	2	29
add LeBoeuf Twp		14	19	1	132	22	8	9	207
add Venango & Watts		14	48	11	51	27	11	10	172
add Greenfield		10	19	2	177	19	6	11	244
sub-total		412	967	711	1982	430	98	177	4779
Stuck-Lewis	DC 06-3-06	395	1069	123	3411	313	87	100	5498
subtract Fairview		-93	-317	-35	-1049	-135	-37	-43	-1709
add 60% summit		108	204	18	1196	51	20	22	1619
sub-total		410	956	106	3558	229	70	79	5408
McKendrick	DC 06-3-08	329	548	186	1977	235	97	87	3459
add Fairview		93	317	35	1049	135	37	43	1709
sub-total		422	865	221	3026	370	134	130	5168
Strohmeier	DC 06-3-03	262	596	151	2225	249	104	96	3683
subtract Venango & W		-14	-48	-11	-51	-27	-11	-10	-172
add-40% Summit		72	136	12	798	34	13	15	1080
add D23 Millcreek		34	99	18	311	46	12	12	532
sub-total		354	783	170	3283	302	118	113	5123
Manzi	DC 06-2-02	373	1097	205	3459	507	134	133	5908
subtract D23 Millcreek		-34	-99	-18	-311	-46	-12	-12	-532
sub-total		339	998	187	3148	461	122	121	5376

Judge	Court	caseload	+ or - 3 class av
Krahe	DC 06-3-01	6179	15%
Nichols	DC 06-2-04	4779	-10%
Stuck-Lewis	DC 06-3-06	5408	1%
McKendrick	DC 06-3-08	5168	-3%
Strohmeier	DC 06-3-03	5123	-4%
Manzi	DC 06-2-02	5376	1%
county total		32033	
county average		5339	
Third Class Co. average		5440	

Assumptions:

1. MDJ Alonge's caseload is added to MDJ Krahe, however Greenfield Twp is subtracted and added to MDJ Nichols.
2. MDJ Southwick's caseload is assumed by Nichols, also adds Venango & Wattsburg from Strohmeier
3. MDJ Dwyer's caseload is divided as follows: Strohmeier assumes 40% of Summit (D35-0-2), Stuck-Lewis assumes 60% of Summit (D35-0-1), Nict assumes Waterford (Boro & Twp), Mill Village and LeBoeuf Twp.
4. MDJ McKendrick will assume Stuck-Lewis caseload for Fairview.
5. MDJ Strohmeier will assume D23 from MDJ Manzi, assume 40% of Summit Twp (from Dwyer) and subtract Venango and Wattsburg (to Nichols).

IN RE:

CLERK OF RECORDS
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF ERIE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

SUMMARY TRAFFIC
OFFENSES

MISCELLANEOUS NO.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

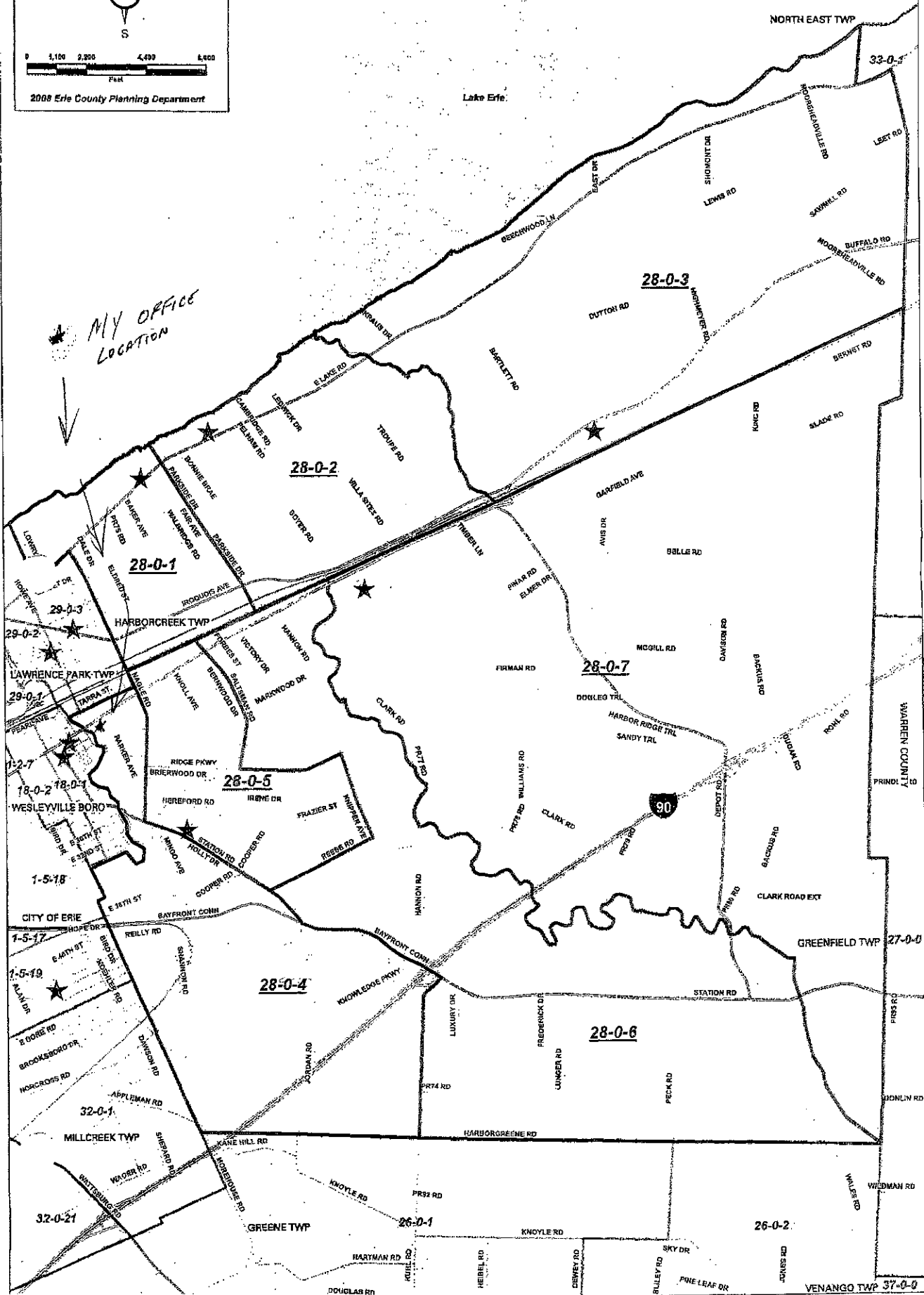
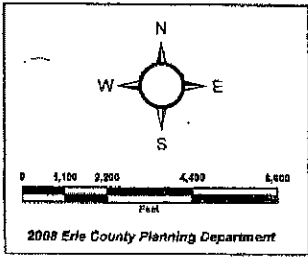
AND NOW, to-wit, this 16 day of July, 2008, it is hereby **ORDERED**,
ADJUDGED and **DECREED** that all summary traffic offenses alleged to have occurred
along Interstate 79 shall be brought before the issuing authority for magisterial district
06-3-06, currently under the authority of Magisterial District Judge Denise Stuck-Lewis.

BY THE COURT


ELIZABETH K. KELLY
PRESIDENT JUDGE

~~COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/COURT
ERIE COUNTY
2008 JUL 16 11:10:45
CLERK OF RECORDS
PROBATIONARY~~

Harborcreek Township Districts



Aaron, Thomas

From: Krahe, Mark DJ
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2011 3:50 PM
To: DiSantis, Judge Ernest J.
Cc: Aaron, Thomas
Subject: re-districting

Judge DiSantis,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me last week concerning the re-districting. I appreciated the opportunity to share thoughts and concerns with you. During the meeting you said that if I thought of anything else, to please contact you. Well, since I seem to have a one track mind lately, there are a few things.

First, I contacted Joe Mittleman concerning two questions I had and he sent me a response (see the attachment). His responses were both not so good and good, as far as I'm concerned.

I asked him if a voting district was recommended to be moved, when would the move take place? He said if voting district was moved from one district to another, the move would likely occur upon approval of the move. I would assume that if you recommended to the court that a voting district be moved from one district to another, it would then make a difference to the court "when" you were recommending the move.

I also asked about the possibility of moving coverage of the interstate highway from one court to another. He said that a county by local rule could make this move.

What I would hope the committee would recommend to you (and subsequently to the Supreme Court) that the two judges scheduled to retire in (4) four years not be replaced, that their districts be consolidated with the adjoining courts.

Additionally District Court 06-3-02 would be studied over the next (4) four years to determine what the caseload of this court will be with a new judge. Not only will this time period give this county the opportunity to properly determine the caseload of the new administration (judge), it will also give him and his staff experience to handle a greater caseload. If the results show a need for additional cases, (at the (4) four year period), District Court 06-3-02 would assume Venango Twp and Wattsburg Boro, and assume all violations for Interstate 90 and I-290 (Bayfront Connector). The addition of the three areas should result in a much higher caseload, consistent with the ratio being requested by the Supreme Court. The county should continue to study the caseload of District Court 06-3-02 and if at the end of the current term (2018) should the caseload continue to be insufficient, voter District 28-0-07 be added to the NorthEast Court.

Should the Supreme Court require an additional court than the two courts that are retiring, I would ask that you re-evaluate the potential of consolidation District Court 06-3-01 with 06-3-02. I have several reasons why this would not be practical: First, Harborcreek Township is a growing community. The business district has had some major changes over the past several years. A new Wal-Mart plaza, Giant Eagle Plaza, Travel Port Truck Stop, and many more stores. There are several large housing developments in the works, including a 60 unit medium income housing unit and a 100 lower income units. The population for Harborcreek has grown by over 1,000 people in the recent census. Behrend College has purchased large tracks of land surrounding the college and plans to "double" the student population over the next (7) seven to (10) ten years. They also have plans for a large sports complex (which they have already purchased the property) and over the past several years have added almost 100 off campus apartments (just across the street from the college). In addition there are plans to put "several hundred" additional apartments off campus, adjacent to the college.

Currently District Court 06-3-01 services (4) four police agencies and (3) three municipalities; headquarters for all are located within (1) one mile of the court (most less than 1/2 mile).

The court is within (1/2) one half mile of the largest employer in Erie County (GE) and is beside the business district for Harborcreek, Lawrence Park and Wesleyville. Also the court is within walking distance for a high percentage of cases handled by the court (averaging about 15 walkin cases per day), which is a benefit for many customers lacking transportation (which may not be available if the court was to move).

If DC 06-3-01 was to be combined with DC06-3-02, I would recommend that the court not be divided by voting districts to another court. There would be too much confusion determining venue and net result would not benefit the court or the community. I can only imagine the confusion the police or the township would have determining what voter district violations occur. If DC 06-3-01 would have to be moved (because the current location would be out of the court), a suitable location for both communities would be difficult to find (especially if there is only farm land between) or costly to build a new court. Instead I would recommend that if required, both communities be consolidated into one court, leaving the Townships and Boroughs whole.

Instead of consolidating District Court 06-3-02 with 06-3-01, I believe it would be just as practical and more advantages to consolidate with DC06-3-03. Currently 06-3-03 is adjacent to 06-3-02 in Green Township and Venango Township and at a central location (such as Colt Station), the District Court would be central to a majority of NorthEast, Greenfield, Green and Venango Township. In similar fashion (when comparing a consolidation of 06-3-01 and 06-3-02), the caseload of 06-3-03 would be too high and would require some adjustment. The adjustments could be made by giving DC06-3-05 (which has a low workload) a majority of the Millcreek area currently held by DC06-3-03 and keeping several voting districts to balance out the numbers between the courts. Historically DC06-3-03 covered a majority of this area before assuming part of Millcreek and the Millcreek area should have been moved into DC06-3-05. Geographically, this move would be more advantageous for all the courts, District Court 06-3-05 will be directly beside the area of Millcreek that would be moved into his court.

In closing, I know whatever you decide will be in the best interest for all of us (the community and the courts).

Thanks for taking the time to consider my additional concerns.

MDJ Mark Krahe

Aaron, Thomas

From: Nichols, Brenda DJ
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 2:24 PM
To: Aaron, Thomas
Subject: Combining Offices

Hello

I just wanted to voice another concern that I have with the combination of my office with that of Judge Southwick of Union City.

I realize that this is probably necessary due to the numbers in our courts. But moving our office would not in my opinion be wise.

If you wanted to move our office to a central location and are thinking of somewhere around Route 6 and Route 89, then where will you build it? There is no buildings that are in that area. So you would have to build a new building and move us to a new location.

The state police have a lot of land behind their station, but I want to always have the appearance of impartiality and if I had my office connected to the State Police Barracks. It would give the appearance to defendants that I am not impartial. People don't like to plead on things, when police are present.

Also safety in a remote location is my biggest concern. Even though the state police are close to 6 and 89, half the time no one is at the station who can come to our aide. Also collecting money and having it on site in that remote location would put myself and staff at risk. There is nothing around if we were in Elgin. At least where we are at currently, there are street lights and businesses that are open 24 hours. I feel safe coming here at 3:00AM and out Route 6/Route 89 location would make me feel unsafe. My staff has expressed their concerns about having to drive further to deposit funds. Right now our bank is across the street. The combination of the two offices would increase the revenue that we take in on a daily basis.

Also our police staff is required to have 2 people on duty and in the city during each shift. If one has a hearing, then they have to call in another person to cover if our office was not inside the city limits. The overtime could bankrupt our city. The way things are now, the police come to hearings at our office and if an emergency arises, then they are still within city limits. Moving our office can place the citizens of Corry at risk.

The City of Corry has a higher caseload. The outlying areas of Union City do not have that many cases. Just wanted to give you something else to think about since the public comment is still going on.

Thanks.

Brenda Nichols

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT

Comments from Public-----6

Aaron, Thomas

From: MARLYNN1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 3:54 AM
To: Aaron, Thomas
Subject: District Justice???

The "Justice of the Peace" offices were made into District Justice of the Peace and Magisterial Districts in 1968 (I believe), and since then there have been consistent decreases in the number of districts/justices. Again we are going to be crunched into smaller districts so that the justices who are supposed to be hearing small court problems and settling problems at the community level will no longer be available to ordinary people. These courts were set up so that ordinary people could have access to "Justice" without the expense of lawyers and that the Justices could have common-sense decisions made in neighborhood offices, made by Justices that had a knowledge of things that were important and unique to those neighborhoods. Promises were made to the people of Pennsylvania to keep those offices small and accessible. Those promises have gone the way of most political promises. Again the people are losing more and more of their voice. Now the rural communities are being "consolidated."

Thought of the Day

"Success is not measured by what you accomplish but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds."

Aaron, Thomas

From: Bevconely@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 10:09 AM
To: Aaron, Thomas
Subject: District Courts Consolidation

I agree with State Rep. Pat Harkins that because area district courts are already busy, the Proposed Cuts are a Bad Idea.

Beverly Conley
15 West 29th St.
Erie, PA. 16508

Aaron, Thomas

From: Jan Montie [msponder@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 11:12 AM
To: Aaron, Thomas
Subject: REDISTRICTING PLAN

I think it is foolish plan. I am against this plan.
Janice Montie

YOURVIEW

Letters to the Editor

People lose with fewer district judges

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M. Tomlin|Erie



North East Township Supervisors

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March 6, 2012

Erie County District Court Administrator
Mr. Thomas Aaron
140 West Sixth Street, Room 210
Erie, PA 16501

Re: Magisterial District Court Realignment

Dear Sir,

Please see the enclosed Resolution #2012-011 from the North East Township Board of Supervisors concerning the issue stated above.

This was prepared for the good of all in our community and states the feelings of this Board and we believe of our constituents.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact this Board if needed at the number above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vernon D. Frye". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the word "Sincerely,".

Vernon D. Frye, Chairman
North East Township Board of Supervisors

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 011

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REALIGNMENT OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 06-3-02.

WHEREAS, Magisterial District Court 06-3-02 serves North East Township, North East Borough and Greenfield Township; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a proposal to eliminate Magisterial District Court 06-3-02 and merge North East Township and North East Borough with Magisterial District Court 06-3-01; and

WHEREAS, the current location of Magisterial District Court 06-3-01 is 3921 Buffalo Road, Harborcreek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, said realignment will require victims, witnesses, police, as well as parties to civil matters before the Magisterial District Court to incur substantial additional travel time; and

WHEREAS, said additional travel time will limit police efficiency, coverage and effectiveness and will cause undue additional loss of time and consequent expense for all parties appearing before the Magisterial District Court; and

WHEREAS, the local municipalities will lose a highly beneficial resource of the community.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of North East Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The Township of North East opposes the proposed Magisterial District Court Redistricting Plan calling for the realignment of District Court 06-3-02.
2. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to communicate with all County, Court and State officials, expressing North East Township's opposition to the proposed realignment.

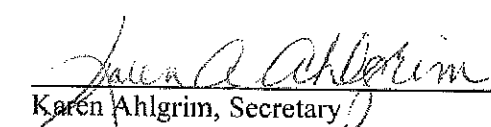
ADOPTED as a Resolution of North East Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, this 5th day of March, 2012.

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP

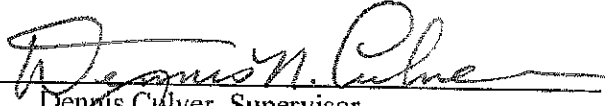
BY:


Vernon Frye, Chairman

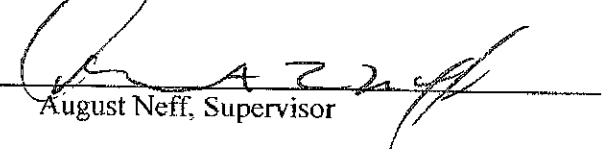
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Karen Ahlgrim, Secretary

BY:


Dennis Culver, Supervisor

BY:


August Neff, Supervisor

Resolution #12-68
Adopted March 7, 2012



A Resolution Opposing the realignment of Magisterial District Court 06-3-02

WHEREAS, Harborcreek Township based on fact is growing in population; and

WHEREAS, Harborcreek Township population is at 17, 234 based on the 2010 U. S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that it is not in the best interest of Harborcreek residents health, safety, and public welfare as required by the Pennsylvania 2nd Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, District Court 06-3-02 serving Harborcreek Township, Lawrence Park Township, and Wesleyville Borough already faces the burden of a large volume of cases.


IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Harborcreek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania that Harborcreek Township opposes the proposed magisterial district judge redistricting plan realignment of District Court 06-3-02.

ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2012.

HARBORCREEK TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS



Joseph D. Peck, Chairperson

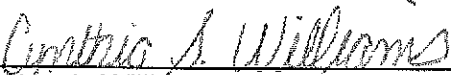


Timothy J. May Supervisor

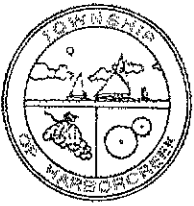


Dean S. Pepicello, Supervisor

ATTEST:



Cynthia S. Williams, Assistant Secretary



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Supervisors *Timothy J. May Joseph D. Peck Dean S. Pepicello*

March 8, 2012

District Court Administrator
Thomas C. Aaron
140 West Sixth Street, Room 210
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Mr. Aaron:

At their Regular Supervisors' Meeting on March 7, 2012, the Harborcreek Township Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 12-68—Opposing the Realignment of Magisterial District Court 06-3-02. Enclosed please find a copy of the aforesaid resolution with comments opposing this redistricting.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,


Joseph D. Peck, Chairman


Timothy J. May


Dean S. Pepicello

HARBORCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 12, 2012

Dear Sir,

While I am aware of the cost savings, I sincerely hope that our District Court in Erie's 4th Ward is not going to be closed. This Court is an integral part of our 4th Ward community from the past through its current standing. All of the District Justices (formally known as Justices of the Peace) including Judges Rossiter, Weindorf, and presently Robie have proved that. Their relationship which includes knowledge of individuals, families, businesses, etc, has resulted not only as a knowledge of, but also has served as a deterrent to crime.

The highly successful Juvenile Diversion Program presently operating in our 4th Ward was not only established here by then District Judge Joe Weindorf but has been copied and promulgated throughout the United States.

As you know, our 4th Ward area includes west of State St. to Pittsburgh Ave. and north of West 8th to the Bayfront Highway. This includes Strong Vincent High School, Emerson Gridley, Montessori, St. Joseph's Home, and many others.

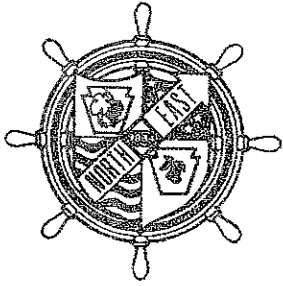
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally C. Carlow".

Sally C. Carlow

Coordinator Greater Kahkwa Neighborhood Watch



Borough of North East

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March 15, 2012

VIA E-MAIL (taaron@eriecountygov.org)

Thomas C. Aaron, District Court Administrator
Erie County Court of Common Pleas
140 West Sixth Street, Room 210
Erie, PA 16501

Re: Magisterial District Realignment Plan

Dear Mr. Aaron:

We have reviewed the Public Notice of the proposed Magisterial District Realignment Plan which appeared in the Erie Sunday Times on February 19, 2012 and wanted to take this opportunity to provide our comments concerning the proposed Realignment Plan.

As you know, the current District Court 06-3-02 serves North East Township, Greenfield Township and North East Borough. District Court 06-3-02 serves a significant geographical area, but is centrally located so as to efficiently serve these municipalities. As you may also know, North East Borough maintains a police force which regularly participates in matters before District Court 06-3-02. The consolidation of North East Township and North East Borough into District Court 06-3-01 (Harborcreek, Lawrence Park and Wesleyville) will not only inconvenience the residents of North East Township, North East Borough and Greenfield Township, but will also significantly increase the costs associated with attending District Court.

Based on our analysis, we estimate that North East Borough officers attend District Court an average of **450** times per year for various matters. If North East Borough and North East Township are combined with District Court 06-3-01, certainly the District Court will be located somewhere central to the five municipalities it will serve. For example, if District Court 06-3-01 is located at the Harborcreek Township Municipal Building, North East Borough police officers will travel from North East Borough to Harborcreek Township Municipal Building for each hearing. We estimate that if North East Borough police officers travel to the Harborcreek Township Municipal Building **450** times per year, North East Borough police officers and vehicles will travel an additional **8,100** miles per year. If gas prices remain at \$3.79 or more per gallon, we estimate an additional cost to North East Borough will be approximately **\$1,900.00**.

In addition to cost of fuel, North East Borough will also incur the additional expense and inconvenience of having North East Borough police officers travel additional miles during working time, while being paid. This will result in having to pay an overtime rate in excess of \$45 per hour to have an officer stay in town and be on patrol, or rely on the State Police to cover our town while the Officer is gone. Neither is acceptable.

In addition to the expense and inconvenience of moving District Court 06-3-02, we are also concerned about the delay that may be caused in processing cases before the District Court since it is our impression that the volume will increase significantly if North East Township and North East Borough are added to District Court 06-3-01. We have found District Court 06-3-02 to be very efficiently run, presumably in part because of the volume of cases handled at that office. We are concerned that increase in volume will result in serious delays.

In short, we want to go on record as opposing the realignment of North East Borough and North East Township with District Court 06-3-01. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (814) 725-8611.

NORTH EAST BOROUGH

By


Jay C. McConaughy, Council President

Aaron, Thomas

From: TWACHTER [TWACHTER@kmgslaw.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 9:36 AM
To: Aaron, Thomas
Cc: brumagin.ucma@verizon.net; Cheryl Capela; Greg Bowes
Subject: Union City Comments on Proposed Magisterial District Judge Re-Districting Plan
Attachments: DOCS-#1009539-v1-Borough_of_Union_City_Magisterial_District_Judge_Re-Districting.PDF

Mr. Aaron -

Please find attached correspondence on behalf of the Borough of Union City. The correspondence pertains to the above referenced matter. Please confirm receipt of this email and the attachment.

Thank you for your attention to the matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Regards,

Tim

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March 19, 2012

Thomas Aaron
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[via taaron@eriecountygov.org](mailto:taaron@eriecountygov.org)

RE: 2012 Proposed Magisterial District Judge Re-Districting Plan

Dear Mr. Aaron:

Please be advised that I am writing to you as Solicitor to the Borough of Union City and on behalf of the leadership of Borough Council. The leadership of Borough Council is aware of the proposed re-districting plan which would, in or about 2016, combine District Court 06-3-04 (Union City) with District Court 06-2-04 (Corry). We are also aware that the plan indicates that "the court may consider two offices or one centrally located office" following the merger.

Upon review of the plan and relevant statistical data provided on the County's website, the rationale for combining the two Districts is clearly shown through the comparisons of the average case load and work load. However, it is the express desire of the leadership of Borough Council that when such consolidation occurs that two offices be established for the District, with one such office being located within the Borough of Union City.

As you may be aware, the Borough of Union City has historically experienced the lowest median household income in all of Erie County. The 2010 census information has shown that the Union City median household income is \$33,404, as compared to the Erie County median household income of \$43,595. The Corry median family income is much higher at \$41,498 a year. When also compared against the Pennsylvania median household income (\$53,544), it is clear that the Borough of Union City is one of the most impoverished areas of not only Erie County, but also the Commonwealth. The reality is that the population currently served by the local magisterial district judge office most likely does not have the ability to readily transport themselves to a magisterial district judge office located outside of the Borough.

Accordingly, to provide the residents of the Borough with legitimate access to a local court, the Magisterial District Judge Re-Districting Plan must require that an office be located within the Borough. Having one centrally located office does not provide the Borough's residents with sufficient access to a local court. Further, the Borough sits as a central location relative to the

Thomas Aaron
March 19, 2012
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other municipalities affected by the proposed redistricting. The inability of the Borough's residents to travel outside of the immediate area due to their economically depressed condition requires the local office.

In conclusion, it is the request of the leadership of the Borough of Union City Council that the proposed Magisterial District Judge Re-Districting Plan include a requirement that, regardless of the final makeup of the District, one Magisterial District Judge office be located in the Borough of Union City. To do otherwise may create a system where there is a true barrier to justice for the regions poorest citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I remain,

Very truly yours,

KNOX McLAUGHLIN GORNALL &
SENNETT, P.C.

By: 
Timothy S. Wachter

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cc Dan Brumagin, President, Borough Council
Greg Bowes, Vice President, Borough Council
Cheryl Capela, Borough Manager

March 15, 2012

Frank Abate, Jr.
12 N. Pearl St.
North East, PA 16428

Honorable President Judge Ernest DiSantis
Erie County Court House
140 West Sixth Street
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Honorable Judge DiSantis:

In my 36 years as an active Magisterial District Judge and 6 years as an active Senior Magisterial District Judge, I have had the opportunity to sit on several redistricting committees. The first one that I worked with was the joining of Lawrence Park/Wesleyville court to Harborcreek. At that time population, case load and distance was not a concern other than the placement of the Magisterial District Justice office. That proved to be a minor issue because most of the cases were generated in Harborcreek Township which was a far-flung area; there would have been no way of finding a central location.

The next opportunity I had at redistricting was chairing the committee with Attorney Richard Agresti on the disillusioning of the Girard/Lake City court. It was a foregone conclusion that the best realignment would be with Edinboro and East Springfield. The only concern was finding a central location for the offices. When the case loads were examined, it was noted Edinboro and McKean had the largest case load and joining Fairview to that district would have little impact. The remaining townships would bolster the case load of the Springfield district but would not overload it. Today both of these redistricting changes have proven successful and have made three active viable Magisterial Districts Courts with little impact to the residences or law enforcement agencies.

The next redistricting that I was involved with was the splitting of Millcreek Township. It was determined that the Magisterial District Court in West Millcreek could stand on its own with both case load and population. The joining of East Millcreek to the existing Greene Township district created an equitable distribution of cases and making it a viable standalone office. Greenfield Township was added to the North East District Court which was the original 1969 configuration for that court. Amity Township was added to Union City making that a more viable office. Consideration was given of joining Venango Township and Wattsburg Borough to the North East Office in anticipation of future population growth. This was not done.

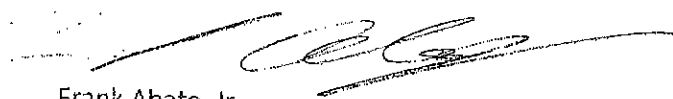
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The next opportunity I had to look at redistricting was with President Judge Palmisano. He was acting upon a request from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. The plan that we eventually put together was as follows: joining Corry and Union City as one court, adding Venango Township and Wattsburg Bourgh to North East and joining the 1st and 2nd ward of Erie and the 3th & 4rd Ward of Erie. This would give a more equal distribution of cases throughout the county. Looking at the plan today, the only change that would be suggested would be to add Amity Township to the North East office. This plan was never acted upon because the necessity of redistricting was not there. Todays plan of disillusioning the North East District Court and joining it with Harborcreek would overload the new court in caseload and population. It would also place a hardship upon the residence of the North East district to travel to Harborcreek. The city of Erie other than its political influence is the most likely place for combining offices without much impact. The courts will be dealing with only one police agency and one municipal authority. It would not be drawing protection or services away from the city limits. There would be more savings in rental of offices and personnel.

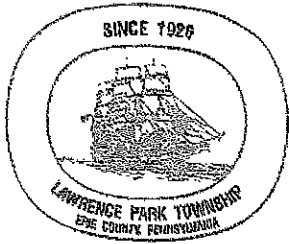
I feel that with the new Magisterial District Judge in the North East office, it will cause the caseload to increase as more confidence is shown in the court. I also feel that if more territory is added to the court it would be a more viable court and provide a vital service to Eastern Erie County.

Please take theses thoughts and experiences in consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Frank Abate, Jr.
Senior Magisterial Judge



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March 21, 2012

Thomas C. Aaron, District Court Administrator
Erie County Courthouse
140 West 6 Street
Erie, PA 16501

RE: Consolidation of District Magistrate offices

Dear Mr. Aaron:

It has recently come to our attention that there is movement to consolidate District Magistrate offices within the Commonwealth. Of particular concern to Lawrence Park Township is the consolidation of the Harborcreek and North East offices. The Harborcreek office is located approximately a half mile from the Lawrence Park Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks, on Iroquois Avenue, and services these departments as well as Wesleyville Borough and Harborcreek Township. The Harborcreek office handles a substantial case load for these four governments.

The Board of Commissioners strongly urge that the Harborcreek District Magistrate office remain local and without consolidating with other offices.

With an increased case load from merging the two District Magistrates, difficulties in scheduling hearings with our Police Department and Code Enforcement Officer will arise. Currently, the closeness of the office helps defray Township costs for officers to travel to hearings and aids in scheduling to lessen overtime costs. As you may be aware, police officers are at the District Magistrate office several times a week for traffic tickets, delivering criminal complaints, notices and other items than just when a hearing is scheduled. Additionally, it is not unusual that defendants may need to walk or take a bus to the District Magistrate.

Consolidating District Magistrate offices and possibly centralizing location away from the current location on Buffalo Road will have an economic impact on Lawrence Park Township and a time impact on our police officers and code enforcement officer.

Lawrence Park Township requests that consolidation of the Harborcreek District Magistrate office not be implemented.

Sincerely yours,

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP


Thomas Loftus
President

C: Board of Commissioners
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Aaron, Thomas

From: Peter Nye, Wesleyville Borough [wesboro@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 4:32 PM
To: Aaron, Thomas
Subject: Public Comment Dist Court Realignment
Attachments: Resolution 2012-005 DJ Court Realignment 14MAR12 Electronically Signed.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Aaron:

I am writing to send the attached Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wesleyville at its regular meeting on March 14th. The Borough wishes to go on record as being opposed to any realignment of District Justices which would increase the workload of District Court 06-3-01. Please contact me if you have any question or concern about this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Nye
Manager/Secretary/Treasurer
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**Borough of Wesleyville
Wesleyville, Pennsylvania
Erie County**

Resolution Number 2012-005

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH PROVIDING REQUESTED PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE
ERIE COUNTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING A PLAN TO REALIGN THE
DISTRICT COURTS IN ERIE COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, The Erie County Court Administrator has requested public comment on a plan to realign District Magisterial Courts within Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wesleyville along with Harborcreek Township and Lawrence Park Township currently receives judicial services from District Magisterial Court 06-3-01; and

WHEREAS, the offices for the aforementioned Magisterial District Court are located just outside the eastern border of Wesleyville Borough in Harborcreek Township convenient and easily accessible to the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is tasked under the Pennsylvania Borough Code with protecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes District Court 06-3-01 as it is currently configured provides excellent service to the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes that any increase in the caseload of District Court 06-3-01 resulting from realignment would lead to a reduction in the quality of service that would be contrary to the best interests of Wesleyville residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes that the probable relocation of District Court 06-3-01 to a site farther from the boundary of the Borough would be a significant inconvenience to the residents of Wesleyville.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wesleyville, Erie County, Pennsylvania that Wesleyville Borough is opposed to the redistricting of Magisterial District Court 06-3-01 as described in the current plan to realign District Magisterial Courts in Erie County.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2012.

WESLEYVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Attested to by:

Borough of Wesleyville
Borough Council

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