

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Lawrence**

Judicial District #: **53**

Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 53 and its class of county: **-16 %**

Summary of Proposed Actions

53-1-01 Reestablish

53-3-01 Realign

53-3-02 Reestablish

53-3-03 **Eliminate**

53-3-04 Realign

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: **No** Comments Received: **No**

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

County Name: **Lawrence**

Judicial District #: **53**

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 53-1-01

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,420	Average Annual Workload:	31,681
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-4.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	0.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-20.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district is located in the city and has more criminal and landlord tenant filings.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Melissa A. Amodie	Birthdate:	12-10-67
Lawrence County Government Center 430 Court Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2037
New Castle, PA 16101	Term Expires:	1-5-14

Existing Geography:

NEW CASTLE WD 01 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 01 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 03; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 04; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 05; NEW CASTLE WD 03 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 03 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 04 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 04 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 04 PCT 03; NEW CASTLE WD 05 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 05 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 07 Voting District; NEW CASTLE WD 08 Voting District

Proposed Geography:

NEW CASTLE WD 01 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 01 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 03; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 04; NEW CASTLE WD 02 PCT 05; NEW CASTLE WD 03 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 03 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 04 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 04 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 04 PCT 03; NEW CASTLE WD 05 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 05 PCT 02; NEW CASTLE WD 07 Voting District; NEW CASTLE WD 08 Voting District

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: New Castle Police Dept.

Major Highways: State Route 18, State Route 422, State Route 224

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 53-3-01

Proposed Action: Realign

Average Annual Caseload:	3,558	Average Annual Workload:	31,229
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-0.53	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-1.42
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-16.00	Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.	

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Jerry G. Cartwright , Jr.
607 Lawrence Avenue
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Birthdate: 8-14-53
Mandatory Retirement: 2023
Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

ELLPORT Voting District; ELLWOOD CITY WD 01 PCT 09; ELLWOOD CITY WD 02 PCT 01; ELLWOOD CITY WD 03 PCT 09; ELLWOOD CITY WD 04 PCT 01; ELLWOOD CITY WD 04 PCT 02; ELLWOOD CITY WD 05 PCT 01; ELLWOOD CITY WD 05 PCT 02; ENON VALLEY Voting District; LITTLE BEAVER TWP Voting District; NEW BEAVER Voting District; PERRY TWP VTD 01; PERRY TWP VTD 02; WAMPUM Voting District; WAYNE TWP VTD 01; WAYNE TWP VTD 02; WAYNE TWP VTD 03; WAYNE TWP VTD 04

Proposed Geography:

ELLPORT Voting District; ELLWOOD CITY WD 01 PCT 09; ELLWOOD CITY WD 02 PCT 01; ELLWOOD CITY WD 03 PCT 09; ELLWOOD CITY WD 04 PCT 01; ELLWOOD CITY WD 04 PCT 02; ELLWOOD CITY WD 05 PCT 01; ELLWOOD CITY WD 05 PCT 02; ENON VALLEY Voting District; LITTLE BEAVER TWP Voting District; NEW BEAVER Voting District; PERRY TWP VTD 01; PERRY TWP VTD 02; SLIPPERY ROCK TWP VTD 01; SLIPPERY ROCK TWP VTD 02; SLIPPERY ROCK TWP VTD 03; WAMPUM Voting District; WAYNE TWP VTD 01; WAYNE TWP VTD 02; WAYNE TWP VTD 03; WAYNE TWP VTD 04

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Ellwood City Police Dept., Wayne Twp. Police Dept., New Beaver Police Dept., Little Beaver Police Dept., Enon Valley Police Dept., Perry Twp. Police Dept.

Major Highways: State Route 18, State Route 65, State Route 288, PA Turnpike

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 53-3-02

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,474	Average Annual Workload:	36,061
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	25.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	13.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	5.00		

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

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Jennifer L. Nicholson
605 Mt. Jackson Road
New Castle, PA 16102

Birthdate: 01-14-73
Mandatory Retirement: 2043
Term Expires: 1-3-16

Existing Geography:

BESSEMER Voting District; MAHONING TWP VTD 01; MAHONING TWP VTD 02; MAHONING TWP VTD 03; NEW CASTLE WD 06 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 06 PCT 02; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 01; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 02; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 03; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 04; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 05; SNPJ Voting District; TAYLOR TWP Voting District; UNION TWP VTD 01; UNION TWP VTD 02; UNION TWP VTD 03; UNION TWP VTD 04

Proposed Geography:

BESSEMER Voting District; MAHONING TWP VTD 01; MAHONING TWP VTD 02; MAHONING TWP VTD 03; NEW CASTLE WD 06 PCT 01; NEW CASTLE WD 06 PCT 02; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 01; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 02; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 03; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 04; NORTH BEAVER TWP VTD 05; SNPJ Voting District; TAYLOR TWP Voting District; UNION TWP VTD 01; UNION TWP VTD 02; UNION TWP VTD 03; UNION TWP VTD 04

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Union Township Police Dept., North Beaver Township Police Dept., Mahoning Twp. Police Dept., Bessemer Police Dept., New Castle Police Dept.

Major Highways: State Route 376, State Route 108, State Route 224, State Route 422, State Route 551, State Route 317

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 53-3-03

Proposed Action: Eliminate

Average Annual Caseload:	3,538	Average Annual Workload:	26,736
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-1.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-15.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-17.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district is proposed for elimination on retirement of current MDJ at the end of his term. It will be combined with two contiguous districts which also have lower workload.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

David B. Rishel	Birthdate:	4-26-48
2797 New Butler Road	Mandatory Retirement:	2018
New Castle, PA 16101	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

HICKORY TWP VTD 01; HICKORY TWP VTD 02; PLAIN GROVE TWP Voting District; SCOTT TWP Voting District; SHENANGO TWP VTD 01; SHENANGO TWP VTD 02; SHENANGO TWP VTD 03; SHENANGO TWP VTD 04; SHENANGO TWP VTD 05; SLIPPERY ROCK TWP VTD 01; SLIPPERY ROCK TWP VTD 02; SLIPPERY ROCK TWP VTD 03; SOUTH NEW CASTLE Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP Voting District

Proposed Geography:

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Shenango Township Police Dept., Hickory Township Police Dept., South New Castle Borough Police Dept.

Major Highways: State Route 422, State Route 376, State Route 79, State Route 18

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 53-3-04

Proposed Action: Realign

Average Annual Caseload:	2,907	Average Annual Workload:	19,762
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-19.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-38.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-32.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district will be realigned and will receive workload from the added municipalities.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Scott McGrath	Birthdate:	4-4-51
3455 Wilmington Road	Mandatory Retirement:	2021
New Castle, PA 16105	Term Expires:	1-5-14

Existing Geography:

NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 01; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 02; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 03; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 04; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 05; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 06; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 07; NEW WILMINGTON Voting District; PULASKI TWP VTD 01; PULASKI TWP VTD 02; PULASKI TWP VTD 03; VOLANT Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP Voting District; WILMINGTON TWP VTD 01; WILMINGTON TWP VTD 02

Proposed Geography:

HICKORY TWP VTD 01; HICKORY TWP VTD 02; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 01; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 02; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 03; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 04; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 05; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 06; NESHANNOCK TWP VTD 07; NEW WILMINGTON Voting District; PLAIN GROVE TWP Voting District; PULASKI TWP VTD 01; PULASKI TWP VTD 02; PULASKI TWP VTD 03; SCOTT TWP Voting District; SHENANGO TWP VTD 01; SHENANGO TWP VTD 02; SHENANGO TWP VTD 03; SHENANGO TWP VTD 04; SHENANGO TWP VTD 05; WASHINGTON TWP Voting District; WILMINGTON TWP VTD 01; WILMINGTON TWP VTD 02

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: PA State Police, Neshannock Police Dept., Pulaski Police Dept., New Wilmington Police Dept.

Major Highways: State Route 376, State Route 18, State Route 422

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

Lawrence / 53

Judicial District Average Caseload			
2011 Class	2011 Filings	2012 Class	2012 Filings
5	3,577	5	3,577

2011 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2011 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
5	409	144	2,559	688	289	101	85	4,275

2012 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2012 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
5	416	144	2,412	656	279	102	82	4,092

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		
Lawrence	2011	2012
Class	5	5
CR	405	405
NT	544	544
PC	72	72
TR	2,195	2,195
CV	221	221
LT	103	103
MD	37	37
AVG	3,577	3,577

Judicial District Workload Averages		
Lawrence	2011	2012
Class	5	5
CR	14,867	14,867
NT	5,844	5,844
PC	768	768
TR	5,005	5,005
CV	2,493	2,493
LT	1,492	1,492
MD	1,212	1,212
-15 % Workload	26,929	26,929
Average Workload	31,681	31,681
+ 15% Workload	36,433	36,433

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

53-1-01

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,420		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-4	-4.38%	-4.38%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-20	-19.99%	-16.42%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
31,681		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

0	0.00%	0.00%
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53-3-01

Realign

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,558		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-0.53	-0.53%	-0.53%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-16	-16.76%	-13.05%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
31,229		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-1.42	-1.43%	-1.43%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

53-3-02

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,474		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

25	25.08%	25.08%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

5	4.66%	9.34%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
36,061		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

13	13.83%	13.83%
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53-3-03

Eliminate

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,538		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-1	-1.09%	-1.09%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-17	-17.23%	-13.53%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
26,736		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-15	-15.61%	-15.61%
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53-3-04

Realign

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
2,907		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-19	-18.73%	-18.73%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-32	-31.99%	-28.96%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
19,762		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-38	-37.62%	-37.62%
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Kehner, Amy

From: Michael Occhibone <mocch@co.lawrence.pa.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:38 AM
To: Mittleman, Joseph
Cc: Kehner, Amy
Subject: Proposal for Establishment of the Magisterial Districts within the 53rd Judicial District
Attachments: Lawrence County Law Journal posting.pdf; 2125_001.pdf New Castle News posting.pdf; SKMBT_363 C12021609150.pdf

Categories: Reestablishment

Joe,

Attached is the Proposal from Lawrence County. It was posted in the New Castle News, Ellwood City Ledger, Lawrence County Law Journal and on the Courthouse Website. It will be on display for 30 days. I have a copy from the Law Journal and New Castle News attached. I will forward to you any public comments that we may receive regarding this issue.

A hard copy will follow.

If you have any questions or if you need anything else, please let me know.

Also, I would just like to take the time to say that Amy Kehner was extremely helpful in guiding me through this process, I am grateful.

Thank you,
Mike

February 7, 2012

Joseph J. Mittleman, Esq.
Director of Judicial Programs
Administrative Office of Pennsylvania courts
1515 Market Street, Suite 1414
Philadelphia, Pa 19102

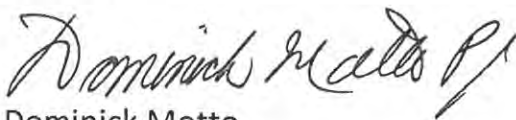
Re: Proposal for Establishment of the Magisterial Districts within the 53rd
Judicial District.

Dear Mr. Mittleman:

In accordance with the Redistricting requirement and the request of the Chief Justice to reduce the number of Magisterial District Judges statewide, I am respectfully requesting that the proposal herein be presented for review and adopted.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dominick Motto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "M".

Dominick Motto
President Judge

Cc: Michael A. Occhibone, District Court Administrator

Proposal for Lawrence County Redistricting

Currently Lawrence County has five magisterial district courts with an annual average caseload of 3,577 filings. The fifth class county average is 4,275 filings. Lawrence County is approximately 16.3% below the class of county average.

We are proposing an elimination of one Magisterial District , 53-3-3, in Lawrence County through attrition at the end of their current six year term, December 31, 2017.

Technically Magisterial District 53-3-4 in Lawrence County has the lowest numbers and 53-3-3 has the next to the lowest number. However, we are proposing that District 53-3-3 be eliminated so that we are able to eliminate a District Judge in our county through attrition because of the retirement of that particular District Judge rather than forcing a Magisterial District Judge who wants to continue working out .

Also, Geographically it would be the same realignment if either district were eliminated.

If Lawrence County were to eliminate a magisterial district, the average caseload would become 4,471 filings, and would become approximately 5% above the class of county average. This is a strong indication that four magisterial districts can handle existing caseload and accommodate future growth. Through this plan we would propose that magisterial district 53-3-3 be eliminated after the current District Judge retires in 6 years. This is not a mandatory retirement age. However the Magisterial District Judge in this district will be 69 years of age and has stated he will be retiring.

We propose that one Magisterial District be eliminated (District 53-3-3), two Magisterial Districts be realigned (District 53-3-4 and District 53-3-1) and two Magisterial Districts be reestablished (District 53-1-1 and 53-3-2).

We propose the municipalities within that District 53-3-3 be assigned to contiguous Districts with Slippery Rock Twp. being assigned to District 53-3-1. Shenango Twp., Washington Twp., Plain Grove Twp., Scott Twp., Hickory Twp. and South New Castle Borough being assigned to District 53-3-4

All magisterial district workloads within the county should fall between 26,929 and 36,433 units.

Currently three of the five magisterial districts fall outside of the targeted workload range. If one magisterial district court is eliminated it will greatly decrease any of the District Judges being below the fifth class county averages.

We have always maintained equity within the county by utilizing our Central Court Offices for all of the Magisterial District Judges on a rotation that includes all Preliminary Hearings.

The biggest change will affect that will affect the District Judges in the respect with Central Court is that they would be on a rotation of every four weeks rather than every five week. However, the workload will still be distributed just as evenly.

This plan was discussed with the President Judge, all Five Magisterial District Judges, District Court Administrator and the Central Court Administrator, all support this proposal.

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

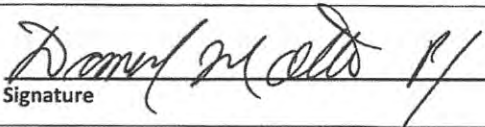
PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET.

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

I. JUDICIAL DISTRICT NUMBER:	53
A. What is the class of county?	5
B. What is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county?	-16%
II. PROPOSED ACTIONS:	
A. List existing magisterial districts: 53-1-1, 53-3-1, 53-3-2, 53-3-3, 53-3-4	
B. Does this judicial district have an annual average caseload that is ten percent above the average caseload for the applicable class of county?	NO
1. If the answer to II. B. above is <i>NO</i> , are eliminations proposed?	YES
a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination. 53-3-3 Elimination planned after current six year term.	
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 <i>YES</i> , are eliminations proposed?	Choose Yes or No
a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination.	
C. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?	YES
1. List magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment. 53-1-1, 53-3-2	
D. Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment?	YES
1. List magisterial districts proposed for realignment. 53-3-1, 53-3-4	

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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 helps make the work more equitable as all MDJ's rotate all of the MDJ's Criminal Preliminary Hearings equally.	
IV. PUBLIC COMMENT	
A. A request for public comment was posted:	YES
B. Comments were received:	Choose Yes or No
C. Comments are attached:	Choose Yes or No
V. ADDITIONAL REMARKS CONCERNING PROPOSAL:	
VI. DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC:	
VII. PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME:	Honorable President Judge Dominick Motto
Signature	

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	53-1-1
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
A.	Average Total Caseload:	3,420
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-4%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-20%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
A.	Average Total Workload:	31,681
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	+40%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
D.	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This area is in the city in which more Criminal Cases and Landlord tenant are filed. Central Court helps balance the equity as all Criminal Proceedings go through Central Court.	
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):	1/1/2012
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name:	Melissa A. Amodie



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2013
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2037
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	Lawrence County Government Center 430 Court Street, New Castle, Pa. 16101
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:	New Castle Police Department
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	State Route 18, State Route 422, State Route 224
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	City of New Castle minus the Sixth Ward
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	City Of New Castle Minus The Sixth Ward
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	Reestablish current district with no changes.
PLEASE SAVE A COPY OF THIS WORKSHEET PRIOR TO ENTERING DATA FOR THE NEXT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.	



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	53-3-1
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:	-03%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-16%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	31,229
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-09%
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):	1/1/2018
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name:	Jerry G. Cartwright
B.	Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017

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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):	607 Lawrence Avenue Ellwood City, Pa 16117
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:	Ellwood City Police Department, Wayne Twp. Police Department, New Beaver Police Department, Little Beaver Police Department, Enon Valley Police Department, Perry Twp. Police Department
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	State Route 18, State Route 65, State Route 288, Pa Turnpike
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Ellwood City Boro, Ellport Boro, Enon Valley Boro, Little Beaver Twp., New Beaver Boro, Wampum Boro, Wayne Twp., Perry Twp.
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Ellwood City Boro, Ellport Boro, Enon Valley Boro, Little Beaver Twp., New Beaver Boro, Wampum Boro, Wayne Twp., Perry Twp., Slippery Rock Twp.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	The realignment for this District would include adding Slippery Rock Twp.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	53-3-2
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
	A. Average Total Caseload:	4,474
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	+25%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	5%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
	A. Average Total Workload:	36,061
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	+13%
	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?	
	With Lawrence County Central Court the workload is equalized by the equal rotation of cases by all of the Magisterial District Judge	
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):	1/1/2012
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name:	Jennifer L. Nicholson

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2014
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/21/2043
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	605 Mount Jackson Road New Castle, Pa 16102
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 Twp. Police Department, North Beaver Twp. Police Department, Mahoning Twp. Police Department, Bessemer Police Department, New Castle Police Department
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	State Route 376, State Route 108, State Route 224, State Route 422, State Route 551, State Route 317
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Union Twp., Taylor Twp., North Beaver Twp., Mahoning Twp., Bessemer Boro, SNPJ Boro
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Unon Twp., Taylor Twp., North Beaver Twp., Mahoning Twp., Bessemer Boro, Snpj Boro
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	This district will be reestablished with no proposed changes.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	53-3-3
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	3,538
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-1%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-17%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	26,736
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-15%
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 will be eliminated, other districts will be realigned and Central Court will help balance the equity of cases within the county.	
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):	1/1/2018
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name:	David B. Rishel

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2017
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	2797 New Butler Road New Castle, O
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:	Shenango Twp. Police Department, Hickory Twp. Police Department, South New Castle Borough Police Dept.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	State Route 422, State Route 376, State Route 79, State Route 18
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Shenango Twp., Slippery Rock Twp., Scott Twp., Hickory Twp., Washington Twp., Plain Grove Twp.
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	These Municipalities Will Be Split Up With The Elimination Of This District. Slippery Rock Twp. Will Go To 53-3-1 Shenango Twp., Scott Twp., Washington Twp., Plain Grove Twp And Hickory Twp. Will Go To 53-3-4
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	Elimination of this District after the current six year term. The Courts, including the President Judge and Magisterial District Judges along with The District Court Administrator decided that this district would be best to eliminate as the MDJ will be retiring at 69 years of age at the end of his six year term. Additionally , the next two lowest districts (53-3-4 and 53-3-1) are contiguous with this district, where the work from this district will be assigned.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	53-3-4
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	2,907
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-19%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-32%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	19,762
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-38%
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? Currently Central Court helps equalize cases through the county, but the proposed changes and the additional workload that will be given to this District will also help the equity within the County by raising this district's workload numbers.	
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):	
V.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name:	Scott A. McGrath

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2013
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2021
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	3455 Wilmington Road New Castle, 16105
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:	Pennsylvania State Police, Neshannock Police Department, Pulaski Police Department, New Wilmington Police Department
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	State Route 376, State Route 18, State Route 422
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Neshannock Twp., New Wilmington Boro, Wilmington Twp., Washington Twp., Pulaski Twp.
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Neshannock Twp., New Wilmington Boro, Wilmington Twp., Hickory Twp., Pulaski Twp., Shenango Twp., Washington Twp.
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	With this proposal this district will be realigned to include Shenango Twp. Although this district has the lowest numbers based on workload and caseload, the second lowest numbered district is considered for elimination as the Courts, including the President Judge, Magisterial District Judges , along with the District Court Administrator decided that District 53-3-3 would be best to eliminate as the MDJ will be retiring at 69 years of age at the end of this six year term (12/31/2017) .The next two lowest district which includes this one is contiguous to that district. This district is also a fast growing district. The Magisterial District judge will probably relocate to a more centralized area within the newly aligned district.
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Proposal to reestablish and realign the Municipalities within Lawrence County

Magisterial District 53-03-03

David B. Rishel

Eliminated (end of yr. term)

Magisterial District 53-01-01

Melissa A. Amodie, Esq.

Reestablished (no changes)

City of New Castle minus 6th Ward

Magisterial District 53-03-01

Jerry G. Cartwright, Esq.

Realigned

Borough of Ellwood City

Borough of Ellport

Borough of Little Beaver

Borough of Enon Valley

Borough of New Beaver

Borough of Wampum

Township of Perry

Township of Wayne

Towship of Slippery Rock (added)

Magisterial District 53-03-02

Jennifer L. Nicholson, Esq.

Reestablished (no changes)

6th Ward of New Castle

Borough of Bessemer

Borough of S.N.P.J.

Township of Mahoning

Township of North Beaver

Township of Taylor

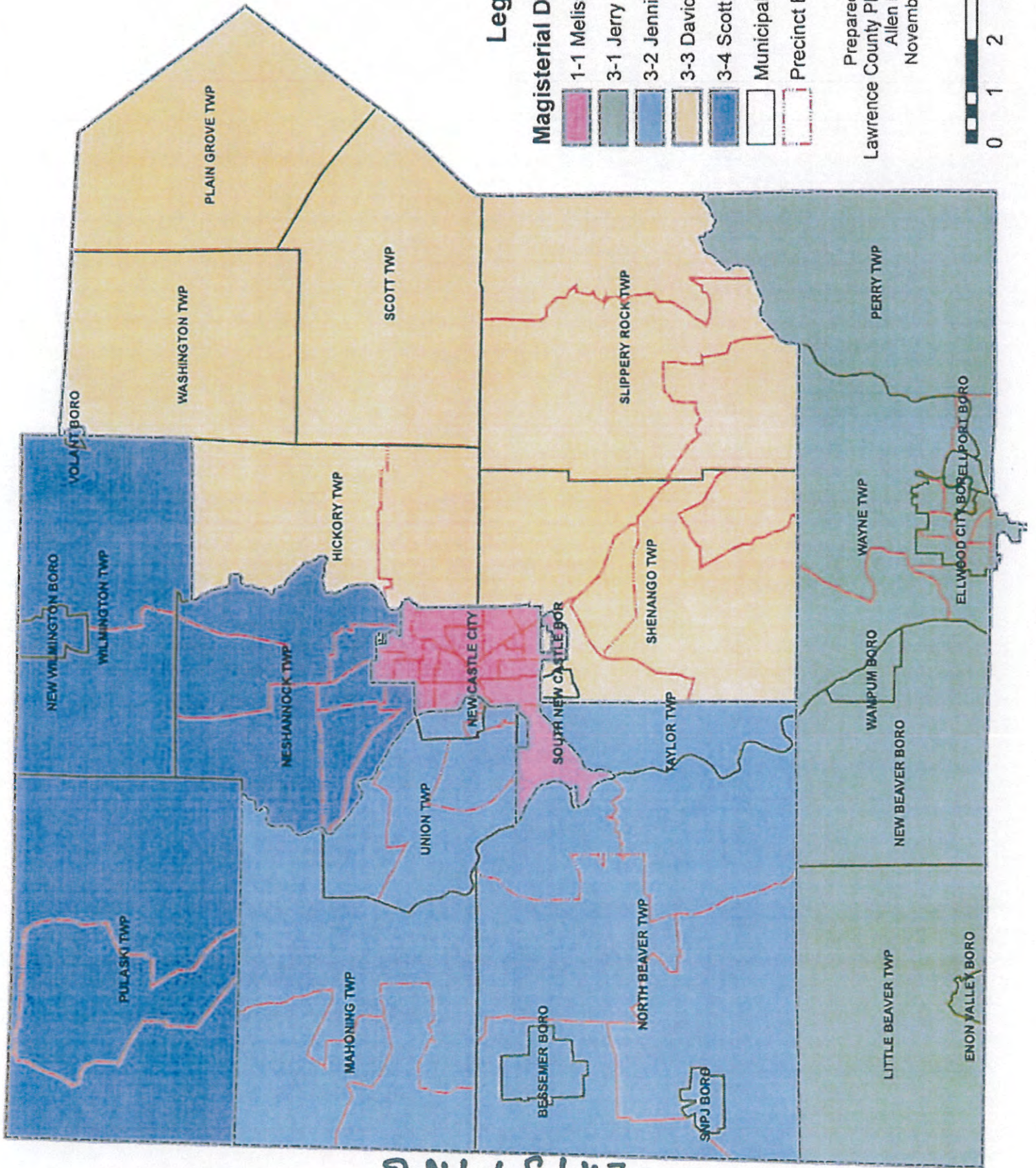
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Magisterial District 53-03-04

Scott A. McGrath

Realigned

Township of Hickory



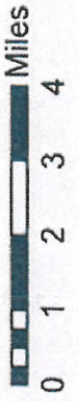
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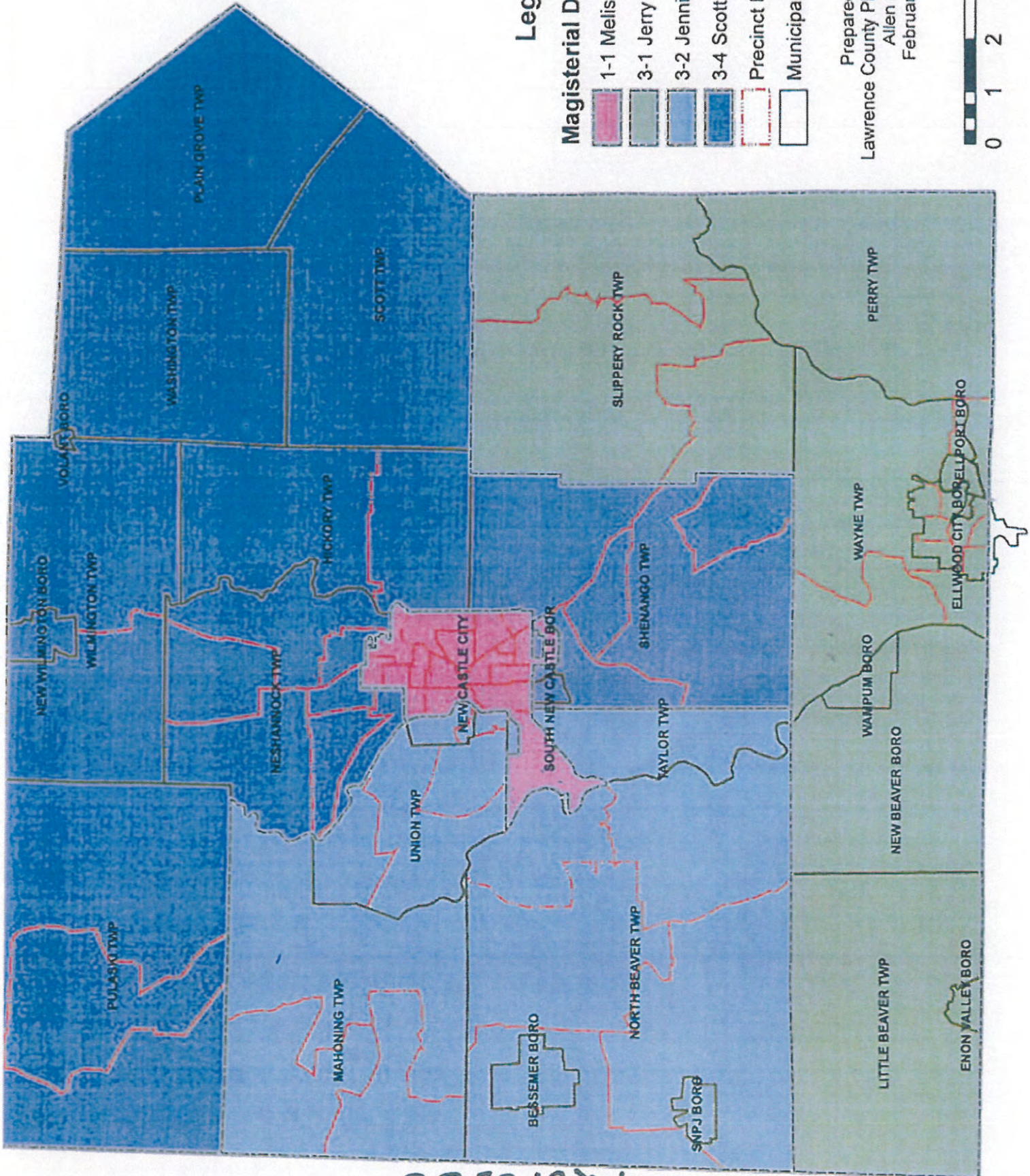
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- Municipal Boundary
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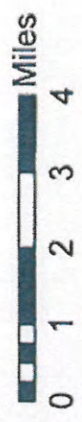
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