

# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

## Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Snyder**

Judicial District #: **17**

### ***Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis***

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 17 and its class of county: **-20%**

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

#### *Summary of Proposed Actions*

17-3-03 Reestablish

17-3-04 Reestablish

### ***Night/Central/Alternate Court Operations***

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

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

### ***Public Comment***

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

This is part of a dual county judicial district. Calculations appear skewed because they only include Union County. Snyder realigned its offices and eliminated 17-3-05 in December 2011.

# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

County Name: Snyder

Judicial District #: 17

## Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

**Magisterial District #: 17-3-03**

**Proposed Action: Reestablish**

Average Annual Caseload:	2,568	Average Annual Workload:	16,018
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-25.15	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	<b>-25.90</b>
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-18.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

No changes proposed at this time. Snyder eliminated one district court effective 12/11 and realigned the remaining courts. There is not enough data to determine whether the realignment results in an equitable workload.

### Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

John H. Reed	Birthdate:	10-22-50
1025 U.S. 522	Mandatory Retirement:	2020
Selinsgrove, PA 17870	Term Expires:	12-31-17

### Existing Geography:

JACKSON TWP Voting District; MIDDLECREEK TWP Voting District; MONROE TWP DIST 01; MONROE TWP DIST 02; SELINGSGROVE VTD 01; SELINGSGROVE VTD 02; SELINGSGROVE VTD 03; SHAMOKIN DAM Voting District; PENN TWP VTD DIST 02; PENN TWP VTD DIST 01

### Proposed Geography:

JACKSON TWP Voting District; MIDDLECREEK TWP Voting District; MONROE TWP DIST 01; MONROE TWP DIST 02; SELINGSGROVE VTD 01; SELINGSGROVE VTD 02; SELINGSGROVE VTD 03; SHAMOKIN DAM Voting District; PENN TWP VTD DIST 02; PENN TWP VTD DIST 01

**Office within district:** Yes

**Residence within district:** Yes

**Police Departments:** Selinsgrove Borough Police, Shamokin Dam Police, PSP

**Major Highways:** Routes 11 and 15, Route 204, Route 522 and Route 35.

## Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

**Magisterial District #: 17-3-04**

**Proposed Action: Reestablish**

Average Annual Caseload:	2,568	Average Annual Workload:	16,018
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-25.15	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	<b>-25.90</b>
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-18.20	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

No changes proposed at this time. Snyder eliminated one district court effective 12/11 and realigned the remaining courts. There is not enough data to determine whether the realignment results in an equitable workload.

### Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Lori R. Hackenberg	Birthdate:	1-19-75
32 East Market Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2045
Middleburg, PA 17842	Term Expires:	12-31-17

### Existing Geography:

ADAMS TWP Voting District; BEAVER TWP Voting District; BEAVERTOWN Voting District; CENTER TWP Voting District; CHAPMAN TWP Voting District; FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; Freeburg Voting District; MC CLURE Voting District; MIDDLEBURG Voting District; PERRY TWP Voting District; SPRING TWP Voting District; UNION TWP Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP Voting District; WEST BEAVER TWP Voting District; WEST PERRY TWP Voting District

### Proposed Geography:

ADAMS TWP Voting District; BEAVER TWP Voting District; BEAVERTOWN Voting District; CENTER TWP Voting District; CHAPMAN TWP Voting District; FRANKLIN TWP Voting District; Freeburg Voting District; MC CLURE Voting District; MIDDLEBURG Voting District; PERRY TWP Voting District; SPRING TWP Voting District; UNION TWP Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP Voting District; WEST BEAVER TWP Voting District; WEST PERRY TWP Voting District

**Office within district:** Yes

**Residence within district:** Yes

**Police Departments:** Middleburgh Borough Police, Spring Township Police, PSP

**Major Highways:** SR 522, SR 204, SR 35, SR 11 and 15, SR 235, SR 104

# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

## Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

### Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

*Snyder / 17*

Judicial District Average Caseload			
2011 Class	2011 Filings	2012 Class	2012 Filings
7	3,431	7	3,431

2011 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2011 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
7	196	246	2,043	397	186	34	37	3,139

2012 Class of County Caseload Averages								
2012 Class	CR	PC	TR	NT	CV	LT	MD	Total
7	192	81	2,188	396	187	23	41	3,109

#### 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		
Snyder	2011	2012
Class	7	7
CR	191	191
NT	328	328
PC	107	107
TR	2,515	2,515
CV	226	226
LT	25	25
MD	40	40
AVG	3,431	3,431

Judicial District Workload Averages		
Snyder	2011	2012
Class	7	7
CR	7,005	7,005
NT	3,522	3,522
PC	1,147	1,147
TR	5,734	5,734
CV	2,547	2,547
LT	357	357
MD	1,310	1,303
-15 % Workload	18,379	18,372
Average Workload	21,622	21,615
+ 15% Workload	24,865	24,857

## Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

**17-3-03**

**Reestablish**

### **CASELOAD**

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
2,568		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-25.15	-25.15%	-25.15%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-18	-18.20%	-17.39%
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### **WORKLOAD**

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
16,018		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

<b>-25.9</b>	-25.92%	-25.89%
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**17-3-04**

**Reestablish**

### **CASELOAD**

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
2,568		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-25.15	-25.15%	-25.15%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-18.2	-18.20%	-17.39%
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### **WORKLOAD**

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
16,018		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

<b>-25.9</b>	-25.92%	-25.89%
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# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

## Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Union**

Judicial District #: **17**

### ***Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis***

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 17 and its class of county: **-20%**

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

#### *Summary of Proposed Actions*

17-3-01      Realign

17-3-02      Realign

### ***Night/Central/Alternate Court Operations***

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

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

### ***Public Comment***

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

- Solicitor, Gregg Township: Opposed to realignment moving Gregg Township because it will increase the mileage between the court and center of town by 8 miles.
- Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department, Chief of Police Yost: Opposed to moving East Buffalo Township because of the inefficiency and increase in costs it will add to the township.

This is part of a dual county judicial district. Calculations appear skewed because they only include Union County. Snyder was realigned its offices and eliminated 17-3-05 in December 2011.

# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

County Name: Union

Judicial District #: 17

## Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

**Magisterial District #: 17-3-01**

**Proposed Action: Realign**

Average Annual Caseload:	5,515	Average Annual Workload:	36,763
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	41.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	36.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-20.00		

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

### Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Leo S. Armbruster

Birthdate: 1-5-53

Union County Courthouse 103 South Second Street

Mandatory Retirement: 2023

Lewisburg, PA 17837

Term Expires: 1-3-16

### Existing Geography:

EAST BUFFALO TWP VTD 01; EAST BUFFALO TWP VTD 02; EAST BUFFALO TWP VTD 03; EAST BUFFALO TWP VTD 04; GREGG TWP Voting District; KELLY TWP VTD 01; KELLY TWP VTD 02; LEWISBURG WD 01; LEWISBURG WD 02; LEWISBURG WD 03; LEWISBURG WD 04; WHITE DEER TWP VTD 01; WHITE DEER TWP VTD 02; WHITE DEER TWP VTD 03; WHITE DEER TWP VTD 04

### Proposed Geography:

EAST BUFFALO TWP VTD 01; EAST BUFFALO TWP VTD 02; EAST BUFFALO TWP VTD 03; EAST BUFFALO TWP VTD 04; KELLY TWP VTD 01; KELLY TWP VTD 02; LEWISBURG WD 01; LEWISBURG WD 02; LEWISBURG WD 03; LEWISBURG WD 04

**Office within district:** Yes

**Residence within district:** Yes

**Police Departments:** Milton PA State Police, Lewisburg Borough Police, East Buffalo Police

**Major Highways:** Route 15, PA Route 45, PA Route 192

## Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

**Magisterial District #: 17-3-02**

**Proposed Action: Realign**

Average Annual Caseload:	2,300	Average Annual Workload:	17,333
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-41.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	<b>-36.00</b>
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-20.00		

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**Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:**

Jeffrey L. Mensch	Birthdate:	4-24-59
343 Chestnut Street, Suite 2	Mandatory Retirement:	2029
Mifflinburg, PA 17844	Term Expires:	12-31-17

**Existing Geography:**

BUFFALO TWP VTD 01; BUFFALO TWP VTD 02; HARTLETON Voting District; HARTLEY TWP Voting District; LEWIS TWP Voting District; LIMESTONE TWP Voting District; MIFFLINBURG VTD EAST; MIFFLINBURG VTD WEST; NEW BERLIN Voting District; UNION TWP (Union Ind.) PCT 02; UNION TWP PCT 01; WEST BUFFALO TWP Voting District

**Proposed Geography:**

LIMESTONE TWP Voting District; BUFFALO TWP VTD 01; BUFFALO TWP VTD 02; GREGG TWP Voting District; HARTLETON Voting District; HARTLEY TWP Voting District; LEWIS TWP Voting District; MIFFLINBURG VTD EAST; MIFFLINBURG VTD WEST; NEW BERLIN Voting District; UNION TWP (Union Ind.) PCT 02; UNION TWP PCT 01; WEST BUFFALO TWP Voting District; WHITE DEER TWP VTD 01; WHITE DEER TWP VTD 02; WHITE DEER TWP VTD 03; WHITE DEER TWP VTD 04

**Office within district:** Yes

**Residence within district:** Yes

**Police Departments:** Milton State Police, Mifflinburg Borough Police, New Berlin Police, Hartleton Borough Police

**Major Highways:** Route 15, I-80, Route 45, Route 104, Route 304, Route 235, Route 192



# Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

## Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

### Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

*Union / 17*

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Judicial District Caseload Averages		
Union	2011	2012
Class	7	7
CR	243	243
NT	603	603
PC	68	68
TR	2,665	2,665
CV	244	244
LT	36	36
MD	49	49
AVG	3,907	3,907

Judicial District Workload Averages		
Union	2011	2012
Class	7	7
CR	8,905	8,905
NT	6,478	6,478
PC	734	734
TR	6,075	6,075
CV	2,751	2,751
LT	514	514
MD	1,591	1,596
-15 % Workload	22,990	22,995
Average Workload	27,047	27,053
+ 15% Workload	31,105	31,111

## Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

### 17-3-01 Realign

#### CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
5,515		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

41	41.16%	41.16%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-20	75.67%	77.41%
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#### WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
36,763		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

36	35.92%	35.89%
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### 17-3-02 Realign

#### CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
2,300		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-41	-41.13%	-41.13%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-20	-26.74%	-26.01%
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#### WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
17,333		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-36	-35.92%	-35.93%
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## JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

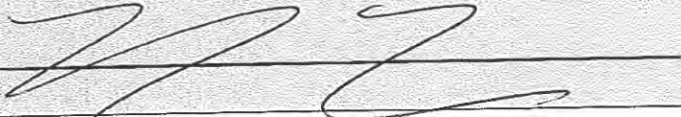
PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET.

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

<b>I.</b>	<b>JUDICIAL DISTRICT NUMBER:</b>	17
	<b>A.</b> What is the class of county?	7
	<b>B.</b> What is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county?	-20%
<b>II.</b>	<b>PROPOSED ACTIONS:</b>	
	<b>A.</b> List existing magisterial districts: 17-3-01; 17-3-02; 17-3-03; 17-3-04	
	<b>B.</b> Does this judicial district have an annual average caseload that is ten percent above the average caseload for the applicable class of county?	NO
	1. If the answer to II. B. above is <i>NO</i> , are eliminations proposed?	NO
	a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination. NONE	
	b) If no eliminations are proposed based on II. B. above, what are the factors for this decision? Realignment was done last year when 17-3-05 was eliminated the end of December, 2011	
	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. N/A	
	<b>C.</b> Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?	NO
	1. List magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment. N/A	
	<b>D.</b> Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment?	YES
	1. List magisterial districts proposed for realignment. 17-3-01 and 17-3-02	

# AOPC

## JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

<b>III. NIGHT AND CENTRAL COURT OPERATIONS</b>	
A. Is there a night court operating within the judicial district?	NO
B. Is there a central court operating within the judicial district?	NO
C. Note comments regarding how night, central or other similar court programs impact operations within the judicial district.	
<b>IV. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	
A. A request for public comment was posted:	YES
B. Comments were received:	YES
C. Comments are attached:	YES
<b>V. ADDITIONAL REMARKS CONCERNING PROPOSAL:</b>	
The calculations may appear skewed as they were only done for the Union County MDJ offices: 17-3-01 and 17-3-02. The Snyder County MDJ offices were realigned by the elimination of 17-3-05 end of December, 2011.	
VI. DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC:	3/30/12
VII. PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME:	
Signature	

# AOPC

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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

To enter data, press TAB to move between fields.

I.	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	17-3-01
<b>II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>		
A.	Average Total Caseload:	5,515
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	41%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-20%
<b>III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>		
A.	Average Total Workload:	36,763
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	36%
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?	
<b>IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>		
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):	1/1/2013
<b>V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>		
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name:	Leo S. Armbruster
B.	Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2016



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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):	103 S. Second Street Lewisburg 17837
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:	Milton PA State Police, Lewisburg Borough Police, East Buffalo Police
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Route 15, PA Route 45, PA Route 192
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	East Buffalo Township, Gregg Township, Kelly Township, Lewisburg Borough, White Deer Township
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	East Buffalo Township, Kelly Township, Lewisburg Borough
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	
	This proposed realignment is being recommended to balance caseloads and workloads more evenly between the two Union County MDJ offices.
<b>PLEASE SAVE A COPY OF THIS WORKSHEET PRIOR TO ENTERING DATA FOR THE NEXT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.</b>	



## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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<b>I.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	17-3-02
<b>II.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Caseload:	2,300
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-41%
<b>C.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-20%
<b>III.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Workload:	17,333
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-36%
<b>C.</b>	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
<b>D.</b>	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	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>B.</b>	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2013
<b>V.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>	
<b>A.</b>	Magisterial District Judge Name:	Jeffrey L. Mensch
<b>B.</b>	Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018

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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2029
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	343 Chestnut Street, Suite 2 Mifflinburg 17844
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:	Milton PA State Police, Mifflinburg Borough Police, New Berlin Police, Hartleton Bough Police
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Route 15, I-80, Route 45, Route 104, Route 304, Route 235, Route 192
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Buffalo Township, Hartleton Borough, Hartley Township, Lewis Township, Limestone Township, Mifflinburg Borough, New Berlin Borough, Union Township, West Buffalo Township ✓
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Buffalo Township, Hartleton Borough, Gregg Township, Hartley Township, Lewis Township, Limestone Township, Mifflinburg Borough, New Berlin Borough, Union Township, West Buffalo Township, White Deer Township ✓
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	
	This proposed realignment is being recommended to balance caseloads and workloads more evenly between the two Union County MDJ offices.
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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<b>I.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	17-3-03
<b>II.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>	
	A. Average Total Caseload:	
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	%
<b>III.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>	
	A. Average Total Workload:	
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	Choose Yes or No
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>	
	A. Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
	B. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
<b>V.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>	
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name:	John H. Reed
	B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018



### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2020
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	1025 Us Route 522 Selinsgrove 17870
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:	Selinsgrove Borough Police, Shamokin Dam Police, PA State Police
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Routes 11 & 15, Route 204, Route 522, Route 35
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Jackson Township, Middlecreek Township, Monroe Township, Penn Township, Selinsgrove Borough, Shamokin Dam Borough
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Same
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	There are no changes proposed at this time. Realignment was done last year when 17-3-05 was eliminated the end of December, 2011
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	17-3-04
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
A. Average Total Caseload:		
B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:		%
C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:		%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
A. Average Total Workload:		
B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:		%
C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?		Choose Yes or 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 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:		Lori R. Hackenberg
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):		1/1/2018



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2045
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	32 East Market Street Middleburg 17842
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:	Middleburg Borough Police, Spring Township Police, PA State Police
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	SR 522, SR 204, SR 35, SR 11 & 15, SR 235, SR 104
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Adams Township, Beaver Township, Beavertown Borough, Center Township, Chapman Township, Franklin Township, Freeburg Township, McClure Borough, Middleburg Borough, rPerry Township, Spring Township, Union Township, Washington Township, West Beaver Township, West Perry Township
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Same
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	There are no changes proposed at this time. Realignment was done last year when 17-3-05 was eliminated the end of December, 2011.
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**From:** Sue Sees <SSees@unionco.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:07 AM  
**To:** Mike Sholley; Mike Hudock (E-mail)  
**Cc:** ckratzer  
**Subject:** FW: District Judge Redistricting  
**Attachments:** AR-M257\_20120323\_094457.tif

Dear Judges:

Gregg Township has been trying to set up a meeting with the two of you to discuss the redistricting of the MDJ's and we have not been successful in coordinating it with all people involved. I am forwarding this e-mail I received from Brian Kerstetter, Solicitor for Gregg Township.

Sue

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brian Kerstetter [<mailto:Brian@kerstetterlaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 9:54 AM  
**To:** Sue Sees  
**Cc:** [greggtownship@comcast.net](mailto:greggtownship@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** District Judge Redistricting

Dear Sue:

I write to you in my capacity as Solicitor for Gregg Township, Union County. We are in receipt of President Judge Sholley's letter concerning the proposed redistricting of Judge Mensch's Office to now include Gregg Township. Gregg Township had previously been serviced by District Judge Armbruster's Office. I have attached to this e-mail a map of Union County which shows which MDJ services which municipality. "M" is for Mensch and "A" is for Armbruster.

As you are aware, District Judge Mensch's Office is in Mifflinburg, which is in western Union County. Gregg Township sits at the northernmost point of Union County. According to MapQuest, the distance between the Gregg Township Municipal Building (which sits in the middle of the Township and District Judge Mensch's Office is 22.1 miles – an approximate 30 minute drive. On the other hand, the distance between the Township Municipal Building and District Judge Armbruster's Office is 14.18 miles – an approximate 21 minute drive.

Based on the above, the Supervisors in Gregg Township object to the redistricting of District Judge Mensch's Office to include Gregg Township. The Supervisors believe the better solution would be to have East Buffalo Township serviced by District Judge Mensch, rather than by District Judge Armbruster. At a time when gas prices are sky high, the economic impact on the residents of Gregg Township having to travel to District Judge Mensch's Office should not be overlooked. The impact on having the residents of East Buffalo Township travel to District Judge Mensch's Office would be less severe.

Our two cents.

Any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Brian L. Kerstetter  
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Attorney-at-Law  
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JUDGE'S CHAMBERS  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
SNYDER COUNTY UNION COUNTY

MICHAEL H. SHOLLEY  
PRESIDENT JUDGE  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

MICHAEL T. HUDOCK  
JUDGE  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

PRESS RELEASE

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P.O. BOX 217  
MIDDLEBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17842  
(570) 837-4238

For immediate publication

March 9, 2012

Contact Person: President Judge Michael H. Sholley

Re: Magisterial District Realignment for Union County

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts has directed each county in the Commonwealth to review caseloads and workloads of each Magisterial Judicial District. The purpose of this directive is to either eliminate one or more magisterial districts, realign or reestablish. The Common Pleas Judges in conjunction with the two Union County Magisterial District Judges are proposing changes to the following magisterial district boundaries:

Magisterial District Judge Leo Armbruster's District, 17-3-01 will encompass:

Lewisburg Borough, East Buffalo Township and Kelly Township

Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey Mensch's District, 17-3-02 will encompass:

Gregg Township, Hartleton Borough, Mifflinburg Borough, New Berlin Borough, Buffalo Township, Hartley Township, Lewis Township, Limestone Township, Union Township, West Buffalo Township and White Deer Township.

The public is invited to submit written comments by March 25, 2012 to:

Charlotte N. Kratzer, District Court Administrator  
Union County Courthouse  
103 S. Second Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837



# Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department

Paul Yost  
Chief of Police

2009 West Market Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837  
www.bvrpd.org

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February 28, 2012

President Judge Michael H. Sholley  
Union County Courthouse  
103 South Second Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Honorable Judge Sholley:

I am writing to provide my comments on the proposed re-zoning of the Union County Magisterial Districts. I have been informed that consideration is being given to removing East Buffalo Township from the jurisdiction of Judge Leo Armbruster and placing it with Judge Jeffery Mensch. As you are aware the recent merger of East Buffalo Township and Lewisburg Borough Police Departments into the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department was done to improve the efficiency of police services within the region. The re-zoning of the districts would result in administrative changes and operation cost increases to the Department.

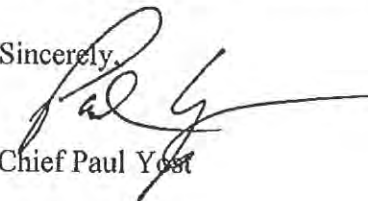
Court scheduling within the Department is a constant challenge. Our current schedule has been set up to provide all officers with normal scheduled District Court appearances to be completed within their duty shift hours. The change of districts would result in having two hearing days per week, with Judge Mensch on Tuesday's and Armbruster on Thursday's. This split will increase the court overtime cost of the Department, as officers will be required to appear on their off duty time.

Unlike Judge Armbruster's office, Judge Mensch's office is located outside our current coverage area. This will result in additional cost for transportation of paperwork and other documentation to and from his office in Mifflinburg, PA.



May I reflect that the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department believes, like Judge Armbruster, Judge Mensch's office would provide us with professional services to the Department. My concerns are cost efficiency and time management only.

Sincerely,

  
Chief Paul Yost

Cc: Judge Armbruster / Judge Mensch



**COPY**

JUDGE'S CHAMBERS  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
SNYDER COUNTY UNION COUNTY

MICHAEL H. SHOLLEY  
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March 9, 2012

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Mr. David Masser  
Gregg Township Chairperson/Roadmaster  
369 Masser Road  
Allenwood, PA 17810

**Re: Magisterial District Judge Redistricting**

Dear Mr. Masser:

As you may be aware, every ten (10) years, in conjunction with the U.S. Census, the Courts are directed to look at redistricting Magisterial District Courts. In Union County, there are two (2) Magisterial District Courts, MDJ Court 17-3-01 (Judge Leo Armbruster-Lewisburg) and MDJ Court 17-3-02 (Judge Jeffrey Mensch-Mifflinburg).

The townships and boroughs assigned to each Magisterial District Court have to be contiguous to each other. This is a requirement which must be followed in redistricting.

In addition, the Courts consider the caseload of each of the Magisterial Courts based on the cases reported from the individual townships and boroughs. Caseloads involve not only the numbers of cases, but the types of cases (criminal, civil, landlord/tenant, etc.). The different types of cases create a different workload for the staff in each of the Magisterial Courts.

In reviewing the caseloads of the two (2) Magisterial Courts in Union County, there is a significant disparity between the respective Courts. In an attempt to equalize the workloads of the two (2) Courts, we are proposing to redistrict. Your Township will be directly affected by this decision.

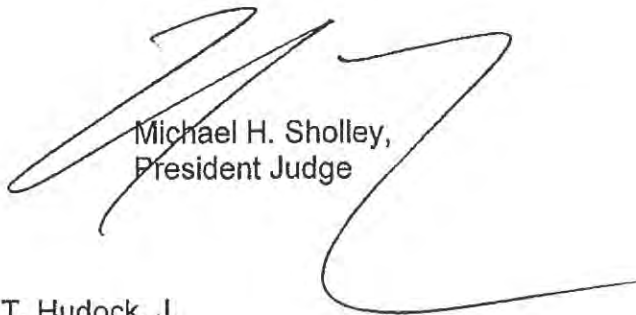
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At the present time, White Deer Township and Gregg Township are assigned to MDJ Court 17-3-01, Judge Armbruster in Lewisburg. Beginning January 1, 2013, it is proposed that your Townships will be redistricted and assigned to Magisterial District Court 17-3-02, Judge Mensch in Mifflinburg.

Prior to making any final decisions, we are asking for any comments or suggestions you may have since your municipality is directly affected by this decision. If there are any questions that you or your constituents have regarding this decision, we are more than willing to sit down with you and discuss the factors that went into the decision and the impact it will have on your Township.

If you would like to meet with Judge Hudock and myself, we would be more than willing to arrange such a meeting. Please contact the Deputy Court Administrator, Sue Sees, at 570-524-8736 to arrange the meeting. We are willing to work with your schedule to arrange a mutually convenient time and location.

Very truly yours,



Michael H. Sholley,  
President Judge

MHS/sas

cc: The Honorable Michael T. Hudock, J.  
The Honorable Leo Armbruster  
The Honorable Jeffrey Mensch  
Charlotte N. Kratzer, Court Administrator  
Union County Commissioners  
Sgt. Frederick Dyroff, III, PA State Police, Milton

Mr. David Masser  
Gregg Township Chairperson/Roadmaster  
369 Masser Road  
Allenwood, PA 17810

Ms. Gloria Munsell  
Gregg Township Vice Chairperson  
280 W. Deer Avenue  
Allenwood, PA 17810

Mr. Paul Campbell, Jr.  
Gregg Township Supervisor  
235 Dogwood Acres  
Allenwood, PA 17810

Brian L. Kerstetter, J.D.  
Gregg Township Solicitor  
1202 West Market Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Mr. Carroll Diefenbach  
White Deer Township Chairperson  
3491 Ridge Road  
New Columbia, PA 17856

Mr. Larry Seibert  
White Deer Township Vice Chairperson  
820 Bostian Road  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Mr. Don Wilver, Jr.  
White Deer Township Supervisor  
760 Furnace Road  
New Columbia, PA 17856

Peter L. Matson, Solicitor  
White Deer Township  
222 Market Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Leo Armbruster, MDJ  
Union County Courthouse  
103 S. Second Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Jeffrey Mensch, MDJ  
343 Chestnut Street  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Sgt. Frederick Dyrhoff, III  
PA State Police Barracks  
50 Lawton Lane  
Milton, PA 17847

Union County Commissioners  
Union County Government Building  
155 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

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## JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

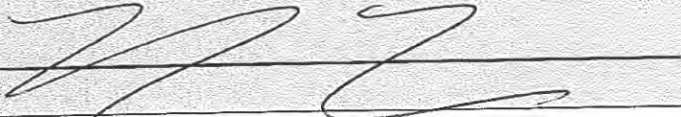
PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET.

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<b>I.</b>	<b>JUDICIAL DISTRICT NUMBER:</b>	17
	<b>A.</b> What is the class of county?	7
	<b>B.</b> What is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county?	-20%
<b>II.</b>	<b>PROPOSED ACTIONS:</b>	
	<b>A.</b> List existing magisterial districts: 17-3-01; 17-3-02; 17-3-03; 17-3-04	
	<b>B.</b> Does this judicial district have an annual average caseload that is ten percent above the average caseload for the applicable class of county?	NO
	1. If the answer to II. B. above is <i>NO</i> , are eliminations proposed?	NO
	a) List magisterial districts proposed for elimination. NONE	
	b) If no eliminations are proposed based on II. B. above, what are the factors for this decision? Realignment was done last year when 17-3-05 was eliminated the end of December, 2011	
	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. N/A	
	<b>C.</b> Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?	NO
	1. List magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment. N/A	
	<b>D.</b> Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment?	YES
	1. List magisterial districts proposed for realignment. 17-3-01 and 17-3-02	

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## JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY WORKSHEET

<b>III. NIGHT AND CENTRAL COURT OPERATIONS</b>	
A. Is there a night court operating within the judicial district?	NO
B. Is there a central court operating within the judicial district?	NO
C. Note comments regarding how night, central or other similar court programs impact operations within the judicial district.	
<b>IV. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	
A. A request for public comment was posted:	YES
B. Comments were received:	YES
C. Comments are attached:	YES
<b>V. ADDITIONAL REMARKS CONCERNING PROPOSAL:</b>	
The calculations may appear skewed as they were only done for the Union County MDJ offices: 17-3-01 and 17-3-02. The Snyder County MDJ offices were realigned by the elimination of 17-3-05 end of December, 2011.	
VI. DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC:	3/30/12
VII. PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME:	
Signature	



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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	17-3-01
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
A.	Average Total Caseload:	5,515
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	41%
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:	36,763
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	36%
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?	
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):	1/1/2013
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name:	Leo S. Armbruster
B.	Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2016



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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):	103 S. Second Street Lewisburg 17837
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:	Milton PA State Police, Lewisburg Borough Police, East Buffalo Police
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Route 15, PA Route 45, PA Route 192
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	East Buffalo Township, Gregg Township, Kelly Township, Lewisburg Borough, White Deer Township
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	East Buffalo Township, Kelly Township, Lewisburg Borough
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	
	This proposed realignment is being recommended to balance caseloads and workloads more evenly between the two Union County MDJ offices.
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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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<b>I.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	17-3-02
<b>II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>		
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Caseload:	2,300
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-41%
<b>C.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-20%
<b>III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>		
<b>A.</b>	Average Total Workload:	17,333
<b>B.</b>	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-36%
<b>C.</b>	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	YES
<b>D.</b>	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?	
<b>IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>		
<b>A.</b>	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>B.</b>	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2013
<b>V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>		
<b>A.</b>	Magisterial District Judge Name:	Jeffrey L. Mensch
<b>B.</b>	Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018

# AOPC

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2029
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	343 Chestnut Street, Suite 2 Mifflinburg 17844
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:	Milton PA State Police, Mifflinburg Borough Police, New Berlin Police, Hartleton Bough Police
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Route 15, I-80, Route 45, Route 104, Route 304, Route 235, Route 192
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Buffalo Township, Hartleton Borough, Hartley Township, Lewis Township, Limestone Township, Mifflinburg Borough, New Berlin Borough, Union Township, West Buffalo Township ✓
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	
	Buffalo Township, Hartleton Borough, Gregg Township, Hartley Township, Lewis Township, Limestone Township, Mifflinburg Borough, New Berlin Borough, Union Township, West Buffalo Township, White Deer Township ✓
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	
	This proposed realignment is being recommended to balance caseloads and workloads more evenly between the two Union County MDJ offices.
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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<b>I.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):</b>	17-3-03
<b>II.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD</b>	
	A. Average Total Caseload:	
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	%
	C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	%
<b>III.</b>	<b>BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD</b>	
	A. Average Total Workload:	
	B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	%
	C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?	Choose Yes or No
	D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGE:</b>	
	A. Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
	B. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
<b>V.</b>	<b>MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:</b>	
	A. Magisterial District Judge Name:	John H. Reed
	B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018



## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2020
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	1025 Us Route 522 Selinsgrove 17870
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:	Selinsgrove Borough Police, Shamokin Dam Police, PA State Police
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	Routes 11 & 15, Route 204, Route 522, Route 35
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Jackson Township, Middlecreek Township, Monroe Township, Penn Township, Selinsgrove Borough, Shamokin Dam Borough
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Same
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	There are no changes proposed at this time. Realignment was done last year when 17-3-05 was eliminated the end of December, 2011
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	17-3-04
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
A. Average Total Caseload:		
B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:		%
C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:		%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
A. Average Total Workload:		
B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:		%
C. Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> the judicial district's average total workload?		Choose Yes or 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 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:		Lori R. Hackenberg
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):		1/1/2018



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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:	Middleburg Borough Police, Spring Township Police, PA State Police
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	SR 522, SR 204, SR 35, SR 11 & 15, SR 235, SR 104
<b>VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Adams Township, Beaver Township, Beavertown Borough, Center Township, Chapman Township, Franklin Township, Freeburg Township, McClure Borough, Middleburg Borough, rPerry Township, Spring Township, Union Township, Washington Township, West Beaver Township, West Perry Township
<b>VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:</b>	Same
<b>VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>	There are no changes proposed at this time. Realignment was done last year when 17-3-05 was eliminated the end of December, 2011.
<b>PLEASE SAVE A COPY OF THIS WORKSHEET PRIOR TO ENTERING DATA FOR THE NEXT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.</b>	

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**From:** Sue Sees <SSees@unionco.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:07 AM  
**To:** Mike Sholley; Mike Hudock (E-mail)  
**Cc:** ckratzer  
**Subject:** FW: District Judge Redistricting  
**Attachments:** AR-M257\_20120323\_094457.tif

Dear Judges:

Gregg Township has been trying to set up a meeting with the two of you to discuss the redistricting of the MDJ's and we have not been successful in coordinating it with all people involved. I am forwarding this e-mail I received from Brian Kerstetter, Solicitor for Gregg Township.

Sue

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brian Kerstetter [<mailto:Brian@kerstetterlaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 9:54 AM  
**To:** Sue Sees  
**Cc:** [greggtownship@comcast.net](mailto:greggtownship@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** District Judge Redistricting

Dear Sue:

I write to you in my capacity as Solicitor for Gregg Township, Union County. We are in receipt of President Judge Sholley's letter concerning the proposed redistricting of Judge Mensch's Office to now include Gregg Township. Gregg Township had previously been serviced by District Judge Armbruster's Office. I have attached to this e-mail a map of Union County which shows which MDJ services which municipality. "M" is for Mensch and "A" is for Armbruster.

As you are aware, District Judge Mensch's Office is in Mifflinburg, which is in western Union County. Gregg Township sits at the northernmost point of Union County. According to MapQuest, the distance between the Gregg Township Municipal Building (which sits in the middle of the Township and District Judge Mensch's Office is 22.1 miles – an approximate 30 minute drive. On the other hand, the distance between the Township Municipal Building and District Judge Armbruster's Office is 14.18 miles – an approximate 21 minute drive.

Based on the above, the Supervisors in Gregg Township object to the redistricting of District Judge Mensch's Office to include Gregg Township. The Supervisors believe the better solution would be to have East Buffalo Township serviced by District Judge Mensch, rather than by District Judge Armbruster. At a time when gas prices are sky high, the economic impact on the residents of Gregg Township having to travel to District Judge Mensch's Office should not be overlooked. The impact on having the residents of East Buffalo Township travel to District Judge Mensch's Office would be less severe.

Our two cents.

Any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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JUDGE'S CHAMBERS  
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For immediate publication

March 9, 2012

Contact Person: President Judge Michael H. Sholley

Re: Magisterial District Realignment for Union County

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts has directed each county in the Commonwealth to review caseloads and workloads of each Magisterial Judicial District. The purpose of this directive is to either eliminate one or more magisterial districts, realign or reestablish. The Common Pleas Judges in conjunction with the two Union County Magisterial District Judges are proposing changes to the following magisterial district boundaries:

Magisterial District Judge Leo Armbruster's District, 17-3-01 will encompass:

Lewisburg Borough, East Buffalo Township and Kelly Township

Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey Mensch's District, 17-3-02 will encompass:

Gregg Township, Hartleton Borough, Mifflinburg Borough, New Berlin Borough, Buffalo Township, Hartley Township, Lewis Township, Limestone Township, Union Township, West Buffalo Township and White Deer Township.

The public is invited to submit written comments by March 25, 2012 to:

Charlotte N. Kratzer, District Court Administrator  
Union County Courthouse  
103 S. Second Street  
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# Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department

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Chief of Police

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February 28, 2012

President Judge Michael H. Sholley  
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Honorable Judge Sholley:

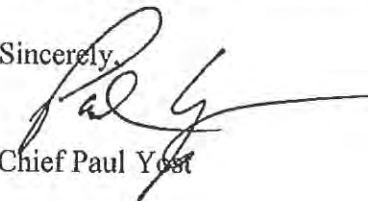
I am writing to provide my comments on the proposed re-zoning of the Union County Magisterial Districts. I have been informed that consideration is being given to removing East Buffalo Township from the jurisdiction of Judge Leo Armbruster and placing it with Judge Jeffery Mensch. As you are aware the recent merger of East Buffalo Township and Lewisburg Borough Police Departments into the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department was done to improve the efficiency of police services within the region. The re-zoning of the districts would result in administrative changes and operation cost increases to the Department.

Court scheduling within the Department is a constant challenge. Our current schedule has been set up to provide all officers with normal scheduled District Court appearances to be completed within their duty shift hours. The change of districts would result in having two hearing days per week, with Judge Mensch on Tuesday's and Armbruster on Thursday's. This split will increase the court overtime cost of the Department, as officers will be required to appear on their off duty time.

Unlike Judge Armbruster's office, Judge Mensch's office is located outside our current coverage area. This will result in additional cost for transportation of paperwork and other documentation to and from his office in Mifflinburg, PA.

May I reflect that the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department believes, like Judge Armbruster, Judge Mensch's office would provide us with professional services to the Department. My concerns are cost efficiency and time management only.

Sincerely,

  
Chief Paul Yost

Cc: Judge Armbruster / Judge Mensch



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Mr. David Masser  
Gregg Township Chairperson/Roadmaster  
369 Masser Road  
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**Re: Magisterial District Judge Redistricting**

Dear Mr. Masser:

As you may be aware, every ten (10) years, in conjunction with the U.S. Census, the Courts are directed to look at redistricting Magisterial District Courts. In Union County, there are two (2) Magisterial District Courts, MDJ Court 17-3-01 (Judge Leo Armbruster-Lewisburg) and MDJ Court 17-3-02 (Judge Jeffrey Mensch-Mifflinburg).

The townships and boroughs assigned to each Magisterial District Court have to be contiguous to each other. This is a requirement which must be followed in redistricting.

In addition, the Courts consider the caseload of each of the Magisterial Courts based on the cases reported from the individual townships and boroughs. Caseloads involve not only the numbers of cases, but the types of cases (criminal, civil, landlord/tenant, etc.). The different types of cases create a different workload for the staff in each of the Magisterial Courts.

In reviewing the caseloads of the two (2) Magisterial Courts in Union County, there is a significant disparity between the respective Courts. In an attempt to equalize the workloads of the two (2) Courts, we are proposing to redistrict. Your Township will be directly affected by this decision.

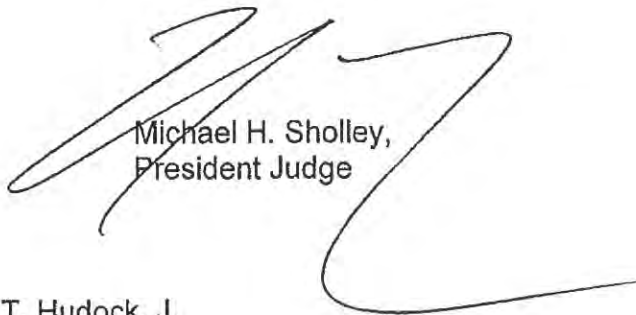
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At the present time, White Deer Township and Gregg Township are assigned to MDJ Court 17-3-01, Judge Armbruster in Lewisburg. Beginning January 1, 2013, it is proposed that your Townships will be redistricted and assigned to Magisterial District Court 17-3-02, Judge Mensch in Mifflinburg.

Prior to making any final decisions, we are asking for any comments or suggestions you may have since your municipality is directly affected by this decision. If there are any questions that you or your constituents have regarding this decision, we are more than willing to sit down with you and discuss the factors that went into the decision and the impact it will have on your Township.

If you would like to meet with Judge Hudock and myself, we would be more than willing to arrange such a meeting. Please contact the Deputy Court Administrator, Sue Sees, at 570-524-8736 to arrange the meeting. We are willing to work with your schedule to arrange a mutually convenient time and location.

Very truly yours,



Michael H. Sholley,  
President Judge

MHS/sas

cc: The Honorable Michael T. Hudock, J.  
The Honorable Leo Armbruster  
The Honorable Jeffrey Mensch  
Charlotte N. Kratzer, Court Administrator  
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