

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Judicial District Summary Sheet

County Name: **Schuylkill**

Judicial District #: **21**

Caseload and Magisterial District Elimination Analysis

The difference between the average annual caseload of Judicial District # 21 and its class of county: **9 %**

The magisterial districts within the 21st Judicial District were realigned effective April 1, 2011, resulting in the number of magisterial districts being reduced from 8 to 7. With these changes, the average caseload per district in our county is 9% higher than the average for 4th Class Counties. Please note that a number of municipalities were moved around in our recent realignment, so that the caseload data could only be compared for CR, NT, PC and TR. Therefore, 4th Class County averages were revised by removing the averages for Civil, LT and MD and utilized an average caseload of 3,848. The average caseload for the new districts, again looking at just CR, NT, PC and TR, was 4,191.

Summary of Proposed Actions

21-2-01	Reestablish
21-3-01	Reestablish
21-3-03	Reestablish
21-3-04	Reestablish
21-3-05	Reestablish
21-3-06	Reestablish
21-3-07	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

General Comments *At some point in the future, the president judge would like to move Wayne Township from Dist. 21-3-03 to Dist 21-3-04 in order to further equalize the caseloads and workloads in those districts, but the Magisterial District Judge for Dist. 21-3-03 currently resides in that township. He is currently 58 years old and may be retiring in a few years, but his plans are not certain. Should he retire, these districts will be realigned.*

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

County Name: Schuylkill

Judicial District #: 21

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 21-2-01

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,789	Average Annual Workload:	25,212
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-10.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-18.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-2.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district was realigned in 2011 - it is too soon to determine whether or not realignment is sufficient to balance workload. The reported variance will be different from AOPC because it does not include CV, LT and MD.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Christina E. Hale

619 West Oak Street

Frackville, PA 17931

Birthdate: 3-11-76

Mandatory Retirement: 2046

Term Expires: 12-31-17

Existing Geography:

ASHLAND PCT 01; ASHLAND PCT 02; BUTLER TWP VTD ENGLEWOOD; BUTLER TWP VTD FT SPRINGS; BUTLER TWP VTD LAVELLE; BUTLER TWP VTD NORTHEAST; FRACKVILLE VTD MIDDLE; FRACKVILLE VTD NORTH; FRACKVILLE VTD SOUTH; GILBERTON WD Voting District; GIRARDVILLE WD Voting District; GORDON Voting District; NORTH UNION TWP Voting District; RINGTOWN Voting District; RYAN TWP Voting District; UNION TWP Voting District; WEST MAHANOY TWP VTD ALTAMONT

Proposed Geography:

ASHLAND PCT 01; ASHLAND PCT 02; BUTLER TWP VTD ENGLEWOOD; BUTLER TWP VTD FT SPRINGS; BUTLER TWP VTD LAVELLE; BUTLER TWP VTD NORTHEAST; FRACKVILLE VTD MIDDLE; FRACKVILLE VTD NORTH; FRACKVILLE VTD SOUTH; GILBERTON WD Voting District; GIRARDVILLE WD Voting District; GORDON Voting District; NORTH UNION TWP Voting District; RINGTOWN Voting District; RYAN TWP Voting District; UNION TWP Voting District; WEST MAHANOY TWP VTD ALTAMONT

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Ashland Boro., Butler Twp., Frackville Boro., Gilberton Boro., Girardville Boro., Gordon Boro., N. Union Twp., Ringtown Boro., Ryan Twp., Union Twp., W. Mahanoy Twp.

Major Highways: I-81, SR61, Sr54, SR924, SR339

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 21-3-01

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,472	Average Annual Workload:	28,724
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-17.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-8.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	-10.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

The workload numbers are less in this district than some of the larger districts, but the larger districts have been assigned more staff to process the work. This district was just realigned less than a year ago, and one of the larger boroughs added to this district has a police force that has become much more active. The case filings from this municipality have risen and it is expected workload will also increase.

The reported variances and calculations will be different from AOPC because it does not include CV, LT and MD; and the class of county and judicial district averages were revised using partial statistics.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

David A. Plachko	Birthdate:	9-29-64
Borough Building 301 Second Street P.O. Box 13	Mandatory Retirement:	2034
Port Carbon, PA 17965	Term Expires:	1-3-16

Existing Geography:

BLYTHE TWP Voting District; EAST NORWEGIAN TWP Voting District; MECHANICSVILLE Voting District; MIDDLEPORT Voting District; MINERSVILLE PCT 01; MINERSVILLE PCT 02; MINERSVILLE PCT 03; MINERSVILLE PCT 04; NEW CASTLE TWP Voting District; NEW PHILADELPHIA Voting District; NORWEGIAN TWP DIST PCT 02 09; NORWEGIAN TWP DIST PCT 03 09; NORWEGIAN TWP DIST PCT 01 09; PALO ALTO WD 01; PALO ALTO WD 02; PORT CARBON Voting District; SCHUYLKILL TWP Voting District; ST. CLAIR WD MIDDLE; ST. CLAIR WD SOUTH; ST. CLAIR WD NORTH

Proposed Geography:

BLYTHE TWP Voting District; EAST NORWEGIAN TWP Voting District; MECHANICSVILLE Voting District; MIDDLEPORT Voting District; MINERSVILLE PCT 01; MINERSVILLE PCT 02; MINERSVILLE PCT 03; MINERSVILLE PCT 04; NEW CASTLE TWP Voting District; NEW PHILADELPHIA Voting District; NORWEGIAN TWP DIST PCT 02 09; NORWEGIAN TWP DIST PCT 03 09; NORWEGIAN TWP DIST PCT 01 09; PALO ALTO WD 01; PALO ALTO WD 02; PORT CARBON Voting District; SCHUYLKILL TWP Voting District; ST. CLAIR WD MIDDLE; ST. CLAIR WD SOUTH; ST. CLAIR WD NORTH

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Blythe Twp., E. Norwegian Twp., Middleport Boro., Minersville Boro., New Castle Twp., New Philadelphia Boro., Palo Alto Boro., Port Carbon Boro., Schuylkill Twp., St. Clair Boro.

Major Highways: I-81, US209, SR61, SR901

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 21-3-03

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	5,137	Average Annual Workload:	33,706
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	23.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	9.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	33.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district has a workload that is 15% greater than the two districts with the smallest workloads, but it also has more staff assigned to process the work. The current district judge resides in a township that should be moved to the district with the smallest workload to help equalize workload. This request for realignment will be made when the MDJ retires.

The reported variances and calculations will be different from AOPC because it does not include CV, LT and MD; and the class of county and judicial district averages were revised using partial statistics.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

James R. Ferrier	Birthdate:	4-6-54
209 North Warren Street, Second Floor P.O. Box 189	Mandatory Retirement:	2024
Orwigsburg, PA 17961	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

AUBURN Voting District; CRESSONA TWP Voting District; DEER LAKE Voting District; EAST BRUNSWICK TWP Voting District; LANDINGVILLE Voting District; NEW RINGGOLD Voting District; NORTH MANHEIM TWP DIST ADAMSDALE; NORTH MANHEIM TWP DIST PCT 01; NORTH MANHEIM TWP DIST MELLOTS PCT 02; ORWIGSBURG PCT 01; ORWIGSBURG PCT 02; PORT CLINTON Voting District; SCHUYLKILL HAVEN WD EAST; SCHUYLKILL HAVEN WD NORTH; SCHUYLKILL HAVEN WD SOUTH; SCHUYLKILL HAVEN WD WEST; SOUTH MANHEIM TWP Voting District; WALKER TWP Voting District; WAYNE TWP DIST 01; WAYNE TWP DIST 03; WAYNE TWP DIST 02; WEST BRUNSWICK TWP VTD NORTH; WEST BRUNSWICK TWP VTD SOUTH; WEST PENN TWP DIST 02; WEST PENN TWP DIST 01; WEST PENN TWP DIST 03

Proposed Geography:

AUBURN Voting District; CRESSONA TWP Voting District; DEER LAKE Voting District; EAST BRUNSWICK TWP Voting District; LANDINGVILLE Voting District; NEW RINGGOLD Voting District; NORTH MANHEIM TWP DIST ADAMSDALE; NORTH MANHEIM TWP DIST PCT 01; NORTH MANHEIM TWP DIST MELLOTS PCT 02; ORWIGSBURG PCT 01; ORWIGSBURG PCT 02; PORT CLINTON Voting District; SCHUYLKILL HAVEN WD EAST; SCHUYLKILL HAVEN WD NORTH; SCHUYLKILL HAVEN WD SOUTH; SCHUYLKILL HAVEN WD WEST; SOUTH MANHEIM TWP Voting District; WALKER TWP Voting District; WAYNE TWP DIST 01; WAYNE TWP DIST 03; WAYNE TWP DIST 02; WEST BRUNSWICK TWP VTD NORTH; WEST BRUNSWICK TWP VTD SOUTH; WEST PENN TWP DIST 02; WEST PENN TWP DIST 01; WEST PENN TWP DIST 03

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Auburn Boro., Deer Lake Boro., Orwigsburg Boro., Schuylkill Haven Boro., Walker Twp., W. Penn Twp.

Major Highways: SR61, SR443, SR183, SR895, SR309

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 21-3-04

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	3,154	Average Annual Workload:	23,076
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-25.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	-25.00
% 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>	

This district has the lowest average workload, fewer staff assigned to this office. The workload can be adjusted when the MDJ is district 21-3-03 retires and the districts can be realigned. This is a predominately rural district with small and/or part time police.

The reported variances and calculations will be different from AOPC because it does not include CV, LT and MD; and the class of county and judicial district averages were revised using partial statistics.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Carol A. Pankake	Birthdate:	12-5-53
19 North Pine Street P.O. Box 25	Mandatory Retirement:	2023
Tremont, PA 17981	Term Expires:	1-5-14

Existing Geography:

BARRY TWP Voting District; BRANCH TWP Voting District; CASS TWP VTD NORTH; CASS TWP Voting District; ELDRED TWP Voting District; FOSTER TWP Voting District; FRAILEY TWP Voting District; HEGINS TWP DIST EAST; HEGINS TWP DIST WEST; HUBLEY TWP Voting District; PINE GROVE TWP DIST PCT 01 09; PINE GROVE TWP DIST PCT 02 09; PINE GROVE PCT NORTH; PINE GROVE PCT SOUTH; PORTER TWP Voting District; REILLY TWP Voting District; TOWER CITY Voting District; TREMONT TWP Voting District; TREMONT Voting District; UPPER MAHANTONGO TWP Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP DIST NORTH; WASHINGTON TWP DIST SOUTH

Proposed Geography:

BARRY TWP Voting District; BRANCH TWP Voting District; CASS TWP VTD NORTH; CASS TWP Voting District; ELDRED TWP Voting District; FOSTER TWP Voting District; FRAILEY TWP Voting District; HEGINS TWP DIST EAST; HEGINS TWP DIST WEST; HUBLEY TWP Voting District; PINE GROVE TWP DIST PCT 01 09; PINE GROVE TWP DIST PCT 02 09; PINE GROVE PCT NORTH; PINE GROVE PCT SOUTH; PORTER TWP Voting District; REILLY TWP Voting District; TOWER CITY Voting District; TREMONT TWP Voting District; TREMONT Voting District; UPPER MAHANTONGO TWP Voting District; WASHINGTON TWP DIST NORTH; WASHINGTON TWP DIST SOUTH

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Branch Township, Cass Township, Foster Township, Hegins Township, Hubley Township, Pine Grove Borough, Reilly Township, Tower City Borough, Tremont Borough

Major Highways: I-81, US 209, SR 443, SR 895, SR 501, SR 125, SR 25, SR 901

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 21-3-05

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,751	Average Annual Workload:	34,776
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	13.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	13.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	23.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

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Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Anthony J. Kilker	Birthdate:	12-4-67
33 South Main Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2037
Shenandoah, PA 17976	Term Expires:	1-3-16

Existing Geography:

DELANO TWP Voting District; EAST UNION TWP Voting District; MAHANOEY TWP Voting District; MAHANOEY CITY WD 01; MAHANOEY CITY WD 02; MAHANOEY CITY WD 03; MAHANOEY CITY WD 04; SHENANDOAH PCT 01; SHENANDOAH PCT 02; SHENANDOAH PCT 03; SHENANDOAH PCT 04; SHENANDOAH PCT 05; WEST MAHANOEY TWP VTD ALTAMONT; WEST MAHANOEY TWP VTD 01; WEST MAHANOEY TWP VTD 02

Proposed Geography:

DELANO TWP Voting District; EAST UNION TWP Voting District; MAHANOEY TWP Voting District; MAHANOEY CITY WD 01; MAHANOEY CITY WD 02; MAHANOEY CITY WD 03; MAHANOEY CITY WD 04; SHENANDOAH PCT 01; SHENANDOAH PCT 02; SHENANDOAH PCT 03; SHENANDOAH PCT 04; SHENANDOAH PCT 05; WEST MAHANOEY TWP VTD ALTAMONT; WEST MAHANOEY TWP VTD 01; WEST MAHANOEY TWP VTD 02

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: E. Union Township, Mahanoy City Borough, Mahanoy Township, Shenandoah Borough, W. Mahanoy Township

Major Highways: I-81, SR 54, SR 924, SR 339

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 21-3-06

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,896	Average Annual Workload:	31,593
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	17.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	2.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	27.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

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Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

Stephen J. Bayer	Birthdate:	3-19-67
320 Rear East Broad Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2037
Tamaqua, PA 18252	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

COALDALE PCT EAST; COALDALE PCT WEST; KLINE TWP Voting District; MCADOO PCT 01; MCADOO PCT 02; RUSH TWP DIST EAST; RUSH TWP DIST WEST 09; RUSH TWP DIST ELIXR 09; TAMAQUA WD EAST PCT 01; TAMAQUA WD EAST PCT 02; TAMAQUA WD NORTH; TAMAQUA WD SOUTH

Proposed Geography:

COALDALE PCT EAST; COALDALE PCT WEST; KLINE TWP Voting District; MCADOO PCT 01; MCADOO PCT 02; RUSH TWP DIST EAST; RUSH TWP DIST WEST 09; RUSH TWP DIST ELIXR 09; TAMAQUA WD EAST PCT 01; TAMAQUA WD EAST PCT 02; TAMAQUA WD NORTH; TAMAQUA WD SOUTH

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Coaldale Borough, Kline Township, McAdoo Borough, Rush Township, Tamaqua Borough

Major Highways: I-81, US 209, SR 54, SR 309

Existing and Proposed Magisterial Districts

Magisterial District #: 21-3-07

Proposed Action: Reestablish

Average Annual Caseload:	4,136	Average Annual Workload:	39,166
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/judicial district):	1.00	% Difference in Workload (magisterial district/judicial district):	27.00
% Difference in Caseload (magisterial district/class of county):	7.00	<i>Workload outside of a +/- 15% range requires realignment or support to maintain current configuration.</i>	

This district was recently realigned and was assigned additional staff. The statistics are based on six years of data and may be artificially inflated as case filings in the district has decreased.

The reported variances and calculations will be different from AOPC because it does not include CV, LT and MD; and the class of county and judicial district averages were revised using partial statistics.

Magisterial District Judge & Office Information:

James K. Reiley	Birthdate:	9-15-62
200 North Centre Street	Mandatory Retirement:	2032
Pottsville, PA 17901	Term Expires:	12-31-17

Existing Geography:

MT. CARBON Voting District; POTTSVILLE WD 01 PCT 09; POTTSVILLE WD 02 PCT 09; POTTSVILLE WD 03 PCT 02; POTTSVILLE WD 03 PCT 01; POTTSVILLE WD 03 PCT 03; POTTSVILLE WD 04 PCT 09; POTTSVILLE WD 05 PCT 01; POTTSVILLE WD 05 PCT 02; POTTSVILLE WD 06 PCT 09; POTTSVILLE WD 07 PCT 01; POTTSVILLE WD 07 PCT 02

Proposed Geography:

MT. CARBON Voting District; POTTSVILLE WD 01 PCT 09; POTTSVILLE WD 02 PCT 09; POTTSVILLE WD 03 PCT 02; POTTSVILLE WD 03 PCT 01; POTTSVILLE WD 03 PCT 03; POTTSVILLE WD 04 PCT 09; POTTSVILLE WD 05 PCT 01; POTTSVILLE WD 05 PCT 02; POTTSVILLE WD 06 PCT 09; POTTSVILLE WD 07 PCT 01; POTTSVILLE WD 07 PCT 02

Office within district: Yes

Residence within district: Yes

Police Departments: Pottsville City

Major Highways: US 209, SR 61, SR 901

Magisterial District Reestablishment 2012

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

Judicial District and Class of County Comparison Statistics

Schuylkill / 21

Judicial District Average Caseload			
2011 Class	2011 Filings	2012 Class	2012 Filings
4	4,184	4	4,184

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

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

Notes on Analysis:

CASELOAD: The statistics provided are used to compare the average annual caseload of each magisterial district to the class of county average as one measure to assess whether any changes should be proposed. Reported values are provided by the judicial district; the comparison values are provided by the MDJS.

WORKLOAD: Where the average annual workload of a magisterial district is greater/less than 15% of the judicial district's workload average, the judicial district should realign - OR - explain why this difference does not impact workload equity within the judicial district. A value that is green indicates it is within range; red requires justification if realignment or elimination are not proposed.

Judicial District Caseload Averages		
Schuylkill	2011	2012
Class	4	4
CR	354	354
NT	806	806
PC	18	18
TR	2,514	2,514
CV	294	294
LT	77	77
MD	122	122
AVG	4,184	4,184

Judicial District Workload Averages		
Schuylkill	2011	2012
Class	4	4
CR	12,994	12,994
NT	8,658	8,658
PC	195	195
TR	5,731	5,731
CV	3,316	3,316
LT	1,109	1,109
MD	3,964	3,964
-15 % Workload	30,572	30,572
Average Workload	35,967	35,967
+ 15% Workload	41,362	41,362

Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

21-2-01

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,789		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-10	-9.44%	-9.44%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-2	-14.02%	-12.29%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
25,212		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-18	-29.90%	-29.90%
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21-3-01

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,472		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-17	-17.02%	-17.02%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-10	-21.21%	-19.63%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
28,724		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-8	-20.14%	-20.14%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

21-3-03

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
5,137		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

23	22.77%	22.77%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

33	16.57%	18.91%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
33,706		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

9	-6.29%	-6.29%
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21-3-04

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
3,154		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-25	-24.62%	-24.62%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

-18	-28.43%	-26.99%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
23,076		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

-25	-35.84%	-35.84%
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21-3-05

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,751		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

13	13.55%	13.55%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

23	7.81%	9.97%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
34,776		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

13	-3.31%	-3.31%
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Magisterial District Caseload/Workload Analysis

21-3-06

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,896		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

17	17.01%	17.01%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

27	11.10%	13.33%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
31,593		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

2	-12.16%	-12.16%
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21-3-07

Reestablish

CASELOAD

Average Total Annual Caseload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
4,136		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

1	-1.15%	-1.15%
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Magisterial District Average: Class of County Average:

7	-6.14%	-4.26%
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WORKLOAD

Average Total Annual Workload:

Reported	AOPC	
	2011	2012
39,166		

Magisterial District Average: Judicial District Average:

27	8.89%	8.89%
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March 14, 2012

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

Re: **Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan for the
Twenty-first Judicial District**

Dear Mr. Mittleman:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan for the Twenty-first Judicial District, which includes the Judicial District Summary Worksheet, a worksheet for each of the Magisterial Districts and a copy of the public notice regarding the plan. The public notice was provided to the local news media, posted on the Schuylkill County Web Site and made available for inspection in the Schuylkill County Law Library and the county's central library. It was posted for more than thirty days, and no public comment was received.

Kindest regards,

WILLIAM E. BALDWIN
President Judge

WEB:cab

Enclosure



AOPC

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:	21
A. What is the class of county?	4
B. What is the percentage difference in the average annual caseload between this judicial district and the applicable class of county?	9%
II. PROPOSED ACTIONS:	
A. List existing magisterial districts: 21-2-01, 21-3-01, 21-3-03, 21-3-04, 21-3-05, 21-3-06, 21-3-07	
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.	
b) If no eliminations are proposed based on II. B. above, what are the factors for this decision? The magisterial districts within the 21 st Judicial District were realigned effective April 1, 2011, resulting in the number of magisterial districts being reduced from 8 to 7. With these changes, the average caseload per district in our county is 9% higher than the average for 4 th Class Counties. Please note that a number of municipalities were moved around in our recent realignment, so that the caseload data could only be compared for CR, NT, PC and TR. Therefore, when I looked at the 4 th Class County average, I subtracted out the averages for Civil, LT and MD and utilized an average caseload of 3,848. The average caseload for the new districts in our county, again looking at just CR, NT, PC and TR, was 4,191.	
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.	

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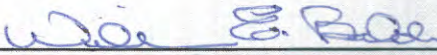
<p>C. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?</p> <p>1. List magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>D. Are any magisterial districts proposed for realignment?</p> <p>1. List magisterial districts proposed for realignment.</p> <p>At some point in the future, I would like to move Wayne Township from Dist. 21-3-03 to Dist 21-3-04 in order to further equalize the caseloads and workloads in those districts, but the Magisterial District Judge for Dist. 21-3-03 currently resides in that township. He is currently 58 years old and may be retiring in a few years, but his plans are not certain. Should he retire, I would like to make the change at that time.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>III. NIGHT AND CENTRAL COURT OPERATIONS</p>	
<p>A. Is there a night court operating within the judicial district?</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>B. Is there a central court operating within the judicial district?</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>C. Note comments regarding how night, central or other similar court programs impact operations within the judicial district.</p>	
<p>IV. PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	
<p>A. A request for public comment was posted:</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>B. Comments were received:</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>C. Comments are attached:</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>V. ADDITIONAL REMARKS CONCERNING PROPOSAL:</p>	
<p>We just went through a realignment that became effective April 1, 2011. That realignment reduced the number of magisterial districts from eight to seven. We will need to operate for another year or two under our current districts before we will be able to accurately evaluate the effects of the last realignment. The assignment of support staff in the district offices is under the control of the President Judge, and we have assigned more staff to the offices with the larger workloads to ease the burden on the MDJs in those offices. So far, that has worked well.</p>	

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VI. **DATE SUBMITTED TO AOPC:** MARCH 14, 2012

VII. **PRESIDENT JUDGE NAME:** William E. Baldwin


Signature

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT WORKSHEET

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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	21-2-01
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
A.	Average Total Caseload:	3,789
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-10%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-2%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
A.	Average Total Workload:	25,212
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-18%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
D.	If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This district was realigned less than a year ago, and it is too soon to make an informed judgment; however, districts with workloads that are higher than the judicial district average have been allocated more staff to process the work.	
IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:		
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:		
A.	Magisterial District Judge Name: Christina E. Hale	

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2046
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	619 W. Oak St. Frackville 17931
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:	Ashland Boro., Butler Twp., Frackville Boro., Gilberton Boro., Girardville Boro., Gordon Boro., N. Union Twp., Ringtown Boro., Ryan Twp., Union Twp., W. Mahanoy Twp.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	I-81, SR61, Sr54, SR924, SR339
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Ashland Boro., Butler Twp., Frackville Boro., Gilberton Boro., Girardville Boro., Gordon Boro., N. Union Twp., Ringtown Boro., Ryan Twp., Union Twp., W. Mahanoy Twp. (Altamont Section)
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	No Change
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	21-3-01
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	3,472
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	-17%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	-10%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	28,274
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-8%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
D.	<p>If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?</p> <p>The workload numbers are less in this district than some of the larger districts, but the larger districts have been assigned more staff to process the work. This district was just realigned less than a year ago, and one of the larger boroughs added to this district has a police force that has become much more active. The case filings from this municipality have risen. We expect to see the workload numbers for this district increase.</p>	
IV.	PROPOSED CHANGE:	
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	

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V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A. Magisterial District Judge Name: David A. Plachko	
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2016
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2034
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	Borough Building, 2 nd Street Port Carbon 17965
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: Blythe Twp., E. Norwegian Twp., Middleport Boro., Minersville Boro., New Castle Twp., New Philadelphia Boro., Palo Alto Boro., Port Carbon Boro., Schuylkill Twp., St. Clair Boro.	
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: I-81, US209, SR61, SR901	
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
Blythe Twp., E. Norwegian Twp., Mechanicsville Boro., Middleport Boro., Minersville Boro., New Castle Twp., New Philadelphia Boro., Norwegian Twp., Palo Alto Boro., Port Carbon Boro., Schuylkill Twp., St. Clair Boro.	
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
No Change	
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
As with all the districts, I compared only the data for CR, NT, PC and TR cases, since a number of municipalities were moved during the realignment that became effective last April; and the other data cannot be broken down by municipality. When working with averages for any of the counties, I factored out the data for Civil, LT and MD.	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	21-3-03
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD		
A.	Average Total Caseload:	5,137
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	23%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	33%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD		
A.	Average Total Workload:	33,706
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	9%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
D.	<p>If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?</p> <p>This district has a workload that is 15% larger than the two districts with the smallest workloads, but it also has more staff assigned to it to process the work. The current magisterial judge resides in a township which I would like to move into the district with the smallest workload. That would go a long way toward equalizing the workload. He is our oldest MDJ, and I plan to request the change be made when he decides to retire.</p>	
IV. PROPOSED CHANGE:		
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	



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V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A. Magisterial District Judge Name:	James R. Ferrier
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2024
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	209 N. Warren Street Orwigsburg 17961
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:	Auburn Boro., Deer Lake Boro., Orwigsburg Boro., Schuylkill Haven Boro., Walker Twp., W. Penn Twp.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	SR61, SR443, SR183, SR895, SR309
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
Auburn Boro., Cressona Boro., Deer Lake Boro., E. Brunswick Twp., Landingville Boro., New Ringgold Boro., N. Manheim Twp., Orwigsburg Boro., Port Clinton Boro., Schuylkill Haven Boro., S. Manheim Twp., Walker Twp., Wayne Twp., W. Brunswick Twp., W. Penn Twp.	
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
No Change	
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
As with all the districts, I compared only the data for CR, NT, PC and TR cases, since a number of municipalities were moved during the realignment that became effective last April; and the other data cannot be broken down by municipality. When working with averages for any of the counties, I factored out the data for Civil, LT and MD.	
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	21-3-04
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	3,154
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:	-18%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	23,076
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	-25%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
D.	<p>If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?</p> <p>This district has the lowest average workload of all the districts. Consequently, there are fewer staff members assigned to this office. The disparity in workload can be reduced to less than 15% when the MDJ in Dist. 21-3-03 retires. That would allow me to move the township in which he resides into this district. Although he could stay in office another twelve years, he will soon be 58, and he has strongly suggested that he will not stay that long. I cannot address the problem before that, since Dist. 21-3-4 already includes more than a third of the county's land mass. However, it is predominantly a rural area with small or part time police departments.</p>	
IV.	PROPOSED CHANGE:	
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish

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magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<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: Carol A. Pankake	
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2014
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2023
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	19 N. Pine Street Tremont 17981
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: Branch Twp., Cass Twp., Foster Twp., Hegins Twp., Hubley Twp., Pine Grove Boro., Reilly Twp., Tower City Boro., Tremont Boro.	
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: I-81, US209, SR443, SR895, SR501, SR125, SR25, SR901	
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Barry Twp., Branch Twp., Cass Twp., Foster Twp., Eldred Twp., Frailey Twp., Hegins Twp., Hubley Twp., Pine Grove Boro., Pine Grove Twp., Porter Twp., Reilly Twp., Tower City Twp., Tremont Boro., Tremont Twp., Upper Mahantongo Twp., Washington Twp.	
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: No Change	
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: As with all the districts, I compared only the data for CR, NT, PC and TR cases, since a number of municipalities were moved during the realignment that became effective last April; and the other data cannot be broken down by municipality. When working with averages for any of the counties, I factored out the data for Civil, LT and MD.	
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I. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	21-3-05
II. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A. Average Total Caseload:	4,751
B. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	13%
C. Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	23%
III. BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A. Average Total Workload:	34,776
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> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
D. If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district? This district was assigned additional staff, since its workload is above the average for the county. The district was not changed in the recent realignment, and we have experienced no problems with keeping the work flowing.	
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:	Anthony J. Kilker

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B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2016
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2037
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	33 S. Main Street Shenandoah 17976
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:	E. Union Twp., Mahanoy City Boro., Mahanoy Twp., Shenandoah Boro., W. Mahanoy Twp.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	I-81, SR 54, SR924, SR339
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	Delano Twp., E. Union Twp., Mahanoy City Boro., Mahanoy Twp., Shenandoah Boro., W. Mahanoy Twp.
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	No Change
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	As with all the districts, I compared only the data for CR, NT, PC and TR cases, since a number of municipalities were moved during the realignment that became effective last April; and the other data cannot be broken down by municipality. When working with averages for any of the counties, I factored out the data for Civil, LT and MD.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	21-3-06
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	4,896
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and your judicial district's average total caseload:	17%
C.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total caseload and applicable class of county's average total caseload:	27%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	31,593
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	2%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
D.	<p>If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?</p> <p>The workload for this district is just slightly higher than the average workload for the county. This is one of the districts that has been assigned additional staff to process the work. It was reduced in size by the realignment that took place last year. We have less than a year's experience with the new alignment, but the MDJ reports that everything is going well; and the office does not appear to be over worked in any way.</p>	
IV.	PROPOSED CHANGE:	
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B.	What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	

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V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:
A. Magisterial District Judge Name: Stephen J. Bayer
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy): 1/1/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy): 12/31/2037
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code): 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua 18252
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: Coaldale Boro., Kline Twp., McAdoo Boro., Rush Twp., Tamaqua Boro.
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district: I-81, US209, SR54, SR309
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: Coaldale Boro., Kline Twp., McAdoo Boro., Rush Twp., Tamaqua Boro.
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES: No Change
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: As with all the districts, I compared only the data for CR, NT, PC and TR cases, since a number of municipalities were moved during the realignment that became effective last April; and the other data cannot be broken down by municipality. When working with averages for any of the counties, I factored out the data for Civil, LT and MD.
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I.	MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT NUMBER (#####):	21-3-07
II.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - CASELOAD	
A.	Average Total Caseload:	4,136
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:	7%
III.	BREAKDOWN OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT - WORKLOAD	
A.	Average Total Workload:	39,166
B.	Difference (%) between this magisterial district's average total workload and the judicial district's average total workload:	27%
C.	Does this magisterial district have an average total workload that is fifteen percent <i>greater than or less than</i> any other magisterial district within your judicial district:	YES
D.	<p>If YES, how does this difference impact workload equity within your judicial district?</p> <p>At this point, we do not feel that the workload numbers are creating an inequity. This district was just recently reconfigured. It is one of the districts where we assigned additional staff. The numbers may be misleading, because they are based on a six year average. The district is almost entirely made up of the City of Pottsville, and the City has reduced the size of the police force over the last couple of years. There has been a noticeable drop in new case filings. We believe that the six-year average numbers are actually somewhat higher than what we are experiencing today.</p>	
IV.	PROPOSED CHANGE:	
A.	Please indicate any proposed change in this magisterial district. Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish <input type="checkbox"/> Realign

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate
B. What is the proposed effective date (m/d/yyyy):	
V. MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INFORMATION:	
A. Magisterial District Judge Name: James K. Reiley	
B. Term Expiration (m/d/yyyy):	1/1/2018
C. Mandatory Retirement Date (m/d/yyyy):	12/31/2032
D. Office Location (Street, City and Zip code):	200 N. Centre Street Pottsville 17901
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:	Pottsville City
H. List any major highways within this magisterial district:	US209, SR61, SR901
VI. LIST EXISTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
	Pottsville City, Mt. Carbon Boro.
VII. LIST PROPOSED MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES:	
	No Change
VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	
	As with all the districts, I compared only the data for CR, NT, PC and TR cases, since a number of municipalities were moved during the realignment that became effective last April; and the other data cannot be broken down by municipality. When working with averages for any of the counties, I factored out the data for Civil, LT and MD.
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PROPOSED REESTABLISHMENT OF MAGISTERIAL JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Following each census, the President Judge is required by law to review the number and alignment of magisterial judicial districts to determine whether Schuylkill County, the 21st Judicial District of Pennsylvania, has the right number of districts to respond to the judicial caseload within the county and whether the municipalities have been properly assigned within each magisterial district so that the workload is evenly distributed across the various districts.

Although this review is required by law to be done every ten years, a review and realignment may take place sooner if circumstances warrant. Because of a population decrease, combined with the planned retirement of two magisterial district judges within the county, a review was completed during 2010, and changes were recommended to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The recommendation called for a reduction in the number of magisterial district courts serving the county from eight to seven and the realignment of municipalities included within each of the remaining districts to accommodate those municipalities that were in the district which was to be eliminated. The Supreme Court approved that recommendation, and the changes went into effect in January of 2012.

Because the new alignment of magisterial districts has been in place for such a short time, there is very little available data to accurately ascertain how the changes are working. However, since there is no current indication that any of the seven magisterial district offices are experiencing difficulty in serving the judicial needs of the municipalities within their borders, it is the intention of the President Judge to recommend no change in the current number or boundaries of the seven magisterial judicial districts within Schuylkill County. Public comment on this recommendation is invited.

Any member of the public wishing to comment on the recommendation to leave all magisterial judicial districts within the county as they currently exist must be submitted in writing by regular mail or e-mail not later than March 1, 2012. The mailing address is:

President Judge
401 N. 2nd street
Pottsville, Pa. 17901

E-mail comments may be sent to redistricting@co.schuylkill.pa.us

The magisterial judicial districts and the municipalities within each district are as follows:

District 21-2-01 Magisterial District Judge Christina E. Hale
619 West Oak Street
Frackville, PA

Ashland Borough	Girardville Borough	Ryan Township
Butler Township	Gordon Borough	Union Township
Frackville Borough	N. Union Township	W. Mahanoy Township (Altamont)
Gilberton Borough		

District 21-3-01 Magisterial District Judge David A. Plachko
Borough Building
2nd Street
Port Carbon, PA

Blythe Township	Minersville Borough	Palo Alto Borough
E. Norwegian Township	New Castle Township	Port Carbon Borough
Mechanicsville Borough	New Philadelphia Borough	Schuylkill Township
Middleport Borough	Norwegian Township	St. Clair Borough

District 21-3-03 Magisterial District Judge James R. Ferrier
209 N. Warren Street
Orwigsburg, PA

Auburn Borough	New Ringgold Borough	S. Manheim Township
Cressona Borough	N. Manheim Township	Walker Township
Deer Lake Borough	Orwigsburg Borough	Wayne Township
E. Brunswick Township	Port Clinton Borough	W. Brunswick Borough
Landingville Borough	Schuylkill Haven Borough	W. Penn Township

District 21-3-04 Magisterial District Judge Carol A. Pancake
19 N. Pine street
Tremont, PA

Barry Township	Hegins Township	Tower City Borough
Branch Township	Hubley Township	Tremont Borough
Cass Township	Pine Grove Borough	Tremont Township
Foster Township	Pine Grove Township	Upper Mahantongo Twp.
Eldred Township	Porter Township	Washington Township
Frailey Township	Reilly Township	

District 21-3-05 Magisterial District Judge Anthony J. Kilker
33 S. Main Street
Shenandoah, PA

Delano Township	Mahanoy City Borough	Shenandoah Borough
E. Union Township	Mahanoy Township	W. Mahanoy Township

District 21-3-06 Magisterial District Judge Stephen J. Bayer
Rear, 320 E. Broad Street
Tamaqua, PA

Coaldale Borough	McAdoo Borough	Tamaqua Borough
Kline Township	Rush Township	

District 21-3-07 Magisterial District Judge James K. Reiley
200 N. Centre Street
Pottsville, PA

Mount Carbon Borough	Pottsville City
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