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JUDICIAL BUDGET REQUEST

Established more than three centuries ago, the Pennsylvania courts have a history of providing efficient, effective and fair access to justice for all who come before them. Since their inception however, the breadth and depth of services and support provided by the courts has evolved and expanded. Problem-solving courts, ensuring court access in a myriad of ways, and customizing programs to meet the needs of our youngest and oldest citizens are part of this evolution.

Ample funding, along with sound and efficient fiscal management, allow us to continue fulfilling the courts' traditional and expanded missions.

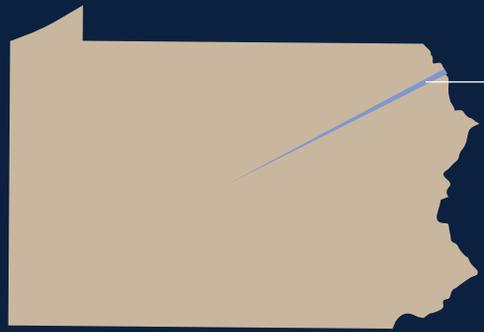
On behalf of the Supreme Court and our judicial colleagues and staff, we look forward to discussing the work and the positive impact of the Unified Judicial System.



Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor
Justice Max Baer
Justice Debra Todd
Justice Christine Donohue
Justice Kevin M. Dougherty
Justice David N. Wecht
Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy

FUNDING SOURCES

Since 2009, fee revenue has been used to fund a portion of the judiciary's annual budget, currently about 12.4% of the total.



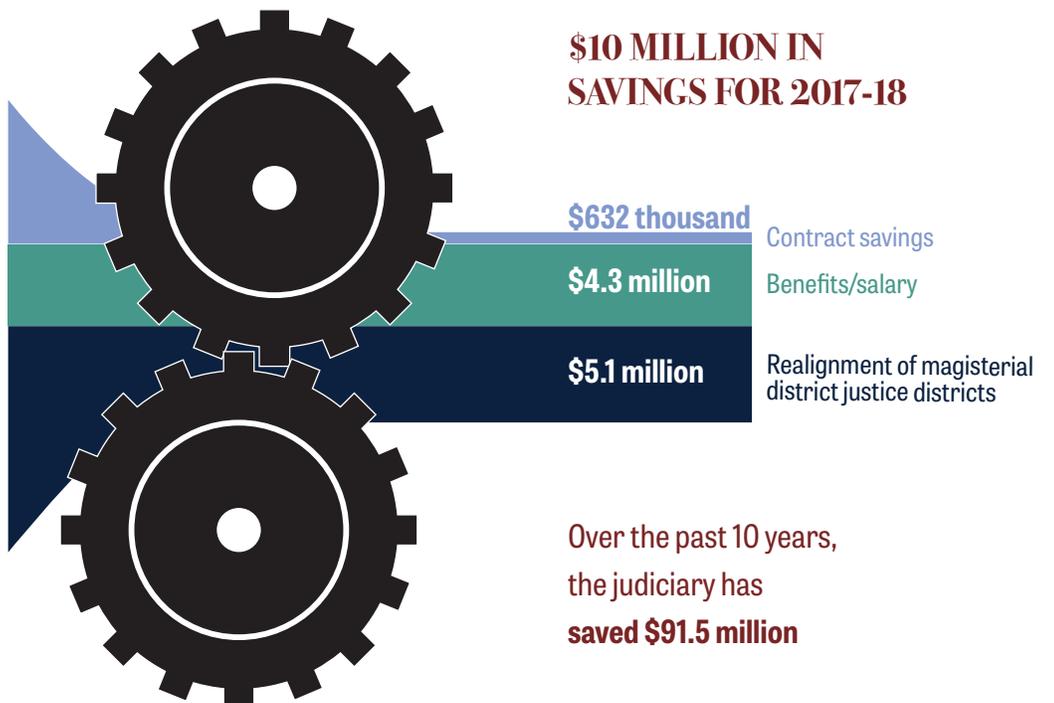
The judiciary receives about 1/2 of 1% of the state budget

PROPOSED 2018-19 BUDGET



SAVING DOLLARS

With the assistance of the General Assembly, the governor, and the judiciary's focus on efficiency and commitment to remaining good stewards of taxpayer dollars, this year's budget request seeks **no new state tax dollars for appropriation.**



JUDICIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT: EVALUATING JUDICIAL RESOURCES

As trial courts work evolves and become more complex, evaluating current court operations, workload and resources was necessary to ensure that appropriate resources are available to manage and resolve court business.

Contracting with the National Center for State Courts, the **Judicial Needs Assessment (JNA)** was undertaken and completed in 2017. Results show that overall, Pennsylvania's Courts of Common Pleas are sized correctly, with the appropriate number of jurists in each county to do the job.

Additionally though, the report provides critical data to evaluate current and future resource needs, to ensure fair, timely and accessible justice for all. The JNA will be an important management tool in the future years.

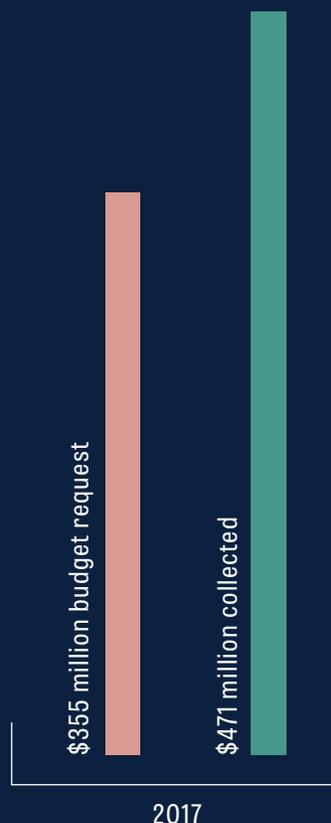


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ANNUAL COLLECTIONS

The efficient and effective collection of fines, fees, costs and restitution remains a top priority.

Historically, Pennsylvania courts have collected more in fines, fees, costs and restitution than is appropriated to the judiciary. This year is no different, with more than \$471 million collected and pushing the amount collected during the past 10 years to \$4.6 billion. These dollars, for the most part, flow to state, local governments and victims of crime, with a small portion of the money distributed to airports, parking authorities and libraries.



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LEADING THE NATION IN COURT TECHNOLOGY

Every day more than 11 million transactions take place on the judiciary's three case management systems and the pacourts.us website. Transactions range from checking docket sheets to paying fines.

PAePAY® continues to be the method of choice for paying fines, fees, costs and bail in Pennsylvania. The success of the online payment option continues to gain popularity with users, last year marking an increase of 13% over the prior year.



BREAKING NEW GROUND IN JUDICIAL EDUCATION

The Unified Judicial System, under the direction of the Supreme Court, remains focused on the importance of judicial education. During the past year, the Court mandated that all trial and appellate court jurists must earn 12 hours of continuing judicial education each year. AOPC/Judicial Education administers this new program under the guidance of the Continuing Judicial Education Board of Judges. Magisterial District Judges continue to participate in a separate, strong continuing education program.

The judiciary also recently released bench cards and instructional videos intended to enhance judicial education efforts for more than 450 trial jurists hearing cases involving sexual assault and violence statewide. This project makes Pennsylvania the first state in the nation to employ dedicated educational resources like these to jurists.



In 2017, more than **600** judges attended **15,000** hours of continuing **judicial education.**

