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.

AOPConnected takes a look at the Unified Judicial System’s 2018-2019 budget request to the legislative and executive branches.
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.

$10 MILLION IN SAVINGS FOR 2017-18

- $5.1 million Realignment of magisterial district courts
- $4.3 million Benefits/salary
- $632 thousand Contract savings

Over the past 10 years, the judiciary has saved $91.5 million
JUDICIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT: EVALUATING JUDICIAL RESOURCES

As trial court work evolves and becomes more complex, evaluating current court operations, workload and resources is 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 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.

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. 2017 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 online payment of attorney registration fees, fines, fees, costs, restitution 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 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 use dedicated sexual assault and violence educational resources.
Disciplinary Board announces diversity data collection

Fostering justice through the elimination of disparities in the judicial system has been a priority of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

There is significant value to increasing diversity in the legal profession:
- increased public trust and confidence in the justice system;
- increased access to the profession for historically disadvantaged individuals.

Without reliable data on the state of diversity within the profession, it is difficult, if not impossible, to move forward with programs to increase diversity and inclusion.

Therefore, the Court has directed the Disciplinary Board to collect data on the gender, racial and ethnic composition of Pennsylvania attorneys, by including a voluntary question requesting self-identification on the annual attorney registration. Attorneys will see these changes during the 2018-2019 registration year.

The collected data will establish a demographic baseline of Pennsylvania attorneys, track changes in the demographics of the profession for purposes of measuring progress, and provide useful information to the courts.

The Disciplinary Board’s collection of attorney diversity data extends the Court’s commitment to justice by gathering foundational information to help identify and eliminate barriers to fairness within the court system and the legal profession. AOPC
AOPC Judicial Programs Administrator, Andy Simpson, and his wife, Destiny, serve as league directors of Camp Hill United Methodist Church (UMC) Upward Basketball program. Last season, the program served over 390 children from kindergarten to 6th grade participating in basketball and cheer in the Capitol Region.

“The ultimate success of the program is the result of every passionate and selfless volunteer, including over 70 coaches, 20 referees and countless others,” Simpson recalled.

One of the more passionate volunteers, AOPC’s Senior Legal Counsel, David Price, served as a coach for his son’s squad this past season. Richard Long, Esq., Executive Director of the Pennsylvania District Attorney’s Association, also tirelessly coached two of his children’s teams.

“The driving force behind our dedication is being able to give back,” Simpson commented. “I learned from my high school basketball coach that life’s reward is through service to others.”

In the two years since taking over as directors, the program has continued its success by adding another 80-100 combined players and cheerleaders, reaching maximum capacity at the gym. On any given weekend in the winter, over 1,500 family and friends pack the Camp Hill UMC gym for an exhilarating game day experience.

“Using the gifts and passion of the volunteers, we try to make each game a moment to remember – to deliver a performance that keeps folks coming back,” he said. “We also have a zero tolerance for negativity directed at players, coaches or refs. Cheering is encouraged, yelling is prohibited.”

During games, players receive equal playing time, the opportunity to start multiple games, and are matched-up to similarly skilled players on the other team to avoid mismatches. During halftime, the kids learn about virtues such as courage, patience, kindness and love.

“We are thankful to work with an amazing leadership team along with the numerous dedicated volunteers,” Simpson says.

As far as the future of the program, he says they will trust and follow in faith.
Women in the Pennsylvania Judiciary

30% of Pennsylvania’s active judges are women.

Women on the bench currently in other PA courts:

- Common Pleas Judges: 32% women (138 women / 294 men / 25 vacancies)
- Magisterial District Judges: 26% women (130 women / 375 men / 7 vacancies)
- Philadelphia Municipal Court: 35% women (9 women / 17 men / 1 vacancy)

There are currently three women serving on the seven-member Pennsylvania Supreme Court:

Justice Debra Todd
Justice Christine Donohue
Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy

The majority of Superior Court and Commonwealth Court are women:

- Superior Court: 11 women / 3 men (1 vacancy)
- Commonwealth Court: 6 women / 3 men

The president judges of Superior and Commonwealth courts are women:

- Superior Court President Judge: Susan Peikes Gantman
- Commonwealth Court President Judge: Mary Hannah Leavitt

13 women serve as president judges in Courts of Common Pleas.

Irene Bizzoso, Esq., Prothonotary, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Gocrine Brignola, Esq., Executive Director, Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners
Kristen W. Brown, Esq., Prothonotary, Commonwealth Court
Julia Frankston-Morris, Esq., Secretary, Disciplinary Board
Cathy Kane, Court Administrator, Court of Judicial Discipline
Stephanie Libhart, Executive Director, Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Board (IOLTA)
Kathryn Peifer Morgan, Esq., Executive Director, Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security
Andrea Tuominen, Esq., Assistant Court Administrator of Pennsylvania

Data compiled March 13, 2018.

http://www.pacourts.us/news-and-statistics/media-resources
Beginning in December 2018, all court-appointed guardians of adult incapacitated persons will have the convenience of filing inventory and annual reports online through Pennsylvania's Guardianship Tracking System (GTS). This new system simplifies guardian filings, understands key guardian responsibilities and keeps guardians informed.

Developed by AOPC/IT and the Office of Elder Justice in the Courts, GTS incorporates statewide input from guardians, judges, court staff, Orphans' Court clerks and others. Several county stakeholder meetings identified local guardianship practices and highlighted how GTS will complement and possibly enhance them.

“We based the system on Supreme Court-approved guardianship reporting forms that must be used in Orphans’ Court offices statewide,” said Amy Ceraso, AOPC/IT director. “Guardians who file reports in multiple counties should find the system particularly helpful as it eliminates any inconsistencies with paper forms and simplifies how forms are completed and filed.”

The GTS provides an online alternative to the paper-based forms currently used to submit inventory and annual person and estate reports. Additionally, the GTS will calculate financial totals automatically and provide onscreen assistance – all while providing a secure way to submit information online.

To use the new system, a guardian will log in with a secure user account, and a unique access code issued to the guardian by the court. Once filed, annual reports and inventories are only viewable by the responsible Orphans’ Court office.

Additionally, filing fees can be paid online with a credit or debit card. AOPC has already processed hundreds of millions of dollars in court-related payments and all transactions will be protected using this established payment method.

As an added feature, GTS will send an e-mail reminder when the due date for an annual report is approaching. It will also send confirmation messages when the court has received an online submission.

The GTS project is currently in phase two of development and should be completed and fully tested in May – followed by user acceptance testing in June. Allegheny and Dauphin counties will begin piloting the system in July and August, and all remaining counties should begin using GTS by December 2018.
AOPC/IT and Deloitte continue to research options and will provide recommendations for the Supreme Court’s consideration.

**Collection agency contract**

A growing number of states are looking to private collection agencies to settle long-overdue court debt – and Pennsylvania is joining this movement.

In February, AOPC released an invitation to bid seeking proposals for statewide collection agency services at competitive rates for use by any judicial district.

“Counties have requested this service because it’s important to make people accountable and follow through on court orders, as well as for restitution for crime victims.”

“With declining revenues, counties have limited resources and dedicating staff to collect court fines and fees is becoming increasingly difficult,” said Amy Ceraso, AOPC/IT director.

The selected vendor will develop an electronic interface to process cases from the courts of common pleas, Philadelphia Municipal Court and magisterial district courts. The collection agency will add its fee to the court-ordered obligations and remit collections to the individual courts on a weekly basis. The contract should be awarded this spring, followed by an implementation schedule for all interested counties.

**New problem-solving courts administrator**

The AOPC welcomed Angela Sobol Lowry as its new Problem-Solving Court Administrator in February. Angela succeeds Karen Blackburn who retired in December.

Lowry is an experienced human services professional whose expertise in program implementation, team building, statistical analysis and grant management made her the ideal candidate to lead the problem-solving court program. She also brings extensive experience and expertise in the juvenile court and criminal justice systems to the AOPC.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Lowry began her career as a juvenile probation officer in Northumberland County, where she worked directly with children and their families involved with the criminal justice system.

After relocating to Maryland, she served as coordinator for the drug court for the City of Baltimore, responsible for the planning, management and daily operations of the drug court program.

In addition to her role with the City of Baltimore Drug Court, she served in various roles including as project coordinator for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in Baltimore. In that position, Lowry coordinated the implementation of the Fugitive Safe Surrender program, operated in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Service to address the backlog of warrants in Baltimore City.

She holds a bachelor’s degree from Susquehanna University and her master’s in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University.
Pro bono service in Pennsylvania

Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor recently wrote to more than 70,000 registered lawyers in Pennsylvania thanking them for their continued commitment to pro bono service in the commonwealth. Annually, the Chief’s pro bono appeal asks lawyers to support civil legal aid programs through direct representation and financial contributions, which are a component of annual attorney registration fees. These programs and services are a critical part of the Court’s effort to provide civil legal aid for those who cannot afford services.

April, 2018

Dear Counselor:

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1968 that initiated changes in Pennsylvania’s judiciary, furthering our mission to provide equal access to justice for all while providing for the needs of the most vulnerable.

As Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, I am proud of our steadfast commitment to that mission throughout the past fifty years. Despite our efforts, however, the needs of our poorest citizens continue to challenge both the criminal and civil justice systems.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court supports civil legal aid in a variety of ways, from funding a loan forgiveness program for legal services practitioners to celebrating the work of pro bono volunteers.

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, in partnership with our regional legal aid providers and a network of specialty legal aid programs, helps provide the framework and structure for legal assistance for the poor.

This year, lawyers across Pennsylvania will once again contribute to civil legal aid through the IOLTA portion of our annual licensing fee, but it is the volunteer efforts—whether in direct representation of clients or additional financial contributions that most greatly impact those in need.

In my role as Chief Justice, I see the remarkable benefit provided by pro bono lawyers working to meet the civil legal aid needs of the community. These efforts reflect the model partnership promoted by the Pennsylvania Bar Association of local legal aid programs working with local Bars to facilitate private practice attorneys providing pro bono public service to those in need.

Once again this year, I encourage you to make a personal commitment to provide pro bono service in whatever way you are able, whether through direct representation to the poor or financial support of our legal aid programs.

My sincere thanks to those who already contribute your time, your talents and your financial support to this most worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Saylor
Chief Justice of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania data shows spike in drug delivery resulting in death charges

What is the drug delivery resulting in death charge (Title 18, chapter 25, section 2506)?
A person commits a felony of the first degree if the person intentionally administers, dispenses, delivers, gives, prescribes, sells or distributes any controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance, and another person dies as a result of using the substance.

Statewide drug delivery resulting in death offenses are at a five-year high.

Demographics for people charged with drug delivery resulting in death:

Gender:
- Female: 23%
- Male: 77%

Ages:
- 19-25: 36%
- 26-35 (71% combined): 35%
- 36-45: 17%
- 46-65: 8%
- 18 or younger: 3%
- 66+: 1%

Counties with the highest percentage of drug delivery resulting in death crime:
- York: 10%
- Lancaster: 9%
- Dauphin: 8%
- Bucks: 6%
- Westmoreland: 6%
- Cumberland: 5%
- Franklin: 5%
- Lebanon: 4%
- Chester: 4%
- Montgomery: 4%
- Somerset: 4%

*Data represents drug delivery resulting in death offenses filed on criminal cases from 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2017 under title 18, chapter 25 section 2506, and recorded in Pennsylvania’s Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS). Some counties are not included in the results because the charges were not filed in those counties for the specified date range.

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Around the Judiciary

Pennsylvania Chief Justice delivers welcoming remarks

The Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence, along with the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Drexel University, held an informative commemoration and panel discussion regarding the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Pennsylvania Constitution, during which Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor provided opening remarks. Panelists included Paul Finkelman, Ph.D., President of Gratz College; Professor Seth Kreimer, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Professor Robert F. Williams, Rutgers University School of Law; and Judge C. Darnell Jones of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania served as moderator.

Judiciary makes case for court funds

The Pennsylvania Judiciary presented its 2018-2019 budget proposal before the Senate Appropriations Committee with an overview of the state court system’s funding needs and budgeting efficiencies: (pictured l-r) Tom Darr, court administrator of Pennsylvania; Supreme Court Justice Max Baer; Supreme Court Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy and Andrea Tuominen, Esq., assistant court administrator of Pennsylvania.

Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy presents Bradford County treatment court accreditation

Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy was on hand in Bradford County to present the Bradford County Treatment Court team their certificate of accreditation.

Pennsylvania’s accreditation program is a rigorous, voluntary program which assesses a problem-solving court’s adherence to the “Ten Key Components of Drug Courts” and the “Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards.”

Justices deliver oath of office

Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor delivered the oath of office to President Pro Tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate, Senator Joe Scarnati.

Justice Debra Todd swore Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto in for his second term in office.

Justice Kevin M. Dougherty administered the oath of office to Pennsylvania House member Jeanne McNeill.
Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges officers strike a pose at the mid-annual conference

Current Officers - (l to r) Immediate Past President, President Judge John H. Foradora, Jefferson County; Secretary, Judge Carolyn T. Carluccio, Montgomery County; Second Vice President, Judge George W. Overton, Philadelphia County; President Elect, President Judge Charles H. Saylor, Northumberland County; President, Judge George A. Pagano, Delaware County; Treasurer, Administrative Judge Christina A. Ward, Allegheny County and First Vice President, Judge Terrence R. Nealon, Lackawanna County.

New judges school

The AOPC’s 2018 New Judge School program was held January 2018, in State College. Nearly 40 new judges serving Courts of Common Pleas in 21 judicial districts and the Philadelphia Municipal Court attended this year’s training. Instructional sessions during the week-long school were taught by veteran judges, scholars, practitioners and AOPC staff.

Synergy between the courts and counties

Court Administrator Tom Darr recently joined the Spring Conference for the County Commissioners Association of Pa to discuss the importance of court and county relationships. More than 250 commissioners, chief clerks and solicitors attended the meeting in Harrisburg.

Sharing data using JNET

AOPC/IT Data Exchange Manager Ami Levin and User Interface Manager Mark Rothermel, presented a session on AOPC data exchanges via JNET during the Criminal Justice Advisory Board Conference held on April 3-4, 2018 in State College. The conference was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Training juvenile court hearing officers

The Honorable Michael George, President Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Adams County; Clay Cauley, Esq., Juvenile Court Hearing Officer, Chester County; and Cathy Utz, Deputy Secretary, Office of Children, Youth and Families, PA Department of Human Services participated in a drug and alcohol training for juvenile court hearing officers at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey on April 6, 2018. The Honorable Joy Reynolds McCoy, President Judge of Common Pleas of Lycoming County and the Honorable Jennifer L. Rogers, Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County also led a discussion on Ethical Situations and Consideration in Dependency.

Their day in court

Superior Court Judge Victor P. Stabile addressing the spring 2018 House legislative fellows, interns from the governor’s office and House Archives fellows. Judge Stabile spoke to the role of the judiciary in the tripartite system of government, discussed the similarities and differences between the state and federal judiciaries and fielded questions from the students.
Transitions

(Listings include changes from Nov. 2, 2017 to March 20, 2018)

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