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I am pleased to present this Report of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for 2010, outlining many of the programs and services that define the Commonwealth's state court system. This report highlights noteworthy accomplishments in the administration of the state court system that took place during what was both a very busy and significant year.

Perhaps of greatest significance during the year was the culmination of work of the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice—a collaborative effort among the judicial, executive and legislative branches of government to determine the causes behind a judicial crisis in Luzerne County that scarred families and shattered confidence in the courts. Chaired by Superior Court Judge John M. Cleland, the commission held hearings during the year in Luzerne County and at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg to study the juvenile justice system and restore public confidence in the administration of justice.

The commission ultimately adopted a final report and made a broad series of recommendations for strengthening and improving the justice system statewide. The commission's recommendations included strengthening the disciplinary systems for judges and lawyers, improving services to victims of juvenile crimes, improving training for lawyers and judges who work in juvenile courts and establishing statewide ethical standards for juvenile probation officers. The report and a summary of all its recommendations was published online on the Web site of Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System (www.pacourts.us). A series of court rules changes and proposed legislation followed in addressing the recommendations.

Enhancing Public Access to Court Records

Also of note during the year was the creation of a new public access policy to improve the process of obtaining records in magisterial

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district courts across Pennsylvania. The statewide policy, which went into effect in July 2010, applies to paper records and established uniform standards for responding to requests from the public for court files and documents.

The new policy set a written framework for a practice that the courts routinely have followed for many years. Under the policy forms are not required to view records except for requests that are “complex or voluminous.” The policy came not long after the Supreme Court adopted an Electronic Case Record Public Access Policy to govern electronic records in the automated statewide systems of the appellate courts, the Common Pleas criminal courts and the magisterial district courts.

While most court records are open to the public, the new policy identified some that are not—typically those under court seal and restricted by statute or court rule as well as drafts, notes and other “work products” of the magisterial district courts. The policy also dictates that additional information in case records may be withheld if the court administrator determines it a risk to personal security, personal privacy or the administration of the courts. The policy also defines information in public court records that must be kept confidential such as Social Security numbers and the personal financial information of litigants.

The access policy on paper records that evolved in 2010 actually was years in the making and developed by a working group established in 2007, whose task was to revise a 1994 policy on magisterial district court records. The working group was comprised of magisterial district judges, district court administrators, representatives of clerks of courts and prothonotaries’ offices and staff of the AOPC and Supreme Court rules committees. A draft proposal for the policy was made public in March 2008 with a request for public comment.

Ensuring Qualified Representation for All

Another action in 2010 that complemented earlier actions was the Supreme Court’s approval of regulations governing the appointment and use of court interpreters to assist persons with limited English skills or who are deaf or hearing-impaired, during court proceedings.

The regulations now ensure that trained and certified interpreters will be used when and where they are needed in courtrooms in all corners of the state. They complement the Interpreter Certification Program established by the Supreme Court in 2004 within the AOPC.

The program and the regulations are intended to meet an often unfulfilled need within the courts for qualified interpreters.

Pennsylvania's courts are routinely confronted with individuals who speak one of more than 50 languages or are hearing impaired. The most common demand is for interpreters of Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, Arabic and sign language. The new regulations spell out training, examination and certification requirements; an ethics code; disciplinary procedures and a procedure for securing interpreter services.

To be qualified, language interpreters are required to participate in a two-day orientation workshop and to take and pass written and oral examinations. They must speak English fluently, be fluent in one or more foreign languages, be familiar with court procedures and legal terminology and be trained in ethics.

Improving Tools to Assess Court Performance

A new form for people filing civil actions was instituted by the Supreme Court in 2010 to better gauge the flow and analysis of the thousands of cases processed annually by the Courts of Common Pleas. The cover sheet, used in every courthouse in the state, includes a check-off list to note the type of claim filed. Judicial districts with electronic filing systems—provided that the data required on the cover sheet can be transmitted to the AOPC by the county system—are exempted.

The National Center for State Courts devoted one of its Courts Statistics Project's newsletters to the significant progress that Pennsylvania had made in civil caseload data collection. The newsletter noted that the three-year project reflected the benefits of communicating and collaborating with our county court personnel (the prothonotaries and district court administrators).

Although the AOPC systematically had gathered aggregate caseload data for years, use of the cover sheet is part of a broader effort to bring about greater court unification and creates the first statewide detailed tracking by category—and the trending upward or downward of specific types of cases. The data is intended to help pinpoint areas to allocate resources at the state and local levels and serve as a valuable planning tool for court administration. We are now able to better quantify, in a more uniform fashion, the volume and variety of our unified judicial system's civil caseload.

Among civil data already collected and categorized are medical malpractice case filings and verdicts, whose annual compilation and release in May 2010 showed a decline in the number of lawsuits filed against health care providers statewide for a fifth consecutive year. The latest available figures released at that time for 2009 show there were 1,533 filings, representing a 43.9 percent decline from the "base

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years” 2000–2002. In Philadelphia, the state’s judicial district with the largest caseload, the decline was by nearly 60 percent during the same period.

The base years are the period just prior to two significant rule changes made by the Supreme Court. The first change required attorneys to obtain from a medical professional a certificate of merit that establishes that the medical procedures in a case fall outside acceptable standards. A second change required medical malpractice actions to be brought only in the county where the cause of action took place.

A new software tool was unveiled during 2010 to identify areas of strength and weakness in jury operations, suggest targeted strategies to improve performance and estimate the fiscal and operational impact of those improvement efforts. It assesses jury administration in ways that could save money and improve the diversity of jury pools. The tool allows administrators to see how many jury summonses were delivered, how many of those were completed and returned, how many people appeared for duty, how many people were excused and how many jurors just didn’t “show.” It gives the administrator data and contains information on best practices in jury management to help correct inadequacies or inefficiencies that are detected.

The online diagnostic tool, known as The Jury Managers’ Toolbox™ (JMT), was developed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in conjunction with Pennsylvania court officials and those from six other states, with a grant from the State Justice Institute. According to the NCSC, jury trials tend to use a disproportionate share of court resources. Moreover, maintaining a pool of prospective jurors who can be summoned to serve within a relatively short period of time is more costly and labor-intensive than most courts realize.

Promoting the Importance of the Judiciary in a Democracy

Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Ronald D. Castille applauded the work of many, within and outside of the court system, who had collaborated to “right wrongs, streamline court processes and preserve citizens’ rights,” in the fifth annual State of the Commonwealth’s Courts report, issued in anticipation of Law Day, May 1, 2010. “If ever there was a time for the state and local governments in Pennsylvania to work together, as resources are limited and citizens’ needs are great, this is that time,” Castille wrote in the 2010 report.

The Supreme Court, the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence and the Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative

Democracy (PennCORD) held a Teachers Institute on the Judiciary at the Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh. Teachers from more than 30 schools attended a day of learning and discussion about the state and federal courts and constitutions. Chief Justice Castille and Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, Third Circuit Court of Appeals and First Lady of Pennsylvania, participated.

A mock Supreme Court argument that included teachers in the roles of justices, sitting with Justice Joan Orié Melvin, Commonwealth Court President Judge Bonnie Brigance Leadbetter, Allegheny County Common Pleas Court Judge Joseph M. James, Senior Superior Court Judge Robert E. Colville and former Superior Court Judge Maureen E. Lally-Green, was among the highlights. The conference was intended to promote and encourage greater emphasis on civics education in the classroom and to foster a better understanding of the role of courts and the judiciary in a democratic society.

Addressing Needs of Citizens through Specialty Courts

The Supreme Court also partnered during 2010 with the U. S. Veterans Administration to host the first Veterans Task Force Meeting. The aim is to coordinate efforts among state courts, the Department of Veterans Affairs and criminal justice agencies to assist veterans who are struggling with substance abuse or mental health problems and who come into the criminal justice system. Task force members included congressmen, state legislators and representatives from the State Department of Corrections, Pennsylvania State Police, State Probation and Parole Board, Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association and Pennsylvania Association of Drug Court Professionals.

The Supreme Court also promoted foreclosure mediation programs in the county courts as mortgage foreclosure levels rose to historically high levels. The programs involve court-supervised efforts to resolve foreclosure cases through negotiations between homeowners who are delinquent on mortgage payments and mortgage lenders. Courts retain their impartiality in such programs as the needs of lenders and borrowers are met through mediation.

A foreclosure mediation summit took place at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg on October 14, 2010. It featured a discussion of different types of mediation programs in Pennsylvania, recognizing that no one program type will necessarily work in every county. Mortgage delinquency trends and an assessment of the scope of the foreclosure problem in Pennsylvania also were discussed. Other topics included success rates of mediation programs, data collection and statistics, and identifying resources for foreclosure mediation programs

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Supporting Strong Families

United by the common goal of improving the lives of abused and neglected children, judges, children and youth service administrators, and state and local child welfare experts from throughout the Commonwealth convened in Harrisburg to kick off the fourth Annual State Children’s Roundtable. The roundtable meeting concept began in 2007 as part of the Supreme Court’s efforts to implement best practices in reducing delays in placing at-risk children safely and permanently in loving, caring homes. Justice Max Baer, a former administrative judge of family court in Allegheny County, has been guiding these efforts on behalf of the Supreme Court.

A comprehensive reference guide to better prepare family court judges and child dependency practitioners for the complex legal issues and special needs of abused and neglected children was issued by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The guide, known as the *Pennsylvania Dependency Benchbook*, creates a comprehensive resource that combines Pennsylvania law organized pragmatically to allow quick and efficient use. It has a series of state and national best practices that will provide judges and practitioners, from the least to most experienced, with the best possible information to support children and families safely.

Justice Baer called the completion of this document an “historic effort,” culminating 18 months of work by a committee of trial and appellate dependency judges, chaired by Lackawanna County President Judge Chester T. Harhut. Judge Harhut said the benchbook “is a document primarily written by Pennsylvania’s trial court judges for Pennsylvania’s trial court judges, solidifying how the overarching mission and guiding principles for Pennsylvania’s dependency system are demonstrated in the day-to-day operations of the dependency court process.”

Fostering Civil Legal Aid for Poor Pennsylvanians

The Supreme Court in 2010 increased fees for out-of-state lawyers who practice in the Commonwealth, to finance a student loan forgiveness program for attorneys employed by agencies that help people who cannot afford legal representation. The adjustment from \$100 to \$200 applies only to attorneys eligible to practice in Pennsylvania as counsel *pro hac vice*—a legal term meaning “for this occasion.” Proceeds from the fee go into the Loan Repayment Assistance Program, or LRAP, administered by the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. The Bar Foundation receives loan applications from attorneys working for qualified agencies that provide legal assistance in civil matters to indigent Pennsylvanians. The LRAP loans will be

forgiven if the attorneys remain employed at the legal aid organizations for one year.

Expanding Online Access to Services

The Pennsylvania judiciary Web site expanded its reach to court information and services in 2010 through a new online feature that makes it easier for the public to interact with the judiciary. Visitors to the home page access a new “Public Comments” page by clicking on a specially designated box in the lower right hand corner of the screen. Anyone can go online and report a problem or submit a comment about the judicial system and receive a response from the AOPC. A mailing address and fax number also are provided as alternative ways to send messages.

The new comments and referrals page augments the AOPC’s longstanding policy of receiving comments and complaints from the public relating to the Unified Judicial System, in accordance with Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 505(13). Although the UJS Web site already provided a link for submission of public comments and questions, the Public Comments Web page is easier to find and provides other related referral information. The single Web page allows users to submit questions and offers a wealth of referral information to those in need of legal assistance or wanting to lodge complaints about judges and attorneys.

Formalizing High Standards of Conduct

A comprehensive code of conduct for 15,000 state- and county-level court employees was adopted by the Supreme Court in 2010. Among its provisions the code of conduct bars court employees from using their positions for personal gain; from soliciting or accepting additional compensation beyond their salaries for the performance of their duties; from doing special favors or from misusing court resources, supplies or equipment to benefit themselves or others.

Judicial employees traditionally have been held to high standards, and they have lived up to them, for the most part. A formal code of conduct is intended to serve as a best practice to help the courts maintain and strengthen those standards. The code was the product of two years of research and review that included a look at the conduct codes of 26 state judicial systems and the federal courts.

Righting Past Wrongs

The Supreme Court held a ceremony in 2010 for the post-humous admission of George B. Vashon to the Pennsylvania Bar. Chief

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Justice Castille signed and presented a Certificate of Admission on behalf of the court to the Vashon family, confirming Mr. Vashon’s credentials, competency and good character to practice law in Pennsylvania. Vashon, an African-American lawyer who grew up in Pennsylvania, was originally refused admission by the Allegheny County Bar in 1847. Many historians noted how his refusal for admission to in 1847 and again in 1868 was racially discriminatory.

Acknowledging Administrative Adjustments

Also in 2010 Superior Court Judge Correale Stevens of Luzerne County was elected to a five-year term as president judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania to succeed President Judge Kate Ford Elliott. Every five years the 15 elected judges of the statewide intermediate appellate court choose a president judge, who becomes administrator for the court in addition to his judicial duties.

Irene M. Bizzoso, Esq. was appointed prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania after serving nearly a year in the post in an acting capacity. In addition to overseeing the daily administrative operations of filing offices in Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the prothonotary is the chief record keeper for the state’s highest court—responsible for preparing schedules, argument lists and orders. The office also coordinates attorney bar admission ceremonies and other events for the court.

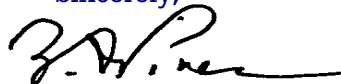
Recognizing Pennsylvania Accomplishments on a National Scale

Lastly, Pennsylvania and the AOPC earned national recognition for leadership and service during the year through my receipt of the 2010 Warren E. Burger Award for Excellence in Court Administration from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). The award is named for the former U. S. Supreme Court chief justice who helped found the NCSC in 1971 and is used to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the improvement of state or local court operations and whose work has application to courts nationwide.

Among the accomplishments noted by the National Center was the implementation of cost-effective security initiatives in the state’s 60 trial courts and more than 500 district courts. Special note was made of the statewide facility assessments that were initiated to inventory security measures, gather first-time data on court security incidents and collect security recommendations from court staff. As a result of these assessments, duress alarms and video surveillance have been installed in district courts and county courthouses, and metal detectors

and x-ray equipment have been placed in county courthouses. The creation of emergency preparedness manuals for judges and court staff, publications that now serve as national models for other court systems, also was noted.

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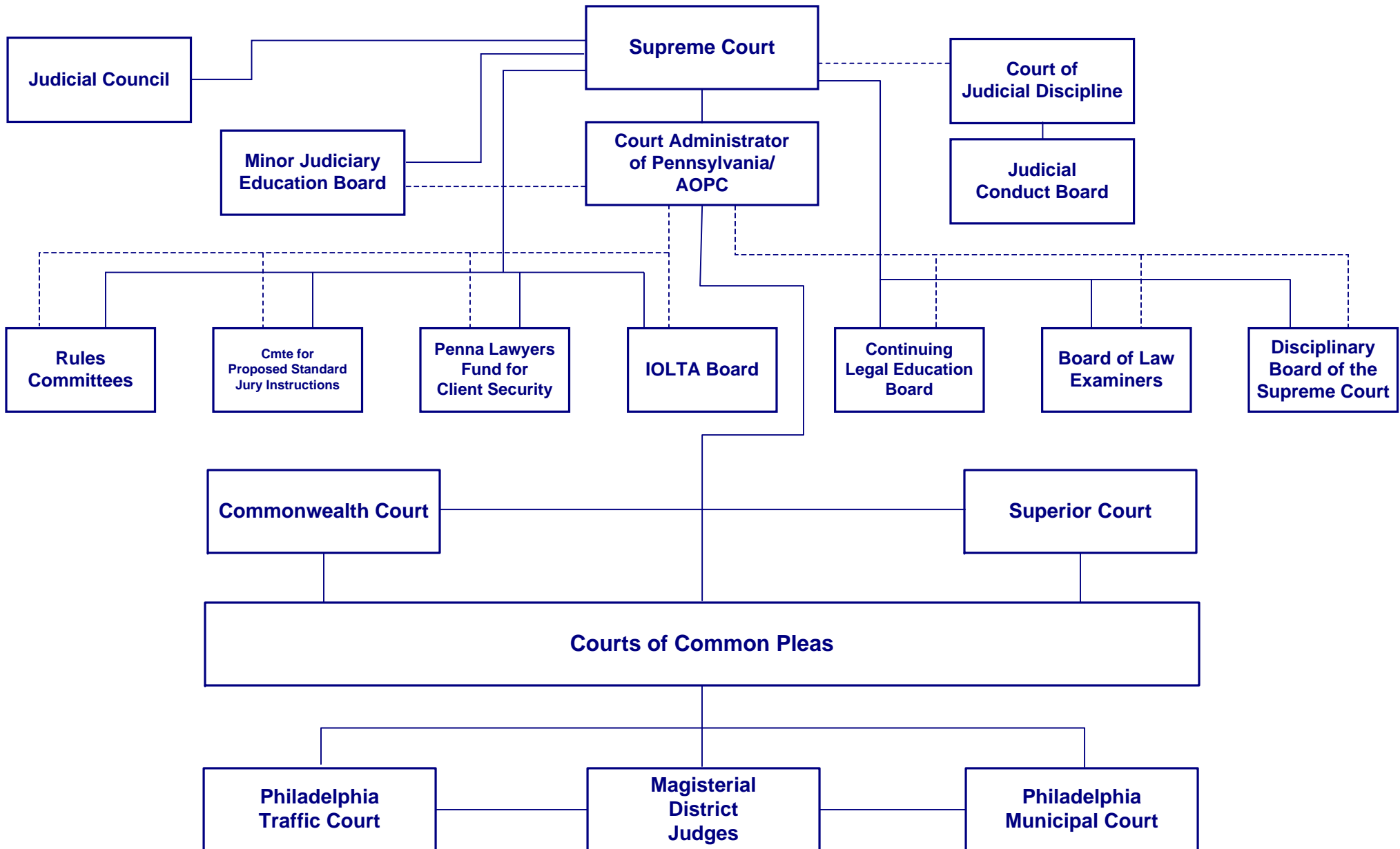


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Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System



To read about the history of Pennsylvania's courts; the structure of the Unified Judicial System and judicial qualifications, election, tenure and vacancies, please see the public page of the judicial system's Web site at www.pacourts.us/links/public.

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Overview of the Pennsylvania Judicial System

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, also called the Administrative Office and the AOPC, is the administrative arm of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. It was established in January 1969 following the Constitutional Convention of 1967-68, which defined the Supreme Court's authority for supervision and administration of all state courts.

The Court Administrator of Pennsylvania has been empowered to carry out the Supreme Court's administrative duties and is responsible for assuring that the business of the courts is promptly and properly disposed.

The Administrative Office conducts business from offices in Philadelphia and the Harrisburg area. In addition to the court administrator's office, the departments in Philadelphia include Research and Statistics, Legal and Judicial Services. The deputy court administrator's office is located in Harrisburg and includes Communications/Legislative Affairs and Administrative Services. Also found in Harrisburg are the Finance, Human Resources, Judicial Education and Judicial Security departments. Judicial Automation is in Mechanicsburg. Judicial Programs has offices in both Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

The Administrative Office's supervisory, administrative and long-range planning duties include:

- reviewing practices, procedures and efficiency at all levels of the court system and in all related offices
- developing recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding improvement of the system and related offices
- representing the judicial system before legislative bodies

- examining administrative and business methods used by offices in or related to the court system
- collecting statistical data
- examining the state of the dockets and making recommendations for expediting litigation
- managing fiscal affairs, including budget preparation, disbursements approval and goods and services procurement
- overseeing the security of court facilities
- supervising all administrative matters relating to offices engaged in clerical functions
- maintaining personnel records
- conducting education programs for system personnel
- receiving and responding to comments from the public
- providing legal services to system personnel
- publishing an annual report.

A brief description of each unit of the AOPC and its functions follows.

Research and Statistics Department

The Administrative Office's Research and Statistics Department analyzes and evaluates the operations of the Unified Judicial System's (UJS) various components. During any given year, the department conducts a variety of studies, ranging from caseload management reviews of individual trial courts to statewide evaluations of the safety and security of court facilities.

A core function of the department is to systematically assemble data on the caseloads

of county and local courts, including the numbers and types of new, disposed and pending cases, and, for certain case types, the ages of the cases awaiting adjudication. The statistical information is reviewed and periodically verified through audits of county dockets. The Administrative Office annually publishes the data in the Caseload Statistics of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania. This report is available from the AOPC page on the UJS Web site at www.pacourts.us.

The Administrative Office uses the statistical information gathered for many purposes, including the monitoring of county court system operations and development of policy initiatives consistent with its mandate under the Rules of Judicial Administration.

Among the departmental projects recently completed or now in progress are:

- adoption of the National Center for State Courts Jury Managers' Toolbox™ to support local courts' efforts to monitor and evaluate the efficiency of their jury operations
- implementation of a statewide civil cover sheet, in keeping with national trends that favor more detailed civil court data that informs caseload trends in changing economic times
- revision of the Protection from Abuse (PFA) data collection forms to capture the range of practices in processing PFA complaints across the state and to keep in step with statutory changes
- statistical compilation of annual medical malpractice filings and jury verdicts across the state
- on-site support for local courts in compiling and analyzing caseload statistics
- selection of participating counties and jurors in regional and statewide investigating grand juries in keeping with Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 241

- completion of the "Going Green" campaign, eliminating paper reporting forms and collecting all caseload data solely by electronic means.

Legal Department

The Legal Department provides advice and counsel to the state court administrator and to the Unified Judicial System (UJS) generally while also assisting in various administrative areas.

The chief counsel's staff represent UJS personnel in state and federal litigation. Representation is not provided in criminal or disciplinary actions. Actions involving UJS personnel often include suits filed in the federal district courts that raise various civil rights and constitutional issues. Other court proceedings involving court personnel include petitions for review of governmental actions, petitions to determine the rights and duties of public officials, employment matters and related appeals.

Significant activities include:

- active participation in planning and implementing the statewide Judicial Automation System and related automation programs
- reviewing and negotiating leases and contracts
- providing legal assistance and advice to the personnel of the UJS
- assisting in procurement matters
- reviewing legislation affecting the judiciary.

Judicial Services Department

The Judicial Services Department provides logistical planning, coordination, administration and staffing for an extensive schedule of

educational conferences, seminars and meetings for the Supreme Court, the Administrative Office and affiliated groups.

In 2010 the department coordinated the following conferences:

- *New Judges School*
January 10-16
- *Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Mid-Annual Conference*
February 17-20
- *Court Administrator Training*
April 13-14, 20-21, 27-28
- *Jury Trial Management*
April 29-30, May 6-7
- *Office of Children & Families in the Courts State Roundtable*
May 27-28
- *President Judges/Pennsylvania Association of Court Management Conference*
June 6-8
- *Appellate Court Conference*
June 15-17
- *Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Annual Conference*
July 21-24
- *Ohlbaum on Evidence*
September 1-3
- *Pennsylvania Children's Roundtable Summit*
September 23-25
- *Mortgage Foreclosure Workshop*
October 14
- *Computer Skills for Judges*
October 14

Judicial Programs

The mission of the Judicial Programs Department is twofold: to assist court administrators, judges and staff throughout Pennsylvania to ensure the efficient operation of Pennsylvania's minor and trial courts and to promote equitable access to and administration of justice.

In addition to providing support to judicial districts on issues related to their administrative functions, the department works closely with the Supreme Court and other departments within the AOPC to assist with implementation of policies, procedures, rule changes and reporting standards. This assistance includes:

- reviewing and assessing local court requests for state-level court administration personnel and other related human resources needs
- collecting, analyzing and disseminating data and information regarding court operations
- establishing standards and procedures for program performance, audits and evaluation
- devising, developing and conducting training and continuing education programs for local court staff
- analyzing the impact of legislation related to judicial operations and devising solutions for implementation of new statutes and statutory changes
- overseeing senior judge requests, assignments for change of venue/venire and AOPC communication with judicial districts concerning president judge elections
- overseeing training, testing and certification of court interpreters.

In 2010 the department was involved in several noteworthy endeavors as follows.

Office of Children and Families in the Courts

The Office of Children and Families in the Courts (OCFC) continued its mission to protect children, promote strong families and child well-being, and provide timely permanency through a variety of programs and initiatives and had several significant achievements in 2010.

The groundbreaking *Pennsylvania Dependency Benchbook* was introduced to all judges and hearing masters who are involved with dependency court proceedings. It was written by experienced dependency court judges in the state and combines statutes, case law, procedural rules and practical experience in providing guidance to judges in confronting the various situations that arise in dependency cases.

The book is part one of what will be a two-part benchbook upon completion. Part two, scheduled for release in 2011, will supplement law and procedure with the science behind the issues involved so that judges can be as informed as possible in making the decisions that they face.

Two thousand ten saw the completion of the dependency court electronic case management system that is part of the Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS). Now all 60 judicial districts are using the same system to manage their dependency cases, which also will produce, for the first time, statewide statistics about the functioning of dependency courts throughout Pennsylvania.

The Second Annual Children's Welfare Summit was held in Pittsburgh in 2010. More than 300 judges, county child welfare directors and other officials from throughout the state met for three days to hear from international experts in child welfare and child development. The focus was on the expansion of the Permanency Practices Initiative, an ongoing effort to decrease the number of children in foster care in Pennsylvania and to shorten the time that children must wait for safe and permanent homes.

Problem-Solving Courts

The Judicial Programs Department continued its efforts in 2010 to assist judicial districts in the creation, expansion or maintenance of problem-solving courts, such as drug courts, DUI courts and mental health courts. By the end of 2010, 72 problem-solving courts existed in Pennsylvania, the most common being drug courts, with 19 counties having such courts in operation, and mental health courts, which existed in 14 judicial districts. Other examples of problem-solving courts found in Pennsylvania are DUI courts and juvenile drug courts.

Pennsylvania continued its efforts as one of the leading states in the development and implementation of veterans courts, three of which were established by the end of 2010. These courts were established to serve veterans who find themselves in the criminal justice system due to substance abuse or mental health issues. Treatment and assistance are provided through cooperation with local officials, volunteers and federal veterans affairs officials to address the problems that led to the entanglement with the criminal justice system.

Court Interpreters

The Judicial Programs Department's Interpreter Certification Program in 2010 continued its mission, as mandated by Act 172 of 2006, of ensuring that foreign language and sign language interpreters working in the courts of the Commonwealth are certified by the AOPC.

As of the end of 2010, the interpreter roster has 160 qualified interpreters in 27 languages. Of this number 111 are certified interpreters, and 49 are listed as qualified, who speak languages for which there is no certifying exam, but who have demonstrated the necessary knowledge and skills.

To become certified, interpreters must first complete a training session and then pass a three-part test. The first test is a written examination that measures the candidate's

general English language proficiency and usage, knowledge of court-related terms and familiarity with ethical and professional conduct. Upon passing this test, interpreters must then pass a written exam that assesses their knowledge of the foreign language they speak. Finally, candidates who pass both written exams must take an oral performance exam that is a simulation of an actual courtroom interpretation.

Those who complete this rigorous process become certified interpreters, able to work in any court in the Commonwealth. Those who do not pass have the opportunity for further training and retesting.

Interpreters may also be certified in Pennsylvania if they have been certified by another state that is part of the National Consortium for Language Access in the Courts.

Statistics for 2010 are as follows:

- 144 interpreter candidates attended orientation sessions to learn about the Pennsylvania court system and the Interpreter Certification Program
- 21 interpreters became certified
- 3 interpreters certified in other states were granted certification in Pennsylvania through reciprocity
- 12 foreign language interpreters passed all phases of the examination
- 176 candidates took various parts of the certification examinations, of whom 105 passed at least one part.

Judicial Automation

The AOPC's Judicial Automation Department is responsible for developing and maintaining case management and other software applications for courts and administrative staff in the Unified Judicial System. This department also provides general technology support to the

Supreme Court justices, their staffs and the administrative court staff in Pennsylvania.

The highlights of several important projects undertaken by this department are described below.

Pennsylvania Appellate Court Case Management System (PACMS)

PACMS is an integrated case management system designed for Pennsylvania's appellate courts—Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth.

Project staff streamlined the process for receiving, recording, processing and resolving issues reported to the PACMS help desk, reducing the number of outstanding calls.

Staff worked with a vendor to implement document management for documents produced by or scanned into PACMS and installed the system in the Western and Middle District Supreme Court prothonotary's offices. The document management system currently is limited to scanned or uploaded images and images produced by PACMS; however, eventually, the system will be used in combination with e-Pay to facilitate e-filing of documents by litigants for all three case management systems. The system will be an important part of the AOPC's disaster recovery strategy.

The Superior Court volunteered to act as a pilot to obtain overdue records electronically from Philadelphia. Fifteen scanners were purchased and distributed to appellate court filing offices for use on this project.

Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS)

CPCMS is a statewide case management system for Pennsylvania's trial courts that includes docketing, accounting and other important case management functions. The first

phase of development, completed in 2006, covers criminal courts and is used primarily by clerks of courts, court administration and judges and their staffs.

CPCMS produces more than 570 forms and reports, including master account reports. It provides a facility to export report data from the system to other applications such as Microsoft Excel and Access so that counties can customize the presentation of information, if desired.

The system continues to be used by all clerks of courts offices, court administration offices and criminal judges within the Commonwealth. Many regional training sessions and other ongoing training programs were held this year for both new and existing system users. The training sessions focus on enhancements to the system as well as provide advanced training in complex areas such as accounting.

Dependency Case Module

Judicial Automation continued work on a dependency case module that generates local and statewide statistical information based on national performance measures. These measures will allow the courts to assess their efficiency in handling dependency matters. All counties had gone live on this module by year's end.

An e-filing process for both the dependency and delinquency petitions into CPCMS was also developed as a pilot in Philadelphia.

E-Pay

A U. S. Bank e-commerce application, allowing defendants to pay outstanding monies owed to the Common Pleas and MDJ courts, via the Internet, was piloted in Adams, Westmoreland and Lancaster counties' Common Pleas and magisterial district courts.

The online "e-Pay" payment system is integrated with CPCMS and the new and legacy

MDJ systems via the UJS Web portal site. It is provided to counties at no cost. Defendants using the system are charged a modest convenience fee of \$2.75 per transaction.

The functionality will be expanded to allow the payment of filing fees associated with electronically-filed documents.

By year's end all Common Pleas courts as well as magisterial district courts in 45 counties were offering e-Pay, and \$5 million had been collected.

Successful efforts to promote e-Pay were critical in making defendants aware of their ability to pay fines and costs online.

Judicial Automation participated in a number of meetings to assist in the efforts to improve the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas business processes. As a result, recommendations were made to improve case-processing in the following areas: case initiation; bail, calendar and scheduling; motions tracking; cross-court issues; data entry concerns; Philadelphia Arraignment System issues; case management training; statistics and reporting.

Automation staff also provided data in response to several inquiries from an independent firm studying Philadelphia court issues.

Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS)

The Magisterial District Judge System provides case management and accounting functions to all magisterial district judges (MDJs) and their staffs statewide, approximately 3,500 users. The system has been in place since 1992 and generates all forms needed for civil, criminal and traffic case-processing.

Development and design of the MDJS rewrite project that kicked off early in 2008 continued. After piloting the new system in Adams, Westmoreland and Lancaster counties, county-by-county rollout began.

The system was completely rewritten to provide more functionality and access to state-wide data on an updated technology platform similar to that of the Common Pleas (CPCMS) and appellate (PACMS) case management systems.

New printers and thin clients were installed in each MDJ court, and one "old" thin client in several MDJ courts was left for use by the public in making online payments and also for viewing the public docket sheets. In addition, a new and faster MDJS network was installed statewide.

Allegheny County continued filing criminal complaints electronically. Approximately 75,000 cases had been accepted by year's end. While the paper complaints still need to be filed, this program has saved enormous amounts of data entry time for district court staff.

Legacy MDJ System

The Pennsylvania State Police traffic citation e-filing project continued and was expanded statewide. Thus no paper is filed with the district courts, and the MDJS has the ability to produce a hard copy of the citation as filed, if needed. This effort saves many hours of data entry work for the MDJ courts and also saves time for the police who are generating citations from an electronic system.

Major changes to the legacy MDJS were limited so that focus on the rewrite and data cleanup could occur.

Organization and standardization of local ordinances to provide more consistency in how the ordinances are entered and tracked was completed.

Administrative Support Application Project (ASAP)

ASAP is a software application that was developed in-house at the AOPC to support the

administrative functions of the appellate courts, AOPC and First Judicial District (Philadelphia). The system includes payroll, human resources and finance modules. Developers supporting this project continue to enhance the system and add new reports based on user requests. The ASAP team also supports applications developed for the Board of Law Examiners.

Several system enhancements were completed, including changes to handle a new medical benefit for same-sex domestic partners. Also, improvements were made to the online financial disclosure system for jurists and court staff.

The 2010 financial disclosure filing year closed on May 1. This year 67 percent of judicial officers filed their statements online, a 5 percent increase over last year.

An online payment feature was implemented to the Online Bar Application system.

Staff worked with Finance to modify the fiscal-year 2011-12 budget submission to comply with revised Governmental Accounting Standards Board reporting requirements that involve new general ledger account restructuring for the JCS.

The ASAP team made extensive changes to enable Judicial Automation staff to use ASAP for its daily fiscal activities. Several new screens and reports were created.

Operations

Upgrades to the MJD2 Wide Area Network were made, and more than 340 MDJS sites were migrated to the new hardware and circuit footprint.

Staff completed site surveys for wireless implementation at several Supreme Court chambers and, in conjunction with the Legal Department, continued working on developing approaches for an e-discovery policy for the AOPC and appellate courts.

In conjunction with Finance, staff developed a policy for laptop and desktop life cycle management.

Web Team/Data Hub Team

The Data Hub Team filled 410 public access requests for court data.

General

The 5035 Ritter Road renovation project was completed, and a new data center was constructed. In preparation for the construction of the center, all system production environments were moved operationally to equipment at the Pittsburgh disaster recovery site. This fulfilled a long-time goal of being able to operate all case management and other systems out of the disaster recovery site. During a complete power outage at 5035 Ritter related to construction activities, Judicial Automation staff successfully transferred the operations of all systems, including production systems, to the Pittsburgh disaster recovery site.

Judicial Automation and Finance staff worked with Gartner, Inc., an information technology (IT) consultant, to develop cost estimates for the IT five-year plan to assist in budget development and negotiations. The study highlighted the upcoming budgetary shortages that Judicial Automation faces with the rest of the judiciary and identified efficiencies and cost-cutting opportunities during the development of the 2011-12 budget.

In conjunction with the Incident Management Team, automation staff researched and recommended a new Judicial Emergency Notification System (JENS). The new system will permit the AOPC to easily generate electronic notifications through a wide variety of communications methods to advise court staff of facilities, weather advisories, pandemics and other emergencies. This system will replace reliance on BlackBerries and will enable the AOPC to reach a wider audience.

Judicial Automation staff developed a Web-based attorney registration application for the Disciplinary Board. This will allow attorneys to file their annual statements and pay their registration fees online.

The use of the public and secure Web docket sheets continues in popularity with an average of nearly 1.3 million hits per month.

Deputy Court Administrator's Office

Communications/Legislative Affairs

In its role as both legislative and media liaison, the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs represents the AOPC before the state's executive and legislative branches of government as well as to the media. As media liaison, staff

- field inquiries from reporters
- draft press releases
- publish
 - the AOPC annual report
 - *Pennsylvania's Judicial System: A Citizen's Guide*, a brochure about Pennsylvania's courts
 - *Pennsylvania's Courts: A Video Introduction*, an educational video guide to Pennsylvania's Courts
 - *AOPCConnected*, the Administrative Office's quarterly newsletter
 - the annual *State of the Commonwealth's Courts*
- develop other publications
- set up news conferences.

The office also monitors the progress of legislation in the General Assembly; compiles and publishes a legislative summary when the General Assembly is in session and, when appropriate, comments on the effect legislation may have on the fiscal and administrative

operations of the judicial system. With the computerization of the magisterial district judge and Common Pleas courts, staff also monitor and report on legislation that may necessitate changes to the respective software programs.

Administrative Services

The Office of Administrative Services is responsible for a variety of administrative-related tasks, including procurement for the Administrative Office, issues relating to facility management, fixed asset control, disaster recovery planning, mail and messenger services, fleet vehicle management, employee and visitor parking and oversight of the conference center in the Pennsylvania Judicial Center.

A significant responsibility of the department during the year was working collaboratively with the Judicial Automation Department in renovations of its Ritter Road facilities. Staff involvement included building design and layout; selection and placement of office furniture, workstations and office equipment; developing policies and procedures for building access, parking and security; budget and asset management system preparation and review of commercial leases.

Judicial Security

The goal of Judicial Security is to support efforts to ensure that every state court facility in Pennsylvania is a safe place, not only for jurists and their staff, but for litigants and their families, jurors, witnesses, victims of crime and the general public to conduct their business.

In 2010 the AOPC continued its comprehensive project to provide Common Pleas and magisterial district courts with the ability to conduct preliminary arraignments via videoconferencing technology. The initiative is intended to reduce defendant transports from jails, prisons, state police barracks and booking centers to these courts, thereby minimizing the risk of

incidents that cause injury or harm to participants in these judicial proceedings, transporting officers and bystanders. In addition, the use of videoconferencing has realized cost savings for participating counties and law enforcement agencies.

The AOPC completed a project to reimburse counties for the purchase of exterior lighting to create "safety zones" around courthouses that lack or have insufficient light to illuminate access points and walkways. This low-cost security enhancement serves as a deterrent to attacks on court personnel and court facilities.

In the fall a sixth round of regional workshops was conducted for all local court security committees throughout the Commonwealth. These committees, comprised primarily of president judges, sheriffs, court administrators and county executives, are encouraged to meet regularly to formulate and implement plans to respond to security incidents and emergency situations that occur in their courts. The workshop focused on major provisions of newly adopted Rules of Judicial Administration governing court emergencies, continuity of operations planning and safety and security.

In 2010 the AOPC began a project to ensure that all courts have the means to preserve and make available vital court records in order to perform essential functions in the aftermath of disrupted operations due to man-made or natural disasters or public emergencies.

Judicial Education

The Judicial Education Department was formed in 2005 to provide continuing education to Pennsylvania's jurists. The department works closely with various planning committees to design programs that address new and emerging areas of law and issues of import and interest to judges.

Supreme Court, Superior Court and Commonwealth Court

Since 2004 jurists on Pennsylvania's three appellate courts have attended an annual appellate courts conference. The conference addresses the needs specific to judges serving appellate duties. In addition to educational programs, members of each court hold administrative sessions at these conferences.

The conference featured these programs in 2010:

- United States Supreme Court Update
- Origins of Modern Criminal Procedure
- Executive Powers during Times of Crisis.

Courts of Common Pleas

During 2010 more than 85 percent of all trial judges in the Commonwealth attended state-sponsored continuing education programs. Primarily, these programs were held at conferences of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, which meets twice a year. Staff of the Judicial Education Department worked closely with the Education Committee of the conference to plan, develop and deliver more than 35 hours of continuing judicial education. Each three-day conference provided state-of-the-art educational programs and allowed judges to discuss issues of common interest and concern.

Among the programs at the conference's 2010 meetings were:

- Education Issues for Juveniles in the System
- Effective Enforcement Tools for Domestic Relations Cases
- Evidentiary Issues in Will Contests
- An Examination of Eyewitness Identification Procedures

- E-Discovery, Parts I and II
- Service Members Civil Relief Act
- Cultural Considerations in Dispute Resolution Cases
- Post-Conviction Relief Act
- Efficient Case Management
- Maxims, Monarchy and Sir Thomas More
- Rules of Evidence in Custody Trials
- Evidence-Based Assessment for Juveniles
- The Lens of Implicit Bias
- Electronic Legal Research
- Issues Involved in Disposition of Property
- Forensic Science
- Social Technologies, Part I
- Civil Law Update
- Criminal Law Update

Symposia

The Judicial Education Department also presents symposia across the Commonwealth. These two-day programs allow jurists opportunities for in-depth examination of discrete areas of law in smaller, more intensive groups. These sessions are repeated in different regions of the state to maintain small group size and encourage open and critical discourse.

The department presented the following symposia in 2010:

- Jury Trial Management
Faculty included national litigation experts and jurists from Pennsylvania's Courts of Common Pleas. Topics of discussion included

techniques to effectively manage jury selection and help the troubled deliberating jury.

- Computer Workshop for Judges
This computer skills workshop for trial judges was held at Pennsylvania State University's (PSU) Management Development Technology Center. Faculty from PSU's Information Technologies Services provided judges with group instruction and individual tutoring in a state-of-the-art computer training laboratory. Training focused on word processing and electronic communication.

Special Programs

The Judicial Education Department facilitated several special programs during 2010.

- Ohlbaum on Evidence
This program provided trial judges with an intensive update in evidence. It featured Temple University Beasley School of Law Professor Edward D. Ohlbaum, an expert on the law of evidence in Pennsylvania. The program concentrated on discerning testimonial and non-testimonial evidence as required in a criminal trial where a sixth amendment Crawford issue arises. Additional topics included Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence 404(b), 803, and 1002.
- Villanova Sentencing Workshop
Each year the Judicial Education Department collaborates with Villanova Law School and the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission to produce a sentencing workshop. The workshop combines twelve third-year law students from Villanova and six Common Pleas judges in an exercise to better understand and utilize sentencing guidelines. This successful program garners high praise from judges who attend.
- Teachers Institute on the Judiciary
This one-day program, geared toward junior high and high school teachers, was developed in collaboration with the Office of the

First Lady and the Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy (PennCORD). The program centered on civics education with specific focus on the role of the judiciary in a democratic society. Prominent constitutional scholars provided lecture material that complemented the day's activities and offered teachers alternative methods of teaching about the courts. Judges described the functions of their courts in the Pennsylvania system and facilitated mock Supreme Court arguments. This program was first held in 2008.

New Product Development

Several new products were developed during 2010 to enhance the educational experience of judges and to increase efficiency in the delivery of educational programs. In addition, department staff contributed to the development of educational materials to enhance civic education about the judiciary and its role in our democracy. Included in these products are

- **President Judge Desk Book**
The Judicial Education Department began developing a desk book for judges with administrative responsibilities, in 2009. During 2010 the book underwent extensive review and editing. When completed, it will provide basic information and guidance to president judges in a form that can be adapted to local rules and customs. Publication in late 2011 is expected.
- **Regional Round Table Pilot**
During 2010 Judicial Education staff facilitated a pilot study of regional round tables. These gatherings were conceived as opportunities for judges hearing similar types of cases to discuss areas of common concern and interest. Based on the success of the pilot program, regional round tables are planned for 2011 in six regions of the Commonwealth in each of five different areas of law: civil, criminal, juvenile, family and orphans' court.

- **Sexual Violence Workshop**
A representative from the Judicial Education Department attended a Mid-Atlantic Regional Team Meeting entitled "The Challenges of Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases," sponsored by the National Judicial Education Program (NJEP). Teams from Delaware; Maryland; Pennsylvania; Virginia and Washington, D. C., participated in the three-day event designed to make judicial stakeholders aware of educational and curricular resources available from the NJEP. From this participation the Judicial Education Department strengthened lines of communication with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and developed curricula for consideration by the Education Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges.

Human Resources

The Department of Human Resources

- monitors and ensures UJS compliance with state and federal employment statutes
- maintains all UJS fringe benefit programs and counsels judiciary personnel regarding their provisions and utilization
- administers the UJS employee leave accounting program and the UJS Unemployment Compensation and Workers Compensation programs
- formulates and administers the personnel policies and procedures that govern the personnel operations of the UJS
- assists managers in the recruiting, interviewing and hiring of new staff and develops and administers AOPC hiring procedures
- formulates and administers position classification and pay plans for the UJS
- monitors and administers the UJS performance management system

- develops training curriculum, policies and procedures for judiciary personnel.

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for managing the budget, accounting and payroll systems for the Unified Judicial System. It serves as the primary resource for the various components comprising the UJS regarding financial matters. It fulfills its responsibility through the following activities:

- developing necessary policies and procedures on accounting and budget issues, and training staff at all levels in their use
- monitoring and preparing the budget for some 43 UJS line items in the Commonwealth's annual budget. These line-item

appropriations include funding for the Administrative Office, state-funded courts, most Supreme Court advisory procedural rules committees, juror cost reimbursements and county court grants.

- managing \$335.9 million in annual appropriations, including \$35.8 million in grants to counties
- participating in the annual financial audit of the UJS
- serving as the central clearinghouse for all financial transactions impacting the judiciary
- assisting in the management of the finances of the First Judicial District/AOPC Procurement Unit, including recommending investment and banking strategy. **AOPC**

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Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)
42 Pa. C.S., § 1722

About the Committee

The principle function of the Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee is to make recommendations to the Supreme Court for refining and updating the Rules of Appellate Procedure in light of experience, developing case law and new legislation.

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2010 Activities

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2010:

- appealability of orders transferring juveniles from criminal court to juvenile court and vice versa
- appealability of orders from orphans' courts
- procedures for withdrawal of counsel in a criminal appeal

- appeal of a trial court's determination as to whether a person under a warrant of execution is competent to be executed
- improvements to ensure that a full and complete record is sent to the appellate court
- briefing schedules and timing
- calculation of the deadline for filing cross appeals, cross petitions for allowance of appeal and additional petitions for review.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's Web site at www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/AppCtRulesCom.

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About the Committee

The Civil Procedural Rules Committee sets the rules of procedure and practice for civil actions in Pennsylvania's Courts of Common Pleas. This includes all aspects of civil matters, except those issues relating to the work of the orphans' court and family court divisions. It was first commissioned by the Supreme Court in 1937.

Committee members are appointed to three-year terms by the Court and each may serve a maximum of two full terms.

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2010 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2010:

- revision of certain procedures to protect funds held in accounts of banks and other financial institutions that are exempt from execution, levy and attachment pursuant to federal and state legislation
- creation of procedures to help facilitate the settlement of cases
- suspension of certain sections of the Judicial Code governing judgment liens
- establishment of a specific time period within which a sheriff must execute the deed after either the filing of the schedule of distribution or the execution sale if no schedule of distribution is required
- requirement of the filing of a cover sheet at the commencement of all civil actions, except actions involving domestic relations
- requirement that publication of a sheriff's sale be made in only one newspaper of general circulation
- technical amendments to the rules governing the adoption of local rules

- technical amendments to the explanatory comment of the rule governing relief from judgment of *non pros* or by default.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's Web site at www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/CivilProcRulesCom.

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2010:

- rules governing venue in medical professional liability actions so that out-of-state defendants are treated the same as in-state defendants
- a requirement that all grounds to be raised at the same time for a petition to strike or open
- uniformity for jury selection procedures throughout Pennsylvania
- submission of the written jury charge to the jury for use during jury deliberations
- disallowance of communications between an attorney and his/her expert witness to be discoverable.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's Web site.

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Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 10(c)
42 Pa. C.S., § 1722

About the Committee

The Committee on Rules of Evidence was created by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as an advisory body to assist the Court in its constitutional and statutory responsibility to prescribe general rules governing court proceedings in Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System. The committee studies and makes recommendations to the Court about matters affecting evidence law in the Commonwealth. It monitors the practical application of the new rules as well as developments in evidence law in Pennsylvania and in other jurisdictions as reflected in case law and statutory changes that have occurred since the rules' adoption.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

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2010 Activities

The committee continued its work on a complete restyling of the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence and recommendations to maintain the currency of the rules.

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Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 10(c)
42 Pa. C.S., § 1722

About the Committee

The Criminal Procedural Rules Committee is an advisory arm to the Supreme Court, serving to assist the Court in achieving its constitutional mandate to prescribe general rules governing criminal practice and procedure throughout Pennsylvania.

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2010 Activities

Proposals Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were approved by the Supreme Court in 2010:

- amendments precluding the practice of remanding cases from the Court of Common Pleas to the magisterial district judge or the Philadelphia Municipal Court in certain situations
- Comment revision clarifying that a defendant is not entitled to the appointment of subsequent counsel once counsel has been permitted to withdraw, pursuant to *Anders v. California*
- Comment revisions clarifying that an attorney for the Commonwealth is not precluded from providing approval of search warrant applications, complaints and arrest warrant affidavits electronically
- new rules providing uniform procedures for petitioning for and ordering expungement of summary offenses
- amendments permitting a party to consent generally to receive orders and notices electronically in all cases.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's Web site at www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/CrimProcRules.

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2010:

- clarifying the prompt trial procedures consistent with changes in case law
- temporary delay in providing arrest warrant information to the public prior to execution of

the warrant, to provide for the sealing of warrant information

- clarifying when a judge at the conclusion of a post-conviction collateral proceeding may grant a defendant's request for release on bail
- harmonizing procedural rules concerning license suspensions with statutory provisions
- limitations on punishment that may be imposed by minor court judges when there is a finding of contempt
- Comment revisions pertaining to adding citations to recent case law
- Comment revisions to summary case rules to clarify the procedures for handling summary truancy
- procedures when there is a plea bargain in a summary case or when the plea bargain reduces a court case to a summary case
- orders to detain and for temporary transfer of custody orders
- appeals from Philadelphia Municipal Court to the Philadelphia Court of Commons for a trial *de novo*
- time for filing an appeal *nunc pro tunc*
- return of search warrants to the issuing authority and provision that unexecuted warrants are not public record
- waiver of preliminary hearing procedures and remands
- guilty plea colloquy provisions in the rules
- procedures for determining a defendant's competency to be executed and correlative changes
- summary cases in which the defendant has failed to respond to a citation or summons

- transfer requests from criminal proceedings to juvenile proceedings.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's Web site.

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Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 10(c)
42 Pa. C.S., § 1722(a)

About the Committee

Begun as a seven-member section of the Civil Procedural Rules Committee in 1984 and established as its own committee by order of the Supreme Court on June 30, 1987, the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee strives to simplify family law practice. It does this by recommending new rules or amendments to the existing procedural rules relating to paternity, support, custody, divorce and protection from abuse. It reviews new legislation and court decisions to ensure the rules conform with developments in the law as well as the realities of domestic relations practice.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms.

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2010 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The following recommendations were adopted by the Supreme Court in 2010:

- revision of the basic support schedule resulting from the committee's quadrennial review of the support guidelines required by state statute and federal regulations
- amendments to support, divorce and custody rules
- technical amendments to clarify the deduction of certain taxes in calculating net income in a support proceeding
- clarification that insurance coverage may not be available for the appointment of an expert in a custody proceeding unless the evaluation is medically necessary
- service provisions governing bench warrants in support cases.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's Web site at www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/DomRelProcRules.

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2010:

- appointment of parenting coordinators in child custody cases
- amendment of the support rules
- apportionment of medical insurance premiums in support cases
- reductions in child support for substantial or shared custody in high income cases
- uniform procedures for the return of weapons and ammunition upon the dismissal or expiration of a protection from abuse order
- the role of counsel for the child in a custody proceeding.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's Web site.

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About the Committee

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania established the Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee in January 2001 to advise the Court concerning its constitutional and statutory responsibility to prescribe general rules governing juvenile delinquency and dependency practice and procedure.

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2010 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The Court adopted the committee's recommendations pertaining to local rule promulgation and the timing of informal adjustments.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's Web site at www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/JuvenileCourtProcedural.

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2010:

- educational, health care and disability needs for juveniles and children involved in juvenile court
- clarification of the procedure to expunge juvenile records

- clarification of court records and juvenile probation records
- clarification of the intent of the bench warrant rule
- the use of advance communication technology
- the decertification procedure and conversation of a criminal complaint to a written allegation
- a juvenile's indigence and provision of counsel
- authority, qualification and training of juvenile probation officers
- the role of the prosecutor in juvenile proceedings
- the use of restraints in juvenile court
- victims' rights.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's Web site.

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Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 10(c)
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Order No. 92, Magisterial Docket No. 1, Book No. 2 (April 17, 1990)

About the Committee

The Minor Court Rules Committee examines and evaluates the rules and standards governing practice and procedure in Pennsylvania's magisterial district courts. It reviews Pennsylvania court cases and legislation, identifying those decisional or statutory changes which affect magisterial district judge procedure and necessitate amendments to the rules or other action by the Supreme Court.

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2010 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The Court adopted the committee's recommendation clarifying when candidates for magisterial district judge, including sitting judges, may undertake otherwise prohibited political activity before the formal start of campaign activities and adding a definition of "partisan political activity" to clarify the prohibition on such conduct.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's Web site at www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/MinorCtRulesCom/default.htm.

Recommendations Published for Comment

The following recommendations were published for comment in 2010:

- the withdrawal of a complaint and settlement of an action in magisterial district court
- elimination of the requirement that a magisterial district judge note on the complaint a date of service in a landlord-tenant action.

Information on these recommendations can also be found on the committee's Web site.

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Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 10(c)
42 Pa. C.S., § 1722

About the Committee

The Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee responds to developments in orphans' court procedure and reviews current rules governing statewide practice and procedure in the orphans' court, recommending new rules and rule changes as necessary.

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2010 Activities

Recommendations Adopted by the Supreme Court

The Court adopted the committee's recommendation for the swift, efficient completion of foreign adoptions so adoptive families

can obtain a decree from the local orphans' court, allowing adoptive children to complete the citizenship process and obtain a birth certificate.

More information on these rules changes can be found on the committee's Web site at [www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/Orphans CourtProcedural](http://www.pacourts.us/T/BoardsCommittees/OrphansCourtProcedural).

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Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)
Pa.B.A.R. 104 (c) (3)

About the Board

The Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners holds the responsibility for recommending the admission of persons to the bar and thus the practice of law in Pennsylvania. Such responsibility includes reviewing admission applications, both for those wishing to sit for the bar examination and for those practicing attorneys from other states seeking admittance to the bar without sitting for the exam; administering the bar exam itself; and recommending rules pertaining to admission to the bar and the practice of law.

Members are appointed to three-year terms, and each member may serve two consecutive terms. Board office staff includes the executive director, deputy executive director, counsel to the board/supervising law examiner, director of testing, and five administrative support staff. The board also employs seven examiners, who are responsible for writing and grading the Pennsylvania Bar Essay Examination, and 14 readers, who assist the examiners in grading the essay answers. Additionally, many proctors are employed temporarily to assist in the administration of the bar exam.

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Bar Procedures

The Board of Law Examiners administers Pennsylvania's bar exam over two days twice a year, on the last Tuesdays and Wednesdays in February and July. In February the exam was held in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In July it was held in Philadelphia, Carlisle and Pittsburgh.

The exam comprises two parts, an essay section, which is administered the first day, and the multiple choice Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), which is administered the second day.

The essay portion of the exam includes seven questions developed by the examiners and approved by the board, including one performance test (PT) question. The subject matter covers a variety of topics, and applicants are expected to demonstrate their knowledge of Pennsylvania law where applicable.

The PT question tests an applicant's ability to use fundamental lawyering skills in a realistic situation. Some of the tasks an applicant might be required to complete in responding to a question include writing a memorandum to a supervising attorney, a letter to a client, a persuasive memorandum or brief, a statement of facts, a contract provision, a will, a counseling plan, a proposal for settlement, an agreement, a discovery plan, a witness examination plan or a closing argument. It is weighted at one and a half times an essay question and is combined with the scores for the remaining six questions.

The MBE is a national exam, prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) in conjunction with American College Testing. Its 200 questions are not Pennsylvania specific and cover contracts, criminal law, constitutional law, real property, evidence and torts.

Successful applicants for admission to the bar must attain a total combined scaled score of at least 272 with the essay portion

weighted 55 percent and the MBE portion weighted 45 percent. In addition, applicants must also score at least 75 on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

The MPRE is a standardized test used to demonstrate an applicant's knowledge of the professional responsibility and ethical obligations of the legal profession. Applicants may take it at any point during law school or their legal careers prior to taking the bar exam. Indeed, they are encouraged to take it while in law school, shortly after they have completed a course on professional responsibility or ethics. They also, however, have up to 90 days after bar examination results are released to successfully pass the exam and have the official results transferred to the board office.

If an applicant is not successful on the MPRE or, for other reasons, does not file a motion for admission to the bar within six months from the date his/her successful bar exam results were released, he/she will be required to submit to the board a Supplemental Application for Character and Fitness Determination as required under Pa.B.A.R. 231. This supplemental application process requires a character and fitness review and may take up to six months or longer to complete.

If an applicant is not successful on the MPRE or, for other reasons, does not file a motion for admission to the bar within three years of the date his/her successful bar exam results were released, he/she must reapply for permission to sit for the bar exam, successfully retake the bar exam and meet all of the requirements at that time.

Grading the Bar Exam

At the conclusion of each bar exam, board staff send copies of the essay questions (including the PT question), the examiners' proposed analyses and the grading guidelines to representatives from each of the Commonwealth's law schools. The representatives

circulate the questions and analyses to the respective professors who teach the subject material covered by the questions and solicit comments and suggestions from each. These comments and suggestions are then shared with the examiners and the board. The examiners use this feedback to revise their analyses and grading guidelines in order to grade the applicants' essay answers in the fairest and most equitable manner possible.

The final draft of each question and analysis is forwarded to the board office, which then formats, edits and publishes it. Many unsuccessful applicants obtain copies of the questions and analyses along with copies of their own answers.

Rereads are automatically conducted for all applicants receiving a combined score of seven points or less below passing, (i.e., 263-271).

The MBE is graded by the NCBE.

The most recent results of the bar exam can be found on the Board of Law Examiners home page at www.pabarexam.org.

Application Approval/Denial and Hearing Process

In addition to passing the bar exam, prospective members of Pennsylvania's bar must meet certain requirements relating to character and prior conduct. To aid the board in determining whether applicants have met such requirements, a candidate must file with the board office a written application setting forth those matters the board deems necessary. This includes background information pertaining to character, education and employment. Board office staff then review the applications, occasionally investigating further, to determine an applicant's fitness and qualifications.

If, upon initial review, the board's executive director finds that the applicant does not appear to possess the fitness and general

qualifications requisite for a member of the bar, the applicant is notified in writing. Unless the denial was for scholastic reasons, the applicant then has 30 days to request a hearing appealing the denial. Present at the hearing are the applicant; the applicant's counsel, if he/she has retained counsel; and a board member who serves as the hearing officer. A stenographer is also present to record the hearing.

Only one applicant is considered at a hearing, and only applicants who are denied permission to sit for a bar examination or certification recommending admission may request one.

Twenty-five hearings were held in 2010.

2010 Statistics

Statistics for 2010, including a comparison with 2009's figures, can be found in Table 4.1.1 on page 44. Chart 4.1.2 on page 45 details the percentage of those passing the bar since 2001 while Chart 4.1.3 on page 46 is a comparison of the number of persons who have sat for the exam versus the number who have passed it over the past ten years.

In addition, office staff processed approximately 350 applications for admission on motion and for character and fitness determination.

2010 Activities

The board met or held teleconferences seven times in 2010 to review bar admission rules and recommend rule changes, review proposed essay questions and analyses, approve examination results and set policy. It also held two semi-annual meetings, one following each of the two bar examinations, to review the essay exam questions, analyses and proposed grading guidelines.

In September 2010 the Supreme Court announced the hiring of Gicine P. Brignola, Esq.

as executive director. Ms. Brignola joined the board staff after a career in law school administration. Most recently, she served as assistant dean at the Penn State University Dickinson School of Law and oversaw the administration of career services for the law school and the School of International Affairs. Her work in law school administration has included work in admissions, legal writing and field placement.

In April 2010 Patti S. Bednarik, Esq. was hired as Director of Character and Fitness. Ms. Bednarik was formerly counsel for the District III Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court. She also served on the Board of Law Examiners from August 31, 2007 to March 20, 2010.

Admission applications	approx. 3,000	
Sitting for February Exam	607	
Change from 2009	50	8.98%
Persons passing February exam	342	
Persons failing February exam	265	
Passing Percentage	56.34%	
2009 Passing Percentage	57.09%	
Sitting for July exam	2,027	
Change from 2009	29	1.45%
Persons passing July exam	1,615	
Persons failing July exam	412	
Passing Percentage	79.67%	
2009 Passing percentage	81.33%	

Table 4.1.1

Filing Fees

The filing fees charged for processing applications in 2010 are as follows:

For new applicants:

- \$500 first-time filing fee
- \$650 late first filing fee
- \$950 second late filing fee
- \$1,350 final filing fee

For re-applicants:

- \$250 first-time filing fee
- \$400 late first filing fee
- \$650 second late filing fee
- \$950 final filing fee

Other:

- \$1,000 for admission on motion
- \$650 for limited in-house counsel license

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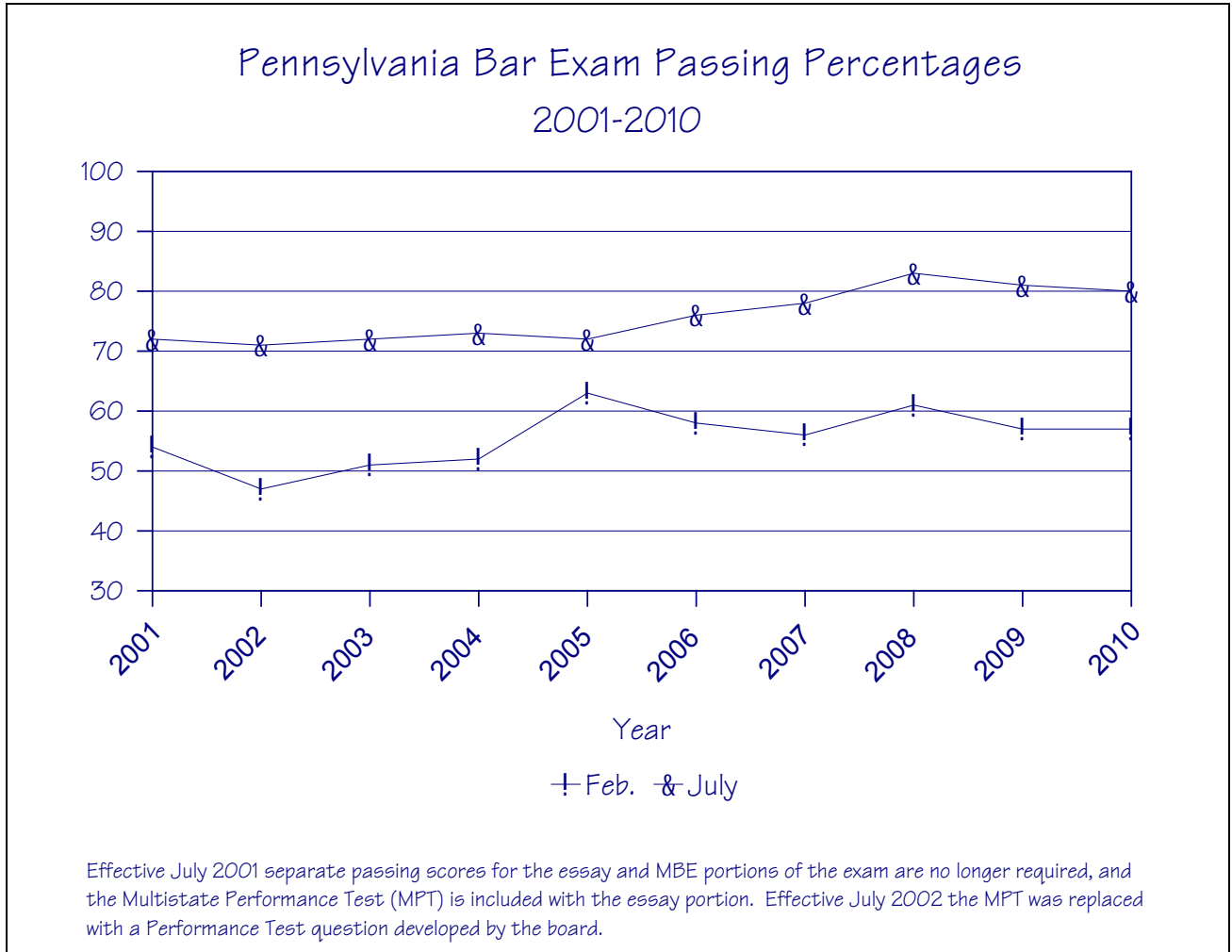
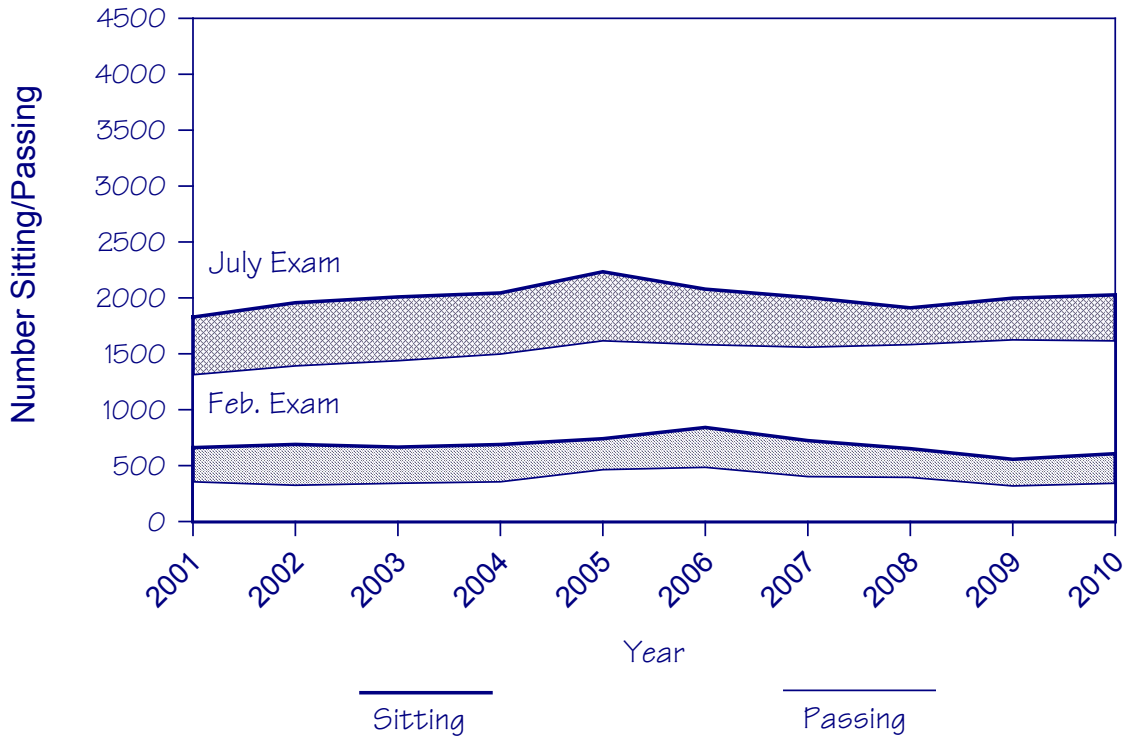


Table 4.1.2

Comparison of Applicants Sitting to Applicants Passing 2001-2010



Effective July 2001 separate passing scores for the essay and MBE portions of the exam are no longer required, and the Multistate Performance Test (MPT) is included with the essay portion. Effective July 2002 the MPT was replaced with a Performance Test question developed by the board.

Table 4.1.3

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Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)

About the Committee

The committee's mission is to assist the administration of justice in court proceedings by developing pattern jury instructions for use by both the bench and the bar.

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Committee Activities

Civil Instructions

In 2010 the Civil Jury Instructions Subcommittee continued its mission of updating the *Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions* included in the Third Edition (2005) by releasing a 2010 supplement. The supplement includes five revisions to the Medical Professional Negligence Chapter. In addition, a new instruction, 11.11C Medical Malpractice—Damages in Wrongful Death and Survival Actions in Medical Professional Liability Claims (Under the MCARE Act, Effective for All Claims Arising Subsequent to March 20, 2002), was introduced.

The supplement includes an updated, searchable companion CD; an updated derivation table and an updated subject matter index.

The subcommittee continues to incorporate revisions based upon case law developments, new Rules of Civil Procedure and new legislation as well as comments from lawyers and judges. It also continues its plain-English objective to revise the instructions to make them more understandable to lay jurors. It is committed to updating the instructions every 18 to 24 months.

Criminal Instructions

In 2010 the subcommittee continued its mission of updating the Pennsylvania *Suggested Standard Criminal Jury Instructions* included in the Second Edition (2005) by releasing a 2010 supplement. The supplement includes revisions to 41 of the standard instructions and/or subcommittee notes. In addition, the following eight new instructions were introduced:

- Questioning by Jurors (2.70)
- Where the Defendant Has Chosen to Proceed *Pro Se* (2.80)
- Cautionary Instruction—Distribution of Written Jury Instructions (7.11)
- Criminal Homicide of Law Enforcement Officer (15.2507)
- Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer—Attempted Bodily Injury on Law Enforcement Officer by Discharge of Firearm (15.2702.1A)
- Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer—Causing Bodily Injury by Discharge of Firearm (15.2702.1B)
- Discharge of a Firearm into an Occupied Structure (15.2707.1).

This reference, which includes a searchable companion CD and an updated subject matter index, contains hundreds of criminal instructions keyed numerically to the Crimes Code, with many offering alternative language depending on the case facts.

The committee members continually monitor pertinent case law to update the Subcommittee Notes, which offer commentary explaining the appropriate instruction application, identifying relevant case law citations and offering practical guidance. The subcommittee's ongoing goal is to improve the language of the instructions to ensure that a proper statement of law is conveyed and that the instructions are accessible to the jurors applying them. The subcommittee is committed to updating the instructions every 18 to 24 months. **AOPC**

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Legal Authorization

Title 204—Judicial System General Provisions Part V. Professional Ethics and Conduct [204 PA Code C. 82]
Pennsylvania Rules for Continuing Legal Education; No. 99 Supreme Court Rules Doc. No. 1

About the Board

The Continuing Legal Education Board administers the rules pertaining to continuing legal education (CLE) for attorneys.

The board is comprised of ten active Pennsylvania attorneys. Terms are three years in length, and members may serve two consecutive terms.

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Compliance Requirements and Deadlines

Annual CLE credit-hour requirements are met by completion of accredited courses in the areas of substantive law, practice and procedure, ethics, professionalism or substance abuse. Lawyers must complete twelve hours of CLE, including a minimum of one hour of ethics, professionalism or substance abuse before the compliance year deadline.

Compliance deadlines and CLE requirements are based on one of three annual compliance periods to which lawyers have been randomly assigned. The annual deadline dates are April 30, August 31 or December 31.

Board Organization

To best accomplish the requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Rules for Continuing Legal Education, the Continuing Legal Education Board is organized into three committees, each covering a major area of operations: Accreditation, Administration and Compliance.

The Accreditation Committee's duties include oversight of the certification of providers and courses, CLE program standards, adequacy of course availability, and course and provider accreditation standards.

The Administration Committee handles matters involving staff, benefits, office equipment, office operations, fees, banking and those enhancements to program administration necessary to ensure quality and efficiency. This committee also oversees the budget, annual independent audit and review of board operations.

The Compliance Committee oversees attorney compliance; reviews requests for waivers, extensions and deferrals; reviews determination of lawyer noncompliance and makes recommendations to the board for action regarding these issues.

2010 Board Actions and Operations Highlights

The board held three meetings in 2010.

Automated System for Accredited Providers (ASAP)

The board continued to provide training and technical support to over 300 accredited providers who use the Automated System for Accredited Providers (ASAP). The internally-developed Internet software allows for the paperless reporting of provider courses, course attendance and course evaluations. In 2010, 83 percent of credit hours were reported electronically.

Bridge the Gap Program Updated

The board coordinated Bridge the Gap programming with accredited providers to ensure availability and low-cost offerings to newly admitted lawyers. In 2010, 64 presentations were conducted, and 2,297 lawyers completed the program.

Online Payment Features

Two thousand ten marked the second full year for online credit card processing for lawyers. This programming was developed by the board to provide lawyers the option of paying late fees in a fast, easy, secure online environment. Fifty percent of compliance payments were made online in 2010.

The board continued to utilize Automated Clearing House, an automated payment system, to process payments from CLE providers. A total of 118 providers file payments electronically with the board.

Both automated payment methods minimize the manual efforts involved with the

processing of incoming mail and checks. They also increase the speed with which lawyers can review their credits online and remedy non-compliance with the CLE requirement.

Law Firm Services

The board maintained its online CLE compliance transcript option for law firms. This program allows designated users access to the compliance status of all lawyers in their firms. The service is updated daily and includes secure password controls. Currently, 83 law firms participate.

CLEreg: National Organization for Continuing Legal Education Regulators

Pennsylvania maintained a strong and active presence in the Organization for Continuing Legal Education Regulators (CLEreg). Past President (2003) Dan Levering continued to serve as chair of the Technology Committee and on the Management Committee. CLE Board Office Manager and association Past President (2008) Katey Buggy serves as chair of the Management Committee and on the Membership Committee.

Two meetings were held in 2010.

PA CLE Providers Conference

The board's annual conference for CLE providers was held on May 21, 2010. In addition to news and updates on continuing legal education, the conference included the presentation "Enhancing Critical Thinking for Leadership" and roundtable discussions on "Equipping Our Lawyers: CLE in the 21st Century."

Outreach Services to lawyers

The board promoted online services at its Web site at www.pacle.org. Informational

brochures are made available free to CLE providers for distribution to attendees of CLE programs. Banner advertising on the Pennsylvania Bar Association Web site also publicizes the board's online compliance assurance services for lawyers.

Rule of Criminal Procedure 801

Per Rule of Criminal Procedure 801, Qualifications for Defense Counsel in Capital Cases, the board administered and tracked the capital counsel educational and training requirements. This included accrediting 77 capital counsel training programs, maintaining online mechanisms to promote program availability and identifying counsel who satisfied requirements. In 2010, 446 attorneys were qualified to serve as counsel in capital cases.

Attorney Compliance

Lawyer compliance rates with CLE requirements remain high. Table 4.3.1 on page 53 indicates the high percentage of lawyers who meet the requirements.

Technology

Technology updates for 2010 include:

- maintenance of a disaster recovery contingency plan to ensure operational continuity in the event of a disaster
- maintenance of high levels of support and development for the board proprietary software CLE Compliance Tracking System (CLECTS)
- continued license arrangement for system services with the New Mexico Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board for customized automated services (CLECTS and Web sites)

- development of customized software for the Supreme Court of Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission (KS CLE). KS CLE began using the CLECTS system as its primary software in June 2010.
- development of customized software for the Supreme Court of New York's CLE program. Internal testing of programs is ongoing in New York.
- a comprehensive system upgrade project, including servers, workstations, Web services, databases and other core systems. These updates required extensive technical coordination to ensure smooth transition to new systems and uninterrupted service to lawyers and CLE course providers. The upgrades resulted in a lifecycle reset for most of the board's primary systems and were in accordance with board objectives to use modern technologies.
- development of a program for CLEreg called "The CLEreg MCLE Guide." This Web-based software allows CLE regulators to input state-specific information into a database for compilation and comparison purposes. CLEreg charges annual subscription fees for access to this service. An agreement was established for hosting and maintaining the site. The guide launched in October of 2010 and currently has 63 subscribers.

Looking Ahead to 2011

The board will work or continue to work on the following in 2011:

- the annual conference for providers, which will be held in the spring of 2011. A panel discussion on the past, present and future of CLE, along with a presentation on "Soft Skills: Importance for Lawyers—Importance for CLE" is planned.
- in consideration of costs and presentation of services, a transition in bulk mailing vendors. The board notifies lawyers throughout the year with regard to their CLE requirements and deadlines via standard mail. A total of nine mailings are conducted annually, three for each compliance group.
- review of existing procedures, automating where possible. One initiative of particular focus is to provide electronic transcript notifications to lawyers in place of standard mailings.
- a continuing commitment to provide the highest levels of service to the Supreme Court and the lawyers licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania.

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Attorney Compliance				
Compliance Group/ Year Ending	# Lawyers Subject to Requirements	# Lawyers Complying	# Lawyers Involuntarily Inactivated	Compliance Rates (%)
Group 1 (April)				
92-93	17,100	16,959	141	99.2
93-94	17,300	17,179	121	99.3
94-95	17,619	17,552	67	99.6
95-96	17,873	17,768	105	99.4
96-97	17,804	17,639	165	99.1
97-98	17,665	17,523	142	99.2
98-99	17,864	17,751	113	99.4
99-00	18,132	18,018	114	99.4
00-01	18,426	18,295	131	99.3
01-02	18,480	18,342	138	99.2
02-03	18,668	18,539	129	99.3
03-04	18,224	18,720	104	99.4
04-05	19,223	19,141	82	99.6
05-06	19,672	19,602	70	99.6
06-07	20,214	20,117	97	99.5
07-08	20,427	20,276	151	99.3
08-09	20,757	20,643	114	99.4
09-10	20,674	20,616	58	99.7
Group 2 (August)				
92-93	17,124	16,868	256	98.5
93-94	17,289	17,134	155	99.1
94-95	17,649	17,540	109	99.4
95-96	17,595	17,507	87	99.5
96-97	17,410	17,294	116	99.3
97-98	17,613	17,511	102	99.5
98-99	17,756	17,666	90	99.5
99-00	18,087	17,974	113	99.4
00-01	18,181	18,100	81	99.6
01-02	18,143	18,011	132	99.3
02-03	18,572	18,493	79	99.6
03-04	18,753	15,664	89	99.5
04-05	19,098	19,019	79	99.6
05-06	19,556	19,443	113	99.4
06-07	19,934	19,842	92	99.5
07-08	20,342	20,206	136	99.3
08-09	20,385	20,311	74	99.6
09-10	20,478	20,394	84	99.8
				continued...

Table 4.3.1

Attorney Compliance, continued				
Compliance Group/ Year Ending	# Lawyers Subject to Requirements	# Lawyers Complying	# Lawyers Involuntarily Inactivated	Compliance Rates (%)
Group 3 (December)				
92-93	17,269	16,936	333	98.1
93-94	17,474	17,414	60	99.7
94-95	17,679	17,574	105	99.4
95-96	17,542	17,430	112	99.4
96-97	17,582	17,456	126	99.3
97-98	17,781	17,647	134	99.2
98-99	17,968	17,865	103	99.4
99-00	18,220	18,113	107	99.4
00-01	18,361	18,227	134	99.3
01-02	18,479	18,366	113	99.4
02-03	18,625	18,527	98	99.5
03-04	18,887	18,792	95	99.5
04-05	19,443	19,347	96	99.5
05-06	19,882	19,797	85	99.6
06-07	20,231	20,107	124	99.4
07-08	20,605	20,491	114	99.4
08-09	20,608	20,509	99	99.5
09-10	20,753	20,659	94	99.5

Table 4.3.1, cont'd.

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- * Term as chair expired 4-1-10
- ** Appointed chair 4-1-10
- + Appointed vice chair 4-1-10
- ++ Term expired 4-1-10

Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 10(c)
Rule 103, Pa. Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement
Rule 205(a), Pa. Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement
Rule 205(c), Pa. Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement

About the Board

The Disciplinary Board was created by the Supreme Court in 1972 to consider and investigate the conduct of any person subject to the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement (Pa.R.D.E.). continued...

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Such persons include:

- any attorney admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania
- any attorney from another jurisdiction specially admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court for a particular proceeding
- any disbarred, suspended or inactive attorney, with respect to violation of any rules committed prior to disbarment, suspension or transfer to inactivity
- any jurist with respect to any violation of rules committed prior to taking office, if the Judicial Conduct Board declines jurisdiction
- any attorney who resumes practice of law with respect to any nonjudicial acts performed while in office as a jurist.

Investigations may be initiated by the Disciplinary Board on its own motion or upon complaint from another person. (See Pa.R.D.E. Rules 103, 205(a) and 205 (c)(1)(2).)

2010 Statistics	
Attorneys	59,527*
Change from 2009	0.29%
*This figure does not include 10,367 inactive paid attorneys.	
Complaints filed with board	4,728
Change from 2009	(0.57%)
Pending at start of 2010	904
Complaints disposed of	4,527
Total complaints resulting in discipline	244
Total pending at end of 2010	937

Table 4.4.1

2010 Activities

Statistics for 2010 can be found in Table 4.4.1 above.

The board met four times in 2010. The results of the executive sessions can be found in Table 4.4.2 on page 57. A tabulation of the disciplinary actions taken since the beginning of the board's operations in 1972 is set forth on Table 4.4.4 on page 60. Comparisons of cumulative actions taken and actions taken in 2010 can be found in Chart 4.4.5 on page 62. Statistics for Joint Petitions for Discipline on Consent for 2010 can be found in Table 4.4.3 on page 58.

In January 2010 the Supreme Court reduced the number of Disciplinary Board members to 13 by eliminating one attorney position. Pa.R.D.E. 205 was amended to reflect this change.

In October 2010 the board adopted a policy that effective January 1, 2011, employees who retire from the Disciplinary Board will be eligible to participate in the board's new Retiree Medical Insurance Program, subject to certain requirements, such as having accrued at least 30 years of retirement service credit and having satisfied the requirements for retirement under the board's pension plan.

In the Fall of 2010, the board began exploring online registration whereby attorneys could pay their annual fees using credit cards. The staff is working with the AOPC in implementing this feature and hopes to have everything up and running for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Board member Gerald Lawrence is serving as the liaison on this project.

Rules Committee

The following rules changes were approved by the Supreme Court in 2010:

Pa.R.D.E. 219(d): Amendments to require that attorneys report on their annual registration forms whether they are covered by **professional liability insurance** on the date of registration in the minimum amount required by Rule of Professional Conduct 1.4(c). Other amendments

to Rule 219 provide that the Disciplinary Board will make the information regarding insurance available to the public upon request and on its Web site. Every attorney who files an annual registration form must notify the Attorney Registration Office in writing of any change in liability insurance coverage within 30 days after the change. Adopted 3-25-10, effective 7-1-10.

Pa.R.D.E. 521(c): Amendment to increase the **subpoena power of the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security** and to establish procedures to challenge the validity of a subpoena issued under those rules. Adopted 7-29-10, effective 8-28-10.

Pa.R.D.E. 214: Amendment to change the self-reporting requirement relating to **convictions of serious crimes** from 20 days after sentencing to 20 days after conviction. Adopted 9-1-10, effective 10-31-10.

Pa.R.D.E. 514(b): Amendment to increase the **maximum amount which may be disbursed from the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security** to any one claimant with respect to the dishonest conduct of an attorney from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Adopted 11-30-10, effective 1-17-11.

At the end of the year four proposals were pending with the Court.

The following recommendations for rules changes were published by the Disciplinary Board in 2010:

Rule of Professional Conduct 3.8: Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor.

2010 Executive Session Results	
Action	Total
Adjudications involving formal charges	46
Board referrals to Supreme Court, including report and recommendation for public discipline	39
Oral arguments before three-member panels of board members	9
Considerations by three-member panels of recommendations for summary private reprimands	10
Appeals by Office of Disciplinary Counsel from Review Hearing Committee members before three-member panels	1
Respondents appearing before board or three-member panels to receive private reprimands	16
Hearing before one board member on a probation violation	1
Petitions for reinstatement to active status of attorneys inactive more than three years with no discipline involved*	96

*In May 2009 Pa.R.D.E Rule 218 was amended to provide new procedures for attorneys petitioning for reinstatement from inactive or retired status for more than three years. The new procedures no longer require a meeting of the hearing committee. A board member may review the petition and Office of Disciplinary Counsel certification and make a recommendation.

Table 4.4.2

Pa.R.D.E. 214: Self-reporting criminal convictions.

Pa.R.D.E. 301: Proceedings where an attorney is declared to be **incapacitated or severely mentally disabled**.

Pa.R.D.E. 215: Discipline on consent, confidentiality of **resignation statements**.

Pa.R.D.E. 203 and Disciplinary Board rules and procedures: **Grounds for discipline** and notification to respondent-attorney of complaint and duty to respond.

Joint Petitions for Discipline on Consent	
Action	Total
Joint Petitions in Support of Discipline on Consent filed	29
Petitions filed prior to scheduled disciplinary hearings	11
Petitions approved	20
Private discipline	5
Public discipline	15
Petitions denied	4
Petitions withdrawn	2
Petitions not yet final as of 12-31-10	3

Table 4.4.3

Education Committee

The Education Committee designed the program for the board’s retreat meeting in July 2010. The topics were “Changes in ODC Procedures,” “Criminal Conduct Not Related to Practice of Law” and “Public vs. Private Discipline.”

A number of possible rules changes were discussed, including

- whether all resignation statements resulting in disbarments on consent should be public
- possible requirements that respondents answer DB-7 letters of allegations and whether the failure to do so should be additional grounds for discipline
- establishing another form of discipline to be known as a public reprimand
- a review of the rules governing criminal convictions
- whether disbarments in Pennsylvania should be permanent.

The Supreme Court’s representative at the retreat was Justice Thomas Saylor. It was

beneficial to have a member of the Court present to participate in the discussions and provide insight from the Court.

The Education Committee also designed the program used at the training session and refresher course for all Hearing Committee members, held in October 2010 in Hershey. Justice J. Michael Eakin discussed the role of the Supreme Court in the disciplinary process. Ken Hagreen, executive director of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, discussed the science of addiction and mental health monitoring.

In workshops new members received information on the disciplinary system, members’ role in the disciplinary process, and how Hearing Committees are assigned and hearings scheduled as well as a review of the types of discipline and how discipline is determined. Panels of senior and experienced Hearing Committee members provided tips on chairing hearing committees, presiding at hearings on subpoena issues and conducting prehearing conferences.

Board members and staff presented most of the program, along with guest speaker Ellen C. Brotman, who brought a perspective from respondents’ counsel.

The program was attended by 110 Hearing Committee members.

Hearings and Hearing Committees

Hearing committee members are ranked based on their experience. Senior members are those who have served either as a member of the Disciplinary Board or a three-year term on a hearing committee that has conducted at least two hearings into formal charges of misconduct. Experienced members are those who have completed at least one full year of service and who have conducted at least one hearing into formal charges of misconduct. New members are those who are either still in their first year of service or have not yet had a full hearing.

A committee must be composed of at least one senior member and one senior or experienced member. A senior member chairs the committee. Only a senior or experienced member may conduct the mandatory prehearing conference.

As of December 31, 2010, 101 senior members, 26 experienced members and 28 new members were serving on a *pro bono* basis to conduct hearings.

Communications Committee

The role of the Communications Committee is to provide oversight to the board's Web site and to explore ways of improving communications with the general public, attorneys, law students and others.

In 2010 Suasion, the board's communications consultant, created additional fillable PDF forms for attorney registration and reinstatement, which enable attorneys to type the information into the forms online and print the final product. Suasion also contacted many continuing legal education (CLE) providers, requesting they distribute Disciplinary Board materials to their CLE instructors, printed additional copies of the complaint brochure and added an RSS Feeds section to the board's Web site.

As of December 31, 2010, the monthly e-newsletter had 48,547 subscribers.

Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice

In May 2010 the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice issued a report after investigating the juvenile justice scandal in Luzerne County. It noted that "while the tragic events in Luzerne County have drawn criticism nationwide, and rightly so, it is also true that Pennsylvania is an acknowledged leader in the field of juvenile justice. The outstanding commitment of our juvenile court judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers, victim advocates and service providers should not be overshadowed by the actions of those who have damaged that reputation."

The report recommended that the Disciplinary Board create educational materials for the general public and for attorneys, which the board had already recently done. It also recommended that the board's Web site be redesigned so that it offers a clear and simple mechanism to file complaints against attorneys electronically. This change is in the process of being made.

National Meetings

In February 2010 board members Carl D. Buchholz III, Sal Cognetti Jr., Board Secretary Elaine Bixler and Hearing Coordinator Marcee Sloan attended the Seventh Annual Meeting of the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards (NCLDB) in Orlando, Florida. **AOPC**

Disciplinary Board Actions 1973-1992

Disciplinary Cases	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Informal Admonition	37	55	95	81	96	102	121	98	113	156	137	125	123	101	110	106	123	98	115	82
Private Reprimand	0	7	8	9	7	14	5	5	4	6	9	21	19	27	17	25	31	26	46	42
Probation	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
Public Censure	0	2	5	8	10	7	6	1	1	2	6	1	3	2	3	0	2	1	4	1
Suspension	3	12	12	8	10	13	17	8	17	12	7	7	16	5	10	17	17	18	10	20
Disbarment	3	4	6	5	13	6	12	12	21	33	24	21	16	29	23	32	18	26	27	38
TOTAL	43	80	126	111	138	143	161	124	156	209	183	175	177	164	163	180	191	170	203	190
Reinstatement Cases																				
Petitions Granted	1	2	2	3	3	4	2	6	42	21	22	25	21	17	24	34	27	34	35	27
Petitions Denied	1	2	2	0	0	3	1	5	4	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	2	4	4	3	3	7	3	11	46	21	22	27	21	19	25	36	27	35	35	28

Disciplinary Board Actions 1993-2011

Disciplinary Cases	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Informal Admonition	85	75	74	70	106	88	48	45	40	54	58	106	109	77	85	90	62	55	75	3,401
Private Reprimand	30	41	48	31	46	43	26	29	35	32	36	34	26	22	16	25	23	16	19	887
Probation	5	5	7	3	8	5	7	3	10	8	8	20	24	11	6	15	9	8	15	174
Public Censure	0	1	6	3	3	7	4	0	2	2	1	1	2	4	3	5	4	2	3	115
Suspension	12	23	26	37	33	24	23	30	27	29	31	38	51	65	48	45	40	34	49*	855
Disbarment	20	32	35	41	40	33	29	32	31	42	38	37	37	39	25	38	29	45	32+	992
TOTAL	152	177	196	185	236	200	137	139	145	167	172	236	249	218	183	218	167	160	193	6,424

Reinstatement Cases	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Petitions Granted	29	24	44	31	35	33	45	35	55	64	58	75	72	93	64	82	84	106	105#	1,381
Petitions Denied	1	0	1	0	2	1	4	2	3	4	4	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	2▲	59
TOTAL	30	24	45	31	37	34	49	37	58	68	62	79	73	94	66	83	87	107	107	1,440

* This figure includes 9 suspensions on consent (Rule 215 Pa.R.D.E.), but does not include eleven temporary suspensions (Rule 214 Pa.R.D.E.) or three temporary suspensions (Rule 208(f) Pa.R.D.E.)

+ This figure includes 26 disbarments on consent (Rule 215 Pa.R.D.E.).

This figure includes reinstatement to active status of 96 attorneys who had been inactive three or more years, eight reinstatements after suspensions, one reinstatement from disability inactive status and one reinstatement after disbarment.

▲ This figure is a reinstatement request denied after the attorney had been inactive for three or more years.

Disciplinary Board Actions Comparison

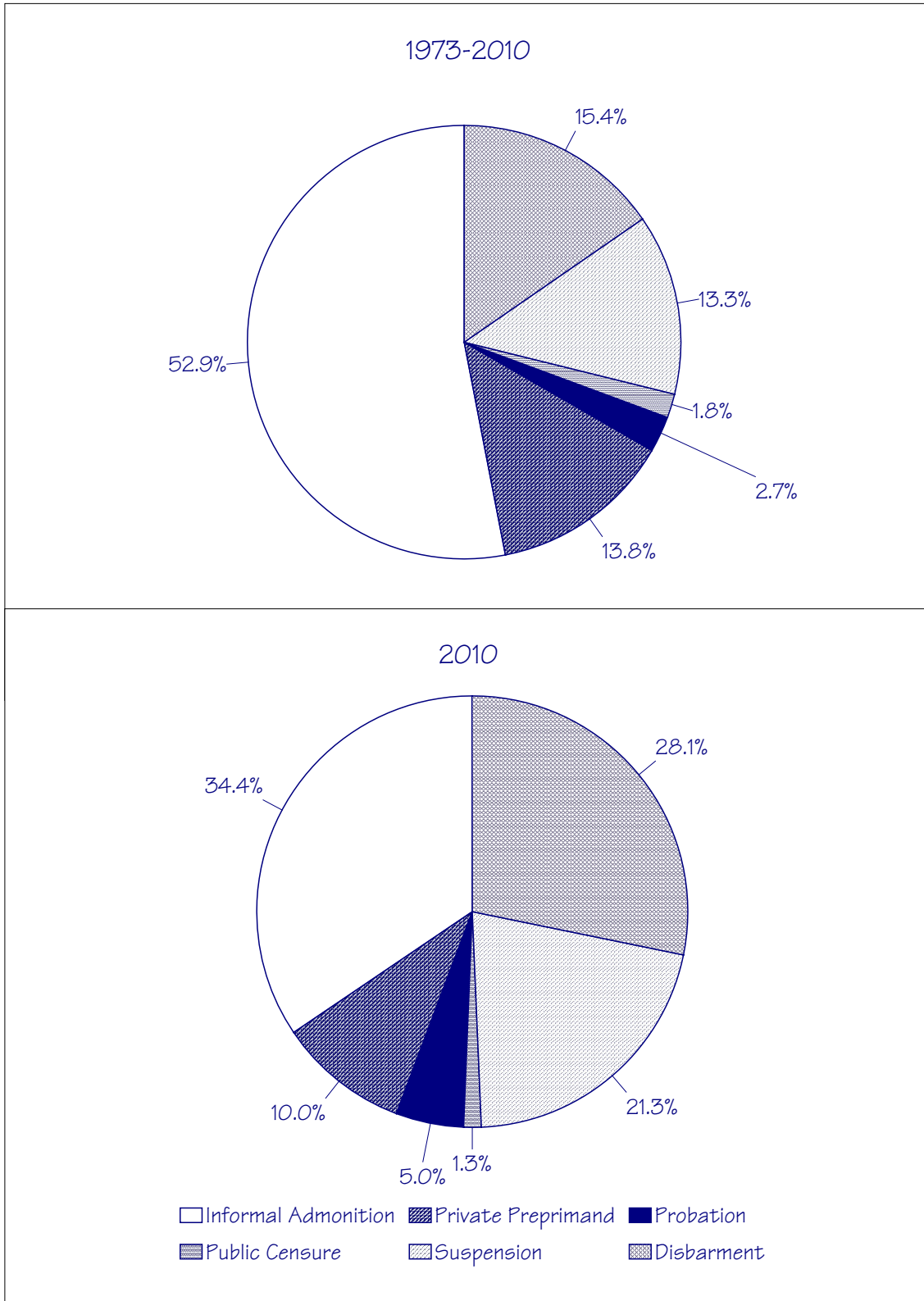


Table 4.4.5

2010 Membership

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Bryan S. Neft, Esq.
James C. Schwartzman, Esq.
Andrew F. Susko, Esq.
Honorable Margherita Patti Worthington

Staff

Alfred J. Azen, *Executive Director*
Stephanie Libhart, *Assistant Director*

* Term expired 9-1-10

** Appointed acting chair 9-2-10

Legal Authorization

Supreme Court Order No. 252 (Disciplinary Docket No. 3, July 17, 1996)
Rule 1.15, Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct

About the Board

The Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) program was first established in 1988 as a voluntary means to raise money to provide civil legal services to the poor and disadvantaged of Pennsylvania. With the issue of Supreme Court Order 252, Disciplinary Docket No. 3 on July 17, 1996, this program became mandatory. It is the job of the IOLTA Board to administer the IOLTA and other programs authorized by the Supreme Court, collecting and managing the funds received and awarding grants to nonprofit organizations, law school clinical and internship programs, and *pro bono* programs.

The IOLTA Board is comprised of nine members appointed by the Supreme Court. Members serve terms of three years and may serve maximums of two consecutive terms.

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How the IOLTA Program Works

Clients often ask attorneys to hold particular sums of money for them. When this involves a large amount or a lengthy period of time, attorneys invest the money for their clients. When the amount is small or will be held for a relatively short period of time, however, investing is not practical. It is these funds that the IOLTA program targets.

These small or short-term funds are deposited into special interest-bearing IOLTA accounts at financial institutions that have been approved by the Supreme Court. Usually, on a monthly basis (but no less than quarterly), the financial institutions transfer the interest from these accounts to the Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Board, which administers the program. The board, upon approval from the Supreme Court, distributes the funds to nonprofit organizations, law school-administered clinical and externship programs and administration of justice projects that provide civil legal services free of charge to low-income and disadvantaged Pennsylvania residents.

Attorneys may apply for exemption from IOLTA requirements. This is usually granted when attorneys infrequently handle fiduciary funds or when the service charges on an IOLTA account routinely and significantly exceed the interest that might be generated by the account. Currently, the IOLTA Board has established that accounts with an average daily balance of \$3,500 or less over a twelve-month period (higher for accounts at banks that assess higher service charges) will be exempted from the requirements. Other exemption requests are considered on a case by case basis.

Additional Funding

Access to Justice Act

The Access to Justice Act (AJA), part of Act 122 of 2002, provides for a \$10 surcharge

to be placed on all civil filings as well as the recordings of deeds and mortgages and their related filings and on criminal filings where a conviction or guilty plea is obtained. A percentage of this surcharge is placed into the Access to Justice Account for the IOLTA Board to provide grants to civil legal services provided by nonprofit legal aid organizations. (Under a sunset provision in the statute, the AJA is scheduled to expire November 1, 2012. At least one year prior to this date, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee will submit a performance audit to the General Assembly for the purpose of determining whether there is a continuing justification for the activities and level of financial support funded by the act.)

Effective December 9, 2009, a bill was passed to temporarily increase by \$1 the filing fee surcharge on a number of documents, including all civil courthouse filings, the recordings of deeds and mortgages and their related filings, and criminal filings where a conviction or a guilty plea is obtained. (Unlike the regular AJA filing fee, the temporary increase is not applied to traffic citations.)

Authorization for the fee expires January 8, 2012, or 25 months after implementation. Like the proceeds of the regular AJA surcharge, all of the proceeds from the temporary increase go to nonprofit legal aid organizations.

MJ-IOTA

Effective February 1, 2005, the Supreme Court began requiring judicial officials of the minor courts (magisterial district judge courts, Philadelphia Municipal Court and Philadelphia Traffic Court) to establish accounts similar to IOLTA accounts. Called the Minor Judiciary Interest on Trust Accounts, or MJ-IOTA, the program targets the funds judicial officials maintain in custodial accounts to hold the collection of fees and fines, collateral and cash bonds, restitution for victims of crime and other similar amounts until the funds are ultimately transferred to the owners.

Attorney Assessment

Effective April 2, 2009, Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 was amended to increase the annual attorney registration fee assessment by \$25. The increase was implemented with the 2009-10 assessment year and raises approximately \$1.5 million annually. The funding is available to the IOLTA Board until further order of the Court.

Out-of-State Attorneys

In 2007 the Supreme Court issued a new rule establishing a *pro hac vice* fee of \$100 per case for out-of-state attorneys wishing to appear in a Pennsylvania court.

Miscellaneous

The IOLTA Board also receives a small amount of funding from voluntary lawyer contributions. These contributions are used to increase organized *pro bono* representation in Pennsylvania.

Attorney Compliance

To assure attorney compliance with the IOLTA program requirements, attorneys must report their fiduciary accounts on the attorney fee form, which is filed annually with the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court. Follow-up with attorneys is made if the data on the form does not match the IOLTA Board's records.

IOLTA Grants

Under Rule 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, IOLTA program funds may be used for the following purposes:

- providing civil legal assistance to the poor and disadvantaged in Pennsylvania

- educational legal clinical programs and internships administered by law schools located in Pennsylvania
- administration and development of the IOLTA program in Pennsylvania
- the administration of justice in Pennsylvania.

This includes the full range of legal services needed for the representation of a client, including brief service, litigation or representation of a class of similarly situated eligible clients, and other advocacy.

The board also seeks to assure the geographical dispersion of IOLTA grant awards to legal services organizations and encourages law schools to reach beyond the physical locations of the schools when providing externship opportunities for their law students.

Board policy states that IOLTA funds may not be used to provide legal assistance for any of the following purposes:

- fee-generating cases
- the defense of any criminal prosecution
- civil actions brought against an official of the court or against a law enforcement official for the purpose of challenging the validity of a criminal conviction
- advancement of any political party or association or candidate for any public office or to support or oppose any ballot question
- support of activities intended to influence the issuance, amendment or revocation of any executive or administrative order or regulation or to influence the introduction, amendment, passage or defeat of any legislation.

Grant Process

In December of each year, the IOLTA Board projects its expected annual revenues for

the upcoming fiscal year grant cycle (July 1–June 30). Variations from projections are generally taken into consideration in subsequent grant cycles, although the board reserves the right to adjust current grants if actual IOLTA revenues are significantly below projections. In mid-January the board announces the availability of funds.

Grant applications from legal services organizations must be made to the board by late January. Applications from law schools and *pro bono* initiatives must be made by early February. The board reviews all requests and submits its recommendations to the Supreme Court in late March. Upon approval by the Court, grant applicants are notified and grant agreements executed with the successful organizations and law schools.

Applicant Qualifications

The IOLTA Board has determined the following qualifications for prospective applicants to be considered for an IOLTA grant:

Legal Services Organizations

Organizations must:

- be not-for-profit Pennsylvania corporations
- be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- operate primarily within Pennsylvania
- have as their primary purpose the provision of civil legal services without charge.

Organizations may provide *pro bono* legal services directly and/or administer provision of services.

Law Schools

Law schools must meet the following requirements:

- the funds must be used to address the current civil legal needs of the poor, organizations assisting the poor or other charitable organizations
- the schools must consult with local area *pro bono* or legal services programs that provide free or low-fee legal services to the poor
- the funds must be used for live-client or other real-life practice experience
- the school must demonstrate its own funding participation for clinical and internship programs.

Other factors the board considers when reviewing law school applications include whether:

- the clinical/internship program is for credit
- specific and measurable training goals and objectives are defined
- the IOLTA-funded program is integrated with the school's curriculum
- the school's standing faculty has made an articulated commitment to the IOLTA-funded program
- the school has an articulated *pro bono* or public service policy
- the funds are being used to expand clinical educational opportunities for students and not simply to replace existing financial commitments by the law schools.

Administration of Justice

The board has not yet defined this grant category.

Recommendations Promulgated by the Supreme Court

The following recommendation was promulgated by the Supreme Court in 2010:

Amendment to §81.505 of the Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Regulations to increase the **pro hac vice admission fee** from \$100 to \$200. Proceeds are to be used for the new **Loan Repayment Assistance Program** administered by IOLTA Board and the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. Adopted 8-24-10, effective 9-23-10.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is a student loan forgiveness program for attorneys employed by agencies that help people who cannot afford legal representation. It was begun by the Supreme Court in 2010 as a means of assisting IOLTA-funded legal services organizations in recruiting and retaining the best and brightest attorneys to service the civil legal needs of poor Pennsylvanians.

A recently graduated attorney, who is employed by a legal aid organization funded by IOLTA, is eligible to have \$2,000 in student loan debt forgiven. An attorney can apply for up to ten one-year forgivable loans over the tenure of qualified employment, provided the eligibility requirements are met, including a law license and income and loan criteria. Each loan carries a one-year employment requirement.

The program is administered by the IOLTA Board and the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation (PBF), a charitable affiliate of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

No taxpayer funding will be used to finance the LRAP. An initial grant of \$510,000 was approved for the PBF, effective July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012. Thereafter, the program is funded by admission fees paid by

out-of-state attorneys, who petition a Pennsylvania court to enter their appearances *pro hac vice*.

Loan applications were accepted September 1, 2010, and the forgivable loans awarded effective January 1, 2011. Seventy-five legal aid lawyers received forgivable loans of up to \$3,500 each.

Fiscal Year 2010-11 Statistics

Revenues for fiscal year 2010-11 were as follows:

IOLTA & MJ-IOTA	\$ 4,088,030
Access to Justice Act	10,064,132
Attorney Assessment	1,601,850
<i>Pro Hac Vice</i>	336,650
<i>Pro Bono</i> Contributions	49,032
Other	32,713
Total	\$16,172,407

Grants totaling \$16,297,393 were awarded in fiscal year 2010-11 as follows:

Legal Service Organizations	\$14,153,547
Pennsylvania Law Schools	1,614,865
<i>Pro Bono</i> Grants	43,197
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	127,500

The largest grant, \$11,707,667, was awarded to the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, which is an administrative and support organization that oversees a statewide system of legal aid programs.

Table 4.5.1 on page 68 shows how IOLTA funds have been distributed since fiscal year 1995-96 when the program became mandatory.

Looking Ahead to 2011

The board will be working on the following projects in 2011:

- obtaining an extension of the temporary filing fee statute, which is scheduled to expire December 8, 2011
- as required by the Access to Justice Act, working with the Pennsylvania Legislative

Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a performance audit to develop findings and recommendations regarding the continuing justification for the activities and financial support provided by the act. **AOPC**

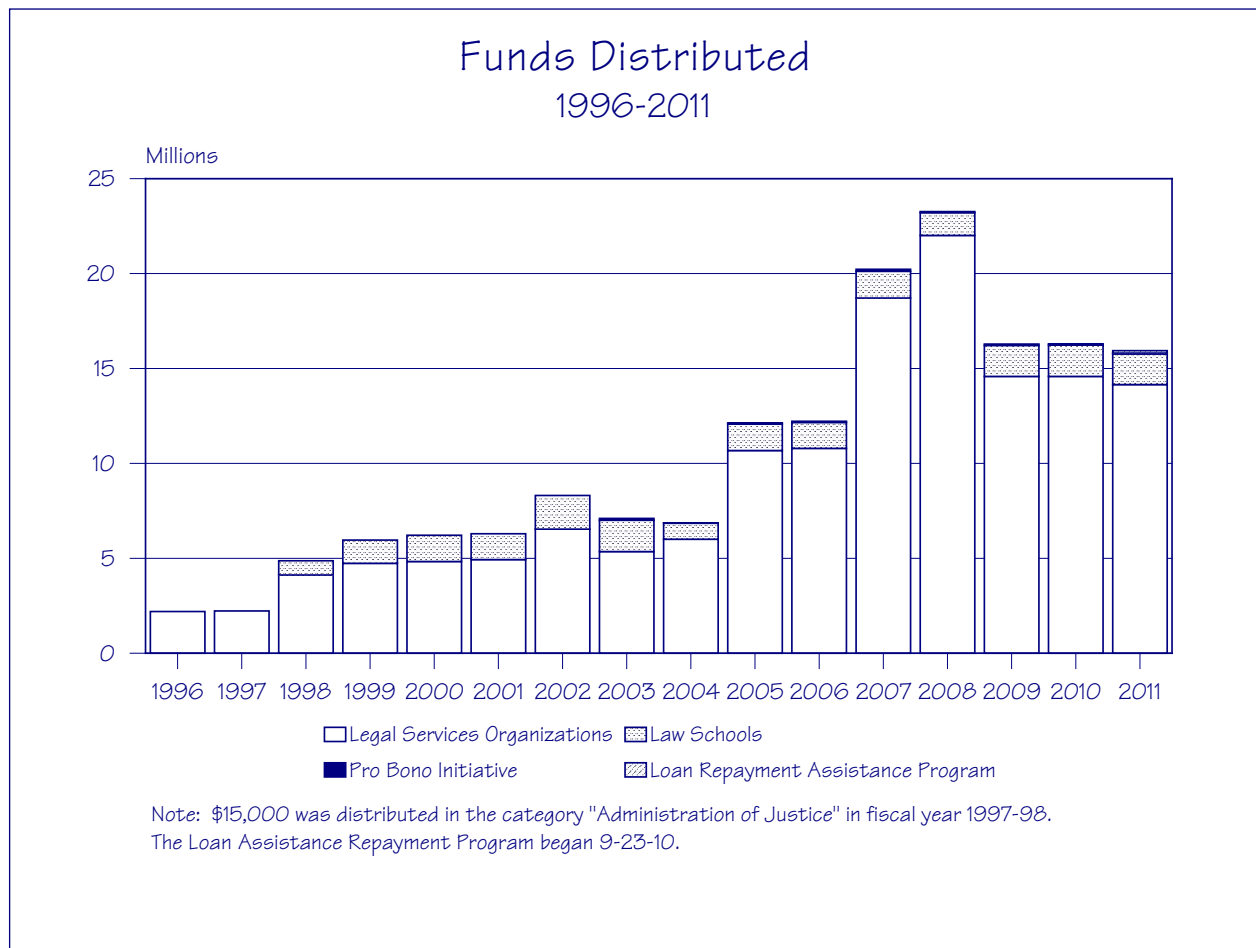


Table 4.5.1

2010 Membership

Honorable Daniel B. Garber, *Chair*
Honorable Catherine M. Hummel Fried, *Vice Chair*
Jack Treadway, Ph.D., *Secretary*
Honorable James J. Dwyer III
Honorable John T. Robinson
Jerry J. Russo, Esq.
Michael A. Scherer, Esq.

Staff

Susan M. Davis, *Judicial Education Administrator*
Kate D. Grenke, *Clerical Assistant*

Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution, Article V, §12
42 Pa. C.S., § 31
42 Pa. C.S., § 2131
42 Pa. C.S., § 3118

About the Board

Article V, §12 of the Pennsylvania Constitution requires that magisterial district judges (MDJs) and judges of the Philadelphia Traffic Court either be members of the bar of the Supreme Court or, before taking office, complete a course and pass an examination in the duties of their respective offices. It is the responsibility of the Minor Judiciary Education Board (MJEB) to instruct and certify individuals wishing to become magisterial district judges, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges or Philadelphia arraignment court magistrates. The board approves the curriculum, appoints and evaluates instructors, establishes course content, reviews all tests and issues certificates to successful program participants.

In addition, the board conducts one-week continuing education classes for magisterial district judges, Philadelphia Traffic Court judges, Philadelphia bail commissioners and for those individuals who wish to maintain a current certification in one or more of these areas. It also conducts a one-week practicum, or orientation course, for newly elected or appointed magisterial district judges.

The board has seven members, who are appointed by the Supreme Court to three-year terms. Each may serve a maximum of two full terms.

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2010 Curriculum

Four-Week Magisterial District Judge Certifying Course

- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Civil Law and Procedure
- Rules of Evidence
- Judicial Ethics
- Motor Vehicle Law
- Arrest/Search and Seizure
- Pennsylvania Drug/Device and Cosmetics Act
- Pennsylvania Crimes Code

Continuing Education for Magisterial District Judges

Class requirements are 32 hours per year and were offered over 13 scheduled weeks.

- Review and Update of Civil Rules and Landlord/Tenant
- Review and Update of Criminal Rules of Procedure
- Bankruptcy
- Review and Update of the Motor Vehicle Code
- Understanding and Valuing Diversity
- Tobacco Sales to Minor and Clean Indoor Air Act
- Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS) Rewrite
- Audits and Reports
- Protection from Abuse
- Criminal and Minor Court Rules Committees Updates
- Nondiscrimination Policy
- Rule 509 and Public Access to Paper Records
- Updates on Evidence, Arrest and Administrative Warrants
- Risk Management for Depression

Philadelphia Arraignment Court Magistrates

- Review and Update of Criminal Rules of Procedure
- Understanding and Valuing Diversity
- Tobacco Sales to Minor & Clean Indoor Air Act
- Protection from Abuse (PFA)
- Criminal & Minor Court Rules Committees Updates
- Nondiscrimination Policy
- Rule 509 and Public Access to Paper Records
- Updates on Evidence, Arrest and Administrative Warrants
- Risk Management for Depression

Orientation Course for New Magisterial District Judges

- Office Administration
- Magisterial District Judge Practices
- Sentencing Guidelines
- Benefits
- State Employees' Retirement System
- MDJS
- Ethics
- Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania (SCJAP) Web site and List Serve Overview
- SCJAP President's Address
- Domestic Violence and PFA
- MDJ Panel Session
- Constables
- District Court Security Videoconferencing

Philadelphia Traffic Court Judges

- Electronic Citations
- Review and Update of the Motor Vehicle Code
- Understanding and Valuing Diversity
- Criminal and Minor Court Rules Committees Updates
- Nondiscrimination Policy
- Rule 509 and Public Access to Paper Records

- Risk Management for Depression
- Audits and Reports

Other Activities

In addition to conducting education courses at its facility in Harrisburg, the Minor Judiciary Education Board provided staff assistance to the minor judiciary, court administrators, president judges and related court agencies in answering questions pertaining to the board, the minor courts system and the board’s courses of instruction. **AOPC**

Statistics

MJEB statistics for 2010 can be found in the chart below.

<i>2010 Educational Statistics</i>	
<i>Continuing education to magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges</i>	<i>628</i>
<i>Continuing legal education to attorney magisterial district judges & sr. magisterial district judges</i>	<i>147</i>
<i>Magisterial district judge recertification</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Certification classes to prospective magisterial district judges</i>	<i>119</i>
<i>Total certified</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>Certification of prospective Philadelphia Traffic Court judges</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Certification of prospective Philadelphia Bail Commissioners</i>	<i>1</i>

Table 4.6.1

2010 Membership

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Honorable Robert A. Graci
Robert K. Reitzel
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Kathryn J. Peifer, Esq., *Executive Director*
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Legal Authorization

Pa. Constitution, Article V, § 12
Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, §501 et seq.

About the Board

The Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security was established by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1982 as a means of helping clients recover some or all losses of money and/or property stolen from them by their attorneys. It is funded by a special annual assessment (\$35 for 2010-11) paid by any attorney admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania. Through December 30, 2010, clients could receive up to \$75,000 for a claim. Effective December 31, 2010, clients may now receive up to \$100,000.

The fund is supervised by the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security Board. This board includes five members of the bar of the Supreme Court and two non-lawyer public members. Each member's term is three years in length, and a member may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

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2010 Claims Statistics

Statistics for the 2010-11 fiscal year can be found in Table 4.7.1. Chart 4.7.2 on page 76 is a breakdown of amounts claimed by category. Chart 4.7.3 on page 77 gives comparisons of claims awarded versus claims rejected, both in terms of numbers and dollar amounts. Chart 4.7.4 on page 78 is a comparison of claims awarded, rejected and discontinued, both cumulatively and in 2010-11.

Claims	No.	Amount
Received	193 *	\$7,261,024
*14 in excess of \$100,000 limit		
Awarded	146	2,350,549
Rejected	45	51,816,558
Discontinued	18	247,731
Total	211	\$54,165,424
Pending	144	\$4,938,205

Table 4.7.1

Claims Categories

Fiduciary Funds - Theft of estate funds and trust/escrow funds consistently tops the list of claims filed against attorneys. Combined, these two types of theft during FY 2010-11 cost the fund \$1,321,728, 58.73 percent of its total award dollars, settling 28 claims. Approximately 66 percent of the funds in this category went to former clients of two attorneys.

Lawsuit Settlement Proceeds - Claims of misappropriation of settlement proceeds often occur when an attorney settles a lawsuit without the knowledge or consent of the client. The attorney receives the funds and fails to remit them to the client. Also included in this category are claims involving attorneys who withhold funds from settlement proceeds to pay clients' medical providers and fail to make the payment/s. Payments of \$500,303 to 25 claimants in this category were made in 2010-11, 22.23 percent of the total dollars awarded. Of this, \$432,332 were paid to eleven former clients of two attorneys.

Nonperformance* - The acceptance of unearned fees or retainers represented the third category in which funds were awarded in 2010-11 with 74 claimants receiving \$205,803, 9.15 percent of the total dollars awarded. Of this \$37,933 went to 74 clients of one attorney.

*Since the fund does not arbitrate fee disputes, for an award to be considered when the attorney performed any services of value, the

claimant typically must first file a complaint with the local bar association's fee dispute committee. If the committee determines that all or a portion of the fees or retainer paid were not earned, and the attorney does not return the fee, the board will consider this type of claim and categorize the award as nonperformance by the attorney.

Real Estate Proceeds Embezzlement - The fund paid \$100,000 in awards for funds that were received by one attorney as part of a real estate settlement. The attorney failed to pay off the existing mortgages and converted the funds for personal use. This represented 4.44 percent of funds awarded.

Notwithstanding the award amounts reported, it should be noted that claims are filed against fewer than one percent of all Pennsylvania licensed attorneys.

2010 Activities

During the year the board met in Hershey, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Rules Change

In November 2010 the Supreme Court approved a change to Rule 514(b) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement. This change increases the maximum amount a

claimant may receive with respect to the conduct of any one covered attorney from \$75,000 to \$100,000. This rule became effective December 31, 2010.

Restitution and Subrogation Efforts

All claimants are required to execute a subrogation agreement prior to the receipt of an approved award. This agreement assigns the fund the right to collect the award amount. The fund may receive restitution through civil collection efforts or through criminal restitution payments. During FY 2010-11, the fund recovered \$332,063 in restitution payments.

Mandatory Overdraft Notification

Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement 221 requires financial institutions to report to the fund all checks drawn on attorney fiduciary accounts which contain insufficient funds. In 2010-11 the fund received 251 overdraft notices. Another nine notices were pending. Of the 260 notices, 207 were reviewed and dismissed, and 47 were referred to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. Six notices remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

County Bench, Bar Meetings

The board has been holding meetings and dinners with leaders of the county benches and bars in conjunction with the board's quarterly business meetings since 1989. These meetings keep the bench and bar leaders informed about the fund's activities, both state-wide and regionally, and request the assistance of the bench and bar in carrying out the fund's mission. In 2010 and 2011 the fund met with Allegheny, Dauphin and Philadelphia counties.

Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers

With prior approval of the Supreme Court, the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security may provide funding to nonprofit organizations that assist Pennsylvania lawyers and judges who are impaired by alcohol or drugs. In accordance with this rule, during FY 2010-11 \$322,578 of funding was given to the organization known as Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers. Such assistance complements the fund's mission to ameliorate losses resulting from attorney dishonesty as oftentimes when an attorney converts client funds, the conduct is related to substance abuse. The financial support for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers helps to mitigate the losses by providing a resource for impaired attorneys.

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Categories of Claims

Amounts Awarded - 2010-11

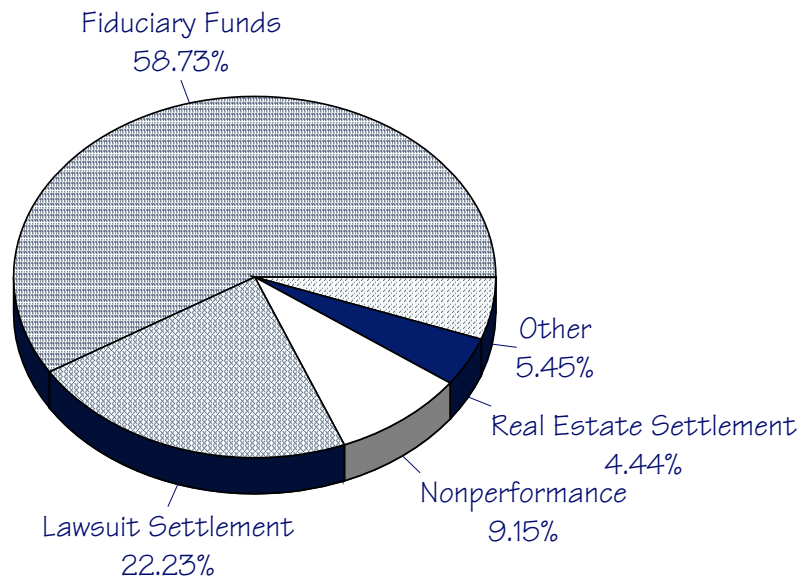
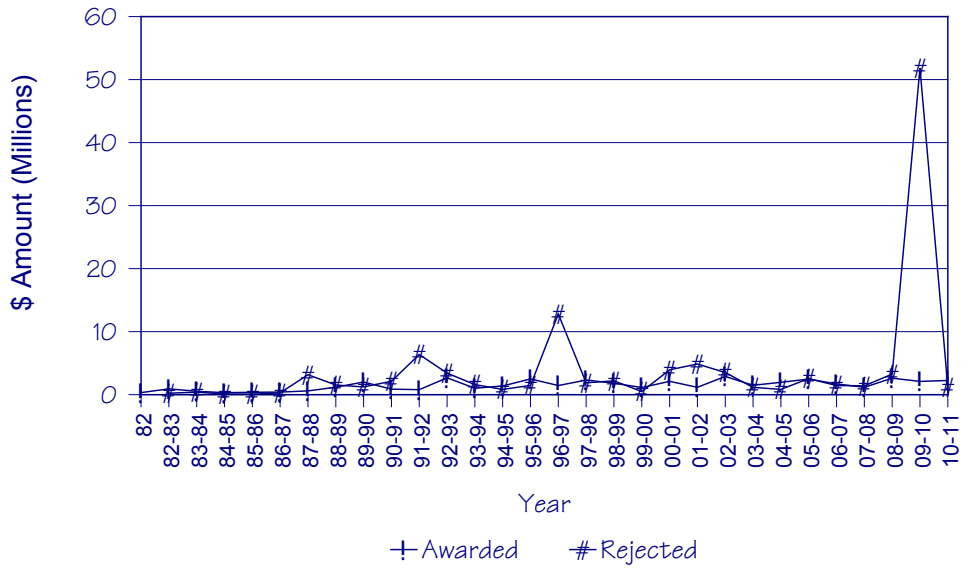
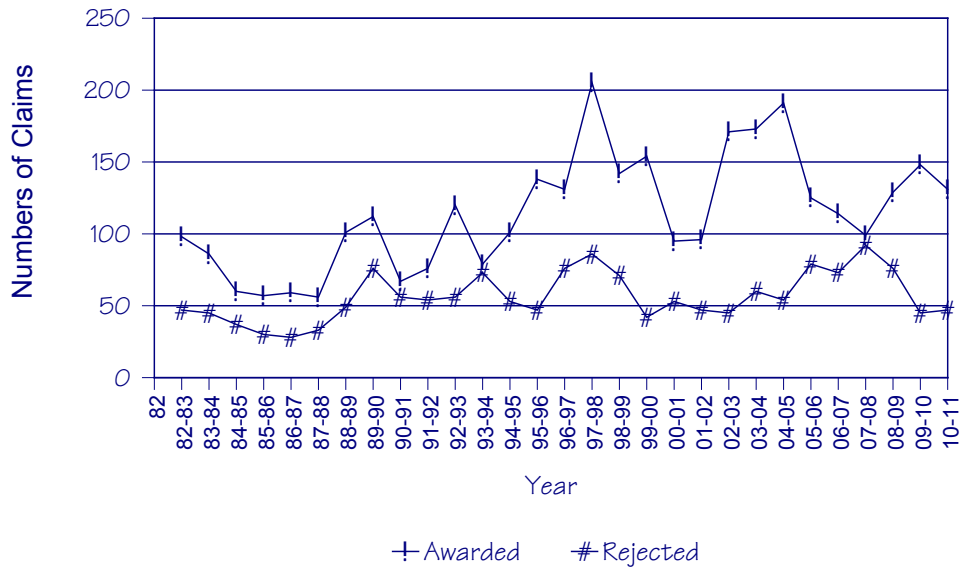


Table 4.7.2

Claim Awards v. Rejections 1982-2010



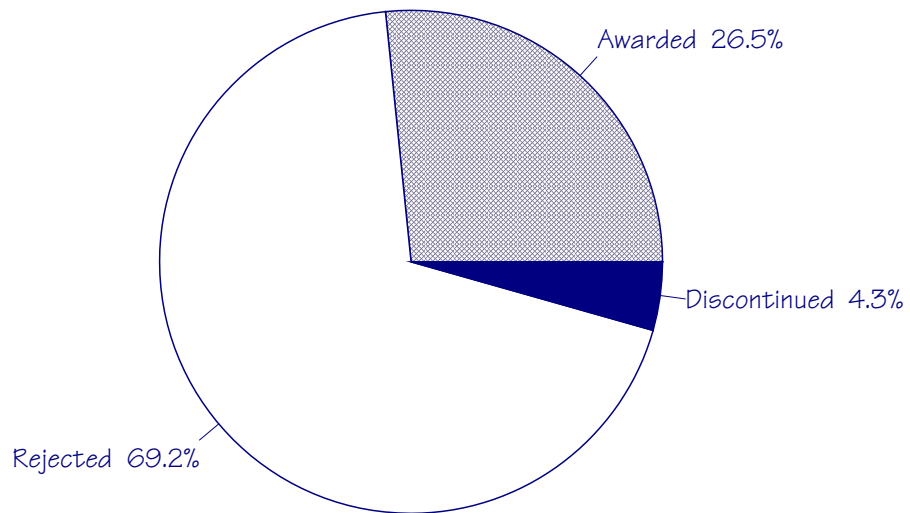
Claims Awarded v. Rejections 1982-2011



Effective 7-1-00, the maximum reimbursable amount was raised from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Effective 12-31-10, the maximum reimbursable amount was raised to \$100,000.

Table 4.7.3

Comparison of Claim Dispositions Cumulative



2010-11

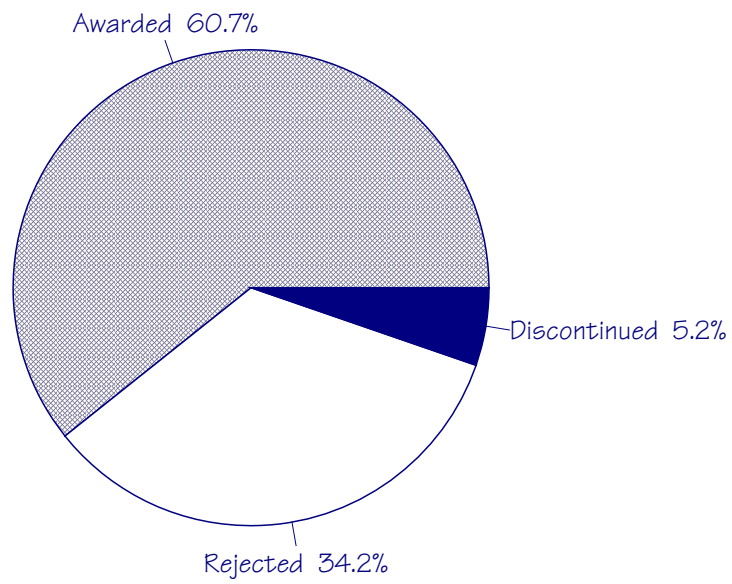


Table 4.7.4

Of the total state government expenditures for fiscal year 2010-11, administrative costs for the judiciary amounted to approximately one-half of one percent. Table 5.1 on page 81 shows the distribution of expenditures across the three branches of government. (With the county reimbursement grants discussed below, the judiciary accounts for approximately 0.6 percent of total state government expenditures.)

Funding for the Unified Judicial System derives from both state and county appropriations. The federal government provides limited funding for specific programs of federal interest, notably the ongoing Court Improvement Program. The state pays the salaries for all judicial officers as well as the personnel and operating costs of the entire appellate court system, including the committees of the Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. Beginning January 1, 2000, in accordance with Act 12 of 1999, the Commonwealth also funds the salaries and benefits for district court administrators transferred to state service effective that date. Table 5.2 on page 82 provides a breakdown of the state appropriations for fiscal year 2010-11.

In fiscal year 2010-11, the judiciary saved a total of more than \$9 million through a variety of measures, including the suspension of a staff COLA and a 20 percent reduction in merit increments, not making appointments—at the request of the chief justice—to fill judge vacancies and attrition.

County Reimbursement Program

The Commonwealth also provides reimbursement to the counties for costs incurred in support of the Common Pleas Courts. Counties are reimbursed for a percentage of juror costs incurred when a trial or grand jury proceeding lasts longer than three days.

In addition, counties have traditionally been reimbursed for personnel and operating costs associated with the administration of the Courts of Common Pleas. Reimbursement is based on a statutory rate of \$70,000 for each authorized Common Pleas judge position, which, in the case of insufficient funding, must be reduced in order to adjust to the appropriated amount.

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The General Assembly also requires that counties spend an amount at least equal to the flat reimbursement rate per judge. Funding provided in FY 2010-11 allowed payment of the grant at the rate of \$61,713.

Counties also receive partial reimbursement for expenses they incur to provide support—facilities and staff services—to assigned Common Pleas senior judges in accordance with Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration (R.J.A.) 701(F). Act 88 of 2001 served as the initial enabling legislation for the Senior Judge Support Reimbursement Grant and was succeeded by Act 37 of 2007. This grant has been provided each year since its inception in FY 2001-02.

Table 5.3 on page 85 identifies the amounts of reimbursement provided to each county, by grant program, for fiscal year 2010-11.

One exception to the current funding pattern has been the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court, which was merged into the magisterial district judge system within Allegheny County on January 1, 2005, as part of the decennial realignment of magisterial districts by the Supreme Court. Traditionally, costs for this court were borne by the city. In fiscal year 1995-96, however, the Commonwealth reimbursed Pittsburgh for costs related to the court by the payment of a \$1.2 million grant. Grant money continued to be provided to Pittsburgh each fiscal year until 2000-01, when the grant was not funded. Funding was restored in 2001-02, but was not granted subsequently. A grant has been provided annually to Allegheny County, beginning in FY 2005-06, to assist with consolidation costs arising from the merger in January 2005 of the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court into the magisterial district judge system within the county.

A grant was also provided to Philadelphia to assist with the costs of a “gun court” instituted within its trial courts. Funding for the grant was first provided in FY 2004-05 and continued each year thereafter.

Local, State Government Revenue

The Unified Judicial System is a source of considerable revenue to local and state government. An example of this revenue can be found in Table 5.4 on page 89, which lists fees collected by the appellate courts, the Minor Judiciary Education Board and the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners. Appropriated by the General Assembly, these fees are used to support state-funded court operations.

Included on the table are revenues from a fee created during FY 2009-10 to supplement and help close shortfalls in state funding. Act 49 of 2009 imposed a temporary, 25-month surcharge beginning December 8, 2009. Of the total \$13.50 surcharge imposed on court filings and recordings of deeds, \$10.25 was earmarked for use by the Supreme Court in closing deficits within the various judiciary appropriations. The surcharge generated \$25.579 million, which was used toward closing FY 2010-11 deficits.

Although exact figures are not available, the court system raises millions of dollars in revenue for local municipalities. Depending on the police department (local or state) from which a citation is issued, a portion of fines collected is disbursed to local political subdivisions after adjudication within the Unified Judicial System. Some examples of these fines include traffic violations under the vehicle code, violations of local ordinances and certain violations of summary offenses.

Counties also receive court-collected fines, fees and costs. Fees are generated in connection with the commencement of actions or the filing of liens, appeals and accounts, etc. On an annual basis, the collections amount to tens of millions of dollars. The monies are collected by courts at all levels of the system.

Finally, a portion of the revenues collected by the courts is earmarked for the state. Some of these funds are program specific, e.g., Pennsylvania’s Emergency Medical Fund and the Crime Victims’ Compensation Board. Others

are used, through Act 64 of 1987 and Act 59 of 1990, as amended by Act 122 of 2002, to provide funding for the statewide Judicial Computer System. Still other monies collected, such as motor vehicle fines, revert to state general use.

As part of the reform of the judicial discipline process, the Judicial Conduct Board

and the Court of Judicial Discipline were established as independent organizations responsible for their own affairs, including financial matters. Pursuant to Act 56 of 1993, however, their annual budget requests are made as separate line items in the Supreme Court’s request to the General Assembly on behalf of the judicial branch.

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Pennsylvania Government FY 2010-11 General, Special Federal & Other Funds Expenditures		
Branch	\$ Amount (Millions)	Percent of Total
Executive	66,196,443	98.99
Legislative	301,565	0.45
Judicial	337,930	0.51
Judicial - County Reimbursement for Courts	35,825	0.05
Total	66,871,763	

Totals shown exclude capital budget.

Note: The governor’s budget showed FY 2010-11 funds available to the judiciary as \$336,051. Actual total available funds, with the transfers of \$8,947 from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account and \$25,579 of Act 49 of 2009 revenues, augmentations of \$3,101 were \$337,853. The state total operating expenditures shown here were adjusted to reflect this difference.

Source: FY 2010-11 Governor’s Recommended Budget

Table 5.1

Appropriations	
Appropriation	2010-11 (thousands)
Supreme Court*	\$13,424
Justices' Expenses	115
Civil Procedural Rules Committee	291
Criminal Procedural Rules Committee*	375
Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee*	168
Judicial Council	137
Interbranch Commission	349
Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee*	168
Appellate Court/Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committees	150
Committee on Rules of Evidence	157
Minor Court Rules Committee*	139
Superior Court*	26,237
Judges' Expenses	178
Commonwealth Court*	15,926
Judges' Expenses	128
Court Administrator*	9,663
Court Improvement Program** (F)	1,705
Drug Court Training+ (F)	40
Drug Court Management Information System (MIS)++ (F)	200
STOP Violence against Women# (F)	198
Pennsylvania Judicial Center	655
District Court Administrators*	16,773
Court Management Education	71
Unified Judicial System Security##	1,994
Statewide Judicial Computer System▲ (R)	57,048
Integrated Criminal Justice System	2,303
Courts of Common Pleas*	79,136
Common Pleas Senior Judges*	3,607
Common Pleas Judicial Education	1,105
Ethics Committee of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges	55
Magisterial District Judges*	58,986
Magisterial District Judge Education*	651

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Table 5.2

Appropriations, continued	
Appropriation	2010-11 (thousands)
Philadelphia Traffic Court*	912
Philadelphia Municipal Court*	5,546
Philadelphia Law Clerks	36
Domestic Violence	218
County Court Reimbursement	30,235
Philadelphia Gun Court Reimbursement Grant▲▲	1,276
Senior Judge Support Reimbursement	1,335
Juror Cost Reimbursement	1,085
Court Accounts (Court Consolidation)	1,640
Judicial Conduct Board*	1,182
Court of Judicial Discipline	454
State Funds	276,860
(F) Federal Funds	2,143
(R) Restricted Receipts	57,048
Total	\$336,051
<p>* Act 49 imposed a temporary, 25-month surcharge of \$10.25, effective December 8, 2009, to generate revenues to help close shortfalls in state funding among the various judiciary appropriations. Total available surcharge revenues of \$25,579,000 were used during the year to help close deficits totaling \$35,207,000 incurred in these appropriations. The remainder of the shortfall was closed by transfers of \$8,947,000 from the JCS Augmentation Account and \$681,000 from state funds available at year end from other judiciary line items.</p>	
<p>** These federal funds are available under Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for a Court Improvement Project involving the dependency courts.</p>	
<p>+ The federal drug court training funds were first made available as a \$200,000 subgrant by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in FY 2007-08, with unspent amounts rolled into each succeeding fiscal year. The PCCD made the unspent balance of the grant available in FY 2010-11.</p>	
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Table 5.2, cont'd.

Appropriations, continued

- ++ The federal drug court MIS appropriation was requested in FY 2009-10 in anticipation of receiving federal grant funds. No federal grant funds, however, were provided. Although a FY 2010-11 appropriation was not requested because no federal funds were available, a \$200,00 appropriation was provided under the governor's flat-line budget for the judiciary in FY 2010-11.
- # The STOP Violence against Women appropriation is funded by a subgrant of federal Justice Assistance Grant funds from the PCCD.
- ## The FY 2010-11 UJS Security appropriation was provided in the form of a continuing appropriation.
- ▲ The Statewide Judicial Computer System is funded through a restricted receipt account in accordance with Act 64 of 1987 and Act 59 of 1990 as amended by Act 122 of 2002 and Act 49 of 2009. The funds in the account may be supplemented by the transfer of available surplus funds at year end from certain UJS appropriations as authorized by statute. The appropriation from the restricted receipt account was augmented by \$100,751 from miscellaneous revenues, including fees charged to users for information generated by the Magisterial District Judge System; \$247, 376 from online payment fees; and \$81,918 from fees imposed by Act 119 of 1996 (Jen & Dave's Law). The total amount available to the Judicial Computer System in FY 2010-11 was \$57,478,045.
- ▲▲ The FY 2010-11 Philadelphia Gun Court Reimbursement Grant is a two-year continuing appropriation, expiring June 30, 2012.

Table 5.2, cont'd.

County Reimbursements for Courts
FY 2010-11

County	Juror Cost	County Court	Senior Judge	Philadelphia Gun Court	Court Accounts	Total
Adams	\$0.00	\$185,139.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185,165.00
Allegheny	74,923.11	2,653,658.00	121,348.00	0.00	1,640,000.00	4,489,929.11
Armstrong	339.57	123,426.00	3,151.00	0.00	0.00	126,916.57
Beaver	10,486.25	431,991.00	19,174.00	0.00	0.00	461,651.25
Bedford	645.79	123,426.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	124,071.79
Berks	17,960.05	802,269.00	113,433.00	0.00	0.00	933,662.05
Blair	6,869.65	308,565.00	8,659.00	0.00	0.00	324,093.65
Bradford	0.00	123,426.00	332.00	0.00	0.00	123,758.00
Bucks	33,523.61	802,269.00	15,097.00	0.00	0.00	850,889.61
Butler	3,576.10	370,278.00	1,634.00	0.00	0.00	375,488.10
Cambria	2,607.21	308,565.00	30,974.00	0.00	0.00	342,146.21
Cameron	0.00	9,257.00	144.00	0.00	0.00	9,401.00
Carbon	1,644.69	123,426.00	38,848.00	0.00	0.00	163,918.69
Centre	586.22	246,852.00	924.00	0.00	0.00	248,362.22
Chester	21,325.66	863,982.00	22,659.00	0.00	0.00	907,966.66
Clarion	1,564.76	61,713.00	5,481.00	0.00	0.00	68,758.76
Clearfield	751.84	123,426.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	124,177.84
Clinton	336.18	123,426.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	123,762.18
Columbia	1,272.59	96,272.00	1,252.00	0.00	0.00	98,796.59
Crawford	329.64	185,139.00	1,995.00	0.00	0.00	187,463.64
Cumberland	6,915.66	308,565.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315,480.66
Dauphin	29,479.63	493,704.00	824.00	0.00	0.00	524,007.63
Delaware	27,609.34	1,172,547.00	124,647.00	0.00	0.00	1,324,803.34
Elk	949.62	52,456.00	1,980.00	0.00	0.00	55,385.62

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County Reimbursements for Courts, continued
FY 2010-11

County	Juror Cost	County Court	Senior Judge	Philadelphia Gun Court	Court Accounts	Total
Erie	\$9,288.47	\$555,417.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$564,705.47
Fayette	4,993.38	308,565.00	7,017.00	0.00	0.00	320,575.38
Forest	0.00	12,343.00	689.00	0.00	0.00	13,032.00
Franklin	4,576.00	222,167.00	5,020.00	0.00	0.00	231,763.00
Fulton	0.00	24,685.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,685.00
Greene	4,321.35	123,426.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	127,747.35
Huntingdon	379.42	61,713.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,092.42
Indiana	2,321.41	185,139.00	2,629.00	0.00	0.00	190,089.41
Jefferson	337.12	61,713.00	3,148.00	0.00	0.00	65,198.12
Juniata	0.00	41,965.00	676.00	0.00	0.00	42,641.00
Lackawanna	14,199.88	493,704.00	136,809.00	0.00	0.00	644,712.88
Lancaster	18,997.08	925,695.00	4,985.00	0.00	0.00	949,677.08
Lawrence	6,637.17	246,852.00	6,703.00	0.00	0.00	260,192.17
Lebanon	946.68	246,852.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	247,798.68
Lehigh	20,269.08	617,130.00	29,593.00	0.00	0.00	666,992.08
Luzerne	9,094.37	671,130.00	198,658.00	0.00	0.00	824,882.37
Lycoming	5,469.37	308,565.00	6,156.00	0.00	0.00	320,190.37
McKean	319.84	123,426.00	18,770.00	0.00	0.00	142,515.84
Mercer	8,690.87	246,852.00	1,282.00	0.00	0.00	256,824.87
Mifflin	0.00	123,426.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	123,426.00
Monroe	9,847.41	370,278.00	5,508.00	0.00	0.00	385,633.41
Montgomery	42,914.87	1,295,972.00	34,683.00	0.00	0.00	1,373,569.87
Montour	0.00	27,154.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,154.00
Northampton	57,838.68	493,704.00	34,192.00	0.00	0.00	585,734.68

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County Reimbursements for Courts, continued
FY 2010-11

County	Juror Cost	County Court	Senior Judge	Philadelphia Gun Court	Court Accounts	Total
Northumberland	\$699.58	\$185,139.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185,838.58
Perry	71.40	81,461.00	1,398.00	0.00	0.00	82,930.40
Philadelphia	475,416.65	8,882,304.00	234,490.00	1,276,000.00	0.00	10,868,210.65
Pike	6,476.67	123,426.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129,902.67
Potter	1,510.80	61,713.00	1,107.00	0.00	0.00	64,330.80
Schuylkill	2,082.22	370,278.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	372,360.22
Snyder	1,181.72	58,010.00	2,833.00	0.00	0.00	62,024.72
Somerset	1,873.76	185,139.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	187,012.76
Sullivan	0.00	11,725.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,725.00
Susquehanna	1,133.64	61,713.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,846.64
Tioga	339.70	61,713.00	826.00	0.00	0.00	62,878.70
Union	738.75	65,416.00	3,675.00	0.00	0.00	69,829.75
Venango	9,348.00	123,426.00	13,732.00	0.00	0.00	146,506.00
Warren	0.00	111,083.00	4,802.00	0.00	0.00	115,885.00
Washington	6,926.56	370,278.00	14,421.00	0.00	0.00	391,625.56
Wayne	5,556.23	61,713.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67,269.23
Westmoreland	12,843.46	678,843.00	3,478.00	0.00	0.00	695,164.46
Wyoming	1,800.54	49,988.00	9,696.00	0.00	0.00	61,484.54
York	25,860.70	863,982.00	35,442.00	0.00	0.00	925,284.70
Transfer	66,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,000.00
Total	1,085,000.00	30,235,000.00	1,335,000.00	1,276,000.00	1,640,000.00	35,571,000.00

Funding Methodologies:

Juror Cost - The grant reimburses counties for 80 percent of the amounts they expend for compensation and travel allowances to jurors participating in a trial or grand jury proceedings after the first three days of service.

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County Reimbursements for Courts, continued
FY 2010-11

Funding Methodologies, continued:

County Court - The grant provides reimbursement for costs associated with the administration and operation of the Courts of Common Pleas. For FY 2010-11 the reimbursement was paid at a rate of \$61,713 per authorized Common Pleas position, whether filled or vacant. This represents the proportional reduction made to each county's grant as required by Act 37 of 2007 in order to adjust to insufficient funding to pay at the statutory \$70,000 reimbursement rate. In order for counties to receive the full reimbursement offered by the grant, the counties must provide a level of support at least equal to the reimbursement paid. Except when required by Act 37 in the case of insufficient funding, no county will receive less than 77.5% of the actual reimbursement for court costs provided to it from state funds appropriated for the fiscal year July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981.

Senior Judge - The grant provides partial reimbursement for expenses counties incur to provide support—facilities and staff services—to assigned Common Pleas Court senior judges in accordance with Pa. Rule of Judicial Administration 701. Facilities include the use of judicial chambers, office equipment and supplies; staff services include the services of law clerks and secretaries. The use of facilities is reimbursed at the current statutory rate of \$60 per day, billable in half-day increments. Services of a secretary are reimbursed at \$12 per hour and the services of a law clerk at \$20 per hour. After imposition of the Act 37 cap limiting any county's payment to 20 percent of the total appropriation (this affected only Philadelphia), the total calendar year 2010 reimbursement qualifying for payment during FY 2010-11 exceeded the appropriation by \$185,086. In accordance with Act 37 of 2007, therefore, the grant payment to each county was proportionally reduced by approximately twelve percent.

Philadelphia Gun Court Reimbursement Grant - The grant provides reimbursement to the City of Philadelphia primarily for personnel costs associated with the operation of the Philadelphia gun court. Because the FY 2010-11 appropriation is a two-year continuing appropriation extending through June 30, 2012, the funds are being paid out over the two-year period. As of June 30, 2011, \$971,286 was paid.

Court Accounts (Court Consolidation Grant) - The grant provides reimbursement to Allegheny County for costs related to the transition of the former Pittsburgh Magistrates Court staff to county employment as a result of the merger of the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court into the magisterial district judge system effective January 1, 2005.

<i>Fees That Support State Operations</i>	
<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>2010-11 (thousands)</i>
<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>\$420</i>
<i>Pa. Board of Law Examiners</i>	<i>2,040</i>
<i>Judicial Computer System*</i>	<i>399</i>
<i>Superior Court</i>	<i>197</i>
<i>Commonwealth Court</i>	<i>157</i>
<i>Magisterial District Judge Education</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Court Administrator</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Act 49 Fees**</i>	<i>25,579</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$28,869</i>
<p><i>* Includes revenues collected under Act 119 of 1996 (Jen & Dave's Law). These collections provided \$81,918 to support the "Jen/Dave" functions during FY 2010-11. The remainder was derived from public access fees levied on nongovernmental users of information captured by the Magisterial District Judge System.</i></p>	
<p><i>** Revenues generated by the Act 49 surcharge used to help close shortfalls in state funding among the various judiciary appropriations during FY 2010-11.</i></p>	

Table 5.4

Supreme Court Justices

Complement 7

Castille, Ronald D.
Chief Justice

Saylor, Thomas G.
Eakin, J. Michael
Baer, Max

Todd, Debra
McCaffery, Seamus P.
Orie Melvin, Joan

Superior Court Judges

Complement 15

Ford Elliott, Kate**
President Judge

Musmanno, John L.
Bender, John T.
Bowes, Mary Jane
Gantman, Susan Peikes
Panella, Jack A.

Donohue, Christine L.
Shogan, Jacqueline O.

Stevens, Correale F.+
President Judge

Allen, Cheryl Lynn
Lazarus, Anne E.
Mundy, Sallie Updyke
Olson, Judith Ference
Ott, Paula Francisco

Freedberg, Robert A.*

* Appointed 7-1-10

** President judge term expired
1-8-11

+ Elected president judge effective
1-9-11

Commonwealth Court Judges

Complement 9

Leadbetter, Bonnie Brigance
President Judge

McGinley, Bernard L.
Pellegrini, Dante R.
Cohn Jubelirer, Renée
Simpson, Robert E., Jr.

Leavitt, Mary Hannah
Brobson, P. Kevin
McCullough, Patricia A.
Butler, Johnny J.

Appellate

Court

Jurists

(As of 6-30-12)

**Senior
Appellate
Court
Judges**

**Superior Court
Senior Judges**

Cleland, John M.+
Colville, Robert E.*
Fitzgerald, James J., III
Freedberg, Robert A.**
Kelly, John T. J., Jr.▲
McEwen, Stephen J., Jr.
Platt, William H.#
Popovich, Zoran++
Strassburger, Gene B.##

- * Allegheny County senior Common Pleas Court judge assigned to Superior Court
- ** Effective 1-4-10; appointed to Superior Court 7-1-10; resigned as senior judge 7-7-10
- + Effective 1-4-10; appointed to Common Pleas Court 1-1-11
- ++ Resigned 8-31-10
- # Lehigh County senior Common Pleas Court judge assigned to Superior Court 1-3-11
- ## Allegheny County senior Common Pleas Court judge assigned to Superior Court 1-3-11
- ▲ Retired 12-31-10

**Commonwealth
Court Senior Judges**

Feudale, Barry F.*
Flaherty, James J.+
Friedman, Rochelle S.
Kelley, James R.+
Quigley, Keith B.**

- * Northampton County senior Common Pleas Court judge; sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court
- ** Perry-Juniata Counties senior Common Pleas Court judge; sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court
- + Retired 12-31-10

(As of 6-30-12)

ADAMS COUNTY (51)

Complement 4

Kuhn, John D.
Bigham, Robert G.
Campbell, Thomas R.
George, Michael A.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (05)

Complement 43
Vacancy 1

McDaniel, Donna Jo

Administrative Judges

Hens-Greco, Kathryn M.++
Manning, Jeffrey A.
O'Brien, W. Terrence++
O'Toole, Lawrence J.*
Strassburger, Eugene B., III**
Wecht, David N.+

Bigley, Kelly Eileen
Borkowski, Edward J.
Bubash, Cathleen Cawood
Cashman, David R.
Clark, Kim Berkeley

Colville, Robert J.
De Angelis, Guido A.
Della Vecchia, Michael A.
Durkin, Kathleen A.
Eaton, Kim D.

Evashavik DiLucente, Susan
Flaherty, Thomas E.
Folino, Ronald W.
Friedman, Judith L. A.
Hertzberg, Alan David

Ignelzi, Philip Anthony
James, Joseph M.
Kelly, Robert A.
Klein, Arnold I.
Lazzara, Beth A.

Lutty, Paul F., Jr.
Machen, Donald E.
Mariani, Anthony M.

Marmo, Michael F.
McCarthy, Michael E.

McVay, John T., Jr.
Mulligan, Kathleen R.
Nauhaus, Lester G.
Rangos, Jill E.
Sasinoski, Kevin G.

Todd, Randal B.
Walko, Donald R., Jr.
Ward, Christine A.
Williams, Joseph K., III
Woodruff, Dwayne D.

Zottola, John A.

- * Appointed administrative judge effective 1-1-10
- ** Resigned 1-2-11
- + Administrative judge term expired 1-18-11
- ++ Appointed administrative judge effective 1-19-11

ARMSTRONG COUNTY (33)

Complement 2

Valasek, Kenneth G.
Panchik, James J.

BEAVER COUNTY (36)

Complement 7

McBride, John D.
Dohanich, John P.
Knafelc, Harry E.
Kunselman, Deborah A.
Kwidis, C. Gus

Mancini, Richard
Tesla, Kim

Common

Pleas

Court

Judges

(As of 6-30-12)

(Judicial district listed in parentheses)

(Italics denotes president judge)

BEDFORD COUNTY (57)

Complement 2
Vacancy 1

*Howsare, Daniel L.**
*Ling, Thomas S.***

* Resigned 7-4-10
** Appointed president judge
effective 7-5-10

BERKS COUNTY (23)

Complement 13

Schmehl, Jeffrey L.
Boccabella, John A.
Bucci, James M.
Campbell, Mary Ann
Keller, Scott D.

Lash, Scott E.
Lieberman, Stephen B.
Ludgate, Linda K. M.
Parisi, Thomas G.
Rowley, Timothy J.

Schmehl, Peter W.
Sprecher, Jeffrey K.
Yatron, Paul M.

BLAIR COUNTY (24)

Complement 5

Kopriva, Jolene Grubb
Carpenter, Hiram A., III
Doyle, Elizabeth A.
Milliron, Daniel J.
Sullivan, Timothy M.

BRADFORD COUNTY (42)

Complement 2

Smith, Jeffrey A.
Beirne, Maureen T.

BUCKS COUNTY (07)

Complement 13

Scott, Susan Devlin
Baldi, Robert O.
Bateman, Wallace H., Jr.
Boylan, Rea Behney
Cepparulo, Albert J.

Finley, Jeffrey L.
Fritsch, C. Theodore, Jr.
Gibbons, Diane E.
Gilman, Gary B.
*McMaster, James M.**

Mellon, Robert J.
Rubenstein, Alan M.
Waite, Clyde W.

* Appointed 10-13-10

BUTLER COUNTY (50)

Complement 6

Doerr, Thomas J.
Horan, Marilyn J.
McCune, Timothy F.
Shaffer, William R.
Streib, Kelley T. D.

Yeager, S. Michael

CAMBRIA COUNTY (47)

Complement 5

Creany, Timothy P.
Fleming, Linda R.
Kiniry, Patrick T.
Krumenacker, Norman A., III
Tulowitzki, David J.

CARBON COUNTY (56)

Complement 3
Vacancy 1

Nanovic, Roger N.
Serfass, Steven R.

CENTRE COUNTY (49)

Complement 4

Grine, David E.
Kistler, Thomas King
Lunsford, Bradley P.
Ruest, Pamela A.

CHESTER COUNTY (15)

Complement 14
Vacancy 3

MacEtree, James P., II
Bortner, David F.
Cody, Jacqueline C.
*Gavin, Thomas G.***
Griffith, Edward

Hall, John L.
Mahon, William P.
*Nagle, Ronald C.**
Platt, Katherine B. L.
Riley, Howard F., Jr.

Sarcione, Anthony A.
Shenkin, Robert J.
Streitel, Phyllis R.

* Retired 12-31-10
** Resigned 1-2-11

CLARION COUNTY (18)

Complement 1

Arner, James G.

CLEARFIELD COUNTY (46)

Complement 2

Ammerman, Frederic J.
Cherry, Paul E.

CLINTON COUNTY (25)

Complement 2

Williamson, J. Michael
Miller, Craig P.

**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR
COUNTIES (26)**

Complement 2
Vacancy 1

*Naus, Scott W.**
*James, Thomas A., Jr.***

* Resigned 1-2-11
** Appointed president judge
effective 1-3-11

CRAWFORD COUNTY (30)

Complement 3

Vardaro, Anthony J.
Spataro, John F.
Stevens, Mark D.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (09)

Complement 5

Hess, Kevin A.
Ebert, Merle L., Jr.
Guido, Edward E.
Masland, Albert H.
Oler, J. Wesley, Jr.

DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)

Complement 10

*Lewis, Richard A.**
*Hoover, Todd A.***
Bratton, Bruce F.
Cherry, John F.
Clark, Lawrence F., Jr.
Coates, Bernard L., Jr.
Curcillo, Deborah E.
Dowling, Andrew H.
Evans, Scott A.
Turgeon, Jeannine

* President judge term expired
2-15-10
** Elected president judge
effective 2-16-10

DELAWARE COUNTY (32)

Complement 20
Vacancy 4

Cronin, Joseph P., Jr.
Bradley, James P.
Brennan, Mary Alice
*Burr, Charles B., II***
Cartisano, Linda A.

Coll, Michael F. X.
Dozor, Barry C.
Durham, Kathrynann W.
*Fitzpatrick, Maureen F.**
Hazel, Frank T.

Jenkins, Patricia H.
Kelly, Kevin F.
Kenney, Chad F., Sr.
Mallon, Gregory M.
Nilon, James F., Jr.

Osborne, Ann A.
Pagano, George A.
Proud, James F.

* Resigned 11-2-10
** Retired 12-31-10

**ELK-CAMERON
COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 1

Masson, Richard A.

ERIE COUNTY (06)

Complement 9

*Kelly, Elizabeth K.***
DiSantis, Ernest J., Jr.+
*Bozza, John A.**
Brabender, Daniel J., Jr.
Connelly, Shad F.

Cunningham, William R.
Domitrovich, Stephanie A.
Dunlavey, Michael E.

Garhart, John
Trucilla, John J.

* Term expired 1-3-10
** President judge term expired
1-3-10
+ Elected president judge
effective 1-4-10

FAYETTE COUNTY (14)

Complement 5

*Solomon, Gerald R.**
Leskinen, Steve P.
Vernon, Nancy D.
Wagner, John F., Jr.
Warman, Ralph C.

* Appointed president judge
effective 1-1-10

**FRANKLIN-FULTON
COUNTIES (39)**

Complement 5

Herman, Douglas W.
Krom, Angela R.
Meyers, Shawn D.
Van Horn, Carol L.
Walsh, Richard J.

GREENE COUNTY (13)

Complement 2

Nalitz, William R.
Toothman, Farley D.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY (20)

Complement 1

Kurtz, Stewart L.

INDIANA COUNTY (40)

Complement 3
Vacancy 1

Martin, William J.
Hanna, Carol
*Olson, Gregory A.**

* Resigned 1-7-11

JEFFERSON COUNTY (54)

Complement 1

Foradora, John H.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY (45)

Complement 9

*Harhut, Chester T.**
*Munley, Thomas J.***
Barrasse, Michael J.
Bisignani Moyle,
Margaret A.
Corbett, Patricia

Geroulo, Vito P.
Mazzoni, Robert A.
Minora, Carmen D.
Nealon, Terrence R.

* President judge term expired
1-2-11

** Elected president judge
effective 1-3-11

LANCASTER COUNTY (02)

Complement 15
Vacancy 1

*Farina, Louis J.**
*Madenspacher, Joseph C.***
Ashworth, David L.
Cullen, James P.
Gorbey, Leslie

Hackman, Christopher A.
Hoberg, Jay J.
Kenderdine, Henry S., Jr.+

Knisely, Howard F.
Miller, Margaret C.

Reich, Jeffrey J.
Reinaker, Dennis E.
Totaro, Donald R.
Workman, Daniel R.
Wright, Jeffrey D.

* President judge term expired
1-2-10

** Elected president judge
effective 1-3-10

+ Died 4-10-10

LAWRENCE COUNTY (53)

Complement 4

Motto, Dominick
Cox, J. Craig
Hodge, John W.
Piccione, Thomas M.

LEBANON COUNTY (52)

Complement 4

Tylwalk, John C.
Charles, Bradford H.
Jones, Charles T., Jr.
Kline, Samuel A.

LEHIGH COUNTY (31)

Complement 10
Vacancy 1

*Platt, William H.**
*McGinley, Carol K.***
Anthony, James T.
Banach, Kelly L.
Dantos, Maria L.

Ford, William E.
Johnson, J. Brian
Reibman, Edward D.
Steinberg, Robert L.
Varricchio, Michele A.

* Retired 12-31-10

** Elected president judge
effective 1-1-11

LUZERNE COUNTY (11)

Complement 10
Vacancy 3

*Burke, Thomas F., Jr.**
Amesbury, William H.
Augello, Joseph M.▲
Cosgrove, Joseph M.++
Lupas, David W.

Mundy, Hugh F.##
*Musto, Joseph J.***
*Olszewski, Peter Paul, Jr.***
Polachek Gartley, Tina
Toole, Michael T.+

Van Jura, Joseph J#
Wetzel, Lewis W.#

* Elected president judge
effective 1-1-10

** Term expired 1-3-10

+ Resigned 1-8-10

++ Appointed 1-25-10

Appointed 3-16-10

Resigned 6-3-10

▲ Resigned 10-3-10

LYCOMING COUNTY (29)

Complement 5

*Brown, Kenneth D.**
*Butts, Nancy L.***
Anderson, Dudley N.
Gray, Richard A.
Lovecchio, Marc F.

Reynolds McCoy, Joy

* Term expired 1-3-10

** Appointed president judge
effective 1-4-10

MCKEAN COUNTY (48)

Complement 2
Vacancy 1

Pavlock, John H.

MERCER COUNTY (35)

Complement 4

Fornelli, Francis J.
Dobson, Thomas R.
Reed, John C.
St. John, Christopher J.

MIFFLIN COUNTY (58)

Complement 2

Searer, Timothy S.
Williams, Rick A.

MONROE COUNTY (43)

Complement 6

Vican, Ronald E.
Mark, Jonathan
Miller, Linda Wallach
Sibum, Jennifer H.
Worthington,
Margherita Patti
Zulick, Arthur L.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (38)

Complement 23
Vacancy 1

Hodgson, Richard J.
Albright, Kent H.
Barrett, R. Stephen
Bertin, Emanuel A.
Branca, Thomas C.
Carluccio, Carolyn Tornetta
Carpenter, William R.
Coonahan, Patricia E.
Daniele, Rhonda Lee
DelRicci, Thomas M.
Demchick-Alloy, Wendy
Furber, William J., Jr.
Moore, Bernard A.
Murphy, Lois E.
O'Neill, Steven T.

Ott, Stanley R.
Page, Garrett D.
Rogers, Thomas P.
Rossanese, Maurino J., Jr.*
Silow, Gary S.
Smyth, Joseph A., Jr.
Tilson, Arthur R.
Tressler, Paul W.**
Wall, Kelly C.

* Term expired 1-3-10

** Retired 12-31-10

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (03)

Complement 9

McFadden, F. P. Kimberly
Baratta, Stephen G.
Beltrami, Anthony S.
Dally, Craig A.
Giordano, Emil A.
Koury, Michael J., Jr.
Moran, William F.*
Roscioli, Paula A.
Smith, Edward G.
Zito, Leonard N.

* Term expired 1-3-10

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY (08)

Complement 3

Sacavage, Robert B.
Saylor, Charles H.
Wiest, William Harvey

PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES (41)

Complement 2

Morrow, Kathy A.
Mummah, Kenneth A.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY (01)

Complement 93
Vacancy 6

Dembe, Pamela Pryor

Administrative Judges

Dougherty, Kevin M.
Keogh, D. Webster
O'Keefe, Joseph D.

Abramson, Howland W.
Allen, Jacqueline F.
Anders, Daniel J.
Beloff, Adam M.
Bernstein, Mark I.

Berry, Willis W., Jr.
Bright, Gwendolyn N.
Brinkley, Genece E.
Bronson, Glenn B.
Brown, Joan A.

Butchart, Ann M.
Byrd, Sandy L. V.
Carpenter, Linda A.
Carrafiello, Matthew D.
Ceisler, Ellen H.

Chen, Ida K.
Cohen, Denis P.
Coleman, Robert P.
Cooperman, Amanda
Covington, Roxanne E.

Cunningham,
Charles J., III
DeFino-Nastasi, Rose Marie
Dempsey, Thomas E.
Di Vito, Gary F.
Djerassi, Ramy I.

Dubow, Alice B.
Dumas Brooks, Lori A.
Dych, Joseph A.+
Erdos, Michael E.
Eubanks, Joyce O.*

Fleisher, Leslie**
Ford, Holly J.
Fox, Idee C.

**PHILADELPHIA
COUNTY, continued**

Geroff, Steven R.++
Glazer, Gary S.
Gordon, Richard J., Jr.
Gordon, Roger F.
Herron, John W.
Hill, Glynnis D.
Hughes, Renee Cardwell#

Jackson, Elizabeth
Johnson, Joel S.
Joseph, Barbara A.
Kane, Harold M.
Lachman, Marlene F.

Lerner, Benjamin
Lynn, James Murray
Manfredi, William J.
Massiah-Jackson,
Frederica A.
McInerney, Patricia A.

Means, Rayford A.
Minehart, Jeffrey B.
Moss, Sandra Mazur
Murphy, Margaret Theresa
New, Arnold L.

Olszewski, Walter J.
Overton, George W.
Palumbo, Frank
Panepinto, Paul P.
Papalini, Joseph I.

Patrick, Paula A.
Pechkurow, Doris A.
Quiñones Alejandro, Nitza I.
Ransom, Lillian Harris
Rau, Lisa M.

Rebstock, Robert J.
Rizzo, Annette M.
Robins New, Shelley
Robinson, Roslyn K.
Roca, Angeles

Rogers, Peter F.
Sarmina, M. Teresa
Schulman, Susan I.

Shirdan-Harris, Lisette
Shreeves-Johns, Karen

Smith, Gregory E.
Snite, Albert John, Jr.
Summers, Edward R.
Tereshko, Allan L.
Thompson, Diane R.

Trent, Earl W., Jr.
Tucker, Leon W.
Woelpper, Donna M.
Wogan, Chris R.
Wolf, Flora Barth

Woods-Skipper, Sheila A.
Wright Padilla, Nina N.
Younge, John Milton

* Term expired 1-3-10
** Resigned 3-14-10
+ Died 8-19-10
++ Retired 12-31-10
Resigned 6-3-11

PIKE COUNTY (60)
Complement 2

Kameen, Joseph F.
Chelak, Gregory H.

POTTER COUNTY (55)
Complement 1

*Leete, John B.**
*Minor, Stephen P. B.***

* Resigned 1-3-10
** Appointed president judge
effective 1-4-10

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (21)
Complement 6
Vacancy 1

Baldwin, William E.
Dolbin, Cyrus Palmer
Domalakes, John E.

Miller, Charles M.
Russell, Jacqueline L.

Stine, D. Michael*

* Resigned 1-3-11

**SNYDER-UNION
COUNTIES (17)**

Complement 2
Vacancy 1

*Woelfel, Harold F., Jr.***
Sholley, Michael H.+
Knight, Louise O.*

* Term expired 1-3-10
** Resigned 12-31-10
+ Appointed president judge
effective 1-1-11

SOMERSET COUNTY (16)
Complement 3

Cascio, John M.
Geary, D. Gregory
Klementik, David C.

**SUSQUEHANNA
COUNTY (34)**
Complement 1

Seamans, Kenneth W.

TIOGA COUNTY (04)
Complement 1

Dalton, Robert E., Jr.

VENANGO COUNTY (28)
Complement 2

Lobaugh, Oliver J.
Boyer, Robert L.

**WARREN-FOREST
COUNTIES (37)**

Complement 2

*Skerda, Maureen A.**
Hammond, Gregory J.

* Appointed president judge
effective 1-1-10

**WASHINGTON
COUNTY (27)**

Complement 6

O'Dell Seneca, Debbie
Bell, Janet Moschetta
DiSalle, John F.
Emery, Katherine B.
Mascara, Mark E.*

Melograne, Phillippe A.**
Pozonsky, Paul M.

* Died 6-11-10
** Appointed 10-13-10

WAYNE COUNTY (22)

Complement 1

Hamill Raymond L.

**WESTMORELAND
COUNTY (10)**

Complement 11

Blahovec, John E.
Bell, Alfred B.
Bononi, Michele G.
Caruso, Gary P.
Driscoll, John J.

Feliciani, Christopher A.
Hathaway, Rita Donovan
Marsili, Anthony G.
McCormick, Richard E., Jr.
Pezze, Debra A.

Scherer, Christian F.

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN
COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 1

*Vanston, Brendan J.**
*Shurtleff, Russell D.***

* Term expired 1-3-10
** Appointed president judge
effective 1-4-10

YORK COUNTY (19)

Complement 15

Vacancy 2

Renn, Richard K.+
Linebaugh, Stephen P.++
Adams, Joseph C.
Blackwell, Penny L.
Bortner, Michael E.

Brillhart, Michael J.*
Chronister, John H.**
Cook, Maria Musti
Dorney, Sheryl Ann
Kelley, Thomas H.

Kennedy, John S.
Ness, Harry M.
Patterson, Clarence N., Jr.
Snyder, Gregory M.
Thompson, John W., Jr.

Uhler, John C.*

* Resigned 1-3-10
** Resigned 8-4-10
+ President judge term expired
1-1-11
++ Elected president judge
effective 1-2-11

**Common
Pleas
Court
Senior
Judges**

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Bigley, Gerard M.
Gallo, Robert C.
Lucchino, Frank J.*
Mazur, Lee J.*
O'Reilly, Timothy P.**
Wettick, R. Stanton, Jr.

* Effective 1-1-10
** Effective 1-22-10

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Nickleach, Joseph A.

BEAVER COUNTY

James, George E.
Kunselman, Robert E.
Reed, Robert C.*
Steege, Peter O.

* Retired 12-31-10

BEDFORD COUNTY

Daniel Lee Howsare*

* Effective 7-5-10

BERKS COUNTY

Eshelman, Thomas J.
Grim, Arthur E.
Stallone Albert A.

BLAIR COUNTY

Peoples, Thomas G., Jr.

BUCKS COUNTY

Kane, Michael J.
McAndrews, R. Barry
Rufe, John J.*
Rufe, William H., III

* Effective 1-1-10

BUTLER COUNTY

Brydon, John H.*

* Retired 12-31-10

CAMBRIA COUNTY

Leahey, Francis J.
Long, Gerard*
Swope, Thomas A., Jr.

* Effective 1-1-10

CARBON COUNTY

Webb, Richard W.

CENTER COUNTY

Brown, Charles C., Jr.

CHESTER COUNTY

Gavin, Thomas G.**
Nagle, Ronald C.*
Smith, Charles B.

* Effective 1-1-11
** Effective 1-3-11

CLARION COUNTY

Alexander, Charles R.*

* Died 11-29-10

(As of 6-30-11)

CLEARFIELD COUNTY

Reilly, John K., Jr.

CLINTON COUNTY

Brown, Carson V.
Saxton, Richard N., Jr.

COLUMBIA & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

Naus, Scott W.*

* Effective 4-7-11

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Kleinfelter, Joseph H.*

* Effective 1-1-10

DELAWARE COUNTY

Burr, Charles B., II++
Keeler, Charles C.
Koudelis, George+
Toal, William R., Jr.**
Zetusky, Edward J., Jr.*

* Died 9-25-10

** Retired 12-31-10

+ Resigned 12-31-10

++ Effective 1-1-11

ERIE COUNTY

Anthony, Fred P.
Bozza, John A.*

* Effective 1-4-10

FAYETTE COUNTY

Capuzzi, Conrad B.*

* Effective 1-1-10

FRANKLIN-FULTON COUNTIES

Walker, John R.

GREENE COUNTY

Grimes, H. Terry

LANCASTER COUNTY

Hummer, Wayne G., Jr.
Perezous, Michael J.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Pratt, Ralph D.

LEBANON COUNTY

Eby, Robert J.

LEHIGH COUNTY

Black, Alan M.
Brenner, Lawrence J.

LUZERNE COUNTY

Augello, Joseph M.+
Mundy, Hugh F.**
Muroski, Chester B.*
Toole, Patrick J., Jr.

* Effective 1-1-10

** Effective 6-4-10

+ Effective 10-4-10

LYCOMING COUNTY

Brown, Kenneth D.*
Kieser, William S.
Smith, Clinton W.

* Effective 1-4-10

MCKEAN COUNTY

Cleland, John M.*
Yoder, John H.

* Effective 1-1-11

MERCER COUNTY

Wherry, Michael J.

MONROE COUNTY

Cheslock, Jerome P.*
O'Brien, Peter J.

* Effective 1-1-10

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Corso, S. Gerald*
Drayer, Calvin S., Jr.*
Nicholas, William T.
Rossanese, Maurino J., Jr.**

* Effective 1-1-10

** Effective 1-4-10; resigned 3-31-10

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Franciosa, Michael V.
Moran, William F.*

* Effective 1-4-10

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Feudale, Barry F.*

* Sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court

PERRY-JUNIATA COUNTIES

Quigley, Keith B.*
Rehkamp, C. Joseph

* Sits on occasion in Commonwealth Court

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Ackerman, Norman
Braxton, John L.**
Colins Mary D.
DiBona, Alfred J., Jr.
DiNubile, Victor J., Jr.
Frazier-Clemons, Brenda*
Geroff, Steven R.++
Jackson, Ricardo C.
Jelin, Sheldon C.+
Levin, Stephen E.+
Maier, Eugene Edward J.

Matthews, Robert J.
Mazzola, William J.
O'Grady, John J., Jr.
Poserina, John J., Jr.+
Reynolds, Abram Frank

Russell, Edward E.+
Sheppard, Albert W., Jr.
Sylvester, Esther R.*
Temin, Carolyn Engel

* Effective 1-1-10
** Effective 3-8-10
+ Retired 12-31-10
++ Effective 1-1-11

PIKE COUNTY

Thomson, Harold A., Jr.

POTTER COUNTY

Leete, John B.*

* Effective 1-1-10

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Stine, Dwight M.*

* Effective 1-4-11

SNYDER-UNION COUNTIES

Knight, Louise O.*
Woelfel, Harold F.**

* Effective 1-4-10
** Effective 1-1-11

SOMERSET COUNTY

Fike, Eugene E., II

VENANGO COUNTY

White, H. William, Jr.

WARREN-FOREST COUNTIES

Millin, Paul H.
Morgan, William F.*

* Effective 1-1-10

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Bell, John F.
Gladden, Thomas D.*

* Retired 12-31-10

WAYNE COUNTY

Conway, Robert J.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Ackerman, Daniel J.*
Hudock, Joseph A.*
Loughran, Charles H.
Marker, Charles E.**
Ober, William J.*

* Effective 1-1-10
** Retired 12-31-10

WYOMING-SULLIVAN COUNTIES

Vanston, Brendon J.*

* Effective 1-4-10

YORK COUNTY

Brillhart, Michael, J.*
Chronister, John H.**
Uhler, John C.*

* Effective 1-4-10
** Effective 8-5-10

**Philadelphia
Municipal Court
Judges**

Complement 25
Vacancy 1

Neifield, Marsha H.
Brady, Frank T.
Daher, Georganne V.
DeLeon, James M.
Deni, Teresa Carr
Dugan, Patrick F.
Frazier-Lyde, Jacquelyn M.
Gehret, Thomas F.
Gilbert, Barbara S.
Hayden, Charles
Jimenez, Nazario, Sr.
Kirkland, Lydia Y.
Kosinski, Gerard A.
Meehan, William Austin, Jr.
Moore, Jimmie**
Moss, Bradley K.
Nocella, Thomas*
O'Neill, Joseph J.
Pew, Wendy L.
Powell, Kenneth J., Jr.
Robbins, Harvey W.
Segal, Dawn A.
Shuter, David C.
Simmons, Karen Y.
Washington, Craig M.
Waters, Joseph, C., Jr.

* Term expired 1-3-10

** Resigned 6-5-11

**Philadelphia
Traffic Court
Judges**

Complement 7
Vacancy 2

Tynes, Thomasine

Administrative Judge
DeAngelis, Bernice A.*
Sullivan, Michael J.**

Green, Earlene+
Lowry, Michael
Mulgrew, Robert
Singletary, Willie F.

* Retired 12-31-10

** Appointed administrative judge
4-27-11

+ Resigned 6-3-11

Philadelphia

Minor

Courts

Judges

(As of 6-30-11)

*(Italics denotes
president judge)*

Philadelphia

Minor

Courts

Senior

Judges

Philadelphia Municipal Court Senior Judges

Blasi, Robert S.
Krase, Morton*
Stack, Felice Rowley

* Died 11-11-10

Philadelphia Traffic Court Senior Judges

Cermele, Dominic M.
DeAngelis, Bernice A.*
Perri, Fortunato N., Sr.

* Effective 1-1-11; continued to
serve as administrative judge until
4-27-11

(As of 6-30-11)

ADAMS COUNTY (51)

Complement 4

Beauchat, Mark D.
Bowman, Daniel S.
Carr, Thomas R.
Zepp, John C., III

ALLEGHENY COUNTY (05)

Complement 48

Barner, Robert L.
Barton, David J.
Bengel, Carolyn S.
Blaschak, Suzanne R.
Bova, John N.

Capolupo, Pat A.
Caulfield, Thomas P.**
Ceoffe, Anthony M.
Cercone, Mary Ann
Cioppa, Ross C.

Cooper, Kevin E.
Costa, Ronald N., Sr.
Dzvonick, Robert P.
Firestone, Nathan N.
Ford, Robert L.

Hanley, James J., Jr.
Herbst, Jeffrey L.
Hoots, Kim M.
HRomyak, Leonard J.
Joyce, Dennis R.

King, Richard G.
Lang, Elissa M.
Larotonda, Blaise P.
Martin, Armand A.
Martini, Randy C.

McGraw-Desmet, Maureen
McLaughlin, Charles A., Jr.*
Miller, Thomas G., Jr.
Mills, Beth S.
Motzник, James A.

Murray, Mary P.
Olasz, Richard D., Jr.

Opiela, Richard G.
Petite, Oscar J., Jr.
Ravenstahl, Robert P., Jr.

Riazzzi, Eugene F.
Ricciardi, Eugene N.
Rushing, Derwin D.
Saveikis, Anthony W.
Schricker, Scott H.

Smith, Tara L.
Sosovicka, David J.
Swearingen, Carla M.
Torkowsky, Thomas R.
Wagner, William K.

Welsh, Regis C., Jr.
Wyda, Robert C.
Zucco, Linda I.
Zyra, Gary M.

* Term expired 1-3-10
** Appointed 6-21-10

ARMSTRONG COUNTY (33)

Complement 4

Andring, James A.
DeComo, J. Gary
Gerheim, Michael L.*
Goldstrohm, Samuel R.
Owen, James H.

* Term expired 1-3-10

BEAVER COUNTY (36)

Complement 9

DiBenedetto, James F.
Finn, Tim
Hladio, Andrew M.
Howe, Edward C.
Livingston, William R., II

Loughner, C. Douglas
Nicholson, Dale F.
Schafer, Joseph L.
Swihart, Janet M.

Magisterial

District

Judges

(As of 6-3011)

BEDFORD COUNTY (57)

Complement 4

Baker, Brian K.
Bingham, H. Cyril, Jr.
Calhoun, Kathy S.
Osman, Tonya M.

BERKS COUNTY (23)

Complement 18

Bagenstose, Kim L.
Bentz, Nicholas M., Jr.
Book, Andrea J.
Dougherty, Timothy M.
Frederick, Victor M., IV

Gauby, Thomas M., Sr.
Glass, David E.
Greth, Gail M.
Hartman, Michael G.
Kennedy, Stuart D.

Kowalski, Phyllis J.
Lachina, Deborah P.
Leonardziak, Michael J.
Patton, Dean R.
Robinson, Alvin B.

Scott, Wallace S.
Stitzel, Gloria W.*
Xavios, Thomas H.
Young, Ann L.

* Resigned 1-3-10

BLAIR COUNTY (24)

Complement 6†-1

Aigner, Paula M.
Auker, Jeffrey P.
Jackson, Steven D.
Kelly, Todd F.
Miller, Fred B.

Ormsby, Craig E.

† Magisterial district court
24-1-01 was eliminated
10-15-10 per Supreme Court
order dated 10-15-10

BRADFORD COUNTY (42)

Complement 4

Clark, Timothy M.
Shaw, Michael G.
Wheaton, Fred M.
Wilcox, Jonathan M.

BUCKS COUNTY (07)

Complement 20

Baranoski, Daniel E.
Baum, Charles W.
Benz, William J.
Brown, Leonard J.
Burns, Michael J.

Douple, Mark D.
DuBree, M. Kay
Falcone, Joseph P.
Finello, Daniel J., Jr.
Gaffney, Robert E.

Kelly, John J., Jr.
Kline, Joanne V.
McEwen, Susan E.*
Nasshorn, Donald
Peranteau, Frank W., Sr.

Roth, C. Robert
Seaman, Jean
Snow, Maggie
Vislosky, Jan
Wagner, Robert L., Jr.

Waltman, John I.**

* Resigned 6-4-10

** Appointed 10-13-10

BUTLER COUNTY (50)

Complement 7

Haggerty, Sue E.
Kovach, David T.
O'Donnell, Kevin P.
Seibel, Wayne D.
Shaffer, C. Timothy*

Shaffer, Peter H.
Stoughton, Lewis E.

* Appointed 4-19-10

CAMBRIA COUNTY (47)

Complement 10

Barron, John W.
Creany, Frederick S.
Decort, Galen F.
Grecek, Leonard J.
Musulin, Michael J.
Nileski, Charity L.
Pavlovich, Max F.
Varner, Rick W.
Zanghi, Mary Ann
Zungali, Michael

CARBON COUNTY (56)

Complement 4

Appleton, Bruce F.
Homanko, Joseph D., Sr.
Kosciolek, Casimir T.
Lewis, Edward M.

CENTRE COUNTY (49)

Complement 6

Dutchcot, Leslie A.
Grine, Jonathan D.
Hoffman, Daniel R., II
Jordan, Thomas N.
Prestia, Carmine W., Jr.
Sinclair, Allen W.

CHESTER COUNTY (15)

Complement 19

Arnold, Rita A.
Blackburn, Jeremy M.
Bruno, Mark A.
Cabry, Michael J., III
Darlington, Chester F.

DeAngelo, James V.
Donatelli, Lori Novak
Farmer, Harry W., Jr.
Gill, Nancy A.
Hines, Gregory V.
Knapp, Gwenn S.
Koon, Grover E.
Kraut, William D.
Maisano, Daniel J.
Michaels, Theodore P., Jr.

Scott, Stanley*
Seavey, Matthew
Smith, Larry E.
Tartaglio, Thomas W.
Valocchi, Jeffrey J.

* Term expired 1-3-10

CLARION COUNTY (18)

Complement 4

Kadunce, Nancy M.*
Miller, Jeffrey C.
Quinn, Duane L.
Schill, Timothy P.
Turk, Amy Long

* Term expired 1-3-10

CLEARFIELD COUNTY (46)

Complement 4

Ford, Patrick N.
Hawkins, James L.
Ireland, Richard A.
Rudella, Michael A.

CLINTON COUNTY (25)

Complement 3

Maggs, John W.
Mills, Frank P.
Sanders, Joseph L., III

**COLUMBIA-MONTOUR
COUNTIES (26)**

Complement 5

Knecht, Richard W.*
Lawton, Russell L.
Long, Craig W.
Shrawder, Marvin K.
Stackhouse, Ola E.

* Appointed 10-13-10

**CRAWFORD
COUNTY (30)**

Complement 5

Chisholm, William D.
Marwood, Rita J.
Nicols, Amy L.
Rossi, A. Michael, Jr.
Zilhaver, Lincoln S.

**CUMBERLAND
COUNTY (09)**

Complement 10

Vacancy 2

Bender, Harold E.*
Brewbaker, Jessica E.
Clement, Charles A., Jr.
Cohick, Vivian J.
Correal, Paula P.

Day, Susan K.
Dougherty, Richard S., Jr.
Martin, Mark W.
Placey, Thomas A.

* Retired 12-31-10

DAUPHIN COUNTY (12)

Complement 16

Vacancy 1

Jennings, Robert, III
Johnson, Gregory D.
Judy, David H.

Lenker, James A.
Lenker, Kenneth A.

Lindsey, Joseph S.
Margerum, Rebecca Jo
Pelino, Dominic A.
Pianka, Barbara
Postelle, LaVon A.

Smith, Michael John
Solomon, Joseph S.*
Stewart, Marsha C.
Wenner, William C.

Witmer, Lowell A.
Zozos, George A.

* Resigned 6-6-11

**DELAWARE
COUNTY (32)**

Complement 33†-1

Vacancy 1

Berardocco, Ann
Blythe, Robert J.
Burke, Robert R.
Cappelli, Richard M.
Capuzzi, John P.

Christie, Edward W.
Cullen, Michael G.
Gallagher, Vincent D., Jr.
Gannon, Edward J., Jr.**
Griffin, David R.

Hunter, Leon, III
Karapalides, Harry J.
Klein, Stephanie H.
Lacianca, Elisa C.
Lang, David Hamilton

Lippart, Jack D.
Lippincott, Nicholas S.
Mattox, Christopher R.
McCray, C. Walter, III
McKeon, Laurence J.

Micozzie-Aguirre, Kelly A.
Murphy, David J.*
Perfetti, John J.

**DELAWARE COUNTY,
continued**

Puppio, Andrea E.
Sandone, Steven A.

Scanlon, Anthony D.
Seaton, Spencer B., Jr.
Strohl, Walter A.
Tenaglia, Leonard V.
Tolliver, Elkin A.

Tozer, Peter P.
Turner, Philip S., Jr.
Tuten, John C.
Vann, Dawn L.

† Magisterial district court
32-2-50 was eliminated
3-1-11 per Supreme Court
order dated 2-15-11

* Resigned 3-31-10

** Retired 12-31-10

**ELK-CAMERON
COUNTIES (59)**

Complement 3

Brown, Alvin H.
King, George A.
Wilhelm, Donald A.

ERIE COUNTY (06)

Complement 15

Alonge, Gerard J.
Carney, Thomas
DiPaolo, Dominick D.
Dwyer, James J., III
Krahe, Mark R.

Lefaiver, Joseph R.
Mack, Suzanne C.
MacKendrick,
Christopher K.
Manzi, Paul
Nichols, Brenda A.

Robie, Thomas C.
Southwick, Carol L.
Strohmeyer, Susan D.
Stuck-Lewis, Denise M.
Urbaniak, Paul G.

FAYETTE COUNTY (14)

Complement 8

Abraham, Randy S.
Cramer, Jesse J.
Defino, Michael J., Jr.
Dennis, Wendy D.
George, Joseph M., Jr.

Haggerty, Ronald J., Jr.
Metros, Michael M.
Shaner, Dwight K.

**FRANKLIN-FULTON
COUNTIES (39)**

Complement 10

Carter, Gary L.
Cunningham, Duane K.
Hawbaker, David E.
Horne, Devin C.
Johnson, Carol J.

Mellott, Wendy Richards
Pentz, Larry G.
Plum, David L.
Rock, Kelly L.
Williams, Todd R.

GREENE COUNTY (13)

Complement 3

Bates, D. Glenn
Dayich, Louis M.
Watson, Leroy W.

**HUNTINGDON
COUNTY (20)**

Complement 4

Colyer, Michael M.
Gummo, Douglas L.

Jamison, Mary G.
Wilt, Richard S.

INDIANA COUNTY (40)

Complement 4

Haberl, Guy B.
Rega, Jennifer J.
Steffee, Susanne V.
Thachik, George M.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (54)

Complement 3

Vacancy 1

Beck, Richard D.*
Chambers, Douglas R.
Inzana, David B.

* Retired 12-31-10

**LACKAWANNA
COUNTY (45)**

Complement 10†-1

Vacancy 1

Farrell, Alyce M.
Gallagher, Terrence V.
Gibbons, James A.
Giglio, Theodore J.
Golden, Thomas J.**

Kennedy, James P.*
McGraw, Sean P.
Mercuri, John J.
Pesota, John P.
Russell, Robert G.

Turlip Murphy, Laura M.

† Magisterial district court
45-1-07 eliminated 2-15-11
per Supreme Court order dated
2-15-11

* Retired 12-31-10

** Resigned 1-2-11

LANCASTER COUNTY (02)

Complement 20
Vacancy 2

Ballentine, Kelly S.
Benner, William E., Jr.*
Brian, David E.**
Commins, B. Denise
Duncan, Jayne F.

Eckert, Leo H., Jr.
Fee, Thomas J.
Garrett, Daniel B.
Hamill, Nancy G.
Hartman, Cheryl N.

Hartman, Rodney H.
Herman, Robert A., Jr.
Jiminez, Janice
Miller, David P.
Mylin, Stuart J.

Reuter, William G.+
Roth, Bruce A.
Sponaugle, Mary Mongiovi
Stoltzfus, Isaac H.
Willwerth, Jene A.

* Appointed 10-13-10
** Retired 12-31-10
+ Resigned 1-2-11

LAWRENCE COUNTY (53)

Complement 5

Amodie, Melissa A.
Cartwright, Jerry G., Jr.
McGrath, Scott
Nicholson, Jennifer L.
Rishel, David B.

LEBANON COUNTY (52)

Complement 6
Vacancy 1

Capello, Thomas M.
Dissinger, Maria M.
Heck, Christine R.
Smith, Michael D.
Wolfe, Kim R.

LEHIGH COUNTY (31)

Complement 14
Vacancy 1

Balliet, Carl L.
Beck, Rodney R.
Butler, Donna R.
Crawford, Charles H.
Devine, Karen C.

Engler, Patricia M.
Halal, Robert C.
Hammond, Jacob E.
Harding, David B.
Howells, David M., Jr.**

Leh, David G.*
Manescu, Ronald S.
Maura, Wayne
Merlo, Maryesther S.
Rapp, Anthony G., Jr.+

* Died 1-27-10
** Appointed 10-3-10
+ Resigned 6-3-11

LUZERNE COUNTY (11)

Complement 17
Vacancy 1

Barilla, David A.
Carmody, Joseph J.
Dotzel, Michael G.
Feissner, Gerald L.
Halesey, Joseph A.

Hasay, John E.
Kane, Martin R.
Malast, Diana
O'Donnell, Daniel
Pierantoni, Fred A., III

Roberts, Paul J.
Sharkey, Thomas J.
Swank, Ronald W.
Tupper, James E.
Whittaker, Donald L.
Zola, Joseph D.

LYCOMING COUNTY (29)

Complement 6

Carn, James G.
Lepley, Jerry C.
McRae, C. Roger
Page, Allen P., III
Schriner, Kenneth T., Jr.
Sortman, James H.

MCKEAN COUNTY (48)

Complement 4
Vacancy 1

Cercone, Dominic A., Jr.
Kennedy, Michael J.*
Luther, Richard W., Jr.
Todd, William K.

* Resigned 3-5-10

MERCER COUNTY (35)

Complement 5

Antos, Ronald E.
Arthur, Brian R.
Hinch, Lorinda L.
McEwen, Daniel Neil
Songer, Dennis M.

MIFFLIN COUNTY (58)

Complement 3

Gingrich Aaron L.
Hunter, Tammy L.
Miller, Jack E.

MONROE COUNTY (43)

Complement 10
Vacancy 1

Anzini, Kristina
Claypool, Richard S.
Fluegel, Anthony D.
Germano, Brian R.
Krawitz, JoLana

**MONROE COUNTY,
continued**

Muth, Michael R.
Olsen, Thomas E.
Shiffer, Thomas R., Jr.*
Whitesell, John D.
York, Debby A.

* Resigned 1-3-11

**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY (38)**

Complement 30

Augustine, Albert J.
Bernhardt, Francis J., III
Borek, Harold D.
Casillo, Ester J.
Cerski, Christopher J.
Deatelhauser, Kenneth E.
Dougherty, Joseph H.
Durkin, John J.*
Friedenberg, Jay S.
Gadzicki, Walter F., Jr.
Gallagher, James P.
Householder,
 William R., Jr.
Hummel Fried, Catherine M.
Hunsicker-Fleischer,
 Margaret A.
Keightly, David A.
Kelly Rebar, Cathleen
Kropp, Edward C., Sr.
Lawrence, Francis J., Jr.
Leo, Paul N.
Lukens, Deborah A.
Maruszczak, William I.
McHugh, Elizabeth A.
Murray, John S., III
Nesbitt, Harry J., III
Palladino, Thomas A.
Price, Juanita A.
Saylor, Maurice H.

Schireson, Henry J.
Valentine, Katleen M.
Zaffarano, Patricia A.

Zucker, Karen Eisner

* Term expired 1-3-10

**NORTHAMPTON
COUNTY (03)**

Complement 15

Vacancy 1

Barner, Joseph K.
Capobianco, John
Corpora, Daniel G.
Elwell, Gay L.
Hawke, Robert A.
Litzenberger, Ralph W.*
Manwaring, Roy A.
Marakovits, Diane M.
Marinkovits, Joan*
Masut, Adrienne L.
Matos Gonzalez, Nancy
Narlesky, James J.
Romig-Passaro, Patricia A.
Stocklas, James F.**
Strohe, Todd M.
Taschner, Jacqueline M.
Tidd, David W.
Zaun, William F.*

* Term expired 1-3-10

** Resigned 1-3-10

**NORTHUMBERLAND
COUNTY (08)**

Complement 4†-1

Bolton, Robert J.
Gembic, John
Jones, Hugh A.

Kear, William F.*
Rice, Carl B.

† Magisterial district court
08-3-01 eliminated 3-1-11 per
Supreme Court order dated
3-1-11

* Resigned 1-31-11

**PERRY-JUNIATA
COUNTIES (41)**

Complement 5

Vacancy 1

Frownfelter, Elizabeth R.
Howell, Donald F.*
Leister, Jacqueline T.
Lyter, Barbara M.
McGuire, Daniel R. L.

* Resigned 4-4-10

PIKE COUNTY (60)

Complement 4

Cooper, Alan B.
Fischer, Deborah
McBride, Stephen A.
Rose, Jay R.

POTTER COUNTY (55)

Complement 3

Bristol, Delores G.
Easton, Annette L.
Easton, Barbara J.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (21)

Complement 7†-1

Vacancy 1

Bayer, Stephen J.
Ferrier, James R.
Kilker, Anthony J.
Moran, Charles V.**
Nahas, Bernadette J.*

**SCHUYLKILL COUNTY,
continued**

Pankake, Carol A.
Plachko, David A.
Reiley, James K.

† Magisterial district court
21-3-02 eliminated 4-1-11
per Supreme Court order dated
4-1-11

* Resigned 9-5-10

** Resigned 1-31-11

**SNYDER-UNION
COUNTIES (17)**

Complement 5

Armbruster, Leo S.
Mensch, Jeffrey L.
Mihalik, Edward G., Jr.
Robinson, John T.
Savidge, Willis E.

SOMERSET COUNTY (16)

Complement 5

Bell, Douglas McCall
Cannoni, Joseph A.
Cook, Arthur K.
Mankamy, Susan
Stevanus, Sandra L.

**SUSQUEHANNA
COUNTY (34)**

Complement 3

Brainard, Suzanne M.
Hollister, Jeffrey L.
Janicelli, Peter M.

TIOGA COUNTY (04)

Complement 3

Vacancy 1

Carlson, James E.
Edgcomb, Brian W.
Sweet, Phillip L.*

* Resigned 6-29-11

VENANGO COUNTY (28)

Complement 4

Dinberg, Douglas I.
Fish, Andrew F.
Gerwick, Douglas B.
Snyder, Michael D.

**WARREN-FOREST
COUNTIES (37)**

Complement 4

Bauer, Laura S.
Gregory, George F.
Lindemuth, Cynthia K.
Zerbe, Arthur W.

**WASHINGTON
COUNTY (27)**

Complement 11

Costanzo, Valarie S.
Ellis, James C.
Havelka, Gary H.
Hopkins, Larry W.
Kanalas, Joshua P.

Mark, David W.
Redlinger, Robert W.
Thompson, Curtis L.
Ward, Ethan T.
Weller, Jay H.

Wilson, Mark A.

WAYNE COUNTY (22)

Complement 4

Carney, Bonnie L.
Edwards, Ronald J.
Farrell, Jane E.
Mikulak, Theodore J.

**WESTMORELAND
COUNTY (10)**

Complement 17

Vacancy 1

Albert, James E.
Bilik, Mark J.
Christner, Charles M., Jr.
Conway, Charles R.
Dalfonso, Joseph A.

DeMarchis, Joseph R.
Eckels, Roger F.
Falcon, James N.
Glenn, Elise**
King, J. Bruce*

Kistler, Helen M.
Mahady, Michael R.
Mansour, Mark S.
Pallone, Frank J., Jr.
Peck-Yakopec, Cheryl J.

Thiel, Denise Snyder
Weimer, Douglas R., Jr.

* Resigned 3-31-10

** Appointed 6-7-10

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN
COUNTIES (44)**

Complement 4

Vacancy 1

Hovan, John J.
Smith, Carl W., Jr.
Vandine, Jennifer Y.

YORK COUNTY (19)

Complement 19
Vacancy 2

Bloss, Barry L., Jr.
Dubs, Dwayne
Edie, Nancy L.
Fishel, John H.
Garber, Daniel B.

Groom, Walter R.
Gross, Scott J.
Haskell, Ronald J., Jr.
Leppo, Kim S.
Martin, Richard E., II
Miner, James S.
Naylor, Alan G.*
Nixon, Barbara H.**

Olwert, John R.
Reamer, Walter P.
Shoemaker, Gerald E.
Teyral, JoAnn L.
Thomas, Richard T.
Williams, Linda Lou

* Resigned 1-31-11

** Resigned 5-31-11

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Burnett, Edward
Devlin, Mark B.+
Longo, Nancy L.
McGraw, Elaine M.
McLaughlin, Charles A., Jr.**

Peglow, Lee G.
Presutti, Donald H.
Reed, Douglas W.++
Tibbs, Edward A.
Zielmanski, Eugene L.*

Zoller, Richard H.

- * Effective 1-1-10
- ** Effective 1-4-10
- + Resigned 7-14-10
- ++ Resigned 4-1-11

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Gerheim, Michael L.*

- * Effective 1-4-10

BEAVER COUNTY

Armour, John W.
Eiler, Donald L.*
Schulte, Martin V.**

- * Resigned 3-31-10
- ** Resigned 5-31-10

BERKS COUNTY

Beck, Richard C.+
Hall, William N., Jr.*
Mest, Ronald C.
Stitzel, Gloria W.**

- * Effective 1-1-10
- ** Effective 1-4-10
- + Effective 3-8-10

BLAIR COUNTY

Jones, Patrick T.

BUCKS COUNTY

Daly, Philip J.*
Dietrich, Ruth C.
Hogeland, H. Warren
Schnell, Robert A., Jr.*

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BUTLER COUNTY

O'Donnell, Joseph D., Jr.
Woessner, Clifford J.*

- * Resigned 2-14-11

CARBON COUNTY

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CENTRE COUNTY

Horner, Ronald J.

CHESTER COUNTY

Anthony, John F.
Charley, James J., Jr.
Davis, Robert L.
Scott, Stanley*
Welsh, Susann E.

Winther, J. Peter

- * Effective 1-4-10

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George, Daniel P.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Cashman, Richard P.
Coombe, Donna J.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bender, Harold E.*

* Effective 1-1-11

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Bridges, Roy C.*
Magaro, Samuel J.**
Semic, Steven M.
Shugars, Raymond F.

* Resigned 6-9-10

** Retired 12-31-10

DELAWARE COUNTY

Davis, Horace Z.
Gannon, Edward J., Jr.**
Harkin, Edward C.+
Liberace, Gerald C.
McDevitt, Leonard M.

Miller, Kenneth N.
Quinn, Joseph T. F.*
Videon, David T.

* Retired 12-31-10

** Effective 1-1-11

+ Resigned 5-11-11

ERIE COUNTY

Abate, Frank, Jr.
Stuck, Ronald E.**

Vendetti, John A.
Weindorf, Arthur Joseph*

* Effective 7-15-10

** Retired 12-31-10

FAYETTE COUNTY

Breakiron, Robert W.
Cavalcante, Brenda K.
Haggerty, Ronald J., Sr.*
Rubish, Michael**

* Effective 1-4-10

** Resigned 2-23-11

**FRANKLIN-FULTON
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INDIANA COUNTY

Steffee, Michael K.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Beck, Richard D.*

* Effective 1-1-11

LANCASTER COUNTY

Brian, David E.*
Reeser, Richard L.+
Reuter, William G.**
Simms, Richard H.
Winters, John C.

* Effective 1-1-11

** Effective 1-3-11

+ Resigned 5-16-11

LEBANON COUNTY

Arnold, John F.*
Shultz, Jo Ann**
Swisher, Hazel V.

* Resigned 4-16-10

** Resigned 5-7-10

LEHIGH COUNTY

Dugan, John E.
Gatti, Richard A.
Hausman, Joan K.*
Murphy, Thomas P.
Rapp, Anthony G., Jr.**

Snyder, Joan L.
Warmkessel, Patricia E.

* Effective 2-3-11

** Effective 6-8-11

LUZERNE COUNTY

Barilla, Andrew, Jr.

MERCER COUNTY

Fagley, William L.
French, Ruth M.*
Russo, Henry J.

* Resigned 5-17-10

MIFFLIN COUNTY

Clare, Barbara A.*

* Effective 1-1-10

MONROE COUNTY

Eyer, Charles P.
Shiffer, Thomas R., Jr.*

* Effective 1-4-11

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Berkoff, F. Elaine
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Saraceni, Robert A.
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* Effective 1-1-10; resigned
5-18-10
** Effective 1-4-10
+ Effective 6-28-11

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Frey, Elmo L., Jr.
Grigg, Sherwood R.
Litzenberger, Ralph W.*
Marinkovits, Joan*
Romig, Elizabeth A.

Stocklas, James F.*
Zaun, William F.**

* Effective 1-4-10
** Effective 1-4-10; resigned
4-2-10

**NORTHUMBERLAND
COUNTY**

Mychak, Michael F.

PERRY COUNTY

Howell, Donald F.*

* Effective 1-24-11

PIKE COUNTY

Lieberman, Charles F.*

* Resigned 5-14-10

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Dayton, Watson J.
Franklin, Gene A.*

* Resigned 6-29-11

VENANGO COUNTY

Fish, David L.

**WARREN-FOREST
COUNTIES**

Carlson, Glenn S.
Fedora, Michael L.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Dutton, Jay H.
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* Resigned 5-17-10

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

DelBene, Frank, Jr.
King, J. Bruce*
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Scott, Robert E.

* Effective 4-1-10

**WYOMING-SULLIVAN
COUNTIES**

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YORK COUNTY

Bria, Margaret L.
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Dubs, Mervin L.
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Hodge, James D.**

Meisenhelter, Douglas F.
Naylor, Alan G.*
Nixon, Barbara H.+

* Effective 2-1-11
** Resigned 5-10-11
+ Effective 6-1-11

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