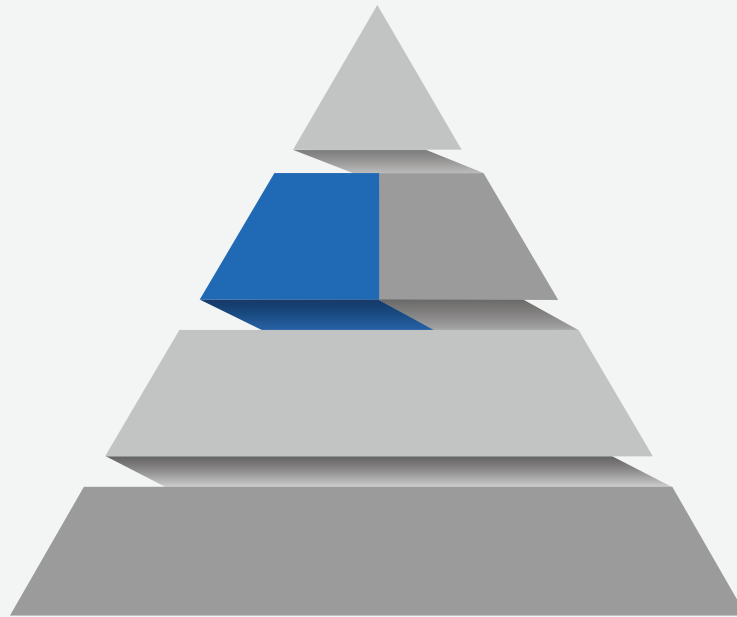


How the Pennsylvania Superior Court Operates



Established in
1895

One of two statewide intermediate appellate courts that **work to determine if errors were made at the trial court level.**

Judges serve a
10 year term
up to age 75.

Cases are usually heard by groups or panels of three judges



but may also be heard *en banc* by nine judges.

- The Court's decisions have a significant impact on Pennsylvania's economy and the quality of life for residents.
- As the appeals court for most citizens and businesses, each year, more than **8,000 appeals and 18,000 motions** are filed along with **100 wiretap applications.**
- Hears appeals in criminal and most civil cases from the Courts of Common Pleas and on matters involving children and families.

15 judges



Superior Court is the busiest intermediate appellate court in the nation,
issuing approx. 5,000 decisions each year

– approx. **260 per judge.**



7 senior judges