

JUDGES' CHAMBERS
TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
COLUMBIA AND MONTOUR COUNTIES

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JUDGE
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COLUMBIA COUNTY COURT HOUSE
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January 13, 2022

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Re: MDJ Reestablishment 2022
26th Judicial District
Columbia/Montour Counties

Dear Mr. Mittleman:

We are simultaneously herewith submitting the MDJ Reestablishment plan for 2022 for the 26th Judicial District, Columbia/Montour Counties, via SharePoint.

Montour County boundaries for its only MDJ district shall remain the same. Columbia County boundaries for the four MDJ districts will remain the same except that Montour Township in Columbia County will be moved from MDJ district 26-2-01 (MDJ Lawton) to MDJ district 26-3-01 (MDJ Brewer).

Please advise if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. James, Jr.

Sent via SharePoint only

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

Start by saving the fillable worksheet template locally on your system as a PDF form. Then, open and complete the worksheet in a PDF browser (not a web browser) to ensure all options and functionality are available. Answer the questions by typing or selecting responses. Press TAB or click on a field to advance. Hover the fields for tips and instructions. Save and upload the completed form to SharePoint. Complete one worksheet or one for each county if you are a joint judicial district.

Judicial District Number:	26	County:	Columbia	Class of County:	6
<p>1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):</p> <p>26-2-01 26-3-01 26-3-02 26-3-03</p>					
Caseload Analysis					
2. Average total caseloads:		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>		<i>Avg for Class of County</i>	
		A. 4,447		B. 3,230	
3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county.		<i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i>		<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>	
		1217		3rd out of 24	
4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county?				No	
Proposed Actions					
5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?					Yes
If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).					
26-3-02 26-3-03					
6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment?					Yes
If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes).					
26-2-01 26-3-01					
7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination?					No
If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.					

Additional Workload Factors

8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?	No
9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?	No
10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES, briefly explain the types of programs. Judge Shrawder of Montour County MDJ District 26-3-04 helps significantly with our Treatment Courts.	

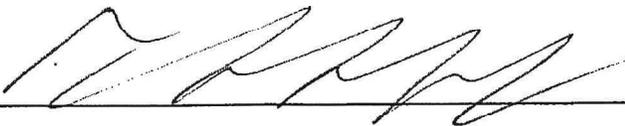
Final Checklist

11. Was a request for public comment posted?	
12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?	
13. Were media outlets notified?	
14. Were public comments received?	
15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission?	
16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts?	
17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?	
18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county?	Yes

19. Additional Remarks

Verification of Submission

20. Date submitted to AOPC:
21. President Judge Name: Thomas A. James

Signature  1-12-22

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Magisterial District Court Number: 26-2-01		County: Columbia	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 6261	B. 4,447	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		1814	1 out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		3030	94%
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 50,672	B. 32410	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		18262	56%
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
N/A			

Magisterial District Information	
<p>10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:</p> <p>Russell L. Lawton</p> <p><i>Magisterial District Judge Name Birthdate Term Expiration Date Mandatory Retirement Date</i></p>	
<p>11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:</p> <p>700 Sawmill Rd., Bloomsburg, PA 17815</p>	
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?	Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?	Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?	Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.	No/Not Sure
<p>16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.</p> <p>Bloomsburg, PSP, Scott Twp., Montour Twp., Bloomsburg University Police</p>	
<p>17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.</p> <p>U.S. 11/15, I-80</p>	
<p>18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.</p> <p>Town of Bloomsburg Montour Township Scott Township</p>	
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).	No
<p>Town of Bloomsburg Scott Township</p>	
20. Additional Comments:	
<p>Moving Montour Township into MDJ District 26-3-01 make sense. It was anticipated that this might occur ten years ago. Montour Township is adjacent to the area served by MDJ District 26-3-01. The distance from Montour Twp. to the MDJ District 26-3-01 office is not very much further from MDJ District 26-2-01 office. It may be even closer if the MDJ District 26-3-01 office is relocated when the lease expires.</p>	

Approved by the
Court: *[Signature]* 1-12-22

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Magisterial District Court Number: 26-3-01	County: Columbia		
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3435	B. 4,447	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Total</i>
	-1012	4	out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	205	6%	
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 20,373	B. 32,410	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	-12,037	- 37 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Douglas D. Brewer

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

100 West Third Street Millville, PA 17846

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

PSP, Hemlock Twp., Orange Township, Benton, Millville

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I-80

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Benton Borough	Greenwood Township	Pine Township
Millville Borough	Hemlock Township	Sugarloaf Township
Orangeville Borough	Jackson Township	
Stillwater Borough	Madison Township	
Benton Township	Mt. Pleasant Township	
Fishing Creek Township	Orange Township	

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?

No

If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Benton Borough	Fishing Creek Township	
Millville Borough	Greenwood Township	Pine Township
Orangeville Borough	Hemlock Township	Sugarloaf Township
Stillwater Borough	Jackson Township	Montour Township
Benton Township	Madison Township	
	Mt. Pleasant Township	
	Orange Township	

20. Additional Comments:

Moving Montour Township into MDJ District 26-3-01 make sense. It was anticipated that this might occur ten years ago. Montour Township is adjacent to the area served by MDJ District 26-3-01. The distance from Montour Twp. to the MDJ District 26-3-01 office is not very much further from MDJ District 26-2-01 office. It may be even closer if the MDJ District 26-3-01 office is relocated when the lease expires.

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Magisterial District Court Number: 26-3-02	County: Columbia		
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,439	B. 4,447	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>		<i>Ranking Total</i>
	-1008		3rd out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	209		6%
<p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">See average total workload analysis below. This is the second busiest office in the Judicial District. The cases heard also tend to be the most contentious.</p>			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>
	A. 37,518	B. 32410	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	5108		16%
<p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.</p> <p>N/A</p>			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Richard W. Knecht

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

339 W. Front St., Berwick, PA 18603

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Berwick, Briar Creek, Briar Creek Borough, North Centre, South Centre.

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US 11/15, I-80

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

- Berwick Borough
- Briar Creek Borough
- Briar Creek Township
- North Centre Township
- South Centre Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

Approved by the Court:

 1-12-22

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Magisterial District Court Number: 26-3-03		County: Columbia	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 4,652	B. 4,447	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		205	2nd out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		1422	44%
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
N/A			
Average filing and workload for this judicial district are inflated because of the impact of Bloomsburg University on this small county.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 21,077	B. 32410	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		11333	-35%
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
Within the next 10 years realignment may be appropriate. Now, realignment is not needed. The MDJs are content with the allocation of workload without realigning the district.			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Craig W. Long

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

400 Fisher Avenue
Catawissa, 17820

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Catawissa, PSP, Locust Twp., Main Twp.

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I-80

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Catawissa Borough	Franklin Township
Centralia Borough	Locust Township
Beaver Township	Main Township
Catawissa Township	Mifflin Township
Cleveland Township	Roaring Creek Township
Conyngham Township	

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?

If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

Approved By the Court:
 1-12-22

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Judicial District Number:	26	County:	Montour	Class of County:	8
<p>1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):</p> <p>26-3-04</p>					
Caseload Analysis					
2. Average total caseloads:		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>		<i>Avg for Class of County</i>	
		A. 2,816		B. 1,813	
3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county.		<i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i>		<i>Ranking Total</i>	
		1003		1st out of 1	
4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county?				No	
Proposed Actions					
5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes). 26-3-04					Yes
6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes).					No
7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.					No

Additional Workload Factors

8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?	No
9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?	No
10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES, briefly explain the types of programs. Judge Shrawder of Montour County MDJ District 26-3-04 helps significantly with our Treatment Courts in Columbia and Montour Counties.	Yes

Final Checklist

11. Was a request for public comment posted?	
12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?	
13. Were media outlets notified?	
14. Were public comments received?	
15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission?	
16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts?	
17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?	
18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county?	Yes

19. Additional Remarks

Verification of Submission

20. Date submitted to AOPC:
21. President Judge Name: Thomas A. James

Signature  1-12-22

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Magisterial District Court Number: 26-3-04		County: Montour	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 2,816	B. 2,816	C. 1,813
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>		<i>Ranking Total</i>
	0		1st out of 1
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	1003		55 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 24,187	B. 24,187	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	0		0 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. N/A			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:
Marvin K. Shrawder
Magisterial District Judge Name Birthdate Term Expiration Date Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:
Montour County Courthouse, Mill Street, Danville, PA 17821

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous? Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below. No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.
 Danville, Mahoning Township, PSP

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.
 Rt. 11/15 and I-80

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Danville Borough	Limestone Township
Washingtonville Borough	Mahoning Township
Anthony Township	Mayberry Township
Cooper Township	Valley Township
Derry Township	West Hemlock Township
Liberty Township	

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? Yes
 If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

20. Additional Comments:

This MDJ District is busy and is the only MDJ office in Montour County, one of the two counties in our Judicial District. It should be reestablished and remain the same. Note, MDJ Shrawder voluntarily helps significantly with our Judicial District Treatment Courts.

Approved by the Court
 1-12-22

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Pennsylvania Constitution Article V & VII and 42 Pa.C.S.A. 1503 ((a) Reestablishment of districts), and after study by the Court of Common Pleas, that Reestablishment (i.e., boundaries to remain the same) and Realignment (i.e., boundaries to be changed) of the 26th Judicial District Magisterial Judicial Districts (MDJs) are proposed as follows effective January 1, 2023:

Montour MDJ #26-3-04 (MDJ Shrawder) shall remain the same.

Columbia County MDJ Districts 26-3-02 (MDJ R. Knecht) and 26-3-03 (MDJ C. Long) shall be reestablished, i.e., retain the same boundaries.

Columbia County MDJ Districts 26-2-01 (MDJ R. Lawton) and 26-3-01 (MDJ D. Brewer) shall be realigned, i.e., they will retain the same boundaries except that Montour Township shall be moved from MDJ District 26-2-01 (MDJ R. Lawton) to MDJ District 26-3-01 (MDJ D. Brewer).

Public comment may be submitted to Tami Kline Court Administrator of the 26th Judicial District, c/o P.O. Box 380, Bloomsburg, PA 17815, on or before December 31, 2021.

Judge Thomas A. James
President Judge
26th Judicial District
Columbia/Montour Counties

e me
A.D. 2021

DI: November 24, 2021

Personally appeared before me, the subscriber,

Fred Scheller, Publisher

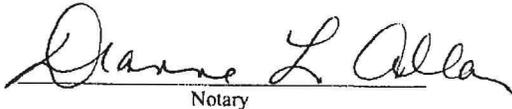
of THE DAILY ITEM, a newspaper of general circulation in Union, Northumberland, Snyder and Montour Counties, the paper in which publication has been directed, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say that said newspaper was established April 15, 1970, and has its place of business at Second & Market Sts., in the city of Sunbury, County of Northumberland, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that, the Notice, of which the attached is a copy, was published in THE DAILY ITEM in the City of Sunbury, County of Northumberland and State of Pennsylvania on the

24th day of November, A.D. 2021

that affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the foregoing notice of advertising, and avers that all of the allegations of the statement as to the time, place and character of the publication are true.



Affiant



Notary

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
DIANNE L ALLAN - Notary Public
Northumberland County
My Commission Expires Dec 10, 2022
Commission Number 1341876

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA } SS

Sarah Kile being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that Press Enterprise is a newspaper of general circulation with its principal office and place of business at 3185 Lackawanna Avenue, Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, and was established on the 1st day of March, 1902, and has been published daily, continuously in said , Town, County and State since that day and on the attached notice, published on dates listed below, and that the affiant is one of the officers or publisher or designated agent of the owner or publisher of said newspaper in which legal advertisement was published; that neither the affiant nor Press Enterprise is interested in the subject matter of said notice and advertisement and that all of the allegations in the foregoing statement as to time, place, and character of publication are true.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Pennsylvania Constitution Article V & VI and 42 Pa.C.S.A. § 1503 (a) Reestablishment of districts, and after study by the Court of Common Pleas, that Reestablishment (i.e. boundaries to remain the same) and Realignment (i.e. boundaries to be changed) of the 26th Judicial District Magisterial Judicial Districts (MDJs) are proposed as follows effective January 1, 2023:
Montour MDJ #26-3-04 (MDJ Shaver) shall remain the same.
Columbia County MDJ Districts 26-3-02 (MDJ R. Knack) and 26-3-03 (MDJ C. King) shall be reestablished, i.e. retain the same boundaries.
Columbia County MDJ Districts 26-2-01 (MDJ R. Lawton) and 26-3-01 (MDJ D. Brewer) shall be realigned, i.e. they will retain the same boundaries except that Montour Township shall be moved from MDJ District 26-2-01 (MDJ R. Lawton) to MDJ District 26-3-01 (MDJ D. Brewer).
Public comment may be submitted to Terri Kline Court Administrator of the 26th Judicial District, c/o P.O. Box 380 Bloomsburg, PA 17815, on or before December 31 2021

Judge Thomas A. James
President, Judge
26th Judicial District
Columbia/Montour
Counties

Ad Text: Tami Kline 26th Judicial District

Date(s) Published: 11/24/2021



Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 30 day of November 2021.



(Notary Public)

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Shawn H. Stair, Notary Public
Columbia County
My commission expires August 12, 2025
Commission number 1404114
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

And now, _____, 20____, I
hereby certify that the advertising and publication charges
amounting to \$_____ for publishing the foregoing
notice and the fee for this affidavit have been paid in full.

COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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