

Judicial Budget Request 2022-23

In 2021 Pennsylvania Courts...



Created an

Autism in the courts task force

to examine access to justice issues for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and explore ways to educate judges and the public that will lead to a better understanding of and communication with these individuals.



Facilitated

36,231

requests for interpreters.

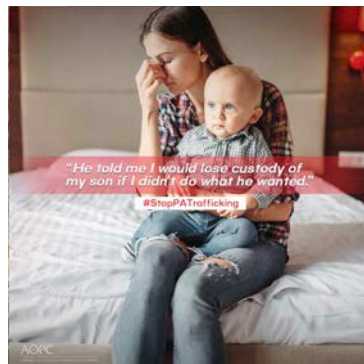


Continued to implement the **Clean Slate Act** through a system that automatically removes certain criminal history record information from public view.

Nearly

42 million

cases have been sealed (as of Jan. 1)



Developed and launched a social media campaign about

recognizing the signs of domestic abuse

and creating plans to help keep victims and their families safe.

Guardianship Tracking System



Used the **Guardianship Tracking System (GTS)** to monitor

19,261 family/lay guardians and

382 professional guardians

serving in the Commonwealth.

Over 85 percent

of all guardianship reports received by the courts were electronically filed using GTS.

Monitored

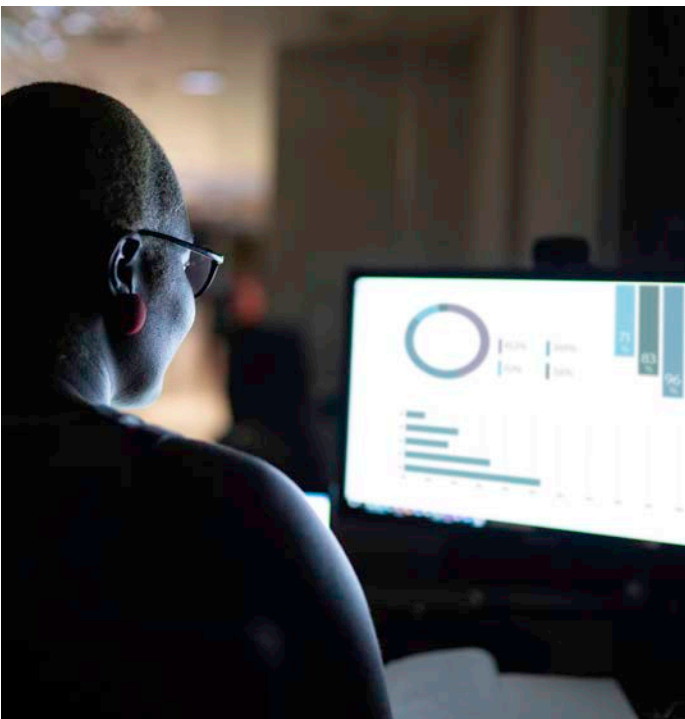
18,380

active guardianship cases with assets totaling over

\$1.7 billion

under court supervision.

Court Technology



Over 1,000 law enforcement agencies are now electronically filing traffic/parking citations and criminal complaints.

PAePay saw a record

\$164 million collected

online in 2021, a **5 percent increase** over last year.

Nearly 2.15 million

cases were docketed in 2021 and over **104 million** docket sheets were viewed.

Collections

Collecting fines, fees, costs and restitution is a priority for the judiciary – with nearly

\$423 million collected

in 2019 alone. These dollars flow back into the state budget and Pennsylvania communities, and to victims of crime.

State (\$203 million)

Local governments (\$177 million)

Victims of crime (\$39 million)

Airports, parking authorities, libraries, schools, etc. (\$4 million)

Over the last 10 years, AOPC/IT collected and processed nearly **\$4.6 billion** in fines, costs, and restitution. This year saw a **\$20 million increase** in funds distributed over last year.

Proposed 2022-2023 Funding

Total budget: \$518.9 million



The judiciary receives about **1/2 of 1 percent** of the state budget.

Fee revenue has been used to fund a portion of the judiciary's annual general fund budget, **currently about 16%.**

Saving Tax Dollars

The judiciary is committed to spending taxpayer dollars wisely, and has saved over **\$9.6 million** in the past year.

\$6.2 million saved (realignment of MDJ courts)

\$2.7 million saved (benefits/salary)

\$0.7 million saved (contract savings)

Over the past **10 years**, the judiciary has saved a combined **\$95.2 million.**

Problem-Solving Courts



In 2020 . . .

1,396 participants graduated successfully.

443 became employed between admission and discharge.

244 improved their level of education.

Breaking New Ground in Judicial Education

In 2021, **591 judges** recorded **10,442 hours**
of continuing judicial education, an average of 17.66 hours per judge.



Topics of judicial education:

Emerging Issues in Elder Law

Establishing a Trauma-Informed Courtroom

Medical Marijuana: Implications for Pennsylvania Courts

COVID-related Insurance Issues

What is "Deep Fake" and How Will It Impact Courts?

Contemporary Issues in Judicial Ethics



Chief Justice Max Baer
Justice Debra Todd
Justice Christine Donohue
Justice Kevin M. Dougherty
Justice David N. Wecht
Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy
Justice P. Kevin Brobson