

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
2001 Annual Report**



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President Judge and District Court Administrator

We are pleased to provide the citizens of Allegheny County our annual report of the Court's work in 2001. The following pages reflect the operational and statistical review of the critical work performed by the judiciary.

The Court's role in our society is often looked upon as the final arbiter of public and private disputes. More importantly, however, is our constitutional responsibility to assure that all matters within its jurisdiction are resolved fairly and without bias or prejudice. The Court's status as a co-equal branch of government provides every citizen, regardless of his or her race, religion, sex, ethnic origin or economic standing, with a forum to address grievances, resolve disputes, and seek the protection and benefit of all laws without the fear of reprisal. We strive to assure that these fundamental rights are available in an efficient and orderly fashion.

We are aware that without the support and confidence of our local constituents, our ability to fulfill our obligations would be limited. It is with great pleasure we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the more than 30,000 Allegheny County citizens who answered the call to serve as prospective jurors during 2001. The time, effort, and attention of these citizens



Hon. Robert A. Kelly
President Judge



Raymond L. Billotte
District Court Administrator

furthered the Court's efficiency and effectiveness and ultimately enhanced the quality of justice in Allegheny County.

As we look to the future, there are many exciting opportunities that lie ahead. We continue to explore the many possibilities that are available through the use of advanced technology. Progress continues to be made on the design of criminal and civil information systems that improve our case processing standards, eliminate duplicative and unnecessary processes, and improve access to information. Further, the Court will introduce its own website in 2002 that will seek to improve the availability of our information and services.

Please take a few moments to review our annual report. We hope you will "read between the lines" and discover the enormous amount of work performed by our Judges, District Justices, and Court employees.

Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County
Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania

CIVIL DIVISION

Hon. R. Stanton Wettick, Jr.
Hon. Eugene B. Strassburger, III
Hon. Robert P. Horgos
Hon. Alan S. Penkower
Hon. Judith L. A. Friedman
Hon. David S. Cercone
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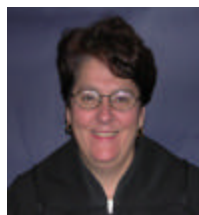
Hon. Joseph M. James
Administrative Judge
Civil Division



Hon. Gerard M. Bigley
Administrative Judge
Criminal Division

FAMILY DIVISION

Hon. Cheryl Lynn Allen
Hon. Kathleen R. Mulligan
Hon. Eugene F. Scanlon, Jr.
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Hon. Randal B. Todd



Hon. Kathleen R. Mulligan
Administrative Judge
Family Division



Hon. Paul R. Zavarella
Administrative Judge
Orphans' Court Division

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Hon. Gerard M. Bigley
Hon. Raymond A. Novak
Hon. Donna Jo McDaniel
Hon. W. Terrence O'Brien
Hon. Jeffrey A. Manning
Hon. Kathleen A. Durkin
Hon. David R. Cashman
Hon. John A. Zottola
Hon. Lawrence J. O'Toole
Hon. Donald E. Machen
Hon. Robert E. Colville
Hon. Lester G. Nauhaus

ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

Hon. Paul R. Zavarella
Hon. Walter R. Little
Hon. Lee J. Mazur

SENIOR JUDGES

Hon. Robert E. Dauer
Hon. S. Louis Farino
Hon. Livingstone M. Johnson
Hon. Lawrence W. Kaplan
Hon. Bernard J. McGowan
Hon. James R. McGregor
Hon. James H. McLean
Hon. Michael J. O'Malley
Hon. Joseph H. Ridge
Hon. George H. Ross
Hon. J. Warren Watson
Hon. Richard G. Zeleznik

Judges of the Court of Common Pleas



(L-R) Row 1: Lawrence J. O'Toole, Cynthia A. Baldwin, Ronald W. Folino, Kathleen R. Mulligan, Robert A. Kelly, Gerard M. Bigley, Joseph M. James, Eugene B. Strassburger, III, Judith L. A. Friedman. **Row 2:** Walter R. Little, Livingstone M. Johnson*, Cheryl Lynn Allen, Kevin G. Sasinoski, Robert P. Horgos, Timothy Patrick O'Reilly, Kim Berkeley Clark, Kathleen A. Durkin, Robert E. Dauer*, J. Warren Watson*. **Row 3:** Randal B. Todd, Michael A. Della Vecchia, John A. Zottola, Max Baer, Lee J. Mazur, Paul F. Luty, Jr., Alan S. Penkower, S. Louis Farino*. **Row 4:** Eugene F. Scanlon, Jr., Jeffrey A. Manning, David R. Cashman, Donna Jo McDaniel, Lester G. Nauhaus, Frank J. Lucchino, David S. Cercone. **Row 5:** Lawrence W. Kaplan*, W. Terrence O'Brien, Donald E. Machen, Robert E. Colville, Robert J. Colville. **Not available for photo:** Paul R. Zavarella, R. Stanton Wettick, Raymond A. Novak, Patrick McFalls, Joseph A. Jaffe, Kim D. Eaton, Bernard J. McGowan*, James R. McGregor*, James H. McLean*, Michael J. O'Malley*, Joseph H. Ridge*, George H. Ross*, Richard G. Zeleznik*.

* Denotes Senior Judge

Court Administration

Court Management



(L-R) Seated: Jo Lynne Ross, Linda Liechty, Esq., Bernice Gibson, Nancy Galvach. **Standing Front:** John Young, Eric Joy, Raymond Billotte, James Zimmer, Esq., Paul Stefano, Esq., and Charles Kennedy. **Standing Rear:** James Sheriden, Tom Green, Jerry Tyskiewicz, Dave Brandon, Esq., and Sean Collins.



Court Reporters



Jo Lynne Ross
Manager

The year 2001 was an exciting time for the personnel of the Allegheny County Court Reporters' Office. State-of-the-art court-reporting software and hardware were purchased for approximately one-half of the 44 full-time reporters and 3 part-time reporters who have spent their out-of-court time in training. The complicated software training has been time well spent as each reporter has become proficient in the production of transcripts by utilizing the new equipment. It is expected that the entire staff of reporters will be fully trained in use of the software by 2004.

The upgraded equipment will open doors to new technology for court reporter personnel. Court Administration is currently examining the viability of setting up real-time reporting stations for utilization by Common Pleas judges during high-profile cases or cases involving hearing-impaired individuals. Already, several court reporters have been called upon to make use of real-time reporting skills to enable participation by hearing-impaired individuals in trials at the Minor Judiciary and Common Pleas levels. With the new technology, it is possible for participants to instantaneously view on a computer screen what is being said during the legal proceeding.

Court Administration

The Audio Room staff, who oversees the recording of all Family Court proceedings, now falls under the jurisdiction of the Court Reporters' office. Two full-time monitors, responsible for the daily management of the audio equipment, are assisted by court reporters assigned on a rotating basis to ensure consistent operation of the system.

In addition to mastering new equipment in 2001, court reporters continued to support the judiciary. Reporters covered daily hearings in Criminal, Civil, and Orphans' Division courtrooms and produced and certified all requested transcripts. These verbatim transcripts are produced from reporters' in-court notes, from videotapes in certain Civil Division courtrooms, or from compact discs produced in the Audio Room.



Human Resources

In July and August 2001, Court employees attended mandatory instructional seminars concerning sexual harassment and equal employment opportunity. Charles Kennedy, the Court's Human Resources Manager, conducted the training with the assistance of St. Francis Employee Assistance Program personnel, Lynn Albenze, Susan Huckstein, and Jerry Smith, Ph.D. Staff employed by the Court through a contract or personnel agency were also required to attend training sessions. In conjunction with the training, participants were provided written policies confirming the Court's commitment to provide a work environment free of all forms of unlawful discrimination.

Through ACBA Services, Inc., an instructional videotape was viewed during the August 17, 2001 session. The Court now includes training on these issues in the orientation program for new employees.



(L-R): Kathy Patterson, Sharon Kuntz, Human Resources Manager Chuck Kennedy, and Pat Gallagher.

Jury Coordinator

At the request of the Court of Common Pleas Jury Coordinator, the Sheriff's Office summoned 64,000 qualified citizens in 2001 to fulfill the anticipated jury trial needs of the Civil and Criminal Divisions. Of the 64,000 summoned, 34,600 reported for jury duty and were paid a total of \$688,000 for their service. Approximately 10 percent of the summoned jurors failed to appear for service, providing no explanation to the Court. A definitive course of action is being developed to alleviate the problem with "no-show" jurors.

The Jury Coordinator, Geralyn Dugan, and staff review all requests by summoned jurors for deferment or excusal from service. Permanent excusals were granted to 5,357 individuals in 2001 due to out-of-county relocation or grave illness.

Payments to jurors for completed service are processed by the Jury Coordinator's office, and reimbursement is requested from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for 80 percent of juror fees for trials that are four days or more in duration. In 2001, approximately \$150,000 was reimbursed to the county by the state.



Orphans' Court Division

MISSION STATEMENT: TO ASSIST THE COURT BY PROVIDING EFFICIENT SERVICES IN THE DISPOSITION OF ADOPTIONS, INCAPACITATED PROCEEDINGS, CIVIL COMMITMENTS, AND ESTATES, AND TO PROVIDE POST-HEARING SUPPORT WHEN NECESSARY.



Hon. Paul R. Zavarella
Administrative Judge

The statistics for the 2001 calendar year evidenced the continuation of trends that started almost a decade ago and that were identified in the 1999 and 2000 reports for the division. For example, in 2001 the number of civil commitment cases rose to 7,290, an increase of nearly 7% from 2000. While the four mental health hearing officers assigned to the

division heard the vast majority of these cases, there was a similar increase in the cases heard by the members of the bench.

CIVIL COMMITMENTS

I. Total Petitions Presented	7,290
II. Dispositions	
A. Hearings by Mental Health Review Officers	6,355
B. Hearings/Reviews by Court	<u>133</u>
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	6,488

HEARINGS BY TYPE UNDER MENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES ACT

303	Up to 20 days involuntary commitment	4,262
304-B	Up to 90 days involuntary commitment	1,052
304-C	Up to 90 days involuntary commitment	334
305	Up to 180 days involuntary commitment	681
306	Modification of restrictions of commitment	120
306-2	Up to 180 days criminal commitment	9
304-G2	Up to 365 days criminal commitment	2
ECT	Electro Convulsive Treatment	210
Behavioral		<u>79</u>
TOTAL HEARINGS		6,749



Hon. Lee J. Mazur



Hon. Walter R. Little



Hon. Bernard J. McGowan
Senior Judge

GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS

Number of Petitions Presented	416
*Emergency Guardians Appointed	73
**Permanent Guardians Appointed	350
Successor Guardians Appointed	28
Guardians Discharged	57
Petitions Withdrawn	47
Adjudication of Full Capacity	3
Petitions for Review	9
Contested Hearings	19
Bonds Approved	126
Safe Deposit Box Inventories	11
Court Appointed Counsel	82
Independent Medical Evaluations	10
Number of Allowances	502
Annual Report of Guardian of Person and/or Estate (Includes 145 final reports)	1,024
Total Number of Hearings Above	

* Includes 9 limited guardianships of person only, 387 for ECT purposes.

** Includes 24 plenary guardianships of estate only, 5 limited guardianships of estate, 45 plenary guardianships of person only, 270 plenary guardianships of person and estate, 1 limited guardianship of person only, and 5 limited guardianships of person and estate.

Orphans' Court Division



Paul W. Stefano, Esquire
Administrator

The Guardianship Department statistics did not show the same increase as the Civil Commitment Department, which may be explained in part by the more stringent rules and procedures that the court adopted concerning emergency guardianship petitions, particularly hospital discharge cases. The

Guardianship Department personnel continued to devote substantial time and effort to cases involving minors and minors' estates and saw a slight increase in the investigations involving allowances; this trend began in 1988 with the Civil and Orphans' Court rule changes that required all settlements of civil actions involving minors be approved by the Orphans' Court Division.

Cases in the Adoption Department have remained relatively stable for the past several years. However, there has been a marked increase in the number of cases where the adoptive

parents have located children through various agencies that actively advertise on the Internet. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in interstate placements and out-of state agencies that must be investigated by the Adoption Department investigators. An ad hoc committee has been established to study this trend and make recommendations on the advisability of changing Allegheny County adoption rules, particularly in the areas of consent forms and confirmed consent procedures.

NON-RELATIVE ADOPTION PLACEMENTS BY NON-ALLEGHENY COUNTY AGENCIES

AD-In, Inc., Indianapolis, IN	1
Adoption Center of Ohio	1
Adoptions Unlimited, Inc., Chino, CA (in conjunction with A Child's Dream, N.E. Poulsbo, WA)	1
Catholic Community Services of Northern Nevada	1
El Paso Adoption Services, Inc., El Paso, TX	1
Fairfax County Department of Family Services of Virginia (in conjunction with Three Rivers Adoption Council)	1
Family Adoption Center	1
Hope for Children, Inc., Georgia	1
Lawrence County, PA Children & Youth Services	1
Love the Children, Quakertown, PA	3
Spence Chapin Services to Family & Children, New York	1
Vista del Mar Child & Family Services, Los Angeles, CA	1
Westmoreland County, PA Children's Bureau	1
Total	15

NON-RELATIVE ADOPTION PLACEMENTS BY ALLEGHENY COUNTY AGENCIES

Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families	2
Bethany Christian Services	10
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh	5
Children's Home of Pittsburgh	20
Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center	1
Genesis of Pittsburgh, Inc.	4
Total	42

NON-RELATIVE ADOPTION PLACEMENTS BY NON-AGENCIES

Attorney	2
Physician	2
Clergy	1
All Other	5
Parent	11
No Intermediary required to be reported	3
Total	24

	RELATIVE ADOPTIONS	109
Total Persons Adopted		190

Orphans' Court Division

ADOPTION ACTIVITY

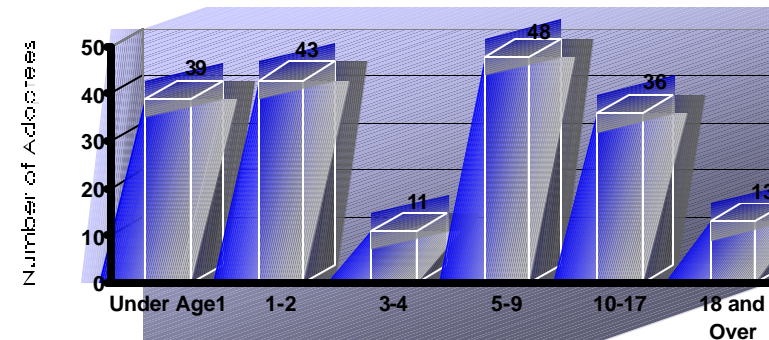
	Scheduled	Decreed	Withdrawn/ Dismissed
Adoptions	182	174	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	1	1	0
Confirm Consents	114	106	1
Involuntary Terminations	88	82	0
Voluntary Relinquishments with Involuntary Terminations	0	0	0
Confirm Consents with Involuntary Terminations	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	392	*370	2

* The report for the month of January 2001 was amended to include a total of 211 additional cases disposed of during previous years that had not been reported. These included 44 Adoption Decrees and 167 TPR (Termination of Parental Rights) Decrees.

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ORDERS OF COURT (Includes orders on petitions presented, continuances, amendments, allowance on publication service, acceptance of jurisdiction, allowance of interrogatories, appointments of search agents)	614
COMBINED DECREES and ORDERS	984
ADULT ADOPTEE SEARCH REQUESTS	94
ORDERS SIGNED APPOINTING SEARCH AGENTS	85
BIRTH PARENT REQUESTS TO PLACE WAIVERS IN FILE	11

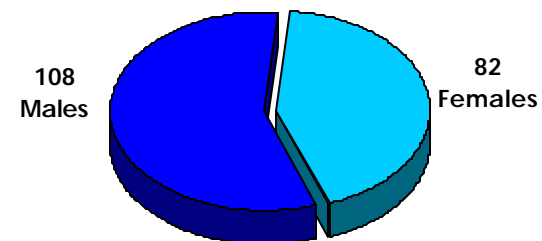
AGE OF ADOPTEEES



BIRTHPLACE OF ADOPTEEES

more than 1/2 in Allegheny County	119	statistics did not show
increase as Elsewhere in Pennsylvania	25	the same
Outside Pennsylvania	36	the Civil
Outside USA	10	

GENDER OF ADOPTEEES



Orphans' Court Division

For the most part, estate statistics have been unchanged for the past several years. Attorneys have increasingly been closing estates through the use of family agreements, receipts and release, and other informal procedures allowed by the Probate, Estates, and Fiduciaries Code. There has been a significant increase in the number of applications filed by corporations seeking to exercise fiduciary powers in Allegheny County. This is a direct result of the liberalization of the rule pertaining to corporations serving as fiduciaries as found in the Orphans' Court Division rules adopted in January 2000.



(L-R) Standing: Alan Grogan and Jim Siudela. Seated: Julia Smith and Debbie Brown.

ESTATES

AUDIT HEARINGS OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts filed by Executors, Administrators, Trustees, and Guardians	930
Small Estates (\$25,000 or less)	199

TOTAL DECREES OF DISTRIBUTION 951

CONTESTED HEARINGS OF ESTATE MATTERS

Hearings on claims of creditors against estates, exceptions to accounts, questions of distribution involving appeals from decree of the Register of Wills in the grant of Letters of Administration, inheritance tax appraisals and assessments, will contests, proceedings against fiduciaries, termination of trust, delinquent inheritance tax due, miscellaneous hearings, including presumed decedents, absentees, and correction of birth records	177
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ARGUMENT LIST 14

OPINIONS FILED 27

PRETRIAL CONFERENCES DOCKETED 349

RETURN DAYS SCHEDULED 127

PETITIONS FILED

Additional Bonds	104
Appointment of Guardians of the Person and Estates of Minors	38
Approval of Settlement of Minors' Claims	617
Lifting of Suspension of Distribution	20
Sale of Real Estate	126
Petitions for citation against fiduciaries to file accounts or to show cause why they should not be removed, etc.	158
Petitions filed by Inheritance Tax Department and citations awarded against fiduciaries to show cause why they should not file Transfer Inheritance Tax Return and/or pay Transfer Inheritance Tax due	112
Miscellaneous Petitions	<u>532</u>

TOTAL **1,707**

Family Division



Hon. Kathleen R. Mulligan
Administrative Judge

Adult Section

MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE PROCESSES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MODIFICATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS; TO PROVIDE ACCURATE, TIMELY, AND EFFICIENT PROCESS FOR DISTRIBUTING AND ACCOUNTING FOR SUPPORT PAYMENTS; AND TO PROCESS OTHER FAMILY-RELATED CASE MATTERS IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.



Juvenile Section

MISSION STATEMENT: TO ASSIST THE COURT IN MAKING DISPOSITIONAL DECISIONS WHICH BALANCE THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD WITH THE PROTECTIVE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY; AND TO PROVIDE A COST-EFFECTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE ALTERNATIVE TO INSTITUTIONALIZATION FOR ADJUDICATED JUVENILE OFFENDERS.



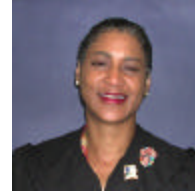
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Hon. Kim D. Eaton



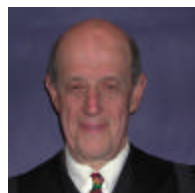
Hon. Robert J. Colville



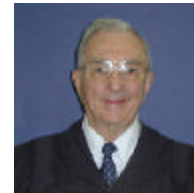
Hon. Michael A. Della Vecchia



Hon. Randal B. Todd



Hon. Lawrence W. Kaplan
Senior Judge

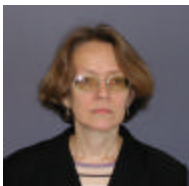


Hon. Michael J. O'Malley
Senior Judge



Hon. Joseph H. Ridge
Senior Judge

FAMILY DIVISION Adult Section



Linda L. Liechty, Esquire
Administrator

Family Division completed its first full year in the new Family Court facility, formerly known as the Allegheny County Jail, in 2001. Staff, clients, and attorneys adjusted quickly to the attractive and spacious surroundings. As soon as the move to the renovated facility was completed, Family Division extended its walk-in service hours. The Court is now available to the public from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., every Monday through Thursday that court is in session. During screening hours, clients may

request information about their cases or request modification or enforcement of their orders, in person and without an appointment.

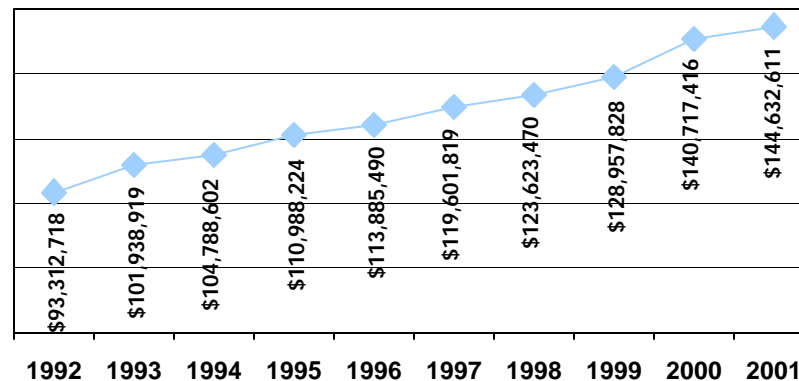
Two new judges joined Family Division in July 2001: the Honorable Randal B. Todd and the Honorable Michael A. Della Vecchia. The Honorable Frank J. Lucchino was transferred from Family to Civil Division, resulting in a net increase of one judge assigned to the Adult Section of Family Division. In October, all of the Adult Section judges began to hear juvenile dependency and delinquency cases on a part-time basis in order to reduce time spent waiting for court hearings.

The *Pro Se* Motions Project has continued to evolve under the direction of Attorney Barbara Payne, who became the *Pro Se* Coordinator in April 2001. The *Pro Se* Motions Project is sponsored by the Allegheny County Bar Association Family Law Section and operates in cooperation with the Court. Through the project, volunteer attorneys assist unrepresented litigants in the preparation of motions and petitions so that they are in compliance with procedural and legal requirements, resulting in more timely rulings by the court.

Family Division judges have for years been faced with a dilemma when hearing support contempt cases. When a defendant is working, but does not pay support, the court may incarcerate the defendant until he or she complies with the support order. Unfortunately, the defendant cannot work while

in jail and may even lose his or her job. During 2001, the Enforcement Unit of Family Division began a pilot project in cooperation with the Adult Probation Office, whereby defendants may be sentenced to electronic curfew instead of the county jail. A defendant sentenced to electronic curfew is confined to his or her home and is permitted to leave only for work and court-approved activities or appointments. The defendant is able to continue to work without interruption but is inconvenienced by being restricted to his or her home at all other times, creating an incentive for the defendant to pay his or her support as ordered.

**Child Support Amounts
Collected and Distributed**



An automated Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) became available in the spring of 2001. FIDM electronically matches the names and Social Security numbers of delinquent support obligors against records of financial institutions. If a banking and/or investment account owned by the defendant is identified, in accordance with Pennsylvania statute, it can be frozen and seized to pay child support arrears. The delinquent child support collected through this automated interface in 2001 totaled more than \$230,000.

Family Division Adult Section

Family Division began to work with the Fatherhood Collaborative at the beginning of 2001 in order to provide noncustodial fathers with the means to contribute financially to their children's welfare. The collaborative is an association of several organizations that serve noncustodial parents, including the University of Pittsburgh, Healthy Start Male Initiative Program, Single and Custodial Fathers Network, Inc., and Goodwill Industries of Pittsburgh. The collaborative's efforts are primarily directed at noncustodial fathers who did not graduate from high school and have no GED, have little or no employment history, have a criminal record, mental health or chemical dependency issues, any or all of which make it difficult for the father to obtain and maintain employment that provides a living wage. The collaborative offers training and placement in employment, assistance with career advancement, life skills training, counseling, support groups, and child development instruction. In addition to the programs available through the collaborative, Goodwill Industries piloted the first arrears payment program in the nation. The program, which is foundation-funded, pays up to \$5,000 of child support arrears for a defendant who works continuously and makes regular child support payments over a period of 18 months.

Although these programs are offered to fathers, the defendant's children and the families of those children benefit as well because the children and their families receive the financial support they need. Children also benefit from increased positive, consistent contact with their fathers and a more respectful relationship between their parents.

The Adult Section began to use a new scheduling system for support conferences in 2001. Support cases are now assigned to teams consisting of four to five Domestic Relations Officers (DROs) according to the first letter of the defendant's last name. This system gives the team members and parties the opportunity to become familiar with one another, making interactions more efficient and client-friendly. The immediate benefit is that time spent waiting on the day of the scheduled conferences has been substantially reduced.

The court increased the number of days on which equitable distribution masters are available to hear cases, increasing the promptness with which these cases are decided. Similarly, final hearings in Protection From Abuse matters, which involve issues in addition to domestic violence, are routinely scheduled before the judge assigned to that family in order to enable the parties to resolve all of the issues in their case at a single hearing.

Each new year brings opportunity for the Adult Section of Family Division to become more customer and family-friendly and to better serve the children of Allegheny County.



FILING AND DISPOSITION REPORT

	2001		
	Filed	Disposed	Pending
Support	22,579	27,224	8,811
Custody/Partial Custody	1,740	1,723	56
Divorce	<u>2,503</u>	<u>3,046</u>	<u>3,850</u>
Total	26,822	31,993	12,717

DIVORCE DECREES GRANTED

	2000	2001
Fault-Uncontested (3301-A)	12	9
No Fault-Uncontested (3301-C, 3301-D)	<u>2,957</u>	<u>3,037</u>
Total	2,969	3,046

FAMILY DIVISION Adult Section

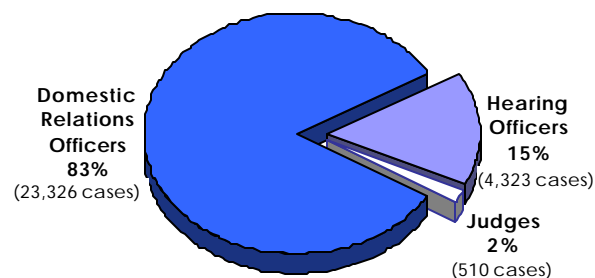
DISPOSITION OF SUPPORT CASES REQUIRING ACTION AT EACH LEVEL OF THE EXPEDITED HEARING PROCESS

The Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure have introduced a "Diversionary Procedure" into actions for support. This procedure relieves the judiciary of the need to hear support cases in the first instance and passes this responsibility to hearing officers. This report lists the results of this procedure at each level of the process.

	2000	2001
• Total Number of Cases Listed for Disposition	23,689	28,159
• Cases Scheduled for Conference before Domestic Relations Officers	23,689	28,159
• Cases Resulting in a Court Order after a Domestic Relations Officer's Conference	18,207	23,326
• Cases Referred to a Hearing Officer at Conclusion of a Domestic Relations Officer's Conference	5,482	*4,833
• Cases Resulting in a Final Court Order after a Hearing Officer's Recommendation	4,964	4,323
• Cases in which Exceptions are Filed before a Judge after a Hearing Officer's Recommendation	518	510

*The Hearing Officers scheduled and heard 5,031 direct hearings in addition to this figure.

**Percentage of Cases Resolved at Each
Level of the Expedited Hearing Process**



JUDICIAL ACTIVITY	2000	2001
New Family Cases Assigned for Judicial Conciliation		
Equitable Distribution/Alimony	594	562
Complex Case (Permanent Master)	63	24
Full Custody	209	209
Paternity	11	2
Divorce (3301-D, Contested)	47	51
Other	68	111
Cases Listed for Judicial Hearing		
Equitable Distribution/Alimony (Judge)	293	234
Equitable Distribution/Alimony (Permanent Master)	120	110
Complex Support (Permanent Master)	129	185
Full Custody	188	169
Partial Custody	154	171
Paternity	7	17
Divorce	5	20
Other	614	526
Support (Contempt)	1,476	2,713
Protection From Abuse (Final)	4,164	4,208
Protection From Abuse (Contempt)	865	1,041
Miscellaneous		
Support Exceptions	518	510
Post Trial Motions	3	40
Motions	10,214	10,844
Support Orders Reviewed and Entered	23,277	22,579
Protection From Abuse		
Preliminary PFA Hearings	4,082	4,085
Final PFA Hearings	4,164	4,208
Indirect Criminal Contempt Hearings	865	1,041
Direct Hearings Scheduled before Senior Judges	347	331

Family Division Juvenile Section



James J. Rieland
Administrator

At federal and state levels, our court is consistently considered to be an example of innovative programming.

Implementing Balanced and Restorative Justice into daily practice is a tremendous challenge for juvenile justice system personnel. The "balanced approach" was enacted in 1996. It's main principles focus on community protection, juvenile offender accountability, and development of juvenile offender competencies.

Through the continuum of services provided to address public safety, from probation supervision to placement in a secure setting, offender supervision is a primary focus. Services provided to victims through contracts with the Center for Victims of Violent Crime, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, and those provided directly by probation officers, are regularly reevaluated to develop and enhance more comprehensive and efficient support to victims of juvenile crime. Probation officers have contact with victims prior to court hearings as well as post adjudication. Hundreds of youth have participated in the victim awareness curriculum. The number of cases satisfactorily concluded through Victim Offender Mediation (VOM) is steadily increasing. Over the past four years, Juvenile Court has made substantial progress in both public safety and victim services, however much work remains to be accomplished in enlisting the assistance of city

and county neighborhoods to partner with the court on improved competency skill development opportunities for offenders.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION

	Number of Youth	% of Cases Closed
Violation of Probation	84	5.41%
Failure to Adjust	67	4.32%
New Adjudication	138	8.89%

In late 2001, the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers commissioned a public opinion survey concerning the juvenile justice system. Few people who responded to the survey were familiar with the work of Pennsylvania's juvenile courts. However, once Balanced and Restorative Justice was explained to them, the majority of respondents supported the philosophy. Our goals incorporate development of a public education campaign that includes "a report card" to the citizens of Allegheny County on the services offered by Juvenile Court, greater victim satisfaction, and increased successful juvenile offender outcomes.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/RESTITUTION

	Number of Youth Sentenced	Amount Ordered	Amount Completed/Paid	% Completed/Paid	% that Completed/	% that Completed/Paid
Community Service Hours	984	65,269 Hours	64,842	99%	96%	97%
Restitution	619	\$244,221	\$148,372	61%	78%	79%

Family Division Juvenile Section

During calendar year 2001, Juvenile Court closed 1,552 cases. The average length of time a case was open was 20.5 months, down from 26 months in 2000. Of all the cases closed, only 5% of the youth violated their probation while under supervision, and over 90% of the youth did not have any new adjudications.

The Court works to increase competency skills development for youth. Services such as family counseling, anger management, and tutoring are offered. Juvenile Court evaluates each youth at the time of case closing to determine if the youth is attending school and receiving passing grades, enrolled in a GED or vocational training program, or employed. Almost 90% of the 1,388 youth whose cases were closed during 2001 met these criteria, which indicates that the rehabilitative efforts were successful.

Youth Match, a relatively new program operated by Juvenile Court at its Northern Regional Office, is funded by a Juvenile Accountability Intervention Block Grant (JAIBG). The program provides at-risk, first-time, or chronic minor offenders an opportunity to be exposed to positive community resources in their community after school and on weekends. A total of 355 hours of community service were completed by the youth served in 2001. Eleven youth successfully completed the program, seven had new charges brought against them while in the program and entered placement, and one youth was negatively discharged without having committed any additional offense. There are currently seven youth active in the program.

Youth Match Discharges



REFERRALS TO JUVENILE COURT BY MOST SERIOUS CHARGE

	2000	2001	Increase/ Decrease	% Increase/ Decrease
Aggravated Assault	296	244	- 52	-18%
Aggravated Assault on Teacher	126	93	- 33	-26%
Arson	43	17	- 26	-60%
Auto Theft Related	410	303	- 107	-26%
Burglary	345	365	+ 20	6%
Carjacking (Robbery of Motor Vehicle)	5	5	+ 0	0%
Criminal Mischief/Institutional Vandalism	219	166	- 53	-24%
Criminal/Defiant Trespass	94	95	+ 1	1%
Disorderly Conduct	73	60	- 13	-18%
Drugs (Including Crack)	510	595	+ 85	17%
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	44	43	- 1	-2%
Escape	12	14	+ 2	17%
Ethnic Intimidation	11	5	- 6	-55%
Failure to Adjust (FTA)	430	321	- 109	-25%
Firearm Unlicensed or Possession	39	55	+ 16	41%
Harassment	29	26	- 3	-10%
Nonpayment of Fines	453	481	+ 28	6%
Receiving Stolen Property	106	115	+ 9	8%
Retail Theft	70	78	+ 8	11%
Robbery and Related	147	176	+ 29	20%
Sex Offenses	102	120	+ 18	18%
Simple Assault	706	642	- 64	-9%
Terroristic Threats	240	229	- 11	-5%
Theft and Related (Conspiracy/Attempt)	243	237	- 6	-2%
Transfers from Other County	78	91	+ 13	17%
Violation of Probation	338	274	- 64	-19%
Weapons on School Property	148	138	- 10	-7%
Subtotal:	5,317	4,988	- 329	-6%
All Other	<u>768</u>	<u>411</u>	- 357	-46%
Total	6,085	5,399	- 686	-11%

Family Division Juvenile Section

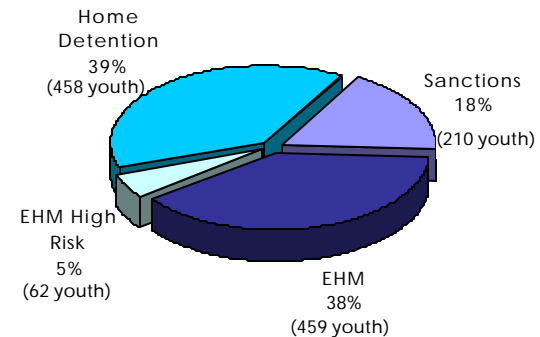
SCHOOL BASED PROBATION

	Probation Officer(s)	Caseload as of 12/31/01
Pittsburgh School District High Schools		
Allderdice	1	16
Peabody	1	27
Westinghouse	2	40
Langley	2	41
Carrick	1	28
Oliver	3	92
Brashear	2	50
Letsche	1	13
Options	1	22
South	1	20
Schenley	1	24
Milliones	1	19
Pittsburgh School District Middle Schools		
Reizenstein	1	18
Columbus	1	29
Arsenal	1	14
Greenway	1	22
Knoxville	1	16
Other Schools in Allegheny County		
Highlands High School	1	15
Duquesne High School	1	25
McKeesport High School	2	39
Penn Hills High School	1	18
Shaler	1	37
Steel Valley	1	21
Sto-Rox High School	1	23
Wilkinsburg	1	22
Woodland Hills Jr./Sr. High	2	44
Baldwin	1	14
Keystone Oaks	1	25
North Hills	1	49
North Allegheny	1	21
Moon / Cornell / West Allegheny	1	13
Chartiers Valley	1	14

During 2001, 39 school-based probation officers served 17 Pittsburgh Public Schools and 17 other school districts throughout the county. Last year, there were 36 probation officers at 15 Pittsburgh Public Schools and 16 other county districts. The probation officer serves all youth who attend the school while serving a probationary sentence, and the probation officer is also responsible for all intakes that occur within the assigned school.

The School Based Probation Project is also responsible for operating the Truancy Task Force. This program provides intervention for truant youth who are 13 years old and younger.

ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING/HOME DETENTION REFERRALS



Juvenile Court continues to provide Home Detention and Electronic Monitoring as an alternative to secure detention for alleged juvenile offenders prior to their hearings. This service is also used as a more intensive supervision for youth in the Community Intensive Supervision Project. A new "High Risk" category was added in March of 2001. During the year, there were fewer youth referred for both Electronic Monitoring and Home Detention, but there were more referrals for Electronic Monitoring used as a probation sanction.

The program continues to be successful. Only two youth on Electronic Monitoring and none of the youth on Home Detention were arrested for a new crime while completing their sentences.

DISCHARGES

EHM	521
EHM High Risk	41
Home Detention	507
Sanctions	<u>200</u>
Total	1,269

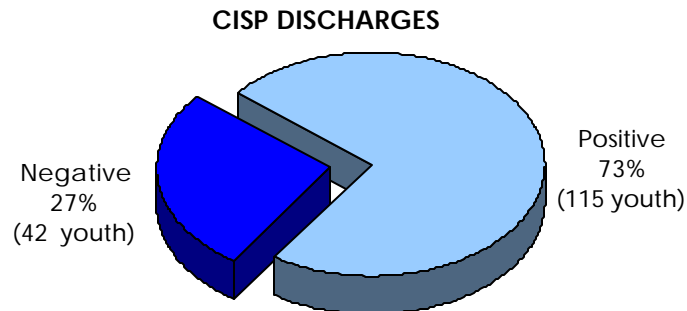
Family Division Juvenile Section

COMMUNITY INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROJECT

	Commitments		Discharges	
CISP Center	Total	%	Total	%
Garfield	47	26%	48	31%
Hill District	31	17%	29	18%
Homewood	38	21%	49	31%
Wilkinsburg	42	24%	31	20%
McKeesport	20	11%	0	0%
Total	178		157	

Since its inception in 1990, the Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP) operated by Juvenile Court has provided an alternative to institutionalization for youth under court supervision who continue to commit delinquent acts. The majority of the youth referred to the program in 2001 (83%) committed property/non person-to-person crimes. CISP also provides aftercare services to youth who are leaving institutional placement. During 2001, 39% of the total referrals made to CISP were for aftercare services.

Total youth served (265) during 2001 included 87 who were held over from 2000; 9 youth or 6% committed a new criminal act while in CISP, a slight increase over last year's 3.5%. Of the 42 youth with a negative discharge, 35 were placed in institutional care.



HEARINGS

		DEPENDENT	DELINQUENT
CASES FILED	New	917	1,486
	Recurrent	390	2,355
	Total	1,307	3,841
FINAL ORDERS	Commitments	0	925
	Children, Youth & Family Supervision	981	0
	Probation	0	639
	Informal Probation	0	902
	Suspended Commitment	0	1
	Dismissed	102	698
	Discontinued	2	531
	Certified to Criminal Division	0	2
	Transfer to Other County	0	50
	Total	1,085	3,748
OTHER CASE HEARINGS	Deferred Disposition	53	1,248
	Continuations	2,333	2,665
	Release on Probation	0	666
	Release and Close	1	113
	Mental Health/Mental Retardation	176	0
	Vacated Orders	5	13
	Total	2,568	4,705
ADOPTION SERVICES	Adoptions Completed	418	0
	Termination of Parental Rights	1,214	0
	Termination Continued	338	0
	Total	1,970	0
DETENTION HEARINGS	Denied/Withdrawn	0	0
	Permanent Plan Reviews	0	0
	Jail	0	0
	Detained	20	1,510
	Released	1	1,047
	Total	21	2,557
SHELTER	Shelter Care	1,586	13
	Released	4	0
	Total	1,590	13
MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS	Attachments	440	838
	Transportation	47	395
	Judgments	6	420
	Other	136	534
	Total	629	2,187
HEARING DAYS	Modified Orders	1	313
	Reviews	13,246	3,221
	Closings	1,095	1,714
	Transfer Criminal to Juvenile	0	19
	Total	436	929

Criminal Division

MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROVIDE DIRECT AND INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE AND TRIAL JUDGES OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION IN THE SCHEDULING AND TRIAL OF CRIMINAL CASES, POST-TRIAL CASE PROCESSING, AND THE PROCESSING OF OTHER RELATED NON-CRIMINAL CASE MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DIVISION.



Hon. Gerard M. Bigley
Administrative Judge

Judge Gerard M. Bigley has been the Criminal Division Administrative Judge since 1999. The division's singular judicial change in the last two years occurred during the final quarter of 2001. Judge Raymond A. Novak retired, was granted senior judge status, and was assigned to the Criminal Division. Judge Kevin G. Sasinoski will be transferred to the division effective January 2002 to maintain the Criminal Division's complement of 12 full-time judges. In 2002 there will be four senior judges (Robert E. Dauer, James R.

McGregor, George H. Ross, and Judge Novak) assigned to the Criminal Division.

The Criminal Division's Jury Assignment Room unit experienced significant personnel changes in 2001. Supervisor Tom Rakaczky and Assistant Supervisor Mary Benvenuti retired, and long time employee Rella Yura left court service. Margaret Cangelier, a Jury Assignment

Room veteran, was promoted to the supervisory position, and Stephanie Perri transferred from the Civil Division to become the Assistant Supervisor.

For the third consecutive year, the Criminal Division summoned fewer jurors than were summoned during the previous year. There were 19,639 citizens reporting for jury duty in 2001, 63.7% or 12,504 of whom were *voir dire*d. The goal is to require fewer jurors to report, while increasing the percentage who are *voir dire*d to more effectively utilize juror pools. For the third consecutive year, the number of jury trials decreased.

The 12 commissioned and 3 senior judges adjudicated 16,599 criminal matters during 2001. This is an increase of 2.7% from last year. The number of cases adjudicated has increased in each of Judge Bigley's three years as Administrative Judge. In 1999, the year the Division went from 13 full-time judges to 12, there were 15,003 adjudications. The Division has experienced a 10.6% increase in adjudications from 1999 until the present.



Hon. Raymond A. Novak



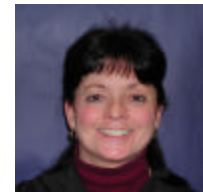
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Hon. W. Terrence O'Brien



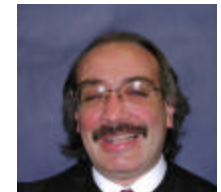
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Hon. David R. Cashman



Hon. John A. Zottola



Hon. Lawrence J. O'Toole



Hon. Donald E. Machen



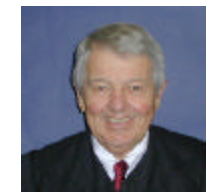
Hon. Robert E. Colville



Hon. Lester G. Nauhaus



Hon. Robert E. Dauer
Senior Judge



Hon. James R. McGregor
Senior Judge



Hon. George H. Ross
Senior Judge

Criminal Division



Thomas C. Green
Administrator

There were 18,400 criminal complaints filed in Allegheny County during 2001, only 4 more than filed in 2000, ending two prior consecutive years of 6% increases in filings. Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Narcotics/Drug Laws continue to account for the most filings; however, DUI filings decreased by about 1% to 4,595, while Narcotics/Drug Laws filings increased by 1.7% to 3,967. The 69

Criminal Homicide complaints filed were 10 less than last year. The 1 offense disposition report contains the statistical summary for 2001.

The 2001 sentencing report shows no significant changes from 2000 in the use of incarceration and probation as dispositions. Incarceration was used as a disposition in 5,358 complaints, while probation was used as a disposition in 4,731 complaints. Some period of incarceration was the disposition in 53% of the 4,595 DUI complaints and 21% of the 3,967 Narcotics/Drug Laws complaints.

Specialization of cases is a way of expediting the increasing workload of all who work in criminal court. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) and Plea Disposition Quickie (PDQ) are routine ways of fast tracking certain cases within the system. The PDQ Program was instituted in 1990, designed to eliminate from the criminal court system less serious cases of a non-violent nature that do not involve personal injury and are not eligible for ARD.

Judge Lester G. Nauhaus has successfully presided over Drug Court since its inception. During 2001, 91 defendants qualified for Drug Court, 20 more than in 2000. There are presently 122 defendants participating in Drug Court. There were 45 Drug Court graduates in 2001, up 19 from the 26 graduating in 2000. To date, there have been 97 Drug Court graduates with a recidivism rate of approximately 14%, indicative of the program's success.

This year, 2,797 court appointments for private defense counsel representation were made to 156 attorneys. The majority of these appointments resulted from conflicts of interest with representation by the Office of the Public Defender. Attorney's fees totaled

\$1,727,301, 53.9% more than the \$1,121,875 spent during 2000. The primary reason for the dramatic increase relates to the fee structure raise granted for court appointments made after July 1, 2001. The increase may even be more dramatic in 2002 considering that the new fee structure was in effect for only the last 6 months of operation in 2001. Of the 2,797 court appointments, 88 attorneys handled 594 or 21.3% of the appointed cases *pro bono*, representing a savings of \$186,209.

	No. of Adjudications	No. of Jury Trials
1999	15,003	216
2000	16,163	200
2001	16,599	165

MENTAL HEALTH COURT

The Court of Common Pleas began operation of Mental Health Court (MHC) in 2001. This program is designed to divert offenders from jail into treatment programs. Formation of this special court required considerable groundwork by many of Allegheny County's mental health and criminal justice agencies. Judge Bigley coordinated the establishment of case flow, policies, and procedures among the agencies. He also volunteered to preside over MHC. A grant to fund Allegheny County's concept of MHC was submitted to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) through Allegheny County's Department of Human Services in November 2000. Allegheny County was awarded a MHC grant for \$180,000 in January 2001. Additional money was received from three foundations, The Pittsburgh Foundation, The Jewish Healthcare Foundation, and Staunton Farms Foundation.

The mission of MHC is to provide a countywide, community-based integrated system of treatment and care for criminal offenders with mental disabilities who are held for trial in Common Pleas Court, while ensuring public safety. Mental Health Court demonstrates what effective collaboration can accomplish. Numerous agencies cooperate and communicate to create a balance between ensuring public safety and providing community-based treatment options for the qualifying offender. The District Attorney and Public Defender review referrals to MHC weekly.

Criminal Division

Qualifying defendants are provided legal representation and are not required to enter any special plea. The Court is quickly provided a diagnostic and evaluative service in the form of an individualized service plan. Special bond hearings are arranged within 30 days of arrest. Adult Probation and the Forensic Support Office of the Department of Human Services provide community supervision. The goal is to lower the recidivism rate of offenders with mental health disabilities by promoting stability and quality of life through treatment compliance, utilization of community-based mental health services, and criminal justice intervention.

The first defendant appeared before MHC in July 2001. Through December 31, 2001, 129 individuals were referred to MHC. At that time, there were 33 active MHC cases. Mental Health Court's goal is to service 400 qualifying defendants during 2002.



Margaret Cangelier, Criminal Jury Assignment Room Supervisor, prepares for jury selection.



Judge Bigley presiding at a session of Mental Health Court.



(L-R): Carol Levy, Stephanie Perri, and Mary Ann Bednaza review the criminal jury trial schedule.

Criminal Division Disposition Report

	Complaints Filed	Remand	Dismiss	Diversionary			Acquittals		Convictions				Sentencing	
				Nolle Prosser	ARD	PWV	Judge/ Non-Jury	Jury	Judge/ Non-Jury	Jury	Plea	PDQ	Probation	Incarceration
Crimes Against Persons														
Criminal Homicide	69	0	4	5	0	0	1	7	5	23	12	0	2	39
Robbery	428	0	30	48	2	0	11	4	5	14	226	0	15	221
Kidnapping/Unlawful Restraint	15	0	16	3	2	0	2	1	0	0	7	0	10	5
Rape	77	1	26	11	0	0	8	2	0	4	12	0	1	12
Involuntary/Deviate Sexual Intercourse	28	0	14	5	0	0	0	3	0	3	13	0	0	16
Indecent Assault	88	0	7	10	6	0	2	2	6	2	22	0	19	20
Other Sexual Offenses	96	0	20	7	5	0	3	0	1	0	45	1	28	32
Aggravated Assault	532	0	143	92	23	0	18	17	5	5	100	0	21	110
Simple Assault	1,630	13	195	302	78	0	39	5	29	0	851	0	794	247
Corruption of Minors	96	0	27	14	12	0	2	1	1	0	51	0	73	19
Subtotal	3,059	14	482	497	128	0	86	42	52	51	1,339	1	963	721
Crimes Against Property														
Arson	13	0	10	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	11	4
Burglary	696	7	111	59	29	0	7	6	5	3	457	0	181	219
Forgery/Counterfeit	512	6	74	43	63	0	8	0	2	0	361	1	231	87
Theft	1,695	7	206	112	134	0	17	0	8	0	910	2	590	319
Retail Theft	767	1	17	13	23	0	2	0	3	0	583	25	324	232
Subtotal	3,683	21	418	230	249	0	35	6	18	4	2,314	28	1,337	861
Drug/Alcohol Offenses														
Driving Under The Influence	4,595	0	36	94	2,330	0	32	6	32	8	1,848	500	8	2,441
Narcotics/Drug Offenses	3967	7	371	142	14	406	23	4	18	6	1,828	130	1,165	831
Liquor Laws	14	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	2
Subtotal	8,576	7	409	236	2,350	406	55	10	50	14	3,680	630	1,175	3,274
Crimes Against Public Peace														
Criminal Mischief	114	1	7	8	8	0	1	0	0	0	39	0	30	12
Disorderly Conduct	369	1	43	7	18	1	6	0	4	0	328	1	234	86
Prostitution	451	0	19	9	0	0	4	0	1	2	329	0	269	22
Subtotal	934	2	69	24	26	1	11	0	5	2	696	1	533	120
Inchoate/Miscellaneous Offenses														
Criminal Attempt/Solicitation	68	0	46	16	2	1	1	3	1	1	68	0	40	25
Criminal Conspiracy	98	0	7	5	2	0	2	0	0	2	25	0	45	24
Escape/Default Appearance	121	0	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	22	41
Firearm Violations/Offensive Weapons/	322	0	47	46	11	0	19	2	19	4	215	2	119	130
Vehicular Offenses	755	7	81	12	128	0	9	0	4	0	295	21	234	85
*All other Offenses	774	3	103	57	127	1	14	0	12	1	315	17	263	77
Subtotal	2,138	10	291	140	270	2	45	5	36	8	1,003	40	723	382
Grand Total	18,390	54	1,669	1,127	3,023	409	232	63	161	79	9,032	700	4,731	5,358

*Includes offenses related to local ordinances specific to Allegheny County such as boating laws and animal regulations; also Workers' Compensation Fraud, Medical Assistance Fraud, etc.

Criminal Division Adult Probation

MISSION STATEMENT: TO ASSIST THE COURT IN THE PROTECTION OF THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING INFORMATION, PRIMARILY PRESENTENCE REPORTS AND VIOLATION REPORTS, AND A COST-EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION TARGETED AT THE REHABILITATION OF THE OFFENDER.



Robert J. Galaray
Chief Probation Officer

Supervision of defendants and completion of presentence investigations are the two major functions of Adult Probation. In 2001, 97 probation officers supervised 24,109 cases, 873 more than last year. In the department, the majority (114 of 126 professional staff and 27 of 29 clerical staff) work in the area of supervision.

PROBATION SUPERVISION

Category of Supervision	Level of Supervision	# of Defendants per PO
Direct	Field	148
	Special Service	150
	Intensive Drug	75
	House Arrest	18
Indirect	Minimum Supervision Caseload	1,804 cases/PO
	Intermediate Supervision Caseload	719 cases/PO
Oversight	PA Board of Probation & Parole	3,340 offenders

A computerized program designed to assess risk and further risk/need evaluation by a probation officer determines the level of supervision to which a case is assigned.

Supervision is the result of:

1. A conviction or guilty plea in Common Pleas Court (adjudicated cases)
2. Pretrial diversion or Accelerated Rehabilitative Diversion (ARD) (non-adjudicated cases)
3. Intermediate Punishment (IP) sentence or a sentence to House Arrest [Electronic Monitoring (EM)]

DIRECT/INDIRECT SUPERVISION

	Supervision			Transferred Out of County	Total 2001	Total 2000	Change
	Direct	Indirect	Absconder				
Probation	9,213	1,557	1,212	772	12,754	12,555	2%
Parole	256	26	56	11	349	380	-8%
Parole-DUI	598	98	79	100	875	944	-7%
Probation/Parole	1,206	62	171	54	1,493	1,402	6%
Intermediate	465	17	0	4	486	392	24%
ARD	82	1,892	489	129	2,592	2,553	2%
ARD-DUI	188	4,284	585	87	5,144	4,621	11%
Probation w/o Verdict	<u>309</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>7%</u>
Total as of 12/31/01	12,317	8,040	2,592	1,160	24,109	23,236	5%

PROBATIONERS BY OFFENSE, GENDER, AND RACE

Offense		Gender		Race	
Felony	6,689	Male	18,069	Caucasian	14,589
Misdemeanor	17,420	Female	6,040	African American	9,300
				Hispanic	99
				Asian	87
				Native American	25
				Other	9
				Total	24,109

Criminal Division Adult Probation

Adult Probation's Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program for supervision of criminal defendants continued during 2001. While defendants sentenced to Intermediate Punishment and Allegheny County Jail (ACJ) inmates detained for probation/parole violations are still the primary candidates for EM, the program expanded into two new areas this past year.

With grant assistance from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), the Court Bail Agency began a program of transferring defendants from the ACJ to EM as a bond condition while awaiting trial or sentencing. Administrative aspects of this effort are handled by the Bail Agency, while Adult Probation provides the EM supervision. As of November 30, 2001, 94 defendants had been ordered to pretrial EM.

In the third quarter, in conjunction with the Court's Family Division, Adult Probation initiated a pilot project of placing individuals who have failed to comply with support orders on electronic curfew. Adult Probation provides the EM aspect of this project. As of November 30, 2001, 14 individuals had been ordered on electronic curfew. It is anticipated that this project will be expanded in 2002.

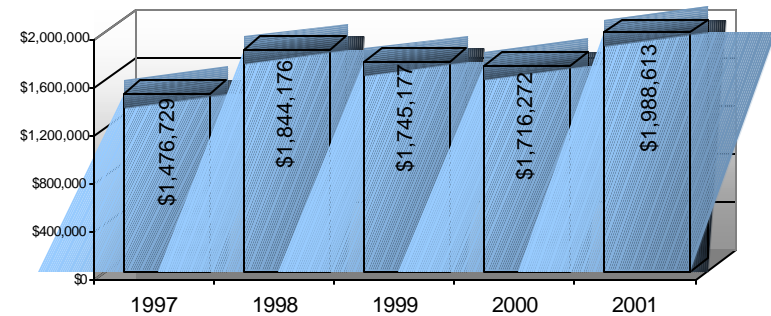
Since its inception, EM has consistently been an important resource to the Court in terms of providing a viable and accountable option for the supervision of suitable populations. This is reflected in the ongoing expansion of EM that in early 2002 will incorporate additional personnel and equipment (60 units).

Electronic Monitoring

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Offenders Served	983	967	1,027	1,150	1,453
Successful Completions	698	680	605	640	886
Currently on Program	200	201	280	364	374
Escapes	16	25	22	19	6
New Arrests	7	10	14	9	14
Removed/Rules Violations	64	63	85	135	139
Jail Days Saved	64,661	80,707	82	85,306	109,105
Program Fees Collected	\$176,404	\$182,230	\$173,343	\$220,484	\$332,381

The cost to Allegheny County of operating the House Arrest unit for 2001 is \$1,464,200 or approximately \$10.90 per day per offender. The program is otherwise subsidized by Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole for professional salaries, along with probation supervision fee money, which is a \$25 monthly fee assessed to program participants. Use of EM as an alternative to incarceration represents a savings of \$6,328,090 to the County.

Act 35 Supervision Fee Collection



In addition to supervision, 9 full-time Adult Probation investigators completed 451 presentence reports for the Court in 2001. Contracted investigators completed 80 additional reports for a total of 531, 11 more than last year. The vast majority of these reports involved cases of considerable complexity; either the offense was serious and/or the defendant had a lengthy criminal history.

ADULT PROBATION EXPANDS ITS ALCOHOL HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

Adult Probation undertook management of the Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) from Allegheny County's Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services in December of 1999. Since that time, Adult Probation has continued Court Reporting Network (CRN) evaluations, contracted for classes and treatment for drunk drivers, and managed all elements of AHSP.

Criminal Division Adult Probation

Sobriety Checkpoint Program

In reinforcement of the AHSP, Adult Probation has participated in the Sobriety Checkpoint Program with the South Hills Region DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Task Force. At a sobriety checkpoint, police officers systematically stop vehicles for inspection to determine if the vehicle and the operator are in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This highly visible and aggressive enforcement operation functions as a deterrent to alcohol-impaired drivers, thereby reducing the number of alcohol related collisions, injuries, and deaths.

Safety Bug Program

The AHSP expanded its Safety Bug Program in 2001. The PA DUI Association's Safety Bug is a modified 1999 Volkswagen Beetle that has been custom engineered to demonstrate the loss of control one would experience if operating a motor vehicle in an impaired state. The "Bug," sponsored by the Court, is provided free of charge to area high schools to help educate students about the dangers of impaired driving and to encourage them to make sensible decisions not to drink and drive under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. The Court pays for this program with fees assessed against DUI offenders that are collected by the Clerk of Courts to fund the AHSP.

In 2001, the Adult Probation Office contracted with the PA DUI Association to provide the Safety Bug demonstration to 10 area high schools. By doing so, it is estimated that we have reached approximately 1,200 students with this important prevention effort.

Ignition Interlock Program

Act 63, enacted into law in Pennsylvania on June 27, 2000, and effective on September 30, 2000, requires that all defendants convicted of drunk driving have ignition interlock devices installed on their cars. This device prevents the car from starting if the defendant has been drinking. If the defendant has an interlock device and applies for a provisional license, he/she may drive during the second year of a two-year license suspension. As many as 2,000 defendants may be restricted with

interlock devices when the program gets underway in Allegheny County.

The Adult Probation Office has contracted with Lifesafer Interlock Inc. to become the ignition interlock vendor for DUI cases in Allegheny County. Adult Probation's cost of supervising the interlock program's cases will be passed on to the defendants who are required to have the devices and will not be an additional burden to the courts or taxpayers of Allegheny County. The revenue that is generated by operating the ignition interlock service is expected to fully cover the cost of supervising these defendants for the entire period of their restrictions. The Ignition Interlock program should be operational early in 2002.

SUCCESSFUL SPECIALIZATION

Domestic Violence

The June 2000 formation of Adult Probation's five-officer unit, focused on supervision of the domestic violence offender, has proven to be a worthy endeavor according to criminal justice and community sources. Deputy District Attorney Chris Connors has frequently praised the swift and stern response of these officers toward any batterer who continues to engage in such behavior. Victim advocates, shelter providers, and treatment facilitators have offered similar commentary. Recognizing that 37% of Pennsylvania women who visit emergency rooms do so for injuries inflicted by an intimate partner and that domestic violence claimed 115 lives in our Commonwealth during 2000, the unit has adopted victim safety and offender accountability as primary goals. Moreover, by closely monitoring the offenders' involvement with treatment, probation officers hope to play a role in breaking the intergenerational chain of domestic violence and other "learned" anti-social behaviors.

During December 2001, 10 probation staff members completed 12 hours of training on the statewide model for supervision of the domestic violence offender, which was developed and conducted by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. One probation officer, Joe Rose, will

Criminal Division Adult Probation

receive more extensive training and then assist the Coalition as it provides training on the model and its protocols to all 65 counties in the Commonwealth.

Sex Offenders

The only offender group with a higher rate of recidivism than the domestic violence perpetrator is the sex offender. During 2002, the Probation Office plans to create two caseloads of 100 each (the same size as a domestic violence caseload) that will deal exclusively with this type of offender. Presently, this population is combined with offenders who require mental health services, creating caseloads of nearly 150, known as the Special Services Unit. Despite the best efforts of the officers staffing this unit, neither group is given the attention nor the scrutiny warranted, particularly in light of a recent caseload review, which found that the majority of the victims of the sex offenders were minors. By reallocating resources toward another specific offender population group, the Probation Office expects to replicate the positive outcome achieved by the Domestic Violence Unit.

ADULT PROBATION RELOCATION

Between Christmas and New Year's Eve 2001, the Adult Probation headquarters and the Behavior Clinic relocated from Pittsburgh's Strip District to three floors in the West Penn Building at 14 Wood Street in the city's downtown area. Moving about 60 employees required significant planning, coordination, and cooperation among Adult Probation, the Court Administrative Office, and others.

Adult Probation's headquarters is now conveniently located near the Courthouse and other government buildings. Management and officers appreciate being able to quickly walk to these locations. Also, probationers and parolees, mostly DUI (driving under the influence) offenders who are required to report to headquarters, find the offices to be easily accessible by public transportation.



Judge Lester G. Nauhaus congratulates a Drug Court graduate.

Criminal Division Bail Agency

MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROVIDE THE COURTS, MEMBERS OF THE BAR, AND RESIDENTS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PRETRIAL AND DIVERSIONARY SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.



John A. Young
Manager

In the first year of the new millennium, the Court Bail Agency completed the first year of a new operation and experienced caseload increases for all of its functional units. In 2001, the Bail Agency processed 25,398 cases representing a 7.4% increase over the previous year's total. The following are descriptions of the agency's functional units and 2001 statistics.

CITY/NIGHT COURT UNIT

The primary responsibility of the City/Night Court unit is the recommendation of what is determined by a judicial officer to be the appropriate amount and type of bail for criminal defendants at the time of their arraignment in City/Night Court.

In preparation for the arraignment, unit investigators interview the defendant to gather, verify, and evaluate information in order to formulate a recommendation. In 2001, Bail Agency investigators were present at the arraignment of 22,245 defendants, representing a 3.8% increase over the 2000 total of 21,433.

As a result of the efforts of City/Night Court investigators, the vast majority of individuals can be safely released on their own recognizance or on percentage cash bail. Members of this unit continue to work in conjunction with The Center for Victims of Violent Crime as a part of the Victim Notification Program in order to help ensure public safety.

JAIL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

The major focus of the Jail Investigative Unit is the review and monitoring of cases of individuals lodged in the Allegheny County Jail in lieu of bail.

Following a review of a defendant's bond, and a more extensive investigation than can be performed prior to

arraignment, the assigned Bail Agency investigator may present the case of an individual in court for possible modification of bail. In 2001, Jail Unit investigators were present at 1,047 modification hearings. Of these non-forfeiture bail modification hearings, approximately 53% resulted in the setting of nominal or percentage cash bail, with many other bonds reduced in order to allow for their posting. Included in the number of modification hearings were motions for bail revocation or increase, permission to leave the jurisdiction, or a change in the conditions of bail.

Additional duties performed by Jail Unit investigators include facilitating the posting of bail and providing procedural information and advice with regard to bail matters to the court, the general public, law enforcement officials, and members of the bar.

BONDS POSTED

Bond amount	Nominal/ ROR	Property	Cash	10%	Surety	TOTAL
None	8,457	0	0	0	0	8,457
\$500 or less	0	0	20	5	0	25
\$501- \$1,000	0	0	128	787	10	925
\$1,001—\$2,000	0	0	324	906	53	1,283
\$2,001—\$5,000	0	1	1,654	1,182	218	3,055
\$5,001—\$10,000	0	3	622	91	71	787
\$10,001—\$20,000	0	4	146	6	13	169
\$20,001 or more	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>319</u>
TOTAL	8,457	12	3,161	2,995	395	15,020

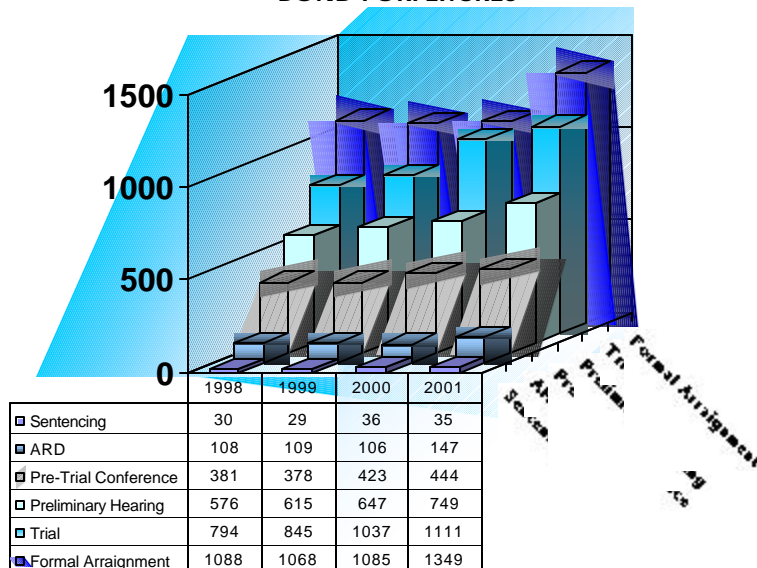
Criminal Division Bail Agency

BOND FORFEITURE UNIT

The Bond Forfeiture Unit is charged with the responsibility of attempting to bring back into the criminal justice system those defendants who have failed to appear for various court proceedings. Forfeiture investigators attempt to locate these defendants and encourage them to voluntarily appear in court to have bond reinstated. Should these attempts fail, members of this unit work with law enforcement officials to apprehend those willful bond forfeitures.

Forfeiture investigators appeared in court on 1,594 cases in which they sought reinstatement or the setting of bail for jailed bond forfeitures. This figure represents a nearly 23% increase over the number of forfeiture-related court appearances in 2000. Bond forfeitures increased in nearly every category, with an overall increase of 15% this year.

BOND FORFEITURES



In 2001, the Court Bail Agency experienced caseload increases in nearly every facet of its operation. In spite of having to absorb these increases, the Bail Agency has continued to

work in cooperation with other court and county agencies in an effort to provide much-needed services to the court and residents of Allegheny County.

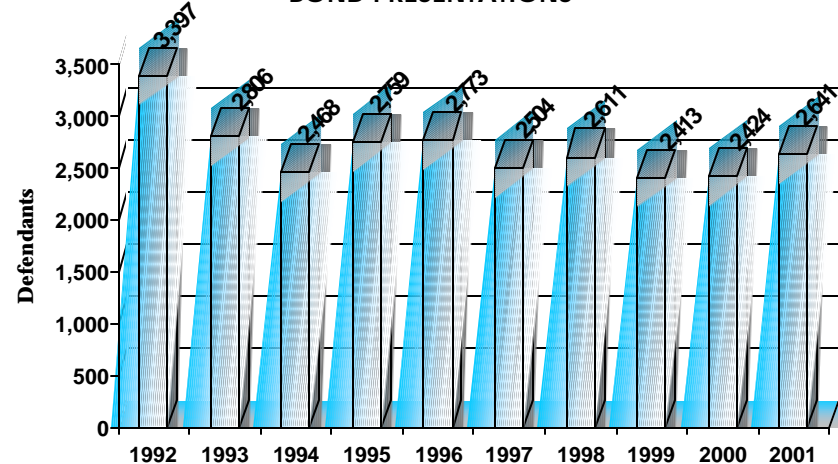
PRETRIAL ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM COMPLETES FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION

November 30, 2001 marked the completion of the first year of operation of the Bail Agency's Pretrial Electronic Monitoring Program.

The Pretrial Electronic Monitoring Program, funded through a combination of grant funds awarded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and Adult Probation supervision fee monies, represents a joint effort between the Court of Common Pleas Bail Agency and the Adult Probation Office. The program was created to secure the pretrial release from the Allegheny County Jail of non-violent criminal defendants in need of supervision. In addition to helping to relieve jail overcrowding, electronic monitoring permits an individual to become involved in productive activities such as employment, education, child care, etc.

Under the direction of Pretrial Electronic Monitoring Coordinator Joel Reisz, the program exceeded all expectations during its first year of operation, resulting in savings to Allegheny County of more than \$433,000 and 7,123 defendant jail days.

BOND PRESENTATIONS



Criminal Division Behavior Clinic

MISSION STATEMENT: TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THE CRIMINAL COURT JUDGES ON ISSUES OF FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY AT ALL STAGES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE FROM THE TIME OF DEFENDANT'S ARREST TO SENTENCING.



Bernice Gibson
Manager

Over the years, the Behavior Clinic has provided the Court with forensic psychiatric services, some provided by local medical residents, many of whom have continued their work in mental health systems in Pennsylvania and throughout the country. For 2002, plans are being formulated to have forensic fellows serve a rotation at the Behavior Clinic under the direction of Christine Martone, M.D., Behavior Clinic psychiatrist.

Omar Bhutta, M.D., retired this year after serving the Behavior Clinic for many years. He will be missed for his wise counsel and calm and courtly manner. We wish him the best. In July 2001, Peter Saavedra, D.O., was welcomed to the Behavior Clinic staff. Dr. Saavedra is a staff psychiatrist at Allegheny General Hospital and at MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine. He presented a paper on "Treatment of Depression in the Medically Ill Patient" to Allegheny General Hospital, Psychiatry Grand Rounds.

The Behavior Clinic was formed in 1935; its mission and purpose remain clear. The Behavior Clinic operates in complete integration and coordination with the function of the court's case flow and administration. Referrals come from issuing authorities at the time of arrest. The case is "open" until sentencing and may be reopened for probation violation. The Behavior Clinic's evaluations are intended to inform the Criminal Division judges about the mental health of the defendant, and its recommendations are to aid the Court in making a decision at the sentencing stage. The Behavior Clinic medical staff offers expert testimony at the request of the Court and training at the request of the District Attorney, Public Defender, District Justices, and City Magistrates. All services are provided within a streamlined and contained budget.

Approximately 2,000 evaluations are performed by the Behavior Clinic each year. The contents of these written reports (mental health evaluations) conform to the requirements of relevant statutes, professional standards, and the needs, requirements, and preferences of the Criminal Division judiciary. The Behavior Clinic regularly reevaluates operational and procedural practices; improved services to the Court continue to be a top priority.

In conjunction with the Adult Probation Office, the Behavior Clinic relocated from the Strip District to downtown at 14 Wood Street.



BEHAVIOR CLINIC ACTIVITY

Court Appearances	74
Evaluations of Defendants Discharged	117
Involuntary Mental Health Commitments	119
Evaluations by Judicial Requests	133
Re-Evaluations (Second Opinions)	181
Psychological Testing	9
Social Histories	231

Criminal Division Behavior Clinic

EVALUATIONS BY OFFENSE	2000	2001
Aggravated Assault	228	231
Arson	30	20
Burglary	154	134
Corrupting the Morals of a Minor	22	19
Disorderly Conduct	126	120
Driving Under the Influence	21	32
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	98	98
Harassment	108	102
Homicide	96	77
Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse	129	31
Indecent Assault	165	105
Indecent Exposure	57	111
Indirect Criminal Contempt	29	31
Kidnapping	17	10
Loitering and Prowling	28	14
Miscellaneous	160	134
Rape	32	73
Reckless Endangerment of Another Per-	72	53
Simple Assault	36	378
Stalking	355	50
Terroristic Threats	32	106
Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act	112	18
Violation of Probation	44	20
Violation of the Controlled Substance Act	<u>19</u>	<u>51</u>
TOTAL	2,170	2,018



(L-R) Standing: Behavior Clinic Manager Bernice Gibson with staff members, Koraleigh Gritz, Gearldean Young, and **(seated)** Lynne Black.

Civil Division

MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFICIENT DISPOSITION OF ALL CASES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CIVIL DIVISION BY UTILIZING TRADITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION WHILE RETAINING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF JUSTICE.



Hon. Joseph M. James
Administrative Judge

The Civil Division continued its practice of bringing thousands of cases promptly to trial. As of December 2001, the average time from date placed at issue to disposition was reduced from 15.57 months in 2000 to 14.22 months during 2001. The division disposed of nearly 9,000 cases in 2001.

AGE OF CASES DISPOSED BY TYPE

Type of	Number	Percent of	Average Age by Month from
Settled	8,473	95.01%	13.61
Non-Jury	156	1.75%	21.46
Jury	229	2.57%	32.17
Stricken	20	0.22%	20.14
Others	40	0.45%	9.43
** GRAND TOTAL	8,918	100%	14.22

* These averages are separately calculated and are not merely the average of the individual figures above.

** Included in these figures are trial-ready cases and cases disposed before being certified ready for trial.

The division welcomed Judges Lucchino and O'Brien to the ranks. However, Senior Judges Zeleznik and McLean reduced their caseloads and began to increase their much deserved retirement activities. Senior Judges Farino and Johnson continued to carry full dockets, and their availability was instrumental in reducing case inventory.



Hon. R. Stanton Wettick, Jr.



Hon. Eugene B. Strassberger, III



Hon. Robert P. Horgos



Hon. Alan S. Penkower



Hon. Judith L. A. Friedman



Hon. David S. Cercone



Hon. Patrick McFalls



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Hon. Joseph A. Jaffe



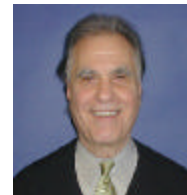
Hon. Paul F. Luty, Jr.



Hon. Cynthia A. Baldwin



Hon. Max Baer



Hon. Robert C. Gallo



Hon. Ronald W. Folino



Hon. Timothy Patrick O'Reilly



Hon. Frank J. Lucchino



Hon. Livingstone M. Johnson
Senior Judge



Hon. Richard G. Zeleznik
Senior Judge



Hon. S. Louis Farino
Senior Judge



Hon. James H. McLean
Senior Judge

Civil Division



Clair R. Beckwith
Manager

Because of the success in eliminating any backlog, Judges Lucchino and Jaffe were assigned to hear asbestos injury cases. Judge Robert Horgos, who had handled the asbestos trial list for seven years, helped instruct his successors, continued to hear class actions, and now has returned to the general trial list. The new asbestos docket has been streamlined, and a modified Asbestos Case Management Administrative Order will be in place in 2002. The inventory of asbestos cases has been reduced to 2000 current cases while new filings fell to an all-time low of 309.

CIVIL ACTIONS FILED

Against Property Owner	308
Asbestos Silicas	309
Asbestos/FELA	7
Assault & Battery	22
Contract	1,071
Defamation	10
FELA	17
Medical/Hospital Liability	372
Motor Vehicle Accident	1,156
Multiple Civil Action	1,498
Other Tort	511
Other Traffic Accident	15
Product Liability	52
Sci Fa sur Municipal Lien	15
Sci Fa sur Tax Lien	<u>1,128</u>

Total of New Case Filings 6,491

Certain judges continued to provide expertise in their particular areas of practice. In addition to the specialized asbestos docket, Judge R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. presided over Friday "Happy Hour" contested motions and the complex litigation docket. Judge Wettick retained jurisdiction over the on-going litigation with regard to the reassessment of real property in Allegheny County. Judge Eugene B. Strassburger, III

continued as Calendar Control Judge, and his conciliation skills once again sparked. Administrative Judge Joseph M. James continued to hear all zoning appeals and inherited the election disputes from Senior Judge McLean.

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

Trespass - General	Filed	Disposed
Asbestos Silicas	309	44
Asbestos/FELA	7	1
Medical/Hospital Liability	372	410
Product Liability	<u>52</u>	<u>79</u>
Subtotal:	740	534
Other Trespass - General		
Against Property Owner	308	358
Assault & Battery	22	19
Defamation	10	12
FELA	17	87
Other Tort	511	351
Other Traffic Accident	15	15
Subtotal:	<u>883</u>	<u>842</u>
Total Trespass:	1,623	1,376
Others		
Amicable Ejectment	4	0
Contract	1,071	830
Declaration of Taking	201	11
Declaratory Judgment	108	48
Ejectment	488	273
Equity	230	93
Equity - Lis Pendens	56	42
Equity - Partition	5	0
Mandamus	20	5
Mechanic's Lien	112	29
Mortgage Foreclosure	3,204	2,913
Motor Vehicle Accident	1,156	1,142
Multiple Civil Action	1,498	886
Pre-computer case	0	113
Quiet Tax Title & Real Estate	61	8
Quiet Title	39	12
Replevin	50	19
Sci Fa sur Municipal Lien	15	9
Sci Fa sur Tax Lien	1,128	1,109
Total Others:	<u>9,446</u>	<u>7,542</u>
GRAND TOTAL	11,069	8,918

Civil Division

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Arbitration

	1999	2000	2001
Pending on January 1	3,798	2,442	3,075
New Cases Filed	8,771	9,103	8,393
Transferred from Civil Division	404	395	496
Cases Remanded for New Hearing	0	0	0
Cases Disposed	8,194	8,505	8,375
Awards by Boards	3,252	2,493	2,514
Settlements, Non-Pros., etc.	4,275	5,112	4,972
Trial List Cases Disposed by Judge	667	900	889
Pending as of 12/31 (Awaiting Trial)	4,779	3,435	3,382
Appeals Filed	1,126	882	905
Rate of Appeals	35.00%	35.38%	36.3%
Number of Arbitration Boards Served	959	825	841
Number of Arbitrators	2,877	2,475	2,523
Arbitrator's Fee Per Day	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150
Total Arbitrators' Fees	\$431,550	\$371,250	\$378,450
Less Non-Recoverable Appeal Fees	<u>\$123,060</u>	<u>\$ 87,735</u>	<u>\$ 91,165</u>
Total Costs	\$308,490	\$283,515	\$287,285

Average Arbitrator's Cost Per Case	\$ 94.28	\$ 113.72	\$ 107.02
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As of December 31:

Cases with Current Hearing Date	2,117	2,999	3,231
General Docket Cases with Current Hearing Date	<u>325</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>127</u>
Total Cases Pending	2,442	3,075	3,358

New asbestos docket has been streamlined, and a modified Asbestos Case Management Administrative Order will be in place in 2002. The inventory of asbestos cases has been reduced to 2000 current cases while new filings fell to an all-time low of 309.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Conciliations	493	292	123	13	154
Cases Settled	378	461	379	771	961
Hearings	240	392	654	1,011	1,476
Reports Filed	81	84	137	161	0
502s/Conciliations/Hearings	<u>0</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1,192	1,303	1,293	1,956	2,591

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
New Petitions	215	48	44	114	0
Hearings	481	341	165	113	172
Views	440	394	80	52	44
Reports Filed	206	237	0	78	172
Exception Hearings	10	2	4	4	0
Schedule Reading	<u>3</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1,355	1,133	297	364	388

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Summary Appeals Branch



Hon. Robert E. Dauer
Senior Judge

The onset of a new millennium proved to be an immense challenge for the Summary Appeals Branch. Presided over by Senior Judge Robert E. Dauer, this branch of the Court saw a significant statistical up-trend in cases filed and disposed. A daily count of newly filed and holdover cases by the summary staff estimates well over 5,000 dispositions in the past year. This figure is over 1,000 cases higher than in past years.



Hon. J. Warren Watson
Senior Judge

The Summary Appeals Branch of the Court was established in 1996 by Judge Dauer when he sat as President Judge. For the most part, procedures and rules set forth then remain in effect and continue to provide stability and a streamlined management process to this high maintenance system.

The Summary docket serves dual purposes. Criminal Summary Appeals involve numerous and varied appeals from district justice and city magistrate rulings regarding all criminal citations and borough ordinances. On the civil side, the caseload includes appeals from decisions by the Department of Transportation regarding license and registration suspensions, Liquor Control Board, Civil Service Commission, zoning and land use matters, Water Exoneration appeals, Right to Know Act appeals, and other miscellaneous matters.

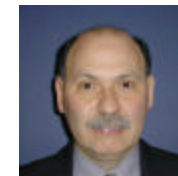
Civil filings are the responsibility of the Prothonotary's Office wherein all filings are docketed and computer monitored. Although Judge Dauer hears the bulk of all appeals on a daily basis, others are specifically assigned. For the seventh straight year, Honorable J. Warren Watson disposed of various miscellaneous appeals assigned to him on a case-by-case basis, which further facilitated efficiency

and stability in the Summary Appeals Branch. Additionally, all zoning matters were directly assigned to Civil Division Administrative Judge Joseph M. James who, as usual, remains a linchpin in the summary system in this regard.

Numerous criminal filings and Penn Dot filings were heard on a daily basis by Judge Dauer, who at the same time maintained a full calendar in the Criminal Division in addition to presiding over all Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) and Plea Disposition Quickie (PDQ) matters. All criminal summary cases are filed through the Clerk of Courts Office. The number of criminal cases heard on a daily basis is staggering, as is the paperwork processed by the Summary Appeals staff. Despite increased filings and voluminous paperwork, the docket remains current.

Although there are no statute of limitations restraints, the Summary Appeals Branch strives to remain as current as possible in getting cases scheduled and disposed, currently averaging about 65-70 days from filing to trial. This figure remains a model of efficiency considering State law requires a 60-day buffer from filing to scheduling trial dates on Penn Dot matters. This public service proves invaluable in that numerous summary matters, which involve potential license suspensions, are scheduled and resolved quickly, giving the filing public direction and closure on matters very important to them. The entire 2001 Summary Appeals docket involved only 2 *Curia Advisari Vult* matters (cases on which judgment is delayed pending further consideration). In other words, cases were decided immediately following the hearing.

Special thanks to the Honorable David R. Cashman, the Honorable Lester G. Nauhaus, the Honorable Lawrence J. O'Toole, and the Honorable Kevin G. Sasinoski who have filled in on the occasions when Judge Dauer takes his mandatory treks across the state for Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing



Joseph DeMarco
Manager

Summary Appeals Branch

business. These judges have facilitated the Summary Branch in maintaining its reputation for swift justice and due diligence.

Because of sheer volume, maintaining, improving, and upgrading operational stability in upcoming years is an important goal. Once again, the desired objective is to become totally operational via a networked computer system with the Clerk of Courts office. This alone will improve the case flow process in criminal filings, expand current capabilities regarding motions and filings, and provide the ability to retrieve case statistics. The Prothonotary currently provides full computer access for civil filings under its purview; however, the goal is to become totally independent and self-sustaining regarding data entry of all dispositions. These goals are a necessity if operational systems are to be improved.

Additionally, the Supreme Court mandate for allowance of Intermediate Punishment sentences has provided an entirely new parameter and has facilitated this court's total utilization of sentencing resources. However, as capabilities and caseloads grow, so does accompanying paperwork involving not only trial, but also post trial ramifications. Required monitoring of all case matters and an "expanding" retrieval capability are needed for growth and maintaining stability.

Future goals are to maintain the public's trust, build upon past positive trends, and to achieve grass roots improvement in overall efficiency through computerization and other modern technology. Judge Dauer's direction has enabled the Summary Appeals Branch to remain constant in its purpose to competently serve the citizens of Allegheny County while at the same time providing fair and expeditious justice.

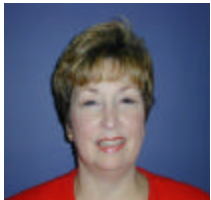


Summary Appeals Disposition Report

	Open Cases 12/31/00	New Cases Filed	Cases Dis- posed	Open Cases 12/31/01
Zoning Board	98	54	50	102
Civil Service	17	7	0	24
Motor Vehicle Code Suspensions	485	1,141	286	1,340
Liquor Control Board	7	17	24	20
Criminal Summary Convictions	46	2,844	2,660	230
Miscellaneous	<u>108</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>226</u>
Total	761	4,258	3,077	1,942

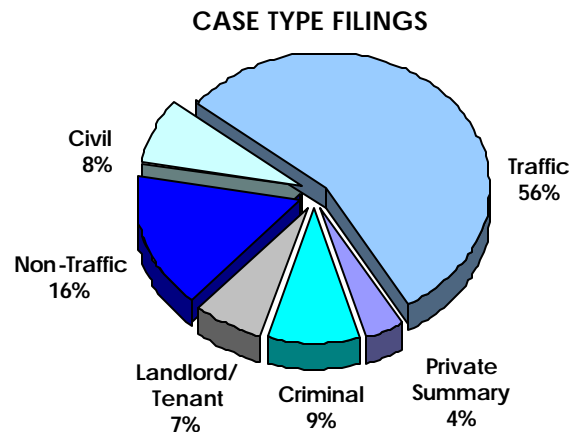
District Justice Courts

MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE OF ALL CASES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINOR JUDICIARY; PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY; AND TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT JUDGE AS PER THE PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF COURT.



Nancy L. Galvach
Manager

After years of steadily increasing filings, including a nearly 15,000 case increase between 1999 and 2000, Allegheny County Minor Judiciary's total filings decreased from 229,376 in 2000 to 222,505 in 2001. Since 1992, when the minor judiciary was computerized statewide, regardless of the total filings, caseloads generally have been divided by the same percentages of total filings:



While over the years filings have increased by many thousands, staffing has increased by only two full-time clerks and two part-time clerks. In response to the increased filings and budget constraints that prevent the creation of more positions, the court, with the permission of the State Court Administrator and the Supreme Court, initiated the Citation Data Entry Project.

The idea behind the creation of the Citation Data Entry Project was a simple one. Allegheny County's Night Court, which is equipped with the District Justice Computer System utilized by

all district justice courts in Pennsylvania, and which is unused during regular court business hours, was employed for the purpose of entering citation data for designated minor judiciary jurisdictions in Allegheny County. The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) provided direct computer access to district justice computers from the Night Court facility, allowing citations to be entered on behalf of those courts in real time. Photocopies of citations were mailed to the facility and were entered within 24 hours of their arrival.

The original intent was to begin the project in early spring so that the temporary employee who performed the data entry would be trained, and any problems encountered would be remedied by the summer vacation season. The participating courts were polled in September, and nine of ten expressed the opinion that the project met or exceeded their expectations. Minimal problems were experienced due to mail delivery delays to the Night Court facility.

As of August 31, the end of vacation season, 7,193 citations had been entered at a cost of \$5,600. Although that was relatively expensive, when weighed against the work that was performed when all courts were short of employees, the expense was acceptable. However, in the following months, the expense was prohibitive when staffing was at normal levels. The project was evaluated, and a decision was reached to seek permission for expansion. Because it is not possible to predict the number of citations that will be filed by police in a particular district justice court, intermittent downtime occurred. By expanding the project to include more courts, downtime could be decreased and service improved. In January of 2002, the project was moved to the Court Administrative Office, where it will be expanded to several employees and is expected to provide assistance to many more District Justice Courts.

District Justice Courts

The installation of thin-client hardware and the upgrading of computers in all district justice courts, including the availability of Microsoft Word, occurred in 2000. Once statewide installation was completed, the task of training was undertaken by the AOPC. Preceding the arrival of trainers from the AOPC in May of 2001, the Court Administrative Office conducted a survey of all minor judiciary staff to determine skill levels in the use of Microsoft Word. Anyone in need of beginner-level training instruction was trained by the Administrative Office so that training by the AOPC could be conducted at the intermediate level. One of the goals of the Administrative Office for 2002 is to continue training and to create macros of commonly used forms for installation on all 213 district justice courts' terminals.

In 2001, a remote arraignment center was opened in McKeesport bringing to three the centers that operate during night and weekend hours providing local police with the option of transporting defendants to the centers rather than the Allegheny County Jail in Pittsburgh. Since the opening of the first center in Hampton in September of 2000, 298 defendants have been processed by the three centers.

Continuing the Court's policy of upgrading district justice facilities, District Court 05-2-28 was relocated to a new, handicapped-accessible site in August of 2001. The new address is First Floor, 1030 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

The goal of our courts is to serve the public. To do so, we must be accessible as to both location and user-friendly facilities. In the upcoming year, the Fifth Judicial District's magisterial districts will be geographically reestablished according to census data and other measurable standards as provided by statute. Although any changes that may be recommended are not likely to be implemented immediately, courts will be moved and staff will be reassigned bearing in mind our mandate of public service.



President Judge Robert A. Kelly administers the oath of office to newly elected District Justices. **(L-R):** Susan Evashavik, Sally A. Edkins, Anna Marie Sharding, Richard D. Olasz, Jr., Oscar J. Petite, Jr., and Anthony W. Saveikis.

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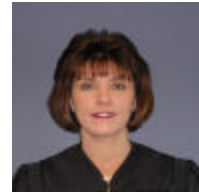
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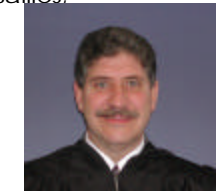
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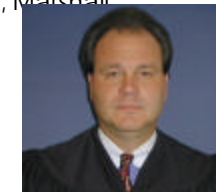
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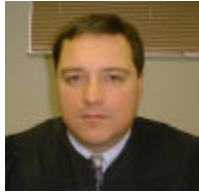
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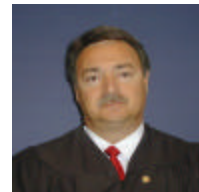


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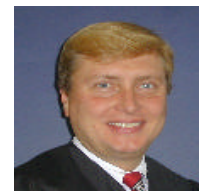


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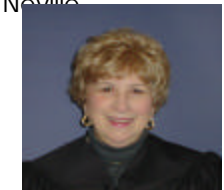


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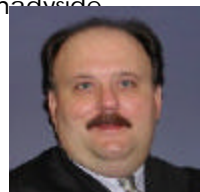
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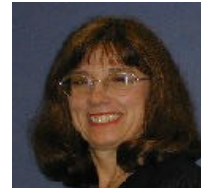
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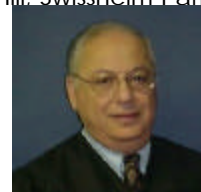
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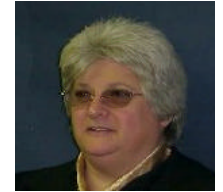
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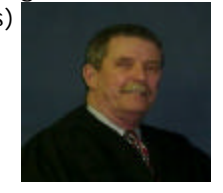
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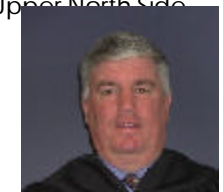
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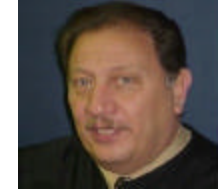
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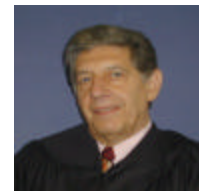
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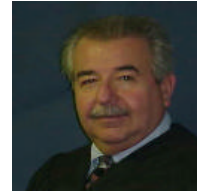
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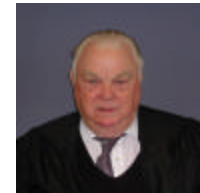
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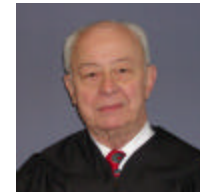
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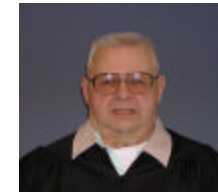
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		TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	LANDLORD/	NON-TRAFFIC	PRIVATE	TOTAL
05-2-01	Hon. Donald H. Presutti	6,242	608	252	204	796	441	8,543
05-2-02	Hon. Mark B. Devlin	3,383	671	530	121	604	627	5,936
05-2-03	Hon. Robert P. Dzvonick	1,988	337	323	85	673	467	3,873
05-2-04	Hon. John T. Bender	5,251	450	431	93	1,135	33	7,393
05-2-05	Hon. Carolyn S. Bengel	973	319	298	165	1,299	130	3,184
05-2-06	Hon. Leonard J. Hromyak	1,550	593	580	390	798	819	4,730
05-2-07	Hon. Walter W. Luniewski	3,243	547	575	421	753	291	5,830
05-2-08	Hon. Frank Comunale, III	4,536	509	202	115	894	225	6,484
05-2-09	Hon. Ross C. Cioppa	2,463	732	370	514	1,347	62	5,488
05-2-10	Hon. Alberta Thompson	2,929	706	251	725	748	54	5,413
05-2-11	Hon. Robert L. Barner	7,432	744	328	480	2,152	124	11,260
05-2-12	Hon. William K. Wagner	5,107	331	384	70	489	185	6,566
05-2-13	Hon. Thomas S. Brletic	1,280	991	608	645	2,280	80	5,884
05-2-14	Hon. Richard D. Olasz, Jr.	3,721	1,106	694	315	1,949	380	8,165
05-2-15	Hon. Thomas Torkowsky	2,752	618	212	168	1,422	258	5,430
05-2-16	Hon. Mary Grace Boyle	4,372	431	346	125	542	167	5,983
05-2-17	Hon. David J. Barton	3,257	344	239	237	813	131	5,021
05-2-18	Hon. John N. Bova	1,728	522	297	518	611	96	3,772
05-2-19	Hon. William J. Ivill, III	4,295	434	352	143	983	159	6,366
05-2-20	Hon. Robert C. Wyda	2,299	295	175	68	603	63	3,503
05-2-21	Hon. Elaine M. McGraw	4,946	404	669	61	667	310	7,057
05-2-22	Hon. Gary M. Zyra	1,712	289	261	79	258	80	2,679
05-2-23	Hon. Dennis R. Joyce	3,153	311	370	173	922	219	5,148
05-2-25	Hon. Shirley Rowe Trkula	2,676	621	716	220	997	318	5,548
05-2-26	Hon. Ernest L. Marraccini	1,473	233	200	92	411	18	2,427
05-2-27	Hon. Eileen Conroy	1,807	128	193	191	426	30	2,775
05-2-28	Hon. Oscar J. Petite, Jr.	994	578	625	1,279	497	237	4,210
05-2-29	Hon. Guido A. DeAngelis	124	73	309	420	78	55	1,059

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05-2-31	Hon. Ron Costa, Sr.	20	139	335	1,072	166	198	1,930
05-2-32	Hon. Linda I. Zucco	1,102	261	246	117	415	45	2,186
05-2-35	Hon. Nathan N. Firestone	451	40	211	189	224	14	1,129
05-2-36	Hon. James J. Hanley, Jr.	6	40	210	241	11	57	565
05-2-37	Hon. Nancy L. Longo	39	97	276	420	177	34	1,043
05-2-38	Hon. Charles A. McLaughlin	118	154	274	262	182	200	1,190
05-2-40	Hon. Cathleen Cawood Bubash	358	293	398	695	170	395	2,309
05-2-42	Hon. Robert P. Ravenstahl, Jr.	206	123	246	989	547	149	2,260
05-2-43	Hon. Carla Swearingen	2,676	227	445	253	276	105	3,982
05-2-46	Hon. Regis C. Welsh, Jr.	4,982	402	581	44	628	624	7,261
05-3-02	Hon. James E. Russo	8,128	160	95	42	242	33	8,700
05-3-03	Hon. David J. Sosovicka	2,404	191	204	39	475	142	3,455
05-3-04	Hon. Susanne Blaschak	1,232	169	287	20	226	445	2,379
05-3-05	Hon. Thomas G. Miller, Jr.	702	224	160	71	347	44	1,548
05-3-06	Hon. Mary Ann Cercone	2,607	697	483	355	1,266	77	5,485
05-3-07	Hon. Edward Burnett	1,526	313	490	41	1,053	35	3,458
05-3-09	Hon. Armand Martin	333	343	535	85	616	20	1,932
05-3-10	Hon. Eugene Zielmanski	28	67	288	210	86	71	750
05-3-11	Hon. Edward A. Tibbs	13	34	103	209	59	87	505
05-3-12	Hon. Kevin E. Cooper	6	8	119	565	10	47	755
05-3-13	Hon. Daniel R. Diven	413	82	157	271	139	78	1,140
05-3-14	Hon. Richard G. King	348	36	223	129	200	452	1,388
05-3-15	Hon. Anna Marie Scharding	2,124	250	154	292	638	37	3,495
05-3-16	Hon. Sally Ann Edkins	1,792	93	132	11	213	50	2,291
05-3-17	Hon. Lee G. Peglow	4,318	316	709	157	549	255	6,304
05-4-01	Hon. Richard K. McCarthy	1,931	229	89	69	369	21	2,708
05-4-02	Hon. Richard H. Zoller	1,734	146	127	59	287	280	2,633

JUDGES APPOINTED IN JUNE WIN NOVEMBER ELECTION

Two new judges joined the Court of Common Pleas this year, first as appointees in June and then elected to 10-year terms in the November general election. The Honorable Randal B. Todd and the Honorable Michael A. Della Vecchia, who began their judicial tenures on July 2 in the Family Division, were administered the oath of office on June 29.

Judge Della Vecchia, 54, completed his undergraduate studies at Dickinson College and received his law degree from the James E. Beasley School of Law of Temple University. He began his legal career in 1971 as a general practitioner with the firm of Parker, Evashavik & Brieger, which became Evashavik and Della Vecchia. Prior to his judicial election, Judge Della Vecchia practiced law at Rose, Schmidt, Hasley & DiSalle, P.C., and served as the Allegheny County Recorder of Deeds since 1979, Solicitor for the Borough of Dormont, and Assistant Solicitor for the East Allegheny School District.



Judge Della Vecchia (R) takes the oath of office while his children hold the Bible (L-R) son, Michael, daughters, Margaret and Mary, and wife, Elizabeth, behind their daughters, during June 2001 ceremony.

A member of the Allegheny County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, Judge Della Vecchia is also a Fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. He is a member of the Professional Faculty of Duquesne University's Law School and a

former trustee of Allegheny County Community College. In addition to other organizations, he belongs to the Italian Sons & Daughters of America, the Irish Center of Pittsburgh, the Knights of Columbus, and the Dickinson College and Temple University Alumni Clubs.

As Allegheny County's Recorder of Deeds since 1979, Judge Della Vecchia won re-election five times. He is credited with modernizing operations by computerizing and reorganizing the extremely large volumes of paperwork associated with the record-keeping process.

Judge Todd, 46, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Penn State in 1977. After working four years for Equibank's Market Research Consulting Firm, he attended law school at night, graduating from the Duquesne University School of Law in 1985. While studying for his law degree, Judge Todd continued to work for Equibank from 1982 to 1985 as a fraud investigator, where he assisted in criminal case prosecutions. Judge Todd joined the law firm of DeMay, DeMay, Donnelly & Todd, P.C. in 1985 and was managing partner from 1992 to 1997. He comes to the bench from his own private practice, started in 1998, engaging primarily in civil litigation.



(L-R) Tom Todd, Judge Robert A. Kelly, Mary Ellen Todd, Matt Todd, Judge Randal B. Todd, Danny Todd, and Melissa Todd after the June 2001 oath of office ceremony in Judge Kelly's Frick Building courtroom.

Judicial transitions

Judge Todd is a member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations, the Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and Amen Corner. He has served as a court-appointed special arbitrator for the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and was a volunteer attorney for the Allegheny County Bar Association Foundation's Indigent Divorce Program.

Both judges begin their 10-year judicial terms on January 7, 2002, remaining in the Family Division by assignment of President Judge Robert A. Kelly.



DISTRICT JUSTICE ELECTED TO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Guido A. DeAngelis, District Justice of District Court 05-2-29 for the last 12 years, was elected in November 2001 to fill the vacancy on the Court of Common Pleas created by the early retirement of Judge Raymond A. Novak. Judge DeAngelis was administered the oath of office by Court of Common Pleas Judge David S. Cercone in a public ceremony on December 28, 2001. His initial assignment is to the Family Division, effective January 7, 2002.

Judge DeAngelis, age 44, attended Central Catholic High School and received his undergraduate degree from Point Park College, *cum laude*, where he currently holds the position of Associate Professor in the Criminal Justice Department. A practicing attorney for the last 16 years, he earned his law degree from the Temple University School of Law.

While a district justice, Judge DeAngelis served as President of the Special Court Judges Association of Allegheny County and chairman of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee of the Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania. He is a former board member of the Center for Victims of Violent Crime and the Renaissance Center MH/MR Agency. Active in many civic and professional associations, the Judge belongs to the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar Associations and is a member Allegheny County's Mental Health Court Task Force.



Judge DeAngelis recites the oath of office while son, Theodore, and wife, Joan, hold the Bible.

JUDGE NOVAK ELECTS EARLY RETIREMENT



Hon. Raymond A. Novak

Ten years earlier than expected, Judge Raymond A. Novak made application to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for senior status at the age of 60 rather than the mandatory age of 70. He vacated the bicentennial-renovated courtroom at 323 Courthouse in November and, after a well-deserved vacation, serves by assignment in the Criminal Division.

A former clergyman in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Juvenile Court Master, Assistant Director of Allegheny County Juvenile Court, juvenile probation officer, law clerk, and college instructor, Judge Novak was appointed to the bench by Governor Richard Thornburgh beginning April 2, 1980. He won election in November 1981 and retention in 1991.

Judge Novak began his judicial career in the Family Division upon assignment by then President Judge Michael J. O'Malley, where he served until December 1984 when transferred to the

Criminal Division. Throughout his tenure as a trial judge, he has earned a reputation as soft-spoken but resolute. Attorneys, court personnel, and defendants have admired his discretion and respected his insistence upon courtroom decorum. It was not unusual to find a “standing room only” crowd observing the cases before him. Visitors were welcomed to his historical courtroom, restored to its original grandeur in celebration of the court’s 1988 bicentennial year. When assigned to the renovated courtroom, Judge Novak scoured the basements of Allegheny County’s office buildings for significant antique furnishings and artifacts and oversaw the restoration of floors, walls, and furniture in the chamber and secretarial areas prior to his retirement.

A judicial career that reflects his education, all *cum laude*, Judge Novak received his B.A. from St. Vincent College in 1964; S.T.B. and S.T.L. from St. Mary’s Seminary and University in 1967; J. D. from University of Pittsburgh Law School in 1973; and M.S.W. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work in 1974. He was a member of the University of Pittsburgh Law Review, 1972-1973. Among other honors, he was awarded Moot Court Honors in 1971; American Jurisprudence Award in Domestic Relations in 1974; and Young Life Award for Outstanding Contribution to Children in 1977.

Judge Novak has published the following articles: “Eisendstadt v. Baird; A Return to the ‘Lochner’ Era of Judicial Intervention,” 33 University of Pittsburgh Law Review 839 (1971-72); “S. 439, the Proposed Pennsylvania Juvenile Act: A Two Edged Sword,” 34 University of Pittsburgh Law Review 839 (1971-72); 33 University of Pittsburgh Law Review 221 (1972-73); “The Incurable Child Under the New Pennsylvania Juvenile Act: An Unsound, Unsupportable and Unfortunate Policy Choice,” 35 University of Pittsburgh Law Review 73 (1973-74); “Toward Effective Police Work with Juvenile Offenders,” Chief of Police Bulletin Volume XLVII (1978); “The Case for Retaining Juvenile Court Jurisdiction Over Dangerous Juvenile Offenders,” Second Annual Criminal Law Symposium 176-215 (1985).



HONORABLE MAURICE LOUIK JANUARY 4, 1908—FEBRUARY 28, 2001

At the age of 93, the Honorable Maurice Louik died on February 28, 2001. He became an Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas judge in 1971, upon appointment by Governor Milton Shapp. Elected to a full term in November 1973, he served until January 1978 when, at the mandatory retirement age of 70, he requested senior status. Upon celebration of his 90th birthday, Judge Louik was continuing to serve by assignment in the Civil Division. He is remembered for his patience, intelligence, even temperament, and courtesy demonstrated throughout his judicial tenure and previous legal career.

Having begun his lifetime of public service as an Assistant Allegheny County Solicitor in 1951, Judge Louik was Chief Solicitor from 1958 until his judicial appointment. Colleagues recall his determination and enthusiasm as solicitor, particularly during the creation of the former Greater Pittsburgh International Airport and development of the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), Port Authority, and the Public Defender’s Office. From 1957 through 1968, Judge Louik was Solicitor for Scott Township and legal counsel for CCAC for the period 1966 to 1971.

In 1931, he graduated first in his class from the University of Pittsburgh Law School and was admitted to the Allegheny County Bar that same year when he joined the firm of Harrison and Louik. After serving in the Army from 1942 to 1943, he became a judge advocate for the Disabled American Veterans Post No. 8.

Honors bestowed upon Judge Louik included the Man of Year Award in Law in 1966 from the Pittsburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Disabled American Veterans National Certificate of Merit in 1965, and the Order of the Coif.

Judge Louik’s professional achievements were surpassed only by the respect he earned as a hard-working man of dignity and integrity and a dedicated husband and father. He and his wife, Cecil (nee Marcus), were married for 57 years before she died in 2000. They are survived by two sons, Myron of Glencoe, Illinois and Howard of Mt. Lebanon, and three grandchildren.