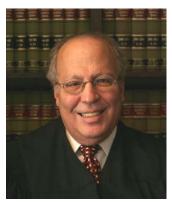




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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JUDGE AND DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR



Joseph M. James President Judge



Raymond L. Billotte
District Court Administrator

We are pleased to present the citizens of Allegheny County our 2007 annual report of court operations on behalf of the Judges and employees of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. This report provides the activities and achievements of the Court over the past year and signifies our commitment to continually improve the quality of justice for our community.

The Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania is among the largest 25 court systems in the nation. With more than 1,100 employees, 43 Common Pleas Judges, and 49 Magisterial District Judges, the work of providing quality judicial services in the face of growing caseloads is a challenge that is met daily by our dedicated elected and appointed officials and staff. To meet the needs of those we serve, the Court conducts business in more than 60 community-based sites throughout the city of Pittsburgh and the County of Allegheny enhancing the public's access to the services we provide.

The Court understands that we must continually keep abreast of the changes that occur in our society, and when appropriate, adapt our business services to meet these needs. In 2007, responding to the growing number of complex commerce cases, we established a Commerce/Complex Litigation Center within the Civil Division to facilitate the prompt resolution of such matters. Additionally, the Early Disposition Program, or EDP, was established within the Criminal Division to allow for the expedited resolution of non-violent cases. We were also very successful in collecting both child support and past-due summary fines by introducing programs that allowed individuals to voluntarily resolve outstanding debt without the need for additional costs to the taxpayer. Looking forward, we are cognizant that the Court must continue to evolve to meet the everchanging needs of our citizens.

We encourage you to take a few moments to look over our highlights from the past year.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. James President Judge Raymond L. Billotte
District Court Administrator

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President Judge and Administrative Judges



R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. Administrative Judge Civil Division

Kim Berkeley Clark Administrative Judge Family Division

Joseph M. James President Judge

Donna Jo McDaniel Administrative Judge Criminal Division

Frank J. Lucchino Administrative Judge Orphans' Court Division

Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County



Front Row L-R: Kim Berkeley Clark, R. Stanton Wettick, Jr., Joseph M. James, Frank J. Lucchino

2nd Row L-R: Kim D. Eaton, Ronald W. Folino, Beth A. Lazzara, Michael E. McCarthy, Kathleen R. Mulligan, Kathleen A. Durkin, Paul F. Lutty, Jr., Christine A. Ward, Judith L. A. Friedman, Gene Strassburger, Kathryn M. Hens-Greco

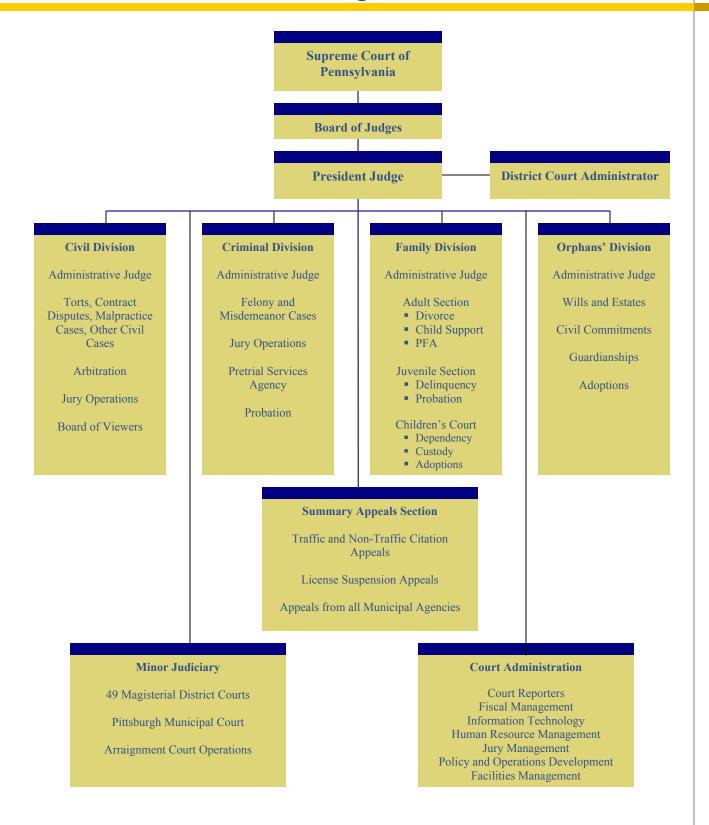
Not Pictured: Gerard M. Bigley (Senior Judge), Robert C. Gallo, Lawrence W. Kaplan (Senior Judge), Robert A. Kelly, Lee J. Mazur, Donna Jo McDaniel, Timothy Patrick O'Reilly, Kevin G. Sasinoski, David N. Wecht, Dwayne D. Woodruff

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Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Table of Organization



Jury Administration



Allegheny County now utilizes a one-step process for qualifying and summoning citizens for jury service. Every two weeks, a venire signed by the President Judge orders Court Administration's Office of Jury Management to summon a specific number of citizens for jury service in the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the court. Each prospective juror is sent a jury summons with an attached Juror Qualification Questionnaire. The prospective juror is required to complete the questionnaire and is encouraged to use the court's website to complete the form online, or upon completion may simply return it to the Office of Jury Management in the pre-paid, detachable envelope. As noted, the prospective juror also receives a summons containing specific instructions and a specific date for jury service. If the recipient is not qualified, is excused or requests deferment of jury service, the Office of Jury Management notifies the citizen in writing of his or her status. Assuming qualification, the prospective juror is instructed to visit the court's website or call a dedicated phone number after 4:00 p.m. on the date preceding the service date (e.g., Friday for Monday service) for instructions on whether the citizen must report.



The Honorable Sang-Hoon Yeo, Presiding Judge of Uijeongbu District Court, Republic of Korea, greets President Judge James, while interpreter Wol Young Gerardi looks on.

The court welcomed two delegations of judges and court officials from the Republic of Korea here to observe the jury process in our court's Civil and Criminal Divisions on August 13th and 14th. Arranged by the National Center for State Courts International Visitors Education Program, the visit provided the delegates an opportunity to observe oral arguments and proceedings during trials and to learn about jury trial operations.

Civil Division Judges



R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. Administrative Judge



Front Row: Christine A. Ward, Robert P. Horgos, Joseph M. James, R. Stanton Wettick, Jr., Gene Strassburger, Ronald. W. Folino, Judith L.A. Friedman

Row 2: Eugene F. Scanlon, Jr., Robert J. Colville, Michael A. Della Vecchia, Michael E. McCarthy, W. Terrence O'Brien, Paul F. Lutty., Jr., Livingstone M. Johnson (Senior Judge)

Not Pictured: Timothy Patrick O'Reilly

Civil Division



The Honorable R. Stanton Wettick, Jr., Civil Division's administrative judge since December 2003, was granted senior status by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts effective January 2008. First elected to the bench in 1977, Judge Wettick will remain active in the Civil Division hearing arbitration and discovery motions while also heading the newly organized Commerce/ Complex Case Litigation Center (the The Honorable Center). Christine A. Ward, transferred from the Family Division to Civil in September 2007, was specially assigned to the Center. Judge Ward gained nearly twenty years of experience in complex and commercial litigation as an attorney at the federal and state levels before being elected to the bench in 2003

Complex civil cases often require substantial judicial time to resolve extensive, comprehensive legal issues and include multiple parties. Commerce cases typically involve corporate law, limited

liability partnerships, intellectual property, technology, securities, and other business-related disputation. Concentrated judicial supervision of cases assigned to the Center is intended to provide a more efficient means of adjudication according to President Judge Joseph M. James.

Upon Judge Wettick's early retirement, the Honorable Gene Strassburger was appointed administrative judge of the Civil Division by the Court Pennsylvania. In addition to administrative duties, Judge Strassburger will continue as the division's calendar control judge. Appointed to the bench in June 1978 and first elected in November 1979, Judge Strassburger served as Family Division's administrative judge from 1990 until 1993 before being assigned to the Civil Division in 1994.

Since his judicial appointment in July 2007, the Honorable Michael E. McCarthy has served in the Civil Division, presiding at summary appeals, jury, and nonjury trials. Judge McCarthy's Civil Division assignment will be continued as he begins his first ten-year elected term in January 2008.

Civil Division Administrative Judge R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. appointed Michelle H. Lally, Esquire, as administrative chair of the Board of Viewers, a post held by Judge McCarthy for the past thirteen years. Michelle Lally served on the board for ten years.

At age 80, the Honorable Livingstone M. Johnson retired at year's end. Judge Johnson served on the bench beginning in 1973 and was assigned to the Civil Division in 1985. Often referred to as "the conscience of the court," Judge Johnson contributed to the division's efficient adjudication of cases by presiding over landlord-tenant cases and nonjury trials.

The Civil Division concluded 2007 with a current trial calendar. Cases are routinely scheduled for trial within one year of being placed at issue.

CASES FILED AND	DISPOSE	D			
TRESPASS-GENERAL	FILED	DISPOSED			
Asbestos Silicas	35	1,228			
Asbestos/FELA	15	18			
Medical/Hospital Liability	265	337			
Product Liability	40	33			
Toxic Substances	27	5			
Subtotal	382	1,621			
OTHER TRESPASS-GENERAL					
Against Property Owner	257	237			
Assault & Battery	24	12			
Defamation	18	11			
FELA	33	21			
Other Tort	694	546			
Other Traffic Accident	12	20			
Subtotal	1,038	847			
Total Trespass	1,420	2,468			
OTHERS					
Amicable Ejectment	13	1			
Contract	1,182	1,144			
Declaration of Taking	138	9			
Declaratory Judgment	79	79			
Ejectment	889	429			
Equity	142	84			
Equity-Lis Pendens	97	84			
Equity-Partition	6	6			
Mandamus	17	16			
Mechanic's Lien	105	20			
Mortgage Foreclosure	4,709	4,884			
Motor Vehicle Accident	757	764			
Multiple Civil Action	644	764			
Pre-Computer Case	0	36			
Quiet Tax Title & Real Estate	128	8			
Quiet Title	63	24			
Replevin	43	30			
Sci Fa sur Municipal Lien	44	56			
Sci Fa sur Tax Lien	2,999	3,353			
Total Others	12,055	11,791			
Grand Totals	13,475	14,259			
CASES DISPOSE					
	Number	Domestic			
Type of Disposition	of Cases	Percent of Total			
Settled	13,963	97.92%			
Non-Jury	131	0.92%			
Jury	128	0.92%			
Stricken	3	0.90 %			
Others	34	0.02 %			
Grand Total	14,259	100%			
Included in these figures are trial					
cases disposed before being cer					

ARBITRATION							
	2005	2006	2007				
Pending on January 1	3,125	3,509	*5,214				
New Cases Filed	9,586	11,620	15,952				
Transferred from Civil							
Division	270	237	232				
Cases Disposed	8,908	10,143	12,317				
Awards by Boards	2,192	2,254	2,152				
Settlements, Non-Pros., Etc.	6,173	7,311	9,480				
Trial List Cases Disposed by	543	578	685				
Judge Pending as of 12/31	545	376	000				
(Awaiting Trial)	4,073	*5,223	9,081				
Appeals Filed	773	759	681				
Rate of Appeals	35.26%	33.67%	31.64%				
Number of Arbitration Boards							
Served	721	712	653				
Number of Arbitrators	2,163	2,136	1,959				
Arbitrator's Fee Per Day	\$150	\$150	\$150				
Total Arbitrators' Fees	\$324,450	\$320,400	\$293,850				
Less Non-Recoverable							
Appeals Fees	\$79,020	\$76,155	\$63,835				
Total Costs	\$245,430	\$244,245	\$230,015				
Average Arbitrator's Cost per							
Case	\$113.47	\$114.35	\$117.41				
As of December 31							
Cases with Current Hearing Date	3,418	4.657	7 701				
General Docket Cases with	3,410	4,657	7,791				
Current Hearing Date	91	91	87				
Total Cases Pending	3,509	4,748	7,878				
*Correction from 2006 Annual Report							
	TIONS FILE	D					
Against Property Owner			257				
Asbestos Silicas			35				
Asbestos/FELA			15				
Assault & Battery			24				
Contract			1,182				
Defamation			18				
FELA			33				
Medical/hospital Liability			265				
Motor Vehicle Accident			757				
Multiple Civil Action			644				
Other Tort							
Other Traffic Accident							
Product Liability							
Sci Fa sur Municipal Lien	44						
Sci Fa sur Tax Lien							
Toxic Substances	7,046						
Total of New Case Filings							
BOARD OF VIEWERS							
Condemnations (New Petitions/Vi	ews/Hearings)		281				
Tax Appeals (Conciliations/Hearings/Settlements/Masters Reports)							
Total							

Orphans' Court Division Judges



Frank J. Lucchino Administrative Judge



L-R: Thomas D. Gladden*, Robert A. Kelly, Frank J. Lucchino, Lee J. Mazur, Lawrence J. O'Toole

*Visiting Judge, Washington County

Orphans' Court Division



Paul W. Stefano, Esquire
Administrator

The Orphans' Court Division continued to guardianship cases involving minors and incapacitated persons. All annual reports filed by guardians are examined by Guardianship Department investigators to determine compliance with court rules and statutory requirements; cases that do not comply are then reviewed by the department supervisor and, if necessary, by the judge assigned to the case. This process has uncovered several cases of financial exploitation that have been rectified as a direct result of the court's active intervention. Court personnel have collaborated with other

county and state agencies to report suspected cases of financial abuse of the elderly and have participated in several ad hoc committees investigating this problem in Allegheny County. As many of the cases involving financial abuse of the elderly involve the use of powers of attorney, the court has studied possible rule and statutory court oversight in this area.

In the Adoption Department, the court implemented procedural changes that birth parents and adult adoptees follow to access adoption records as authorized under \$2905 of the Adoption

Act, 23 Pa.C.S.A. §2905. A petition form is now sent to those requesting access to information permitted by the Act. The request for a petition form can be initiated with a telephone call. The completed petitions are reviewed by the supervisor who makes a recommendation to the court as to whether a search agent should be appointed. The new procedure has reduced the time required to process a search request by eliminating the need for a written request. The court has also implemented new procedures for registering foreign adoption decrees in Allegheny County as mandated

by Supreme Court Orphans' Court Rule No. 15. Additionally, the adoption rules committee that was convened in 2006 has completed its comprehensive revision of local Orphans' Court Rule No. 15 governing adoption practice in Allegheny County. The new rule should help to streamline the overall adoption practice and procedure in Allegheny County in conformity with the recent statutory amendments.

The court has continued to work closely with the Register of Wills Office to enforce compliance by attorneys and fiduciaries with Supreme Court Orphans' Court Rule 5.6 (regarding notice to beneficiaries) and Rule 6.12 (regarding status reports). This process has directly uncovered several estates that were not being properly administered and allowed the court to intervene to the advantage of beneficiaries. Court personnel continue to review all estate settlement agreements filed in the Register of Wills Office to ensure the protection of rights of minors and incapacitated persons: the court regularly directs fiduciaries to file accounts in the settlements where the minor or incapacitated person has a residual interest

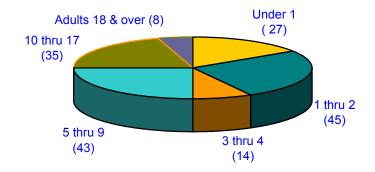
The judges and staff of the Orphans' Court Division recognize the valuable contributions and many years of service of the following employees who retired in 2007:

Joseph P. Cain	28 years
Mary Ann Williams	38 years
Stella Logan	30 years
Maureen Purvis	24 years
Thomas Molvneaux	25 years

GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS INCAPACITATED PERSONS	2007
New Petitions Presented	249
Hearings	
Emergency Guardians Appointed	19
Permanent Guardians Appointed	201
Successor Guardians Appointed	17
Guardians Discharged	12
Petitions Withdrawn	25
Petitions Dismissed	6
Electro-Convulsive Treatment	39
Adjudication of Full Capacity	4
Petitions for Review	7
Contested Hearings	12
Total Number of Hearings	342
Bonds Approved	58
Safe Deposit Box Inventories	9
Court-Appointed Counsel	77
Independent Medical Evaluations	5
Petitions for Allowance Presented	802
Annual Reports of the Guardian and/or of The Estate	1,835
Filed (Includes 147 Final Reports and 196 Inventories Filed)	
Guardianship of the Person of the Minor Petitions Filed	16

CIVI	L COMMITMENT DEPARTMENT	2007
Total Petition	ns Presented	5,179
DISPOSITION	s	
Mental Healt	h Review Officer Hearings	5,013
Court Hearin	gs	16
Total Dispos	sitions	5,029
HEARIN	GS BY TYPE UNDER MENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES ACT	
303	Up to 20 Days Involuntary Commitment	3,144
304-B	Up to 90 Days Involuntary Commitment	1,014
304-C	Up to 90 Days Involuntary Commitment	160
305	Up to 180 Days Involuntary Commitment	666
306	Modification of Restrictions of Commitment	161
306-2	Up to 180 Days Criminal Commitment	3
304-G2	Up to 365 Days Criminal Commitment	2
406		4
ECT	Electro-Convulsive Treatment	31
EXP	Expungement	1
REVS	Reviews of 303, 304-B, 304-C, etc.	16
Total Hearin	gs	5,202
CONTESTED	HEARINGS	1,429
Hearings Dis (Patient in At	posed of by Stipulation ttendance)	2,335
	posed of by Stipulation In Attendance)	613

AGE OF ADOPTEES



ADOPTIONS						
Withdrawn/						
	Scheduled	Decreed		nissed		
Adoptions	164	159		1		
Confirm Consents	77	76		0		
Involuntary	44	42		1		
Terminations						
Confirm Consents	6	6		0		
with Involuntary						
Terminations						
Total	291	283		2		
ORDERS OF COURT Includes orders continuances, ame	on petitions	presented, wance of		457		
service by public jurisdiction, allowar appointments of sear		otance of rrogatories,				
Combined Decrees a				740		
Persons (Some petition		ings)		172		
Adult Adoptee Search				65		
Orders Signed Appoir	nting Search Ag	gents		43		
Birthparent Requests to Place Waivers in File						
NON-RELATIVE ADOPTIONS						
ADOPTION PLACEMENTS BY AGENCIES						
Allegheny County A	gencies					
Bethany Christian Services						
Genesis of Pittsburgh				6		
The Children's Home	of Pittsburgh			18		
Three Rivers Adoptio	n Council			1		
Total				34		
Agencies Outside A	llegheny Coun	ity		10		
ADOPTION PL	ACEMENTS B	Y NON-AGE	NCIES	3		
Physician				1		
All Other				5		
Parent				5		
Total						
Co-Parent Adoptions				7		
Total Non-Relative Adoptions						
Step-Parent						
Other Relative						
U.S.A. Re-Adoptions						
Total Relative Adoptions						
Total Persons Adop				172		
Total Orders Signed Foreign Adoption Do		To Register		43		

ESTATES	
ESTATES	
Accounts Filed by Executor, Administrators, Trustees and Guardians	765
Small Estates (\$25,000) or less	231
Total Decrees of Distribution	747
CONTESTED HEARINGS OF ESTATE MATTERS* Hearings on claims of creditors against estates, exceptions to accounts, and 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 contest; proceedings against fiduciaries; termination of trust; delinquent inheritance tax due; miscellaneous hearings including presumed decedents, absentees, correction of birth records * Excludes guardianship hearings and termination/adoption hearings	174
Opinions Filed	18
PreTrial Conferences Docketed	371
Return Days Scheduled	190
PETITIONS FILED	
Additional Bonds	37
Appointment of Guardians of the Person and Estates of Minors	33
Approval of Settlement of Minors' Claims	481
Lifting of Suspension of Distribution	75
Sale of Real Estate	57
Petitions for citation against fiduciaries to file accounts or to show cause why they should not be removed, etc.	208
Miscellaneous Petitions	531
Total Petitions Filed	1,422

Criminal Division Judges



Donna Jo McDaniel Administrative Judge



Sitting L-R: Lawrence J. O'Toole, Edward J. Borkowski, Kathleen A. Durkin, Lester G. Nauhaus, Donald E. Machen, Randal B. Todd

Standing L-R: Cheryl Lynn Allen, Anthony M. Mariani, Jeffrey A. Manning, David R. Cashman, John A. Zottola

Not Pictured: Donna Jo McDaniel, Robert C. Gallo, Kevin G. Sasinoski, Gerard M. Bigley (Senior Judge)

Criminal Division



Helen M. Lynch, Esquire

During the fourth year of leadership by Administrative Judge Donna Jo McDaniel, the Criminal Division made the transition from a system in need of repair to a progressive force in the courts statewide, and in nationally. some instances. Each department of the division has experienced substantial improvement or has developed innovative programs.

The court operated with thirteen commissioned judges. retired judges assisted the division: Senior Judge Gerald M. Bigley. Allegheny former Criminal Division County Administrative Judge, and Judge John K. Reilly, Jr., former President Judge of Clearfield County, assisted with the court's normal caseload. Senior Allegheny County Criminal Court Judge Robert C. Gallo handled ARDs (Accelerated Rehabilitative Dispositions) and PDOs (Plea Disposition Quickies).

The Criminal Division adjudicated 23.445 cases and disposed of 19,698 cases, 113 of which were homicides and 54 resulted in convictions. In 2007, the court operated three fasttracking programs for the adjudication of minor crimes. The ARD program completed 3,308 cases; the number of PDQs was 704 and in May of 2007, a new initiative, EDP (Expedited Disposition Program) began.

The Expedited Disposition Program

Judge Donna Jo McDaniel initiated this program with the approval and support of the Criminal Court Board of Judges. This program is designed to address two of the major obstacles to the timely administration of justice: FTAs (failure of the defendant to appear for court date) and postponements. In seven months, EDP Court disposed of 1,184 cases.

State Intermediate Punishment

Instituted in May 2005 by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as an alternative for sentencing drug and property offenders with serious drug addictions, a new procedure was developed for the sentencing phase of this program. Rather than returning an offender incarfacility to Allegheny County for a sentencing hearing, there is a considerable cost saving by conducting sentencing the hearing via videoconferencing. Approximately 20 offenders were sentenced in this manner in 2007.

Court Arraignment

The Court Arraignment Office processed approximately 18,000 cases. Warrants were issued for 733 cases due to failure of the defendant to appear.

A new procedure was developed to reduce the amount of time for

CRIMINAL REPORT FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS	
Cases Pending at End of Year 2006	15,194
New Cases Received in 2007	18,224
Cases Reopened During 2007	4,533
Cases Available for Disposition in Year 2007	37,951
AGE OF PENDING CASES	Days
1 to 60	2,488
61 to120	2,720
121 to 180	2,154
181 to 240	1,401
241 to 360	1,063
361 +	4,680

CASES DISPOSED IN 2007	
Dismissed, Withdrawn, Nolle Prossed, Speedy Trial and Satisfaction Agreements	1,620
Diversionary Programs Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)	3,308
Guilty Plea	12,782
Non-Jury Trial	502
Jury Trial	144
Inactive-Bench Warrants, Incompetency Determinations, and Interlocutory Appeals	3,747
Transfers to Juvenile, MDJ, Family Courts, Administrative Closures, Consolidations,	
Deceased Defendants, Remands to Lower Court	1,342
Cases Disposed in 2007	23,445
Cases Pending Adjudication at End of 2007	14,506

processing defendants who appear at formal arraignment and have an outstanding warrant. In cooperation with the Pretrial Services Unit and the Sheriff's Office, defendants are taken to the Sheriff's bullpen and brought before the motions court judge for possible bail reinstatement the same day. This procedure quickly identifies individuals who are eligible for release and expedites the scheduling of cases.

To update and improve procedures, court arraignment is now directly involved in the fingerprinting process. The District Attorney's Office attaches an order of court to the criminal information notifying court arraignment of the indi-

viduals who have failed to be fingerprinted. The defendant is directed by arraignment staff to the Family Division to have prints taken. Once the defendant has proven compliance, the formal arraignment procedure is completed. In the continuing efforts to expedite court proceedings, the time between preliminary hearing and formal arraignment has been shortened by twenty days. The goal is to shorten the time from 85 days to 40 days.

Office of Conflict Counsel

This year, a total of 1,372 cases were sent to the Office of Conflict Counsel for resolution or for private appointment of counsel by the Public Defender and the Court of Common Pleas.

This represents an increase of 108 cases over 2006. Of those cases, 623, or 45 percent, were appointed to private counsel, and 749, or 55 percent, were retained by the Office of Conflict Counsel. This is an increase of 4 percent of appointment to private counsel over 2006.

Specialty Courts

The Criminal Division has been a leader in the development of specialty courts. Each of the five specialty courts, Mental Health Court, Drug Court, DUI Court, REPP Court (Rehabilitative Educational Prostitution Program), and Domestic Violence Court, targets a particular type of offender.

SUMMARY APPEALS - CASE DISPOSITIONS							
Case Type	New Cases Filed 2006	Cases Disposed 2006	New Cases Filed 2007	Cases Disposed 2007			
Criminal Summary							
Convictions	2,978	2,155	3,210	3,162			
Motor Vehicle Code Suspensions	1,160	1,160	1,341	1,329			
Pittsburgh Parking Authority	0	0	12	12			
IFP's	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,200			
Nunc Pro Tuncs	980	980	1,100	1,100			
Administrative Agency	13	13	15	13			
Civil Service	12	10	5	3			
Land Use	27	19	31	28			
Zoning Board	29	28	33	26			
Local Agency	93	93	60	53			
Liquor Control	12	12	3	3			
Housing Court	1	1	0	0			
School Board	2	2	1	1			
Health Department	1	1	1	1			
Totals	6,408	5,574	7,012	6,931			

Mental Health Court (MHC)

The Honorable Robert E. Colville initiated Mental Health Court, and upon his retirement, the duties were assigned to The Honorable John A. Zottola. MHC expedites case adjudication for individuals with mental illness who have committed misdemeanors or nonviolent felonies, and mandates treatment and supervision as part of court-ordered conditions. MHC has processed over 500 individuals since its inception in 2001.

Conducted in March, a RAND Corporation for the Council of State Governments Justice Center study indicated Allegheny County's defendants sentenced under MHC received more mental health services and spent fewer days in jail than they might have if they had been sentenced in the Criminal Division.

Amy Kroll, Director of Forensic Services, MHC, Charlene Christmas, an Adult Probation Manager, forensic probation officers, and representatives from the District Attorney and Public Defender's Offices are integral parts of the MHC process.

Drug Court

The Honorable Lester G. Nauhaus, who was part of the founding team, currently presides over Drug Court. Allegheny County Adult Probation received 1.4 million dollars of funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, of which 1.2 million was used for

drug treatment for Drug Court participants.

DUI Court

The Honorable Kevin G. Sasinoski currently presides over DUI Court, which supervises long-term alcohol users. A large percentage of the funding for this program is received from PennDOT fines and fees. All participants begin the program on electronic monitoring.

Rehabilitative Educational Prostitution Program Court (REPP)

Presided over by Judge Sasinoski REPP Court was developed to serve individuals whose lives often have been affected by drugs and alcohol. These individuals agree to participate in a service plan designed to break the cycle of addiction and prostitution and teach them valuable life skills. Treatment for this program is provided by Cove Forge Behavioral Health/White Deer Run.

Domestic Violence Court
Administrative Judge McDaniel
has facilitated this specialized
court program that focuses on
repeat domestic violence
offenders. In conjunction with
the Domestic Violence Unit of
the District Attorney and the

Public Defender offices, cases are diverted to Judge McDaniel's docket. At the trial level, repeat offenders comprise one-third of approximately 1,200 domestic violence cases each year. Any defendant who has more than one active domestic violence criminal case, who has been previously arrested for domestic violence within the last five years, or has been arrested for violating a Protection from Abuse Order concerning the same victim is

transferred to Judge McDaniel's docket on the pretrial conference date. Following a guilty resolution of the case, a defendant receives probation as part of his/her sentence. The Probation Department reports to Judge McDaniel compliance or noncompliance of the defendants with the conditions of probation. Although there are no official statistics available, nearly 75 percent of probationers successfully complete their sentences.



Criminal Division Statistics

Sentences		Confin	ement	Probation	Interm Punishmer		No Further Penalty & Probation Without Verdict
	Cases	State	County	County	State	County	County
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS							
Criminal Homicide	54	44	5	1	0	1	3
Robbery	202	104	55	18	0	1	24
Kidnapping	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	16	15	0	0	0	0	1
Involuntary Deviate Sexual						_	ا ا
Intercourse	12	10	0	0	0	0	2
Indecent Assault	26	0	12	11	0	0	
Other Sexual Offenses	44	19	11	8	0	0	
Aggravated Assault	211	57	45	83	0	1	25
Simple Assault	525	3	82	403	0	7	30
Corruption of Minors	38	1	6	28	0	1	2
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY			_				
Arson	11	2	5	2	0	0	
Burglary	258	64	76	85	0	5	
Forgery	95	2	10	70	0	3	
Theft	967	20	131	646	1	24	
Retail Theft	520	3	120	329	0	37	31
Identity Theft	20	1	2		0	1	
Bad Checks	62	0	4	55	0	0	3
DRUG AND ALCOHOL OFFENS							
DUI-1st Offense	792	2	404	71	0	315	
DUI-2nd Offense	761	4	174	0	0	583	
DUI-3rd Offense	161	11	31	0	0	119	
DUI-4th or Subsequent Offense	4	4	0	0	0	0	
DUI §3731	44	0	34	0	0	10	
Narcotics	2,776	202	353	1,704	3	212	302
CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC PEA				_		,	
Criminal Mischief	10	0	1	7	0	1	1
Criminal Trespass	157	4	43	89	0	5	
Prostitution	7	1	0	6	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES	400		0-	0.0			
Terroristic Threats	106		25		0	2	
Carjacking	8	4	1	0	0	0	
Escape	107	8	64		0	0	
Stalking and Harassment	38	0	8		0	1	
Firearms Violations	346	74	85		0	28	-
Other Felonies	230	14	41	118	0	12	
Other Misdemeanors	1,071	5	105		0	18	
Total	9,682	682	1,933	4,768	4	1,387	908

Court Administrator Visits Mexican Courts



Hon. Ken Fields, Cathy Huiser, Jeffrey Apperson, Ray Billotte, and Hon. Robert Hyslop in Mexico.

District Court Administrator Raymond L. Billotte participated in a criminal justice assessment project in Mexico in November 2007. The project, sponsored by the Rule of Law USAID/Mexico organization, sought the assistance of the International Association of Court Administration (IACA) to conduct a review of the recently enacted criminal justice reforms in the states of Chihuahua and Oaxaca.

The five-member assessment team included the Hon. Ken Fields, Judge from Phoenix, AZ, Hon. Robert Hyslop, Judge from Newfoundland, Canada, Jeffrey Apperson, Deputy Clerk, Federal District Court in

Louisville, KY, Cathy Huiser, Court Administrator in Hamilton, Ontario, and Mr. Billotte. During the eight day project, which included site visits to Mexico City, Chihuahua, Juarez, and Oaxaca City, team members met with Mexican Supreme Court the Canadian Justices. Ambassador to Mexico. American Embassy personnel, state and federal judges, state attorney generals, members of the defense bar, and court officials. Additionally, the team observed court proceedings including a homicide trial in Chihuahua, visited a crime lab in Juarez, and toured court facilities and rehabilitative justice centers in each state.

In recent months, criminal justice reforms have been introduced in a number of Mexican states to allow for open, oral, and public trials of individuals charged with criminal offenses. While juries are not being considered at this time, the reforms enacted demonstrate a significant change in the justice system in Mexico. Team members assessed a wide array of administration of justice issues, including pre-trial processes and programs, trial processes, attorney advocacy skills, court record preservation, post-trial processes and programs, court leadership, and rehabilitative justice and specialized court programs.

CRIMINAL DIVISION – Pretrial Services



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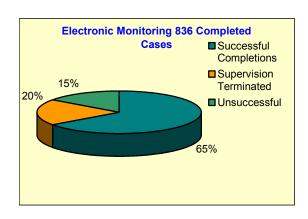
A consolidation of the court's pretrial-related services was the culmination of direction by the Allegheny County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and a State grant-funded Justice Institute analysis. The goal in combining the former Bail Agency, Behavior Clinic, and Adult Probation's ARD Rehabilitative (Accelerated Disposition) Unit and Alcohol Highway Safety Program, was to enable sharing of resources to improve the services provided the pretrial agency's components. Director Thomas McCaffrey coordinated implementation of new policies and procedures with direction from the Pretrial Justice Institute, the American Bar Association, and the National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies.

Bail Unit

The Bail Agency, created in 1972, underwent a substantive reorganization in 2007. Utilizing national best practice

standards for pretrial service agencies, the Allegheny County Bail Unit shifted its primary focus to the protection of the public through improved information gathering techniques, validated risk assessment criteria, and improved management and supervision of defendants released on bail awaiting trial. The unit's main office was relocated to the Manor Building, along with other pretrial units. Personnel were reassigned to provide 24/7 pretrial services at the Allegheny County Jail where personal interviews are conducted with all defendants brought in on new charges and/or bench warrants. September, a newly created pretrial services database and riskassessment tool, developed with assistance from the Pretrial Justice Institute, were in use. The new tools are designed to improve information assessment employed in bail/release recommendations, resulting in a decrease of the failure-to-appear rate, and promoting public safety. In the midst of change, the Bail Unit performed 20,643 new investigations, presented 3,506 bond forfeitures and warrant recommendations in court, and advocated 615 bond modifications and revocations.

As a possible condition of bail since 2000, Pretrial Electronic Monitoring (PEM) has continued to be an effective, efficient utility to divert defendants from the jail so they may pursue productive activities such as jobs and education, while being closely supervised as they await A pretrial release tool formerly only available to Common Pleas Judges, Magisterial District Judges may now order PEM for high-risk defendants at preliminary arraignments or preliminary PEM eliminated hearings. 24,969 days of incarceration, yielding a savings to



BOND FORFEITURES BY HEARING TYPE PRESENTED IN COURT					
Sentencing	18				
Trial	949				
Pretrial Conference	575				
ARD	58				
Formal Arraignment	1,276				
Preliminary Hearing	203				
Total	3,079				
MOTIONS COURT VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS					
Bond Forfeitures	2,858				
NEI Warrants	395				
Modifications	136				
ARD SUCCESS RA	ARD SUCCESS RATE				
2003	92%				
2004	93%				
2005	93.5%				
2006	96%				
2007	96.5%				

Allegheny County of \$1,180,694 in 2007. Over 1,000 defendants have been supervised with PEM since its inception, with 173 defendants ordered to PEM in 2007.

Bail Investigator Charles Williams retired in May 2007 after nearly 31 years of service with the Bail Agency, most recently at PMC's Arraignment Court.

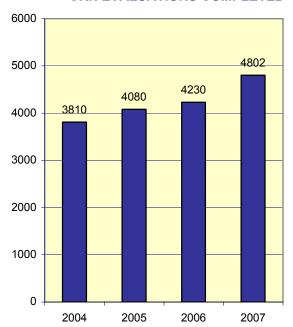
Behavior Assessment Unit

The most notable change in restructuring the former Behavior Clinic as an integral part of Pretrial Services was the elimination of the local rule requiring a psychiatric evaluation of defendants charged with specific offenses. Effective June 25, 2007, only defendants who exhibit mental health-related problems based on available information concerning the defendant's actions before, during, and after the arrest or as required by state law are evaluated.

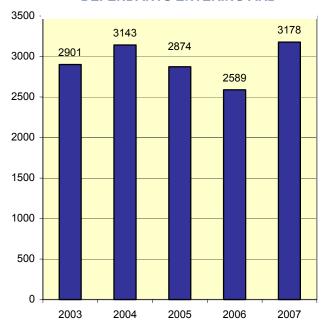
Pursuant to Rule 702 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, after the finding of guilt and before the imposition of sentence, upon notice to counsel for both parties, the sentencing judge may order the defendant to undergo a psychiatric or psychological examination. Also, in accordance with 50 P.S. §7402, a Criminal Division judge may order a mental health evaluation of a defendant, sua sponte, or upon petition of a party with standing, based upon a good-faith doubt as to the defendant's competency to stand trial. Lastly, at 50 P.S. §7301, the court may order an evaluation to determine if the defendant is severely mentally disabled and in need of court-ordered involuntary treatment upon a determination of being a clear and present danger to himself or others.

Due to the above stated changes in law, the Behavior Assessment Unit's forensic psychiatrists completed 1,516 defendant evaluations in 2007, 21 percent fewer than in 2006. Identification of defendants who may require mental evaluation has become a component of the pretrial process incorporated within the Bail Unit's investigations.

CRN EVALUATIONS COMPLETED



DEFENDANTS ENTERING ARD



Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)

The ARD Unit is responsible for supervising first-time. violent offenders. This pretrial diversionary program allows individuals an opportunity to expunge their criminal records by completing a probationary period including special conditions of attending drug/alcohol treatment programs, mental health counseling, anger management counseling, and/or community service. The majority of offenders participating in ARD are charged with Driving Under the Influence. Caseloads for ARD are broken into DUI and Non-DUI offenders for consistency in supervision. All offenders, regardless of charges, are required to pay all court costs and fines, restitution if required,

and complete all special conditions imposed by the court.

Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP)

Formerly a function of Adult Probation, AHSP is one of the newly merged partners in the Pretrial Services Agency responsible for completing evaluations of DUI offenders and managing DUI-related programs.

The Allegheny County Court Reporting Network (CRN) Unit led the state with the highest number of evaluations completed in 2007. Under contract to the court, the CRN staff, responsible for conducting all evaluations ordered by the court on DUI cases, completed 4,802 evaluations in 2007.

AHSP continued working to educate the public about the

dangers of drinking and driving and drug abuse. As in the past, along with community organizations and other government agencies, AHSP was involved in the annually held statewide Youth Rally in Harrisburg, the SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) Conference, the regional Law Enforcement seminar, and the Fatal Awareness Conference. Other well-established programs conducted throughout the year included Keys for Life, Safety Bug, Sober Bowl, Designated Driver Booth at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Amphitheatre, Clear Channel Radio Campaign, DUI Simulator and Underage Drinking/Regional Alcohol Programs.

CRIMINAL DIVISION - Adult Probation



James J. Rielan Director

Allegheny County Adult Probation and Parole is charged by the Court of Common Pleas with the responsibility of providing effective, community-based alternatives to incarceration, improving public safety, partnering with community and law enforcement resources, and promoting positive behavioral change from offenders.

The newly-developed mission statement above was effective in 2007. In accord with the last phrase of the mission statement, Adult Probation emphasized applying techniques to improve and reward an offender's successes in 2007. This year's report reflects the staff's efforts to advance community safety as well as promote positive behavioral change in offenders.

DUI Court

In November, the first Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court graduates completed this rehabilitative program. Established in 2005, DUI Court offers eligible multiple-DUI offenders the opportunity to become sober, law-abiding, productive members of the community through treatment accompanied by intensive judicial and probationary supervision. In addition to the 8 graduates, 50 DUI Court clients are currently progressing through the last phase of the program. The Honorable Kevin G. Sasinoski

presides at DUI Court assisted by a team consisting of representatives from the District Attorney and Public Defender offices, Adult Probation, and Pretrial Services.

Female Mentoring

Positive reinforcement was a key factor in a 2007 pilotmentoring program designed to assist female offenders with self-improvement through life/social skill training. Six clients voluntarily completed the twice-monthly classes that offered them guidance in improving social, professional, and employment etiquette. Topics included anger management, self-control, selfesteem, and development of communication skills.

Community-Based Offices

Three hub locations were added to the Community-Based Probation Unit in the East Hills, Brackenridge, and Clairton areas of Allegheny County. More easily accessible to offenders, the hub offices allow better

communication among the probation officers, local law enforcement, and neighborhood organizations. Additional probation officers have been assigned throughout the county and hours of operation have been standardized countywide to promote communication and cooperation among the community-based probation offices.

Drug Court

Ongoing rehabilitative programs that have proven to be successful were productive in 2007 as well. In its ten years of operation, there have been 304 graduates of Drug Court with an overall success rate of approximately 72 percent. Of 84 graduates in the last three years, three defendants have been convicted of charges, a four percent recidivism rate. The Honorable Lester G. Nauhaus continues to preside at Drug

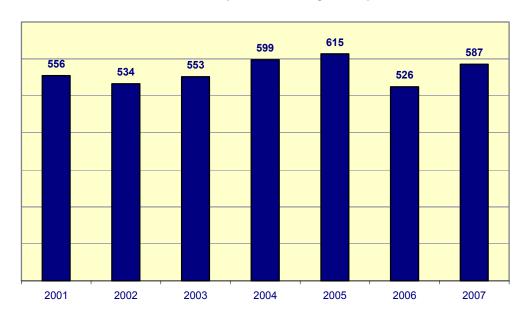
DUI COURT STATISTICS				
Participants Entering Program in 2007	67			
Graduated	8			
Revoked	4			
Pending Charges	2			
Sanctioned for D/A Use, Driving Violations or EM Condition				
Violations	28			
In Phases IV and V	75			
OFFENDERS UNDER SUPERVISION BY OFFENS	E			
	Number of			
Charge	Offenders			
Sexual Assault	282			
Domestic Violence	433			
All Other Assaults	447			
Burglary	310			
Theft	2,220			
Motor Vehicle Theft	266			
Fraud	359			
Drug Law Violations	4,678			
Driving Under the Influence	1,777			
All Other Offenses	6,430			
TOTAL	17,202			
CASELOAD AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007				
Probation	12,274			
Parole	916			
Probation/Parole	1,693			
Intermediate Punishment	1,587			
Probation without Verdict	623			
Bail	109			
TOTAL	17,202			
PROBATIONERS BY OFFENSE AND RACE				
Misdemeanor	9,802			
Felony	7,400			
Caucasian	10,510			
African-American	6,537			
American Indian	11			
Asian	47			
Hispanic	97			
CASELOAD PER PROBATION OFFICER				
McKeesport Community Based Office	195			
North Side Community Based Office	180			
Central Community Based Office	118			
South Hills Community Based Office	188			
Wilkinsburg Community Based Office	153			
Electronic Monitoring	32			
Intensive Drug Unit	90			
Forensic Unit	112			
Domestic Violence Unit	99			
Sex Offender Unit	85			
DUI Unit	301			
Minimal Supervision Unit	1,654			
Intermediate Supervision Unit	547			
Interstate/Inter-County Unit	456			

Mental Health Court (MHC), created in June 2001, continued to provide a comprehensive pretrial, presentence probation and service treatment plan for referrals who volunteered to be supervised through this program. MHC's presiding judge, the Honorable John A. Zottola, holds regular review hearings to determine the needs and status of participating offenders. A Rand Corporation study released in 2007 reported Allegheny County's "Mental Health Court participation is associated with reduction in criminal recidivism."

Electronic Monitoring

Of the 2.954 offenders supervised by Adult Probation's Electronic Monitoring Unit throughout 2007, 1,721 successfully completed the program; 46 participants were arrested on new charges, a 2.4 percent recidivism rate. Offenders paid \$779,522 to be supervised under house arrest this year. By diverting offenders from the Allegheny County Jail, electronic monitoring saved the county 331,896 jail days. Based on an average cost of housing an offender in the jail at \$64.88 per day and approximate operating costs of \$4 million for electronic monitoring, the net savings to the county was approximately \$18.3 million.

Presentence Reports - Yearly Comparison



Intake

Relocation of Adult Probation Court Liaison and Intake Units to the courthouse has simplified the process for the court and offenders to initiate probationary sentences. Intake personnel processed over 22,000 probation cases in 2007 and provided deresidency fendant's formation and supervisory proposals for Early Disposition Plea (EDP) Court for more than 2,000 cases.

The Intensive Drug Unit (IDU) utilized the Swift Intervention Program (SIP) in 2007 to control drug use violators by requesting approximately 184 SIP violation hearings before the Honorable Cheryl Lynn

Allen. Employing frequent random drug testing, IDU probation officers are better equipped to return violators to treatment programs.

PRIDE

Included in the Intermediate Supervision Caseload (ISC) Unit, the Program for Re-Integration Development and Empowerment (PRIDE) of exploited individuals offers individuals convicted prostitution an opportunity to change their often-dangerous lifestyle. Pittsburgh Police and White Deer Run/Cove Forge Behavioral Health have partnered with the court to conduct mandatory weekly counseling and support sessions for program and participants, Judge Sasinoski holds weekly

review hearings. Currently, there are 50 participants in the program.

Computer Systems

Adult Probation moved toward new technology in the form of thin-client notebook computers. These devices closely resemble traditional notebook computer, but use server technology for access and storage of all programs and documents. The technology virtually eliminates security issues that occur if a notebook computer is lost or stolen because there is no storage drive within this device. Thin-client notebooks are also considerably less expensive than traditional notebooks, making them cost effective.

Family Division Judges



Kim Berkeley Clark Administrative Judge



L-R: Guido A. DeAngelis, Alan D. Hertzberg, Beth A. Lazzara, Jill E. Rangos, Kim Berkeley Clark, Thomas E. Flaherty, Kathleen R. Mulligan, Cathleen Bubash, Kim D. Eaton, Kathryn M. Hens-Greco

Not Pictured: David N. Wecht, Dwayne D. Woodruff, Lawrence W. Kaplan (Senior Judge)

Family Division - Adult Section



Patrick W. Quinn, Esquire Administrator

Under the leadership of Administrative Judge Kim Berkeley Clark and Supervising Judge Kim D. Eaton, Family Division's Adult Section endeavors to improve client services by routinely reassessing the efficiencies of current policies and proce-The dures. section's successful programs and initiatives are frequently imitated throughout the country. A record volume of domestic relations cases (32,691) were adjudicated and a record amount of support payments were collected in 2007 while strategies were introduced to further enhance performance.

Total support collections of \$167,299,139 account for a three percent increase compared to 2006, the largest yearly percentage increase since 2002. For the second consecutive year, Allegheny County's support collection totals contributed to Pennsylvania's first-place finish among the 56 states and

territories with respect to five federal performance indicators including support collection, support order establishment, paternity establishment, support arrears collection, and cost efficiency. Family-Adult also improved an average 6.2 percent in four federal performance standards (paternity establishment, support orders effected, and collection of current and arrearage payments) while operating at 100 cost-effectiveness percent with respect to federal performance measures. achievements are related to implementation of the Management Review Plan's performance-based criteria for restructuring staff business practices. Initiated in 2006, the plan's goal is to improve accountability and quality control.

Other accomplishments of the plan's comprehensive managerial supervision and systematic planning included:

- Exceeding the 80 percent federal benchmark in "order entry" for the first time;
- Development of improved support order modification and termination protocols in compliance with Supreme Court Rule 1910.19(f);
- Development of quality control and minimum standards techniques;
- In conjunction with the Goodwill Program and the Bureau of Child Support, the Family Division developed a Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) arrears forgiveness program which allows an obligor to have TANF arrears reduced based on compliance with the program and payments being made on arrearages; and
- Reduction in money on hold while attempting to locate custodial parent to zero dollars.



Left to right: Enforcement Team Clerk Justin Yeckley and Enforcement Team Supervisors Keith Calhoun and Barry Dugita staff the check-in counter during a warrant amnesty program.

a step to improve accountability and compliance court orders, with "Employment Specialist" position was created within the Adult Section to specifiassist unemployed obligors in finding a job through referrals to organizations and programs. One such program initiated in 2004, in with collaboration the Department ofPublic Welfare's Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, contracts Educational Systems, Inc. (EDSI) to assist 250 placements in their job search. Considered a national "best practice" by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, 74 percent of EDSI's 2007 placements were employed with an average hourly wage of \$9.60 and stayed at their jobs for a

minimum of six months. Fifty-one percent of the emploved clients received medical insurance benefits.

Well-established. cost-effective programs continuing in 2007 included Phone Power and Night Court. Phone Power initiated 2,238 calls to delinquent obligors resulting in direct collections of nearly \$49,000, nine new wage attachments, 1.176 and contempt referrals. Over 1.750 cases were addressed during Night Court's Wednesday evening hours.

Following a successful pilot program, originally grantfunded, the court established permanent procedures to allow out-of-county litigants to electronically participate in support proceedings in 2007. Also, a permanent unit of domestic relations officers was instituted to address the needs of walk-in clients (lawyers and pro se litigants).

The court successfully conducted two warrant amnesty programs in 2007. The first program offered defendants who had failed to appear for support hearings in 682 cases a limited time in which to appear in court to address the support complaint and subsequent bench warrant. The defendant complied with the request in 204 cases, resulting in 82 monetary support orders and the resolution of 122 cases by dismissal or continuance. The second amnesty program was offered to all support-related defendants with outstanding warrants. During the week beginning

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October 28th, 756 defendants appearing in court in connection with 1,053 cases had their warrants dismissed. A total of \$133,523 support payments were paid on 605 cases, new wage attachments were issued in 81 cases, 65 individuals were given job referrals, and 42 new support orders were established.

Training and educational opportunities to improve the division's staff performance continue to be offered through collaboration with the Bureau of Child Support and Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement Training Institute (PACSETI), an outreach service of Pennsylvania State University. At no cost to the county, 170 employees attended 19 classes, totaling 3,480 training hours. In addition, 26 staff attended 13 classes conducted at the Allegheny County Computer Learning Center. National Child Support Enforcement Association, the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association, and the Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania provide training and support for federal and state child support programs.

DISPOSITION OF SUPPORT CASES				
	2006	2007		
Total Cases Listed for Disposition	38,246	35,081		
Cases Scheduled for Conference Before Domestic Relations Officers	38,246	35,081		
Cases Resulting in a Court Order After a Domestic Relations Officer Conference	29,341	26,213		
Cases Referred to Hearing Officer After a Domestic Relations Officer Conference	8,905	*8,868		
Cases Resulting in a Final Court Order After a Hearing Officer's Recommendation	8,470	8,467		
Cases in Which Exceptions are Filed Before a Judge After a Hearing Officer's Recommendation	435	401		
*The hearing officers also scheduled and heard 4,223 direct	hearings in 200	7.		
CASES RESOLVED				
AT EACH LEVEL OF THE EXPEDITED HEA	RING PROC	ESS		
	2006	2007		
Domestic Relations Officers	29,341	26,213		
Hearing Officers	8,470	8,467		
Judges	435	401		
Total	38,246	35,081		
JUDICIAL ACTIVITY				
New Family Cases Assigned				
for Judicial Conciliation	2006	2007		
Equitable Distribution/Alimony	641	524		
Custody	222	178		
Paternity	8	17		
Divorce (3301-D, Contested)	19	22		
Other	59	106		
Cases Listed for Judicial Hearing				
Equitable Distribution/Alimony (Judge)	351	282		
Equitable Distribution/Alimony (Permanent Master)	43	57		
Complex Support (Permanent Master)	157	176		
Full Custody	221	230		
Partial Custody	70	54		
Paternity	2	1		
Divorce	25	14		
Other	8,549	8,525		
Support (Contempt)	3,661	3,114		
PFA (Final)	2,919	4,033		
PFA (Contempt)	1,063	1,075		
Miscellaneous	.,000	.,0.0		
Support Exceptions	435	401		
Post-Trial Motions	51	65		
Motions	12,108	10,982		
Support Orders Reviewed and Entered	24,891	24,187		
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COLLECTIONS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXPENDITURES					
Year	Collections	Dollar Increase Over Prior Year	Increase/ Decrease	Expenditures	Collections per \$1.00 Expensed
2002	\$152,859,956	\$8,227,345	5.7%	\$12,532,467	12.20
2003	\$155,629,259	\$2,769,303	1.8%	\$12,047,192	12.92
2004	\$157,704,272	\$2,075,013	1.3%	\$13,564,497	11.63
2005	\$159,325,239	\$1,620,967	1.0%	\$14,340,264	11.11
2006	\$162,421,344	\$3,096,105	1.9%	\$14,066,714	11.55
2007	\$167,229,139	\$4,807,794	3.0%	\$14,494,060	11.54

Incentive Measure Dashboard Allegheny County Child Support Enforcement Federal Fiscal Year – 2007				
Open IV-D Cases	63,141			
IV-D Cases with Support Order Established	51,435			
Support Order Ratio	81.46%			
Children Born Out of Wedlock	41,550			
Children with Paternity Established	43,098			
Paternity Ratio	103.73%			
Current Support Owed	\$139,949,739			
Current Support Disbursed	\$105,650,268			
Current Support Ratio	75.49%			
Cases with Arrears Owed	51,722			
Cases with Disbursements Toward Arrears	35,529			
Arrears Ratio	68.69%			
CASE ACTIVITY REPORT				
Complaints Pending	11,491			
Modifications Pending	3,288			
Complaints Added	11,065			
Modifications Added	13,228			
Complaints Processed	16,358			
Modifications Processed	13,651			
Conferences Conducted	23,109			
Court Hearings Conducted	8,081			
De Novo Withdrawals Processed	5			
Contempt Hearings Conducted	25,136			
Paternity Filings	1,453			
Paternity Acknowledged	1,454			
Paternity Excluded	428			
DIVORCE DECREES GRANTE	D			
Fault Uncontested	4			
No-Fault Uncontested	2,678			
Total Divorce Decrees Granted	2,682			

FAMILY COURT REPORT						
Filed Disposed Pending						Pending
Support		24,187		30,009		14,779
Divorce			2,774	2,682		4,425
Total		2	6,961	32,691		19,204
OPEN CASES						
			hild		on IV-D	
		Sup	port	F	Alimony	Total
Disability/SSI			1	L		1
Federal Foster			1,903		1	1,904
General Assist			52	H	118	170
Medical Need			6			6
Non-Fed. Fost	er Care		1,644	H	0.400	1,644
Non TANF*			8,491		3,400	51,891
TANF*			8,668		54	8,722
Total	NIII D CH		0,765	05	3,573 CEMENT	64,338
,	PERFO					
Performance	Patern	nity	Suppo	ort	Current	Arrearage
Measure	Establish		Orde		Payment	Payment
October-06		.78%	76.27	_	73.01%	31.55%
November-06		.52%			72.26%	39.56%
December-06		.16%	76.86%		72.50%	45.38%
January-07		.50%	77.40%		72.65%	50.88%
February-07	93.29%		77.76	=	71.89%	53.55%
March-07				3%	72.48%	58.25%
April-07		5.96% 78.8			77.01%	60.89%
May-07		7.52% 79.43		_	76.53%	63.17%
June-07				76.33%	65.01%	
July-07				76.14%	66.51%	
August-07		.50%			76.12%	67.93%
September-07	103.73% 81.46% 75.49% PROTECTION FROM ABUSE				68.69%	
	2007 T					
Preliminary PF			Dioi	,	HONO	
(Total Applicants)					3,627	
Final PFA Hearings						
(Conciliations)					4,033	
Indirect Criminal Contempt Hearings						
(Conciliations)					1,075	
Direct Hearings Scheduled Before Judges						
Final PFA Hearings 86						
Indirect Criminal Contempt					65	
Total Case Dis						8,886
*Temporary As	sistance f	or Ne	edy Fa	mili	es	

Family Division - Juvenile Section



Victim's Garden Dedication L-R: Avis Beck, Janet Snyder, George Kinder, Jamie Bendik, Jess Smerkol, Val Ketter, Connie Przybyla, Jim Miller, Melissa Ferraro, Tom O'Connor, Scott McMurdy, and Ray Bauer

Strengthening and refining the protection, accountability/victim awareness, and competency development were continuing goals throughout 2007 after ten years of structuring Juvenile Court to operate within the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ). In February, the first Peace Partner Award from the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime (CVVC) was awarded Probation Juvenile in recognition of its success with BARJ.

Streamlining planning documents be more comprehensive and reorganizing assessment protocols ongoing projects nearing completion for implementation in 2008. A "Single Plan" is being developed that will incorporate conditions of supervision, the BARJ case plan, and the family service plan for juveinto one document niles providing comprehensive information to be available for care providers. Collaborating with the National Center for Juvenile Justice, probation supervisors are developing a competency skill development assessment to improve the evaluation process in determining an appropriate competency curriculum for juveniles.

2004, the McArthur Foundation chose Pennsylvania as one of four states to participate in "Models for Change," an initiative designed to improve juvenile justice in three critical areas: mental health services, aftercare/reentry services, and disproportionate minority contact. Allegheny County's juvenile probation staff are members of a Mental Health Protocol Team charged with examining mental health screening and diversion Along with Philadelphia's Juvenile Court, a grant was obtained from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and the MacArthur Foundation fund a Reintegration Specialist for each court, who will focus on educational/ vocational opportunities for youth while they are in placement and preparing them to return home and the community.

To analyze the disproportionate number of minority youth in the juvenile justice system, a risk assessment is in progress of all youth referred for preadjudication secure detention and youth who have been removed from residential placement due to "failure to adjust."

SNAP (Stop Now and Plan), a successful Toronto, Canada program to prevent delinquency, is targeted to be operational here in January 2008. This two-year pilot project, funded by local foundations and operated by local private youth service providers, is designed to identify high-risk 6-11 year old boys.

Of the 1,757 Juvenile Court cases closed in 2007, less than 13 percent of youth violated probation while under supervision with no new offenses. The average length of time a case was open was just over 19 months for all juveniles and under 9 months for juveniles on a Consent Decree. Of youth ordered to complete community service, 95 percent completed ordered service hours and 79

percent paid total ordered restitution. The 1,092 juveniles whose cases were closed this year completed a three-hour victim awareness curriculum, while 62.4 percent were productively attending school, enrolled in a GED or vocational training program, or employed.

Electronic Home Monitoring/ Home Detention (EHM/HD) is a temporary in-home service utilized by Juvenile Probation as an alternative to secure detention and an effective tool for sanctioning youth who violate probation. EHM/HD is also used to monitor youth committed to CISP (Community Intensive Supervision Program) and the Academy. In 2007, 1,769 youth were electronically monitored.

Of the 239 regular commitments to CISP in 2007, 93 (40%) were for aftercare. Seventy-nine percent of the commitments were due to property/non-person crimes, and 21 percent due to person-to-person crimes. Of the 202 discharges this year, 148 (73%) were positive, 54 negative. Of those 54, 42 failed to meet the program requirements and 12 committed a new crime. Fortynine of the 54 were placed in out-of-home care.

In July 2007, Shannon Jones, an 18-year-old CISP graduate, was asked to testify before the federal

Committee on Education and Labor at the Subcommittee on Healthy Families Communities joint hearing with the Judiciary Security Subcommittee entitled, Juvenile Justice and **Delinquency** Prevention Act: Overview and Perspectives. Comprised of other CISP youth and staff, the Allegheny County delegation met with U. S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., and U.S. Congressman Michael Doyle while in Washington, DC.

Juvenile Probation's Drug and Alcohol Unit (D&A) is staffed by two intake officers and three community-based intensive supervision probation officers. In addition to working closely with each youth and family, the officers conduct individual and assessments. victim awareness curriculum, community educational programs, Parent Survival Skills Training (PSST), and the Coffee House Nation (CHN). Of the 289 referrals to D&A in 2007, 190 assessments (individual-116, group-74) were completed.

Parent Survival Skills Training offers parents of teenage substance abusers support, skill building, and education. Meetings are held six times per month at three locations (Wilkinsburg, Greentree, and Wexford). CHN provides "delinquent" youth in recovery from serious addiction a supervised location to relearn how to have sober fun in a social environment with peers.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING DISCHARGES					
				Successful Completion	
Electronic Home Monitoria	ng		379	76%	
High Risk Electronic Moni	toring		218	78%	
High Risk Home Detention	n		183	64%	
Regular Home Detention			265	71%	
Sanctions			299	88%	
Total			1,344	76%	
CISP CENTER	COMMIT	MENTS	DISCH	HARGES	
Garfield	58	24%	47	23%	
Hill District	42	18%	33	16%	
Homewood	50	21%	41	20%	
McKeesport	27	11%	19	10%	
Wilkinsburg	62	26%	62	31%	
Total	239	100%	202	100%	
	2007 WARRANT UNIT				
Juveniles Sought			95		
Juveniles Apprehended b	46				
Juveniles Apprehended b	25				
Juveniles Turned In by Pa	8				
Juveniles Warrants Vacated				2	
Juveniles Missing After Warrant Unit Search				14	

Juvenile Court's education specialists work closely with probation officers, residential providers, home school staff, and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to improve education planning and programming for juveniles entering a delinquent placement and to ensure a smooth reintegration to the home school upon release from placement. Along with the reintegration specialist, education specialists develop a progressive after-care schooling plan to support the youth upon return to the community.

School-Based Probation Officers were responsible for supervising 1,064 students this year. The average caseload was 27 cases per officer. These officers are also responsible for intakes. During the 2006-2007 school year, school-based

officers processed 582 intakes, 474 of which were incidents that occurred on school property and were community-based. 8 Project Lights Out, a 2007 juvenile probation initiative allowing probation officers, accompanied by police, to pay unannounced visits to youth under supervision, was intended to increase officer visibility and ensure community safety. In the alternative, the Warrant Unit has been conducting regular sweeps to apprehend absconders, probation violators, and youth failing to appear in court.

The Special Services Unit (SSU) created in 1985 consists of community-based and institutional /aftercare components to provide intensive supervision and specialized treatment services for adjudicated sexual offenders. Of the 47 cases supervised by two

SSU community-based probation officers in 2007, 5 were referred back to court on new nonsexual delinquent offenses. Aftercare probation officers supervised 70 juveniles, 5 of whom were arrested on nonsexual charges while under aftercare supervision. No youth were re-arrested on sexual charges.

Juvenile Probation, CVVC, and Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR) collectively planned and completed a Victim's Garden in the Family Law Center's courtyard in time for the 2007 Juvenile Justice Week commemoration. CISP youth assisted probation staff in planting the garden, and juvenile probationers will continue to assist in the garden's maintenance as part of BARJ's victim awareness element.

SCHOOL-BASED PROBATION		
	Number of Officers	
Pittsburgh School District		
Allderdice	2	
Arsenal	1	
Brashear/South Hills MS	2	
Carrick	2	
Langley	2	
Student Achievement Center	3	
Peabody	2	
Oliver	2	
Schenley	1	
Westinghouse	1	
Perry	1	
McNaugher	1	
Clayton	1	

County School Districts	
Baldwin	1
Chartiers Valley	1
Fox Chapel	1
Hampton/Pine Richland	1
Highlands	1
Keystone Oaks	1
McKeesport High School	2
Moon/West Allegheny	1
North Allegheny	1
North Hills	1
Penn Hills	1
Shaler	1
Steel Valley	1
Sto-Rox High School	1
West Mifflin	1
Wilkinsburg	1
Woodland Hills Jr./Sr. High	2



Probation Officer of the Year Amy Roenker (4th from Right) with L-R: Judge Flaherty, Judge Mulligan, James Rieland, Raymond Bauer, Judge Clark, Judge Rangos, and Judge Woodruff

REFERRALS TO JUVENILE COURT				
	2006	2007	% Change	
Aggravated Assault	288	286	-1%	
Aggravated Assault on Teacher	179	245	27%	
Arson	34	31	-10%	
Auto Theft Related	368	202	-82%	
Burglary	272	253	-8%	
Carjacking	9	14	36%	
Criminal Mischief/Institutional	126	105	-20%	
Criminal/Defiant Trespass	114	94	-21%	
Disorderly Conduct	143	90	-59%	
Drug Charges (Including Crack)	642	630	-2%	
DUI	40	32	-25%	
Escape	20	10	-100%	
Ethnic Intimidation	4	4	0%	
Failure To Adjust	489	430	-14%	
Firearm Unlicensed or Possession	121	114	-6%	
Harassment	25	30	17%	
Nonpayment of Fines	1,082	834	-30%	
Receiving Stolen Property	111	156	29%	
Retail Theft	66	83	20%	
Robbery & Related	213	256	17%	
Sex Offenses	100	90	-11%	
Simple Assault	489	519	6%	
Terroristic Threats	126	159	21%	
Theft & Related (Conspiracy/Attempt)	141	184	23%	
Transferred from Other County	117	95	-23%	
Violation of Probation	401	397	-1%	
Weapons on School Property	188	166	-13%	
Subtotal	5,908	5,509	-7%	
All Other Charges	282	302	7%	
TOTAL	6,190	5,811	-7%	

FAMILY DIVISION - Children's Court



Cynthia K. Stoltz, Esquire Administrator

Child Custody Departmen

In 2007, the Child Custody Department continued to see markedly increased caseloads, mirroring the national trend of increasing pro se litigants accessing the court. number of clients assisted at Custody Department reception more than doubled between January 2006 and January 2007, from 813 to 1723. By the end of 2007, a total of 18,628 clients were seen, representing a 28% increase from 2006. Also in 2007, a total of 12,430 custody-related client phone calls were processed.

2007 Initiatives

Custody officers began reviewing all Emergency Custody Authorizations (ECA) during court hours for a total of 687 in 2007.

In June, custody officers began to review all custody-related bench warrants. A total of 15 warrants were processed in 2007.

Also beginning in June, clients who complete mediation and reach a Memorandum of Understanding have the option to enter into a consent order the same day; 64 consent orders were entered by year's end.

Access to Justice

A number of significant initiatives were launched in 2007 to ensure access to justice in the Children's Court.

The court partnered with the Allegheny County Bar Association Pro Bono Partnership, various law firms, and other organizations to expand pro bono services through four important initiatives in 2007.

The Custody Conciliation Project was established to provide free legal representation for low-income clients in custody conciliations. Since this program's inception, over 220 clients have been represented by attorneys, and many of those cases have resulted in settlement of all custody issues. To date, over 100 volunteer attorneys have completed program training.

The Child Custody Guardian Project was established with the goal of providing attorneys to represent children in high-conflict custody proceedings. For clients who are able to pay for this service, trained volunteer attorneys provide representation on a reduced-fee basis. For indigent clients, probono representation of these children is provided. Twenty-two children have had a voice in the court custody process through this program.

Individualized assistance to pro se custody litigants

In 2007, professional staff reviewed 1,529 custody pro se motions to improve case management in accordance with a one-judge one-family approach. Coordinating all of the family's information and centralizing records provided continuity, reduced confusion

for clients, and enabled judges make well-informed Professional staff decisions. also screened 1.361 In Forma Pauperis motions to determine eligibility for fee waivers. For our most indigent clients, this service enables them to have fee waiver requests addressed the same day and allows them file their paperwork expeditiously.

Representation for Children and Parents

The Children's Court completed a two-year initiative to coordinate conflict counsel representation for children and parents. Preliminary data shows increased efficiencies in case processing, timely communication between attorneys and clients and consistent, quality representation through cross training. Similar initiatives for Guardian Ad Litem appointments for parents and education and medical guardians for children were envisioned in 2007, to be launched in the 2008.

Child Protection and Permanency Department

Committed to a court system that best addresses every child's need for safety and a permanent, loving home and family, the department handles matters including:

Dependency and Foster Care

• In 2007, three new judges were added to the dependency docket. This increased judicial resources for some dependency matters by 60 percent.

- New procedures have been implemented to better identify and schedule complex dependency matters.
- Pursuant to new Pennsylvania Rules of Procedure regarding dependency matters, the Children's Court is responsible for coordinating with judges to handle Emergency Custody Authorizations (ECA) and private petition case processing.

Zero to Three

The Zero to Three project, led by Judge Jill Rangos, continued in 2007 with training and implementation of project goals. Eleven families were referred to the program. At a conference held in February, caseworkers and stakeholders received training on the Zero to three initiative. Attendees included national leaders as well as all local providers for children in the 0 – 3 group.

Children's Roundtable

As part of the Court Improvement Project, Allegheny County's existing Children's Roundtable, established in 2004 to help move abused and neglected children into permanent homes more quickly, became part of the statewide effort and worked with the Supreme Court in 2007. The Allegheny Children's Roundtable is comprised of judges, court and child welfare administrators, parent and child advocacy leaders, service providers, medical and mental health experts, and others.

Safe Visits Safe Families

The partnership with the Parental Stress Center under the Safe Visits Safe Families program continues to thrive, providing low-cost supervised visitation for parents and children and free custody exchanges in high-conflict cases to minimize safety risks for children. Approximately 40 families were referred into the program this year.

National Adoption Month

Ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the 114,000 children in foster care nationwide needing permanent families included celebration of National Adoption Month for the seventh consecutive year. Several events were held for families in Allegheny County:

National Adoption Day was observed on November 17, during which 67 adoptions were finalized.

"Maskerade: An Avant Garde Gala" hosted by Child Watch Coalition of Pittsburgh offered guests the opportunity to learn the importance of community partnerships to ensure the best possible court experiences for at-risk families in our communities.

The Heart Gallery exhibit, displayed in the Family Law Center Rotunda, helped raise awareness about the foster children in need of adoption.

CUSTODY STATISTICS					
	Number of				
Proceeding	Cases	Result			
Partial Custody Hearings		63% Resulted in a			
before a Hearing Officer	426	consent order			
		47% Resulted in a			
Custody Conciliations	659	final or interim order			
	GENERATIONS				
	1,719 Listed with	56% Resolved some			
Mediations	1,017 Conducted	or all custody issues.`			
JUDICIAL/HE	ARING OFFICER H	EARINGS			
	Hearings	Children			
Judges	9,060	3,742			
Hearing Officers	8,147	3,411			
Total	17,207	7,153			
DEPENDENCY H	DEPENDENCY HEARING OFFICER STATISTICS				
	2006	2007			
Reviews Conducted	6,580	5,560			
Cases Closed	788	785			
Ca	se Closure Result				
Reunification with Parent	346	344			
Subsidized Permanent					
Legal Custodianship	73	77			
Adoption	194	247			
Over 18 No Longer					
Eligible for Services	175	117			
Emergency Shelter					
Hearings	786	878			

"Overcoming Challenges to Timely Permanency for Children" featuring Denise St. Claire, Esquire, Executive Director of the National Center for Adoption Law & Policy, discussed some of the critical issues facing agencies and courts in relation to permanency planning and decision-making.

Greenbook Initiative

Launched in late 2007 under the leadership of Judge Beth Lazzara, this model project of the National Council and Family Court Judges is designed to address the cooccurrence of domestic violence and child abuse. Goals of the program are to prevent further abuse, utilize community resources for batterers and families, improve existing means for holding batterers accountable, and to increase protection for children.

Education and Awareness

To raise awareness about the needs of children and families in the Family Court system, the court participated in Child Abuse Prevention Month activities and coordinated volunteers for the annual Allegheny County Music Festival to benefit children in foster care. Participants included judges, attorneys, caseworkers. and other

community partners. Children's Court partnered with Children's Hospital for their 2nd Annual Conference on Hope and Healing, and participated in the Permanency Planning Task Force Conference. These annual events focus on issues at the forefront of the child welfare system.

Automation and Innovation

Children's Court continued to expand the E-RIMS system (electronic records and case management system) for all system stakeholders. In 2007, over 750 users were registered including judges and hearing officers who use e-filing to enter court orders. The system

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND ADOPTIONS					
TERMINATION OF TA	2006	2007			
New Cases	408	265			
Terminations	262	275			
Withdrawals	35	33			
Adoptions	283	309			
EMERGENCY	CUSTODY AUTHOR	RIZATIONS			
	Court Hours	Non-Court Hours			
Requests	687	335			
Issued	676	330			
Denied	12	5			
Restraining Orders	49	13			
Order Attendance at					
Shelters	19	0			
PR	IVATE PETITIONS				
New Petitions	336				
Withdrawn		73			
Dismissed		95			
Transferred to Judge for He	80				
DEPENDENCY STATISTICS					
Shelter Orders	1,432				
Permanent Legal Custodian	155				
Dependency Adjudication O	985				
Dependency Petitions	1,495				

successfully accomplished three keys design goals. This system allowed electronic docketing and filing of court orders; allowed authorized users to search and retrieve case data including documents electronically filed; and allowed authorized users to file documents electronically on dependency or delinquency matters.

Over 68,000 items were filed last year. The e-filing team continued to refine information in the database to ensure the

accuracy of records in the system. Core partners in the effling project include the Office of Court Records and Allegheny County Children Youth and Families (CYF).

Videoconferencing

The Children's Court Videoconferencing Project was initially created in collaboration with Childwatch Coalition of Pittsburgh and the Department of Human Services to provide state-of-the-art technology to 36 sites throughout Allegheny County, including Family Division courtrooms, CYF regional offices, local hospitals, jail/detention facilities, and behavioral health specialists. Videoconferencing reduces trauma to children, enhances capabilities for expert witness testimony, and increases efficiencies in court scheduling and stakeholder participation. Commitments for a pilot project were secured in 2007 and scheduled to be implemented in mid-2008.

Magisterial District Courts



Nancy L. Galvaci Manager

The Fifth Judicial District's 49 Magisterial District Judges served 131 municipalities during 2007 by accepting the filing of 36,232 criminal complaints, 17,734 civil complaints, 14,809 landlord/ tenant complaints, 52,841 non-traffic citations, 11,677 summary private criminal complaints, and 175,024 traffic citations.

In 2007, with total filings of 308,317, magisterial district courts' filings again exceeded the prior year's 304,062 filings. Pittsburgh Municipal Court (PMC) accounted for 75,898 filings, while the remaining courts in the judicial district registered 232,419 filings—7,952 more than in 2006.

As the chart below illustrates, there has been a substantial increase in criminal filings over the past ten years in magisterial district courts, not including PMC. The federal "No Child Left Behind" law continued to impact magisterial district courts through more stringent enforcement of truancy statutes. The nearly 25 percent increase in non-traffic filings was largely the result of increased truancy filings.

At the end of 2007, the final two courts were incorporated under the Judicial District's Reestablishment Plan, bringing the total number of courts that will serve Allegheny County during 2008 to 48.

By Order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, PMC was created on January 1, 2005. The court's venue is the City of Pittsburgh, with jurisdiction of all criminal, traffic, and non-traffic filings by the Pittsburgh Police.

Magisterial District Judges (MDJ's) elected within the City of Pittsburgh who hear civil, landlord/tenant, and summary private criminal complaints in their own courts serve as judiciary at PMC. Honorable Carla Swearingen, whose magisterial district is largely comprised of Robinson Township, but also contains the city's 28th Ward, and The Honorable Richard King, whose district contains Mt. Oliver along with city wards, serve at PMC. Judges are assigned to PMC based upon the filings in their home courts. Higher home filings mean fewer sessions in PMC, while lower home filings mean more sessions. Filings are reviewed semi-annually, and adjustments to assignments are made following receipt of the year-end statistics from the Office Administrative of Pennsylvania Courts.

			Landlord/	Non-	Private		
	Criminal	Civil	Tenant	Traffic	Complaints	Traffic	Total
1997	15,593	18,348	11,971	30,262	12,533	114,343	203,050
2007	20,842	17,734	14,809	41,143	11,128	126,763	232,419

Magisterial District Judges-Final Case Filings

COURT	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	LANDLORD/ TENANT	NON-TRAFFIC	PRIVATE SUMMARY	TRAFFIC	TOTAL
05-0-00	129	0	0	0	0	0	129
05-0-03	15,390	0	0	11,698	549	48,261	75,898
05-2-01	510	339	243	1,136	763	8,226	11,217
05-2-02	768	447	151	725	849	4,725	7,665
05-2-03	764	377	188	1,261	324	3,183	6,097
05-2-04	381	394	131	1,126	30	4,119	6,181
05-2-05	410	328	194	1,007	201	1,514	3,654
05-2-06	823	877	480	1,030	275	2,222	5,707
05-2-07	713	414	465	1,115	433	2,515	5,655
05-2-08	439	144	94	768	867	3,743	6,055
05-2-09	582	249	429	1,149	74	3,619	6,102
05-2-10	648	354	692	812	42	1,141	3,689
05-2-11	565	219	352	1,150	76	3,414	5,776
05-2-12	531	385	76	550	389	5,639	7,570
05-2-13	619	595	691	2,496	87	2,219	6,707
05-2-14	839	424	155	1,222	449	1,888	4,977
05-2-15	818	329	228	2,054	217	3,115	6,761
05-2-16	531	340	154	635	91	3,367	5,118
05-2-17	482	287	225	618	82	3,705	5,399
05-2-18	641	311	262	787	12	2,668	4,681
05-2-19	605	323	249	1,372	65	4,369	6,983
05-2-20	428	248	102	707	83	3,373	4,941
05-2-21	567	323	70	638	425	4,895	6,918
05-2-22	547	261	101	541	86	2,121	3,657
05-2-23	499	400	167	1,012	211	3,306	5,595
05-2-25	900	599	204	1,142	261	4,327	7,433
05-2-26	274	562	107	595	46	1,765	3,349
05-2-27	0	416	557	624	42	2,093	3,732
05-2-28	0	492	1,111	602	368	751	3,324
05-2-31	0	530	1,219	418	51	28	2,246
05-2-32	416	230	240	423	123	1,556	2,988
05-2-35	0	372	303	396	46	1,033	2,150
05-2-36	28	223	238	28	52	15	584
05-2-38	158	355	275	562	101	131	1,582
05-2-40	0	291	660	212	133	800	2,096
05-2-42	0	332	825	1,004	33	152	2,346
05-2-43	484	348	193	558	125	4,005	5,713
05-2-46	451	508	48	471	239	5,055	6,772
05-2-47	648	540	483	1,632	445	1,918	5,666
05-3-02	132	96	33	248	10	5,217	5,736
05-3-03	375	252	55	566	206	3,316	4,770
05-3-04	319	165	28	380	1,529	1,830	4,251
05-3-05	310	239	78	320	29	672	1,648
05-3-06	1,133	354	400	1,813	86	2,055	5,841
05-3-09	760	631	183	2,308	286	2,667	6,835
05-3-10	3	150	183	88	41	13	478
05-3-12	0	264	564	820	79	65	1,792
05-3-13	0	240	255	260	30	338	1,123
05-3-14	308	520	468	900	342	1,298	3,836
05-3-16	58	99	2	134	96	870	1,259
05-3-17	375	558	198	728	198	5,707	7,764
TOTAL	36,361	17,734	14,809	52,841	11,677	175,024	308,446

Magisterial District Judges



Tara L. Smith 05-2-01



Richard G. Opiela 05-2-02



Robert P. Dzvonick 05-2-03



Elissa M. Lang 05-2-04



Carolyn S. Bengel 05-2-05



Leonard J. HRomyak 05-2-06



Jeffrey L. Herbst 05-2-07



Ross C. Cioppa 05-2-09



Kim M. Hoots 05-2-10



Robert L. Barner 05-2-11



William K. Wagner 05-2-12



Richard D. Olasz, Jr. 05-2-14



David J. Barton 05-2-17



John N. Bova 05-2-18



Blaise P. Larotonda 05-2-19



Robert C. Wyda 05-2-20



Elaine M. McGraw 05-2-21



Gary M. Zyra 05-2-22



Dennis R. Joyce 05-2-23



Mary P. Murray 05-2-25



Eugene N. Ricciardi 05-2-27



Oscar J. Petite, Jr. 05-2-28



Ron Costa, Sr. 05-2-31



Linda I. Zucco 05-2-32



Nathan N. Firestone 05-2-35



James J. Hanley, Jr. 05-2-36



Robert P. Ravenstahl, Jr.



Carla Swearingen 05-2-43



Regis C. Welsh, Jr. 05-2-46



Scott H. Schricker 05-2-47



Robert L. Ford 05-3-02



David J. Sosovicka 05-3-03



Suzanne Blaschak 05-3-04



Thomas G. Miller 05-3-05



Mary Ann Cercone 05-3-06



Eugene Zielmanski 05-3-10



Kevin E. Cooper 05-3-12



Randy C. Martini 05-3-13



Richard G. King 05-3-14



Anthony W. Saveikis 05-3-17

Not Pictured: Sally Ann Edkins, Susan Evashavik, Armand Martin, Charles A. McLaughlin, Beth S. Mills, Eugene F. Riazzi, Jr., Thomas Torkowsky,

Note: Honorable Cathleen Cawood Bubash, (05-2-27) was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas in June.

Magisterial District Judges' Oath of Office



Left to Right: Hon. Richard D. Olasz, Jr., Hon. Beth S. Mills, Hon. Eugene F. Riazzi, Jr., Hon. Pat A. Capolupo

Newly-elected Magisterial District Judges Pat A. Capolupo, Eugene F. Riazzi, Jr., and Beth S. Mills shared an oath of office ceremony in the Jury Assignment Room of the City-County Building with re-elected Magisterial District Judges Susan Evashavik, Richard D. Olasz, Jr., Oscar Petite, and Anthony W. Saveikis for terms beginning January 2008.

Pittsburgh Municipal Court



Angnaraa Grimes Stock, Esqui

Allegheny Former County District Attorney Deputy Angharad Grimes Stock was appointed Administrator of Pittsburgh Municipal Court (PMC) in May 2007. Statutorily organized in 2005, PMC combines Allegheny County Magisterial District Court 05-0-03, encompassing Housing, Traffic and Criminal Divisions, and Court 05-0-04 (also known as Arraignment Court).

Of the 75,898 cases filed at PMC in 2007, 15,390 were criminal, 11,698 non-traffic, 48,261 traffic, and 549 were private criminal complaints. PMC's Criminal Division conducts preliminary hearings for all offenses that occur within the City of Pittsburgh. preliminary hearings Allegheny County criminal homicide defendants. and preliminary hearings for

Allegheny County Act 33 offenders.

The Early Disposition Program (EDP), a collaborative effort among the District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation and Sheriff Office personnel, was initiated by Administrative Judge Donna Jo McDaniel in May 2007 at PMC to promptly and efficiently adjudicate non-violent, less serious misdemeanor and felony immediately cases following the preliminary Assigned on a hearing. rotating basis, Court of Common Pleas judges preside at EDP sessions, which are held twice each weekday. By vear's end, 1,160 cases had been adjudicated via EDP. Designed to ease the backlog of cases in Common Pleas Court by eliminating the need for multiple court appearances by defendants who comply

with the terms of EDP adjudication, expansion of the program to suburban Allegheny County Magisterial District Courts is under consideration.

PMC's Arraignment Court conducted 14,685 preliminary arraignments while also processing Protection from Abuse matters after regular business hours on weekdays and on weekends and holidays. addition to daily issuing search and arrest warrants, accepting criminal complaints, forming marriage ceremonies, holding summary trials and setting collateral on summary cases, in 2007 Arraignment Court began collecting bail after regular business hours, weekends, and holidays, formerly a function of the Allegheny County Clerk of

PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT					
Magisterial District Judge	Court Number	Sessions Assigned	¹ PMC Cases	MDJ Court Filings In 2007	² Total Filings Per MDJ
Gene Ricciardi	05-2-27	102	5,743	3,733	9,476
Oscar Petite	05-2-28	101	5,686	3,310	8,996
Ron Costa	05-2-31	107	6,024	2,241	8,265
Nathan Firestone	05-2-35	105	5,913	2,137	8,050
James Hanley	05-2-36	159	8,953	567	9,520
Charles McLaughlin	05-2-38	104	5,856	1,571	7,427
Cathleen Bubash ³	05-2-40	101	5,686	2,086	7,772
Robert Ravenstahl	05-2-42	104	5,856	2,341	8,197
Eugene Zielmanski	05-3-10	153	8,614	475	9,089
Kevin Cooper	05-3-12	96	5,405	1,784	7,189
Randy Martini	05-2-13	152	8,558	1,113	9,671
Richard King	05-3-14	54	3,040	3,758	6,798
Carla Swearingen⁴	05-2-43	10	564	5,662	6,226
		1,348	75,898	30,778	106,676

- 1. Equals Yearly Sessions Assigned x 56.2 Cases Per Session
- 2. Equals PMC Filings + MDJ Court Filings
- 3. Judge Cathleen Bubash was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas in June of 2007. Senior magisterial district judges filled sessions assigned to MDJ Court 05-2-40 subsequent to her appointment.
- 4. Magisterial District Judge Carla Swearingen's magisterial district encompasses Robinson Township and Ward 28 of the City of Pittsburgh. Filings in the court are overwhelmingly from Robinson Township; for that reason, Judge Swearingen sits in a Friday rotation only.

In October, the City of Pittsburgh summary offenders who had failed to respond to over 50,000 citations dating back to 2004 were offered a one-time, limited opportunity to contact PMC's Traffic Division to resolve the outstanding citations. Individual's names and citation information were published on

the court website, www.alleghenycourts.us. Approximately 9,000 citations were cleared through the initiative. For those citations still outstanding after 30 days, PMC issued individual arrest warrants that are being processed in phases by the Pittsburgh Police and

Allegheny County Sheriff's Office.

PMC collected \$4,762,821.40 in fines and fees for traffic and non-traffic citations in 2007. As mandated by state law, the funds were distributed as follows:

County of Allegheny	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	City of Pittsburgh
\$756,992.37	\$2,256,755.76	\$1,749,073.27

Judicial Transitions

On July 19th, President Judge Joseph M. James administered the oath of office to Allegheny County's newest judges in a private ceremony. Former Magisterial District Judge Cathleen C. Bubash and former Board of Viewers Special Master Michael E. McCarthy, Esquire, were appointed by Governor Ed Rendell and confirmed by the state Senate on June 27th to fill vacancies for the remainder of 2007. Having won party nominations in the May primary, both new judges went on to win full terms on the bench in the November general election. Also elected to ten-year terms beginning in January 2008 were Kelly Eileen Bigley and John T. McVay, Jr. Each of the new judges was conferred a *Juris* Doctorate by Duquesne University School of Law.



Judge Gerard M. Bigley administers the oath of office to his daughter, Judge Kelly Bigley.

The Honorable Kelly Eileen Bigley has been a solo practitioner specializing in criminal and family law since 1994. Before winning a seat on the bench, she worked for ten years as a judicial law clerk in the Criminal Division for her father, the Honorable Gerard M. Bigley, now a Court of Common Pleas senior judge. The newly elected Judge Bigley has been assigned to the Juvenile Section of the Family Division.

Judge Bigley earned a B.S.B.A degree from Robert Morris University in 1990 and graduated from law school in 1994.





The Honorable Cathleen Bubash won the May 2007 primary, receiving the highest number of votes of the four winning candidates. Judge Bubash will continue to serve in the Family Division where she was assigned upon her appointment. Judge Bubash had been a Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) since 1999 in the Northside of Pittsburgh where she presided in addition to presiding at Pittsburgh Municipal Court on a rotating schedule with other City of Pittsburgh MDJ's. While an MDJ, Judge Bubash was an active member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Special Court Judges Associations. An Allegheny County Public Defender from 1989-1995, Judge Bubash also had a private practice before becoming an MDJ. She clerked for New York City's NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund during the summer of 1984 and at Pittsburgh Neighborhood Legal Services Association for the previous nine months. Since 2004, the judge has taught on-line undergraduate and graduate law classes for California University of Pennsylvania, and has been an adjunct law faculty member for American Intercontinental University Online and Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC).

Judge Bubash graduated from law school in June 1985. After attending West Virginia University (1977-1980), she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with Distinction at the Pennsylvania State University in 1981. The judge's professional memberships include the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA) and its Women in the Law Division, Coalition of Labor Women, and she is a board member of CORO Center for Civic Leadership.



Judge McCarthy swears the oath of office as his wife, Janice, holds the bible.

The Honorable Michael E. McCarthy received the most votes of the four winning judicial candidates in the November 2007 election. Judge McCarthy has been serving in the Civil Division since his mid-year appointment and also adjudicates summary appeals. Prior to becoming a judge while a sole practitioner, he was the Special Hearing Master (1991-2007) and Administrative Chair (1994-2007) of the court's Board of Viewers. Judge McCarthy's employment history also includes township and borough solicitor, CCAC associate law professor, trial attorney, Assistant District Attorney, detective, and Regional Police Academy instructor.

A combat veteran of the Vietnam War having served as a Seabee in the United States Navy (1969-1972), Judge McCarthy was awarded the Seabee Veterans of America Can Do Award in 2004. He won the 1983 National Tax Moot Court Competition at Duquesne University School of Law, graduating in 1984. Before graduating from the Allegheny County Police Academy in 1979, the judge earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Duquesne University in 1976.

Judge McCarthy has been a member of the state and county bar associations, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, FBI National Academy Association, Municipal Solicitors Association, and the Phi Delta Phi, International Legal Fraternity. Among the judge's many civic interests, he is an active member of the ACBA's Military and Veterans Committee, chair of the American Bar Association's Western Pennsylvania Operation Enduring Lamp, volunteer chair of the YMCA's Camp Kon-O-Kwee restoration project, and a volunteer with other community organizations.



Judge McVay's sister, Mary Zappala, holds the bible while his brother-in-law, Stephen Zappala, Jr., Allegheny County District Attorney, administers the oath of office.

The Honorable John T. McVay, Jr., won election to the bench "highly recommended" by the ACBA. The new judge practiced public service law for 23 years prior to becoming a judge. As an assistant county solicitor for 17 years, he represented the Department of Children, Youth and Families. From 1993 to 1995 he served as general counsel for the county Housing Authority. While in private practice, he served three years as assistant solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh. Judge McVay will begin his judicial term in the Family Division's Juvenile Section.

Judge McVay graduated from law school in 1984 and earned a B.S. in Pharmacy from Duquesne University in 1980. He maintains an interest in medicine, working Saturday mornings as a pharmacist.



Judge Kim Clark presents Judge Johnson with a plaque in recognition of service.

The Honorable Livingstone M. Johnson

After 34 years on the Common Pleas bench, Judge Livingstone M. Johnson concluded his judiciary career at the age of 80. His last ten years were spent as a senior judge in the Civil Division. If retirement was not required by Pennsylvania statute because of age, there is no doubt Judge Johnson would be continuing his judicial duties. He has been honored throughout the years for his significant contribution to the fields of juvenile justice, child welfare, equal treatment under the law, and efforts to improve the quality of justice in our courts.

The Honorable Robert C. Gallo

The approval of Judge Robert C. Gallo's application for senior judge status was approved by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania effective January 1, 2008. First elected in 1989, Judge Gallo will continue to hear summary appeals and conduct ARD and PDQ proceedings as a senior judge. Unlike his colleagues who attended law schools, Judge Gallo became a licensed attorney through the Preceptorship Program. After four years of tutelage by a senior member of the bar, August Damian, Esquire, Judge Gallo passed the Pennsylvania Bar Examination in 1974 on his first attempt, the last person in Pennsylvania history to become a member of the bar in this manner. As a new attorney, Judge Gallo worked with the Damian law firm as an associate. He partnered with David Weiner, Esquire, in 1979, concentrating on employment law.

The Honorable R. Stanton Wettick, Jr.

A judge since 1976, Judge Wettick choose to request senior status at the end of 2007. The Family Division's administrative judge before moving to the Civil Division, Judge Wettick has served as the Civil Division's administrative judge for the last four years. Originally a gubernatorial judicial appointee, Judge Wettick won election to a full term beginning in January 1978 and was retained for two subsequent terms. In 1990, now-Superior Court Judge John L. Musmanno designated Judge Wettick a complex case judge. Handling property tax lawsuits and complex cases, Judge Wettick declared unconstitutional the state law that allows counties to use a base-year system for property assessments in June 2007. Judge Wettick has been responsible for the court-ordered newly formed Commerce/Complex Case Litigation Center since its creation in January.

The Honorable Cheryl Lynn Allen

Judge Cheryl Lynn Allen, a Court of Common Pleas judge since 1990, won election to Pennsylvania's Superior Court in November "highly recommended" by the Pennsylvania Bar Judicial Evaluation commission. She received the highest number of votes to receive the nomination in the primary. Judge Allen sat in the Family Division's Juvenile Section for 12 years before moving to the Criminal Division. As a lawyer for 15 years, she worked with Neighborhood Legal Services, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and the Allegheny County Law Department. Prior to earning her *Juris Doctor* degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Judge Allen was an elementary school teacher in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. She earned her undergraduate degree at the Pennsylvania State University. Judge Allen has received more than 35 awards and recognitions for community service and professional achievements, including YWCA's 2006 A Tribute to Women Award and the ACBA's Juvenile Justice Award.