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ANNUAL REPORT

The Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny

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PRESIDENT JUDGE & DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

We are pleased to present the 2016 Annual Report of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. This report summarizes the daily business operations of the Court and features activities and achievements, including the following:

- The Criminal Division continued to reduce the average time to disposition of criminal cases and the number of active pending cases.
- Pretrial Services expanded the use of a nationally validated pretrial risk assessment tool in eight magisterial district courts. Additional courts will begin using this assessment tool in 2017.
- New local rules governing the practice of law in the Orphans' Court were adopted on September 1, 2016 in response to a Pennsylvania Supreme Court Order issued in December 2015.
- The Family Division-Adult Section continued to improve *pro se* litigant and attorney access to the Court through the merging of the Adult Section Self-Help Center and Support Screening Units providing improved service for child support, custody, and protection from abuse matters.
- Adult Probation was awarded two technical assistance grants through the State Justice Institute and the Center for Court Innovation. These grant projects will improve evidence-based practices and will result in the development of a procedural justice curriculum.
- The Family Division-Children's Court collaborated with community organizations to establish a Safe Families Resource Center to provide safe, confidential areas for victims of abuse to confer with advocates and attorneys and to facilitate referral to appropriate services.
- The magisterial district courts implemented the Veterans Diversion Program, which redirects qualifying veterans with summary cases to treatment programs in collaboration with the Veterans Administration-Veterans Justice Outreach.
- Juvenile Probation participated as part of a cross-system team selected by Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform to attend the 2016 School-Justice Partnerships Certificate Program, the focus of which is to improve the attendance, behavior, and academic performance of juvenile-justice involved or at-risk students.
- The Civil Division continued the successful Mortgage Foreclosure Program, which helps homeowners avoid foreclosure through diversion of qualifying cases to mediation.
- The National Association for Court Management annual conference was held in Pittsburgh in July 2016 drawing hundreds of attendees from across the United States. Innovative programs and relevant issues were represented under the conference theme: *Making Connections: Integrative Leadership and Court Performance*. Panelists from the Fifth Judicial District, including judges and administrators, presented on topics including dependency, decision making tools, the role of court administrators and clerks in developing effective partnerships, and veterans treatment courts.



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Jeffrey A. Manning
President Judge



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Linda L. Kelly, Esq.
District Court Administrator

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PRESIDENT JUDGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE CIVIL DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE CRIMINAL DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FAMILY DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE ORPHANS' DIVISION

DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

CIVIL DIVISION

Torts, Contract Disputes,
Malpractice Cases,
Other Civil Cases
Arbitration
Board of Viewers

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Murder, Felony, and
Misdemeanor Cases
Pretrial Services
Adult Probation

FAMILY DIVISION

Adult Section
Divorce
Child Support

Juvenile Section
Delinquency
Juvenile Probation

Children's Court
Dependency
Custody
Adoptions
Protection from Abuse

ORPHANS' DIVISION

Wills and Estates
Civil Commitments
Guardianships
Adoptions

MINOR JUDICIARY

46 Magisterial District Courts
Pittsburgh Municipal Court

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Court Reporters
Fiscal Management
Information Technology
Human Resource Management
Jury Management and Operations
Policy and Process Development
Facilities Management
Office of Conflict Counsel
Minor Judiciary Administration

SUMMARY APPEALS

Traffic and Non-Traffic
Citation Appeals
License Suspension Appeals
Appeals from Local
and State Agencies

HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dan Reilly, Facilities Manager for the Court since 2005, was presented with the Allegheny County Exemplary Employee Award at a ceremony held on August 15, 2016.

Following the review of nominations by County Manager William D. McKain, CPA, the Exemplary Employee Award is presented periodically throughout the year in recognition of exceptional achievements by a county employee or employee group.

Prior to 2005, Dan worked for Allegheny County since 1987 for the Jail, Property and Supplies, and Computer Services. Dan currently responds to all facilities help desk calls, operates as project manager for a wide variety of rehabilitation and repair undertakings, and orchestrates relocations of judicial officers and court personnel. He is extremely well organized and flexible and approaches tasks with an eye towards delivering a quality product balanced with budgetary reality.

A joint Proclamation was issued by Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald along with Allegheny County Council Member John Palmiere and the full Council honoring Dan for his efficiency and productivity in his role with the Fifth Judicial District. ■



L-R: Deputy County Manager Barbara Pareas, District Court Administrator Linda L. Kelly, Deputy County Manager Steve Pilarski, Facilities Manager Dan Reilly, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, President Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, Chief of Staff Jennifer Liptak, and County Manager William McKain celebrate with Dan Reilly who was honored with the Exemplary Employee Award on August 15, 2016.



Photo courtesy of Laurel Hungerford.

Research & Quality Assurance Manager Kathryn Collins was a panelist at the National Association for Court Management Conference held in Pittsburgh, PA in July 2016.

National Association for Court Management Annual Conference

The National Association for Court Management (NACM) held its annual conference July 11-14, 2016 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, drawing hundreds of attendees from across the United States. Innovative programs and multiple areas of court interest were represented under the conference theme: *Making Connections: Integrative Leadership and Court Performance*. Panelists from the Fifth Judicial District including Administrative Judge Kim Berkeley Clark, Criminal Division Administrator Thomas McCaffrey, Systems Analyst & Project Manager John Matyasovsky, Juvenile Justice Planner Melanie King, Research & Quality Assurance Manager Kathryn Collins, Problem Solving Court Coordinator Courtney Chorba, Assistant Manager Amy M. Ross, and Judge William F. Ward (Ret.) presented on subjects related to court policies and practices associated with dependency, decision making tools, the role of court administrators and clerks in developing effective partnerships, and veterans treatment courts. ■

Judge David L. Spurgeon Appointed to Serve in the Fifth Judicial District

Judge David L. Spurgeon was nominated by Governor Tom Wolf and confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate on June 29, 2016 to serve as a judicial officer of the Fifth Judicial District, County of Allegheny. Judge Donna Jo McDaniel administered the Oath of Office in a public ceremony on August 1, 2016.

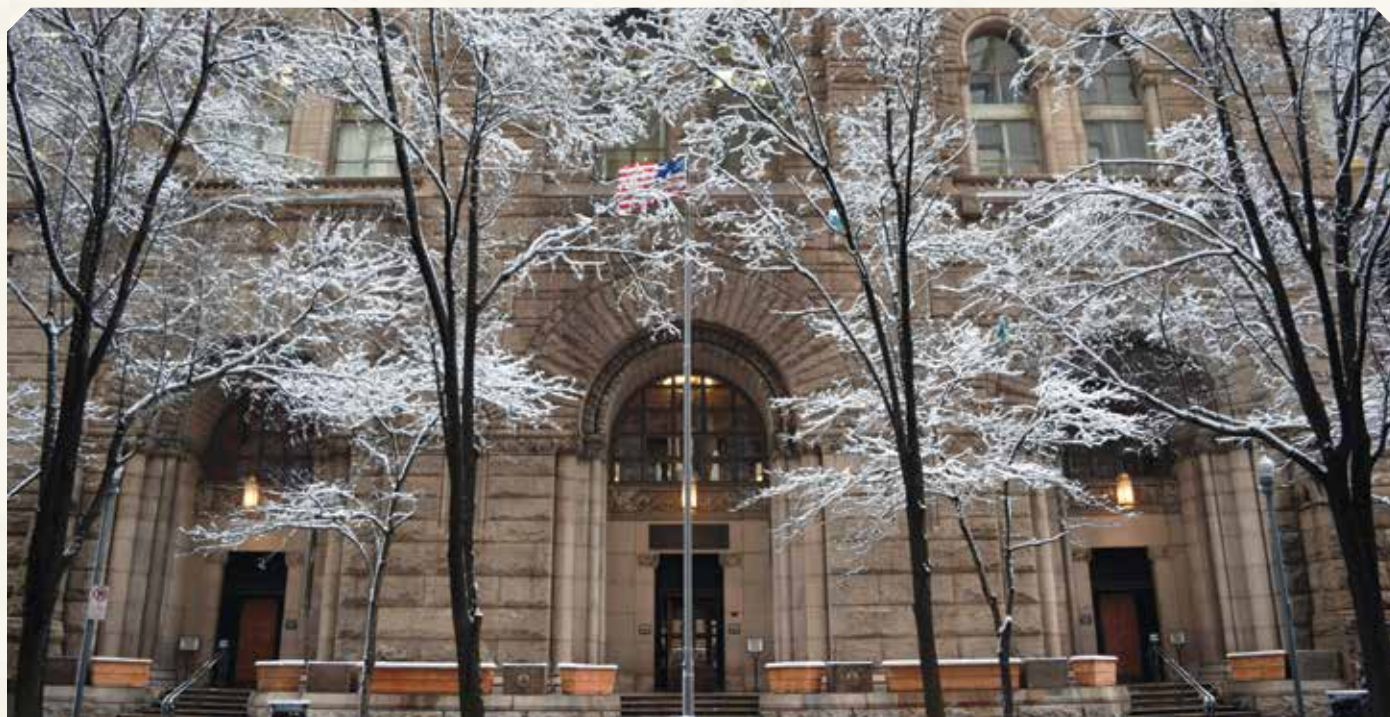
Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Spurgeon began his career in public service in the Allegheny County District Attorney's office in 1998 where he prosecuted misdemeanors, felonies, and homicides. He was promoted within the office in 2001 to the Domestic Violence Unit and again in 2009 to Deputy District Attorney where he supervised the Domestic Violence Unit at Pittsburgh Municipal Court and the Mental Health Court Unit. He graduated cum laude from Duquesne University in 1993 with a Bachelor's Degree in a double major of Political Science and German and received his law degree in 1996 from the Duquesne University School of Law. Upon passing the bar, he worked as a law firm associate in private practice focusing on insurance defense and personal injury.



Judge David L. Spurgeon takes the oath of office while his father, Robert A. Spurgeon, holds the Bible.

Judge Spurgeon currently serves as adjunct faculty at Point Park University's School of Criminal Justice and at Duquesne University School of Law. His community involvement includes participation on the Board of Directors at the Center for Victims and White Oak Animal Safe Haven.

Judge Spurgeon has been assigned to the Family Division of the Court where he hears delinquency, dependency, and protection from abuse cases. ■



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Administrator



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FAMILY DIVISION JUDGES



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FAMILY DIVISION – ADULT SECTION

The Family Division's 17 commissioned judges and three senior judges continued to address the large volume of Adult Section cases in a fair and impartial manner utilizing the one judge/one family assignment system. The judges were assisted in this process via the Division's monthly trainings planned and implemented by the judges and administrative staff. These trainings supplemented the external training available to the judges from various sources and are part of the judges' commitment to participate in ongoing continuing education on a voluntary basis in advance of the education requirement being implemented by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2017.

The Adult Section played a significant role in contributing to Pennsylvania finishing second among the 56 states and territories in the six federal performance measurements of the child support enforcement program (*see chart*). Allegheny County exceeded the statewide average in four of the six categories. By exceeding 80 percent in all five performance benchmarks, the court received the maximum amount of possible performance-based federal funding. Allegheny County is often lauded as the national leader among urban jurisdictions in federal child support performance. In 2016, the court collected and distributed approximately \$123 million to families and reduced the aggregate amount of arrears owed by \$3.4 million.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FEDERAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2016

Support Order	90.85%
Paternity Establishment	109.65%
Current Payment	83.49%
Arrearage Payment	83.93%
Cost Effectiveness	100%

The Adult Section continued to expand upon and enhance *pro se* (self-represented) litigant and attorney access to the court, which was a significant aspect of the court's strategic plan.

As 2016 drew to a close, plans were made to celebrate the two-year anniversary of the opening of the Penn Hills community-based regional office located at 1200 Frankstown Road. The Penn Hills and South Hills office, located at 250 Mt. Lebanon Boulevard in Castle Shannon, greatly expand and improve litigant access to the court. Litigants are able to visit these regional offices to file for child support, modify existing orders, and obtain information about their case(s).

Litigants are able to file child support complaints and modification petitions by mail without appearing in person. In 2016, 241 support complaints or modification petitions were received via mail and processed by the court. Litigants and/or their attorneys may also submit support complaints and modification petitions via an electronic process available through the Pennsylvania Child Support website. Court staff continues to refine this process which has proven to be a popular innovation. In 2016, the court processed 635 new support complaints and 918 modification petitions which were submitted electronically.

The Adult Section Self-Help Center and Support Screening Units merged in 2016 to provide litigants with a "one stop shop" approach to issues addressed by the Family Division, including child support, custody, and protection from abuse. The Self-Help Center staff is available to answer questions, file modification petitions, and provide information to litigants. During 2016, the Self-Help Center served 7,643 *pro se* litigants and 2,303 attorneys on a "walk-in" basis, representing service on over 11,577 cases. In addition, the Adult Section continued its practice of remaining open during non-traditional evening hours allowing employed parents to address support issues, and 201 individuals were served during Wednesday evening "Night Court" hours, representing 565 cases. Forty-nine (49) new Intake cases were filed and processed in Night Court.

FAMILY DIVISION – ADULT SECTION (CONTINUED)

FAMILY DIVISION – CHILD SUPPORT

Support – Original Filings	2015	2016
Complaints Added (PACSES)	7,949	7,969
Support – Secondary Filings		
Modifications	10,043	9,554
Contempt Hearings	14,507	12,525
Total	24,550	22,079
Support – Judicial		
Support Contempt Hearings	657	647
Exceptions	205	168
Total	862	815
Support – Hearing Officer		
Hearing Officer Hearings	4,424	4,130
Hearing Master Complex Support	252	222
Total	4,676	4,352
Support – Professional Staff		
Screening	19,009	16,802
Conciliation	13,815	13,146
Contempt Hearings Conducted	14,507	12,525
Total	47,331	42,473

The court continued to offer a *pro se* motions/ legal assistance clinic program in conjunction with the court-operated Self-Help Center. Income eligible participants are able to obtain assistance in the preparation of motions and Family Division pleadings. This assistance, provided by law students from the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University Law Schools and augmented by *pro bono* attorneys through the Allegheny County Bar Association, has proven to be beneficial to judges and court staff who are not permitted to provide legal advice to litigants.

Recognizing the increasing reliance of the general public on technological communication tools, the Adult Section implemented the practice of reminding litigants via text messages and emails of upcoming hearings and court proceedings. This has improved appearance rates and reduced the issuance of default orders. The Adult Section also initiated “text projects” to remind support obligors

of financial obligations. These initiatives and other similar projects have resulted in the payment of significant sums toward current support and arrearages.

Phone Power is an ongoing project through which delinquent obligors are contacted during evening hours. In 2016, 6,259 telephone calls resulted in over \$116,000 in additional support monies being paid, and 63 new wage attachments were generated to ensure ongoing regular collection of support directly from employers. Additionally, early intervention calls are made to defendants shortly after their court appearances reminding them to make the first payment towards newly entered support obligations in order to avoid automated enforcement remedies.

In 2016, the court’s seven full-time hearing officers and two complex support masters conducted 4,352 support hearings. Hearings at the Family Law Center and the Penn Hills and South Hills community-based regional offices can be conducted by audio/visual means with litigants and/or their attorney appearing in any of the three locations. Domestic Relations Officer conferences may also be conducted via telephone with parties in different offices.

In most instances, support hearings are preceded by conferences conducted by Domestic Relations Officers in an attempt to allow litigants and/or attorneys to resolve the amount of support without the need for a hearing. The court conducted 25,671 conferences in 2016 resulting in a consent order in approximately 85 percent of the cases.

Family Adult continues to place a particular emphasis on providing resources to its Employment Search Program, an initiative that provides a structured job search environment to assist delinquent obligors in finding and maintaining employment. During 2016, program staff worked with over 805 individuals in exploring employment and training opportunities with the court’s significant list of employment search partners. As 2016 drew to a close, 1,259 conferences and reviews had been conducted. Over 325 individuals in the program have obtained gainful, steady employment and follow-up services have been provided to over 900 individuals.

Due to frequent revisions to laws, rules, and regulations and the need to stay abreast of new developments, the Adult Section places an important emphasis on training. The Adult Section continues to work collaboratively with the Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement Training Institute (PACSETI), an outreach service of Penn State University, to provide education to employees at no cost to Allegheny County. In 2016, 227 employees attended 69 classes totaling 328 training hours. The Adult Section's supervisors and managers collaborated with PACSETI instructors to create the curriculum for several classes. In addition, the Section conducted 15 in-house trainings.

Family Adult continues to be actively involved with many organizations that provide training and support for the federal and state child support program including the National Child Support Enforcement Association, the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association, and the Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania. Section staff serves in leadership roles for these organizations which enables the court to have input into the development of the program at the state, regional, and national levels.

FAMILY DIVISION – DIVORCE

Divorce – Original Filings	2015	2016
Filed	2,578	2,641
Divorce – Judicial		
Contested	655	487
Divorce – Hearing Officer/Master		
Contested	139	134
Uncontested	2	3
Total	141	137
Divorce – Professional Staff		
Uncontested	1,712	1,855

There were 2,641 divorce cases filed in 2016, 63 more filings than in 2015. Divorce cases numbering 2,479 were disposed of with the entry of a divorce decree. The judges of the Adult Section also conciliated 721 equitable distribution matters and conducted equitable distribution hearings in 487 cases. Three Masters conducted 137 equitable distribution hearings in 2016. ■



The Family Division Call Center, established in 1980, is located in the County-Office Building and is staffed by 19 representatives who provide customer service to litigants in Allegheny County regarding Adult Section matters. On average, the Call Center receives 525 inquiries a day including 355 telephone calls, 50 IVR messages, 30 emails, 75 written correspondence requests via fax or postal service, and 15 online requests.

FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE SECTION

The Juvenile Probation Department's guiding principle remains the implementation of Balanced and Restorative Justice, the goals of which are protecting the community, holding juveniles accountable to restore victims and communities, and helping juveniles develop competency skills that lead to law abiding and productive citizenship.

Evidence-Based Practice in Juvenile Probation

- **Risk/Needs Assessment**
Since 2012, Allegheny County probation officers have assessed juveniles using the Youth Level of Service Risk/Needs Assessment (YLS) prior to filing a delinquency petition. The YLS examines eight criminogenic factors that research indicates are related to delinquent behavior, and the results are incorporated into the probation officer's pre-disposition report to the court and supervision plan for the juvenile.
- **Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™)**
Allegheny County Juvenile Probation is one of 11 departments in Pennsylvania engaged in SPEP™ activities which seek to improve programming for juveniles, thereby reducing their risk to re-offend. The SPEP™ process analyzes specific provider services or interventions, reviews the type, quality, and amount of service provided, and the risk level of youth. An individualized performance improvement plan is also developed. Throughout 2016, over 30 separate interventions at more than 20 residential and community-based provider locations have been evaluated by the Allegheny County SPEP team using this specialized protocol.
- **Detention Risk Assessment**
Allegheny County Juvenile Probation is one of a few juvenile jurisdictions in Pennsylvania to fully implement the Pennsylvania Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (PaDRAI), which helps probation officers decide which juveniles should be securely detained and which individuals can be released to an alternative to detention pending a formal hearing.
- **Graduated Responses**
The Department has developed an array of graduated rewards and sanctions to help move juveniles toward law abiding, productive citizenship. Research indicates that the reward/sanction ratio of 4:1 can be an effective tool in positively shaping a juvenile's behavior.
- **Motivational Interviewing**
A collaborative conversation style for strengthening motivation and commitment to change, originally developed for the addictions field, has been adopted for use by probation officers to facilitate behavior changes in juveniles.
- **Aggression Replacement Training**
Aggression Replacement Training® (ART) is a cognitive behavioral intervention that improves social skills, moral reasoning, and anger management while reducing aggressive behavior. The program runs 10 weeks and includes 30 sessions of intervention training and skill development for high-risk youth. In 2015, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency awarded Juvenile Probation a two-year grant to strengthen its delivery of ART at the Community Intensive Supervision Program Centers and by private providers. Allegheny County Juvenile Probation has served 245 youth under this grant exceeding its goal by 120 with two quarters remaining in the grant period.

Juvenile Probation Activities

- **School-Justice Partnership**
Juvenile Probation assembled a cross-system, cross-discipline team to explore implementing a School-Justice Partnership in Allegheny County. Under the leadership of Judge Dwayne D. Woodruff, Allegheny County was one of seven teams selected by Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform to attend the 2016 School-Justice Partnerships Certificate Program. The team has since focused on improving the attendance, behavior, and academic performance of juvenile-justice involved or at-risk students.
- **Crossover Youth Practice Model**
Under the leadership of Judge Guido A. DeAngelis, the Crossover Youth Protocol was implemented in early 2016. Developed by members of Juvenile Probation (JP) and Children Youth and Families (CYF), the Protocol guides the day-to-day activities of probation officers and caseworkers involved with youth active in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. To support this initiative, JP and the Department of Human Services collaborated to improve data sharing.



The Juvenile Probation Training Unit was nominated for the Juvenile Court Judges Commission/Court Operated Program of the Year in 2016. **Pictured L-R:** Probation Officer Sean Sprankle, Probation Supervisor Lisa Rusko, Probation Officer Brian Barnhart, Assistant Chief Probation Officer John Fiscante.

- **Disproportionate Minority Contact**
Juvenile Probation's Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency ended in 2016. This grant allowed Allegheny County Juvenile Probation to deliver a curriculum to local law enforcement officers and youth that brought police and youth together in a neutral setting to speak freely about their interactions on the street. Police and youth built competencies that addressed DMC related issues by interacting and role playing. During this 30-month project, Juvenile Probation held six DMC forums for approximately 200 people (98 youth and 102 law enforcement officers). Comparing pre- and post-questionnaires reveals that youth and law enforcement had a better understanding of each other's perspectives following the trainings. The Center for Children's Law and Policy trained approximately 120 Allegheny County juvenile probation staff on issues regarding Racial and Ethnic Disparities clarifying the differences between disparity and disproportionality.
- **National Conferences**
Two Juvenile Probation staff represented Allegheny County by speaking at national conferences in 2016. Juvenile Justice Planner Melanie King participated in the *From Data to Doing: Creating Decision Making Tools for a 21st Century Court* panel discussion which took place at the National Association for Court Management Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. David Evrard, Assistant Chief, presented at a workshop on juvenile probation recidivism rates at the American Probation and Parole Association's Annual Training Institute along with National Center for Juvenile Justice researchers.

FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE SECTION (CONTINUED)

JUVENILE PROBATION

Allegations	2016
New Allegations ¹	1,313
Reopened Cases ²	409
Additional Allegation Filed with New or Reopened ³	69
New Allegation on Active Juvenile ⁴	1,016
Judicial	
Hearings ⁵	7,333
Warrants	1,343
Total	8,676
Hearing Officer	
Detention Hearings	1,448
Other Hearings	1,225
Total	2,673
Professional Staff	
Detention Hearings	1,448
Other Hearings	8,558
Warrants	1,343
Individualized Service Plan Meetings	507
Intakes – Allegations Received	2,807
Petitions Filed	1,625
Case Contacts ⁶	64,294
Total	80,582

¹ New allegations represent the first allegation received on an individual juvenile.

² After a juvenile's case is closed, it is reopened when a new allegation is received.

³ When multiple allegations for a new or reopened case are filed simultaneously, only one allegation is counted as "new" or "reopened." Additional allegations are reported separately under this category.

⁴ Allegations filed against juveniles currently under supervision.

⁵ Includes detention and all other hearing types.

⁶ Juvenile Probation Officers have regular contact with juveniles under supervision.

The Juvenile Probation Department was one of four counties from Pennsylvania selected to participate in a federal Second Chance Act grant, which seeks to reduce recidivism by 50 percent for the highest risk juveniles. The Department will hire two full-time Reintegration Specialists to work within its CISP program to help youth acquire career and technical training and full-time employment upon their return to the community from a residential commitment.

Allegheny County is working with Temple University's Juvenile Justice Translational Research on Interventions for Adolescents in the Legal System (JJ-TRIALS) project, a cooperative research initiative funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The goal of JJ-TRIALS is to identify and test strategies for improving the delivery of evidence-based substance abuse prevention and treatment services for justice-involved youth.

Pennsylvania's Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) mission requires that juveniles be held accountable for crimes committed and that they fulfill court-ordered restitution obligations to victims before supervision is terminated. Restitution not paid in full when an individual attains age 21 is indexed as a judgment with the Department of Court Records and the court's jurisdiction ends. In 2016, Juvenile Probation oversaw the collection of \$246,964 in restitution, fees, and costs. Of this total, \$141,262 was repaid to victims for losses incurred, \$17,548 was paid to the Victim Compensation Fund, and \$8,963 was directed to the stipend fund for victim restitution. The remaining \$79,191 includes court fees and costs incurred by juvenile offenders.

Of the 1,172 cases closed during 2016, 88 percent successfully completed supervision without re-offending, 85 percent paid restitution in full, and 90 percent completed community service obligations in full. ■

CASE CLOSING INFORMATION 2016

Supervision Status at Case Closing		Number of Cases Closed	Average Length of Supervision
All		1,172	14 months
Adjudicated Delinquent (e.g., Probation or Placement)		419	26 months
Consent Decree ¹		308	9 months
Informal Adjustment ²		425	4 months
Juvenile Turned 21 and Still Owed Restitution		20	63 months

Accountability	Number of Youth Ordered	Amount Ordered	Amount Completed / Paid	Completed / Paid in Full	Completed / Paid 50% or more
Community Service	702	26,035 hours	28,164 hours	90%	93%
Restitution	353	\$234,680	\$156,352	85%	89%
Three Hour Victim Awareness Curriculum	613		604	99%	100%

Community Protection	Number of Youth	% of Closed Cases
Violation of Probation	110	9%
New Adjudication	141	12%

Competency Development	% of Closed Cases
Attended School, Vocational Program, or GED Training or Employed at Time of Case Closing	80%

¹ A consent decree is when probation recommends that a youth's case proceed and a delinquency petition be filed, but also recommends that the youth's proceedings be suspended upon agreement to a probation plan.

² An informal adjustment is when a youth may live at home, but must follow the rules issued by the probation officer for up to six months, at which time the charges will be dismissed.



Cathy Thomas was presented with the 2016 Allegheny County Juvenile Court Judges Commission/Juvenile Court Support Service Award. **Pictured L-R:** Assistant Chief Probation Officer David Evrard, Administrative Services Supervisor Cathy Thomas, and Administrator/Chief Probation Officer Russell Carlino.



Makeida Thompson, Melissa Whitenight, and Neal McFarland were sworn in as probation officers on October 6, 2016 during Juvenile Justice Week. **Pictured L-R:** Probation Officers Brian Barnhart, Jamie Hurst, and Makeida Thompson, Probation Supervisor Lisa Rusko, and Probation Officers Melissa Whitenight and Neal McFarland.

FAMILY DIVISION – CHILDREN’S SECTION

Allegheny County and Children’s Court celebrated the opening of the new Safe Families Resource Center in the Family Law Center in July 2016. Working in collaboration with Child Watch of Pittsburgh, Allies for Children, and the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation, the Center was established to provide confidential areas for victims of abuse to confer with advocates and attorneys, complete lethality assessments, and obtain referrals for needed services. A self-contained, private play space for children and separate secure waiting and check-in areas for plaintiffs and defendants are included in the Center.



Children’s Court celebrated the opening of the Safe Families Resource Center in July 2016. **Pictured L-R:** Anne Lewis, Allies for Children Board member and Board Chair, Oxford Development Company; Judge Jeffrey A. Manning, President Judge, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas; Martha Isler, Board President Allies for Children and Public Policy Consultant; Judith Horgan, Board Vice President, Allies for Children and Founder, Child Watch of Pittsburgh; Judge Kim Berkeley Clark, Administrative Judge Allegheny County Family Division; Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald; Lynette Lederman, National Council of Jewish Women Executive Assistant; Patrick Dowd, Executive Director, Allies for Children; Pamela W. Golden, Executive Director Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation; Lorraine Bittner, Esq., Legal and Associate Director, Women’s Center and Shelter.

The Protection From Abuse (PFA) Department provides emergency services on a daily basis for adult and child victims of domestic and family violence. In 2016, the department served 4,445 PFA applicants and managed the scheduling and processing of 10,662 preliminary, final, and indirect criminal contempt hearings.

CHILDREN’S COURT PROTECTION FROM ABUSE (PFA)

Temporary PFA Applicants Screened

Temporary PFA Order Granted by Judge	3,631
Petitions Denied	134
Petition not filed after initial application	680

Total 4,445

Final PFA Hearings

New	3,682
Continued	1,178

Total 4,860

Indirect Criminal Contempt Hearings

New	882
Continued	475

Total 1,357





The Family Division was honored by the Allegheny County Health Department and the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program for creating a lactation room within the Family Law Center for employees. Judge Guido A. DeAngelis and Family Division Human Resources Administrator Kristen Nestor worked together to develop and implement this program and accepted an award in recognition of their efforts. **Pictured L-R:** WIC Director Patricia Waag; Kyle Craig, Program Administrator, Children and Family Programs for the Allegheny County Health Department; Kristen Nestor, Human Resources Administrator, Family Division; Judge Guido A. DeAngelis, Court of Common Pleas Family Division; and Diane Eberle, Public Health Administrator for the Allegheny County Health Department.

As a follow-up to a 2015 site visit and the issuance of a report by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Trauma Auditors, the PFA department worked closely with NCJFCJ and the Center for Court Innovation throughout 2016 to implement recommendations and best practices for intimate partner and family violence cases and make improvements to courthouse safety and space. These efforts included an additional site visit by NCJFCJ representatives to the Family Law Center in April 2016, attendance at a model integrated court open house in June 2016, and two specialized domestic violence trainings conducted by the NCJFCJ for all Family Division judges. Additionally, the Allegheny County Children's Court Roundtable created a Family Violence Workgroup which is co-chaired by Judge Daniel D. Regan and Hearing Officer Carla Hobson.

The Cross-Over Youth Practice Model (CYPM), developed by Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, is designed to improve outcomes for youth involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Overseen by Judge Guido A. DeAngelis, the project realized its first full year of implementation in 2016. Cross-systems teams trained caseworkers, juvenile probation officers, administrative and court staff, and others. Outcome measures will be analyzed internally by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Juvenile Probation, and Children's Court, and externally with Georgetown's data team. Monthly case reviews and joint supervisor and core leadership meetings ensured fidelity to the model.

Judges Dwayne D. Woodruff, Paul E. Cozza, and Guido A. DeAngelis, Children's Court Administrator Cynthia Stoltz, Esquire, and Cross-Systems Coordinator Marsha Landers served as faculty for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges national annual conference in July 2016. An international audience of judges and court leaders were presented with information regarding the court's initiatives to meet the unique educational needs of multi-system involved youth.

The objective of the newly developed Allegheny County Capstone School Justice Partnership project is to partner with local school districts to introduce a diversionary program for specific low-level offenses, combined with a cross-system support network to focus on root causes of disruptive behavior. Restorative practices to promote positive youth development will be emphasized while holding youth accountable. This project compliments the Cross-Over Youth Practice Project. Key system partners include juvenile justice, child welfare, law enforcement, and community resources. Working together, the partnership will promote safe, respectful, and supportive learning environments while reserving the use of punitive measures, including suspension, arrest, and summons, for the most egregious cases.

FAMILY DIVISION – CHILDREN’S SECTION (CONTINUED)

The Children’s Court Children’s Roundtable, a component of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s statewide Roundtable initiative, convened four meetings in 2016 focusing on family violence, youth voice, and trauma informed practices. Workgroups, led by judges and community leaders, met monthly and implemented best practice measures, including court policies and procedures, aimed at improving dependency and related family violence and child custody systems. Significant initiatives in 2016 included:

- Older Youth Benchcard and Youth Survey spearheaded by Judge Jennifer S. McCrady and the DHS DARE team.
- Focus on Attendance Model Project with DHS and the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Addiction and treatment protocols for early assessment and court review/provider intervention convened by Senior Judge Kathleen R. Mulligan.
- The Improving Permanency for Children core leader team, led by Judge Paul E. Cozza, implemented a courtroom checklist which was adopted by the State of Pennsylvania as a part of a statewide project in 2016. The team also led efforts, under the direction of Administrative Judge Kim Berkeley Clark, to revise model court/Children Youth and Families forms and court orders to find family resources for youth, improve staffing and proceedings before Children’s Court hearing officers, and utilize critical data including courtroom observations to inform court practices.
- In August 2016, over 90 community leaders were convened at the Youth Support Partners Center to review the past year’s recommendations of eight workgroups. Joined by state leaders including Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Max Baer, Roundtable members engaged with more than 40 former court-involved youth in dialogue on recent changes in the law to improve youth experiences in the foster care system.

CHILDREN’S COURT – CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY

Dependency Orders	2015	2016
Adjudication	941	1,082
Aggravated Circumstances	96	93
Bypass	27	26
Emergency Protective Custody	1,314	1,340
Permanency Review	6,066	6,200
Resumption of Jurisdiction	21	15
Shelter Care	1,332	1,327
Termination of Court Supervision	863	906
Total	10,660	10,989

Secondary Filings

Termination of Parental Rights Petitions	194	248
Adoption Petitions	197	181
Total	391	429

Hearing Officer

Recommendations Issued	5,394	6,067
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Professional Staff

Bypass Processing	27	26
Emergency Protective Custody Processing	1,314	1,340
Permanent Legal Custody Modification Processing	63	52
Private/Police Petition Processing	306	190
Total	1,710	1,608

Family Division Judges and Hearing Officers participated in numerous educational sessions throughout 2016 in an effort to continue to build cultural competence. Melissa Perkins of PERSAD Center and Joanne Goodall of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh facilitated a discussion regarding issues of sexual orientation, gender identification, and expression as they relate to parents and youth involved in custody, child welfare, and juvenile delinquency matters. Juvenile Court Hearing Officers attended a special event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Office of Children and Families in the Courts which focused on best practices including motivational interviewing skills and an understanding of prudent parenting standards.

In 2016, 2,279 adults attended the Generations custody education seminar and learned how conflict impacts their children, successful ways to improve communication with the other parent or party, and the importance of developmentally appropriate custody arrangements. Additionally, 689 children between the ages of six and 15 attended the children's session of the educational seminar where they participated in group activities, discussed changing families, and had an opportunity to share personal experiences with their peers. One thousand five hundred sixteen (1,516) mediations were conducted to help parties resolve custody disputes. Professional staff converted 201 parenting agreements after mediation into final custody consent orders.

Parties are not always able to resolve all of their issues through the Generations program. Domestic Relations Officers administered 1,171 conciliations and 387 contempt conferences in 2016. Professional staff also processed 91 walk-in custody consent orders. Clerical staff in the department continues to provide support and assistance to thousands of litigants in person and over the phone.

The Intensive Mental Health/Drug & Alcohol Program for Assessment, Coordinated Services & Treatment Referral (IMPACT) Project assists in child custody and dependency cases by coordinating mental health and drug/alcohol treatment resources for parents. The Children's Court, the Allegheny County Health Department, and the Department of Human Services collaborated to provide this unique, on-site center located in the Family Law Center which is staffed by individuals from the Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health Justice Related Services Unit. Judges, hearing officers, and court staff refer clients to the on-site center for drug testing/screening, comprehensive behavioral health assessment and evaluation, and assistance with coordinated case management. ■

CHILDREN'S COURT – CUSTODY

Generations Education Seminar

Adults	2,279
Children	689

Total 2,968

Custody – Original Filings

Custody Compliant	1,726
Divorce Compliant with Custody	297

Total 2,023

Custody – Secondary Filings

Modification	972
Contempt/Enforcement	393
Reinstatement	107

Total 1,472

Custody – Judicial

Hearings	844
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Custody – Hearing Officer

Partial Custody Hearings	524
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Custody – Professional Staff

Mediations	1,516
Conciliations	1,171
Contempt Conferences	387

Total 3,074

CIVIL DIVISION JUDGES



FIRST ROW

Christine A. Ward
Paul F. Luty, Jr.
Michael F. Marmo
Michael A. Della Vecchia

SECOND ROW

Michael E. McCarthy
Arnold I. Klein
Alan D. Hertzberg
Timothy Patrick O'Reilly
W. Terrence O'Brien
Robert J. Colville

NOT PICTURED

Ronald W. Folino
Judith L. A. Friedman
Joseph M. James
R. Stanton Wettick, Jr.

CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division processes general docket cases, jury and non-jury trials, and includes the Arbitration division, the Commercial and Complex Litigation Center, the Board of Viewers, and Calendar Control.

Ten commissioned judges and four senior judges preside over conciliations, arguments, jury, and non-jury trials under the leadership of the Honorable Ronald W. Folino, who has served as Administrative Judge for the past three years. In his role overseeing Calendar Control, Judge Folino continued to preside over all conciliations and motions relating to cases that were placed on a published trial list. The following matters were processed in 2016:

- Cases conciliated from the trial list 299
- Uncontested motions 1,054
- Contested motions 634
- Arbitration cases continued 90



Civil Division Judges were also assigned the following specific matters in addition to customary workloads:

Judge Robert J. Colville

Allegheny County Alcoholic Beverage Tax cases

Judge Michael A. Della Vecchia

Backlogged asbestos and eminent domain cases

Judge Ronald W. Folino

Administrative Judge and Calendar Control Judge

Judge Judith L. A. Friedman

Housing Authority cases

Judge Alan D. Hertzberg

Housing Authority appeals and prisoner litigation

Judge Joseph M. James

Zoning Board appeals and election petitions

Judge Arnold I. Klein

Asbestos cases

Judge Paul F. Luty, Jr.

Miscellaneous cases

Judge Michael F. Marmo

Regular and expedited asbestos litigation

Judge Michael E. McCarthy

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure program and structured settlements

Judge W. Terrence O'Brien

Office of Open Records appeals and Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board cases

Judge Timothy Patrick O'Reilly

Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board cases

Judge Christine A. Ward

Commerce and complex litigation cases and construction cases

Judge R. Stanton Wettick, Jr.

Commerce and complex litigation cases, class action and toxic substance cases, Water Authority appeals, and general and special motions related to Arbitration cases

CIVIL DIVISION (CONTINUED)

MATTERS PROCESSED BY CIVIL DIVISION JUDGES

General Argument List

(Includes arguments on motions for Summary Judgment and Judgment on the Pleadings)

Adjudicated cases	523
Cases re-listed for hearing	17

Pre-Trial Conciliations

Settled	516
Transferred to Arbitration	22
Stricken from issue	0
Transferred to Bankruptcy Court	5
Transferred to another division/section	3
Cases relisted by the Calendar Control Judge	273
Summary Judgment granted	5
Cases scheduled for jury and non-jury trial	396

Disposition of Cases Called for Trial

*739 cases were called for trial
(299 jury and 440 non-jury)*

Jury verdicts	61
Non-jury verdicts	283
Settled prior to trial	279
Continued	77
Transferred to Federal Bankruptcy Court	9
Non-suits	3
Other	27

Judge Michael F. Marmo continued to preside over asbestos cases along with Judge Arnold I. Klein, who was transferred from the Family Division to the Civil Division in January 2016. Asbestos cases involve intricate causation issues related to death and serious bodily injury, a large number of defendants, and multiple theories of liability and defense. Cases managed under the court's "regular" and "expedited" dockets pursuant to the case management order filed at Administrative Docket #332 of 2005, as amended in August 2012, continue to be supervised by Judges Marmo and Klein. Cases managed under the court's "backlog" docket pursuant to Administrative Docket #202 of 2005, as amended in 2010, remained under the supervision of Judge Michael A. Della Vecchia.

Judge Michael E. McCarthy continued to preside over conciliations conducted through the Mortgage Foreclosure Program, which is a collaborative effort between public and private sector entities to address the increasing number of property foreclosures in Allegheny County. This mediation program diverts owner-occupied residential foreclosure actions into homeowner counseling and conciliation between homeowners and lenders. In 2016, 546 cases were conciliated in the Civil Division under this program. Thirty-five (35) percent of homes have been saved from foreclosure since the program's implementation. For details regarding the program, visit www.alleghenycourts.us/civil/foreclosure.aspx.

Judges Christine A. Ward and R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. continued to adjudicate cases transferred to the Commerce and Complex Litigation Center. Cases categorized as "Commerce" are subject-matter based and include shareholder derivative suits, mergers and acquisitions, and intellectual property and trade secrets. "Complex Litigation" cases are based on the complexities of the issues, the amount in controversy, and the length of time required for trial.

During 2016, judges presiding in motions court issued 7,403 orders and processed 546 preliminary objections, 124 preliminary injunctions, 369 non-jury PA.R.C.P. 1303 hearings, and conducted 687 various other hearings.

Therese Kovac retired on September 2, 2016 following 25 years of service with the Fifth Judicial District, 23 of which were served as Executive Assistant to Judge Ronald W. Folino. Linda Antolik, who served as secretary to Judge R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. for 40 years, retired in December 2016. They are applauded for their dedicated service to the Fifth Judicial District and are wished a happy, healthy retirement.

In addition to volunteering their time and expertise to organizations, charitable institutions, and the community, Civil Division judges served as presenters and panelist in continuing education seminars, including:

- **PBI/PBA 29th Annual Civil Litigation Update**
March 16, 2016, Pittsburgh, PA
Presenter – Judge Alan D. Herzberg
Topic: *Trial Practical Evidence*
- **PBI CLE**
August 16, 2016, Pittsburgh, PA
Speaker – Judge Michael E. McCarthy
Topic: *Medical Malpractice Update*
- **Pennsylvania Association for Justice**
November 15, 2016, Pittsburgh, PA
Speaker – Judge Michael A. Della Vecchia
Topic: *Medical Malpractice: Critical Issues in Current Practice*

CIVIL DIVISION – 2016 DOCKETED CASES

Tort (not including mass tort)

Intentional	57
Malicious Prosecution	5
Motor Vehicle	1,413
Nuisance	6
Premise Liability	290
Product Liability	57
Slander/Libel/Defamation	22
Other	909
Asbestos	73
Tobacco	0
Toxic Tort -DES	0
Toxic Tort – Implant	1
Toxic Waste	0
Dental	12
Medical	277
Other Professional	21

Contract (not including mass tort)

Buyer Plaintiff	786
Debt Collection: Credit Card	688
Debt Collection: Other	1,227
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	41
Employment Dispute: Other	51
Other	1,808

Real Property

Ejectment	314
Eminent Domain/Condemnation	139
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	1,412
Mortgage Foreclosure: Residential	2,041
Mortgage Foreclosure: Commercial	44
Partition of Real Property	14
Quiet Title	317

Civil Appeals – Administrative

Board of Assessment	2,181
Board of Elections	4
Department of Transportation	752
Zoning Board	18
Statutory Appeals – Other	158

Miscellaneous

Common Law/Statutory Arbitration	13
Declaratory Judgment	64
Mandamus	11
Non-Domestic Relations Restraining Order	0
Quo Warranto	3
Replevin	31

Total	15,260
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CIVIL DIVISION (CONTINUED)

Judge R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. retired on December 31, 2016 following 40 years on the Common Pleas bench.

Originally a gubernatorial judicial appointee, Judge Wettick won election to a full term beginning in January 1978 and was retained for two subsequent terms. He began his court career in the Family Division and was appointed in March 1980 to serve as the Division's Administrative Judge. He transferred to the Civil Division in 1990 and was appointed to serve as Administrative Judge of the Civil Division in 2003. During his tenure, Judge Wettick presided over cases involving class action and toxic substances matters, Water Authority appeals, general and special motions related to Arbitration cases, and commerce and complex litigation cases. He was instrumental in the creation of the Commerce and Complex Litigation Center, an innovative development designed to address cases requiring intensive judicial oversight and to provide a more efficient means of adjudication. In 2007, he was assigned by then President Judge Joseph M. James to identify and preside over cases adjudicated through the program. Judge Wettick served as a Senior Judge from January 2008 until his retirement.



Judge R. Stanton Wettick, Jr. and his secretary, Linda Antolik, retired in December 2016 following 40 years of service to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Wettick served on numerous committees throughout his legal career including the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Civil Procedural Rules (1992-2016) and Domestic Relations (1984-1990) Committees, and the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges Commission (1978-1990). He chaired the Ad Hoc Medical Malpractice

Committee (2004), a Three-Judge Coordinating Court for Silicon Implant Litigation instituted in all courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Allegheny County Commission for Children, the Advisory Committee to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Review Committee for Placement of Serious Offenders in Secure Care, and the Task Force to Examine Vision Quest. He also co-chaired the Allegheny County Bar Association Committee on Opportunities for Minorities in the Legal Profession (1988-2000) and was the recipient of the *Legal Intelligencer's* Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.

Judge Wettick's steadfast commitment to the court and the legal community was well known and garnered him abundant respect among colleagues and members of the bar.

CIVIL DIVISION – ARBITRATION

The goals of the Compulsory Arbitration section of the Civil Division include increasing public access to the court, lowering court costs, and effectively utilizing judicial resources. These goals are achieved by enlisting panels of arbitrators, comprised of three court-approved attorneys per panel, to adjudicate cases not in excess of the \$35,000 jurisdictional limit. Arbitration rules provide for concise pleadings, limitations on discovery requests, and relaxed rules of evidence, which facilitate fair and prompt resolution of claims within a short time after filing suit.

Of the 6,997 new cases filed in 2016, 5,578 represent contract, personal injury, credit collection, lemon law and/or medical malpractice cases, and 1,419 represent landlord-tenant actions. In addition, 123 cases were transferred from the Civil Division general docket to Arbitration. In 2016, 489 arbitration boards heard 1,653 cases with an average arbitrators' cost per case of \$93.23. The appeal rate associated with arbitration awards in 2016 was 36.72 percent. ■

ARBITRATION CASES	2014	2015	2016
Pending on January 1 <i>(includes cases filed in previous years)</i>	1,529	1,581	1,992
New Cases	7,065	7,771	6,997
Transferred from Civil Division	158	157	123
Total	8,752	9,509	9,112
Awards by Boards	1,869	1,701	1,653
Settlements, Non-Pros., etc.	4,580	4,915	4,638
Trial List Cases Disposed by Judge	722	901	788
Total	7,171	7,517	7,079
Appeals Filed	589	560	607
Rate of Appeal	31.51%	32.92%	36.72%

ARBITRATION BOARDS	2014	2015	2016
Number of Arbitration Boards Summoned	452	470	489
Number of Arbitrators Summoned	1,356	1,410	1,467
Arbitrator's Fee Per Day	\$150	\$150	\$150
Total Arbitrators' Fees	\$203,400	\$211,500	\$220,050
Less Non-Recoverable Appeals Fees	\$68,820	\$62,675	\$65,940
Total Costs	\$134,580	\$148,825	\$154,110
Average Cost per Case	\$72.01	\$87.49	\$93.23

CIVIL DIVISION – BOARD OF VIEWERS

The Board of Viewers adjudicated 3,235 real estate tax assessment appeals in 2016 involving residential and commercial properties located in Allegheny County.

Special Master Helen Lynch, Esq., appointed to the Board of Viewers in October 2012, passed away on March 9, 2016. Current Board members include Special Masters Mary Dauer Colville, Esq., Stephen M. Farino, Esq., and Michele Zappala Peck, Esq. assisted by Lay Masters Carmen DeChellis and Barbara Utterback. Michelle Lally, Esq. serves as the administrative chair. The vacancy left by the passing of Ms. Lynch was filled in early 2017 by the Board of Judges with the appointment of Special Master Lisa L. Sasinoski, Esq.

The caseload for the Board of Viewers arises out of appeals taken from the dispositions rendered by the Allegheny County Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review. The majority of cases involve residential properties, and in most instances, property owners appeared before the Board *pro se* (without counsel).

Through conciliations between property owners and the participating taxing bodies, overseen and supervised by Special and Lay Masters, a fair review of relevant evidence including comparable sales, neighborhood-wide assessed values, and individual characteristics of the properties are considered. The majority of cases are ultimately resolved through conciliation, but when necessary, full hearings are conducted before Masters in which lay and expert testimony, along with documentary evidence, is offered. The Board of Viewers is a court of record, and the Rules of Evidence are observed during hearings.

In each case that proceeds to a hearing, a Masters' report is written summarizing the evidence presented, and based on credible evidence, the Masters make a recommendation to the court for values the property had in the years under appeal. The rate of objections in 2016 to Masters' reports continued to be very low.

The Board of Viewers is also tasked with being the first level of hearing in Eminent Domain matters. In 2016, 77 Eminent Domain matters were addressed. Eleven (11) new petitions for appointment of Viewers pertaining to a variety of municipal projects including the widening of the Pennsylvania Turnpike were processed. Twenty-five (25) actual views were performed by three-member panels, who visited the sites, walked the properties, and observed the scope and impact of the takings in Eminent Domain cases. Sixteen evidentiary hearings were held, some of which involved determination of damages in more than 40 sewer cases to install new or improve existing sewer lines in Allegheny County.

The sale of many large office buildings occurred in downtown Pittsburgh in 2016, along with robust home sales in many areas of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. The Board of Viewers anticipates additional tax assessment appeals in 2017 due to issues such as the correct application of the common level ratio to recent sales and more eminent domain work arising out of anticipated infrastructure improvement projects. ■

BOARD OF VIEWERS

Eminent Domain	77
<i>(New Petitions/Views/Hearings involving water and sewer line cases, partial and total takings, private roads, scheduled readings, and exception reports)</i>	
Tax Appeals	3,235
<i>(Conciliations/Stipulated Resolutions/Hearings/Masters Reports involving residential and commercial real estate tax assessments appealed from the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Reviews decisions)</i>	
Total	3,312



ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION JUDGES



PICTURED

John A. Zottola
Lawrence J. O'Toole
Kathleen A. Durkin

NOT PICTURED

Frank J. Lucchino

ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

New local rules governing the practice of law in the Orphans' Court Division were adopted on September 1, 2016 in response to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Order of December 1, 2015 which rescinded and replaced Pennsylvania Orphans' Court Rules 1.1 through 13.3 and 17. Supreme Court Rule 1.5 vacated all previously adopted local rules and prescribed a procedure for the establishment of new rules. The order further requires that rules be approved by the statewide Supreme Court Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee prior to adoption to insure that they are consistent with statewide rules and that they conform to a uniform practice in the Orphans' Court and the Register of Wills.

Updated rules, drafted by members of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA) Probate and Trust Council and the Orphans' Court Division administrator, were approved by Orphans' judges and the Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee. Division staff, in unison with the ACBA Probate and Trust Law Section, presented several continuing education seminars to introduce the rules, which are available on the Orphans' Division and Department of Court Records' websites.

In response to a large volume of inquiries, the Orphans' Division worked closely with the Marriage License Bureau of the Department of Court Records, Wills/Orphans' Court Division

ADOPTIONS

	Scheduled	Decreed	Withdrawn/ Dismissed
Adoptions	108	115	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0	0
Confirm Consents	40	49	0
Involuntary Terminations	51	46	1
Total	199	210	2

Orders of Court <i>(Includes orders on petitions presented, continuances, amendments, allowance of service by publication, acceptance of jurisdiction, allowance of interrogatories, appointments of search agents)</i>	344
Combined Decrees and Orders	554
Persons Adopted <i>(some petitions include siblings)</i>	131
Adult Adoptee Search Requests	67
Orders Signed Appointing Search Agents for Adult Adoptee Search Requests	68
Birthparent Search Requests	10
Orders Signed Appointing Search Agents for Birthparent Search Requests	10
Family Search Requests	13
Orders Signed Appointing Search Agents for Family Search Requests	7
Orders Signed on Petitions to Register Foreign Relative Adoption Decrees	18

NON-RELATIVE ADOPTIONS

Adoption Placement by Agencies

Allegheny County Children Youth & Families	1
American Adoptions (Kansas)	1
Bethany Christian Services	4
CYS Brook County (West Virginia)	1
CYS (Delaware)	1
Family United Network (Pennsylvania)	1
Genesis of Pittsburgh, Inc.	5
Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services	1
The Children's Home of Pittsburgh	17
Three Rivers Adoption Council	4
Wasatch Adoption (Utah)	1
WV Dept. of Health & Human Services	1

Adoption Placement by Non-Agencies

Parent	6
Other Relative	1
All Other	1

RELATIVE ADOPTIONS

Step-Parent	47
Co-Parent Adoptions	11
Other Relative	21
U.S.A. Re-Adoptions	2
Adult Adoptions	4

Total Persons Adopted	131
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ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION (CONTINUED)

to develop a *pro se* (self-represented) petition form for the amendment of marriage license records. Amendments are oftentimes necessary due to typographical and spelling errors and/or the transposition of first and last names by applicants. The laws governing marriage license amendment(s) require a court order. The *pro se* form was developed to allow petitioners an alternative to incurring sometimes substantial legal fees for relatively minor changes in marriage license records.

ESTATES

Audit Hearing of Accounts

Accounts Filed by Executor, Administrators, Trustees, and Guardians	404
Small Estates (\$50,000 or less)	184
Decrees of Distribution	443
Contested Hearings*	369

**Hearings on claims of creditors against estates, exceptions to accounts, and questions of distribution involving appeals from decrees of the Register of Wills in the grant of letters of administration, inheritance tax appraisals and assessments; will contests; proceedings against fiduciaries; termination of trusts; delinquent inheritance taxes due; miscellaneous hearings, including presumed decedents, absentees, corrections of birth records; excludes guardianship hearings, termination/adoption hearings*

Exceptions Heard by the Court En Banc	0
Opinions Filed by the Court	26
Pretrial Conferences Docketed	148
Return Days Scheduled	154
Additional Bonds	72

Petitions Filed

Appointment of Guardians of the Person and Estates of Minors	17
Approval of Settlement of Minors' Claims	399
Lifting of Suspension of Distribution	36
Sale of Real Estate	56
Petitions for citation against fiduciaries to file accounts or to show cause why they should not be removed	154
Petitions filed by Inheritance Tax Department and citations awarded against fiduciaries to show cause why they should not file transfer inheritance tax return and/or pay transfer inheritance tax due	1
Miscellaneous Petitions	809

Total Petitions Filed	1,472
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A total of 5,595 involuntary civil commitment petitions were filed in the Civil Commitment Department in 2016, a 10 percent increase over the number of petitions filed in 2015. Hearings on these petitions were conducted by five Mental Health Review Officers at 24 hospital and community sites throughout Allegheny County. The e-filing system, implemented in 2014, has significantly enhanced the department's search, tracking, and monitoring of these cases.

Four hundred four (404) accounts were filed by personal representatives of decedents' estates, trustees, guardians and/or agents in 2016 representing a decline of 19 percent from 2015. Small estate petitions increased by 17 percent from 154 in 2015 to 184 in 2016, and family settlement agreements increased by 5 percent from 1,062 to 1,109 in 2016. All account and small estate petitions are reviewed by the court's audit examiners for accuracy and compliance with statutory and court rules. Estate/family settlement agreements are reviewed to ensure that no "at risk distributions" have been made to minors or incapacitated persons and that their respective interests are protected in accordance with statutory and court rules. Audit staff has also continued to work with the Department of Court Records Wills/Orphans' Court Division in enforcing compliance with the filing of estate status reports as required by Supreme Court Orphans' Court Rule 10.6.

New cases numbering 253 were filed in 2016 involving incapacitated persons, a 10 percent increase from 2015. As of December 2016, there were 3,843 cases in the court's guardianship database. Additionally, 382 petitions for allowance and 1,897 reports by guardians of the person and estate were filed in 2016, all of which were reviewed by the guardianship investigators to insure compliance with court rules and statutory requirements.

Filings in the adoption area remained relatively constant with the filing of 119 petitions. Ninety (90) requests for the appointment of a search agent were filed by adult adoptees, birthparents, and/or family members, representing a 15 percent increase from 2015. ■

Following distinguished service to the citizens of Allegheny County, Judge Frank J. Lucchino retired from the Common Pleas bench on December 31, 2016. He was elected to a ten year term in 1999 and won a subsequent retention bid in 2009. Originally assigned to serve in the Family Division, he was transferred to the Civil Division in June 2001. He was designated as Administrative Judge of the Orphans' Court Division in April 2002 by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Judge Lucchino's application for senior judge status was approved by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on January 1, 2010, and he continued to serve in the Orphans' Division until his retirement.

Prior to being elected to the bench, Judge Lucchino practiced law for more than 35 years, 20 of which were dedicated to the law firm of Grogan, Graffam, McGinley & Lucchino. He was a member of Pittsburgh City Council and served as the Allegheny County Controller from 1980 through 2000. He was active in other community organizations including his work as a board member and past Chairman of the

Carnegie Science Center and his involvement as a life trustee of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. He was appointed by the President of the United States in 1993 to the U.S. National Commission of Libraries and Information Sciences, where he served for six years. He served for eight years on the Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh and also served as Emeritus Trustee of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society.



Judge Frank J. Lucchino

GUARDIANSHIP – INCAPACITATED PERSONS

New Petitions Filed	253
Emergency Guardians Appointed	23
Permanent Guardians Appointed	179
Successor Guardians Appointed	10
Guardians Discharged	2
Petitions Withdrawn or Dismissed	30
Electro-Convulsive Therapy Petitions	36
Adjudication of Full Capacity	4
Petitions for Review	9
Bonds Approved	45
Safe Deposit Box Inventories	6
Court-Appointed Counsel	73
Independent Medical Evaluations	2
Petitions for Allowance/ Ratification Presented	382
Annual Report of Guardians Filed	1,809
Final Report of Guardians (Person/Estate) Filed	88
New Petitions – Guardians of the Person of a Minor Filed	19

CIVIL COMMITMENTS

Petitions

Prior to Judicial Review (Discharged, Withdrawn, Voluntary Admission)	440
By Mental Health Review Officer	5,059
By Judges (Petition for Review, Electro-Convulsive Therapy, Expungement)	92

Total **5,591**

Hearings By Type Under Mental Health Procedures Act

303	Up to 20 Days Civil Commitment	3,330
304-B	Up to 90 Days Civil Commitment	1,126
304-C	Up to 90 Days Civil Commitment	119
305	Up to 180 Days Civil Commitment	464
306	Transfer Civil Commitment – location transfer between facilities	18
306-2	Up to 180 Days Civil Commitment	1
304-G2	Up to 365 Days Criminal Commitment	1
402/405	Up to 60 Days Criminal Commitment	311
406	Long Term Civil Commitment	1
ECT	Electro-Convulsive Therapy	38
EXP	Expungement	8
REVW	Judicial Review of Mental Health Review Officer Decision	45

Total **5,462**

CRIMINAL DIVISION JUDGES



FIRST ROW

Philip A. Ignelzi
Thomas E. Flaherty
Jill E. Rangos
David R. Cashman
Donna Jo McDaniel
Beth A. Lazzara
Joseph K. Williams, III

SECOND ROW

Alexander P. Bicket
Lester G. Nauhaus
Jeffrey A. Manning
Edward J. Borkowski
Kevin G. Sasinoski

NOT PICTURED

Kelly Eileen Bigley
Anthony M. Mariani
Randal B. Todd



CRIMINAL DIVISION

Fourteen commissioned judges served in the Criminal Division in 2016 under the leadership of Administrative Judge David R. Cashman. Senior Judge Lester G. Nauhaus continued to hear criminal and summary appeal cases.

The Criminal Court Arraignment Office processed approximately 15,467 new cases in 2016. Seven Hundred Fifty (750) bench warrants were issued for defendants who failed to appear for formal arraignment, and 310 arrests were executed for defendants with outstanding warrants. Formal arraignment staff actively identifies case-flow problems and resolves issues before cases proceed to the next stage of the court process by following up with defendants regarding fingerprinting and updating personal data. This also ensures that defendants are re-qualified for public defender representation, if necessary.

In 2016, the court achieved improved levels of efficiency in both the number of active cases as well as average time to disposition. As of December 31, 2016, 7,127 active cases remained on the docket, reflecting a reduction in the number of pending cases by 53 percent since September 2009, when the court maintained 15,233 active cases. The Criminal Division also continued to experience consistent progress in reducing time to disposition, with the average time decreasing from a median average of 261 days in 2010 to 173 days at the close of 2016.

Judge Edward J. Borkowski adjudicated 2,117 Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) cases in 2016. Criminal Division formally instituted a streamlined ARD revocation case flow process in 2016 that significantly improved not only timely resolution of revoked ARD cases, but also communication with defendants regarding their options in proceeding to a final disposition.

The Allegheny County Sex Offender Court is a collaborative, Containment Model approach to managing and processing criminal cases involving Megan's Law offenses, which places an emphasis on public safety, increased offender accountability, and reduction of recidivism, through the utilization of evidence-based practices. Regular compliance review hearings allow direct judicial supervision, the opportunity to address concerns promptly, and the ability to sanction non-compliance swiftly.

Allegheny County Mental Health Court involves a partnership between the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Department of Human Services-Justice Related Services, and Adult Probation. By providing intensive supervision and treatment for participants' substance use and mental health issues through a team approach, benefits to the community, including costs savings and reduced recidivism, are realized. Judge Beth A. Lazzara continues to preside over Mental Health Court.

The Drug and Alcohol Diversion Program is a cooperative effort between the Criminal Division, the Allegheny County Jail, and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services to divert eligible pretrial defendants from incarceration to substance abuse treatment while awaiting trial and to divert defendants from being detained due to probation violations. Making resourceful use of confinement options and lowering recidivism for offenders who successfully complete treatment averts costs associated with incarceration and provides offenders with opportunities to improve their quality of life. Five hundred twenty-eight (528) offenders were referred to the program in 2016, a 77 percent increase from 2015. Of the offenders that were diverted from jail into treatment, 220 successfully completed the program.

CRIMINAL DIVISION (CONTINUED)

CRIMINAL REPORT – FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS

New Cases Filed in 2016

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)	2,026
Expedited Courts	5,202
Standard Court Case Types	8,025

Cases Disposed in 2016

Guilty Plea	11,384
Non-Jury Trial	628
Jury Trial	117
Diversionary Programs/ Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)	2,135
Dismissed, Withdrawn, Nolle Prossed, and Deceased Defendants	1,513
Nolo Contendere	131
Satisfaction/Agreement (Rule 586)	60
Transfers, Administrative Closures, Consolidations	36
Speedy Trial (Rule 600)	8

Total Cases Disposed 16,012

Age of Pending Cases (Days)

0 to 60	3,006
61 to 120	2,983
121 to 180	1,328
181 to 240	376
241 to 300	175
301 to 360	81
361 +	186

The Allegheny County Veterans Court celebrated the graduation of 28 veterans at its annual ceremony in November 2016. Judge John A. Zottola, who presides over Veterans Court, welcomed Command Sergeant Major (retired) Bart E. Womack, author of *Embedded Enemy: The Insider Threat*, and actress, model, and philanthropist Jennifer O'Neill as keynote speakers. Ms. O'Neill has dedicated her life to charitable causes and, in particular, supports military veterans by sharing her Hillenglade Farm in Nashville, Tennessee for the purpose of providing therapeutic respite for those who have sacrificed so much to protect our freedom.

The Criminal Division sponsored four Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminars in 2016, enhancing knowledge of emerging topics. The seminars on *Mental Health First Aid* and the *Operational Function of the Allegheny County Office of the Medical Examiner* were filled to capacity. Plans to increase the number of seminars offered in 2017 are being considered to keep lawyers informed about changes in the law and court practices.

Criminal Division staff member Margaret Cangelier celebrated 45 years of service with the court in 2016. Ms. Cangelier began her career as a judicial secretary for Judge Edwin Martin in 1971. In 1972, she began working for Judge John W. O'Brien and became a voir dire clerk in the Criminal Jury Room in 1989. She undertook the assignment as editor of the court newsletter, *Pro Curia*, on behalf of the Criminal Division in 1992 and served as the point person for computerization of the jury system. In 2001, Ms. Cangelier became Jury Operations Supervisor of the Criminal Division. She is applauded for her dedication and commitment to the Fifth Judicial District. ■



The Bridge of Sighs, which connects the Allegheny County Courthouse to the Family Law Center, (formerly the Allegheny County Jail), mimics the original bridge in Venice, Italy. The bridge is used to transport prisoners to and from court.



CASES SENTENCED IN 2016

Offenses	Confinement		Intermediate Punishment Program		Probation		No Further Penalty
	State	County	State	County	State	County	
Crimes Against Persons							
Felonies	232	105	2	31	2	53	1
Misdemeanors	14	142	0	24	10	767	6
Summaries	0	23	0	0	0	134	22
Crimes Against Property							
Felonies	106	343	4	73	28	632	6
Misdemeanors	16	108	0	18	17	1,232	21
Summaries	0	47	0	0	0	159	70
Drug Offenses							
Felonies	67	142	11	50	4	353	3
Misdemeanors	1	117	0	13	5	2,072	19
Ungraded	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Driving Under the Influence							
Misdemeanors	19	890	7	925	0	273	0
Crimes Against Public Peace/Order							
Felonies	38	86	2	8	5	101	4
Misdemeanors	4	73	0	9	6	538	11
Summaries	0	82	0	1	0	233	170
Weapons							
Felonies	105	93	2	41	3	71	3
Misdemeanors	1	18	0	2	2	108	1
Other Crimes							
Felonies	4	12	0	2	0	20	1
Misdemeanors	1	5	0	17	0	18	1
Summaries	6	81	1	289	0	13	71
Total	614	2,367	29	1,503	82	6,778	410



CRIMINAL DIVISION – ADULT PROBATION

The Allegheny County Adult Probation Department (Adult Probation), in conjunction with the Department of Pretrial Services, is responsible for providing supervision of offenders in the community for the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. These agencies employ 133 probation officers for this task. Pretrial Services supervises all individuals under bail supervision and those participating in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program (ARD). Adult Probation is responsible for all probation, probation without verdict, parole, and intermediate punishment supervision in Allegheny County.

At the end of 2016, there were 26,549 people under supervision. Seventy (70) percent (18,521) were supervised under probation, and seven percent (2,072) were supervised under parole, intermediate punishment, or probation without verdict. The remaining 23 percent were supervised by Pretrial Services under the ARD program or under bail. Fifty-three (53) percent (13,952) of people supervised had a misdemeanor as the highest level charge. See Table 1 for a breakdown of individuals by supervision type.

**TABLE 1: INDIVIDUALS SUPERVISED
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Probation	18,521	70%
Parole	925	3%
Intermediate Punishment	898	3%
Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)*	3,952	15%
Probation without Verdict	249	1%
Bail*	2,004	8%
Total	26,549	100%

**Supervised through Pretrial Services*

Adult Probation continues to supervise individuals, based on their risk to re-offend, utilizing the Level of Service Inventory-Revised assessment tool to create supervision plans that target the offenders' needs. The department operates three Community Resource Centers throughout Allegheny County that support this model of supervision by providing a 'one-stop shop' for social services including employment assistance, adult education and GED preparation, drug and alcohol testing and assessment, cognitive behavioral therapy groups, batterers' intervention programs, and emergency housing assistance. Services are paid for by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, which utilizes performance-based contracting and monitoring to ensure that all providers use evidence-based practices (EBPs).

In 2016, 2,958 defendants were referred to the Community Resource Centers for services, 93 of whom were referred for adult education, 191 for batterers' intervention programs, 72 for cognitive behavioral therapy, 265 for community service, 387 for employment assistance, 1,159 for drug testing, and 1,017 for drug and alcohol evaluations. Individuals may be referred for multiple services. Of those who participated and ended service in 2016, 53 percent completed their supervision plan successfully. Eight percent of plans were closed due to new criminal justice system involvement.

To support this model of supervision, Adult Probation worked to reduce caseloads and reorganize units resulting in more efficient use of probation officer time and core correctional practices. The High Impact Unit was merged into the five community-based field offices, and dedicated units for Domestic Violence Court and the reentry program were created. As a result of these changes, average caseloads for officers supervising medium- and high-risk offenders decreased by 18 percent (from 100 to 82) and 21 percent (from 106 to 84), respectively. Lower caseloads increase the quantity and quality of interactions between probation officers and those they supervise.

INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUPERVISION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

Type of Unit	Persons Per Probation Officer
Field Offices – High Risk	84
Field Offices – Medium Risk	82
Low Risk Unit	1,111
Electronic Monitoring	42
DUI Unit (Driving under the Influence)	145
Restitution Unit	385
Sex Offender Unit	74
Domestic Violence Unit	86
Mental Health Unit	38
Reentry Unit	87
Inter-State	509
Inter-County	511
State	3,769
Bail Unit*	334

**Supervised through Pretrial Services*

Adult Probation continued work on its ‘Smart Accountability’ project, with the assistance of grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The goal of this project is to strengthen supervision practices and offender outcomes through 1) expanded staff training on EBPs; 2) adoption of dosage-based supervision practices and metrics; and 3) design and use of an interactive dashboard for Adult Probation’s mobile workforce that supports quality assurance and fidelity to EBPs in real time. Adult Probation is partnering with the Urban Institute to assess what is necessary for implementation of a data-driven, dosage-based supervision model that will provide regular, actionable feedback. In 2016, the department conducted internal instruction and partnered with The Carey Group, a national firm that provides training and technical assistance for justice system professionals, to conduct additional EBP training sessions. This included an agency-wide introduction to EBPs, introduction to motivational interviewing, and implementation of a train-the-trainer model to conduct the four core competencies of supervision. Continuous quality improvement processes that include direct observation were also implemented using real-time dashboards, regular ad hoc analysis, and case reviews. This project will continue through 2018.



Adult Probation was awarded two technical assistance grants in 2016. One project, funded by the State Justice Institute, involves collaboration between Adult Probation and the National Center for State Courts to conduct a workload assessment for supervisors to assist them in becoming evidence-based practice coaches. The second grant, from the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), will allow Adult Probation to work with CCI to develop a procedural justice curriculum for community corrections which will be delivered to all Adult Probation staff in 2017.

Adult Probation is committed to improving outcomes for offenders and reducing recidivism. In 2016, Adult Probation, in conjunction with the judges, strove to reduce the number of detainees issued, when appropriate, and the number of days a person was incarcerated, particularly for technical violations. Since September 2015, the number of detainees issued decreased by 14 percent resulting in 427 fewer incidents of detention. In addition, between 2015 and 2016, the median number of days detained decreased by 13 percent (11 days). Crime rates also declined during this same time period, contributing to an 18 percent decrease in the average daily population at the Allegheny County Jail. ■

CRIMINAL DIVISION – PRETRIAL SERVICES

The Allegheny County Pretrial Services department continues to be recognized for its commitment to an evidence-informed approach. Throughout 2016, Pretrial Services assisted with and took the lead on many initiatives within the court, Allegheny County, and nationally to promote practices to improve the criminal justice system and hosted criminal justice groups from several states including Ohio, New Jersey, Arkansas, and numerous jurisdictions within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



The oath of office ceremony for Pretrial Service Officers David Weigel, Andrea Riccio, Deborah Mosely, and Andrew Vercelli was held on November 3, 2016 and presided over by Judge David R. Cashman. **Pictured L-R:** Joel Reisz, Janice Dean, David Weigel, Andrea Riccio, Deborah Mosely, Andrew Vercelli, David Delio, and Christopher Shanley.

The Pretrial Services Bail Unit, located in the Allegheny County Jail, performed 18,630 new investigations in 2016, a 2.5 percent increase over the number of investigations completed in 2015. Inmate interviews are conducted with every defendant brought into the jail on new charges or bench warrants. Information gathered by Bail Investigators is provided to the arraiging authority enabling them to make a more informed pretrial release decision. All investigations are conducted face-to-face using the Pretrial Services' case management system and validated risk-assessment tool which was updated in 2016. This tool, more accurate than the original tool in assessing pretrial misconduct, provides separate scores for appearance and re-arrest rates. Bifurcated scoring allows the arraiging authority to make a more informed decision when setting bail.

The expansion of the risk-assessment tool to Fifth Judicial District magisterial district courts began in 2016. Using the Laura and John Arnold Foundation's nationally validated pretrial risk assessment tool, the Public Safety Assessment, eight magisterial district courts were given the ability to have pretrial risk assessments completed prior to arraignment in their district offices. Expansion of the assessment tool to additional magisterial district courts will continue in 2017.

The Bail Unit advocated for 2,139 bond modifications in 2016, a 31 percent increase from 2015, and presented 2,287 bond forfeiture cases in the Court of Common Pleas. The Pretrial Safe Surrender Program allows defendants with active failure to appear bench warrants to turn themselves in to Pretrial Services to appear the same day in motions court for a bond reinstatement hearing. In 2016, 745 bench warrants for failure to appear were cleared through this program. The American Bar Association and the National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies advocate for programs to monitor the jail population and revisit recommendations if defendants remain detained and/or if there is a change in circumstances. The Bail Unit reviews the status of defendants in the jail on unpaid bond only. In 2016, Pretrial Services advocated for bond modifications on 655 cases after the preliminary hearing when bond was not posted. This is a 35 percent increase over the 487 cases in which recommendations were made in 2015.



Pretrial Services, Bail Court Liaison Unit **L-R:** Daniel Trbovich (Bail Investigator), Matearia Prince (Bail Investigator), Arlene Oliver (Administrative Assistant), and Garrett Larkin (Bail Investigator).

Non-monetary conditions of bail, such as report by phone, report in person, and electronic monitoring, are supervised by the Pretrial Bail Supervision Unit. As of December 31, 2016, the Bail Supervision Unit was actively supervising 540 defendants through phone-in supervision, 1,149 through in person reporting supervision, and 91 through pretrial electronic monitoring. These conditional release supervision options promote the pretrial goals of ensuring appearance for court and community safety during the pretrial phase.

The Court Reminder Notification system continued in 2016 with defendants receiving messages via email, text, or phone calls reminding them of upcoming court events. In 2016, 11,623 reminders were sent for formal arraignment, 8,919 reminders were sent for preliminary hearings, 7,653 reminders were sent for pretrial conferences, and 7,680 reminders were sent for trial. Providing defendants with reminder notifications of upcoming court dates reduces the incidence of failure to appear.

Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU) psychiatrists completed 1,561 court-ordered competency evaluations in 2016, including 901 new evaluations and 660 rechecks, and recommended 136 involuntary commitments, of which 126 were committed to Torrance State Hospital. The BAU social workers also completed 509 social histories associated with these mental health evaluations.

The first offender Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) Diversion Unit admitted 2,204 defendants into the program in 2016. The vast majority of these defendants were charged with Driving Under the Influence (DUI) (1,893), and the remainder (311) were charged with various other non-violent offenses. Working closely with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, the disposition of these cases has been a smooth and efficient process. Ninety (90) percent of the cases admitted to ARD resulted in successful completion of the program and the dismissal and expungement of charges. The number of ARD violations submitted to the court

in 2016 was 1,475, which includes technical and conviction violations. In a majority of these cases, the defendants were able to complete all program requirements where revocation from the program was delayed. Three hundred eighty-two (382) ARD probation cases were closed early and the expungement process started due to early successful completion of all court-ordered stipulations. In addition, participating ARD offenders completed 23,729 hours of community service throughout Allegheny County.

The Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) continued its work of education, intervention, and prevention through the promotion of programs at schools and in the community. Television and radio public service announcements at community events were conducted reaching thousands of youth in 40 school districts in Allegheny County. The AHSP is also responsible for the completion of court-ordered evaluations of DUI offenders and for managing the Department of Transportation mandated DUI education programs. Pretrial Services completed 4,481 Court Reporting Network (CRN) evaluations in 2016. The AHSP facilitated 164 full drug and alcohol assessments at the Allegheny County Jail prior to sentencing. Additionally, the AHSP operated the largest and most successful Ignition Interlock Program in Pennsylvania, having 397 active clients involved in the program at the close of 2016. The AHSP and Allegheny County Adult Probation continue to operate the DUI Alternative to Jail Program for first conviction DUI offenders. This program is intended to reduce recidivism by providing DUI offenders four days of intensive treatment and education. Four hundred twenty-eight (428) participants successfully completed the program in 2016. The recidivism rate for offenders who complete the Program is five percent after one year, and 11 percent after three years. This is lower than the recidivism rate for offenders who did not complete the program, which was 14 percent and 23 percent, respectively. ■

SUMMARY APPEALS

The Summary Appeals branch of the Fifth Judicial District serves a hybrid function. Appeals arising from summary criminal convictions are heard, as well as certain civil statutory appeals of decisions by local and state administrative agencies.

A large percentage of civil statutory appeals arise from PennDOT driver license suspensions. Additional appeals include, but are not limited to, legal issues arising from decisions by government agencies such as civil service, land use, zoning, the liquor control board, school boards, and the health department. These appeals are adjudicated by Civil Division judges.

The majority of summary appeals arise under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. Other examples of summary appeals include cases of disorderly conduct, defiant trespass, obstructing traffic, harassment, retail theft, public drunkenness, and underage drinking. Appeals involving dog-licensing provisions and truancy are also heard by the Summary Appeals branch.

Following the retirement of Judge Robert C. Gallo on December 30, 2015, Judges Thomas E. Flaherty and Lester G. Nauhaus presided over Summary Appeals matters in 2016. ■

SUMMARY APPEALS – CASE DISPOSITIONS

Case Type	New Cases Filed	Cases Disposed
Criminal Summary Appeals	2,604	2,820
Motor Vehicle Code Suspensions	900	820
Pittsburgh Parking Authority	7	7
In Forma Pauperis	1,050	1,050
Nunc Pro Tunc Appeals	640	640
Total	5,201	5,337



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES



Hon. Ronald A. Arnoni
05-2-20



Hon. David J. Barton
05-2-17



Hon. Carolyn S. Bengel
05-2-05



Hon. Daniel E. Butler
05-2-35



Hon. Thomas P. Caulfield
05-2-08



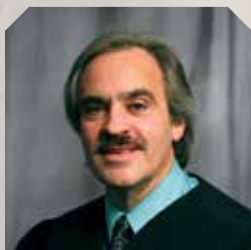
Hon. Anthony M. Ceoffe
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Hon. Mary Ann Cercone
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Hon. Kevin E. Cooper, Jr.
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Hon. Ron N. Costa, Sr.
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Hon. Robert P. Dzvonick
05-2-03



Hon. Roxanne S. Eichler
05-2-11



Hon. Robert L. Ford
05-3-02



Hon. James J. Hanley, Jr.
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Hon. Jeffrey L. Herbst
05-2-07



Hon. Kim M. Hoots
05-2-10



Hon. Dennis R. Joyce
05-2-23



Hon. Ralph Kaiser
05-2-18



Hon. Richard G. King
05-3-14



Hon. Elissa M. Lang
05-2-04



Hon. Blaise P. Larotonda
05-2-19



Hon. Armand A. Martin
05-3-09



Hon. Randy C. Martini
05-3-13



Hon. Maureen McGraw-Desmet
05-2-21



Hon. Thomas G. Miller, Jr.
05-3-05



Hon. Beth Scagline Mills
05-2-26



Hon. James A. Motznik
05-2-38



Hon. Mary P. Murray
05-2-25



Hon. Richard D. Olasz, Jr.
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Hon. Richard G. Opiela
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Hon. Oscar J. Petite, Jr.
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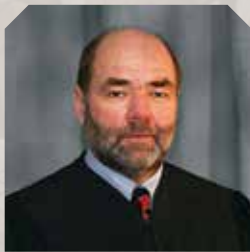
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Hon. Eugene F. Riazzi, Jr.
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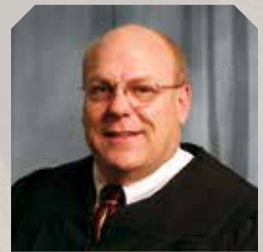
Hon. Eugene N. Ricciardi
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Hon. Derwin D. Rushing
05-2-40



Hon. Anthony W. Saveikis
05-3-17



Hon. Scott H. Schricker
05-2-47



Hon. Tara L. Smith
05-2-01



Hon. David J. Sosovicka
05-3-03



Hon. Craig C. Stephens
05-2-22



Hon. Tom Swan
05-3-04

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES (CONTINUED)



Hon. Carla M. Swearingen
05-2-43



Hon. Thomas R. Torkowsky
05-2-15



Hon. William K. Wagner
05-2-12



Hon. Linda I. Zucco
05-2-32

SENIOR JUDGES



Hon. Robert Barner
Senior Judge



Hon. John N. Bova
Senior Judge



Hon. Pat A. Capolupo
Senior Judge



Hon. Nathan Firestone
Senior Judge



Hon. Leonard J. HRomyak
Senior Judge



Hon. Edward A. Tibbs
Senior Judge



Hon. Regis C. Welsh, Jr.
Senior Judge



Hon. Eugene Zielmanski
Senior Judge



Hon. Gary M. Zyra
Senior Judge

NOT PICTURED

Hon. Anthony L. DeLuca
05-2-06

Hon. Thomas S. Brletic
Senior Judge

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS

The 46 Magisterial District Courts within the Fifth Judicial District provide a forum for fair and equal access to judicial services and allow for the expeditious resolution of public and private disputes. The Magisterial District Courts processed 236,444 cases in 2016, including Civil, Criminal, Landlord/Tenant, Miscellaneous Dockets, Non-Traffic, and Traffic matters. The case filings remained consistent with years past. The implementation of e-filing in a number of Magisterial District Courts allowed nine municipalities and the Pennsylvania State Police to file over 22,000 traffic citations electronically and led to more efficient case processing.

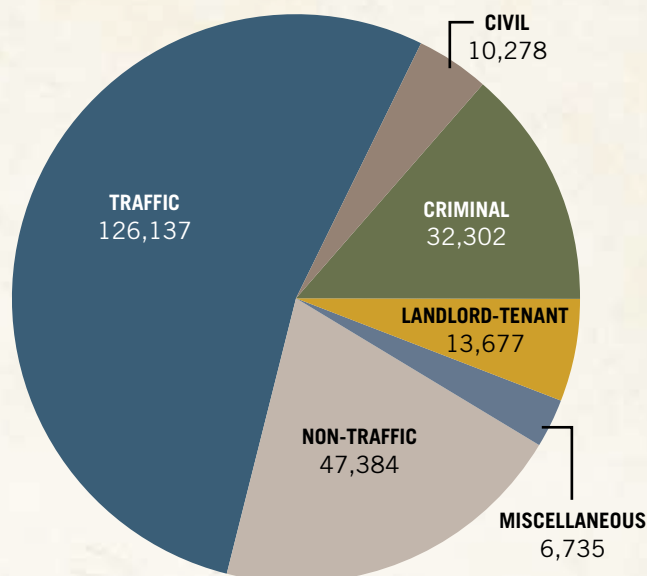
The Magisterial District Courts collected \$19,803,241.81 in case fines, fees, and costs in 2016. Collection of these monies continues to improve due to the availability of electronic payment applications. A total of 38,730 users paid \$5,018,738 in court financial obligations through the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' PAePay payment application. The collection of bail through the PAePay Bail application decreased from 196 bails in 2015 to 80 in 2016. The total amount of monetary bail collected for the district courts, excluding Pittsburgh Municipal Court, was \$328,200.

New initiatives in 2016 include the Focus on Attendance Program to reduce truancy, the Magisterial District Court Veterans Diversion Program, and the expansion of the validated pretrial risk-assessment tool to Fifth Judicial District Magisterial District Courts.

IN MEMORIAM

We would like to recognize the Honorable Richard "Dick" Hamilton Zoller who passed away on April 5, 2016. Judge Zoller was elected Magisterial District Judge of District Court 05-4-02, Oakmont/Verona, in 1987 and served in this office until 2005. He became a Senior Magisterial District Judge and continued to serve as such until his passing.

2016 DOCKET TYPE TOTALS

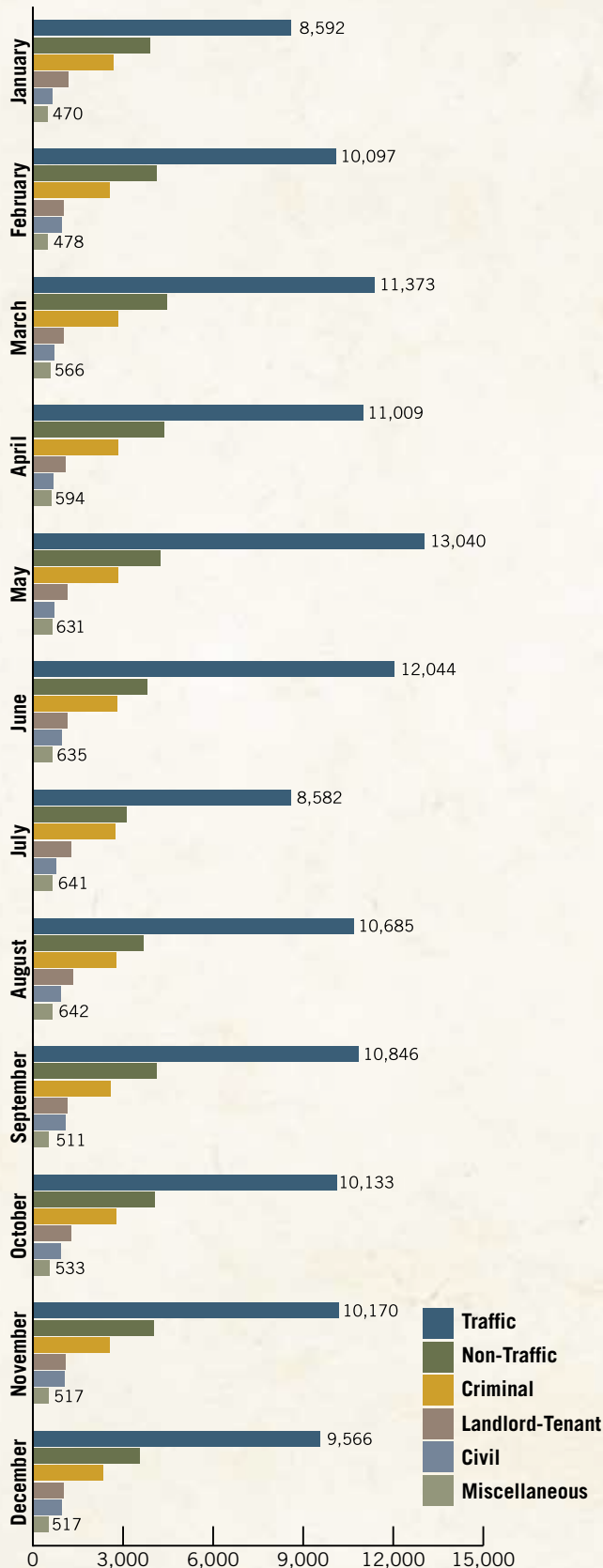


The Focus on Attendance Program was developed by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services in partnership with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Truancy Prevention Program, Juvenile Probation, and local public schools to address truancy and promote school attendance. The Magisterial District Courts address approximately 6,000 truancy citations annually. Referrals to the program are made either directly by schools and/or Magisterial District Judges. The program was piloted in the 2015/2016 school year. Six hundred four (604) referrals to the program and 275 direct consultations for information and services were addressed in the first half of the 2016/2017 school year.

With the support of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, the Fifth Judicial District formed a working group including representatives from the Veterans Administration Justice Outreach Program, Duquesne University School of Law, Magisterial District Judges, and Judge John A. Zottola, to develop and implement the Magisterial District Court Veterans Diversion Program. This program provides for a coordinated approach by workgroup partners for diversion of qualified veterans with summary cases to treatment-based services in coordination with the Veterans Administration/Veterans Justice Outreach Program.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS (CONTINUED)

2016 ANNUAL FILINGS BY MONTH AND TYPE



A pretrial risk assessment tool has been utilized at Pittsburgh Municipal Court for several years. In 2016, eight magisterial district courts were given the ability to use the Laura and John Arnold Foundation's nationally validated pretrial risk assessment tool providing them with essential information prior to arraignment. Expansion of the pretrial risk assessment tool to additional district courts is anticipated in 2017.

Magisterial District Judges participated in several educational sessions in 2016. In addition to an annual state continuing education program, they participated in regional Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) reviews, Pretrial Risk Assessment training, and the Fifth Judicial District Annual MDJ Training and Educational Session. Topics included the Veterans Diversion Program, Language Access Update, Focus on Attendance, Pretrial Services Bail Review, and Behavior Assessment Unit Review.



Magisterial District Judges attended an annual training and education session on October 14, 2016. Topics included the Veterans Diversion Program, Language Access Update, Focus on Attendance, Pretrial Services Bail Review, and Behavior Assessment Unit Review.

District Court staff also participated in regional educational programs. Topics included the online scheduling system with the Department of Corrections, the Veteran's Diversion Program, and Certified Mail Update. The online scheduling system was created by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and is utilized by all District and Common Pleas Courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Magisterial District Courts initiated use of an online certified mail procedure which has resulted in significant savings on postage costs.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania designated Magisterial District Judge Anthony W. Saveikis as chair of the Minor Court Rules Committee effective August 2016 and Senior Magisterial District Judge Nathan N. Firestone as Vice Chair of the Minor Judiciary Education Board in April 2016. This board is charged with providing legal education to Pennsylvania's Minor Judiciary. Special Court Judges Association President Suzanne Mack appointed Magisterial District Judge Beth Scagline Mills to the Ethics Committee. This committee renders ethical opinions to district judges and candidates regarding the Rules Governing the Standards of Conduct of Magisterial District Judges. Magisterial District Judge David Barton served on the Language Access Advisory Group, which was convened by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts to develop the Unified Judicial System's first Language Access Plan. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf appointed Daniel E. Butler to the position of Judge for District Court 05-2-35 in June 2016. Prior to this appointment, Judge Butler served as a City Magistrate in Pittsburgh Municipal Court and as a Hearing Officer in the Court of Common Pleas Family Division. ■



The Fifth Judicial District would like to recognize the following employees who retired in 2016 for their years of dedicated service:

10 years

Beverly Kohan, District Court 05-2-12

15 years

Joni Keenan, District Court 05-3-06

16 years

Julianne Del Brocco, District Court 05-3-17

24 years

Jo-Anne Karnes, District Court 05-2-07

Peggy Moore, District Court 05-3-17

27 years

Dale Fronczak, District Court 05-2-01

30 years

Teresa Burlett, District Court 05-3-13

Mary Ann Terrick, District Court 05-2-14

33 years

Joann Fischio, District Court 05-2-23

FILINGS BY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Court	Civil	Criminal	Landlord-Tenant	Miscellaneous	Non-Traffic	Traffic	Total
05-0-03	0	10,676	1	331	8,369	30,519	49,896
05-0-04	0	5	0	4,178	1	0	4,184
05-2-01	177	635	243	72	917	6,167	8,211
05-2-02	282	798	197	64	916	2,511	4,768
05-2-03	306	707	209	43	1,106	2,978	5,349
05-2-04	221	336	147	49	753	3,442	4,948
05-2-05	264	518	325	42	858	2,923	4,930
05-2-06	507	826	613	67	1,239	2,220	5,472
05-2-07	319	1,007	403	77	958	3,019	5,783
05-2-08	132	442	310	58	1,166	3,255	5,363
05-2-10	138	676	678	57	805	3,591	5,945
05-2-11	316	726	386	25	835	3,754	6,042
05-2-12	275	340	64	72	529	2,877	4,157
05-2-13	272	880	697	65	1,564	707	4,185
05-2-14	320	1,054	389	53	1,424	2,244	5,484
05-2-15	198	694	244	31	1,640	2,806	5,613
05-2-16	200	526	120	0	685	3,244	4,775
05-2-17	155	508	221	76	517	4,487	5,964
05-2-18	180	726	482	37	838	2,187	4,450
05-2-19	187	431	178	62	1,346	3,610	5,814
05-2-20	256	689	104	101	672	2,702	4,524
05-2-21	322	427	91	70	800	2,969	4,679
05-2-22	193	414	74	68	440	1,160	2,349
05-2-23	204	486	199	20	775	1,899	3,583
05-2-25	265	792	209	73	860	3,506	5,705
05-2-26	141	309	115	70	378	1,206	2,219
05-2-27	197	0	374	82	607	27	1,287
05-2-28	274	1	622	6	697	0	1,600
05-2-31	249	2	496	0	665	1	1,413
05-2-32	238	344	192	40	488	2,062	3,364
05-2-35	202	1	141	4	569	3	920
05-2-36	171	139	211	128	334	1	984
05-2-38	206	2	273	56	895	16	1,448
05-2-40	182	0	486	3	546	0	1,217
05-2-42	176	0	811	56	991	1	2,035
05-2-43	216	666	75	42	569	2,701	4,269
05-2-47	228	940	659	22	1,279	1,369	4,497
05-3-02	140	313	29	43	377	5,465	6,367
05-3-03	150	591	55	56	635	3,974	5,461
05-3-04	313	470	29	43	700	3,502	5,057
05-3-05	138	288	117	3	270	672	1,488
05-3-06	134	1,135	474	33	1,231	1,505	4,512
05-3-09	257	647	260	40	1,483	1,158	3,845
05-3-10	74	0	73	7	218	0	372
05-3-12	161	0	511	7	977	1	1,657
05-3-13	234	0	402	27	732	3	1,398
05-3-14	316	721	563	53	2,007	1,212	4,872
05-3-17	192	414	125	123	723	2,481	4,058
Total	10,278	32,302	13,677	6,735	47,384	126,137	236,513

PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT

Pittsburgh Municipal Court (PMC) continues in its commitment to promote public trust and confidence by providing quality service in an impartial, efficient, and effective manner. The total number of case filings at PMC slightly increased in 2016 by 1,759 cases due to additional traffic filings, although totals for all case types other than traffic decreased.

A total of 49,878 new cases were filed at PMC in 2016 including, 10,676 criminal, 8,352 non-traffic, 30,519 traffic, and 331 miscellaneous. The Pennsylvania State Police is the only agency that electronically files traffic citations at PMC, with 1,619 filed in 2016. The Fifth Judicial District anticipates expanding the number of police departments utilizing electronic filing in 2017. PMC disposed of 51,592 cases in 2016 including 11,233 criminal, 9,194 non-traffic, 30,987 traffic, and 178 private criminal complaints. A total of 1,239 criminal cases resulted in final dispositions through the Expedited Disposition Plea (EDP) program.

Three hundred sixty-four (364) summary proceedings were conducted in 2016 via videoconferencing to dispose of traffic and non-

traffic cases involving defendants housed in the Allegheny County Jail and/or other corrections facilities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts created an online scheduling system with the Department of Corrections which is utilized by all district and Common Pleas Courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The online payment applications available to court participants continue to be increasingly utilized. The PAePay application, <http://ujportal.pacourts.us>, and nCourt, www.pittsburghpatix.com, provide the public with the ability to pay traffic and non-traffic court financial obligations with credit/debit cards via the internet. A record number of court participants, 6,805, utilized the MDJS PAePay application at PMC which resulted in the collection of \$1,018,929.60, and \$568,683.43 was collected through the services of nCourt representing approximately 50 percent of the total payments received and processed at PMC. Bail payments in the amount of \$144,750 were processed on 58 cases through the PAePay Bail application. This amount reflects cases filed at PMC and does not include the monies processed for the other Allegheny County district courts.

PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT

Magisterial District Judge	Court Number	Sessions Assigned at PMC	PMC Cases	MDJ Court Filings In 2016	Total Filings Per MDJ
Hon. Eugene N. Ricciardi	05-2-27	108	3,875	1,287	5,162
Hon. Oscar J. Petite, Jr.	05-2-28	105	3,769	1,600	5,369
Hon. Ron N. Costa, Sr.	05-2-31	114	4,091	1,413	5,504
Hon. Daniel E. Butler	05-2-35	114	4,091	920	5,011
Hon. James J. Hanley, Jr.	05-2-36	158	5,670	984	6,654
Hon. James A. Motznik	05-2-38	124	4,450	1,448	5,898
Hon. Derwin D. Rushing	05-2-40	116	4,162	1,217	5,379
Hon. Robert P. Ravenstahl, Jr.	05-2-42	100	3,588	2,035	5,623
Hon. Anthony M. Ceoffe	05-3-10	165	5,922	372	6,294
Hon. Kevin E. Cooper, Jr.	05-3-12	128	4,592	1,657	6,249
Hon. Randy C. Martini	05-3-13	107	3,839	1,398	5,237
Hon. Richard G. King	05-3-14	51	1,829	4,870	6,699
Total		1,390	49,878	19,201	69,079



The Arraignment Division of PMC operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with magisterial district judges presiding on a rotating basis. The following matters were addressed by the Arraignment Division in 2016:

- The Arraignment Division oversaw the filing of criminal complaints and the issuance of arrest and search warrants for all magisterial district courts during non-business hours and for the City of Pittsburgh during all hours.
- 16,856 preliminary arraignments were conducted via two-way simultaneous audio-visual communication with the Allegheny County Jail and with correctional facilities throughout Pennsylvania where defendants with Allegheny County cases were being housed pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 540.
- Collected and processed bail and collateral on Summary, Criminal, and Family Division cases. The total amount of bail collected through the Arraignment Division was \$1,098,862.64 which primarily represents bail on criminal cases and collateral on traffic and non-traffic cases and Department of Court Records fees. The Arraignment Division also processes the posting of bail by bail bond agents.
- 216 bail hearings were held for defendants arrested in Allegheny County for charges filed in another judicial district pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 517.
- 188 bail hearings were held for defendants awaiting extradition to another state.
- 2,961 Emergency Protection from Abuse (PFA) Petitions were processed at Arraignment Court, 2,389 of which were granted and 562 of which were denied. These petitions are processed in the evenings, during the week, and 24 hours on weekends and holidays. Fourteen (14) Emergency Protection from Sexual Violence and Intimidation Petitions were processed, nine of which were granted. Seven hundred eighty-nine (789) warrants for Indirect Criminal Contempt pertaining to PFA violations were issued.
- Magisterial district judges assigned to the Arraignment Division conducted 99 marriage ceremonies in 2016.

PMC collected \$3,151,386 in fines, fees, and collateral for traffic and non-traffic citations in 2016.

Distributions required by state law include the following:

County of Allegheny
\$521,609

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
\$1,499,789

City of Pittsburgh
\$1,129,988



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