



THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENT JUDGE & DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE



It has been my honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Allegheny County as President Judge of the Fifth Judicial District (2014–2018). During my tenure as President Judge, I was, and continue to be, committed to serving as a champion for the independence, transparency, and accountability of the judicial branch of government. We achieved many accomplishments throughout my term that support the Court's mission, including:

- The opening of additional court offices to provide more convenient access to court services.
- Continued expansion of language access services for limited English proficient citizens.
- Termination of 31,174 inactive civil cases pursuant to Local Rule of Judicial Administration 1901, and continued reduction in both the average "time to disposition" of criminal cases and the number of active pending cases.
- New local rules governing the practice of law in the Orphans' Court Division were adopted, and significant security improvements were implemented.
- Programs were initiated to assist qualifying veterans, charged with summary cases, by redirecting them to treatment programs. Support is now offered in navigating the system of benefits and treatment available through the Veterans Administration, and a housing pod at the Allegheny County Jail was opened solely for veterans where eligible individuals receive services from veterans associated organizations.
- Technology was upgraded in the magisterial district courts and in Pittsburgh Municipal Court allowing them to scan criminal court records for retention and electronic transmission, streamlining the processing of cases.
- Allegheny County was awarded a \$2 million grant by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as part of the Safety and Justice Challenge, an initiative intended to reduce over-incarceration.

In addition, the Allegheny County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, under the leadership of County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and me, expanded its focus on police activities to improve police/citizen interactions and promote officer safety. We supported reforms regarding identification of suspects and the recording of interrogations, and new legislation was enacted to ensure that police encounters with citizens are transparent. This was achieved, in part, by promoting legislation for the statewide use of body cameras in police work.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the staunch support and steadfast commitment of my colleagues, magisterial district judges, and the dedicated employees of the Fifth Judicial District. I also wish to thank representatives of the executive and legislative branches of government, justice system stakeholders, and court administrators for their partnership, counsel, and expertise, and for their cooperation in implementing cost reduction and containment initiatives.

Finally, I wish to extend congratulations and best wishes to my successor, the Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, whose compassion, experience, and expertise are unprecedented. She is well regarded by all who know her both professionally and personally, and the Court and citizens of Allegheny County can be assured that her commitment will serve our community well. ■

The renowned legal scholar, Roscoe Pound, once said that "the law must be stable, but must not stand still." During the past year, the court system in Allegheny County has embodied the same principle espoused by Pound. The Courts in the Fifth Judicial District have continued to develop, mature, and embrace principles of modern jurisprudence while protecting and maintaining the long-standing stability and integrity of the Court. We have seen many changes in the face of the Court this year including the appointment of a new President Judge for a five-year term. The Fifth Judicial District warmly welcomes Judge Kim Berkeley Clark as President Judge and extends our most sincere gratitude to outgoing President Judge Jeffrey A. Manning for his dedicated leadership and service to the Court during his tenure as President Judge.

This 2018 report highlights new developments and achievements within the Court and reports significant data. The report also provides an overview of the important work done by all four divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, the 46 Magisterial District Judges, and the approximately 1,300 hard-working Court employees who come to work every day to keep the Courts in operation. We hope you will take a few moments to take a look at the results of those considerable efforts. ■

*The Fifth
Judicial District
of Pennsylvania
exists to
administer
fair and timely
justice and provide
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effective court
services.*



Jeffrey A. Manning
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President Judge

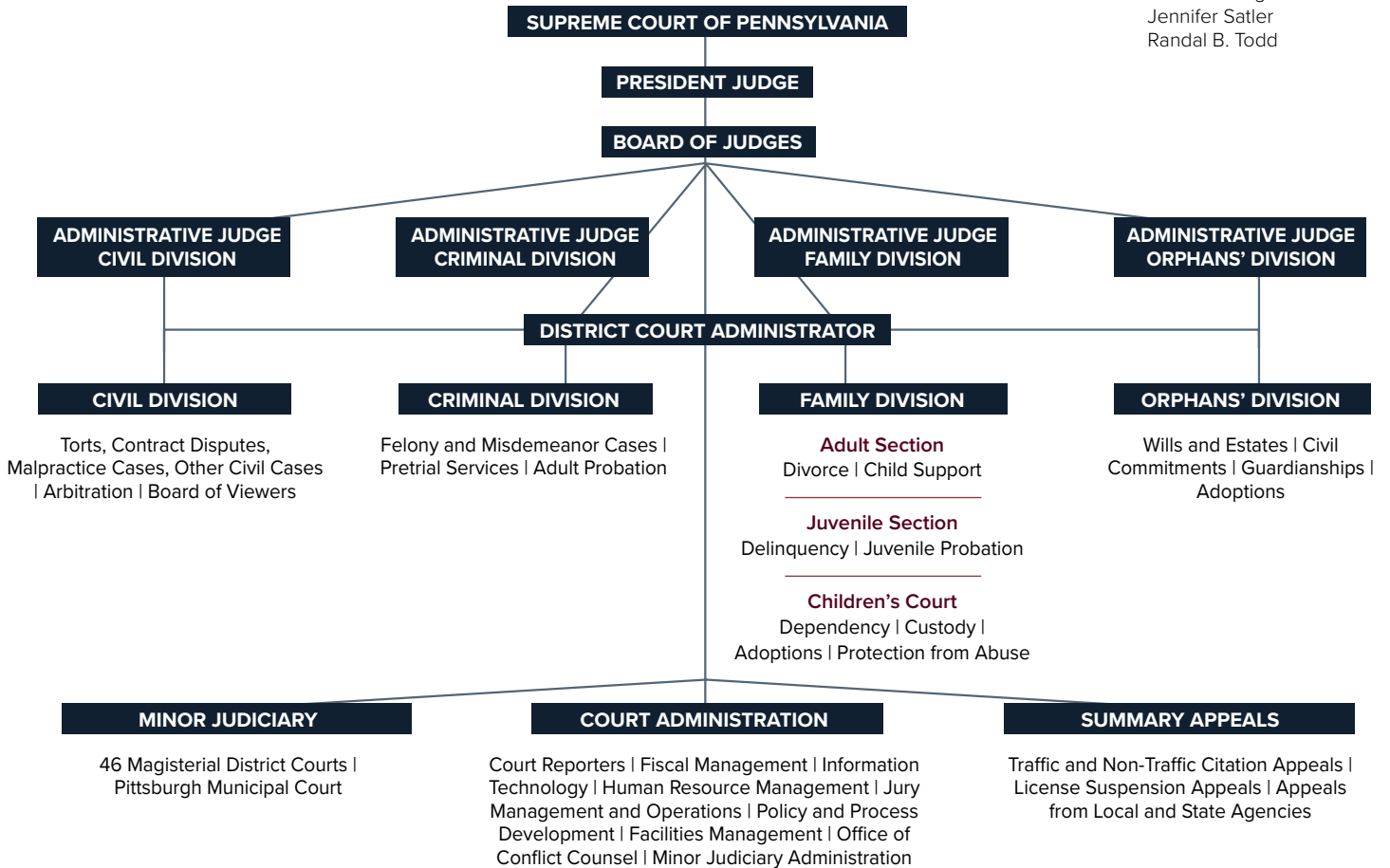


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HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Judge Kim Berkeley Clark Appointed President Judge

The Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark was appointed President Judge of the Fifth Judicial District by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court for a five-year term commencing on December 24, 2018. Prior to her presidential appointment, Judge Clark served as Administrative Judge of the Family Division from January 2006 to December 2009 and from April 2013 to December 2017. She began her judicial career as a merit selection appointee in 1999, was elected to a full term in 1999, and was retained for an additional 10-year term in 2009.

Judge Clark was named the National Center for State Court's 2017 recipient of the William H. Rehnquist for Judicial Excellence Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a state court judge by the association. In 2012, she received the Drum Major for Justice Award for demonstrating a long-standing commitment to civil rights. Presented with the ATHENA award in 2012 by the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, she was recognized for exhibiting professional excellence and assisting other women through mentorship. She was the first African-American woman and the first judge elected as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association in 2006, and in 2008 was elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges where she was credited for her efforts both on and off the bench which benefited children and families in her community.

Her leadership roles, past and present, include: Chair of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission; Chair of the Board of Fellows of the National Center for Juvenile Justice; and President of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. She serves as a current member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee; the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission on Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness; the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency-Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee; the Pennsylvania State Children's Roundtable (Chair of the Dependency Benchbook Committee); and the American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Standards Task Force. She is a past member of the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

After completing her undergraduate work at Tennessee State University with a degree in French, she earned her law degree from Duquesne University School of Law. Prior to her judicial career, Judge Clark served as an Allegheny County Assistant and Deputy District Attorney for 16 years. ■



President Judge Kim Berkeley Clark and her husband, Walter Hales, celebrate at her oath of office ceremony.

Photo: Ralph Musthaler

Fifth Judicial District Hosts the Pennsylvania Association of Court Management Western Regional Meeting

The Pennsylvania Association of Court Management (PACM) Western Regional Meeting was held at the Fifth Judicial District, Court Administrative Office in November 2018. State and county court employees involved in the management of judicial districts across western Pennsylvania attended the one-day conference.

The PACM organization was established in 1989 and involves court professionals who develop and implement effective court management techniques, policies, and standards to improve the efficient and effective administration of justice.

Agenda items included an update on information technology, new rules on Parenting Coordinators relating to custody matters, and security concerns, namely, access control doors, the Pennsylvania Judicial Incident Reporting System, warrant issues, and emergency planning. Also discussed was the publicly available, interactive dashboards developed by Allegheny County that provide information pertaining to the daily jail population. ■



Attendees at the PACM Western Regional Meeting included L-R: Tammy Lambie/District Court Administrator (Somerset County); Sean Collins/Director of Information Technology (Allegheny County); Cynthia K. Stoltz, Esq./Administrator, Children's Court (Allegheny County); Heidi Shiderly/District Court Administrator (Crawford County); Amy DeMatt/District Court Administrator (Westmoreland County); Don Heagy/Magisterial District Court Administrator (Westmoreland County); Pam Neiderhiser/Criminal Court Administrator (Westmoreland County); Carol Petrusky/Civil Court Administrator (Westmoreland County); Garrett Harper/Deputy Court Administrator (Beaver County); Angharad Stock/Administrator Pittsburgh Municipal Court and Deputy Administrator Special Courts (Allegheny County); and Aileen M. Bowers/Deputy Court Administrator (Beaver County).



Pictured L-R:
Criminal Division Administrator Thomas McCaffrey, Department of Human Services Deputy Director Erin Dalton, Pretrial Services Director Janice Radovick-Dean, Adult Probation Manager and Criminal Court Analyst Sanjeev Baidyaroy, Special Courts Deputy Administrator Angharad Stock, Public Defender Elliot Howsie, Allegheny County Police Superintendent Maurita Bryant, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Chief Scott Schubert, Public Defender's Office Chief Deputy Matthew Dugan, Adult Probation Director Frank Scherer, Department of Human Services Assistant Deputy Director Latoya Warren, and Department of Human Services Jail Collaborative Coordinator Molly Morrill.

Allegheny County Awarded \$2M by MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge

"The Courts have long been focused on safely reducing overpopulation at the Allegheny County Jail and implementing reforms in the setting of bonds for inmates. We are committed to recognizing the effects of incarceration on individual inmates, the justice system and our communities," said President Judge Manning. "We are grateful to have the support of the MacArthur Foundation as we strive to improve the way justice is dispensed, particularly in Allegheny County."

(Allegheny County media release 10/25/18)

County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and President Judge Jeffrey A. Manning announced on October 25, 2018 the award of a \$2 million grant to Allegheny County by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The grant is part of the Safety and Justice Challenge, a \$148 million national initiative, to support jurisdictions across the United States to rethink justice systems and implement data-driven strategies to reduce jail populations safely.

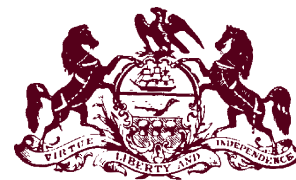
A total of 191 applications were submitted to the Challenge from jurisdictions spanning 45 states, 52 of which were selected to participate in the Challenge Network. Allegheny County was first selected to join the collaborative Safety and Justice Challenge Network in 2017 with funding for a targeted project focused on building data dashboards to monitor key indicators in the criminal justice system. Additional funding was received in 2018 based on the promise and progress of work to date. This new funding will provide additional support and expert technical assistance to implement data-driven strategies to safely reduce the jail population through identifying the drivers of over-incarceration and engaging a diverse set of community stakeholders to improve the justice system as a whole.

Members of the Allegheny County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, including Co-Chairs County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and President Judge Manning, along with representatives of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Magisterial District Courts, and other criminal justice partners, have been collectively engaged in developing a comprehensive plan to reduce the jail population by 20 percent over the next two years. Strategies to achieve this goal include:

- Expanding public defense,
- Diverting individuals to behavioral health and substance abuse treatment,
- Expediting the resolution of cases involving people detained for probation violations,
- Improving case processing efficiency,
- Expanding and enhancing pretrial services, and
- Increasing community engagement.

Jurisdictions participating in the Challenge will develop and model effective ways to keep people out of jail who don't belong there, more effectively reintegrate those who must be confined into the community upon release, and help them stay out of jail thereafter. In doing so, they will demonstrate alternatives to incarceration, creating models for reducing unnecessary jail use. ■

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The Office of Court Administration provides professional, comprehensive support services to the judiciary and other court-related entities to ensure meaningful access to the courts by adherence to the rule of law, use of timely information management, and expenditure of resources in an effective and efficient manner, in furtherance of the enhancement of public confidence in the judicial branch of government.



ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION



Orphans' Court Division Judges

L-R:
Lawrence J. O'Toole
Joseph K. Williams, III
Kathleen A. Durkin
Michael E. McCarthy

The mission of the Orphans' Court Division is to provide accessible, courteous, prompt, and efficient court services to all litigants and attorneys in cases within the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Court Division, including Adoptions, Civil Commitments, Estates / Trusts, Guardianships (Incapacitated Persons and Minors), and Nonprofit Organizations.

Security was enhanced in the Orphans' Court Division in 2018 with the installation of a metal detector and a magnetometer. Court staff and all visitors to the Orphans' Court offices must now pass through security prior to entering court offices and courtrooms.



The Guardianship Department continued to participate in the development of the statewide Guardianship Tracking System (GTS) that was originated by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' Information Technology Department in 2017-2018. The GTS application is a web-based electronic database that provides the court and guardians of persons and estates with online tools to manage, track, and report information on new and existing cases and captures data for statewide reporting. In particular, the system verifies the timely filing of inventories, annual reports, and other essential filings by guardians. Financial irregularities and other anomalies that are detected in the data are flagged by Guardianship Department staff and brought to the attention of the court. The development of this application was a priority of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Elder Law Task Force and was included as a specific recommendation in its final report. The Allegheny County Orphans' Court was chosen to participate in the development of this application and to be the first Pennsylvania county court system to "go-live" based, in large part, on the monitoring program employed in Allegheny County for over 15 years, which is considered a model for other courts. Orphans' Court Division staff worked with the Elder Law Committee and Probate and Trust Law Sections of the Allegheny County Bar Association in 2018 to provide training seminars to explain the requirements of the new GTS system, which significantly impacted and changed various aspects of guardianship practice and procedure.

In 2018, 5,404 involuntary civil commitment petitions were filed, a 5.5 percent increase from 2017. Hearings on these petitions were conducted by five Mental Health Review Officers at 18 hospital and community sites throughout Allegheny County.

New cases numbering 288 were filed in 2018 involving incapacitated persons, a 6.6 percent increase from 2017. As of December 31, 2018, there were nearly 5,000 cases in the court's guardianship database. Additionally, 471 petitions for allowance and 1,642 reports by guardians of the person and estate were filed, all of which were reviewed by Guardianship Department investigators to insure compliance with court rules and statutory requirements.

Three hundred seventy-one (371) accounts were filed by personal representatives of decedents' estates, trustees, guardians and/or agents in 2018, a 7.8 percent increase over 2017. Small estate petitions decreased by 3 percent to 171, and family settlement agreements increased slightly to 1,119. All of the accounts 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" are made to minors or incapacitated persons and that their respective interests are protected in accordance with statutory and court rules. Audit staff continued to work with the Department of Court Records Wills/Orphans' Court Division to enforce compliance with the filing of estate status reports as required by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Orphans' Court Rule 10.6. The filing of proofs of deposits required in settlement of minor's claims, decrees of distribution, and petitions to collect funds for a minor are also monitored.

Overall filings in the adoption area declined slightly in 2018 with the filing of 97 adoptions and 78 requests for the appointment of a search agent filed by adult adoptees, birthparents, and/or family members. ■

CIVIL COMMITMENTS

Petitions Presented

Cases Adjudicated by Mental Health Review Officers	5,404
Cases Adjudicated by Judges (Petitions for Review, Electro-Convulsive Therapy, Expungements)	99

Total	5,503
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Hearings By Type Under Mental Health Procedures Act

303	Up to 20 Days Civil Commitment	3,433
304-B	Up to 90 Days Civil Commitment	1,111
304-C	Up to 90 Days Civil Commitment	125
305	Up to 180 Days Civil Commitment	439
306	Transfer Civil Commitment – location transfer between facilities	13
306-2	Up to 180 Days Civil Commitment	2
304-G2	Up to 365 Days Criminal Commitment	1
402/405	Up to 60 Days Criminal Commitment	277
406	Long Term Civil Commitment	3
ECT	Electro-Convulsive Therapy	31
EXP	Expungement	15
REVW	Judicial Review of Mental Health Review Officer Decision	38

Total	5,488
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ESTATES

Audit Hearing of Accounts

Accounts Filed by Executors, Administrators, Trustees, and Guardians	371
Small Estates (\$50,000 or less)	171
Decrees of Distribution	362
Contested Hearings*	182

**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	51
Pretrial Conferences Docketed	112
Return Days Scheduled	155
Additional Bonds	45

Petitions Filed

Appointment of Guardians of the Person and Estates of Minors	7
Approval of Settlement of Minors' Claims	398
Lifting of Suspension of Distribution	3
Sale of Real Estate	51
Petitions for citation against fiduciaries to file accounts or to show cause why they should not be removed	111
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	26
Miscellaneous Petitions	667

Total Petitions Filed	1,263
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GUARDIANSHIP – INCAPACITATED PERSONS

New Petitions Filed	288
Emergency Guardians Appointed	29
Permanent Guardians Appointed	174
Successor Guardians Appointed	29
Guardians Discharged	2
Petitions Withdrawn or Dismissed	43
Electro-Convulsive Therapy Petitions	40
Adjudication of Full Capacity	1
Petitions for Review	10
Bonds Approved	26
Safe Deposit Box Inventories	3
Court-Appointed Counsel	67
Independent Medical Evaluations	1
Petitions for Allowance/Ratification Presented	471
Annual Report of Guardians Filed	1,642
Final Report of Guardians (Person/Estate) Filed	143
New Petitions – Guardians of the Person of a Minor Filed	24



ADOPTIONS

	Scheduled	Decreed	Withdrawn/ Dismissed
Adoptions	90	88	0
Voluntary			
Relinquishments	0	0	0
Confirm Consents	39	42	0
Involuntary Terminations	51	37	2
Total	180	167	2

Orders of Court 300
(Includes orders on petitions presented, continuances, amendments, allowance of service by publication, acceptance of jurisdiction, allowance of interrogatories, appointments of search agents)

Combined Decrees and Orders	467
Persons Adopted (some petitions include siblings)	97
Adult Adoptee Search Requests	47
Orders Signed Appointing Search Agents for Adult Adoptee Search Requests	39
Family Search Requests	31
<i>(Includes parents, siblings, daughters-sons of deceased parents, and adoptees)</i>	
Orders Signed Appointing Search Agents for Family Search Requests	11
Orders Signed on Petitions to Register Foreign Adoption Decrees	10

NON-RELATIVE ADOPTIONS

Adoption Placement by Agencies

Adoptions Connections PA	1
Allegheny County Children Youth & Families	1
American Adoptions (KS)	1
Bethany Christian Services	7
Children's Home of Pittsburgh	12
Genesis of Pittsburgh, Inc.	3
Int'l Child Foundation, Inc. & ABC Infant Adoption Svcs., LLC (AZ)	1

Total 26

Adoption Placement by Non-Agencies

Parent	6
Other Relative	1
All Other	?

Total 7

RELATIVE ADOPTIONS

Step-Parent	46
Co-Parent Adoptions	7
Other Relative	7
U.S.A. Re-Adoptions	1
Adult Adoptions	3

Total 64

Total Persons Adopted 97



CRIMINAL DIVISION

Judge David R. Cashman continued to serve as Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division, which is comprised of 14 commissioned judges and one senior judge. Judge Philip A. Ignelzi transferred from the Criminal to the Civil Division, and Judge Mark V. Tranquilli transferred from the Family to the Criminal Division in January 2018. Following eight years of service as Criminal Division Department Manager, Harry Lorenzi resigned his position in February 2018. Carol Eddins was appointed his successor in September 2018.

Allegheny County was awarded a \$2 million grant by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in October 2018 as part of the Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC), an initiative intended to reduce over-incarceration. The Allegheny County SJC project primary goals are to reduce the jail population by 20 percent by September 2020 and to work to reduce racial and ethnic disparities throughout the justice system. To accomplish these goals, Allegheny County assembled a multi-agency team involving representatives from Allegheny County, the court, the Public Defender's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Allegheny County Jail, and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services to address the main drivers of the jail population.

Since the Allegheny County Jail opened its current location in 1995, the jail population has risen by 62 percent. A large percentage of incarcerated individuals have

been admitted for non-violent, misdemeanor offenses. The jail population is impacted by admissions and the length of time that individuals are incarcerated. The Allegheny County SJC team will work to address both of these factors.

The Court Arraignment Office processed 18,132 cases in 2018, and 1,277 warrants were issued for defendants who failed to appear for formal arraignment. More than 400 arrests were made at the time of formal arraignment due to outstanding warrants. The Court Arraignment Office scheduled more than 3,600 Court Reporting Network (CRN) evaluations in 2018 for individuals charged with Driving Under the Influence. This process included the scheduling of same day CRN evaluations for defendants who reside outside of Pennsylvania.

Age of Pending Cases (Days)

0 to 60	2,357
61 to 120	2,582
121 to 180	1,493
181 to 240	565
241 to 300	269
301 to 360	123
361+	566

The Criminal Division is committed to furthering all facets of the criminal justice system with professionalism, timeliness, and efficiency to promote confidence in the administration of justice by the impartial and equitable application of the law to protect the rights and liberties guaranteed by the state and federal constitutions.



Criminal Division Judges

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Donna Jo McDaniel
Lester G. Nauhaus
Randal B. Todd



Judge Donna Jo McDaniel retired on January 31, 2019 following 33 years on the bench. She was first elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas in November 1985, at which time she was assigned to the Criminal Division. She was retained for three subsequent 10-year terms, and in 2003, she was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve as Administrative Judge of the Criminal Division. On December 12, 2008, she was elected by the Board of Judges to serve a five-year term as President Judge, which commenced on December 25, 2008. She was instrumental in the development and implementation of Sex Offender Court, which was recognized nationwide in 2017 by the Center for Court Innovation as a model court for “working with its partners to create a court-based response to sex offenses.” She is also credited with participation in implementing Domestic Violence Court, a program that utilizes a collaborative, accountability model to provide intense judicial supervision to domestic violence offenders.

CASES SENTENCED 2018

Crime Type	Grade	Confinement		Intermediate Punishment		Probation		No Further Penalty
		State	County	State	County	State	County	
Crimes Against People								
	Felonies	206	109	1	19	1	76	0
	Misdemeanors	16	124	0	24	8	714	8
	Summaries	0	19	0	0	0	138	22
Crimes Against Property								
	Felonies	87	290	3	42	8	511	23
	Misdemeanors	13	145	7	15	8	1,124	70
	Summaries	0	37	0	1	0	132	58
Driving Under the Influence								
	Felonies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Misdemeanors	34	1,001	6	1,089	0	292	1
	Summaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Offenses								
	Felonies	92	140	0	69	3	299	2
	Misdemeanors	4	213	0	40	3	2,137	99
	Summaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Public Peace/Order								
	Felonies	24	53	0	12	4	73	0
	Misdemeanors	4	103	0	12	5	639	24
	Summaries	0	129	0	2	1	275	232
Weapons								
	Felonies	91	72	1	24	2	75	1
	Misdemeanors	3	25	0	5	2	113	0
	Summaries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Crimes								
	Felonies	5	2	0	3	0	9	0
	Misdemeanors	6	7	0	20	0	25	0
	Summaries	10	84	0	365	0	9	81
Total		595	2,553	18	1,742	45	6,641	621

The Criminal Division ended 2018 with 8,249 active cases on the docket.



CRIMINAL DIVISION

The Fifth Judicial District problem solving courts and accountability programs, developed to address underlying issues that lead to involvement in the court system, continue to expand and operate successfully.

- Mental Health Court (MHC) is designed to provide intensive treatment and supervision for eligible defendants who have been diagnosed with a serious mental health condition. This problem solving court operates in close partnership with the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Department of Human Services-Justice Related Services, and Adult Probation. In 2018, MHC began accepting qualified individuals who were on probation. Thirty-one (31) participants successfully graduated MHC in 2018.
- Veterans Court celebrated the graduation of 25 veterans at its annual graduation ceremony on November 1, 2018. The Veterans Court also worked in conjunction with the Allegheny County Jail to open a housing pod solely for veterans in April 2018. This partnership provides referrals of incarcerated persons to determine if they are eligible to participate in Veterans Court. Veterans classified as minimum or medium security are eligible to be housed on this unit and receive services from the Soldier On Program, Veterans Thinking for Change, PA Serves, Veteran Justice Outreach Workers, Veterans Job Club, Veteran's Leadership Program, Veteran's Outreach, Pittsburgh Immersion, and Alcoholics Anonymous. Veterans Court is also collaborating with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole in pursuance of a pilot reentry program that would allow military veteran offenders to transition through a unique program prior to being paroled.
- In 2018, DUI Court marked its 13th year of operation. The program admitted 110 new participants, 72 of whom successfully completed the program. Defendants spend, on average, 35 months in the program, where they obtain treatment for their addictions, complete community service, find successful employment, and serve their mandatory sentence. The protocol for treatment is continually updated in order to remain compliant with the accreditation of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. The program has an 89 percent successful completion rate and a recidivism rate for graduates of less than 3 percent.
- The Drug and Alcohol Diversion Program continued its effective collaborative efforts to divert eligible pretrial defendants from incarceration to substance abuse treatment while awaiting trial. From 2013 to 2018, 1,616 defendants were accepted into the program, with 83 percent completing the program successfully.
- The PRIDE Program (Program for Re-Integration, Development and Empowerment of exploited individuals) is a diversionary specialty court for those convicted of prostitution in Allegheny County. The program examines exploitation by utilizing a post-traumatic stress model, focusing specifically on the complex issues that participants face. The PRIDE Program continued to grow in 2018 by incorporating a comprehensive treatment program through Positive Pathways, a Pennsylvania state licensed drug and alcohol outpatient facility in the West End of Pittsburgh. Over 800 individuals participated in the program in 2018.
- The Sex Offender Court (SOC) program, initiated in 2011, continued in 2018 as a model court, with a focus on community collaboration, intensive treatment, polygraph testing, and enhanced coordination with victim services. To further these objectives, Criminal Court representatives attended the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Network conference in State College, Pennsylvania in July 2018 where they networked with other professionals in the sex offender supervision/treatment field and expanded their knowledge of best practices. As of December 31, 2018, 321 offenders were under SOC supervision. ■

PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS

Individuals participating in problem solving courts as of December 31, 2018

Domestic Violence Court	324
Drug Court	186
DUI Court	245
Mental Health Court	161
Prostitution Court (PRIDE)	69
Sex Offender Court	424
Veterans Court	38
Total	1,447



**Criminal Division Minute Clerks
and Administrative Staff**

First Row L-R: Cynthia Gottron (Warrant Clerk), Christa Buchewicz, Elizabeth Collins, Joseph Panucci, Lindsay Williamson, Kristin Reitmeyer, John Matter

Second Row L-R: Karen Cirrincione, Mark Bonincontro, Lucille Trohaugh, Jackie O'Brien, Derek Smith

Third Row L-R: Annie Rago, Andrea Surgent, Carol Eddins (Department Manager Criminal Division), Amber Wang (Motions Clerk), Julie Nowak, Sandy Cephas

Fourth Row L-R: Toni Snelsire, Candice Kelly, Sandra Davis, Mia Garzony, Michele Kearney

Fifth Row L-R: Timothy Palmer, Robert Jackson, John D'Abruzzo, Daniel Cregan

Missing from photo: Janine McVay and John Halloran

CRIMINAL REPORT – FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS

New Cases Filed in 2018

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)	1,927
Expedited Courts	5,349
Standard Court Case Types	8,312
Total	15,588

Cases Disposed in 2018

Guilty Plea	11,640
Non-Jury Trial	641
Jury Trial	113
Diversionary Programs/ Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)	1,532
Dismissed, Withdrawn, Nolle Prossed, and Deceased Defendants	1,331
Nolo Contendere	89
Satisfaction Agreement (Rule 586)	108
Transfers, Administrative Closures, Consolidations	22
Speedy Trial (Rule 600)	9
Total	15,485





CRIMINAL DIVISION | ADULT PROBATION

The Allegheny County Adult Probation Department (Adult Probation), in conjunction with the Pretrial Services Department (Pretrial Services), supervises offenders who are on bail or sentenced to county probation, parole, or intermediate punishment by the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. These agencies employ 139 adult probation officers for this task. Pretrial Services supervises all individuals under bail supervision and those participating in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program (ARD) or in the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Alternative to Jail program. Adult Probation is responsible for all probation, parole, and intermediate punishment supervision in Allegheny County.

At the close of 2018, there were 25,476 offenders under supervision, a three percent (636) increase from 2017. Sixty-eight (68) percent (17,428) were supervised under a probation sentence, and nine percent (2,240) were supervised under intermediate punishment, parole, or probation without verdict. Twenty-three (23) percent (5,808) of offenders were supervised under bail or ARD. Fifty-three (53) percent (13,480) were supervised under a misdemeanor charge.

Adult Probation utilizes evidence-based practices in its supervision model. Offenders are screened for risk prior to case assignment, and those screened as medium or high-risk receive a full risk/needs assessment, the Level of Service Inventory – Revised (LSIR). Supplementing the LSIR is an offender service plan designed to determine an offender's goals for supervision. These plans provide both the offender and probation officer with action steps, fostering a collaborative and inclusive approach to supervision.

Adult Probation operates four community resource centers (CRCs), including a new center located in Pittsburgh's Northside. The CRCs are central locations where medium- and high-risk offenders meet with their probation officers and receive services, including batterers' intervention programs, cognitive behavioral therapy, employment and job search services, and GED preparation, which are funded with support from the Allegheny County Department of Human Services. Offenders can report for drug testing at these centers, and in the event of positive results, they may receive a comprehensive drug and alcohol assessment. In 2018, 2,402 offenders were served at the CRCs, and of those who completed services in 2018, 51 percent completed their service or program successfully.

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

INDIVIDUALS SUPERVISED *as of December 31, 2018*

Probation	17,428
Parole	1,148
Intermediate Punishment	842
Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)	3,090
Probation Without Verdict	250
Bail	2,718
Total	25,476

INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUPERVISION *by offense grade*

Misdemeanor	13,480
Felony	11,222
Other	774

INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUPERVISION *as of December 31, 2018*

Type of Unit	Persons Per Probation Officer
Field Offices – High Risk	91
Field Offices – Medium Risk	99
Low Risk Unit	836
Electronic Monitoring	41
DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Unit	160
Restitution Unit	299
Sex Offender Court	64
Domestic Violence Court	64
Mental Health Court	44
Drug Court	50
DUI Court	47
Veterans Court	48
PRIDE Court	75
Reentry Unit	78
Inter-State	462
Inter-County	432
State	3,463
Bail Unit*	340

**Supervised through Pretrial Services*

REFERRALS TO SERVICES AT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTERS – 2018

People may be referred for multiple services.

Adult Education (GED)	44
Batterers Intervention Program	203
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	119
Community Service	230
Drug and Alcohol Evaluation	1,171
Drug Testing	1,117
Employment Assistance/Job Search	341
Other Services	89
Total Referrals	3,314

Adult Probation also supports the court's seven problem-solving court programs – Drug Court, DUI Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, PRIDE Court, Sex Offense Court, and Domestic Violence Court. Each of these programs is supported by its own probation unit. As of the end of 2018, these seven units supervised 1,447 offenders. Of the 230 offenders who completed problem-solving court programs in 2018, 75 percent successfully completed their program.

Adult Probation concluded the training phase of its Smart Supervision grant in 2018. Continuing partnerships with the Urban Institute and the Center for Court Innovation, Adult Probation expanded its use of evidence-based practices and continuous quality improvement (CQI) efforts. In 2018, 14 training sessions related to evidence-based practices were conducted, and the department now has 39 trainers responsible for promoting and teaching various supervision strategies and topics related to evidence-based practices. Additionally, the department expanded its use of real-time dashboards to track supervision benchmarks and CQI and evaluation efforts with initiatives such as LSIR assessments and dosage-based supervision.

A variety of initiatives aimed at improving outcomes and procedural justice were enhanced in 2018. Efforts continued to expedite the scheduling of probation violation hearings. Another key initiative is a collaboration with the Office of the Public Defender to seek early termination of supervision for compliant offenders. In 2018, 96 individuals were granted an early termination of probation as a result of this project.

A major effort commenced in 2018 to redesign the Adult Probation case management system. The new system will emphasize user-friendliness and efficiency and will better connect with other court data sources. Further, the redesigned system will improve data collection, streamline processes such as service referrals, and will notify officers of updates to their caseloads with an alert system. The updated system will be completed in 2019.

Adult Probation is a participant in Allegheny County's Safety and Justice Challenge through the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. This \$2 million initiative promotes the overarching goal of reducing the Allegheny County Jail population by 20 percent. As a challenge team member, Adult Probation is examining its policies and practices to determine how it can best contribute to the targeted jail population reduction while maintaining its commitment to public safety.

Adult Probation measures success in a variety of ways, from the number of offenders without any violations or arrests, to recidivism, to offender participation in programs and services. Of the 10,490 offenders who completed supervision in 2018, 79 percent were successful. A more detailed review by risk level shows that 89 percent of low-risk offenders completed supervision successfully, 78 percent of medium-risk offenders completed successfully, and 65 percent of high-risk offenders completed successfully. ■



Adult Probation Officers John Miller and Michael Bowie were recognized for their contribution to the safety in local communities.



Allegheny County Adult Probation welcomed Deirdre Morgan, a senior corrections advisor for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), United States Embassy, Tunis, Tunisia, and Zouhaier Jaouadi, an INL Judicial Advisor, in May 2018, to observe local criminal justice practices related to community supervision, pretrial services, the courts, and jail operations. Pictured L-R: Duquesne University Professor John T. Rago, Deirdre Morgan, Adult Probation Deputy Director Alan Pelton, and Zouhaier Jaouadi.



CRIMINAL DIVISION | PRETRIAL SERVICES

The Allegheny County Pretrial Services Department continues to be nationally recognized as a leader in employing technology to more efficiently manage operations.

In October 2018, Allegheny County was awarded a MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge grant. The Fifth Judicial District partnered with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services and leaders from the Allegheny County Jail, the Public Defender's Office, and the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Police Departments in preparing an application for this competitive grant program. These grant funds will be extremely instrumental as work continues in the development of key strategies for reducing over-reliance on the jail and reintegrating individuals into the community.

The Pretrial Bail Unit, located in the Allegheny County Jail, performed 18,729 new investigations in 2018, a 6.6 percent decrease over the number of investigations completed in 2017. Interviews are conducted with all persons brought in on new charges or bench warrants. The information provides the arraiging authority the ability 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.

The expansion of the Arnold Ventures (formerly known as the Laura and John Arnold Foundation) pretrial risk tool to all Allegheny County magisterial district judges was completed in 2018. This nationally validated tool, the Public Safety Assessment-Court (PSA), is designed to assist judges in making release/detention determinations at the time of arraignment. In 2018, 527 PSA assessments were completed.

The Bail Unit advocated for 1,750 bond modifications in 2018 and presented 3,409 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 and to appear the same day in motions court for a bond reinstatement hearing. In 2018, 1,197 bench warrants for failure to appear were cleared through this program, a 29 percent increase over the 931 warrants cleared in 2017. The Bail Unit reviews the status of defendants in the jail on unpaid bond only and in 2018 advocated for bond modifications on 442 cases after the preliminary hearing when bond was not posted.

Nonmonetary conditions of bail, such as report by phone, report in person, or electronic monitoring, are supervised by Pretrial Services. As of December 31, 2018, the Bail Unit was actively supervising 519 defendants on phone-in supervision, 2,115 on report in-person supervision, and 84 on pretrial electronic monitoring. These conditional release options promote the pretrial goals of appearance and community safety during the pretrial phase of a case.

The Behavior Assessment Unit (BAU) psychiatrists completed 964 court-ordered competency evaluations in 2018, including 782 new evaluations and 182 rechecks, and recommended 116 involuntary commitments to Torrance State Hospital. BAU social workers also completed 198 social histories associated with these mental health evaluations.

Pretrial Services provides accurate and timely information to assist the court in making informed decisions regarding bond, competency, and treatment, supervises and monitors defendants in a respectful manner utilizing cost-effective measures for the community, promotes compliance with court orders and court appearances, and supports public safety.



Pretrial Services Bail Liaison Unit.

L-R: Investigators Lindsay Black, Timothy Ocharzak, Erin Spicuzza, and Administrative Assistant Arlene Oliver.



Pretrial Services staff participated in Allegheny County's Holiday Project by donating gifts intended for children whose families receive services from the Department of Human Services. Over 3,500 children received gifts from the project in 2018. Pictured L-R: Shane Scott, Michael Napolitano, Lindsay Black, Colleen Sypolt, Sarah Meredith, Garrett Larkin, David Delio, Keri Stupka, Timothy Ocharzak and Matearia Prince. Participants also included Janice Dean, Pam Wahal, and Michael Stephenson.

The first offender Accelerated Rehabilitative Diversion (ARD) Unit admitted 1,823 defendants into the ARD program in 2018. A large percentage of program participants were charged with DUI (1,529), and the remainder (294) were charged with various other non-violent offenses. The ARD program successfully diverted 84 percent of these cases from prosecution resulting in the dismissal and expungement following successful completion of ARD conditions. Violations submitted to the court in 2018 numbered 1,002, including technical and convicted violations. Participating ARD offenders completed 28,487 hours of community service throughout Allegheny County.



The 2018 Fatal Awareness Conference, designed to educate high school students about the dangers of drug and alcohol use and the resulting consequences, was held in April at the Ross Township Community Center. Pretrial Services staff volunteers at the conference included Pictured L-R: Keri Stupka, Pretrial Services Probation Officer; Joel Reisz, Alcohol Highway Safety Program Supervisor; Jody Reola, ARD Probation Officer; Janice Radovick-Dean, Pretrial Services Director; Pam Wahal, Prevention Coordinator; Michael Napolitano, Pretrial Services Probation Officer; and Timothy Dugan, ARD Probation Officer.

The Alcohol Highway Safety Program (AHSP) is responsible for the completion of court-ordered evaluations of DUI offenders and for managing the Department of Transportation mandated DUI education programs. In 2018, the AHSP continued its work of education, intervention, and prevention in the field of DUI through the following:

- 4,524 Court Reporting Network (CRN) evaluations were completed in 2018.
- AHSP facilitated 185 full drug and alcohol assessments and 154 Court Reporting Network (CRN) evaluations at the Allegheny County Jail prior to sentencing.
- 413 participants successfully completed the DUI Alternative to Jail Program in 2018, a program intended to reduce recidivism by providing first conviction DUI offenders with four days of intensive treatment and education.
- 435 clients were involved in the Ignition Interlock Program on December 31, 2018.
- Television and radio service announcements. ■



CIVIL DIVISION

To serve citizens through the prompt, courteous, and impartial dispensation of justice by adjudicating cases in a timely manner using efficient case management techniques, adhering to high standards, and being responsible stewards of public funds.

The Honorable Christine A. Ward, Administrative Judge of the Civil Division, continued to adjudicate cases assigned to the Complex and Commerce Litigation Center and served as Calendar Control Judge throughout 2018. Judge Alan D. Hertzberg was assigned as Calendar Control Judge in January 2019 allowing Judge Ward to focus on the development and advancement of Civil Division initiatives.

The Civil Division welcomed Judges Patrick M. Connelly, Philip A. Ignelzi, and Donald R. Walko, Jr. in 2018. Prior to joining the Civil Division, Judge Ignelzi served in the Family and Criminal Divisions, Judge Walko served in the Family Division, and Judge Connelly was elected to the bench in November 2017. In addition to presiding over arguments and jury and non-jury trials, Judge Ignelzi is responsible for specially assigned complex litigation matters, initial prisoner rights litigation screening, and general docket cases. Judge Connelly assists the Division by presiding over asbestos litigation and general docket cases, and Judge Walko is assigned to preside over asbestos litigation, cases involving prisoners, and cases filed under the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act.

Dianne Wainwright, Esquire was appointed Deputy Court Administrator of the Civil Division in June 2018. Her professional experience includes 28 years of civil trial practice and service as a Command Officer for a Transportation Unit of 188 soldiers deployed to Desert Storm in 1991. Following her appointment, court initiatives were undertaken to address facility and IT upgrades, statistical reporting changes to more accurately reflect case data, and shepherding

CASES CALLED FOR TRIAL – 2018

Jury verdicts	66
Non-jury verdicts	229
Settled prior to trial	277
Continued	53
Transferred to Federal Bankruptcy Court	6
Non-suits	1
Other	24
Total	656

of the newly appointed Housing Court Pilot Task Force through its implementation efforts toward the anticipated launch of the Housing Court Project in June 2019. These initiatives coincided with work on personnel system upgrades, budgeting assessments, and a rewrite of the Local Rules of Court in partnership with the Allegheny County Bar Association Local Rules Committee.

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), at the direction of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, implemented the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania*, effective July 1, 2018. This policy maximizes the public's right to examine court filings while protecting private information. Under the policy, litigants filing documents with the Department of Court Records are required to protect confidential information including social security numbers, financial account numbers, driver's license numbers, and financial, medical, psychological, and children and youth service records by using redacting methods.



Civil Division Judges

First Row L-R:
Arnold I. Klein
Christine A. Ward
Philip A. Ignelzi
Paul F. Luty, Jr.

Second Row L-R:
Patrick M. Connelly
Donald R. Walko, Jr.
Robert J. Colville
Alan D. Hertzberg
John T. McVay, Jr.

Not Pictured:
Michael A. Della Vecchia
Judith L.A. Friedman
Joseph M. James
W. Terrence O'Brien

The Civil Division worked with the Department of Court Records (DCR) to examine statistical data relating to the number of actions filed and pending to ensure accurate statistical reporting and timely case closing. To address these matters, an administrative checklist will be included with case closing orders that will assist the DCR in recognizing orders that result in case closing events.

The Civil Division's General Docket System is considered by the American Bar Association (ABA) and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to be a "lawyer driven" case management system. The ABA, NCSC, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court are encouraging courts to move to a "judicially driven" case management system. To address the Supreme Court's suggestion, the Civil Division is exploring potential structural changes to its General Docket System. In doing so, specialized tracks for civil cases, depending on the complexity of a particular case, are being developed. Conceptually, within approximately 90 days of filing, general docket cases not designated complex or falling within an existing program will be evaluated and placed into one of three categories, i.e. fast track (estimated conclusion of case within 12 months), standard (estimated conclusion within 20 months), and extended (estimated conclusion within 26 months). All cases will be given a presumptive trial date upon evaluation, which will be subject to either acceleration or postponement pursuant to Calendar Control Motions practice.

In response to a steady increase in the filing of eviction cases from approximately 650 in 2007 to approximately 1,550 in 2017, a working group/task force to develop a Housing Court Pilot Project was launched in July 2018. Professionals from social, legal, and philanthropic services convened to design and implement a Housing Court within the Civil Division. One judge will be assigned to this court program to hear landlord-tenant motions and to adjudicate landlord-tenant appeals and code violations. The Housing Court will also offer a help line staffed by a full-time clerk, volunteer lawyers, and social workers to assist landlords and tenants in navigating the process. It is anticipated that Housing Court will begin operations in June 2019.

PRE-TRIAL CONCILIATION REPORT – 2018

Settled	423
Transferred to Arbitration	26
Stricken from issue	1
Transferred to Bankruptcy Court	5
Transferred to another division/section	3
Relisted by the Calendar Control Judge	277
Summary Judgment granted	3
Scheduled for jury/non-jury trial	375
Total	1,113

Judge John T. McVay, Jr. is assigned to conciliate mortgage foreclosure cases on a bimonthly basis. In 2018, 351 cases were enrolled in the Mortgage Foreclosure Program, 530 conciliations were held, and 156 homeowners were successful in modifying mortgages to retain possession of their homes. The number of home foreclosures is decreasing as a result of this program. Similarly, the Housing Court will work collaboratively with public and private entities to integrate available resources early in the litigation process, to improve court efficiencies, and to reduce the number of evictions.

Juror Appreciation Day was celebrated on May 7, 2018 to recognize the importance of jury service and to honor the citizens serving in our courts. Jurors were greeted in the court's Jury Assignment Room by judges, court staff, and live music. Pirates' tickets, donated by Judges McVay and Connelly, were raffled throughout the event. Pennsylvania Senate Minority Leader Jay Costa addressed the jurors recognizing their critical role in the judicial system and thanking them for their service. ■

CIVIL DIVISION – 2018 DOCKETED CASES

Tort (Does not include mass tort.)

Intentional	46
Malicious Prosecution	3
Motor Vehicle	1,463
Nuisance	7
Premise Liability	348
Product Liability	53
Slander/Libel/Defamation	25
Other	866
Asbestos	62
Tobacco	0
Toxic Tort -DES	0
Toxi Tort – Implant	2
Toxic Waste	1
Dental	9
Legal	19
Medical	290
Other Professional	18

Contract (Does not include mass tort.)

Buyer Plaintiff	193
Debt Collection: Credit Card	1,142
Debt Collection: Other	1,188
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	30
Employment Dispute: Other	41
Other	1,236

Real Property

Ejectment	250
Eminent Domain/ Condemnation	175
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	1,445
Mortgage Foreclosure: Residential	1,870
Mortgage Foreclosure: Commercial	42
Partition of Real Property	27
Quiet Title	321

Civil Appeals – Administrative

Board of Elections	9
Department of Transportation	876
Zoning Board	19
Statutory Appeals – Other	130

Miscellaneous

Common Law/ Statutory Arbitration	16
Declaratory Judgment	54
Mandamus	10
Non-Domestic Relations Restraining Order	0
Quo Warranto	0
Replevin	33

Total	12,319
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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 6,388 new cases filed in 2018, 4,940 represent contract, personal injury, credit collection, lemon law and/or medical malpractice cases, and 1,448 represent landlord-tenant actions. In addition, 116 cases were transferred from the Civil Division general docket to Arbitration. In 2018, 410 arbitration boards heard 1,455 cases with an average arbitrators' cost per case of \$88.81. The appeal rate associated with arbitration awards in 2018 was 35 percent. ■

ARBITRATION CASES	2016	2017	2018
Pending on January 1 <i>(includes cases filed in previous years)</i>	1,992	2,033	2,303
New Cases	6,997	7,208	6,388
Transferred from Civil Division	123	127	116
Total	9,112	9,368	8,807
Awards by Boards	1,653	1,566	1,455
Settlements, Non-Pros., etc.	4,638	4,706	3,869
Trial List Cases Disposed by Judge	788	793	778
Total	7,079	7,065	6,102
Appeals Filed	607	577	509
Rate of Appeal	37%	37%	35%*

*Appeal = 509/1,455 = 34.98% Rate

ARBITRATION BOARDS	2016	2017	2018
Number of Arbitration Boards Summoned	489	456	410
Number of Arbitrators Summoned	1,467	1,368	1,230
Arbitrator's Fee Per Day	\$150	\$150	\$150
Total Arbitrators' Fees	\$220,050	\$205,200	\$184,500
Less Non-Recoverable Appeals Fees	\$65,940	\$61,120	\$55,280
Total Costs	\$154,110	\$144,080	\$129,220
Average Cost per Case	\$93.23	\$92.00	\$88.81*

*Average Cost per case = Net cost / Number of awards = \$129,220/1,455 = \$88.81

CIVIL DIVISION | BOARD OF VIEWERS

The Board of Viewers, comprised of seven Special and Lay Masters, adjudicated 2,529 real estate tax assessment appeals in 2018 for residential and commercial properties located in Allegheny County.

The majority of cases appealed to the Board of Viewers involve residential properties, and in most instances, property owners appear *pro se* (without counsel). Appeals to the Board of Viewers are *de novo* (new), after first having received a “disposition” from the Allegheny County Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review (BPAAR), an administrative body of Allegheny County. In 2018, appeals were representative of nearly all 130 municipalities and 45 school districts in Allegheny County.

The Special and Lay Masters of the Board of Viewers manage their individual caseloads, schedule conciliations and hearings, monitor the progress of information exchanged between the parties in residential cases, and work to resolve tax appeals through a negotiated resolution. When attempts to resolve are not successful, the Special and Lay Masters conduct hearings at which the parties introduce evidence which is reviewed by the Masters, including comparable sales, neighborhood-wide assessed values, and individual characteristics of the properties. Evidentiary hearings, where the Rules of Evidence are followed and a transcript is produced, result in a written recommendation to the court based on the evidence. The Board of Viewers has jurisdiction over the tax year in which the appeal is filed, and in the event of multi-year appeals, jurisdiction extends to all subsequent years including the year in which the hearing is held.

The majority of tax appeals to the Board of Viewers were resolved by conciliation in 2018. For those cases where a hearing was held, there was a very low rate of Exceptions (appeals) to the Masters’ Report. Exceptions to Masters’ Reports are heard by Judge Robert J. Colville, who serves as the Real Estate Judge in the Civil Division.

In addition to its court mandated role in the resolution of property tax assessment appeals, the Board of Viewers serves as the first level court for Eminent Domain matters. The Viewers visit the properties which are the subject of a declaration of taking by a municipal or state authority. Thereafter, hearings of record, at which expert and lay testimonies are produced, are convened, and a Viewers’ Report is filed wherein Estimated Just Compensation is awarded, consistent with the Eminent Domain Code. In 2018, 20 cases, including turnpike widening or construction cases, water line installations, and other municipal projects, were filed/viewed and/or adjudicated by the Board of Viewers.

Newly appointed Civil Division Administrator, Dianne S. Wainwright, Esquire and the Board of Viewers worked together in 2018 to evaluate the Board’s infrastructure and processes with the goal of increasing efficiency for litigants and the court. In addition, relationships with the Department of Court Records and the Allegheny County Office of Property Assessment were strengthened, resulting in further collaborative efforts which facilitate the procedural work of the Board of Viewers. ■

BOARD OF VIEWERS

Eminent Domain	20
<i>(New Petitions/Views/Hearings involving water and sewer line cases, partial and total takings, scheduled readings, and exception reports)</i>	
Tax Appeals	2,529
<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 (BPAAR) decisions)</i>	
Total	2,549



FAMILY DIVISION



Family Division Judges

First Row L-R:
Guido A. DeAngelis
Kim D. Eaton
Kim Berkeley Clark

Second Row L-R:
Dwayne D. Woodruff
Jennifer S. McCrady
Kathryn M. Hens-Greco
Hugh F. McGough

Third Row L-R:
Paul E. Cozza
Michael F. Marmo
David L. Spurgeon

Not Pictured:
Cathleen Bubash
Eleanor L. Bush
Susan Evashavik DiLucente
Robert A. Kelly
Kathleen R. Mulligan
Daniel D. Regan
Jennifer Satler

FAMILY DIVISION | ADULT SECTION

The mission of the Family Division is to resolve family legal issues in a user-friendly forum which maximizes access to the court and best addresses the important and unique needs of children and families.

The Adult Section transitioned from the leadership of Administrative Judge Kim Berkeley Clark, who was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on December 14, 2018 as President Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, to the supervision of Judge Kim D. Eaton, who was appointed Administrative Judge of the Family Division effective January 1, 2018.

The establishment and enforcement of child and spousal support and alimony *pendent-lite* constitutes a significant percentage of the Adult Section's workload. In 2018, the Section collected over 83 percent of the current support owed and collected arrearages in nearly 84 percent of active cases. The Adult Section also distributed close to \$121 million to families and reduced the aggregate amount of arrears owed by \$1.3 million.

Family Adult continues to address support matters at its two regional offices, 12000 Frankstown Road, Penn Hills, and 250 Mt. Lebanon Boulevard, Castle Shannon, in addition to the downtown campus located in the Family Law Center. With smaller caseloads consisting of approximately 4,200 cases each, both regional offices operate with a specific caseload management system which enables staff to provide personalized and efficient services in the establishment and collection of child support. The use of technology has also enabled the court to conduct hearings with litigants and/or lawyers in one office while the opposing party is in another physical location.

In 2018, the South Hills regional office staff met with 1,248 clients on a "walk-in" basis and processed 132 new complaints for support. The office also processed 220 support modification petitions filed by mail or by electronic request. Support payments totaling \$487,506 were collected, a 28 percent increase over 2017. The Penn Hills office staff met with 1,866 clients on a "walk-in" basis, accepted 160 new complaints for support, and processed 242 modification petitions. Support payments totaling \$309,192 were collected.

The Domestic Relations Officers in each regional office began to rely extensively on correspondence via text messages in 2018 to communicate with litigants regarding court dates, support payments, and work search obligations, resulting in a higher appearance rate and increased compliance with court orders.

The Adult Section processed 4,576 new support complaints at the downtown campus in 2018, 1,229 of which were filed in person by litigants. Thirty-seven (37) support complaints or modification petitions were received by U.S. mail, and 769 new support complaints and 286 modification petitions were submitted electronically by litigants or their attorneys via the Pennsylvania Child Support website.

The court maintains a “phone room” operated by information specialists who answer questions and provide information via telephone and postal mail. In 2018, the phone room began to rely more extensively on communication with clients via email and text. This method of communication has resulted in a significant decrease in default orders and bench warrants due to a party failing to appear for a court hearing.

The Adult Section Client Services Center is available to answer questions, address concerns, file modification petitions, and provide information to litigants in all areas of law addressed by the Family Division, including support, custody, protection from abuse, divorce, and dependency matters. During 2018, the Client Services Center met with 11,403 self-represented litigants and 2,317 attorneys on a “walk-in” basis. This represented service on over 15,000 cases. In addition, the Adult Section continued its practice of remaining open during “non-traditional” evening hours allowing employed parents to address support issues. Two hundred one (201) individuals were served during Wednesday evening “Night Court” hours representing 208 cases. Nineteen (19) new Intake cases were filed.

The Family Division continued to offer a *pro se* motions/legal assistance clinic program in conjunction with the Client Services Center. The assistance is provided by law students from the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University Law Schools who are supervised by professors of the respective law schools and is augmented by *pro bono* attorneys through the Allegheny County Bar Association. During 2018, 5,401 income eligible participants were assisted by the *pro se* motions program, and legal assistance was provided to 1,061 litigants.

The Adult Section continued to operate its Phone Power project through which delinquent obligors are contacted during evening hours. In 2018, these telephone calls resulted in the collection of \$185,020 in additional support monies and generated 68 new wage attachments to ensure ongoing regular collection of support directly from employers.

Seven full-time hearing officers and complex support masters conducted 3,857 support hearings in 2018. Hearings at the Family Law Center, the City-County Building, and the Penn Hills and South Hills regional offices can be conducted by audio/visual means with litigants and/or their attorney appearing in any of the four locations or by telephone with parties in difference locations. Support hearings are preceded by conferences wherein Domestic Relations Officers

FAMILY DIVISION – DIVORCE	2017	2018
Original Filings		
Filed	2,688	2,587
Judicial		
Contested	395	252
Hearing Officer/Master		
Contested	134	87
Uncontested	1	2
Professional Staff		
Uncontested	1,954	2,139

supervise negotiations in an attempt to allow litigants and/or attorneys to resolve the amount of support without the need for a hearing. In 2018, the court held 27,005 conferences which resulted in a consent order in approximately 84 percent of cases. In most instances, the conferences are scheduled on the same day as hearings, which enables litigants to resolve support obligations with one appearance in court.

The Adult Section’s Employment Search Program provides a structured environment to assist obligors in finding and maintaining employment. During 2018, program staff worked with 1,511 individuals, and as of December 31, 2018, 212 participants in the program had obtained gainful, steady employment.

The Family Adult Section’s mission is to provide the most efficient and cost-effective processes for the establishment, modification, and enforcement of support obligations; to provide accurate, timely, and efficient processes for distributing and accounting for support payments; and to process other family-related case matters in an expeditious manner.



Aura Dean, Carol Baker, and Denise Conley were recognized in 2018 for individually serving more than 40 years with the court.



FAMILY DIVISION | ADULT SECTION



Michael Dippold, Supervisor of the Family Adult Intergovernmental Unit, was honored with the *Distinguished Manager/Supervisor of the Year* award by the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association.



Jennifer Zalar, Supervisor of the South Hills Regional Office, was honored with the *Mary Kunkel Award of Excellence* by the Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania at its annual conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A distinct department to address interjurisdictional support cases which involve intercounty and interstate matters is staffed by the Family Adult Section. A total of 6,470 cases were filed in 2018, over 3,000 conferences and hearings were conducted, 297 initiating petitions were processed, and 290 responding petitions were received and addressed by this department.

Due to frequent revisions to law, rules, and regulations and the need to stay abreast of new developments, the Adult Section places an important emphasis on training. The Section continues to work collaboratively with the Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement Training Institute (PACSETI), an outreach service of Penn State University, to provide training to employees at no cost to Allegheny County. In 2018, 206 employees attended 84 classes totaling over 1,500 training hours. Family Adult supervisors and managers collaborated with PACSETI instructors to create the curriculum for several classes in addition to conducting nine separate in-house trainings.

The Section 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 Child Support Enforcement Association, and the Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania. Section staff serve in many leadership roles for these organizations, which enables the court to have input into the development of the program at the state, regional, and national level.

The Adult Section is responsible for the processing of divorce and equitable distribution actions. There were 2,587

divorce cases filed in 2018. Divorce cases numbering 2,480 were disposed of with the entry of a divorce decree. The judges of the Adult Section conciliated 660 equitable distribution matters and conducted equitable distribution hearings in 252 cases. Three Masters conducted 89 equitable distribution hearings.



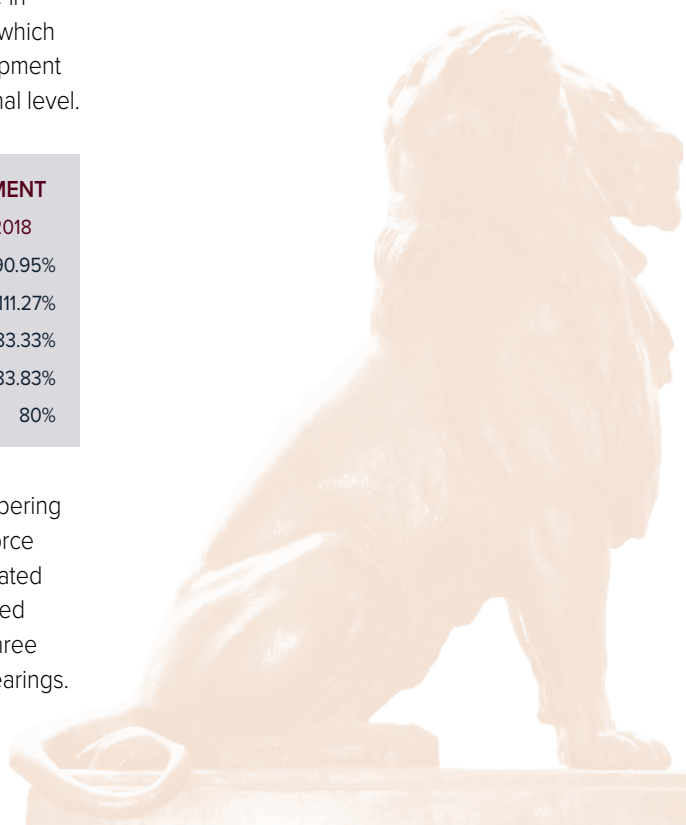
FAMILY DIVISION – CHILD SUPPORT

Original Filings	2017	2018
Complaints Added (PACSES)	7,706	6,599
Secondary Filings		
Modifications	9,394	8,936
Contempt Hearings	13,466	14,466
Judicial		
Support Contempt Hearings	629	531
Exceptions	172	170
Hearing Officer		
Hearing Officer Hearings	3,794	3,775
Hearing Master Complex Support	261	82
Professional Staff		
Screenings	16,100	16,237
Conciliations	12,926	12,539
Contempt Hearings	13,466	14,466

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Federal Performance Measures 2018

Support Order	90.95%
Paternity Establishment	111.27%
Current Payment	83.33%
Arrearage Payment	83.83%
Cost Effectiveness	80%







FAMILY DIVISION | JUVENILE SECTION

Evidence-Based Practices in Juvenile Court

Juvenile Probation continued to expend the use of evidence-based practices, including use of risk assessment tools, graduated responses, and effective supervision and intervention strategies.

Probation officers assess juveniles using the Youth Level of Service Risk/Needs Assessment (YLS) prior to filing a delinquency petition with the court. The YLS instrument, employed to examine eight criminogenic factors that are related to delinquent behavior, helps to determine a juvenile's risk to reoffend and assists in developing a supervision plan.

Allegheny County Juvenile Probation is one of approximately 30 juvenile jurisdictions in Pennsylvania to fully implement the Pennsylvania Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (PaDRAI). This validated risk instrument helps probation officers decide which juveniles should be securely detained and which should be released to an alternative to secure detention pending a formal hearing based on their risk to reoffend and likelihood to appear for court. The tool accurately predicts these risk factors at a rate of over 90 percent.

Juvenile Probation is one of 17 departments in Pennsylvania engaged in Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™) activities. This tool produces a score measuring the likelihood that the intervention will reduce a juvenile's risk to reoffend, and individualized performance improvement plans are developed. Through 2018, Allegheny County applied the SPEP™ process to 69 interventions at 14 residential and community-based provider locations for a total of 93 SPEPs™.

An array of graduated rewards and sanctions have been developed by Juvenile Probation 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.

Aggression Replacement Training® (ART®) is a cognitive behavioral intervention that improves social skills, moral reasoning, and anger management while reducing aggressive behavior. Juvenile Probation's six Community Intensive Supervision Program (CISP) Centers facilitate ART® groups for moderate- and high-risk youth. Several community providers deliver ART® on Saturday mornings at the Family Law Center in downtown Pittsburgh.

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.

Juvenile Probation staff is being trained on tools, including Four Core Competencies, Carey Guides, Brief Intervention ToolS (BITS), BriefCASE, and the Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) model of supervision, that assist youth in skill building targeted to identified criminogenic needs. To date, over 50 percent of Juvenile Probation staff has been trained in EPICS. Developed by the University of Cincinnati, EPICS helps translate the risk, needs, and responsivity principles into practice.

Juvenile Probation continued its mission by working to reduce and prevent juvenile crime, promote and maintain safe communities, and improve the welfare of youth and families who are served by the court.

Juvenile Probation Activities

Activities that furthered the mission of Juvenile Probation in 2018 were pursued through collaborative partnerships, leveraging grant funding, workshops, and continuing the focus on achieving balanced and restorative justice.

The Juvenile Court Educational Success and Truancy Prevention Workgroup's School-Justice Partnership (SJP) subcommittee, led by Judge Dwayne D. Woodruff, entered the completion phase of an alliance with the Woodland Hills School District. A member of the SJP partnership team addressed the school board in preparation for the board's approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

The SJP subcommittee also entered into a partnership with Oliver Citywide Academy, located within the Pittsburgh Public School District, to focus on diverting youth with full-time emotional support needs from the juvenile justice system. A memorandum of understanding will be presented to the school board for its approval in early 2019.

Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) quality assurance efforts came into sharper focus when weekly crossover youth reports provided a random sample to analyze various Juvenile Probation/Children, Youth and Families crossover efforts. That analysis will be expanded to add CYPM practice performance indicators focused on interagency communications, collaboration, and youth/family engagement.

Additionally, the CYPM team developed a collaborative response to commercial sexual exploitation of children. Crossover-specific protocols were developed to meet this need, consistent with relevant state and federal law. Another special focus for the CYPM team was the challenge of locating appropriate placement facilities for crossover youth with severe mental health needs. The CYPM team continues its work on a protocol specifically designed to assist agencies in coordinating their efforts in these complex cases.

Allegheny County Juvenile Probation was one of four counties in Pennsylvania to receive a two-year Second Chance Act grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, which funds strategies to reduce recidivism by 50 percent for the highest risk juveniles. Juvenile Probation hired two full-time Reintegration Specialists to work with youth released from residential delinquency placements and committed to the Community Intensive Supervision Program for aftercare. The specialists assist youth in acquiring career and technical training and full-time employment upon their return to the community. To date, 259 youth have been served, all of whom have received employment services, 73 percent of whom have returned to school, 73 percent of whom received academic services, and 41 percent of whom were employed at some point during the program.



On July 23, 2018, six new Juvenile Probation Officers were sworn in by Administrative Judge Kim D. Eaton. **Front Row L-R:** Probation Officers Jodi Walsh, Joshua Hudak, Ashlie Brown, Douglas Werner, London Pepper, and Jennifer Shearer. **Back Row L-R:** Assistant Chiefs Shawn Forbes and David Evrard, Administrative Judge Eaton, Assistant Chiefs Kimberly Booth and John Fiscante, and Administrator Russell Carlino.



FAMILY DIVISION | JUVENILE SECTION *continued*

Pennsylvania's Balanced and Restorative Justice 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 the age of 21 is indexed as a judgment with the Department of Court Records. Juvenile Probation oversaw the collection of \$243,199 in restitution, fees, and costs in 2018. Of this total, \$149,430 was repaid to victims for losses incurred, \$14,697 was paid to the Victim Compensation Fund, and \$6,659 was directed to the stipend fund for victim restitution. The remaining \$72,413 includes court fees and costs incurred by juvenile offenders. ■



Probation Officer Robert Koger was honored with the Golden Gavel award in 2018. The Golden Gavel is presented to an employee for individual accomplishments, good deeds performed in the community, innovative ideas relating to court operations, and for going above and beyond job assignments to assist another person. L-R: Probation Officer Robert Koger and Administrator Russell Carlino.

FAMILY DIVISION – PROBATION

Allegations	2018
New Allegations ¹	1,216
Reopened Cases ²	326
Additional Allegation Filed with New or Reopened ³	88
New Allegation on Active Juvenile ⁴	1,052

Total 2,682

Hearings by Judges

Detention Hearings	254
Pre-Hearing Conferences	1,739
Adjudicatory Hearings	905
Dispositional Hearings	536
Dispositional Review Hearings	3,497
Failure to Adjust/Violation of Probation Hearings/Reviews	597
Other Hearings (Certification, Competency, Expungement, Intercounty Adjudicatory, Motions, and Status Conferences)	361
Warrants	754

Total 8,643

Hearings by Hearing Officers

Detention Hearings	1,031
Pre-Hearing Conferences	268
Dispositional Review Hearings	563
Other Hearings (Intercounty Adjudicatory and Status Conferences)	38

Total 1,900

Juvenile Probation Officers⁵

Hearings	9,789
Warrants	754
Individualized Service Plan Meetings	452
Intakes – Allegations Received	2,682
Petitions Filed	1,311
Case Contacts	56,814

Total 71,802

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

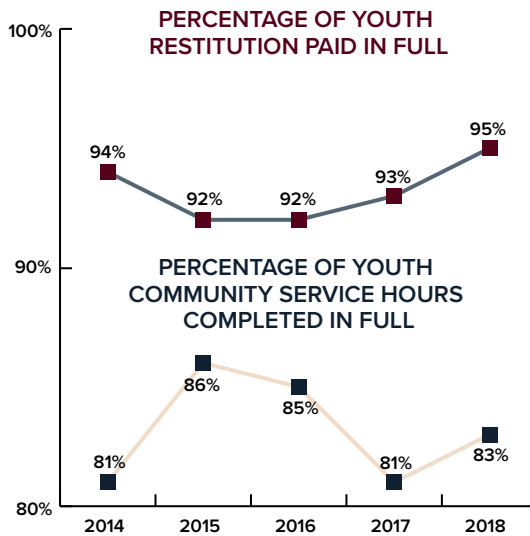
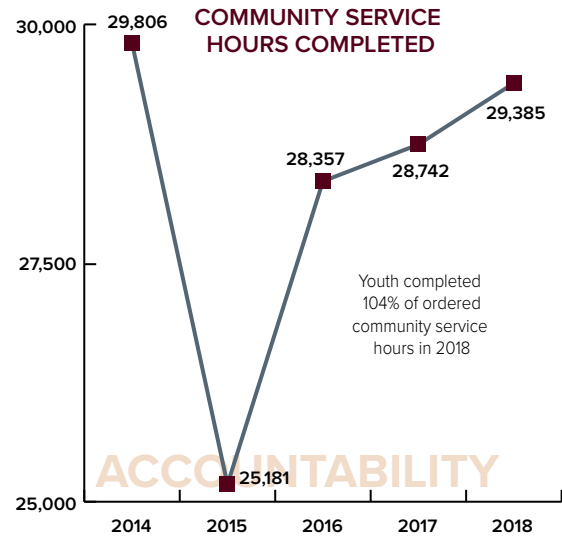
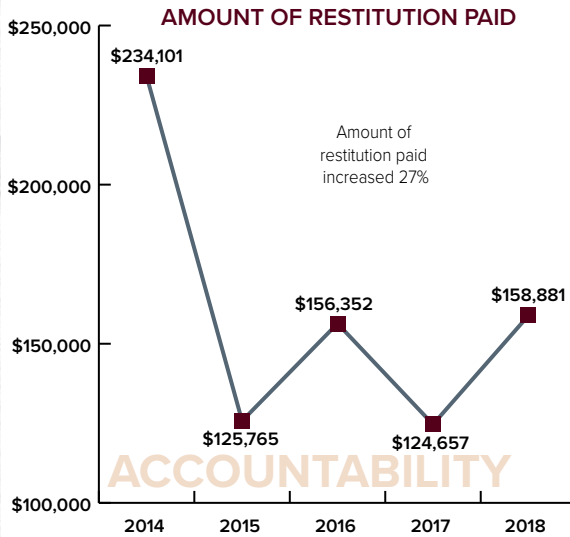
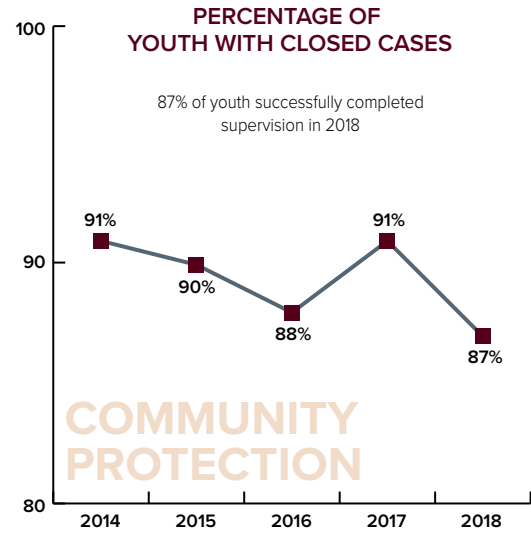
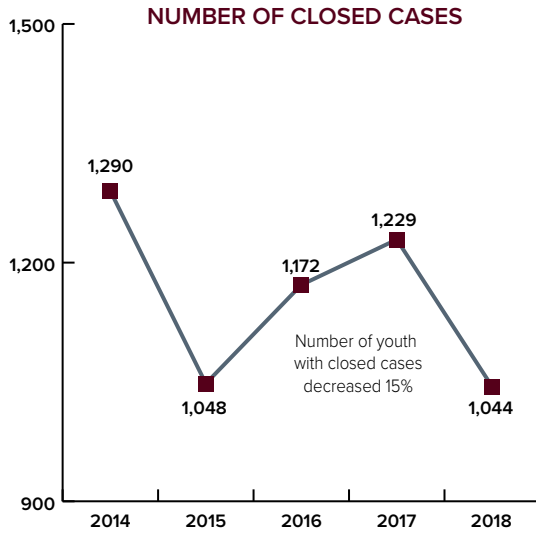
² After a juvenile's case is closed, it is reopened when a new allegation is received.

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.

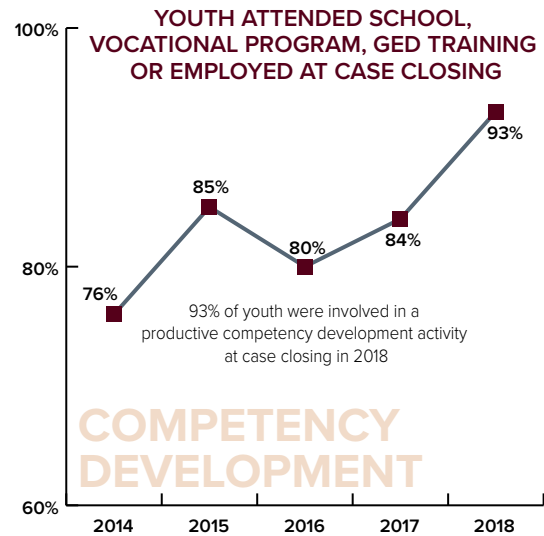
⁴ Allegations filed against juveniles currently under supervision.

⁵ Juvenile Probation Officers do not conduct hearings, but have regular contact with juveniles under supervision.

Allegheny County Juvenile Probation 2018 Outcome Measures



Percentage of youth who paid restitution and completed community service hours increased to 83% and 95%, respectively





FAMILY DIVISION | CHILDREN'S COURT

The Children's Court realized a year of continued growth and progress as an innovative legal forum for children and families.

Judge Jennifer S. McCrady, together with Michael Mitchell from the Department of Human Services, served as faculty at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) National Conference on Juvenile Justice in March 2018 and led a session on *The Power of Youth Voice in Building a Trauma Informed Court*.

Judge Daniel D. Regan, co-chair of the Children's Court Family Violence Workgroup, presented at the annual conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) in Washington D.C. in July 2018. Entitled *Creating Safe Spaces: The Allegheny County Family Court Experience*, the workshop highlighted development of a safe, confidential, and trauma-informed space for domestic violence victims.

Judge Dwayne D. Woodruff and Children's Court Administrator Cynthia K. Stoltz, Esq., together with Judge Patricia Macias, Casey Family Programs Judicial Engagement Director, served as faculty for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges National Conference in July 2018 and coordinated a presentation entitled, *The Dynamic Duo: A Model for Effective Teaming of Judicial Leaders and Professional Court Managers in Juvenile and Family Courts*.

Judge Eleanor L. Bush moderated a discussion on *Parents and Families with Lived Experience in Substance Use Disorder – What Works and What Doesn't Work* in conjunction with a training on Substance Use Disorder coordinated by the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Family Division, the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, and the Allegheny County Health Department. The September 17, 2018 event was attended by more than 150 attorneys, juvenile probation officers, Office of Children, Youth and Families caseworkers, and other stakeholders.

The Children's Court Roundtable conducted three general quarterly meetings in 2018. The Roundtable Annual Meeting in April 2018, *Building a Community of Healing: Engaging Families and Reducing Trauma*, was attended by over 100 state and local leaders. Teams led by judges and stakeholders also met regularly throughout 2018 to implement best practice measures and court policies aimed at improving dependency and related family violence and child custody systems.



The Allegheny County Children's Roundtable quarterly meeting held on October 15, 2018 at the BNY Mellon Conference Center featured guest speaker, the Honorable Charles F. Pratt, Administrative Judge, Indiana Superior Court. Judge Pratt joined court leaders from Indiana and the Family Division Children's Court to share ideas about trauma informed best practices for handling court matters involving children and families. **Front Row L-R:** Allison Perillo, Family Court Administrator, Allen County, Indiana; Magistrate Lori Morgan, Indiana Superior Court; Alicia Strack, Court Services, Indiana Superior Court. **Second Row L-R:** Nancy Springer, CASA Director, Allen County, Indiana; Judge Kim Berkeley Clark; Children's Court Administrator Cynthia K. Stoltz, Esq. **Back Row L-R:** Judge Dwayne D. Woodruff; Marsha Landers, Esq.; Judge Guido A. DeAngelis; Judge Charles F. Pratt, Administrative Judge, Indiana Superior Court.

Children's Court provides a forum for fair, prompt, and coordinated resolution of legal matters affecting children and families and strives to promote the best interests of children including each child's right to a safe, permanent, and loving home, and to strengthen and preserve families.

Building on its recognition as Best Court Operated Program of the Year by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, the Cross Over Youth Practice Model (CYPM) team was recognized for the following accomplishments in 2018:

- The CYPM Team continued its role of sharing core principles with other jurisdictions by hosting a group of judges and related systems leaders from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania for court observations and discussion.
- CYPM data efforts expanded the focus on dashboards developed in 2017 to encompass data reports capable of providing trending information on crossover cases. Presentations on these data reports were given at a number of Allegheny County Children's Roundtable meetings in 2018.
- The CYPM Team worked throughout 2018 to develop a collaborative response to commercial sexual exploitation of children. Crossover-specific protocols have been articulated to meet this need.
- The Team focused attention on locating appropriate placement facilities for crossover youth with severe mental health needs and continued to work on a protocol specifically designed to assist both agencies in coordinating efforts in these complex cases.

The Education Success and Truancy Prevention (ESTP) Team worked with education, law enforcement, behavioral health, and other agency partners on four priority areas: improving attendance/reducing truancy, education data sharing, enhanced School Justice Partnership efforts, and shared education accountability protocols. Highlights from 2018 include:

- The Focus on Attendance partnership continued to address underlying causes for school attendance problems by connecting families to community resources.
- Outreach efforts including education related focus groups with parents, Pittsburgh Public Schools, and Juvenile Court systems stakeholders. Plans were finalized to host a *Summit on Race, Poverty, and Education* in early 2019.
- Review of educational data, including an analysis of educational outcomes for court involved youth in the 2017-18 school year.
- Implementation of a truancy diversion protocol whereby truancy citations filed with magisterial district judges are diverted to the Common Pleas Court Family Division when they involve youth with active dependency and/or delinquency cases.

The School Justice Partnership (SJP) team entered into a partnership with Oliver Citywide Academy, located within the Pittsburgh Public School (PPS) District, in 2018. A memorandum of understanding has been developed and will be presented to the PPS School Board for approval in early 2019.

The Children's Court continued to prioritize trauma informed work in 2018. Judge Jennifer S. McCrady provided judicial leadership and vision for the Children's Court Roundtable's partnership with DHS and Carnegie Mellon's Human Centered Design Master Class to further refine recommendations for improvements to court practices and the courthouse environment. Judge Kim Berkeley Clark and Cynthia K. Stoltz, Esq. presented on *Creating a Trauma Informed Court* at the annual educational conference of the Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management.





FAMILY DIVISION | CHILDREN'S COURT *continued*

Examples of successful efforts and creative partnerships to increase trauma informed practices include expanding court services in the community and bringing critical community services into the Family Law Center. The Children's Court operates four regional courtrooms in the community (in close proximity to CYF regional offices) where judicial officers preside over primarily child protection and permanency matters. The Children's Court East location was opened in 2018 with input from architectural experts on courthouse design which embodies trauma informed environments to reduce stress and promote well-being, particularly for families and children.

In 2018, the Children's Court Office of Human Services consulted on 190 child custody cases referring individuals and families to over 156 service providers, 89 percent of which were related to co-parenting/parental conflict, family counseling, mental health needs, parenting education, and reunification/reconciliation counseling, and 11 percent of which involved requests for assistance, anger management, battering intervention, supervised visitation, and parent/teen conflict mediation.

Located in the Family Law Center, the Intensive Mental Health/Drug & Alcohol Program for Assessment, Coordinated Services & Treatment Referral (IMPACT) program is staffed full-time by individuals from the Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health Justice Related Services Unit and became licensed by the state of Pennsylvania in 2017. Judges 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.

The Children's Playrooms in the courts began as a volunteer project of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Pittsburgh Section, over 35 years ago. The NCJW currently offers three playrooms serving the Fifth Judicial District. In 2018, the playrooms served over 4,800 children offering morning and afternoon snacks, lunch, and a book to keep. To assist in meeting the immediate needs of children, playroom staff provide children with shoes, coats, boots, and clothing when needed.

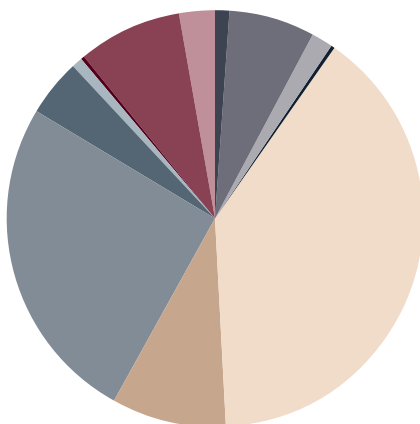
In 2018, the Protection from Abuse (PFA) Department served 4,015 applicants and managed the scheduling and processing of 10,227 preliminary, final, and indirect criminal contempt hearings.

In September 2018, the PFA Department hosted an open house with service partners focusing on the challenges faced by limited English speaking litigants seeking access to the court. The court's Language Access Coordinator was present to discuss the language access plan and the availability of telephonic and in-person interpreters and the use of bilingual court forms and orders. Court informational pamphlets have been translated into 10 languages, i.e. Spanish, Nepalese, French, Somali, Simple Chinese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Burmese, and Russian.

The PFA Department staff, in concert with the Women's Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh and Neighborhood Legal Services Association, conducted two continuing legal education seminars for attorneys seeking to provide free legal representation for PFA plaintiffs. The training provided comprehensive overviews of PFA law and local court procedures.

Children's Court Office of Human Services 2018

Parent/Teen Conflict Mediation	11
Family Counseling	36
Drug/Alcohol Needs	1
Custody Court System Consultation	4
Supervised Visits	19
Reunification/Reconciliation	113
MH System Consultation/MH Needs	39
Co-Parenting	173
Child Welfare System Consultation	1
Battering Intervention	7
Parenting Education	30
Anger Management	5



CHILDREN'S COURT – PROTECTION FROM ABUSE (PFA) – 2018

Temporary PFA Applications

Temporary PFA Orders Granted by Judge	3,378
Petitions Denied	146
Petition not filed after initial application	491

Final PFA Hearings

New	3,457
Continued	1,293

Indirect Criminal Contempt Hearings

New	873
Continued	589

The Children's Court Family Violence Team, co-chaired by Judge Daniel D. Regan and Hearing Officer Carla Hobson, continued to work closely with the NCJFCJ and the Center for Court Innovation on implementing a set of recommendations/best practices for handling intimate partner and family violence cases. Priorities for 2018 – 2020 include: best use of judicial and PFA staff resources, improved handling of cross systems involved families/cases, judicial leadership for consistent, competent, trauma informed policies, increased use of technology to improve information access and sharing, communication and case management, including SMS texting and web apps, increased effective prevention efforts and intervention for batterers, and engaging youth voice/participation.

The mission of the Custody Department is to assist parents and caregivers in resolving custody disputes and reaching agreements that reflect the best interest of their children. Litigants are required to participate in the Generations program, a two-step mandatory alternative dispute resolution process, before entering into the formal court process. Step one of this program is an education seminar for adults and children, and step two is a mediation session for parents only. In 2018, 2,748 adults and 884 children participated in this program where they learned how conflict impacts children, successful ways to improve communication, and the importance of developmentally appropriate custody arrangements. Children between the ages of six and 15 participated in group activities, discussed changing families, and had an opportunity to share personal experiences with their peers. One thousand two hundred one (1,201) mediations were conducted to help parties reach a parenting agreement. If a parenting agreement cannot be reached, parties proceed through the next steps of the court process. Domestic Relations Officers in the Custody Department handled 779 conciliations and 176 contempt conferences in 2018.

The Do the Write Thing Challenge (DtWT) ("Challenge"), an initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence, fosters discussion and literary expression from middle school students about violence. Judge Dwayne C. Woodruff has served as the local judicial leader for this initiative since the program's inception in Allegheny County. In 2018, 1,490 students from the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Woodland Hills School District, Penn Hills School District, and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh participated in the Challenge by submitting written work addressing youth violence and how it has affected their lives. Volunteers from Duquesne University School of Law and the University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work were tasked with reviewing and selecting the best writings. Ten (10) finalists were then chosen by prominent Pittsburgh individuals. The two first place student honorees, one male and one female, were selected as the 2018 National Ambassadors to attend the National DtWT Program in Washington D.C. ■

CHILDREN'S COURT – CUSTODY – 2018

Generations Education Seminar

Adults	2,748
Children	884

Total 3,632

Custody – Original Filings

Custody Compliant	1,473
Divorce Compliant with Custody	138

Total 1,611

Custody – Secondary Filings

Modification	757
Contempt/Enforcement	453
Reinstatement	84

Total 1,294

Custody – Judicial

Hearings	830
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Custody – Hearing Officer

Partial Custody Hearings	522
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Custody – Professional Staff

Mediations	1,201
Conciliations	779
Contempt Conferences	176

Total 2,156



CHILDREN'S COURT – CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY

Dependency Orders	2017	2018
Adjudication	1,244	1,230
Aggravated Circumstances	166	203
Bypass	30	35
Emergency Protective Custody	1,432	1,104
Permanency Review	6,624	6,727
Resumption of Jurisdiction	14	9
Shelter Care	1,368	1,103
Termination of Court Supervision	952	905
Total	11,830	11,316
Secondary Filings		
Termination of Parental Rights Petitions	212	271
Adoption Petitions	206	217
Total	418	488
Hearing Officer		
Recommendations	5,711	6,565
Professional Staff		
Bypass Processing	30	35
Emergency Protective Custody Processing	1,432	1,104
Permanent Legal Custody Modification Processing	59	67
Private/Police Petition Processing	275	195
Total	1,796	1,401



Judge Robert A. Kelly retired on July 2, 2018 following 34 years of distinguished service on the Common Pleas bench.

Originally a gubernatorial judicial appointee in 1984, Judge Kelly won election to a full term beginning in January 1986 and was retained for two subsequent terms in 1995 and 2005. He began his court career serving in the Criminal and Family Divisions, and in 1990 was reassigned to the Orphans' Division, where he was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1993 to serve as the Division's Administrative Judge. He was elected by his peers as President Judge of the Fifth Judicial District for a five-year term from 1999 through 2003. He was transferred to the Civil Division in January 1999 and returned to serve in the Orphans' Court Division in March 2002. He was again appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in March 2001 to serve as the Orphans' Division's acting Administrative Judge. Judge Kelly resigned his commission in September 2011 and served as a senior judge adjudicating Protection from Abuse cases until his retirement.

Initiatives and accomplishments during Judge Kelly's tenure as President Judge included technology upgrades, court security enhancements, reorganization of the minor judiciary courts to improve cost savings and efficiency, modernization of the jury system, and refinement to personnel policies governing employee responsibilities.

Judge Kelly was a member of the National College of Probate Judges, the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, and the Pennsylvania Joint Government Commission. In addition, Judge Kelly was a member and chair of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Orphans' Court Rules Committee.

Judge Kelly was well respected among his peers for his impeccable demeanor and courtroom acumen and is wished a healthy, happy retirement. ■

SUMMARY APPEALS



The Summary Appeals branch of the Fifth Judicial District has a diverse docket.

The appeals arise from summary criminal convictions as well as civil statutory appeals. The majority of appeals involve violations of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code. Appeals also include cases of disorderly conduct, defiant trespass, obstructing traffic, harassment, retail theft, public drunkenness, and underage drinking. Appeals involving the Pittsburgh Parking Authority, dog licensing provisions, and truancy are also heard by the Summary Appeals branch.

Civil statutory appeals include appeals from decisions by local and state administrative agencies and PennDOT driver license suspensions. Other 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.

The Summary Appeals branch is also responsible for the disposition of any ancillary matters related to the appeal. ■

	Filed 2018	Disposed 2018
Summary Appeals	2,482	2,512
Penn Dot Appeals	849	940
Pittsburgh Parking Authority	7	8
In Forma Pauperis	965	965
Nunc Pro Tunc Appeals	580	580
Miscellaneous	81	81
Total	5,047	5,169

Twenty-three (23) concise statements and 60 opinions were filed.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES



Hon. Ronald A. Arnoni
05-2-20



**Hon. Roxanne Sakoian
Eichler**
05-2-11



Hon. Elissa M. Lang
05-2-04



Hon. David J. Barton
05-2-17



Hon. Robert L. Ford
05-3-02



Hon. Blaise P. Larotonda
05-2-19



Hon. Carolyn S. Bengel
05-2-05



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



Hon. Armand A. Martin
05-3-09



Hon. Bruce J. Boni
05-3-06



Hon. Jeffrey L. Herbst
05-2-07



Hon. Randy C. Martini
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Hon. Daniel E. Butler
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Hon. Kim M. Hoots
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**Hon. Maureen
McGraw-Desmet**
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Hon. Thomas P. Caulfield
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Hon. Ralph Kaiser
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Hon. Thomas G. Miller, Jr.
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Hon. Anthony M. Ceoffe
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Hon. Richard G. King
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Hon. Beth Mills
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Hon. Kevin E. Cooper, Jr.
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Hon. Jack Kobistek
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Hon. James A. Motznik
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Hon. Anthony L. DeLuca
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Hon. Daniel J. Konieczka, Jr.
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Hon. Richard D. Olasz, Jr.
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Hon. Richard G. Opiela
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Hon. Mikhail N. Pappas
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Hon. Oscar J. Petite, Jr.
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Hon. Robert P. Ravenstahl, Jr.
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Hon. Eugene F. Riazzi, Jr.
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Hon. Eugene N. Ricciardi
05-2-27



Hon. Derwin 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
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Hon. Carla M. Swearingen-Batch
05-2-43



Hon. Michael Thatcher
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Hon. Thomas R. Torkowsky
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Hon. William K. Wagner
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Hon. Linda I. Zucco
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Hon. Thomas S. Brletic
Senior Judge

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Hon. Robert Barner
Senior Judge



Hon. John N. Bova
Senior Judge



Hon. Pat A. Capolupo
Senior Judge



Hon. Eileen M. Conroy
Senior Judge



Hon. Nathan Firestone
Senior Judge



Hon. Leonard J. HRomyak
Senior Judge



Hon. Dennis R. Joyce
Senior Judge



Hon. Edward A. Tibbs
Senior Judge



Hon. Regis C. Welsh, Jr.
Senior Judge



Hon. Gary M. Zyra
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 252,998 cases in 2018, including civil, criminal, landlord/tenant, miscellaneous dockets, non-traffic, and traffic matters. The case filings remained relatively consistent with the 2017 filings. The miscellaneous dockets included 251 emergency protection from abuse petitions, 113 indirect criminal contempt cases, 196 extradition cases, 840 search warrants, and 850 marriages. The use of electronic filing for traffic citations increased significantly in 2018 with 25 municipalities and the Pennsylvania State Police filing 41,050 traffic citations in 36 magisterial district courts.

The magisterial district courts collected \$22,524,601 in case fines, fees, and costs in 2018. The distribution of these sums, required by state law, include the County of Allegheny \$3,584,386; the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$11,747,926; municipalities/townships/boroughs/other cities in Allegheny County \$2,714,941; and Allegheny County School Districts \$79,286. A total of 42,537 users paid their court obligations through the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' PAePay payment application which resulted in the collection of \$5,381,800. The PAePay Bail application was utilized for 81 bail payments. The total amount of monetary bail collected on criminal case filings, excluding Pittsburgh Municipal Court, was \$156,900. The nCourt system is also used to electronically collect court obligations and was utilized by 8,837 individuals in the collection of \$1,088,644.

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) increased the number of dedicated Resource Specialists to nine. Resource Specialists are present at the magisterial district courts to assist with referring individuals to DHS services, specifically in the areas of truancy and the Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP), an Alternate Adjudication Program for referred domestic violence defendants. In 2018, 1,061 individuals were referred to the DHS contracted BIP programs throughout Allegheny County, 47 percent of whom were referrals from magisterial district courts.

To provide a forum for fair and equal access to judicial services that promotes the expeditious resolution of public and private disputes through community-based locations throughout Allegheny County.



District Court 05-3-09 was relocated to the City of Clairton at the end of 2017 and has jurisdiction over cases emanating from the City of Clairton, Glassport Borough, Liberty Borough, and Port Vue Borough.

FILINGS BY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

	Civil	Criminal	Landlord/Tenant	Miscellaneous	Non-Traffic	Traffic	Total
MDJ-05-0-03	1	10,701	0	208	9,362	36,457	56,729
MDJ-05-0-04	0	3	0	4,779	0	2	4,784
MDJ-05-2-01	254	565	296	68	952	4,819	6,954
MDJ-05-2-02	439	659	206	55	541	3,347	5,247
MDJ-05-2-03	489	524	165	86	732	2,734	4,730
MDJ-05-2-04	299	351	129	50	762	4,419	6,010
MDJ-05-2-05	423	547	262	41	779	2,900	4,952
MDJ-05-2-06	886	778	632	97	1,089	2,447	5,929
MDJ-05-2-07	608	731	425	84	826	2,367	5,041
MDJ-05-2-08	424	416	304	37	1,110	3,787	6,078
MDJ-05-2-10	291	634	568	45	460	5,159	7,157
MDJ-05-2-11	365	715	326	23	795	3,795	6,019
MDJ-05-2-12	387	333	73	69	410	3,514	4,786
MDJ-05-2-13	464	866	786	79	1,763	476	4,434
MDJ-05-2-14	493	882	352	42	1,217	2,285	5,271
MDJ-05-2-15	299	553	254	31	1,424	3,071	5,632
MDJ-05-2-16	413	665	156	58	513	4,205	6,010
MDJ-05-2-17	255	464	139	67	459	4,292	5,676
MDJ-05-2-18	347	775	424	9	750	2,065	4,370
MDJ-05-2-19	357	420	229	70	859	3,856	5,791
MDJ-05-2-20	409	585	69	70	894	2,433	4,460
MDJ-05-2-21	334	364	85	77	545	3,568	4,973
MDJ-05-2-22	259	327	71	49	266	1,648	2,620
MDJ-05-2-23	372	405	176	86	756	2,816	4,611
MDJ-05-2-25	327	816	246	33	776	4,458	6,656
MDJ-05-2-26	389	265	128	78	315	971	2,146
MDJ-05-2-27	313	0	414	53	763	120	1,663
MDJ-05-2-28	261	0	642	8	654	0	1,565
MDJ-05-2-31	376	1	387	10	549	6	1,329
MDJ-05-2-32	425	305	190	52	329	2,710	4,011
MDJ-05-2-35	243	0	126	1	610	0	980
MDJ-05-2-36	260	159	226	73	440	0	1,158
MDJ-05-2-38	381	1	268	52	790	2	1,494
MDJ-05-2-40	260	0	436	3	598	0	1,297
MDJ-05-2-42	286	0	714	48	817	2	1,867
MDJ-05-2-43	258	777	77	20	655	4,244	6,031
MDJ-05-2-47	505	906	682	43	1,223	2,076	5,435
MDJ-05-3-02	181	315	46	34	381	3,677	4,634
MDJ-05-3-03	208	607	54	44	405	5,070	6,388
MDJ-05-3-04	378	408	34	50	607	3,940	5,417
MDJ-05-3-05	250	331	107	9	235	767	1,699
MDJ-05-3-06	316	791	577	60	895	1,365	4,004
MDJ-05-3-09	556	517	292	56	1,212	1,296	3,929
MDJ-05-3-10	120	1	70	10	236	0	437
MDJ-05-3-12	249	1	638	14	967	1	1,870
MDJ-05-3-13	418	1	417	14	813	0	1,663
MDJ-05-3-14	505	615	581	56	2,061	1,663	5,481
MDJ-05-3-17	216	383	197	117	493	2,174	3,580
Total	16,549	30,463	13,676	7,218	44,088	141,004	252,998



Truancy case processing was an area of concentration in 2018. All 46 Fifth Judicial District magisterial district courts participated in the Department of Human Services (DHS) Focus on Attendance Program in partnership with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Fifth Judicial District Family Division and Juvenile Probation, and local schools (kindergarten through 12th grade). All of these entities share responsibility for assisting families and children with the concerns of poor school attendance. Focus on Attendance is approved by the Fifth Judicial District as an Adjudication Alternative Program for the magisterial district courts and can be used as a Community Based Attendance Improvement Program by school staff. The Program does not provide services directly, but links families to a variety of community resources and services including tutoring/academic assistance, mentoring, and behavioral health support. A total of 2,115 cases were referred to this program in 2018, and service teams assisted with 4,466 unique cases involving school attendance.

Another area of concentration is the Truancy Citation Diversion Project, conducted in collaboration with the Court of Common Pleas. If a child is determined to be dependent, delinquent, or dually-adjudicated, the Court of Common Pleas Family Division is notified. The Court of Common Pleas Family Division then addresses the truancy, and the district court truancy case is discontinued.

THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES, WHO RETIRED IN 2018, ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS:

Jeannette Stecik <i>District Court 05-2-32</i>	29 years
Kathy L. Donaldson <i>District Court 05-2-35</i>	27 years
Antonia Green <i>District Court 05-3-12</i>	24 years

An annual training and education session was held for district judges in November 2018 at the Fifth Judicial District Court Administrative Offices. Presentations were provided on topics including trauma informed practices, updates on the Focus on Attendance and Batterer's Intervention Programs, the Continuity of Operations Plan, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation/Safety and Justice Challenge grant, a \$148 million national initiative to support jurisdictions across the United States to rethink justice systems and implement data-driven strategies to reduce jail populations safely. Presenters included Judges Kim Berkeley Clark and Dwayne D. Woodruff.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appointed Magisterial District Judge Carolyn S. Bengal as a member of the Minor Judiciary Education Board, effective September 26, 2018. This board is charged with providing legal education to Pennsylvania's Minor Judiciary. ■



In Memoriam

Honorable Leonard "Whitey" Boehm passed away on September 1, 2018. Judge Boehm served 30 years as Magisterial District Judge in the City of Pittsburgh and was President of the Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania, District 6, for six years.

Kathy Bichler, a devoted Fifth Judicial District employee assigned to Magisterial District Courts 05-2-17 and 05-2-19 for 10 years passed away on July 29, 2018.

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.

A total of 56,740 new cases were filed at PMC in 2018 including, 10,701 criminal, 9,371 non-traffic, 36,459 traffic, 29 private criminal complaints, and 208 miscellaneous matters. PMC disposed of 61,336 cases in 2018, including 11,993 criminal, 9,824 non-traffic, 39,436 traffic, and 83 private criminal complaints. Criminal cases numbering 1,194 resulted in final dispositions through the Expedited Disposition Plea (EDP) program.

PMC continues to utilize technological advancements to provide more efficient case processing. The use of videoconferencing continues to increase, and 527 summary proceedings were conducted to dispose of traffic and non-traffic cases involving defendants housed in the Allegheny County Jail and other corrections facilities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The on-line payment features are increasingly utilized by court participants. 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. The number of PAePay users increased from 7,710 in 2017 to 8,990 in 2018. The sum of \$1,322,219 was collected through the PAePay application in 2018, and the nCourt payment option resulted in the collection of \$845,025.

Total PMC collections for 2018 were \$3,768,489 representing fines, fees, and collateral for traffic and non-traffic citations. Distribution of these sums, which is required by state law, includes the following, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$2,050,326, County of Allegheny \$586,808, and City of Pittsburgh \$1,131,355. PMC processed bail payments in the amount of \$90,710 on 71 cases through the PAePay Bail application.

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DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

County of Allegheny

\$586,808

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

\$2,050,326

City of Pittsburgh

\$1,131,355

The Arraignment Division of PMC operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with magisterial district judges from all district courts presiding on a rotating basis. In addition to conducting preliminary arraignments, the Arraignment Division oversees the filing of criminal complaints and the issuance of arrest and search warrants for all Allegheny County magisterial district courts during non-business hours and for the City of Pittsburgh 24 hours a day.



**Pittsburgh Municipal Court,
Non-Traffic Staff**

Standing L-R: Todd Lesesne, Assistant Manager of PMC, and MDJ Clerks Annette Reed, Michael Foley, Marcel Johnson, and Steven Morrow.

Seated L-R: MDJ Clerks Danielle Dusch, Donna Valdiserri, and Sonya Morton.



PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT *continued*

The Arraignment Division is participating in the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, a national initiative aimed at lowering incarceration rates. In 2018, the Allegheny County Public Defender's office began representing defendants at preliminary arraignments which has reduced the use of cash bail and jail bookings. The Arraignment Division worked with the Public Defender's office, Allegheny County Pretrial Services, and the Allegheny County Jail to establish an efficient procedure for ensuring legal representation of individuals and prompt preliminary arraignments.

A total of 16,067 preliminary arraignments were conducted in 2018 via two-way simultaneous audio-visual communication between the Arraignment Division and the Allegheny County Jail, pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 540. This number includes 114 video arraignments for defendants housed in correctional facilities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Arraignment Division also collected and processed bail and collateral on summary, criminal, and Family Division cases. The total amount of cash bail collected on 3,515 cases in 2018 was \$509,707, which primarily represents bail on criminal cases and also collateral on traffic and non-traffic cases and Department of Court Record fees. The posting of bail by bail bond agents is also addressed by the Arraignment Division.

The Arraignment Division handled over 5,000 miscellaneous matters in 2018, including:

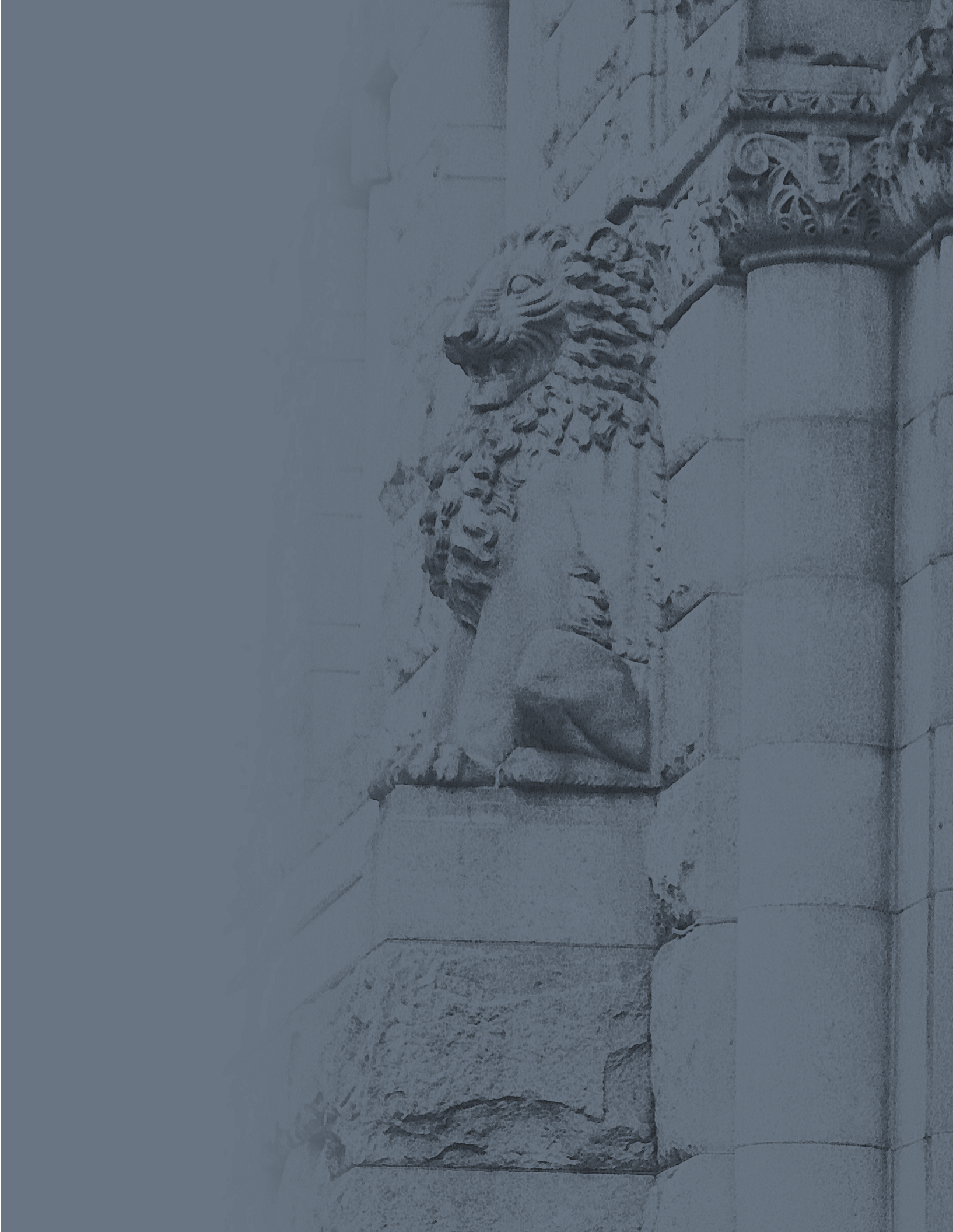
- 251 bail hearings for defendants arrested within Allegheny County for charges filed in another judicial district pursuant to Pa.R.Crim.P. 517;
- 193 bail hearings for defendants awaiting extradition to another state;
- 76 marriages were performed;
- 103 Juvenile Written Allegations;
- 117 Docketed Search Warrants;
- 3,437 Emergency Protection from Abuse (PFA) Petitions, 2,722 of which were granted, 700 of which were denied, and 15 of which were unreported. This is a 16 percent increase from 2017. These petitions are processed at Arraignment Court during the day and evenings during the week, and 24 hours a day on weekends and holidays;
- 836 warrants for Indirect Criminal Contempt pertaining to PFA violations were issued; and
- 13 Emergency Protection from Sexual Violence and Intimidation Petitions were filed, 9 of which were granted, 1 of which was denied, and 3 of which were unreported. ■

PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT

Magisterial District Judge	Court Number	Sessions Assigned	PMC Cases	MDJ Court Filings In 2018	Total Filings Per MDJ
Hon. Eugene N. Ricciardi	05-2-27	116	4,805	1,663	6,468
Hon. Oscar J. Petite, Jr.	05-2-28	109	4,516	1,565	6,081
Hon. Mikhail N. Pappas	05-2-31	109	4,516	1,329	5,485
Hon. Daniel E. Butler	05-2-35	117	4,847	980	5,827
Hon. James J. Hanley, Jr.	05-2-.36	151	6,253	1,158	7,411
Hon. James A. Motznik	05-2-38	125	5,176	1,494	6,670
Hon. Derwin Rushing	05-2-40	121	5,011	1,297	6,308
Hon. Robert P. Ravenstahl, Jr.	05-2-42	100	4,141	1,867	6,008
Hon. Anthony M. Ceoffe	05-3-10	163	6,750	437	7,187
Hon. Kevin E. Cooper, Jr.	05-3-12	124	5,135	1,870	7,005
Hon. Randy C. Martini	05-3-13	95	3,934	1,663	5,597
Hon. Richard G. King	05-3-14	40	1,656	5,482	7,138
Total		1,370	56,740	20,805	77,185



In Memoriam Cynthia "Cindy" Baumgart, who worked in the Arraignment Division for over 20 years, passed away on October 29, 2018.





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