



Delaware County Veterans Court

*County of Delaware Judicial Report  
2013–2015*



**BOARD OF JUDGES  
32nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
2013-2015**

1st row (left to right): Barry C. Dozor, Kevin F. Kelly, James F. Proud, Chad F. Kenney, Sr., President Judge, George A. Pagano, Kathrynann W. Durham, James P. Bradley

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3rd row (left to right): Charles B. Burr, II, Senior Judge, Ann A. Osborne, William C. Mackrides, Richard M. Cappelli, Anthony D. Scanlon, Michael F.X. Coll, Senior Judge, Frank T. Hazel, Senior Judge, Gregory M. Mallon

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DELAWARE COUNTY

THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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CHAD F. KENNEY  
PRESIDENT JUDGE

JUDGES

GEORGE A. PAGANO  
KEVIN F. KELLY  
KATHRYNANN W. DURHAM  
BARRY C. DOZOR  
JAMES P. BRADLEY  
JAMES F. NILON, JR.  
MARY ALICE BRENNAN  
GREGORY M. MALLON  
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JOHN P. CAPUZZI, SR.  
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MARGARET J. AMOROSO  
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SENIOR JUDGES  
ANN A. OSBORNE  
MICHAEL F. X. COLL  
FRANK T. HAZEL  
CHARLES B. BURR, II

Dear Delaware County Residents:

On behalf of all the Judges sitting in Delaware County, I would like to invite you to page through our Judicial Report for 2013-2015. The goal of our Bench, and the departments that support it, is to take the vast myriad of disputes and cases presented to it and bring them to a resolution fairly, efficiently, and effectively. In addition, we have established a Drug Treatment Court, a Veterans Court and a Mental Health Court to better address prevalent issues at the core of some of our most entrenched problems.

The Report contains biographical information regarding our twenty County Judges and four Senior Judges and the roles they serve in presiding over our County's Family, Juvenile, Orphans', Civil and Criminal Courts. I have had the pleasure of serving in all these areas during my tenure on the Bench and it has been especially rewarding for me to have worked with thousands of jurors throughout these years. Delaware County has provided the Bench with highly engaged jurors who continue to renew our faith in the fairness and effectiveness of our jury system.

This Report includes information on the vital role of our Magisterial District Justices who preside over the administration of justice in our local communities. In addition, it also contains information regarding our eleven court departments, their directors and personnel as well as their duties and responsibilities in aiding the Court to fulfill its role.

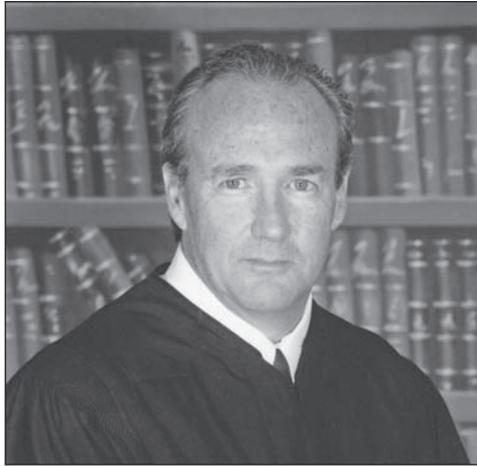
It is a distinct honor to serve as President Judge and to work with tremendous colleagues on both the Delaware County Common Pleas Bench and the local Magisterial District Justice Bench. It has also been rewarding for me to work with the competent and dedicated staffs within the various departments who support the work of all the Judges and the Courts throughout the County.

The 2013-2015 Judicial Report was developed with the help of Donna Reason, our Director of Audio-Visual, as well as input from the Directors of our Court Departments.

Very truly yours,

CHAD F. KENNEY  
President Judge

## PRESIDENT JUDGE CHAD F. KENNEY, SR.



President Judge Chad F. Kenney was initially appointed to the Court of Common Pleas and was sworn in on August 22, 2003. He was elected to a full ten-year term in November, 2003. In June 2012, he was elected by his colleagues to the position of President Judge.

Prior to his appointment Judge Kenney was twice elected Sheriff of Delaware County, serving in that position from 1998 until taking a seat on the Bench in 2003. He is a graduate of Monsignor Bonner High School, Villanova University and Temple Law School where he served on the Law Review.

Judge Kenney has served in the Family, Criminal and Civil Trial Sections, as well as the Motion Hearing Section. In addition to his administrative duties as President Judge, he currently presides over Orphans' Court.



## JUDGE JAMES F. PROUD

Judge James F. Proud was nominated by the Governor of Pennsylvania and confirmed unanimously by the Pennsylvania Senate to fill a vacancy created by the death of Judge Anthony Semeraro. Judge Proud's term began on December 23, 1996. In 1997, he was elected to a ten-year term and was retained in 2007 to serve a second ten-year term. He served as Register of Wills for Delaware County from 1990 to 1996. Judge Proud holds his undergraduate degree from Villanova University. He also holds a Master of Public Administration Degree from Golden Gate University. His law degree is from Villanova and he received a Master of Laws Degree from Temple University.

In 1971, Judge Proud was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army after three years of service. He was commissioned a Lieutenant after completing the Army's Engineer Officer Candidate School. He was designated an Honor Graduate after graduating first among fifty-five Officer Candidates. He served as an Electronic and Cryptologic Warfare Officer. Judge Proud participated in many civic activities including a thirteen-year term as member of the Board of School Directors for the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District where he served as Board President for five years. Judge Proud served as President of the Delaware County Bar Association in 1991. He also served as the President of the Board of Directors for the United Way of Southeast Delaware County. Judge Proud was a member of the Board for the Delaware County Legal Assistance Association, Inc. for thirteen years, having served as President from 1982 to 1994. Judge Proud is married and is the father of four children.



## JUDGE GEORGE A. PAGANO



Judge George A. Pagano was elected in 1997 and was retained in 2007 for a second ten-year term. During his 17 years on the court he has presided over more than 500 jury trials.

Judge Pagano graduated from Springfield High School. He received a B.S. in Economics, cum laude, from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, a J.D. from the University of Michigan, and a Master of Laws in Taxation from Temple.

Prior to his election to the Bench, Judge Pagano practiced law for over twenty years and was an active member of the Delaware County Bar Association, serving as the Editor of the Legal Journal, the Chairman of the Legal Journal Committee and a member of its Board of Directors. He was also the Treasurer and a board member of the Delaware County Legal Assistance Association.

Judge Pagano served Springfield Township for fourteen years. He was a Commissioner, Board President, and served as Township Solicitor. Judge Pagano was also a Solicitor for the Board of Assessment Appeals, Colwyn Borough, the Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association of Upper Darby Township and Garrettford-Drexel Hill Fire Company, where he is an honorary member.

Judge Pagano has certificates in General Jurisdiction Trial Skills and in Dispute Resolution from the National Judicial College. He is a member of the Guy G. deFuria American Inn of Court, which is dedicated to the improvement of trial court litigation skills, having served as President and on the Board. In 2010, the Inn presented him with the deFuria Award. Judge Pagano is an officer of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges.

## JUDGE ANN A. OSBORNE

Judge Ann A. Osborne was selected in 1997 by the voters of Delaware County to join the Court of Common Pleas for a ten-year term, which began January 2, 1998. She was retained in 2007 and began serving a second ten-year term in January 2008.

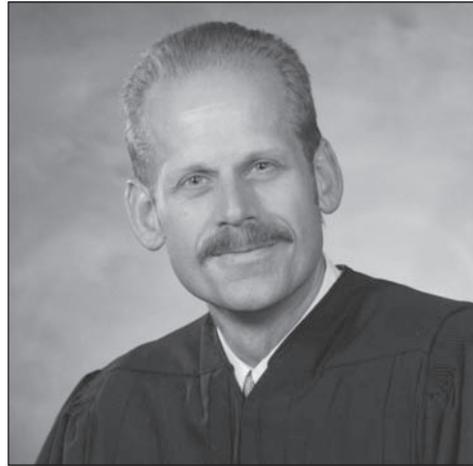
In 1991, Judge Osborne was appointed by Delaware County Council to the position of Sheriff of Delaware County to serve the balance of the term of her predecessor, George Hill. She was then elected in 1992 to a full four-year term as Sheriff. While in that office, she was selected by the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association as a member of its executive committee and also served as an instructor for the Deputy Sheriffs' Training Commission.

Judge Osborne's public service began in 1983, when she was appointed as an Assistant District Attorney for Delaware County to represent the Commonwealth at all levels of the state and federal courts. Immediately preceding appointment to that position, she had served from 1980 to 1983 as staff counsel to the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association.

Before beginning her legal career, Judge Osborne was a teacher in the elementary grades. After becoming a lawyer, she taught at Immaculata College, Villanova University and the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy. She is a graduate of Springfield College in Illinois and Chicago-Kent College of Law. Judge Osborne has also been active in many community and charitable organizations. She and her husband, John, reside in Wayne.



## JUDGE KEVIN F. KELLY



Judge Kevin F. Kelly was appointed to the court by Governor Tom Ridge and swore his Oath of Judicial Office on June 30, 2000. Judge Kelly was elected to a full ten-year term by the voters of Delaware County in November 2001. The electorate in 2011 voted to retain Judge Kelly for a second ten-year term. After serving in the court's Family Section and as the county's Juvenile Court Judge, Judge Kelly has been assigned to the criminal court since 2009 and is the Criminal Section Liaison Judge.

In 1985, Judge Kelly's public service career began as a member of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office. An experienced prosecutor, Judge Kelly served as a staff member or the supervising attorney in each of that office's divisions and units. During his tenure with the District Attorney's Office, Judge Kelly rose to the position of Deputy District Attorney and received numerous awards of professional recognition, including being named Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year by the Pennsylvania Criminal Investigators. Prior to leaving the District Attorney's Office to join the bench, he was the Chief of that office's Juvenile Delinquency and Pre-trial Divisions, as well as its Drug Enforcement Unit.

Judge Kelly was active in criminal justice education having been an instructor at the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy as well as the mandated yearly continuing legal education of municipal police officers. He has also appeared as a lecturer at legal seminars and meetings sponsored by various professional associations and community groups.

A life-long resident of Delaware County, Judge Kelly is a graduate of Haverford High School, Villanova University and Villanova University School of Law.

## JUDGE KATHRYNANN W. DURHAM

Judge Kathrynann W. Durham was sworn in on June 18, 2001 to the Common Pleas Court after her appointment to the bench by then-Governor Thomas Ridge. She was elected in November 2001, and in November 2011, Judge Durham was retained by the voters of Delaware County to serve another ten-year term on the Court. Judge Durham began her second ten-year term on January 1, 2012.

Judge Durham served as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for the 160th Legislative District from 1978 to 1996. As a Representative, she served as the Majority Chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee. In addition, she was on the Committee on Committees as well as the ethics and Insurance Committees, and was a member of the Pennsylvania Export Partnership Advisory Board.

From January 1996 to May 2001, Judge Durham served as a member of the Delaware County Council. While serving on County Council, she oversaw the Board of Elections, the Voter Registration Commission, Support Enforcement, and Parks & Recreation. During this time, she was a member of the Delaware County Economic Development Oversight Board and the Redevelopment Authority.

Judge Durham is a graduate of Widener University and the Delaware Law School. Prior to her election to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Judge Durham taught Spanish and English at Northley Middle School in Aston. Judge Durham is married and has one son. The Durhams reside in Concord Township.



## JUDGE BARRY C. DOZOR



Judge Barry C. Dozor was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas by then-Governor Tom Ridge in 2001, swore his oath of judicial office on December 13, 2001 and was elected for a full judicial term that began on January 5, 2004. On November 5, 2013 Judge Dozor was retained for an additional judicial term of 10 years. Judge Dozor is a lifelong resident of Delaware County, a graduate of Haverford High School, West Chester University (B.A.) and the Widener University School of Law (J.D.). Judge Dozor has attended and was awarded a Certificate from the National Judicial College and participates in many academic and professional forums.

Before his appointment: Judge Dozor was in private practice as a partner in the Law Office of Dozor and Auslander; served as a Marple Township Commissioner for eighteen (18) years; a municipal solicitor for the Boroughs of Prospect Park, Norwood, Collingdale and Tinicum Township; and served as a Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for Marple Township and the Borough of Darby. He has been active in many civic and charitable organizations and serves on the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

Judge Dozor was a practicing attorney for 26 years before becoming a Judge. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and continues his membership in the Delaware County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

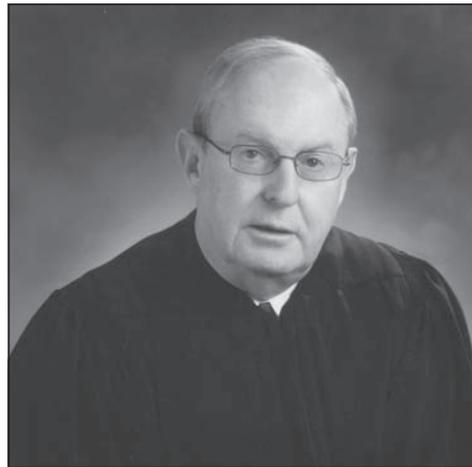
Having served in the Family Law and Criminal Trial Sections, Judge Barry C. Dozor is presently serving as Liaison Judge for the Family and Juvenile Section.

## JUDGE JAMES P. BRADLEY

Judge James P. Bradley was elected to a ten-year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas in 2005 and is presently assigned to the Criminal Section. He graduated from LaSalle College with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts and obtained a Law Degree from the Temple University School of Law in 1972.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Bradley spent over thirty (30) years in private practice, specializing in litigation, zoning and municipal law and also served as Solicitor for the Upper Darby Zoning Hearing Board for over twenty years. Judge Bradley also taught real estate and insurance law at Philadelphia College of Textile and Science (now Philadelphia University) between 1978 and 1981 and has also taught more recently at Cabrini College. Then-Governor Rendell appointed Judge Bradley for a four-year term to the Judicial Conduct Board in 2010.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Kenney and they have three children, Meg, Beth and Jim, Jr. and reside in Edgmont, Pennsylvania.



## JUDGE JAMES F. NILON, JR.



Judge James F. Nilon, Jr. was elected to a ten-year term on the Delaware County Common Pleas Court on November 8, 2005.

He is a graduate of Archmere Academy, PMC College and the Delaware Law School of Widener University, where he served as a member of the Law Review and Moot Court Honor Society.

He was admitted to the bar in 1978 and was involved in the general practice of law.

Prior to his election to the Court of Common Pleas, he served as Magisterial District Judge, Middletown Township, for more than 16 years. He was President of the District Judge Association in 2003.

Judge Nilon presently presides as a Criminal Trial Judge and serves as Chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Judge Nilon and his wife, Leslie, reside in Middletown Township.



## JUDGE MARY ALICE BRENNAN

Judge Mary Alice Brennan was elected by the citizens of Delaware County to a ten-year term on the Court of Common Pleas in the November 2007 election and swore her oath of judicial office on January 4, 2008. Judge Brennan is a lifelong resident of Delaware County. She is a graduate of St. Madeline School, Interboro High School, Brigham Young University and the Widener University School of Law.

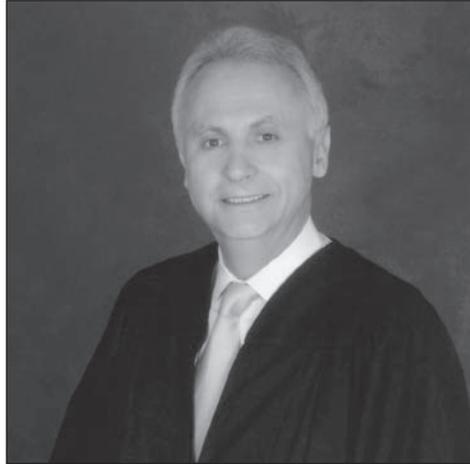
Judge Brennan was appointed to Delaware County Council in 2002 and was elected in November 2003 to a four-year term. As a County Council member, she served in various capacities, aiding in the improvement of public safety and voter education.

Prior to her appointment to Delaware County Council, Judge Brennan served for nearly nine years as District Justice in Upper Darby Township. While serving in that capacity, she was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve on the Intergovernmental Task Force to study the District Justice System. Judge Brennan also was appointed by the Chief Justice to the District Justice Task Force Ad-Hoc Committee to serve for the purpose of proposing implementation strategies to the improved operation of the District Court system.

She was admitted to the Bar in 1986; and in addition to a general practice of law, she has served various solicitorships and as a public defender.



## JUDGE GREGORY M. MALLON



Judge Gregory M. Mallon was elected by the citizens of Delaware County to a ten-year term on the Court of Common Pleas in the November 2007 election and was sworn in on January 4, 2008.

Judge Mallon is a lifelong resident of Ridley Township. He graduated: from Ridley Township High School; Widener University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics, magna cum laude; and the Widener University School of Law. Upon graduation from college, he worked for seven years at Crozer-Chester Medical Center.

He served as Magisterial District Judge in Ridley Township from 1982 until 2007 and maintained a general practice of law for 30 years. He is a member of: the Delaware County Bar Association, where he served on the Board of Directors from 1999-2001; the Pennsylvania Bar Association; and the Delaware County Magisterial District Judges Association, where he served as its president. Though presently serving in the Criminal Section, he represented our bench at the Public Health & Epidemiology Training sponsored by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Courts.

He is married to Teresa Mallon, Esquire, and they have two children.

## JUDGE LINDA A. CARTISANO

Judge Linda A. Cartisano was elected by the voters of Delaware County to the Court of Common Pleas in the November 2009 election. She was sworn in to a ten-year term on January 4, 2010. She is currently assigned to the Family Law Section where she presides over domestic, juvenile and children and youth cases.

Judge Cartisano served in the Solicitor's Office of the City of Chester for 30 years, being named City Solicitor in 1996, a position she held until her election to the bench. In addition to maintaining a private practice, she served as solicitor to the Darby Creek Joint Authority, Upland Borough and the Chester Redevelopment Authority, as well as Zoning Board Solicitor for the Borough of Norwood and Chester Township. She was an assistant solicitor in the Delaware County Solicitor's Office for several years. Prior to serving in the County Solicitor's Office, she was appointed as a Custody Conciliator for the Delaware County Courts.

Judge Cartisano also served two terms on Delaware County Council from 2002 through 2009. On January 7, 2008, she was chosen by her fellow councilmembers as Chairman of Council, a position she held for two years.

Her community service includes many years as a volunteer board member of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit, the Chester Upland School Board, the Chester Wallingford Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Media Theater. She has received numerous awards and honors from community groups and organizations. Judge Cartisano is a graduate of Widener University and Temple University School of Law.



## JUDGE SPIROS E. ANGELOS



Judge Spiros E. Angelos was elected by the citizens of Delaware County to a ten-year term on the Court of Common Pleas in November 2011 and was sworn in on January 3, 2012. He previously served in the Family Law Section and is currently assigned to the Civil Law Section.

Judge Angelos is a graduate of Upper Darby High School, Pennsylvania Military College, cum laude, and the Delaware Law School of Widener University where he served as the vice chairman of the Moot Court Honor Society. He was admitted to the bar in 1978 and was engaged in the general practice of law. Prior to his election he served as the Public Defender of Delaware County from 2004.

Judge Angelos served as a member of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors, the Thornbury Township Zoning Board and the Thornbury Township Planning Commission.

He has served his community as the Vice President of his church parish council in Upper Darby and Media, a charter member of the Thermopylae Chapter of the Order of AHEPA, the Scholarship Chairman of the Peloponnesian Society and a member of the Lions Club of Western Delaware County.

Judge Angelos and his wife, Beth Ann, have three children.

## JUDGE G. MICHAEL GREEN

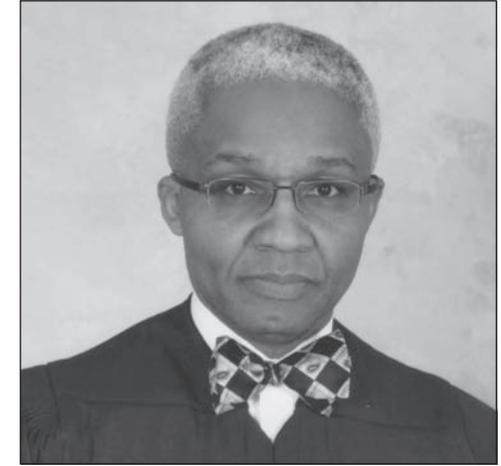
Judge G. Michael Green was elected in November 2011, to a ten-year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. He is a 1977 graduate of Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature and a 1980 graduate of the Villanova University School of Law. Judge Green is admitted before the United States Supreme Court, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Federal Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Federal Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Green served as a member of the Delaware County Council, and then, from 2002 until 2011, served as the District Attorney of Delaware County. At the time of his election to the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Green was Chief Executive of the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, a member of the National Advisory Committee to the FBI National Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory Program, a member of the Board of Advisors to the Asian Federation of the United States, a member of the Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board for the Philadelphia Region, and a member of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association Advisory Board, where he served as Vice President of the Association. Currently, Judge Green presides on the Civil Law Section of the court.

From 1980 to 2002, Judge Green engaged in the private practice of law in Delaware County and throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania. His practice as a litigator included representation before the trial and appellate courts of Pennsylvania, the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.



## JUDGE NATHANIEL C. NICHOLS



Judge Nathaniel C. Nichols was elected in November 2011, to a ten-year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. He graduated from Howard University with a B. A. Degree in Political Science and in 1973 earned his Juris Doctor Degree from Columbia University. In 1974, he was admitted to the practice of law in Pennsylvania. He was admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Nichols began his legal career at Delaware County Legal Assistance Association where he became the managing attorney. He was also in private practice, first in the firm of Early, Nichols & Givens and then in the firm of Nichols and Givens. From private practice he entered legal academia as a professor at Widener University School of Law. While at Widener he taught Creditors Rights, Property, and Consumer Bankruptcy, wrote a number of scholarly articles and served as the Associate Dean of Students from 1992-1995. For twenty-five years he supervised law students who appeared before the courts of Delaware County and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Philadelphia.

Judge Nichols was a past president and board member of the Domestic Abuse Project, Delaware County Legal Assistance and the Chester Education Foundation. He served on the board of directors of the Delaware County Historical Society, the Delaware County Housing Coalition, and the Delaware County Bar Association.

## JUDGE CHRISTINE FIZZANO CANNON

Judge Christine Fizzano Cannon was elected to a ten-year term on the Court of Common Pleas in November 2011 and was sworn into office on January 3, 2012. She has presided over matters in the Civil Trial, Juvenile and Motion Hearing Sections and currently serves as the Civil Section Liaison Judge. After completion of her undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona, Judge Fizzano Cannon graduated with honors from Widener University School of Law where she was the Articles Editor of the law review. She was admitted to the Bar in 1994 and, prior to becoming a judge, she maintained a private law practice for 17 years with a focus on commercial and municipal matters. She also served as a municipal solicitor to various governmental entities and served as a special prosecutor of child support enforcement.

A lifelong resident of Delaware County, Judge Fizzano Cannon has a long history of service to Delaware County, its communities, and its charitable and civic organizations. In 2007, Judge Fizzano Cannon was elected to a four-year term on Delaware County Council and was elected vice chairman in 2010. She served eight years, from 1999 to 2007, on Middletown Township Council, having previously served on the Middletown Township's Zoning Hearing Board.

Judge Fizzano Cannon served two two-year terms on the board of directors of the Delaware County Bar Association. She was appointed to and served a six-year term on the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee, from 2004 to 2010, and was previously appointed to and served on the Governor's Judicial Advisory Commission.



## JUDGE JOHN C. CAPUZZI, SR.



Judge John P. Capuzzi, Sr. was sworn in January 3, 2012 to a ten-year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Capuzzi earned a BA and MBA at LaSalle University. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the Delaware Law School of Widener University in 1988. Judge Capuzzi is admitted before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and the Federal Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Capuzzi is a Life Member and Past President of Yeadon Fire Company No. 1. He served as President of Yeadon Borough Council from 1982 through 1989 and as the First Ward Commissioner for Marple Township from 2000 through 2005. Judge Capuzzi has served as President of the Guy G. de Furia American Inn of Court. In 2012, Judge Capuzzi was presented with the Guy G. de Furia Award in recognition of his outstanding legal ability, professionalism and high ethical standards.

From 1988 through 2005, Judge Capuzzi served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Torts Litigation Section of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. During that time, he litigated major, complex cases for various state agencies.

Starting in 2006, Judge Capuzzi served as the Magisterial District Judge for Marple Township and Haverford Township. From 2006 to 2011, he was a partner in the law firm of Imperatrice, Amarant, Capuzzi & Bell, P.C.

As a practicing attorney, Judge Capuzzi was AV rated (highest legal ability and ethical standards) in Martindale Hubbell.

## JUDGE RICHARD M. CAPPELLI

Judge Richard M. Cappelli was elected to a ten-year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas in November of 2013. Judge Cappelli is currently assigned to the Court's Criminal Trial Section. Prior to his election to the bench, Judge Cappelli served as a Magisterial District Judge for 21 years and during that time served as President of the Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania.

Judge Cappelli has served as Chairman on the Ethics Committee of the SCJAP, on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and as liaison to the Pennsylvania Bar Association for the SCJAP. Judge Cappelli co-authored and edited the Bench Book for magisterial district judges now in its fifth edition. This Bench Book is widely recognized as a must read for all newly elected magisterial district judges.

Judge Cappelli was honored with the Themis Award of the SCJAP and also the Outstanding Service Award from the Widener University School of Law. He also received The Columbus Memorial Association's "Person of the Year" Award.

He served as a master in Juvenile Court. He also served a municipal solicitor and zoning solicitor, and was appointed Child Advocate for Delaware County and created the Special Prosecution Unit for the County's DA's Office.

Judge Cappelli graduated from Widener University School of Law. Prior to law school he earned his undergraduate degree in economics from St. Francis University of Pennsylvania. He is married to his wife Cindy and has two children Andrew and Amy.



## JUDGE WILLIAM C. MACKRIDES



Judge William C. Mackrides was elected in 2013 and sworn in January 6, 2014 to a 10 year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. A lifelong resident of Delaware County, he received his BS in Accounting at Villanova University and his Juris Doctor at Loyola University School of Law.

Judge Mackrides practiced law & served as a mediator/arbitrator and teacher/writer in Delaware County and statewide for nearly 34 years. He served as Vice President of the Delaware County Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association Chair of the Real Property, Probate & Trust Section and Delegate, a Supervisor of Edgmont Township (14+ years), Solicitor to the District Attorney, and solicitor & president of numerous charitable and community organizations. He also served as President of the Rose Tree Media Education Foundation, President of the Delaware County Association of Township Officials and Chancellor of the Delaware County Justinian Society. He is President of the Guy G deFuria Inn of Court and a member of the PBA Review & Certifying Board.

Judge Mackrides, consistently a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, had the highest ratings available from Martindale-Hubbell and AVVO.com, has received awards for distinguished service, leadership and pro bono work. He received the President's Award from the Delaware County Bar Association and "Man of the Year" Award from its Lawyer's Club.

Judge Mackrides was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

## JUDGE ANTHONY D. SCANLON

Judge Anthony D. Scanlon was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas by Governor Tom Corbett and swore his Oath of Judicial Office on July 17, 2014.

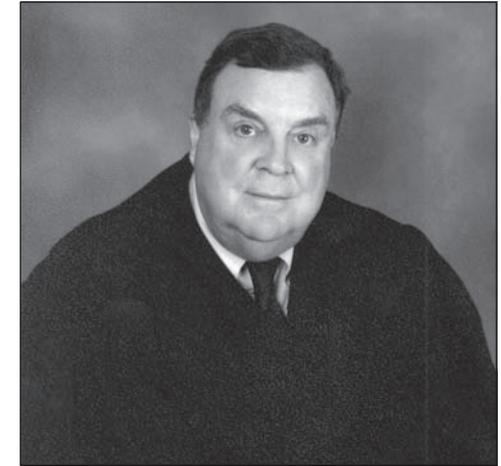
Judge Scanlon is a 1978 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and a 1984 graduate of Widener University with a Master in Business Administration degree. He obtained his Juris Doctor from Temple Law School in 1988. He was admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, Common Pleas courts of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Prior to his Appointment to the Court of Common Pleas Judge Scanlon served as a Staff Attorney in the Municipal Court Unit for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office from 1987 to 1989. He also was Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Solicitor for Delaware County from 1992 to 2004 while also serving as Trial Attorney for the Public Defender's Office of Delaware County. In 2004, Judge Scanlon was elected as Magisterial District Judge of Springfield Township and held that position until his appointment to the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County.

Judge Scanlon is currently assigned to the Criminal Section. Judge Scanlon and his wife, Barbara, have three sons.



## SENIOR JUDGE MICHAEL F.X. COLL



Judge Michael F.X. Coll was elected to the Court in 2003 and swore his oath of judicial office in 2004. A lifelong resident of Delaware County, Judge Coll is a graduate of St. Philomena's Parochial School, Malvern Preparatory School, Villanova University, and Villanova Law School. Judge Coll became a Senior Judge, effective January 2014.

Before being elected to the bench, Judge Coll served in the United States Navy from 1968 through 1971. Throughout his long career in public service Judge Coll acted as the solicitor for the Borough of Lansdowne, William Penn School District, and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. In addition, Judge Coll served as a member of the Lansdowne Borough Council and as an Assistant District Attorney.

A member of the Delaware County Bar Association since 1971, and the Order of the Door since 1973, Judge Coll currently serves in the Family Law Section.

Judge Michael F.X. Coll currently resides in Bethel Township with his wife Sally.

**SENIOR JUDGE  
JOSEPH P. CRONIN, JR.**

Judge Joseph P. Cronin, Jr. was elected to a ten-year term on the Delaware County Common Pleas Court on November 5, 1991, and on January 6, 1992, he began his first ten-year term. On November 6, 2001, Judge Cronin was retained and on January 3, 2002, he began his second ten-year term. In January, 2008, Judge Cronin was elected President Judge by the then 19-member Board of Judges to serve a five-year term. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's College and Duquesne University School of Law.

During his years as an attorney, Judge Cronin served as an Assistant District Attorney for Delaware County between 1975 and 1978. He was a partner in the firm of Cronin, Emuryan and Breen from 1978 until December 1991. During his years of practice, he was Solicitor for Eddystone and Parkside Boroughs and for the Ridley Park Zoning Hearing Board. He was the President of the Board of Commissioners of Ridley Township between 1980 and 1991.

Judge Cronin's term as President Judge concluded on June 14, 2012. Judge Cronin became a Senior Judge, effective September 1, 2012.



**SENIOR JUDGE  
FRANK T. HAZEL**



Judge Frank T. Hazel was appointed to the Court in 1981 by then-Governor Dick Thornburgh and was elected to a ten-year term commencing in 1982. Judge Hazel was retained for a second ten-year term commencing in 1992 and a third ten-year term commencing in 2002. In January 2012, Judge Hazel assumed Senior Judge status. He is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and Villanova School of Law. Judge Hazel was awarded a Ford Foundation fellowship upon his graduation from Villanova School of Law. Prior to his elevation to the bench, Judge Hazel served as District Attorney of Delaware County for six years. During his tenure as District Attorney, Judge Hazel served as President of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association and Chairman of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association's Task Force on wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance. He has been a member of several committees of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and was a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.

Judge Hazel successfully completed the General Jurisdiction Course at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada and a course in Advanced Constitutional Criminal Law presented by the American Academy of Judicial Education. He served as President of the Guy G. deFuria American Inn of Court and has lectured on behalf of the Delaware County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Villanova University School of Law and St. Joseph's University.

**SENIOR JUDGE  
CHARLES B. BURR, II**

Judge Charles B. Burr, II was elected to his first ten-year term on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas in November 1999 and was re-elected in 2009. In 2011, Judge Burr assumed Senior Judge status. He is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Senior Judge Burr is currently serving in the Civil Trial Section and has been assigned numerous major jury and non-jury cases involving medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability, Dram Shop Act/negligence claims, defamation actions, automobile negligence, automobile license suspension appeals, class actions, Minimum Wage Act/Wage Payment and Collection Law Claims, consumer fraud, insurer's bad faith, insurance coverage issues, injunctive relief, tax assessment appeals, zoning hearing board appeals, business dissolutions, breach of contract, fiduciary surcharge and shareholders' derivative actions. He is also the presiding judge for all mass tort litigation.

Prior to his election to the bench, Senior Judge Burr had 34 years experience as a trial attorney, in both criminal and civil cases, and as a professional mediator/arbitrator. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania from 1969 to 1972. In addition, from 1993 to 1999 he volunteered his services as a Judge Pro Tempore to assist Delaware and Philadelphia Counties in the reduction of the unacceptable level of backlogged cases in those courts. From 1992 to 1996, Senior Judge Burr was an Adjunct Professor at the Villanova School of Law teaching a course in civil pretrial practice. He also served as the Radnor Township Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 25 years (1975-2000).



## JUDICIAL RETENTION

The voters of Delaware County elect Court of Common Pleas Judges to a ten-year term. Following the expiration of that term, elected judges run in a judicial retention election.

During a judicial retention election, the electors cast a “yes” or “no” vote on retaining the judge for another ten-year term. The judge who was previously elected neither runs against an opponent nor stands for election as a candidate of any political party. This means the election is based primarily upon how the citizens of the community view the past performance of the judge on the bench.

President Judge Chad F. Kenney and Judge Barry C. Dozor were retained by the voters of Delaware County in the November 2013 election for their second ten-year term. Judge James P. Bradley and Judge James F. Nilon, Jr. were retained in the November 2015 election for their second ten-year term.

The next judicial retention election will take place in 2017, and Judge George A. Pagano, Judge Mary Alice Brennan and Judge Gregory M. Mallon will be eligible to run for retention.



*Judge James F Nilon, Jr, (l) and Judge James P. Bradley  
ran for retention in November, 2015.*

### JUDGES OF DELAWARE COUNTY SINCE 1789

1789 Henry Hale Graham	1875 Thomas J. Clayton	1965 Louis Bloom	1981 Frank T. Hazel	2000 Charles B. Burr, II
1790 John Pearson (ad interim)	1900 Isaac Johnson	1965 Edwin E. Lippincott, II	1981 Anthony R. Semeraro	2000 Kevin F. Kelly
1791 James Biddle	1907 William B. Broomall	1967 Paul Robert Sand	1981 Charles C. Keeler	2001 Kathrynann W. Durham
1797 John D. Cox	1921 John B. Hannum	1968 James H. Gorbey	1984 Frank J. Lynch	2001 Barry C. Dozor
1805 William Tilghman	1925 W. Roger Fronefield	1968 Joseph W. deFuria	1987 Joseph F. Battle	2003 Chad F. Kenney, Sr.
1806 Bird Wilson	1926 John M. Broomall, III	1969 Howard F. Reed, Jr.	1987 Edward S. Lawhorne	2004 Michael F.X. Coll
1812 John Ross	1927 Frank G. Perrin	1970 Robert A. Wright	1988 John A. Reilly	2006 James P. Bradley
1821 Isaac Darlington	1927 W. Roger Fronefield	1970 Domenic D. Jerome	1989 Harry J. Bradley	2006 James F. Nilon, Jr.
1828-1839 Ad interim, in which the courts were held by Justice Gibson of the Supreme Court of Pa.	1928 Albert Dutton MacDade	1972 Jack Brian	1990 George Koudelis	2008 Mary Alice Brennan
1839 Thomas S. Bell	1937 John E. McDonough	1972 C. Norwood Wherry	1990 A. Leo Sereni	2008 Gregory M. Mallon
1846 John M. Forster	1941 Harold L. Ervin	1972 Edward S. Lawhorne	1990 Edward S. Lawhorne	2010 Linda A. Cartisano
1847 James Nill	1944 Henry G. Sweny	1974 Clement J. McGovern, Jr.	1991 Maureen F. Fitzpatrick	2012 Spiros E. Angelos
1848 Henry Chapman	1945 E. Wallace Chadwick	1974 Donald J. Orlowsky	1992 Robert C. Wright	2012 G. Michael Green
1851 Townsend Haines	1946 E. Leroy van Roden	1974 William R. Toal, Jr.	1992 Joseph P. Cronin, Jr.	2012 Nathaniel C. Nichols
1861 William Butler	1948 William R. Toal	1976 Robert F. Kelly	1992 Kenneth A. Clouse	2012 Christine Fizzano Cannon
1874 John M. Broomall	1949 Arthur P. Bretherick	1976 Rita E. Prescott	1993 Patricia H. Jenkins	2012 John P. Capuzzi, Sr.
	1954 John V. Diggins	1976 Joseph T. Labrum, Jr.	1996 Edward J. Zetusky, Jr.	2014 Richard M. Cappelli
	1958 Allen S. Olmstead, II	1977 Murray S. Eckell	1996 James F. Proud	2014 William C. Mackrides
	1960 Thomas A. Curran	1978 Melvin G. Levy	1998 George A. Pagano	2014 Anthony D. Scanlon
	1963 Francis J. Catania	1978 R. Barclay Surrick	1998 Ann A. Osborne	

# *In Memoriam*

## **Joseph T. Labrum, Jr., Judge, Court of Common Pleas**

From November, 1976 – May 1995

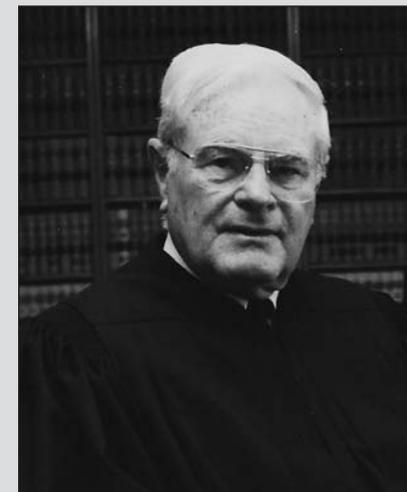
Retired Delaware County Judge Joseph T. Labrum, Jr. passed away on September 4, 2013.

Judge Labrum was elected to the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas bench in November 1976. Judge Labrum served on the Court for 20 years in the Criminal, Civil, Administrative and Family Law Sections, where he was highly regarded for his fairness, outstanding judicial temperament and knowledge of the law. He served as President of the Delaware County Bar Association, and was the recipient of service awards from the Delaware County Bar Association, including the Chadwick Award and Man of the Year. While a Judge, he served as President of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges in 1994. Judge Labrum handled a number of high profile cases in his more than 50-year legal career,

including serving as the trial judge in the H. Beatty Chadwick contempt proceeding, and later, after leaving the bench, serving on the defense team for John DuPont.

Judge Labrum was also a 50-year member of the Lion's Club of Springfield, and was a long time member of the Men of Malvern. He was a devoted Eagles and Phillies fan, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends at the shore for many years at his vacation retreats in Avalon and Stone Harbor.

Judge Labrum was married to the late Rosemary Creamer Labrum for 45 years, until her death in February 2000, and is survived by seven children and sixteen grandchildren. Following the loss of his first wife, Rosemary, in 2000, he married Gloria Seedor in 2004 and was predeceased by her in 2011.



# *In Memoriam*

## **Robert C. Wright, Judge, Court of Common Pleas**

From January, 1992 – December 2008

The Honorable Robert C. Wright, died on February 22, 2014, at his home in Glen Mills. Judge Wright was born on November 5, 1944, in the City of Chester. He attended Douglas Elementary School and later Chester High School where he graduated in 1962.

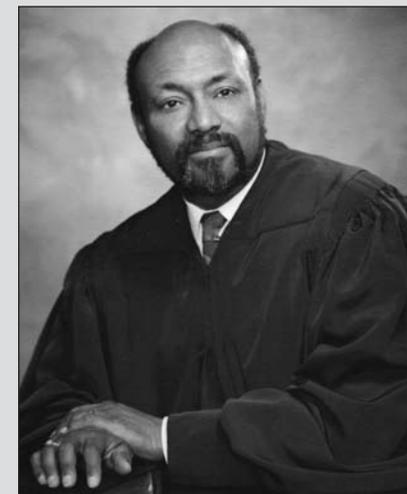
Following high school, Judge Wright received his undergraduate degree from the George Washington University in 1966 and then went on to receive his Juris Doctor from Villanova University Law School in 1969. Soon after, he teamed with his father and took over the Law Offices of Robert A. Wright when his father was appointed to serve on the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Wright served on numerous boards, some of which include The Chester Water Authority and The Chester Boys and Girls Club. He also served as Solicitor for the Chester Housing Authority and President of the Delaware County Republican Council.

In 1981, he was elected in a special election to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives representing the 159th legislative dis-

trict. He held this position through re-election for ten years until he was elected to the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. While on the bench, he and his father had the unique distinction of being the first father and son to serve on the bench at the same time. Judge Wright retired December 2008.

Judge Wright was an active member of many professional and social organizations, including: the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, where he served on the Legislative Committee; the Legislative Black Caucus; the Pennsylvania and Delaware County Bar Associations; the Delaware County NAACP; and the National Association of Guardsmen.

Judge Wright is survived by his wife, Florence; daughter, Josie Walters; son Robert C. Wright, Jr.; son-in-law, Shelton Walters; daughter-in-law Wendy Wright; three grandchildren, Ryan Walters, McKenzie Walters and Ella Wright; and his Aunt Janet Marshall.



# DELAWARE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 2013-2015 COURT SUMMARY



*President Judge Chad F. Kenney with his Estate Coordinator, Kelly Radico.*

The Delaware County Court of Common Pleas is comprised of a board of twenty (20) full-time elected judges who continued to meet the increasing caseload over the past two years through effective efforts and case management techniques.

During the past three years, the Honorable Chad F. Kenney served as president judge, effectively guiding the Court in both of its two divisions, Orphan's Court and General Trial.

Over the past three years, the Honorable Patricia H. Jenkins retired from the Bench and was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. The Honorable Ann A. Osborne and the Honorable James F. Proud reached the mandatory retirement age of 70. Judge Osborne was appointed a senior judge and Judge Proud left the court for private practice. William "Chip" Mackrides, Esq. and Magisterial District Judge Richard M. Cappelli, Esq. were elected judges in the 2012 election and took their positions on the Board of Judges for a full ten-year term in January, 2013. In 2014, Magisterial District Judge Anthony B. Scanlon, Esq. was appointed by Governor Tom Corbett to fill Judge Jenkins' vacancy. Senior Judge Joseph P. Cronin retired from the bench in December, 2015.

## ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

President Judge Chad F. Kenney presided over the Orphans' Court and in that capacity was responsible for resolving matters involving adoptions, decedents' estates, incompetency proceedings, and guardianship appointments. The Honorable Kathrynann W. Durham continued to ably assist the president judge with adoptions.

## GENERAL TRIAL DIVISION FAMILY LAW

During the past three years, the Honorable Barry C. Dozor continued to serve as the liaison judge of the Family Law Section. The Honorable Linda A. Cartisano, Honorable William Mackrides and Senior Judge Ann A. Osborne also served in the Family Law Section. During the past three years, over 5,000 custody complaints, 5,000 protection from abuse petitions, 5,000 support complaints and 2,500 divorce complaints were filed. During that time, many hundreds of hearings or trials were scheduled by the judges to resolve family law issues.

Masters, conciliators and hearing officers continue to assist the Judges in expediting the resolution of family law cases. The family law cases consist of support, equitable distribution, custody, special relief, alimony pendente lite, protection from abuse and divorce matters.

## JUVENILE

Juvenile Court is the judicial agency responsible for determining questions of fact and law in cases where children between the ages of 10 and 17 are charged with violations of the criminal code. During the past three years, the Honorable Nathaniel Nichols presided over Juvenile matters. Judge Nichols has been assisted by the Honorable Barry C. Dozor.



*Judge Barry C. Dozor with John McKeever, Domestic Relations Court Unit Liaison.*

## MUNICIPAL/MOTION HEARING

Over the past three years, the Honorable Kathrynann W. Durham presided over Summary Appeals and License Suspension Appeals. Judge Durham was ably assisted by the Honorable James F. Proud. Over the past three years, well over 2,000 summary appeals and 500 license suspension appeals were filed resulting in many hundreds of hearings.

The Municipal/Motion Hearing Section assisted by the Court Administrator's Office handles pre-complaint and post-judgment motions and petitions, as well as summary appeals, license suspension appeals, liquor license appeals, zoning/land use appeals, temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.



# DELAWARE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 2013-2015 COURT SUMMARY



Honorable Kevin F. Kelly, Criminal Liaison Judge, is shown pictured above with Court Clerks Heather Hartley and John Ryan Gavin.

## CRIMINAL

The Honorable Kevin F. Kelly was appointed as the Criminal Section Liaison Judge upon the retirement of the Honorable Patricia H. Jenkins. The current section consists of trial judges: George A. Pagano, James P. Bradley, James F. Nilon, Mary Alice Brennan, Gregory M. Mallon, John P. Capuzzi, Richard M. Cappelli and Anthony J. Scanlon. The trial judges in this division are assigned only criminal cases and they are responsible for each assigned case once it is brought to issue and until its final disposition. The assigned trial judge oversees all matters related to the outcome of the criminal case. The trial judges continue to expand the use of videoconferencing in the criminal justice system. The Court also continued to use such successful programs as waiver of arraignment, Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program, PA D.O.T. Highway Cleanup Pilot Program, and electronic monitoring. Over the past two years, well over 15,000 new criminal transcripts have been assigned to the criminal judges and processed by the Court.

The Honorable Kathrynann W. Durham, Senior Judge Frank T. Hazel, Senior Judge Michael F.X. Coll, and Senior Judge Joseph P. Cronin greatly assisted in the Criminal Section handling preliminary trials, hearings, videoconferencing hearings, bail hearings and guilty pleas each week.

Senior Judge Frank T. Hazel also continued to oversee the Treatment Court which helps qualified candidates to fight addiction. The Honorable James F. Nilon and Senior Judge Ann A. Osborne assisted Judge Hazel. Senior Judge Michael F. X. Coll oversees the Mental Health Treatment Court and Veterans Court, both of which were established over the past three years. Senior Judge Joseph P. Cronin assisted Judge Coll in both Mental Health and Veterans Court.

## CIVIL

The Honorable James F. Proud continued to serve as Civil Section Liaison Judge until his retirement at the end of 2015. In addition to Judge Proud, this section currently consists of trial judges: Spiros E. Angelos, G. Michael Green, Christine Fizzano Cannon and Senior Judge Charles B. Burr, II, who also serves as the Asbestos Liaison Judge responsible for the administration of asbestos cases in our Court system. Trial judges oversee all matters related to the outcome of the cases assigned to them. Retired Superior Court President Judge Stephen J. McEwen ably assists the Civil Section as Settlement Master. Well over 2,500 were resolved by the Civil Trial Judges.

## ARBITRATION PROGRAM

The Honorable James F. Proud served as the supervising judge of the Arbitration Program from 2013 to 2015. All civil cases with claimed damages under \$50,000.00 are processed through the program. Over the past three years, well over 6,500 arbitration cases were filed. However, the rate of filings compared to the number of arbitration cases which are appealed after a hearing is a very low, less than 10% which means the vast majority of arbitration cases which are filed are resolved at the arbitration level. Due to the number of cases in the arbitration program well over 2,500 motions and stipulations were filed and resolved during the past three years by the judges in the Civil Section.

Under the program, all suits filed in the Office of Judicial Support are given an immediate arbitration hearing date not less than nine months from the date of filing. By local rule, all pre-trial motions must be filed 30 days prior to the date of the hearing. Arbitrators are selected randomly from a list of attorneys provided from the Delaware County Bar Association.

During the past three years, there were over 1,500 arbitration hearings. The Court also facilitated the resolution of many tax assessment appeals through the arbitration program.

During the past three years, the Court, in conjunction with the Delaware County Bar Association, continued a program where attorneys who sit as arbitrators are given the option of donating their compensation for serving on an arbitration panel to indigent people who are in need of legal services. The donated funds are forwarded to the Delaware County Bar Foundation, and then dispersed to Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania. This new program has been even more successful than anticipated; thousands of dollars have been donated by members of Delaware County Bar Association.



Judge James F. Proud

## DELCO WEBPAGE

The Delaware County webpage offers a useful and comprehensive view of both county courts and government services. Visitors can learn about a variety of topics from county history, the Court of Common Pleas, to Delaware County municipalities along with ever expanding links to local, state and federal points of interest such as Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System at <http://ujportal.pacourts.us>.

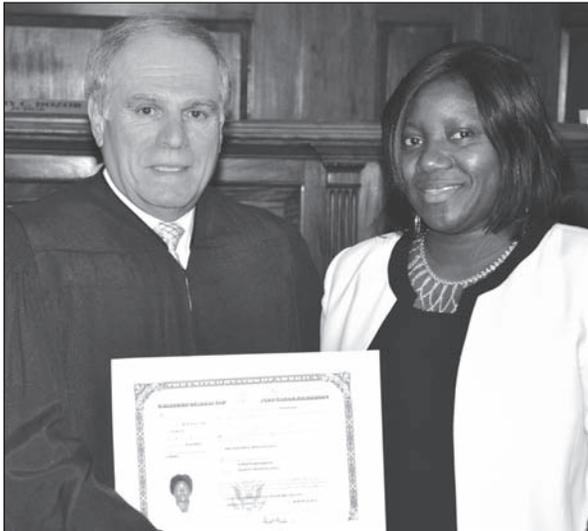
There are many forms which may be useful to attorneys and litigants which can be found on Delaware County's website document center <http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/documentcenter.html>, Designed and maintained through the Department of Public Relations, the homepage is updated regularly.

Please visit our pages:  
[www.co.delaware.pa.us](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us)

## NATURALIZATION COURT



*Folcroft resident, Manuel Buenaventura, became one of America's newest citizens during the March 2013 ceremony. Manuel, born in Ecuador, received his Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas President Judge Chad F. Kenney.*



*Alberta Massaquoi, a Yeadon resident became a new citizen at the March 2013 ceremony Alberta, born in Liberia, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Spiros E. Angelos.*

Delaware County Judges had the honor of formally greeting America's newest citizens and administering their oaths of Naturalization at four programs held at the Courthouse each year.

During 2013/2014, the 74th and 75th years in which our Judges presided over Naturalization Ceremonies, more than 300 adults born in foreign countries pledged their allegiance to the United States.

The ceremony began in 1939 when a delegation of attorneys presented the then President Judge, W. Roger Fronefield, the idea of a ceremony to let the new citizens of Delaware County know the community welcomed them. Judge Fronefield agreed, and the Court now has presided over more than 304 ceremonies.

The Judges enjoy the honor of presiding over Naturalization Court. Either their parents or grandparents became citizens of our country just as these Delaware County residents have become new citizens. Most of the present-day naturalized citizens traveled to America for the same reasons as those people in the early years of our nation.

At Naturalization Court the Judges and the many groups who assist in the ceremonies offer these new citizens a heart-warming greeting on this unique day in their lives.



*The Media Theatre State Street Miracles, a performance troupe of adults with intellectual disabilities, performs "We are the World" at the December 2014 ceremony. The photo taken by Judge Mackrides from the bench captures the new citizens, who were moved by the performance, waving their flags.*



*Bryn Mawr resident, Maryam Behta born in Iran, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge George A. Pagano at the ceremony held in June 2013. The evening's guest speaker CBS 3 reporter, Walt Hunter looks on.*



*Parinda Patel, of Garnet Valley became one of America's newest citizens during the June 2013 Naturalization Ceremony. Parinda, born in India, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge James F. Nilon, while the evening's guest speaker CBS 3 reporter, Walt Hunter looks on.*

## NATURALIZATION COURT



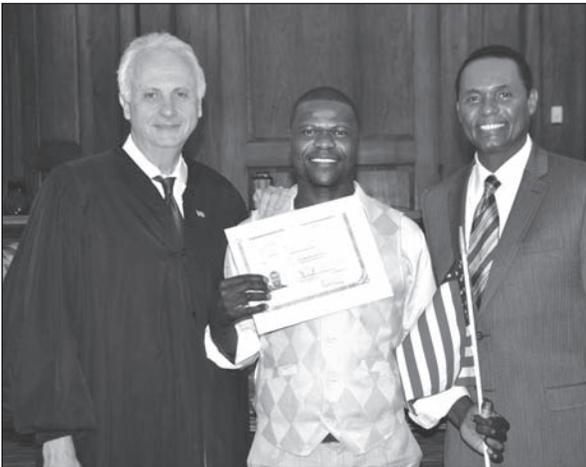
*Havertown resident, Tuyen Truong became one of America's newest citizens at the June 2013 ceremony. Tuyen born in Malaysia, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Michael F.X. Coll, as the evening's guest speaker, CBS 3 reporter, Walt Hunter, looks on.*



*Wayne Reid, of Media and born in Canada, received his Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge G. Michael Green in September 2013. Wayne and Judge Green are joined by the evening's guest speaker, NBC 10 reporter, Harry Hairston.*



*Fatu Kiadii, of Yeadon, became one of America's newest citizens in December 2013. Fatu, born in Liberia, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Christine Fizzano Cannon (left) while the evening's guest speaker, Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Ida K. Chen, looks on.*



*Mohammed Donzo, an Upper Darby resident, became one of America's newest citizens at the September 2013 ceremony. Mohammed, born in Liberia, received his Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Gregory M. Mallon, and is greeted by the evening's guest speaker, NBC 10 reporter, Harry Hairston.*



*Darby resident, Andres Marques, became one of America's newest citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony held in September 2013. Andres, born in Spain, received his Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Ann A. Osborne as the evening's guest speaker, NBC 10 reporter, Harry Hairston looks on.*



*Springfield resident, Joseph Chikkala, became one of America's newest citizens at the 300th Naturalization Ceremony held in December 2013. Joseph, born in India, received his Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Barry C. Dozor as the evening's guest speaker, Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Ida K. Chen, looks on.*

## NATURALIZATION COURT



Wallingford resident, Paul Liu, became one of America's newest citizens in December 2013. Paul, born in PRC, received his Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Senior Judge Charles B. Burr, III (left) while the evening's guest speaker Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Ida K. Chen looks on.



Kinny Trivedi, a Havertown resident was also naturalized at the March 2014 ceremony. Kinny, born in India received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge William C. Mackrides as the evening's guest speaker, Delaware County District Attorney John J. Whelan, looks on.



Havertown resident, Renata Zwierzchowski, was naturalized in June 2014. Renata, born in Poland, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge James P. Bradley. With Zwierzchowski and Judge Bradley is the evening's guest speaker, Phil Martelli,, Head Coach of the St. Joseph's Men's Basketball Team.



Ban Alshaban (second from left) and her husband Omer Nasir (second from right), a Wayne couple, became two of America's newest citizens during the March 2014 ceremony. Ban and Omer, born in Iraq, received their Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Nathaniel C. Nichols. With the couple and Nichols is the evening's guest speaker, Delaware County District Attorney John J. Whelan.



Springfield resident, Johanne Blanchard, became one of America's newest citizens in June 2014. Johanne, born in Haiti, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Mary Alice Brennan. With Blanchard and Judge Brennan is the evening's guest speaker, Phil Martelli,, Head Coach of the St. Joseph's Men's Basketball Team.



Newtown Square resident, Sohui Kim, became a citizen at the September 2014 Naturalization Ceremony. Sohui, born in South Korea, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Linda A. Cartisano.

## NATURALIZATION COURT



*Greg Kolodziejski, a Folcroft resident, became one of America's newest citizens at the September 2014 ceremony. Greg, born in Poland, received his Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Anthony D. Scanlon.*



*Ehsan Etesh, a Chester resident, became one of America's newest citizens at the December 2014 ceremony. Ehsan, born in Egypt, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge John P. Capuzzi as the evening's guest speaker, Joy Hepkins, looks on.*



*Yeadon resident, Aminata Cole, became a new citizen at the December 2014 ceremony. Aminata, born in Sierra Leone, received her Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Judge Richard M. Cappelli as the evening's guest speaker, Joy Hepkins, looks on.*



*Bryn Mawr resident, Toby Liu, became a new citizen at the December 2014 ceremony. Toby, born in PRC, received his Certificate of Naturalization from Court of Common Pleas Senior Judge Frank T. Hazel as the evening's guest speaker, Joy Hepkins, looks on.*

## COURTHOUSE VISITORS



Judge James F. Nilon, Jr. (second from left) spoke with students from Garnet Valley Middle School. These students are from the Life Skills Class and Autistic Support Class. Posing with the Judge and students are Assistant Public Defender Jeff Bauer (far left) and Assistant District Attorney Meghan Wagner (far right).



Students from Upper Darby High School's Life Skills Class were given the chance to see how justice is dispensed. Judge James F. Nilon, Jr. spoke with the 10th and 11th grade students as they acted out a criminal trial by playing judge, jury, prosecutor, defendant and defense attorney.



Each year representatives of the Media Business Authority donate gifts for Delaware County residents who serve as jurors for the Court of Common Pleas during "Juror Appreciation Week" in May. Pictured are (left to right) Zubair Khan, Executive Director of the Business Authority; Nancy Alkins, Jury Administrator; President Judge Chad F. Kenney, Sr.; Bryan Messick, President of the Media Business Authority; and Gerald C. Montella, Esquire, Court Administrator.



Students from Media Elementary School got a lesson in civics in May, 2013. Judge James P. Bradley and Judge Ann A. Osborne spoke with the children about freedom and the Constitution.

## SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES



*Judge Nathaniel C. Nichols administered the oath of office to Neilda E. Mott as her husband, Stokes, looks on. Neilda was appointed to serve a five-year term on the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Committee. The committee is part of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.*



*Judge John P. Capuzzi, Sr. swears in the newest assistant district attorney, James Bonner, Esquire while his mother, Anne, holds the Bible. James graduated from Archmere Academy, Villanova University and Widener Law School.*



*Ashleigh Latonick, Esquire is sworn in as an assistant district attorney by Judge Kevin F. Kelly in November 2014 as her parents, Gary and Jeanne Latonick, hold the Bible. Ashleigh is a graduate of Alexis I. DuPont High School, Virginia Tech and Villanova Law School.*



*In March 2013, Dr. Maria Edelberg was sworn in as the Assistant Director of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit by Judge Michael F.X. Coll. Dr. Edelberg, who was accompanied by her husband, Andrew Edelberg, Esquire, was appointed to her first 4-year term.*

## LAW DAY DELAWARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Delaware County Court and Bar Association annually celebrate Law Day on May 1. On this day, our Court emphasizes the precious heritage we have in our free society, where rule of law serves and governs the citizens, making possible such a free society. The Bar Association and the Court of Common Pleas recognized the achievements of lawyers and non-lawyers at the 2013 and 2014 Law Day Ceremonies at the Delaware County Courthouse.

### 2013 RECIPIENTS

“Realizing the Dream...United We Stand” was the theme of the 2013 program. Individuals from Delaware County were honored for making Delaware County a better place through their achievements. The Themis Award, given to a non-attorney for outstanding contribution to our American system of freedom under the law, was presented to Linda Barbera of Adult Probation and Parole Services and Coordinator of Delaware County’s Treatment Court. Linda was honored for her dedication to Treatment Court. The Liberty Bell Award given to a non-attorney for activities which promote the Constitution was presented to Candice Linehan, Director of Sexual Assault Services for Delaware County Women Against Rape. Candice was honored for her hard work educating and counseling victims as well as keeping them informed of the Legal Process. Gene A. Foehl, Esquire (who was unable to make the ceremony) was this year’s recipient of the Elizabeth C. Price Award, given to a person for their dedication, integrity and loyalty to the Bar Association. In the photograph below, left to right, is Lyn B. Schoenfeld, Esquire, President of the Delaware County Bar Association; Candice Linehan; President Judge Chad F. Kenney and Linda Barbera.



### 2014 RECIPIENTS



“American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters” was the theme of the 2014 Law Day program and many people were honored for their work in making our country and county a better place to live. In the photograph above are (left to right) Jonathan Peri, Esquire, President of the Delaware County Bar Association; Colleen Neary, Esquire, who received the Elizabeth C. Price Award for her tireless efforts, integrity, loyalty and dedication to the Bar Association; Chris Callanan, who was presented the Liberty Bell Award, given to a non-attorney for activities which promote the Constitution, for his dedicated and tireless work with the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House; and President Judge Chad F. Kenney. Not pictured is the Themis Award winner Detective Robert Lythgoe of the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division’s Special Investigation Unit. Detective Lythgoe received the award for all his hard work with the Hero Scholarship Fund of Delaware County.



## MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Common Pleas Court Judges sit as judges and attorneys sit as jurors as trial teams of students from high schools throughout Delaware County argue cases in an annual Mock Trial Competition held in March and April. The winner in Delaware County goes on to district competition and possibly state final competition. The students come to the courthouse where judges and attorneys give them time to hear the case in a Courtroom.



*Strath Haven High School was the winner of the Mock Trial Competition in 2013. Pictured in the center with the students is Ryan Grace, Esquire, Mock Trial Coordinator.*



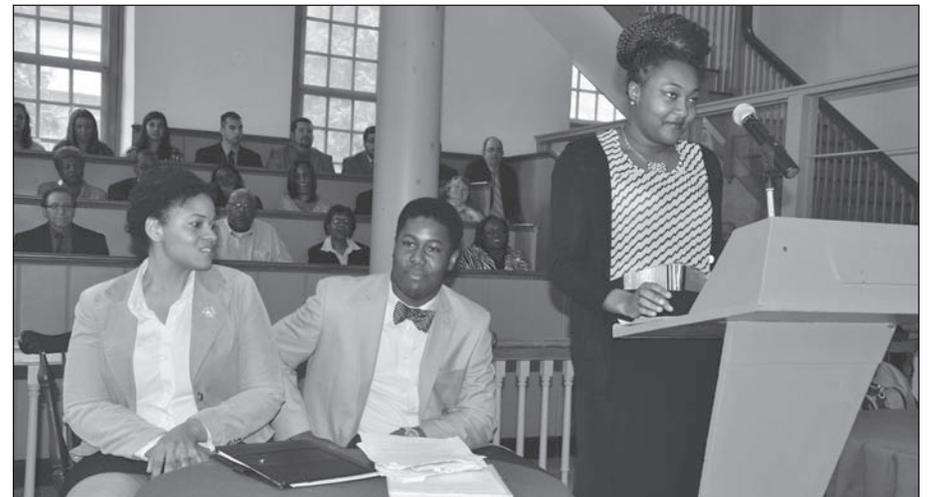
*Pictured above is the choir from Springton Lake Middle School who sang the "Star Spangled Banner" at the 2014 Law Day ceremony.*



## LAW DAY 1724 COLONIAL COURTHOUSE

The 1724 Colonial Courthouse in Chester hosts a Special Law Day Program annually in which students from Chester Academy or Chester High School argue a criminal case before judges of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. The 1724 Courthouse – the oldest public building in continuous in the nation – was filled with dignitaries from court, county and city government and representatives and students from the Chester-Upland School District.

The late President Judge Joseph F. Battle had a special affection for the Colonial Courthouse, and periodically held hearings and ceremonies there.



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MISSION STATEMENT

Through best principles for strategic management and coordinated planning, the Delaware County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee is committed to improving the effectiveness, efficiency, evenhandedness, accountability, and public and professional perception of criminal justice in Delaware County.

The Delaware County Criminal Justice Advisory Board was established in 1994 and is a forum for discussion, planning and implementing solutions to critical problems arising in the course of the administration of justice. Delaware County boasts the first Criminal Justice Advisory Board in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Delaware County was also the first county in Pennsylvania to have the judicial and executive branches of government actively meeting at the CJAB. In addition, there has always been a member of the Court of Common Pleas to Chair the board. Presently, the CJAB is under the leadership of the Honorable James F. Nilon, Jr. His predecessors since the formation of the CJAB are as follows: Honorable R. Barclay Surrick, Honorable George Koudelis, Honorable Ann A. Osborne and the Honorable Michael F. X. Coll.

Over the twenty year history the Delaware County Criminal Justice Advisory Board has been acknowledged and credited with assisting/collaborating with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for improvements across Pennsylvania. Members are representatives of the following boards, agencies and departments: Court of Common Pleas, County Council, County Executive Director, District Attorney, Public Defender, Police Chiefs Association, Prison, Sheriff, Adult Probation and Parole Services, Juvenile Probation/Detention, Human Services, Court Administration, District Court Administration, the PCCD CJAB Specialist and local victim organizations. The following are some of the accomplishments of the board over the past twenty (20) years: advance technology to improve efficiency; extensive use of video conferencing; Live Scan digital fingerprinting and photo imaging

for use by all police departments in Delaware County; electronic monitoring; use of Court Smart Technology; development of re-entry counselors; expansion of RIP & IP programs; development of forensic liaisons; development of the Drug, Veterans and Mental Health Courts; Cross Systems Mapping; Delaware County Cares and multiple grants through the PCCD.

The Delaware County Criminal Justice Advisory Board has recently upgraded its Strategic Plan for years 2015-2019. CJAB meetings are bi-monthly set by the chairman. In addition, the following standing sub-committees meet on a regular basis: Cross System Mapping; Treatment Court; Veterans Court; Mental Health Court; Delaware County Cares; Re-entry; Strategic Planning; and Grant Management.



Judge Michael F.X. Coll (c) and President Judge Chad F. Kenney, Sr. (r) congratulate Judge James F. Nilon, Jr. (l) on becoming the newest Chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

## FAMILY LAW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Honorable Linda A. Cartisano chairs Delaware County's Family Law Advisory Committee, advising President Judge Chad F. Kenney, Sr. and the Board of Judges in improving Family Law Section and court practices, policies, processes and procedures. The Committee consists of a working group of family law judges, court officials, staff and family law professionals who meet regularly to identify problems and opportunities for positive change and improvement in the Family Law Section.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Honorable Nathaniel C. Nichols serves as Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee composed of a working group of Delaware County and Court officials, staff and Juvenile Law professionals providing advice and recommendations to President Judge Chad F. Kenney, Sr. and the Delaware County Board of Judges. The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee is committed to the improvement of Delaware County's Juvenile Justice System and the welfare of dependent and delinquent children. The Committee makes recommendations that will be helpful in influencing outcomes at major stages of the dependent child and juvenile criminal process, especially those related to pre-trial adjudication, study and planning, trial, disposition, post adjudication, confinement, child protection, placement and supervision.

## OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The overall responsibility of the Delaware County District Court Administrator's Office is to ensure the timely and efficient processing of criminal and civil actions including family related issues for the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County.**

The Court Administrator's Office is primarily responsible for the administration of the Criminal, Civil, Municipal Law and Family Law sections of the Court. The Office is also responsible for the day-to-day operations of the one day/one trial jury system and Arbitration Program.

The Court Administrator's Office randomly assigns Family, Civil and Criminal cases to the trial judges using a computer program. The office also schedules many types of hearings and conferences for the Family and Municipal Law section as well as for Custody Conciliators and Equitable Distribution Masters.

The Court Administrator's Office continues to process thousands of motions, petitions, stipulations, and applications, which are filed each year. The office further assists the Court by providing key information to the general public on a daily basis. The Court Administrator's Office also is responsible for providing statistics to State and local agencies upon request. The Court Administrator's staff exhibited a high degree of dedication, initiative and operational knowledge throughout the year.

During the past two years, the Court Administrator's Office continued to provide quality service to litigants, attorneys and the Court. Gerald C. Montella, Esquire, served as the District Court Administrator. Mr. Montella was ably assisted by Eileen Paden, Deputy District Court Administrator, Ruthann Squillace, Criminal Court Administrator, Nicole M. Brungard, Esquire, Civil Court Administrator, Nancy Alkins, Jury Administrator, Jennifer Galante, Esquire, Arbitration Administrator, and Denise Hansen, Family Law Administrator. Jen Morgan and Mary Donnelly also assisted the office. Doris M. Vantine, Administrative Assistant and Mary Ann Pisani, Legal Secretary, provided invaluable support.

### **Some highlights of the District Court Administrator's Office for 2013-2015 included the following:**

During the past two years, the Delaware County Juror Donation Program continued to provide Jurors the ability to donate their fees to five (5) specific charities: the Hero Scholarship Fund, Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Children & Youth Services of Delaware County, Operation Warm and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) on a strictly volunteer basis. The program was highly successful in the past two years and is one-of-a-kind in Pennsylvania. The program's mission is to provide assistance to Delaware County's most precious resource, its children. In excess of \$650,000 has been raised since the program's inception.

Nancy Alkins, Jury Administrator, and her staff did an excellent job during Juror Appreciation Week in May of each year. The staff provided refreshments and gifts to the Jurors throughout the week. Mr. Zabir Kahn of the Media Business Authority also provided gift certificates to the Jurors in a cooperative effort to show appreciation to the Jurors who patronize the many business establishments in Media.

The staff continued to support the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court's Common Pleas Criminal Case Management System, also known as "CPCMS." CPCMS is very comprehensive and includes features related to accounting, scheduling, and docketing. Statewide information is also available on the system. The deployment of CPCMS was primarily in the Office of Judicial Support, Court Financial, Court Administration, and nine of the Judicial Chambers. The system is also accessible in the courtrooms.

In March, 2013, the County implemented an integrated Case Management System (CMS). The new system allows court staff to better process civil and family law cases in conjunction with the Office of Judicial Support. Most pleadings which are filed are available for the public to view on line through the public access portal of the Delaware County's website.



*Kimberly Pasquarella, Case Coordinator/Custody Clerk, and Patty Chazin, Case Coordinator, check on a custody case using the Common Pleas Court Management System (CPCMS).*

## OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

### CIVIL CASES

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Civil Cases Assigned	1,911	1,445	1,564	1,500	1,426	1,263	1,239	1,446	1,629	1,447	1,639	1,642	1,347	1,299
Civil Cases Disposed	1,944	1,510	1,427	1,528	1,335	1,266	1,193	1,154	1,387	1,412	1,281	1,454	1,306	1,119
Non Jury <sup>2</sup>	293	260	259	332	307	289	265	261	251	270	292	287	151	126
Jury	128	100	126	100	77	60	58	50	78	72	51	51	67	58
Settlements/Other	1,323	1,150	1,042	1,096	951	917	870	843	1,058	1,070	938	1,116	1,088	929
Civil Cases Disposed by Court Administrator's Office Prior to Assignment			1,657	1,560	1,576	1,690	1,889	2,224	2,528	2,386	1,949	2,260	1,855	1,955

<sup>1</sup>Estimated

<sup>2</sup>Includes hearings held pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 1303



Case Coordinator Leslie Revak, speaks with jurors about what to expect during their jury duty service.

### CRIMINAL CASES

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Defendant Transcripts Assigned	7,789	6,815	7,426	7,913	9,337	10,460	9,489	8,702	8,795	8,066	9,091	9,227	9,310	8,341
Defendant Transcripts Reassigned	484	482	389	405	400	371	637	236	380	185	618	168	141	210
Total Transcripts Processed	8,273	7,297	7,815	8,318	9,737	10,831	10,126	8,938	9,175	8,251	9,709	9,353	9,451	8,551
Defendant Transcripts Disposed	7,885	7,451	7,383	7,364	9,265	9,721	9,653	9,120	8,692	8,336	9,370	9,006	8,851	8,457
Guilty Pleas	5,094	5,134	5,062	4,932	6,525	6,806	6,849	6,593	6,487	5,999	6,654	6,782	6,454	5,981
Jury Trials	73	61	70	73	81	99	105	84	80	81	92	105	94	86
Non Jury Trials	101	94	76	82	127	166	171	146	110	108	104	165	146	137
Nolle Pros	152	177	163	141	133	136	106	122	123	109	111	88	101	98
Rule 600 Dismissals	2	0	2	0	0	4	5	3	2	3	0	0	1	4
Other Dispositions	529	737	370	710	617	595	614	524	428	709	940	310	450	435
ARD	1,934	1,248	1,640	1,426	1,782	1,915	1,803	1,648	1,462	1,327	1,469	1,556	1,605	1,716



President Judge Chad F. Kenney welcomes the jurors and instructs them on how to correctly fill out the juror questionnaire.

## INTERNAL MANAGEMENT

The Office of Internal Management is responsible for the coordination and implementation of the goals and objectives of the court system of Delaware County. All court departmental activities fall under the supervision of this office. The daily activities of the office include the administrative and financial management of the court, as well as all personnel matters related to the court departments. The court system of Delaware County covers 12 departments, more than 751 employees and operates presently with a budget of approximately 57 million dollars.



*Beth Rolette, Director (l) and Administrative Assistant, Amanda DiGregorio review budget requests.*



### JURY WHEEL

This jury wheel was used for over half a century to select jurors in Delaware County. First used on February 2, 1921, the jury wheel turned out the names of jurors until December, 1978 when a computer undertook that responsibility.

Prior to 1979, workers in the Jury Commission office typed the names of each juror on paper, rolled that paper into pellets and then placed the pellets into the jury barrel. The list of jurors to serve in the forthcoming months was then randomly drawn from the barrel. It took seven employees four days to draw approximately 3,000 names from the barrel.

Before 1979, jurors served for one week and could hear more than one case during that week. Presently, the process of selecting jurors is accomplished through the use of a computer which randomly selects names from a list of over 380,000 registered voters in the County and from the statewide drivers' license list. Approximately 17,000 jurors are called each year to serve in the highly successful one day/one trial procedure.

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

The Administrative Office for Magisterial District Judges, under the direction of Charles E. McDonald, Esquire, Administrator, and Joan E. Van Horn, First Assistant Administrator, is responsible for implementing the Orders of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the Orders of the President Judge. The Administrative Office is responsible for supervising the operations of the Magisterial District Courts.

The Administrative Office coordinates the continuing education of Magisterial District Judges with the Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Education Board and develops and implements educational programs for all district court employees. Regional Assistant Administrators provide guidance and supervision to the district courts. Cases entering the system are monitored to ensure that they are processed in accordance with mandated office clerical procedures.

The Administrative Office Accounting Department oversees the bank accounts of thirty-two district courts. Daily receipts, credit card transactions, cash deposits and other financial records are examined and verified for accuracy. Statistical data is analyzed to ensure that each district court is adequately staffed.

The Magisterial District Judge's offices are located throughout Delaware County. The Judges have a variety of duties which include, handling all traffic and non-traffic cases, as well as, civil and landlord/tenant matters involving amounts up to \$12,000. They also conduct and preside over preliminary arraignments and preliminary hearings for all misdemeanor and felony cases.

Delaware County is divided into thirty-two Magisterial Court Districts. In each District a Magisterial District Judge is elected to serve a six year term. As of 2014, the Magisterial District Judges serving Delaware County were:

District Court 32-1-20 Honorable Wilden Horace Davis (Part of City of Chester); District Court 32-1-21 Honorable Dawn L. Vann (Part of City of Chester); District Court 32-1-22 Honorable Spencer B. Seaton, Jr. (Part of City of Chester); District Court 32-1-23 Honorable Gregory J. Loftus (Collingdale); District Court 32-1-24 Honorable Robert M. D'Agostino, Esquire (Part of Marple and Part of Haverford); District Court 32-1-25 Honorable Robert R. Burke, Esquire (Part of Haverford); District Court 32-1-26 (Aldan, Clifton Heights and Lansdowne); District Court 32-1-27 Honorable David H. Lang, Esquire (Part of Marple and Part of Radnor); District Court 32-1-28 Honorable Deborah Krull, Esquire (Media, Swarthmore and Part of Nether Providence); District Court 32-1-30 Honorable Vincent D. Gallagher, Jr. (Part of Nether Providence and Part of Ridley); District Court 32-1-31 Honorable Philip S. Turner, Jr. (Eddystone, Rutledge and Part of Ridley); District Court 32-1-32 Honorable Andrea B. Puppio, Esquire (Morton and Part of Springfield); District Court 32-1-33 Honorable Harry J. Karapalides, Esquire (Millbourne and Part of Upper Darby); District Court 32-1-34 Honorable Robert J. Radano, Esquire; (Part of Upper Darby); District Court 32-1-35 Honorable Ann Berardocco; (Part of Upper Darby); District Court 32-1-36 Honorable David R. Griffin (Lower Chichester, Marcus Hook, Trainer and Part of Upper Chichester); District Court 32-2-37 Honorable Leonard V. Tenaglia, Esquire (Colwyn, Darby Borough and Sharon Hill); District Court 32-2-38 Honorable Diane Holfelder (Aston and Part of Upper Chichester); District Court 32-2-39 Honorable C. Walter McCray, III (Brookhaven,

Chester Township, Parkside and Upland); District Court 32-2-40 Honorable Steven A. Sandone, Esquire (Darby Township and Folcroft Borough); District Court 32-2-42 Honorable Peter P. Tozer, Esquire (Glenolden and Norwood); District Court 32-2-43 Honorable Leon Hunter, III (Newtown and Part of Radnor); District Court 32-2-44 Honorable Jack D. Lippart (Prospect Park, Ridley Park and Tincum Township); District Court 32-2-46 Honorable Nicholas S. Lippincott, Esquire (Rose Valley and Upper Providence); District Court 32-2-47 Honorable W. Keith Williams, II, Esquire (East Lansdowne and Yeadon); District Court 32-2-48 Honorable Walter A. Strohl (Chester Heights, Edgmont and Middletown); District Court 32-2-49 Honorable Wendy B. Roberts, Esquire (Bethel, Chadds Ford, Concord and Thornbury); District Court 32-2-51 Honorable Christopher R. Mattox, Esquire; (Part of Upper Darby); District Court 32-2-52 Honorable Kelly A. Micozzie-Aguirre; (Part of Upper Darby); District Court 32-2-53 Honorable Elisa C. Laciaanca, Esquire; (Part of Haverford); District Court 32-2-54 Honorable James J. Merkins, Esquire; (Part of Springfield).

Magisterial District Judges continue to utilize videoconferencing for preliminary arraignments, preliminary hearings and bail interviews of defendants located at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility, State Correctional Institutions, State Police and local Police Stations. Videoconferencing has proven to be an efficient and cost-saving way to enhance the safety of Magisterial District Judges, bail interviewers and police departments.



*The officers of the Delaware County Magisterial District Judge Association are sworn into office in January 2014. Pictured above are (left to right), Spencer B. Seaton, Jr., Wilden H. Davis, Diane Holfelder, Jack D. Lippart and Leonard V. Tenaglia, Esquire.*

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

Two new Magisterial District Judges, Gregory J. Loftus (far left) and Deborah Krull, Esquire (far right), were sworn in by President Judge Chad F. Kenney (c) in January 2014. Also sworn in were re-elected Magisterial District Judges (from left to right) Leonard V. Tenaglia, Esquire, Dawn L. Vann, Jack D. Lippart, and Kelly A. Micozzie-Aguirre.



### DISTRICT JUDGE COMPLAINTS, CITATIONS & FINANCES 2007-2015

	SUMMARY CASES FILED									
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	
Traffic Citations	109,183	113,389	108,255	97,185	97,941	89,667	87,543	86,264	87,340	
Non-Traffic & Private Summaries	28,783	28,167	26,606	24,056	24,980	23,346	22,862	21,451	20,146	
	COURT CASES FILED									
Misdemeanor & Felony Cases	12,239	11,507	11,411	11,246	11,420	11,142	11,103	10,845	10,462	
Civil Cases	14,502	16,103	13,823	14,403	15,536	14,557	12,908	12,509	12,377	
	COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS									
County Costs	\$2,414,660	\$2,932,991	\$2,864,940	\$2,839,086	\$2,210,530	\$2,378,985	\$2,438,391	\$2,277,386	\$2,305,233	
State Costs	<u>5,324,851</u>	<u>4,968,571</u>	<u>4,849,606</u>	<u>5,183,015</u>	<u>4,655,056</u>	<u>4,843,657</u>	<u>4,649,026</u>	<u>4,368,739</u>	<u>4,478,606</u>	
Total Costs	\$7,739,511	\$7,901,562	\$7,714,546	\$8,022,101	\$6,895,586	\$7,222,642	\$7,087,417	\$6,646,125	\$6,783,839	
State Fines	\$1,634,807	\$1,522,905	\$1,409,115	\$1,443,327	\$1,204,410	\$1,271,447	\$1,282,250	\$2,169,092	\$2,105,706	
County Fines	41,841	35,307	46,130	32,832	16,203	42,077	21,856	21,155	24,362	
Municipal Fines	<u>\$2,835,619</u>	<u>2,802,389</u>	<u>2,716,126</u>	<u>2,759,270</u>	<u>2,182,886</u>	<u>2,419,462</u>	<u>2,350,565</u>	<u>2,352,811</u>	<u>2,133,611</u>	
Total Fines	\$4,512,267	\$4,360,601	\$4,171,371	\$4,235,43	3,403,499	3,732,986	\$3,654,671	\$4,543,058	\$4,263,679	

## ELECTRONIC RECORDING CENTER

The Electronic Recording Center has the responsibility of recording the proceedings of all matters heard by the Court of Common Pleas as well as criminal preliminary hearings conducted in the District Judge Courts throughout the County of Delaware.

Since operations began in November 1984, the 32nd Judicial District has been the only district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to record both civil and criminal cases by means of electronic recording. Initially the court utilized centralized multi-track tape recordings to keep the record. However, since September 1, 2007, the court has been using a digital recording system designed and manufactured by Court Smart Digital Systems of North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Every courtroom and hearing room in the Courthouse complex has been equipped with the required equipment for recording purposes. Cables run from each of these rooms to the control center where the signal is digitally encoded and recorded on a server where it is automatically archived and available for

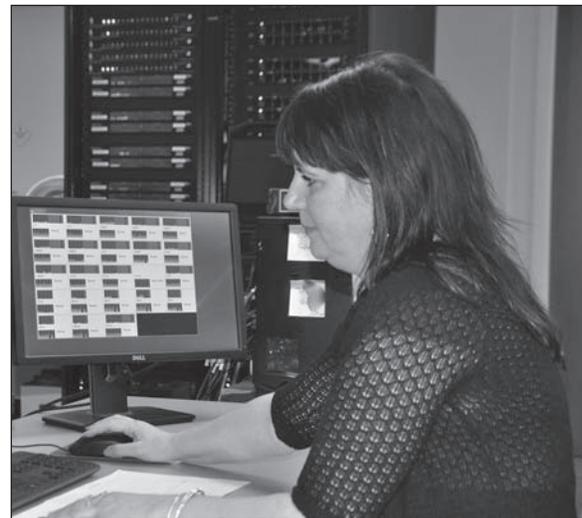
playback or to be retrieved and burned onto a CD for transcription or listening purposes. Each room is monitored the entire length of time that court is in session.

The digital system allows testimony to be played back in the courtrooms and hearing rooms as the judge may direct. Transcripts and CD's of the recordings can be obtained from the system for use by the court and other interested parties.

The Center is also equipped with a telephone conference circuit that allows the court to conduct "on the record" emergency matters over the telephone. Furthermore, this equipment allows individuals to participate in hearings and pre-trial conferences that they normally could not attend due to distance or the inability to travel. Now that the digital recording system has been implemented, the court is exploring different ways this technology can be used in conjunction with its network and internet capabilities to better serve the court, members of the bar and the public.



*Michael Freeman, Esquire, Director of Electronic Recording, replaces a microphone used to record the proceedings in the courtroom.*



*Recording Operator, Rose Orfanelli, monitors the recording levels for each courtroom.*

## LEGAL AUDIO VISUAL

The Audio Visual Department was established in 1974 as one of the first such departments in the nation to videotape and play back testimony in court. Audio Visual Technology in the court has grown substantially over the years. The department primary function was to record and play back recordings of witnesses in civil, criminal and miscellaneous cases. This includes doctors, experts, the sick or dying, persons leaving the area, accident or crime scenes, and "A Day in the Life Of" recordings.

The department supplies the courtrooms with audio visual aids, including: large screen video projectors for DVDs, laptop and power point presentations; an electronic evidence presenter; and a courtroom wireless headphone system or wireless speakers for playing audio cassettes or CDs.

The department also records legal ethics programs and other legal educational seminars for the Delaware County Bar Association. Further, the department records, plays back and duplicates educational seminars for the Pennsylvania State Court Administrator's Office to assist in continuing education for judges and administrators throughout the state.

The court has video conferenced arraignments since 1984. In 1996, the court set up videoconferencing stations between the Delaware County Courthouse and the George W. Hill Correctional Facility using fiber optic cable. The increased number of stations allows the court to conduct violation of probation and parole hearings before masters and judges, waiver of extradition hearings, bail modification hearings and appeals, and domestic relations hearings. In 2005, the court began using the videoconferencing system for hearings in child sexual abuse cases where a child gives testimony to the court in a separate room from the defendant, who can still hear and see the child and participate in the trial.

In addition to arraignments, the system now transmits violation of probation and parole hearings in front of masters and judges (Gagnon I and Gagnon II Hearings), bail hearings and bail appeals, waiver of extradition hearings, custody cases, children and youth cases, domestic relations 72-hour hearings, paternity hearings, guilty pleas, criminal bench warrant right to detain hearings and other miscellaneous cases.

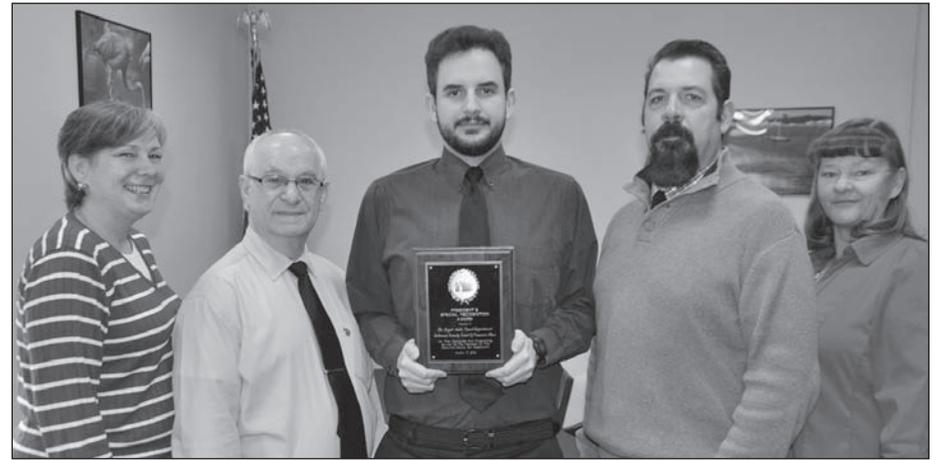
Videoconferencing is also used for interview purposes so that court or county professionals need not travel to the prison to speak with a client. These interviews include public defender and private counsel interviews, bail and probation/parole interviews, drug and alcohol assessments, and psychological interviews.

In 2006, the court began using a guilty plea by videoconferencing program that allows certain defendants to plead guilty to their charges at any time before trial, in many cases before the Court of Common Pleas arraignment. Under the guidance of Judge Frank T. Hazel, a specific written protocol was established and followed by all agencies affected by the program. Also in 2006, the court began using guilty pleas as part of a 72-hour criminal bench warrant right to detain hearing, mandated by a new rule of criminal procedure. Following an arrest of a defendant for failure to appear in court, the defendant must have a hearing by videoconference within 72 hours of arrest. At this video hearing, the district attorney and public defender attempt to resolve a case by allowing certain defendants to plead guilty.

The benefits of videoconferencing include cost savings for the court and county in handling and transporting of defendants, greater security in the courthouse and community, speedier hearings, and fewer days for some defendants at the prison. Not only does the system reduce the number of prisoners at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility who normally would be transported to the courthouse, but it also speeds the criminal process so defendants have their hearings much sooner. Videoconferencing continued to provide a means to have a criminal hearing with a defendant housed at a state correctional institution without the transportation of the defendant. This saves the county costs for personnel and travel and housing charges at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility.

Additionally, the department can present live testimony to a jury in court or record the remote testimony for later playback from locations in the state, nation and internationally. Use in civil cases has been a cost effective way for private attorneys to present testimony in court.

In 2014, Delaware County Council approved the purchase of new videoconferencing equipment to replace the antiquated fiber system. The department purchased and is in the process of installing videoconferencing equipment that is internet based. This new equipment, which will be installed at



In January, 2104 the Legal Audio Visual Department was presented the President's Special Recognition Award for their dedicated and outstanding service to the members of the Delaware County Bar Association. From left to right are; Nancy O'Hara, Administrative Assistant; Frank Ponte, Video Conference Coordinator; Alex Pileggi, Video Technician; Greg Riegel, Video Technical Coordinator; and Donna Reason, Director.

the court and prison, will allow for more hearings to be done. The new system allows the magisterial district judges, state correctional institutions and other counties and state agencies access to the court and George W. Hill Correctional Facility.

The duties of court-community relations, which involves keeping the public and press informed on the operation and activities of the court were absorbed in 1986 by this department. Between 2013 and 2015, hundreds of court-related stories and photographs appeared in the weekly and daily newspapers.

### VIDEO TELECONFERENCING STATISTICS

#### PENNSYLVANIA STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES HEARINGS\*

<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
	197	303	407	428	382	410

#### HEARINGS BREAKDOWN

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Criminal	174	168	279	366	396	354	388
Family	46	29	24	38	32	26	20
Civil	2	0	0	3	0	2	2

\*includes other correctional facilities

#### DISTRICT JUDGE ARRAIGNMENTS/BAIL INTERVIEWS

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Arraignments	1,479	1,512	1,412	1,392	2,066	3,037	2,846
Interviews	897	789	932	942	1,882	1,055	883

## VIDEOCONFERENCE STATISTICS DELAWARE COUNTY COURT TO GEORGE W. HILL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

	DEFENDANT HEARINGS														
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	
Arraignment (Common Pleas)	1,286	1,386	1,284	1,368	1,632	1,686	1,882	2,136	2,110	2,355	2,585	2,677	2,510	2,266	
Gagnon I	746	690	784	811	949	1,107	1,023	1,457	1,496	1,835	2,274	2,492	2,685	2,736	
Gagnon II (Master)	279	324	318	400	490	431	431	457	364	465	425	371	433	486	
Gagnon II (Judge)	675	743	837	887	1,044	1,138	1,150	1,251	1,208	1,300	1,472	1,737	1,653	1,771	
Bail (Master)	211	218	208	185	180	212	240	196	168	218	192	139	168	160	
Bail/Miscellaneous (Judge)	208	185	195	242	287	183	168	189	168	179	164	155	184	166	
Extraditions	232	167	150	222	227	303	195	209	164	203	225	211	219	212	
Fast Track Guilty Pleas (Senior Judges)							317	299	349	375	366	363	411	350	
72-Hour Bench Warrant Right to Detain Hearings (Senior Judges)							1,003	854	774	639	598	*589	**585	***553	
Children & Youth Services	14	16	18	22	9	6	17	14	13	9	15	20	8	15	
Domestic Relations 72-Hour Hearings	474	554	681	901	1,327	1,418	1,235	876	510	390	558	712	868	944	
Paternity Hearings	74	157	152	117	59	60	40	56	47	46	79	35	26	35	
District Attorney – Closed Circuit Child Testimony	–	–	–	8	13	18	29	11	12	5	5	6	9	8	
<b>Total</b>	<u>4,199</u>	<u>4,440</u>	<u>4,627</u>	<u>5,163</u>	<u>6,868</u>	<u>7,957</u>	<u>7,730</u>	<u>8,005</u>	<u>7,383</u>	<u>8,019</u>	<u>8,958</u>	<u>9,507</u>	<u>9,875</u>	<u>9,702</u>	

\*In 2013, there were 348 guilty pleas taken at the time of the right to detain hearing, which represent approximately 59% of the 589 transcripts heard.

\*\*In 2014, there were 325 guilty pleas taken at the time of the right to detain hearing, which represent approximately 56% of the 585 transcripts heard.

\*\*\*In 2015, there were 239 guilty pleas taken at the time of the right to detain hearing, which represent approximately 43% of the 553 transcripts heard.

	INMATE INTERVIEWS														
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	
*Public Defender	719	934	916	751	925	1,254	1,102	1,120	1,249	946	1,294	1,874	1,920	1,642	
*Private Defense Counsel	273	323	321	445	482	457	597	601	507	409	364	301	280	353	
Psych. Drug/Alcohol	717	728	652	887	872	147	87	204	165	307	461	490	70	127	
Bail Dept.	87	39	201	254	255	195	158	189	132	197	239	251	351	350	
Adult Probation Dept.	683	584	612	589	1,012	1,040	1,119	1,028	930	950	899	1,005	878	720	
Bail Bondsman									1,220	953	954	651	301	252	
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,479</u>	<u>2,608</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>2,926</u>	<u>3,546</u>	<u>3,093</u>	<u>3,094</u>	<u>4,337</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>3,762</u>	<u>4,211</u>	<u>4,572</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,444</u>	

\*Does not include interview of defendant on day of hearing if necessary.

TOTAL DEFENDANT HEARINGS & INMATE INTERVIEWS												
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	
Total	7,329	10,414	11,050	10,824	12,342	11,586	11,781	13,169	14,079	13,675	13,146	

## DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

### MISSION STATEMENT

*"The mission of the Department of Diagnostic Services is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Delaware County by assuring a safer community by identifying those persons within the criminal justice system who may have problems associated with alcohol, drugs, psychiatric, psychological, or sexual abuse disorders. The department promotes a positive behavioral change in a professional manner by treating all persons with the highest degree of respect while protecting the confidentiality of each person."*

Diagnostic Services serves as the repository for evaluations and treatment requests for both the district justice and trial court systems. Within the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas system, the request may come via a bail habeas, Act 150, sentencing, Gagnon I or II hearing or protection from abuse hearings. The type of evaluations requested are Court Reporting Network (CRN), psychosexual, psychological, psychiatric, drug/alcohol evaluations and a competency evaluation. The competency evaluation is new and began in March 2015 and is used primarily by the district justice courts. The evaluations are completed either within the department or at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility.

Within the department, a computerized tracking system ensures accurate and immediate information on each case status shared by the District Attorney's Office, Community Corrections, and Adult Probation and Parole Services. The information includes all driving under the influence cases, the completion dates of the CRN evaluation, the alcohol highway safety classes, and the outpatient intervention requirement. This information is valuable to the District Attorney's Office in screening fast-track ARD eligible clients where the defendant is required to complete specific requirements within 60 days of their preliminary hearing. It is valuable to Community Corrections in the scheduling of both the alcohol highway safety educational sessions. It is valuable to the Adult Probation and Parole Office because in a high percentage of DUI cases, the CRN and the alcohol highway safety classes are completed before probation and/or the Court imposes sentence. The department also receives DUI referrals from outside Delaware County and outside the State of Pennsylvania. The department then communicates with these jurisdictions to ensure compliance.

### DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES CASELOAD 2007-2015

EVALUATION TYPE	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
CRN-DUI	2,450	2,143	2,301	2,216	1,915	1,945	1,581	1,618	2,227
SEXUAL ASSAULT	73	81	89	123	125	114	87	92	126
PSYCHOLOGICAL	280	305	331	345	370	399	442	432	462
PSYCHOLOGICAL/COMPETENCY									200
PSYCHIATRIC	295	315	340	346	360	478	449	451	350
DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMPETENCY	2,850	2,885	2,886	2,925	2,925	3,079	3,052	3,051	3,514
TOTAL	5,948	5,729	5,947	5,955	5,595	6,015	5,611	5,649	7,079

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reduced the blood alcohol limit from .10% to .08% on October 1, 2003.

DUI arrests can be viewed as a tiered structure:

- Tier 1 (top layer) - .08% to .099%  
Approximately 5% of DUI arrests
- Tier 2 (middle layer) - .10% to .159%, crashes/injuries, under 21 yrs  
Approximately 25% of DUI arrests
- Tier 3 (bottom layer) - .16% (+), controlled substances, refusals  
Controlled substances include illicit drugs, prescription drugs, and over-the-counter drugs.  
Approximately 70% of DUI arrests

Of the 70% of DUI cases in Tier 3, the average blood alcohol level at the time of arrest is nearly .22%.

CRN results are available within minutes of completion instead of waiting 2-3 months for PennDot to process the results. The PA system also allows counties not only to enter the data electronically but also to retrieve the evaluation results electronically instead of creating paper files.

All 67 county DUI Programs within the Commonwealth are required to be certified. Not only does the program itself require certification, but each DUI instructor must also be properly certified. In addition, all new DUI instructors are required to have a bachelor's degree in order to teach the DUI educational classes. Current instructors that

do not have a bachelor's degree are still permitted to teach these classes.



*Drug and Alcohol Evaluator, Shannon Miriello (l) reviews her schedule for upcoming evaluations with Deborah Gavarone, Case Monitor.*

## JUVENILE DETENTION

The Juvenile Detention Center is a division of the Court Services Department, governed by the Board of Judges, under the direction of President Judge Chad F. Kenney. The facility is licensed and regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Located on Route 352 in Lima, the Detention Center provides a secure setting protecting the community from young people, ages 10 through 18, whose behavior has endangered and/or appears likely to endanger the citizens and/or their property within the community.



*In 2014, the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a new program, was started to help the juveniles with reading proficiency. Pictured above seated (left to right) are volunteers Ellen Abramson and Helene Harris. Above standing (left to right) are RSVP Volunteer Recruiter Michele O'Brien, Peter Provenzano, Connie Richardson, Diann Brown and DCIU Lead Teacher Joan Lockwood.*

The Detention Center provides secure custody, guaranteeing the court that youths will be available for court appearances when they have failed in the past and/or there is a lack of parental supervision or responsibility for the youth's appearance. It further ensures that youths will be available for psychological, psychiatric and/or educational diagnostic testing.

Presently there are 66 beds for Delaware County admissions. From 2013 to 2015 the number of residents admitted to juvenile detention and their days of care have been steadily declining. In 2013 a total of 1,096 children were admitted to detention with 15,794 days of care. In 2015 a total of 794 children were admitted with the total days of care being 11,985. The 2015 numbers show a reduction of 28 percent from 2013.

Fifty percent of the cost of operation is paid by the Commonwealth and 50% from the county budget. Other sources of reimbursement include funding through the Department of Education and the National School Lunch Program.

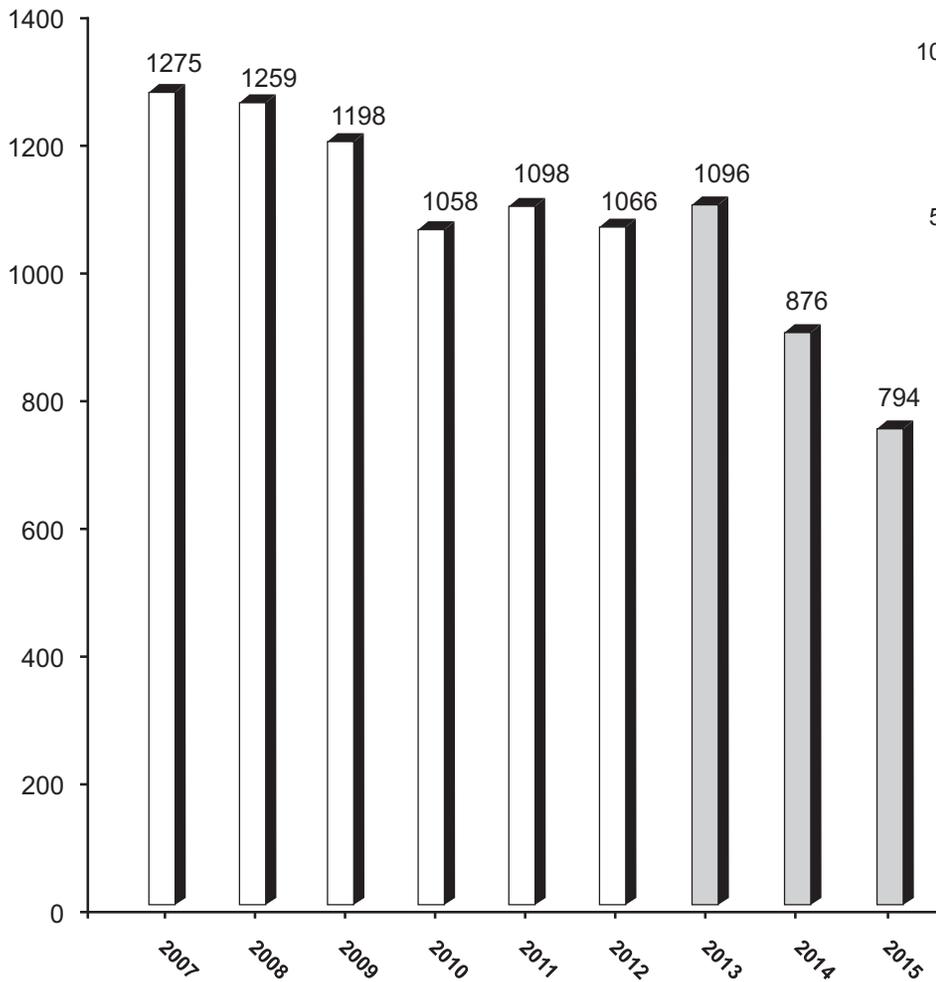
The Center also provides many programs for the youths while detained. Thresholds provides an educational decision-making course taught by volunteer teachers with the goal of helping to reduce the risk of recidivism. The Chester Community Hospital Residency Program meets with all new admissions on a weekly basis and offers a comprehensive health education component. Resident doctors give presentations on a variety of topics including Alcohol/Danger of Drug Use, Gun Violence, Hygiene and Nutrition. The DCIU (Delaware County Intermediate Unit) Program provides a full-time instructor who teaches a lesson plan based on social skills and decision making.

The federal (TANF) reimbursement was cut in 2006 and 2007. State and county funding streams now fund the cost of three full-time Clinical Case Managers, a psychiatrist, and psychologist who assists the Court and Probation Department with evaluations of children identified with emotional disorders.

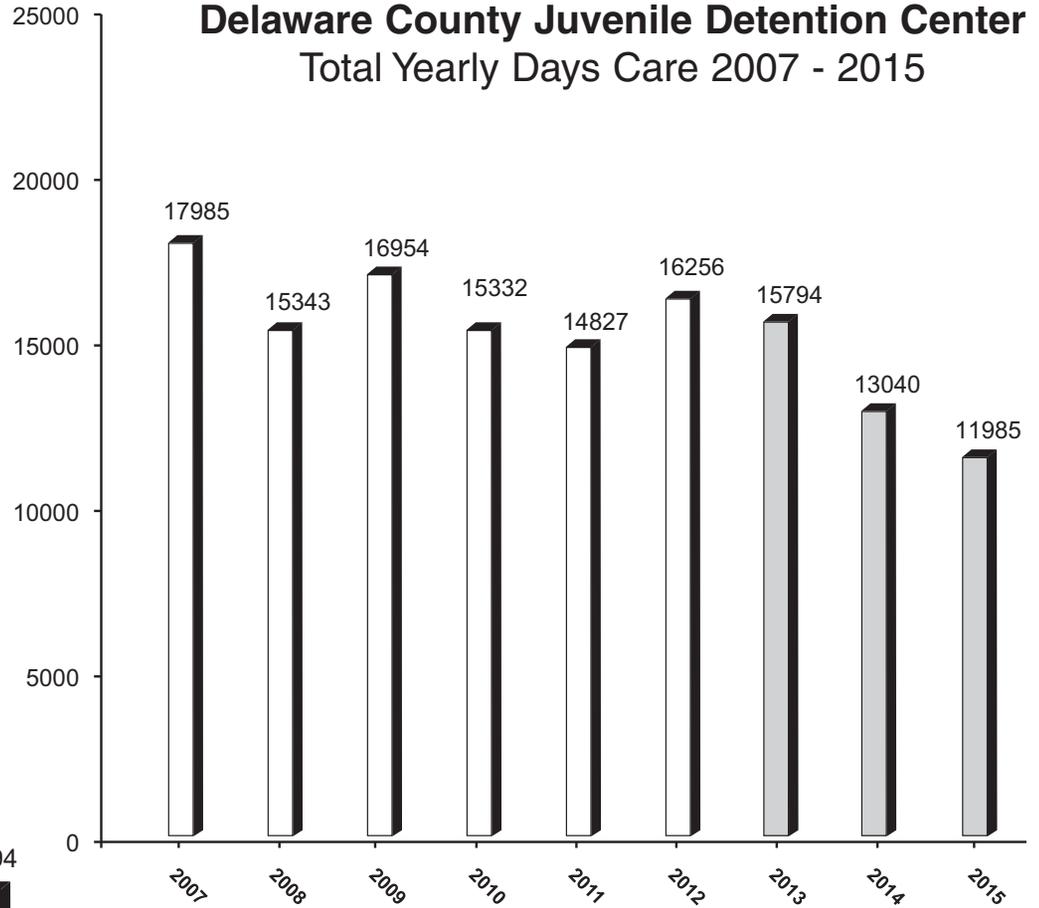
Through the efforts of the judges and court services, the number of admissions has decreased by 28% percent from 2012 while the average length of stay of residents has been reduced from 21 days to 16 days in 2014. This represents a considerable reduction in cost due to staffing mandates.



**Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center**  
Total Yearly Admissions 2007 - 2015



**Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center**  
Total Yearly Days Care 2007 - 2015



## JUVENILE COURT

Delaware County Juvenile Court is the judicial agency responsible for determining questions of fact and law in cases where children, between the ages of 10 and 18, are charged with violations of the Criminal Code. Additionally, juveniles are referred to our agency when they fail to comply with sentences imposed by Magisterial District Judges. Approximately 2,000 allegations are processed yearly. In addition to its judicial function, Juvenile Court has the administrative responsibility for researching, developing and monitoring services that address the rehabilitation needs of the delinquent youth, consistent with the protection of the community.

Pennsylvania law mandates a “Balanced Approach to Restorative Justice”. This approach incorporates the victims, and the community at large, as well as the juvenile in the processes of the juvenile justice system. The Juvenile Court’s primary goals are to protect the community, hold the juvenile accountable for offenses committed and provide services to develop the competencies that enable the juvenile to become a responsible and productive member of their community.

The Juvenile Probation Department has regional offices in Media, Chester, Upper Darby and Sharon Hill and a strong partnership with many of the local school districts. Delaware County Juvenile crime statistics reflect the documented national increase in offenses involving drugs, weapons, sexual misconduct and school violence. Today’s juvenile offender often tends to be younger and exhibit more emotional problems than in prior

years. Often, because of offense history, family situation and emotional disturbance, today’s juvenile offenders require more services.

A continuum of services and sanctions has been developed to address the multiple and complex needs of the delinquent youth. A representative sample of services include electronic monitoring, probation, intensive probation, preventative aftercare programs, day treatment, weekend/respice programs, detention and residential placement.

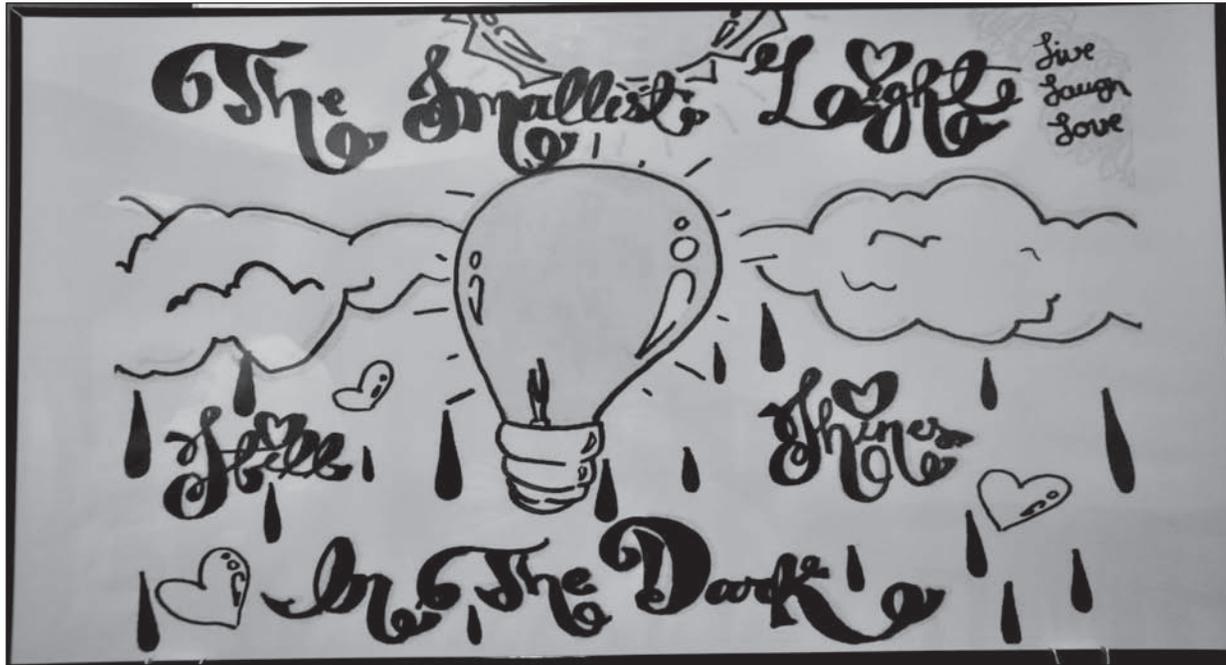
Delaware County Juvenile Court continues to be committed to the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES). Several of the goals of the Enhancement Strategy are to enhance balanced and restorative justice through the implementation of evidence-based practices, data collection, analysis, research and the utilization of evidence-based programming.

The Delaware County Juvenile Justice Conference was cosponsored by the Delaware County Juvenile Advisory Board and the Delaware County Community College in October 2014. The Conference was intended for the various system partners to engage with each other, share knowledge, common experiences and challenges in providing Juvenile Justice for the residents of Delaware County. It is hoped that this Conference will aid in raising awareness about juvenile justice and improving early intervention and risk assessment BEFORE delinquent conduct requires police intervention.

### JUVENILE COURT & DETENTION CENTER REVENUE

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
*Chester County Detention							
Purchased Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ACT 148 State Reimbursement	13,390,657	12,828,879	12,758,823	13,700,000	12,805,529	12,200,000	11,900,000
J.C.J.C. Grant-in-Aid, P.C.C.D. and J.C.J.C. Grants	709,982	659,415	658,064	619,969	586,969	684,044	798,028
Maintenance, Fines and Costs	585,839	460,193	358,241	411,151	462,428	298,518	325,491
Title IV-E Federal Reimbursement	585,839	1,673,582	110,906	158,000	164,945	130,000	20,000
T.A.N.F. Federal Reimbursement	939,444	787,213	809,700	809,700	809,700	809,700	809,700
National School Lunch Program	<u>68,363</u>	<u>68,776</u>	<u>69,739</u>	<u>71,045</u>	<u>73,073</u>	<u>62,030</u>	<u>45,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,777,985</b>	<b>\$16,478,058</b>	<b>\$14,765,473</b>	<b>\$15,769,865</b>	<b>\$14,902,644</b>	<b>\$14,184,292</b>	<b>\$13,898,219</b>

## JUVENILE COURT



*This poster above, created by a youth, won first prize in a local poster contest.*



*Kimberly Price (center, left photo), Thomas Nee (center, middle photo) and Catherine Basquille (center, right photo), pictured with President Judge Chad F. Kenney and Juvenile Court Services Director Danielle DiMatteo, are being sworn in as they begin their careers as Delaware County Juvenile Probation Officers.*

# JUVENILE COURT

## NUMBER OF JUVENILES COMMITTED TO PLACEMENT FACILITIES

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Juveniles	464	460	447	364	399	448	418	340	293

### JUVENILE COURT REFERRALS

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Petitions	4,867	2,945	3,229	2,061	1,723	1,600	1,929	1,848	1,452
Juveniles	3,539	2,171	1,807	1,621	1,395	1,280	1,424	1,170	1,091

### JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS\*

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Accepted Supervision Only	N/A	N/A	52	57	42	44	19	38	23
Allegations Rejected/Withdrawn/ Dismissed	N/A	N/A	25	8	18	15	7	22	1
Allegations Resulting in Informal Adjustment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	38	134	154	124
Petitions Withdrawn	128	164	96	87	43	49	10	45	39
Petitions Dismissed	39	24	10	13	36	46	35	34	27
Petitions Resulting in a Consent Decree	333	395	313	202	296	157	172	207	176
Petitions Transferred to Other Court									
Jurisdiction After Adjudication	137	59	100	96	81	88	77	54	44
Petitions Discharged at Disposition Hearing	24	36	29	31	0	3	0	0	1
Petitions Resulting in Probation	1,086	917	726	521	638	596	603	533	438
Petitions Transferred to Adult Court	13	13	10	14	6	7	6	3	3
Petitions Resulting in Commitment to Correctional, Non-Correctional, Mental Health Facilities, Group or Foster Homes	<u>260</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>78</u>
Total Dispositions	2,020	1,808	1,476	1,096	1,223	1,066	1,151	1,099	1,040

\*"Dispositions" refer to the aggregate number of petitions initially handled in the manner shown; they do not refer to the number of juveniles.

## ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE

### MISSION STATEMENT

The overall responsibility of Delaware County Adult Probation and Parole Services is to ensure that the community is protected and that all defendants are held accountable to comply with the terms of any sentence imposed by the Court of Common Pleas.

Delaware County Adult Probation and Parole Services supervises, counsels and refers for treatment those adults or court-certified juveniles sentenced to county probation, parole or placed on the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program (ARD).

Under the auspices of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, Adult Probation and Parole Services conducts Pre-Sentence Investigations, Pre-Parole Planning, Intake Interviews, supervises the collection of all fees and restitution, monitors Community Service compliance, offers specialized units supervision, conducts drug and alcohol testing, issues Bench Warrants and Detainers as required and has the responsibility to fingerprint, photograph and maintain criminal histories of all individuals convicted in the Court of Common Pleas.

The department also shares mutual responsibility for inter-jurisdictional cases.

As a Court Department, Adult Probation and Parole Services (APPS) supervises, counsels and refers to treatment those individuals sentenced to county probation, parole or intermediate punishment or those placed into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program (ARD). Defendants at least eighteen years of age or those who were direct filed or certified and transferred from Juvenile Court are also supervised by APPS. The department also has the responsibility to register every offender convicted in the Court of Common Pleas of a sex offense where registration is mandated under the Pennsylvania Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

APPS staffing consists of over 90 professional and support staff. The primary duty and responsibility of APPS is to monitor more than 17,000 defendants in the community. The Probation and Parole Officer becomes a protector of society, collector of fines, costs and restitution for victims, a counselor, a coordinator and an advocate of the Criminal Justice System. Probation and Parole supervision encompasses a broad range of specialized skills which each officer possesses to assist defendants.

Within the organizational structure of APPS, specialized units operate for Intake, Intensive Substance Abuse, CEC Halfway House, Domestic Abuse, Sexual Offender, Drug Treatment Court, Veterans Court and Mental Health Court.

APPS continues to operate three branch offices. Defendants can report to Media, Sharon Hill, Chester or Upper Darby. The department also has four forensic liaisons at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility. These liaisons assist and refer to appropriate services and facilities for both mental health and drug and alcohol defendants in an effort to help these individuals re-enter the community. Adult Probation and Parole continues to utilize videoconferencing for many Gagnon I and Gagnon II hearings.

Probation and Parole officers in the Media, Sharon Hill, Chester and Upper Darby offices can interview incarcerated defendants via videoconferencing without the need to spend time driving to the Delaware County Prison or State Correctional Facilities.

APPS participates in the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Standards of Compliance. By successfully maintaining the State's required standards, the Probation and



*Michael W. Raith, Esquire, Director and Deputy Directors Christine Katch (l) and Danielle Hibberd, prepare for an audit with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.*

## ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE

Parole Department is reimbursed up to 80% of professional salaries, although the State's current reimbursement is approximately 34%.

### SUPERVISION OF DEFENDANTS

**Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit:** Pre-sentence Investigation Report is to provide the sentencing court with timely, relevant and accurate data so that it may select the most appropriate sentencing alternative or correctional disposition. The secondary purpose of the Pre-sentence Investigation Report shall be to serve the needs of any correctional institution or field agency, which may receive the offender, subject to Judicial Order. The document is a record of information relating to the offender's background, which will be helpful to the court and other Criminal Justice Agencies in determining an effective sentence and/or program for the offender.

**General Supervision:** The majority of defendants placed on probation or parole supervision by the court are supervised by general supervision officers who meet with the client, refer to needed services and monitor a client's compliance to the order of the court.

**Substance Abuse Unit:** This unit provides intensive supervision to defendants with offenses committed while under the influence of drug/alcohol and/or individual defendants identified as serious drug abusers while under jurisdiction of Adult Probation/Parole Services.

**Mental Health Unit:** Defendants who are ordered by the court to receive mental health treatment or those who have a history of psychiatric hospitalization requiring special attention will be supervised by a probation/parole officer knowledgeable in the behavior patterns, symptoms, medications and treatment modalities for the mentally ill offender.

**Sex Offender Unit:** Identified sex offenders are to be supervised in a consistent manner to help ensure public safety and to determine appropriate referrals, treatment and/or revocations. It is the policy of the department that defendants convicted of sexual offenses are to be supervised by a probation/parole officer who is knowledgeable in the behavior patterns and treatment of sex offenders.

**Electronic Home Monitoring/G.P.S. Tracking:** An alternative sentence to prison incarceration whereby the client serves an incarceration period in their residence as opposed to prison. This program allows the client to continue employ-

ment/treatment and provide family support while being serves an incarceration period in their residence as opposed to supervised electronically. The Office of Adult Probation/Parole Services will supervise all clients sentenced by the court to participate in EMP.

**Criminal Justice Halfway House Program:** (CEC) This is a court-ordered program in which the defendant resides for a specified period of time and attends intensive drug and/or alcohol counseling. It is designed to provide Delaware County Court of Common Pleas with a sentencing alternative. The purpose of the program is to stabilize drug and/or alcohol involved defendants who are violating probation and parole rules and regulations. It allows defendants the opportunity to complete the court-imposed conditions such as community service in lieu of court costs or Safe Driving Classes.

**The ARD Program:** A program designed for clients with no prior record to receive a period of probation and possibly special conditions. Participation in the program is not an admission of guilt or a finding of innocence. Upon successful completion of the program an individual may be entitled to have their record expunged.

## ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE STATISTICS 2006 - 2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>New Cases</b>	7,325	8,080	8,133	7,673	7,318	6,109	6,772	5,577	5,410	5,087
<b>Cases Closed</b>	6,804	6,557	7,275	6,803	8,012	7,031	6,988	6,853	7,221	6,984
<b>Bench Warrants/Detainers</b>	3,345	3,764	3,647	3,211	3,365	3,505	3,735	4,406	4,256	4,383
<b>Gagnon I Hearings</b>	1,013	1,187	1,161	1,186	1,149	1,371	1,675	1,950	2,045	2,095
<b>Gagnon II Hearings</b>	2,345	2,519	2,472	2,345	2,249	2,690	3,035	3,503	3,248	3,549
<b>ARD Removal Hearings</b>	831	946	931	617	732	650	715	821	887	841
<b>Pre-Sentence Investigations</b>	202	217	242	267	204	214	216	170	179	191
<b>Record Checks</b>	1,402	1,153	987	933	991	1,038	1,385	1,530	1,238	1,077

## TREATMENT COURT

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Delaware County Treatment Court is to create opportunities for individuals to improve their quality of life. The goal is to eliminate drug abuse, crime and their consequence through mutual partnerships with the court, treatment providers, concerned community organizations, and law enforcement. Participants are evaluated and placed into treatment to address drug addiction and behavioral modification. Ultimately, the accountability for participants leads to a path of reduced recidivism and productive citizenship for themselves and the community.

The Delaware County Treatment Court Program was created in 2008 to offer help for qualified candidates to treat addiction, make positive lifestyle changes and avoid serving a lengthy jail sentence. This is a Fast-Track Program targeting three different types of non-violent offenders.

Track I: Level 1 and 2 Offenders: Targets non-violent level 1 and level 2 offenders with substance abuse and or co-occur-

ing disorders who have been arrested on new charges and or violation of probation/parole. Participants tender a nolo contendere plea that is held in abeyance. Participants are then offered treatment, housing, vocational training and relapse prevention instead of jail. Successful completion of the program shall result in the dismissal of charges and expungement. Failure to complete the program for any reason shall result in the entry of the tendered plea and sentencing.

Track II: Level 3 and Level 4 Offenders: Targets non-violent level 3 and 4 offenders with substance and or mental health problems, the opportunity to undergo treatment and relapse prevention instead of incarceration. Offenders enter a guilty plea and are sentenced to a term of intermediate punishment, offering them the opportunity to be rehabilitated and avoid re-offending and avoid incarceration.

Since October of 2008 to December of 2014, Treatment Court will have had 9 graduations with 109 participants graduating. Of those 109 graduates, 15 have been arrested. Therefore 87 percent of those who graduate have not been re-arrested. To date, 115 participants are currently active in Treatment Court.



*Assistant District Attorney Sharon McKenna (l), Neil Meyer, Esquire, Public Defender and Treatment Court Coordinator, Linda Barbera meet with Judge Frank T. Hazel prior to Treatment Court hearings.*

## VETERANS COURT

Delaware County's Veterans Court was established in January of 2013 and operates under the leadership of the Honorable Joseph P. Cronin, Jr. (United States Marine Corps Veteran) and the Honorable Michael F.X. Coll (United States Navy Veteran). The objective of this court is a "no Veteran left behind" policy to enhance the public safety by reducing recidivism and conserving county assets. Recidivism is reduced by rehabilitating the veteran participants as opposed to incarcerating them. County assets are conserved by using federally funded VA treatment programs where applicable. The goal of Veterans Court is to re-establish veteran defendants as productive members of our community through the use of VA and non-VA benefits, treatment and support services. This Court program is offered to veterans who are in need of substance abuse and/or mental health treatment. Those individuals will be offered the opportunity to voluntarily enter into a minimum of eighteen months of intensive supervision. The program consists of

three phases of engagement as well as matching each veteran defendant with a volunteer mentor from the community. The concept of the veteran mentoring component is to re-engage the veteran defendant with a positive sense of veteran identity.

Veterans Court will accept referrals after criminal charges have been filed. Referrals will also be accepted for veteran defendants who are before the Court of Common Pleas for alleged violations of existing probation/parole sentences (Gagnons). This will be done under the supervision of the Veterans Court Team. This team consists of Judge Cronin and Judge Coll, Assistant District Attorney Mary Mann, Esquire, Assistant Public Defenders; Robert Lodge, Esquire and Ken West, Esquire, Veterans Court Coordinator/Probation Parole Supervisor Jeff Roney, Probation/Parole Officer Candace Devlin-Dubois, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist Lily Thomas, as well as many professionals from the county, court and Veterans Administration.



*Judge Joseph P. Cronin, Jr. conducts a review hearing with Veterans' Court Coordinator Jeff Roney, Probation Officer Candace Devlin-Dubois and Public Defender Harris Resnick, Esquire.*

## MENTAL HEALTH COURT

In January 2014, the Delaware County Mental Health Court was established to more effectively address the needs of those diagnosed with serious mental illness who cycle through the court and prison systems. This Court represents a collaboration between the Court, the Office of Behavioral Health, community-based treatment providers and insurance carriers.

The mission of Mental Health Court is to enhance public safety and reduce recidivism of criminal defendants combatting serious mental illness by connecting them with housing, community treatment services and peer supports. The Court also determines appropriate dispositions to their criminal charges by considering the defendant's mental illness and the seriousness of the offense prior to their admittance into the program.

The Mental Health Court is limited to residents of Delaware County who are 18 years or older. In order for admittance into the Mental Health Court, the individual must have a serious mental illness (SMI) diagnosis (schizophrenia, major mood disorder, psychoses NOS, and/or borderline personality disorder) that contributed to the criminal behavior. Persons with co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance abuse) will be evaluated for Mental Health Court if they meet the criteria for serious mental illness. The Court prefers to address non-violent offenses but other crimes will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis.

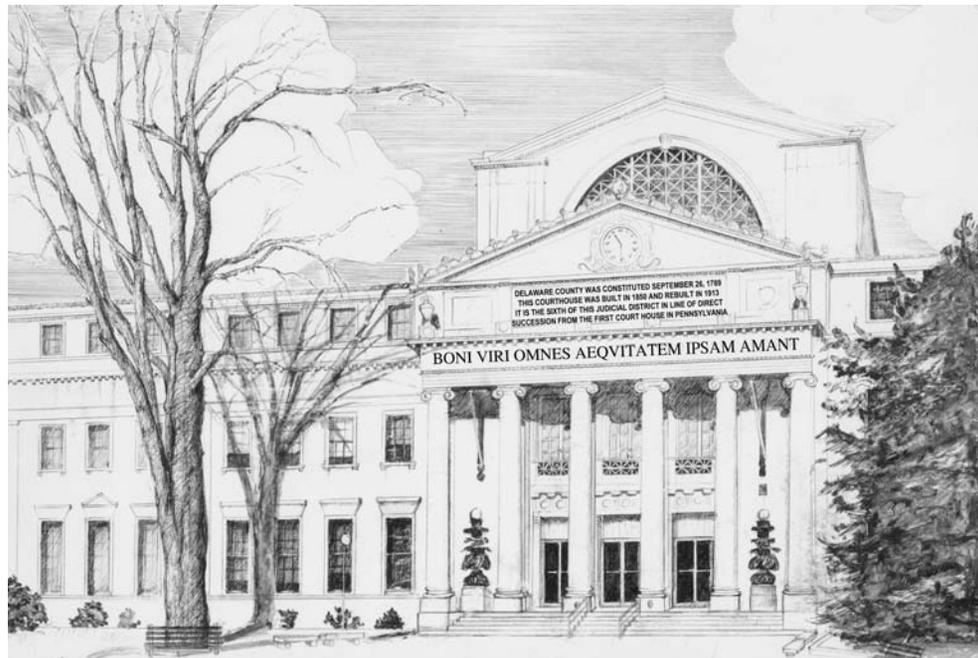
Mental Health Court is a 24-month program with intensive supervision with three phases. The progression through phases is based on the individual's participation and compliance with treatment and medication.

The Delaware County Mental Health Court is under the direction of Judge Michael F.X. Coll. The team consists of Assistant District Attorney Mary Mann, Esquire, Assistant Public

Defenders; Robert Lodge, Esquire and Kenneth West, Esquire, Court Coordinator MaryEllen Hoffman and Probation Officer Heather Donnelly. Judge Coll and his team work in close collaboration with the Office of Diagnostic Services, Office of Behavioral Health, treatment providers at Northwestern Human Services, Crozer Hospital and Mercy Fitzgerald and representatives from Magellan Health Services.



*Judge Michael F.X. Coll (second from right) meets with the Mental Health Court team prior to the days hearings. From left with Judge Coll are Assistant District Attorney, Kimberly Riley; Public Defender, Robert Lodge; Court Coordinator, MaryEllen Hoffman; and Probation Officer, Heather Donnelly.*



## COURT FINANCIAL SERVICES

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Court Financial Services is to collect, account for and disburse funds ordered by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County. Court Financial Services, in conjunction with the other court and county departments, employs proactive measures to maximize collections of all fines, costs and restitutions. This includes but is not limited to funds from Adult Probation and Parole, Diagnostic Services, Children and Youth Services, Juvenile Court, Community Service, Domestic Relations and the prison.

The department collects the costs, fines fees and restitution from individual defendants through monitoring payments made to the court. These funds when collected, are then disbursed to the County Treasurer, state and victims of crime. Court Financial Services is dedicated to the collection of these funds with all the powers of our judicial system.

The department accepts payments by cash, money order, check and credit/debit cards. In addition, payroll deductions are used when appropriate. Also, civil judgments are used to collect money from defendants who have the ability to pay but are unwilling to accept responsibility for their actions. As of 1995, cases dating back to February 1991 have judgments filed against them, which will remain on an individual's record until satisfied. This has given the court added leverage in collection since defendants will be unable to obtain future credit, buy a home or make a large purchase. In 2012, the county began

to outsource the collection of old, delinquent accounts to a private collection agency.

CFS is utilizing the Public Welfare Act of 1996 in an attempt to collect money from accounts which have traditionally been uncollectible. All clients who wish to receive public assistance must be on a payment plan with this office. This program has been highly successful. In addition, clients may pay online through Epay, which can be accessed at <http://ujportal.pacourts.us>.

Despite all these measures, there are some instances where the defendant does not have the ability to pay. This may be due to incarceration, lack of employment or disability. When this results, and when it is appropriate, the court has developed a Community Service program so that court-ordered defendants can perform work that benefits the taxpayers of Delaware County in return for a reduction in their costs.

The staff of CFS is effectively and selectively cross-trained. However, the staff specializes in specific job functions to maximize collections. There is a restitution liaison that coordinates efforts with the District Attorney's Office and Adult Probation and Parole. Also, two employees are responsible for remitting restitution checks that are mailed to victims. Court Financial Services has several employees who handle collections of adult cases, since this is the largest bulk of the money collected through this department.

The department utilizes two separate computer systems, the Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS)

and Due Process System. The CPCMS is a statewide computer system responsible for the collection of adult fines, costs and restitution. As of September 2, 2014, CPCMS is also responsible for the collection of juvenile fines, costs and restitution. The Due Process System is a custom system for Juvenile Court and Children and Youth Services maintenance, along with some ancillary collections.

In addition, the office collects Domestic Relation's cash payments from non-custodial parents for child support.



*Financial Clerk Rose Dalterio (l) and Deputy Director Shannon Skarren review payments collected for accuracy before processing.*

### COLLECTION/DISBURSEMENT

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Collections	\$10,877,972	\$10,899,141	\$10,716,890	\$10,621,098	\$9,327,572	\$9,279,746	\$9,110,266	\$8,906,823	\$8,871,000
County Revenue	5,523,009	5,360,034	5,187,293	4,858,017	4,194,613	4,064,737	3,698,440	3,401,181	3,336,228
Victim Restitution	1,222,069	1,234,063	1,160,340	1,404,412	1,146,903	1,277,617	1,443,929	1,498,686	1,434,789
State Fines	1,945,701	1,938,572	1,816,367	1,988,095	1,869,482	1,962,317	1,795,787	1,874,631	1,964,252
Domestic Cash	2,187,193	2,366,472	2,552,890	2,370,574	2,116,574	1,975,075	2,172,110	2,132,325	2,135,741

## DOMESTIC RELATIONS

The Domestic Relations Section supports the Delaware County community by establishing financial obligations for child and spousal support and working to ensure these obligations are met. In doing so, our mission remains to provide these services in a professional, competent and fair manner. Domestic Relations strives to provide good customer service by expediting conferences and hearings and responding to client questions and inquiries quickly and comprehensively.

Training and education of our staff are key components to providing quality service to our clients. The Pennsylvania Child Support Training Institution of Penn State assists the Domestic Relations Section with staff training and development.

Automation and technology are two major areas of focus by the Domestic Relations Section in conjunction with the State Bureau of Child Support Enforcement. Our clients and/or their attorneys may now file a complaint for support, modification for support, enter their appearance or withdraw their complaint for support electronically through the child support website. A series of questions will guide the individual through the process. Upon completion the request will be sent electronically to Domestic Relations for review and consultation by phone with the

client. After review and consultation the request will be processed and scheduled for a conference or hearing. Since the modification aspect requires a fee the Domestic Relations Section has contracted a vendor for the clients to make the fee payment via credit or debit card on-line. Throughout the entire filing process the client does not need to appear at the Domestic Relations Section.

Another area in which automation and technology has enhanced the Domestic Relations Section is the electronic order withholding. Over 2800 employers and the Social Security Administration have agreed to electronically receive and process income withholding orders. This enhancement expedites the amount of time that a support payment is received by cutting down the lag time for postal processing.

Locating individuals who owe support is sometimes a difficult challenge for the Domestic Relations Section. To help combat the challenge the Domestic Relations Section has contracted with a locate serviced called The Last One (TLO). TLO provides a comprehensive history including addresses, phone numbers, family member contact information and criminal history reports for individuals who need to be located.

A major area of change in regards to support processing

has been the ability for the non-custodial parent and/or the DRS to take action on cases that have overpayments. Previously the non-custodial parent would have to seek reimbursement of their overpayment through the District Court. However, a new rule allows that non-custodial parent the ability to seek recovery of those overpayments through the DRS within one year of the termination of the support order. Cases that are actively charging in which a credit exists and that credit is more than double the monthly support obligation may be proposed for a 20% reduction until the credit is exhausted by the DRS. Additionally non-custodial parents may file an action with the DRS pay support through the courts.

Looking towards the future the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement is preparing to implement a statewide imaging system. This will allow all 67 counties across the Commonwealth to instantly access vital records from each other.

Pennsylvania remains the leader in child support collections nationally. Even in these most challenging times, Delaware County and the Commonwealth continue to exceed all federally mandated performance measures. These standards measure paternity establishment, support order establishment, collection of current support and arrears and cost effectiveness.



*Patience Sharkey, Client Information Representative, transfers a client's call to their case manager.*



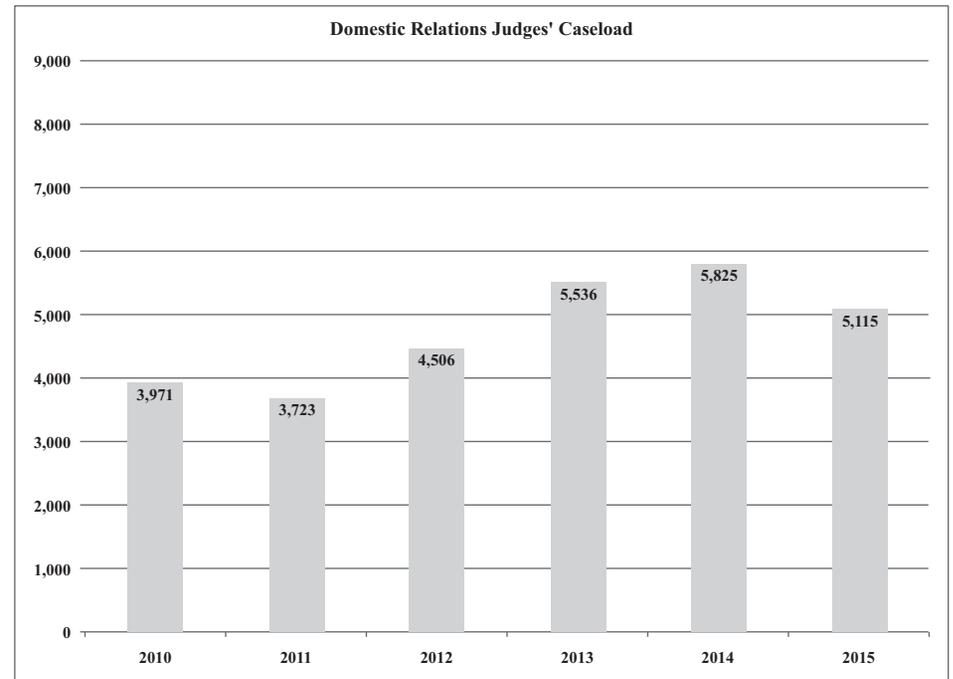
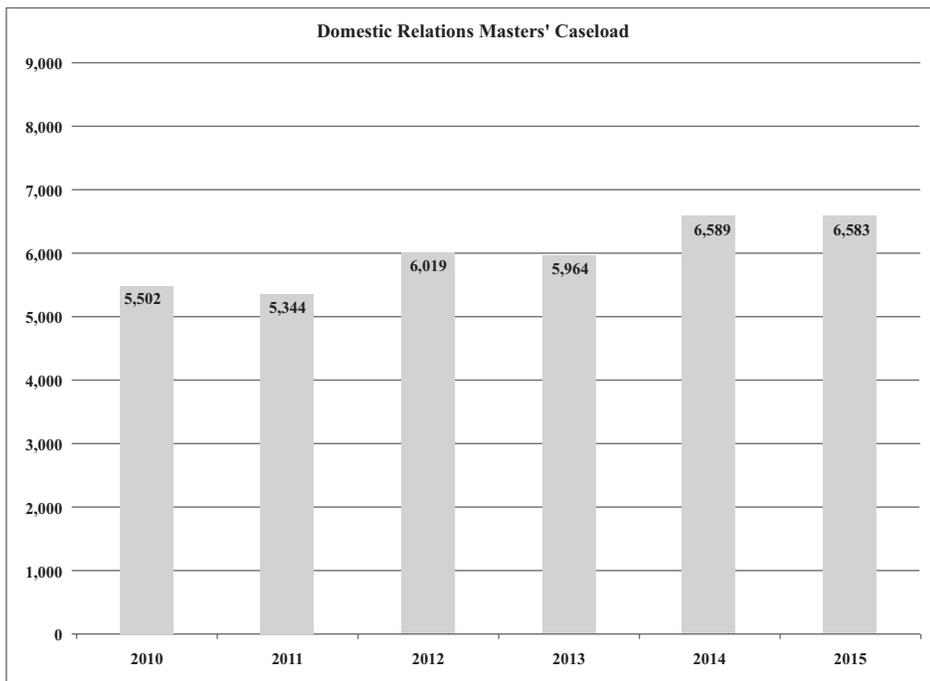
*Domestic Relations Officer, Aqueelah Roberson (r) conducts an Establishment Conference to determine child support.*



*Court Information Officers, Dawn Costa (l) and Chelsea Pace confer with Judge Barry C. Dozor and Supervisor, Phil Gerace before starting the morning's hearings.*

# DOMESTIC RELATIONS

The Domestic Relations Section is focusing on a case management structure to process support cases more efficiently. Caseworkers, with the assistance of support staff, will handle every aspect of a support case from establishment through enforcement instead of having different units that handle each aspect. Caseworkers will receive training both in office and from the Pennsylvania Child Support Training Institution. Once training is completed, a person either receiving or paying support will have one caseworker handle every aspect of their case. Domestic Relations will continue to strive on the teamwork of its dedicated employees to provide effective and efficient support services for all Delaware County residents seeking our assistance.



Number of Cases	17,113
Complaints for Support Filed	4,928
Establishment Conferences Held	3,857
Enforcement Conferences Held	3,201
Conference Collections	\$1,431,200.62
72 Hour Hearings Conducted	814
Walk-in Clients	5,780
Telephone Calls Answered	78,056
Correspondence Processed	52,456
Number of Support Payments at Cash Window	10,215
Support Collected at Cash Window	\$4,523,385.16
Total Support Collections	\$65,222,740.84

## BAIL AGENCY/PRE-TRIAL SERVICES



*Charlene LaPreste, Assistant Director of the Pre-Trial Bail Department instructs Case Monitor, Matt Dysart on the correct usage of the GPS Monitoring Unit.*

The department's responsibilities include interaction at both the district justice and trial court levels through the completion of bail interviews primarily at the district justice level and bail habeas/Act 150 hearings at the trial court level. We are also responsible for the enforcement of specific pretrial conditions such as electronic home monitoring. We have the capacity to do both regular electronic monitoring and the GPS monitoring along with devices such as Soberlink (a device used to check on an individual's alcohol usage). The unit also supervises the individuals arrested for driving with a suspended license that is alcohol related. We also have a non-EHM population for those individuals who have had prior FTA's (failure to appear) where they are required to check in three times a week. The unit also possesses a fully functioning drug/alcohol testing program complete with instant testing for certain drugs.

The bail interviewer meets the defendant and information is gathered and verified to fairly assess the defendant's eligibility under the Court's bail program. The bail interviewers recommend to the District Judge or a Judge of Court of Common Pleas the amount and type of bail (e.g. release on own recognizance (ROR), 10% cash bail, or nominal bail). Most bail habeas hearings are now done through the use of the county videoconferencing system and, therefore, the defendant never leaves the prison for the hearing or interview. Bail interviewers now have laptop computers to provide the Court with a more accurate interview through a more in-depth and valid probing into the individual's prior record.

The Pre-Trial Diversionary Program enables appropriate offenders to be diverted from prison back into the community. Selection is based upon strict criteria such as

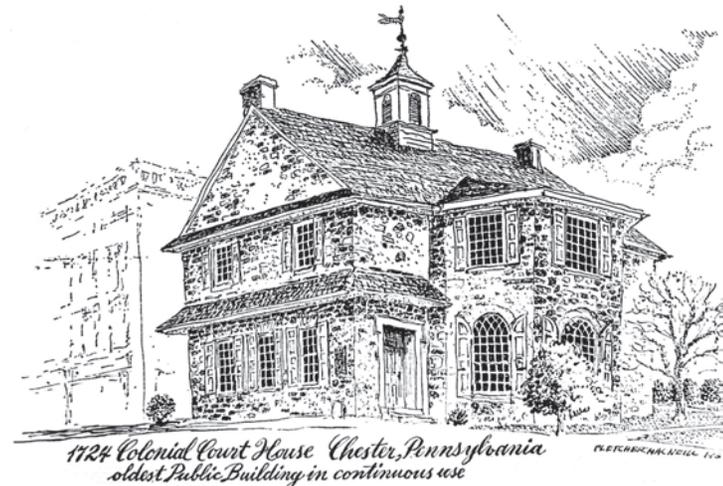
type and severity of offense, prior criminal history, detainer and/or open case history. This program has not only reduced prison overcrowding but has provided a substantial savings on those offenders who would otherwise remain incarcerated awaiting trial. As part of the Pre-Trial Diversionary Program, the Bail Department conducts investigations of appropriate offenders for pre-trial release to ensure that the information presented by the offender is reliable and accurate. The offender is given a drug and alcohol assessment to determine the existence and extent of chemical dependency.

The offender's background, chemical dependency screen and legal status are documented and specific recommendations are presented for release. The condition(s) for pretrial release, such as electronic monitoring, drug testing, outpatient treatment, community service, must be concurred with by the defense attorney, district attorney, the offender and the judge.

The year 2009 saw the expansion of all the District Judge/Bail Videoconferencing to all District Judges' offices. Expansion to all Police Departments is still being viewed.

Videoconferencing enables the bail office to interview the individual without personnel leaving the office and allows the District Judge to preliminarily arraign the individual without the individual having to be moved. This greatly reduces the security risk of moving individuals from one area to another area.

Interviews done over the video system enable the Pre-Trial/Bail office to run NCIC on all defendants being interviewed, so as to have a clearer picture on the type of individual this office is interviewing. Right to Detain Hearings began in 2006 and require defendants incarcerated for failure to appear at court proceedings to have a court hearing within 72 hours of their incarceration. In 2013 and 2014 it added an additional 497 and 525 hearings to the department's workload and also led to a new type of supervision. Defendants now may be required to contact the Pre-Trial/Bail Services Unit to avoid further failure to appear episodes and further incarceration.



*1724 Colonial Court House Chester, Pennsylvania  
oldest Public Building in continuous use*

## BAIL AGENCY/PRE-TRIAL SERVICES STATISTICS 2006–2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Bail Interviews</b>	9,106	9,134	9,645	9,120	9,217	8,795	8,700	8,947	8,652	8,254
<b>Defendants Placed on Unsecured Bail</b>	2,903	3,020	3,076	3,046	3,028	2,687	2,878	2,896	2,731	2,593
<b>Defendants Placed on Cash Bail (10%)</b>	6,074	6,071	6,532	6,039	6,150	6,057	5,808	6,023	5,914	5,231
<b>Defendants Placed on Nominal Bail</b>	29	43	37	35	39	51	14	28	7	9
<b>Habeas Corpus Hearings</b>	515	594	613	608	620	675	739	578	567	607
<b>Individuals in Pre-Trial Program</b>	305	334	256	233	247	251	257	215	222	121
<b>Individuals on Electronic Monitoring</b>	202	220	200	168	150	167	172	133	121	121
<b>Prison Days Saved</b>	18,258	24,536	22,057	21,157	21,931	20,948	19,776	23,220	21,175	19,385
<b>Individuals on Non-Monitoring</b>	18	114	56	65	97	84	85	82	101	135
<b>Juveniles on Electronic Monitoring</b>	120	117	102	101	106	105	117	84	53	19
<b>Juvenile Days Saved</b>	4,908	4,662	5,249	4,616	5,958	4,447	5,544	3,507	2,351	1,148
<b>Bench Warrant Right to Detain Hearings</b>	376	1,128	1,016	854	714	639	598	497	525	553

### FRANCIS J. CATANIA LAW LIBRARY

The Francis J. Catania Law Library provides legal research resources for the legal community and the general public. Due to the increasing availability of digital resources, it is able to continue to purchase valuable resources necessary for legal research while containing costs. Patrons have access to Westlaw, palawlibrary.com, and other online services on public computers. The Law Library's director from 2013 through 2015 was Susan R. Perretta, Esq. Ms. Perretta has a law degree from Temple University School of Law and a master's degree in library and information science from Drexel University. Ms. Perretta retired in 2015.

Despite its modest budget, the law library is diligent in providing legal information to the

public, the legal community, and the departments of the County and Courts. "Pro Se" patrons seeking information on family law, especially child custody, are directed to the law library by other County and Court departments. Family law issues continue to dominate research requests due to the number of patrons who do not utilize attorney representation. Library staff directs these patrons to the most appropriate source of information, providing reference assistance, but cannot provide legal advice to its patrons.

Free access to the Internet is maintained in the law library at the public access computers. Patrons, both professional and non-professional, use these terminals to conduct legal and general research.

## MASTERS PROGRAMS

Pioneered in Delaware County and necessitated by an ever-increasing caseload, the Masters programs have been developed over the years to provide the Court with the necessary and qualified assistance to dispose of the thousands of cases which are brought before it. Masters assist the Court by hearing cases concerning child care, juvenile matters, domestic relations, mental health, divorce, custody, and certain criminal matters.

The Juvenile Court Masters Program began in 1976. Masters hearings are scheduled Monday and Friday. Cases assigned to the Masters' dockets include those for detention, adjudication, disposition, placement, probation review and failure to comply. The present Masters, Stephen Molineux, Esq. and Robert E.J. Curran, Jr., Esq., held a total of 11,267 hearings in 2013, 7,635 hearings in 2014 and 6,363 hearings in 2015.

The Domestic Relations Masters first used in 1979, make recommendations for support and visitation orders to the Court. Any party may request a new hearing before a judge if dissatisfied with a Master's recommendation. There are four Masters: Robert Anderman, Esq.; Patricia Donnelly, Esq.; Joseph Agozzino, Esq.; and Emily M. Ryan, Esq. The Masters each sat two to three days a week and heard 5,964 cases in 2013, 6,589 cases in 2014 and 6,583 cases in 2015.

Additionally, the Domestic Relations Masters hold alimony pendente lite hearings twice weekly to determine temporary alimony in a divorce matter pending further litigation.

The Divorce Hearing Officer Program which began in 1982 allows Masters to hear cases on the equitable distribution of marital assets after a final divorce decree has been entered. During the past two years, Karen J. Pholeric, Esquire and Edward Lawlor, Esquire presided over these cases four days a week holding equitable distribution hearings and pre-trial conferences. Jane McNerney, Esquire also assisted in presiding over conferences. Many hundreds of management conferences, pre-trial conferences or hearings were scheduled or held over the past two years.

The custody conciliators, Gregory Hurchalla, Esquire, Jane McNerney, Esquire, Amanda Konyk, Esquire and David McNulty, Esquire presided over conciliator conferences. In 2013, Florence Wright, Esquire retired after many years of serving the Court in an exemplary manner. These conferences involve the custody of children and offer the parties a forum for thoughtful consideration of their respective positions on the issues in the case. Many hundreds of conferences and hearings were scheduled or held and recommendations were issued, which ultimately became temporary orders resolving the custody issue.

Jane McNerney, Esquire also assisted the judges as the Protection From Abuse Master resolving issues among the parties and expediting the hearing process on each Thursday.

David McNulty, Esq., has served as Master for Children and Youth Services cases since 1985. He hears cases involving abused, neglected, ungovernable and truant children, both in their homes and in the custody and placement of the agency. During 2013, the agency filed 328 petitions for adjudications of dependency, and there were 1,736 total court hearings involving 653 children. During 2014, the agency filed 354 petitions for adjudications of dependency, and there were 1,910 total court hearings involving 725 children. During 2015, the agency filed 218 petitions for adjudications of dependency, and there were 1,858 total court hearings involving 586 children.

Mental Health Review Officers hear cases involving the involuntary commitment of persons alleged to be severely mentally disabled. Each client is represented by the Mental Health Advocate, Donald E. Havens, Esq., at their hearing unless private counsel is retained or representation is refused. The Mental Health Officers appointed by the Court are Eugene A. Bonner, Esq., Stephen C. Miller, Esq., and Michael Dugan, Esq. In 2014, John H. Toal, Esq., retired and Stephen Miller, Esq., was appointed to fill the vacancy. In 2015, Anna I. Vadino, Esq., retired and Michael Dugan, Esq., was appointed to fill the vacancy. They make findings regarding the alleged mentally disabled person and issue orders either discharging or committing the client to receive involuntary treatment. These findings are subject to Court review. In 2013, there were 1,479 commitment hearings, of which 1,327 were emergency hearings, and in 2014 there were 1,419 commitment hearings, of which 1,261 were emergency hearings. In 2015, there were 1,158 commitment hearings, of which 1,008 were emergency hearings.

The Court began using a Criminal Master in 1997 by videoconferencing bail habeas hearings and certain Gagnon II hearings which are for violations of probation or parole. Gregg Parker, Esq., heard 139 bail hearings in 2013, 168 hearings in 2014 and 160 hearings in 2015, all by videoconferencing. He heard 1,565 Gagnon II hearings in 2013, of which 371 were by videoconferencing, 1,628 hearings in 2014, of which 433 were by videoconferencing and 1,855 hearings in 2015, of which 486 were by videoconferencing.



*Custody Master, Amanda K. Konyk, Esquire, speaks with family law attorney, Walter J. Weinrich, Esquire about his client testifying via teleconference.*

## MASTERS PROGRAMS

### CASES HEARD BY MASTERS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mental Health	1,857	1,802	1,546	1,836	1,774	1,699	1,536	1,479	1,419	1,158
Children & Youth	1,262	1,318	1,792	2,946	2,191	1,817	1,992	1,736	1,910	1,858
Domestic Relations	6,549	5,845	5,850	6,934	5,502	5,344	6,019	5,964	6,589	6,583
Juvenile Court	3,975	5,143	5,873	6,666	5,595	6,764	9,936	11,267	7,635	6,363
Bail	180	212	240	196	168	218	192	139	168	160
Gagnon II (by video)	490	431	431	457	364	465	425	371	433	486
(in court)	718	782	810	725	810	725	734	1,194	1,195	1,369



## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM (INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT PLAN)

Judges in Delaware County have sentenced many defendants to the Intermediate Punishment Plan, which was initiated in 1991. Under the direction of Walt Omlor, this program provides labor for "Community Service Projects" located at hundreds of sites throughout Delaware County under the direction of well-trained supervisors.

During 2013/2014/2015 the Department of Community Corrections concentrated its efforts on improving the quality of life in Delaware County through the use of its adjudicated work force. Over 506,600 hours of community service were performed throughout this three-year period.

Throughout 2013/2014/2015 the Department of Community Corrections continued to concentrate its efforts on neighborhood revitalization by removing graffiti, trash and debris from our local towns and state roads, and by providing labor assistance for indigent senior citizens, public and parochial schools, parks, churches, youth athletic facilities, and swim clubs. The following is a sampling of correction hours of service during 2013/2014/2015: state roads-8,848 hours; Bonner/Prendergast High Schools-9,040 hours; Chester Upland School District-9,144 hours; Fair Acres-12,120 hours; and Elwyn 41,144 hours. Also, 11,196 hours were performed in John Heinz Wildlife Refuge. In addition, over 14,822 hours of community service was provided at various youth athletic facilities.



*Community Service clients clean up the grounds of the Prospect Hill Baptist Church located in Prospect Park, as Community Service Supervisor, Dawn Pennock (l), looks on.*

The Emergency Services Training Center located in Sharon Hill continues to improve the quality of life in Delaware County through the use of community service. The Emergency Services Training Center is utilized to train emergency responders and was the recipient of over 38,900 hours of community service during 2013/2014/2015. These hours of service have been put to great use in building and maintaining a state of the art training center, which enables the residents of Delaware County to have emergency responders that are provided with high quality educational and training programs.

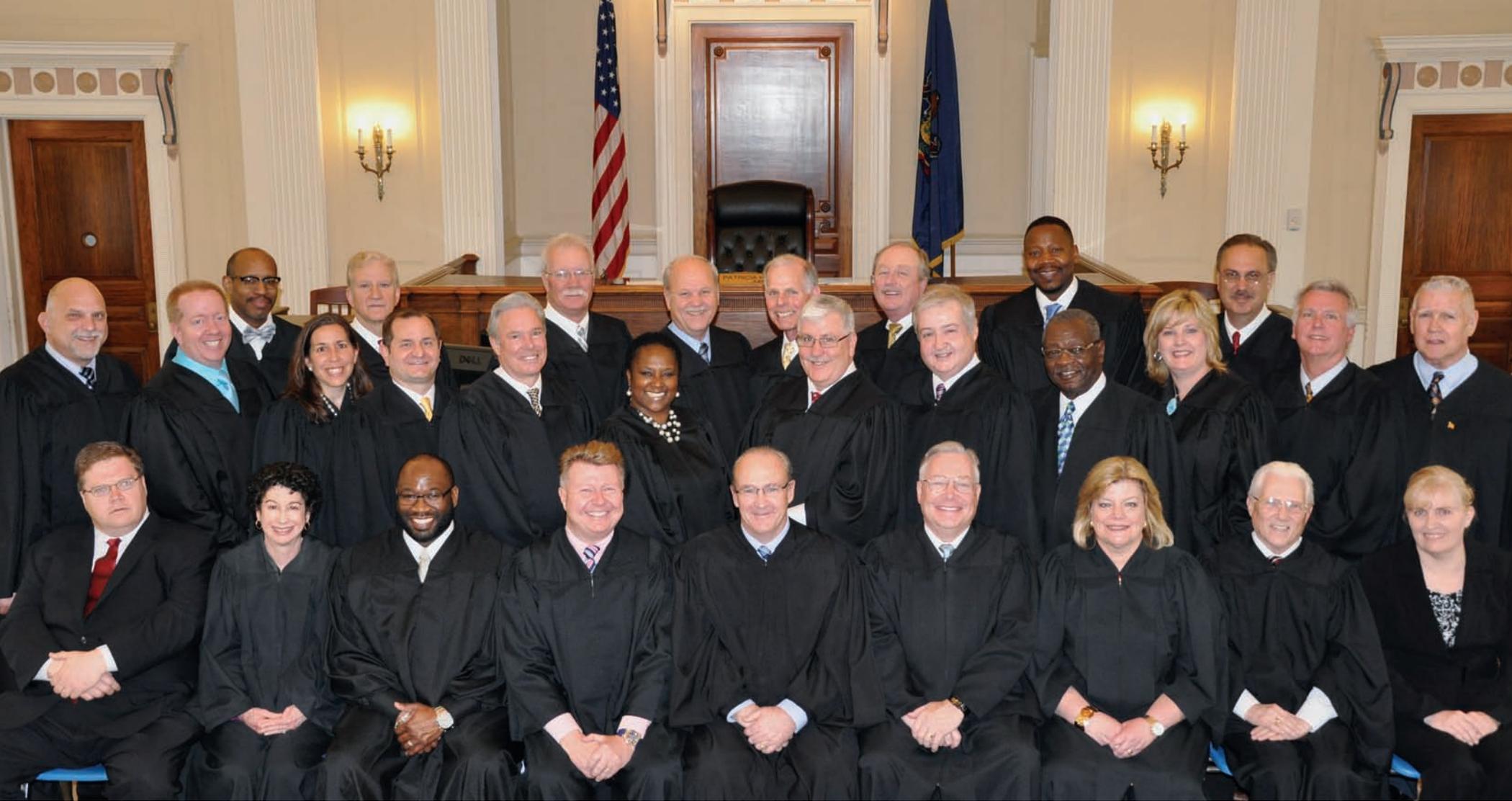
During 2013/2014/2015 approximately 15 district courts continued to participate in Community Corrections Youth Programs. The number of community service hours completed by participants in the Youth Programs during 2013/2014/2015 totaled 64,358.

Clients continued to be added to the Community Corrections rolls by Domestic Relations due to failure to pay child support. Clients were also added from Veterans, Drug and Mental Health Courts.

Community Corrections will continue to concentrate its efforts to eradicate blighted areas of Delaware County by increasing work crews geared towards neighborhood revitalization. Also, Community Corrections will continue to expand its work sites to include more churches and public/parochial schools in need of labor assistance.



*Ginger Fagioli (c), a volunteer for the Prospect Hill Baptist Church, receives help from a Community Service client sorting out the many donations for the Church's food bank as Dawn Pennock (r) supervises.*



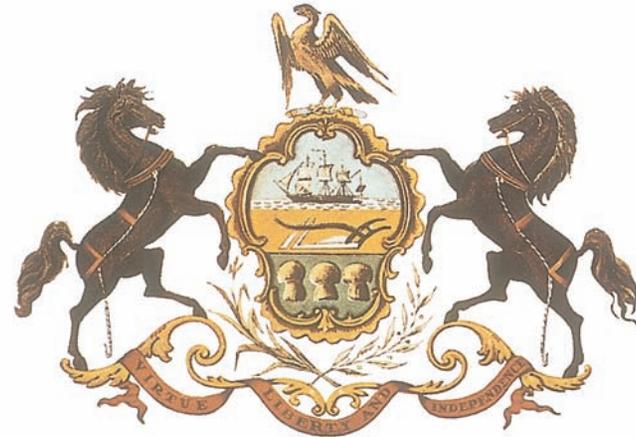
## **MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES OF DELAWARE COUNTY**

1st row (left to right): Charles E. McDonald, Administrator, Stephanie H. Klein, Wilden H. Davis, Jack D. Lippart, President Judge Chad F. Kenney, Sr., Leon Hunter, III, Ann Berardocco, Senior Judge Laurence J. McKeon and Joan Van Horn, First Assistant Administrator.

2nd row (left to right): Richard M. Cappelli, Christopher R. Mattox, Elisa C. Lacianca, Steven A. Sandone, John J. Perfetti, Dawn L. Vann, David R. Griffin, Leonard V. Tenaglia, Senior Judge Horace Z. Davis, Diane Holefelder, Anthony D. Scanlon and Senior Judge Edward J. Gannon, Jr.

3rd row (left to right): Spencer B. Seaton, Jr., Robert J. Radano, Peter P. Tozer, Robert R. Burke, Robert M. DiAgostino, David H. Lang, W. Keith Williams, II and Harry J. Karapalides.

Not pictured: John C. Tuten, Jr., Vincent D. Gallagher, Jr., Philip S. Turner, Jr., Andrea B. Puppio, C. Walter McCray, III, Nicholas S. Lippincott, Walter A. Strohl, Kelly A. Micozzie-Aguirre, Senior Judge Leonard M. McDevitt, Senior Judge David T. Videon, Senior Judge Michael G. Cullen.



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