

Juniata County
Magisterial
District
Reestablishment
Plan 2022-2031

INTRODUCTION

In October 2021, the Forty-first Judicial District, Juniata County, was notified by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) of its requirement under 42 Pa.C.S.A §1503, to participate in the reestablishment of magisterial districts. This event occurs every ten years and is directly related to the Federal decennial census. The following factors were taken into consideration during the development of this plan: guidelines as set forth by AOPC, case filing statistics and workload statistics for criminal, non-traffic, private criminal, traffic, civil, landlord/tenant, and miscellaneous filings in the three magisterial district courts in Perry County, as well as population of individual municipalities in each district.

This document has been posted online at www.juniataco.org, in the individual magisterial district judges' offices within Juniata County, and the office of the Juniata County Commissioners, 26 North Main Street, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania. Public comments will be received in writing through March 8, 2022. Public comments must bear the name and address of the sender and should be emailed to the District Court Administrator at czook@perryco.org or sent via United States mail to Christina L. Zook, DCA, Perry County Courthouse, PO Box 668, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, 17082.

Below please find the magisterial districts as they exist at present as well as the plan for maintaining the status quo by reestablishing the magisterial districts.

| District Court | Currently Municipality Jurisdiction | Proposed Municipality Jurisdiction |
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| <p>41-3-01 30 N. Main Street Mifflintown, PA 17059</p> <p>Current MDJ: Tracy Powell Term expires: January 1, 2026</p> <p>Status: no change proposed</p> | <p>Delaware Township Fayette Township Fermanaugh Township Greenwood Township Mifflintown Borough Monroe Township Susquehanna Township Thompsontown Borough</p> | <p>SAME</p> |
| <p>41-3-02 212 N. Fourth Street Port Royal, PA 17082</p> <p>Current MDJ: Jacqueline Leister Term expires: January 1, 2024</p> <p>Status: no change proposed</p> | <p>Beale Township Lack Township Mifflin Borough Milford Township Port Royal Borough Spruce Hill Township Turbett Township Tuscarora Township Walker Township</p> | <p>SAME</p> |

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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| Magisterial District Court Number: | 41-3-01 | County: | Juniata |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 2/28/2022 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 3,262 | B. 3,108 | C. 3,684 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | 154 | 1st out of 2 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -422 | 11 % |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 21,865 | B. 19,415 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 2,450 | 13 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |

| Magisterial District Information | | | |
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| 10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information: | | | |
| Tracy L. Powell | | 1/4/26 | 12/31/43 |
| <i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i> | <i>Birthdate</i> | <i>Term Expiration Date</i> | <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i> |
| 11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location: | | | |
| 30 N. Main Street, Mifflintown, PA 17059 | | | |
| 12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | | | Yes |
| 13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | | | Yes |
| 14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous? | | | Yes |
| 15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below. | | | No/Not Sure |
| 16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district. | | | |
| PSP Lewistown Barracks at Arch Rock | | | |
| 17. List any major highways within this magisterial district. | | | |
| Route 322 | | | |
| 18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past. | | | |
| Delaware Township Fayette Township Fermanaugh Township Greenwood Township Mifflintown Borough Monroe Township Susquehanna Township Thompsontown Borough | | | |
| 19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically). | | | Yes |
| 20. Additional Comments: | | | |
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| Magisterial District Court Number: 41-3-02 | | County: Juniata <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 2/28/2022 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 2,976 | B. 3,108 | C. 3,684 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | -132 | | 2nd out of 2 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | -708 | | 19 % |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 16,964 | B. 19,415 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | -2,451 | | 13 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |

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| 10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information: | | | |
| Jacqueline T. Leister <i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i> | | 12/31/23 <i>Term Expiration Date</i> | 12/31/36 <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i> |
| 11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location: 212 N. Fourth Street, Port Royal, PA 17082 | | | |
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| 16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district. Mifflin Borough Police Department | | | |
| 17. List any major highways within this magisterial district. 322 | | | |
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