

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Judicial District Number: 44	County: Sullivan	Class of County: 8
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1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-##-##):
44-3-03

Caseload Analysis


2. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 1,977	B. 1,813
3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county.	<i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
	164	3rd out of 6
4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county?	No	

Proposed Actions

5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? Yes
If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).
44-3-03

6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment? No
If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes).

7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination? No
If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.

Additional Workload Factors	
8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?	No
10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES, briefly explain the types of programs. Treatment Court	Yes
Final Checklist	
11. Was a request for public comment posted?	Yes
12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?	Both
13. Were media outlets notified?	Yes
14. Were public comments received?	No
15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission?	Yes
16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts?	Yes
17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?	Yes
18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county?	Yes
19. Additional Remarks	
Verification of Submission	
20. Date submitted to AOPC: 3/7/2022	
21. President Judge Name: Russell D. Shurtleff	
Signature	 P.S.

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Magisterial District Court Number: 44-3-03		County: Sullivan	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2022	
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. 1,977	B. 1,977	C. 1,813
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</i>	<i>Total</i>
	0	1st	out of 1
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>	
	164	9%	
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 petition 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. 9,911	B. 9,911	
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>	
	0	0%	
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 petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Jennifer Y. Vandine		1/2/22	12/31/47
<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:			
245 Muncy Street, Laporte, Pennsylvania			
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 (Laporte)			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
220 and 87			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Cherry Township, Colley Township, Davidson Township, Dushore Borough, Eagles Mere Borough, Elkland Township, Forks Township, Forksville Borough, Fox Township, Hillsgrove Township, Laporte Borough, Laprote Township, Shrewsbury Township.			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			Yes
20. Additional Comments:			

Notice for Public Comment

Magisterial District Realignment Plan

As required pursuant to both constitutional and statutory provisions, reestablishment is a process by which the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania review the boundaries of the magisterial districts within each judicial district. This review is undertaken the year following the Federal decennial census. As such, the magisterial district within Sullivan County has been analyzed and evaluated with respect to population, caseload and workload measures. As a result of this analysis, a recommendation is planned to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that no magisterial districts be added nor deleted and that no boundaries be realigned within Sullivan County.

Interested parties may view the proposed plan between 9:00am and 3:00pm daily in the Commissioner's Office, Sullivan County Courthouse, 245 Muncy Street, Laporte, PA 18626, or may call 570-836-3151 for more information. All comment to the proposed plan must be in writing. Comments specific to the proposal will be included with the final draft proposal that is forwarded to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for approval. All comments must be mailed and addressed as follows:

Jessica M. Ellis, Esquire Court Administrator
c/o Recestablishment Proposal Comments
1 Courthouse Square
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

Comments will be accepted until October 28, 2022.

Russell D. Shurtleff, President Judge