

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE REESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Lackawanna County maintains ten (10) magisterial district judges, who have outstanding reputations within the community for fairness, efficiency, due process, and thorough legal knowledge. Several district judges serve on various state committees designed to enhance and improve the magisterial district judicial system. The proposed plan provides for the re-establishment of all ten (10) district courts, with the potential for minor adjustments to be made to caseload, workload and staffing as each district represents varying geographical areas and demographics of the Commonwealth.

CENTRAL COURT

Lackawanna County operates a Central Court system which services all criminal preliminary hearings. Central Court is located inside the newly constructed Criminal Justice Center adjacent to the Lackawanna County Prison and is easily accessible. The Criminal Justice Center consists of several offices and departments that are related to the criminal legal system.

All magisterial district judges preside over Central Court on a rotating basis, therefore all criminal cases are equally shared amongst the ten district judges. It follows that the workload is also shared by all district judges.

ON-DUTY

Lackawanna County instituted an “on-duty” system, where an individual district judge is available on a 24-hour, 7 day per week basis to address any legal issues regarding warrants, arraignments, and bail. The “on-duty” system operates on rotation.

ARRAIGNMENTS

All magisterial district judges handle arraignments via video with the Lackawanna County Prison through Microsoft Teams. Prior to the pandemic, all magisterial district judges handled arraignments directly at the Lackawanna County Prison.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The proposed Lackawanna County Magisterial District Plan is available for review in the Office of Court Administration, 1st Floor, Lackawanna County Courthouse, 200 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 and on the Lackawanna County website at www.lackawannacounty.org.

Public comment on the proposed re-establishment plan is invited. Interested parties may submit written comments. Comments may also be submitted by email. Comments must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Submit Comments to:

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Lackawanna County Courthouse
200 N. Washington Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503

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Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

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| Judicial District Number: 45 | <input type="text"/> | County: Lackawanna | <input type="text"/> | Class of County: 3 | <input type="text"/> |
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1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):

- 45-1-01
- 45-1-02
- 45-1-03
- 45-1-05
- 45-1-06
- 45-1-08
- 45-3-01
- 45-3-02
- 45-3-03
- 45-3-04

Caseload Analysis

| | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 2. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 4,026 | B. 4,919 |
| 3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county. | <i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | -893 | 9th <input type="text"/> out of 10 <input type="text"/> |
| 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? | Yes <input type="text"/> | |

Proposed Actions

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| <p>5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? Yes <input type="text"/></p> <p>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45-1-01 45-1-02 45-1-03 45-1-05 45-1-06 45-1-08 45-3-01 45-3-02 45-3-03 45-3-04 |
| <p>6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment? No <input type="text"/></p> <p>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes).</p> |
| <p>7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination? No <input type="text"/></p> <p>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.</p> |

| Additional Workload Factors | |
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| 8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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. See Attached. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Final Checklist | |
| 11. Was a request for public comment posted? | |
| 12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both? | Electronic |
| 13. Were media outlets notified? | |
| 14. Were public comments received? | |
| 15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission? | |
| 16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Additional Remarks | |
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| Verification of Submission | |
| 20. Date submitted to AOPC: | |
| 21. President Judge Name: | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Signature _____</p> | |

Truancy- All sitting Magisterial District Judges are responsible for conducting truancy hearings at the schools located within their District. The approach strives to resolve filings or formal adjudications and improve school attendance.

Fresh Start Diversion Program- Evaluate substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health issues faced by low-level criminal offenders to provide treatment and recovery resources for these individuals in lieu of prosecution and prison time. The program serves as both a pre- and post-arrest deflection program where low-level offenders can enter treatment immediately rather than follow the stages of the criminal process. Each participant is required to attend status court hearings as frequently as the magisterial district judge requires, and the appropriate action is taken to encourage the treatment process, while imposing swift, consistent and behavior-specific sanctions for relapse, missed meetings or court hearings, and other program violations.

Magisterial Veteran's Diversionary Program- Establish a coordinated approach for early intervention and diversion into treatment by magisterial district judges of summary/misdemeanor cases involving defendants who are veterans, eligible for health care benefits provided by the VA. Identification of a defendant as a veteran will be made by the police and/or the magisterial district judge. Subsequently, a treatment plan will commence, and the veteran will report to scheduled hearings with the magisterial district judge, who reviews the defendant's progress weekly until completion, which is approximately six months. In the event of non-compliance, the magisterial district judge will use discretion to determine how the case may proceed either through an alternative, sanction or termination.

Pretrial Services Program- A diversionary judicial program that utilizes the Adult Probation/Parole Department to assess a defendant's risk to public safety and identify areas of need (behavioral health issues or CYS involvement) to develop with the defendant an individualized bail plan to enhance the defendant's wellness, recovery, and stability in the community and make bail recommendations to the magisterial district judge. The defendant is assessed prior to preliminary hearing. Thereafter, the magisterial district judge monitors the participation in services and progress towards identified goals until disposition.

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Magisterial District Court Number: | 45-1-01 | County: | Lackawanna |
| 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. 3,026 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | -1000 | 9th out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | -1893 | -38 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. Filings within this District remain consistent, and are balanced by the workload average. This District is the third largest geographical area, and underwent a population increase, which will have a future impact on an increased caseload. Importantly, the operation of Central Court maintains caseload equity.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 30,909 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> |
| | | -3,467 | -10 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No changes are proposed for the Magisterial District because the District's average workload is within the acceptable paramters.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

George E. Seig

Magisterial District Judge Name

12/31/23

Birthdate

12/31/42

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1 Maxson Drive
Old Forge, PA 18518

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.

Taylor, Moosic, Old Forge

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US-Route 11, I-81, Pennsylvania Turnpike-476

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Lackawanna County
Moosic Borough
Old Forge Borough
Taylor 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: | 45-1-02 | County: | Lackawanna |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 8,536 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | 4510 | 1 out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | 3617 | 74 % |
| 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. | | | |
| N/A - This Magisterial District has the highest average caseload in the County. | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 49,140 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> |
| | | 14,764 | 43 % |
| 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. | | | |
| No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. Although this District's average workload is above average, it is equitable because this District compared to other Districts serves the center city area, which covers parking tickets as well as a concentrated area of retail, office, and leisure, specifically drinking establishments. Additionally, this District underwent a population increase. However, the operation of a Central Court, alleviates the workload inequity, therefore the difference is not a factor within the County. | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Alyce M. Farrell

Magisterial District Judge Name

1/3/28

Birthdate

12/31/42

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

130 North Washington Avenue, First Floor
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

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.

Scranton City Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US Route -11, I-81, Pennsylvania Route 307

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Lackawanna County
Scranton City (Wards 9, 10, 16, 17)
(Center City- East Scranton)

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: 45-1-03 | County: Lackawanna | | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | 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. 3,114 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | -912 | 8 | out of 10 |
| 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> | |
| | -1805 | -37 % | |
| <p>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.</p> <p>No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. Filings within this District remain consistent, and are balanced by the workload average. This District underwent population growth, and a rise in the rental market, which will have a future impact on an increased caseload. Additionally, this District continues to experience Pennsylvania State Police enforcement activities on 1-81, and continues to experience landlord/tenant filings associated with the four low-income housing complexes within the District. Importantly, the operation of Central Court maintains caseload equity.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 37,239 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> | |
| | 2,863 | 8.0 % | |
| <p>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.</p> <p>No changes are proposed to this Magisterial District because the District's average workload is within the acceptable parameters.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Joanne P. Corbett

Magisterial District Judge Name

12/31/23

Birthdate

12/31/28

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1629 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505

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.

Scranton City Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US Route 11; I-81

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Lackawanna County
Scranton City (Wards 11, 12, 19, 20, 24)
(South Scranton)

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?
If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

This District has analyzed pandemic statistics for 2020-2021, and finds that the statistics mirror the higher statistics in 2018- 2019, therefore, it is anticipated that the 2022 court caseload will increase given that trend.

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| Magisterial District Court Number: | 45-1-05 | County: | Lackawanna |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 2,827 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | -1199 | 10 out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | -2092 | -43 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p>No changes are proposed for this magisterial district. This District comprises the largest populated section of the city, and demonstrates consistency in all filings, and is balanced by the workload average. Importantly, this District ranks as the third highest for civil filings as well as landlord/tenant filings, and is the fourth highest for criminal filings. This District does not service a major highway and cannot draw Pennsylvania State Police enforcement activity when compared to other Districts, which impacts traffic filings. Importantly, the operation of Central Court maintains caseload equity.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | | A. 36,637 | B. 34,376 |
| 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> |
| | | 2,261 | 7.0 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p>No changes are proposed for the Magisterial District because the District's average workload is within the acceptable parameters.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Terrence V. Gallagher

Magisterial District Judge Name

12/31/23

Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1600 Farr Street
Scranton, PA 18504

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.

Scranton City Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Lackawanna County
Scranton City (Wards 4-6, 14, 15, 18, 21)
(West Scranton)

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: | 45-1-06 | County: | Lackawanna |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 5,047 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | 1021 | 2 out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | 128 | 3 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">N/A- This Magisterial District has the second highest average caseload in the County.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 54,204 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> |
| | | 19,828 | 58 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. While the District's average workload is above average, this District services various highways and multiple police departments, which produce an increased traffic workload. Additionally, the operation of a Central Court maintains workload equity, therefore the difference in workload is not a factor within the County.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Paul J. Ware

Magisterial District Judge Name

12/31/23

Birthdate

12/31/41

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

2012 W. Pine Street
Scranton, PA 18512

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.

Pennsylvania State Police, Dunmore Borough Police Department, Scranton- Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US Route 6, US Route 11, I-81, I-84, Pennsylvania Route 307, Pennsylvania Route 347, I-380

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Dunmore Borough
Lackawanna County
Scranton City (Wards 1-3, 7, 13, 23)
(North Scranton/ Greenridge)

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: | 45-1-08 | County: | Lackawanna |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 3,768 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | -258 | 4 out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | -1151 | -23 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">N/A- This Magisterial District has the fourth highest average caseload in the County.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 32,369 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> |
| | | -2,007 | -6 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No changes are proposed for the Magisterial District because the District's average workload is within the acceptable parameters.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

John P. Pesota

Magisterial District Judge Name

12/31/23

Birthdate

12/31/24

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

901 Enterprise Street, #2
Dickson City, Pennsylvania 18519

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.

Throop Police Department, Dickson City Police Department, Olyphant Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I-81, Pennsylvania Route 347, US Route 6

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Dickson City Borough
Lackawanna County
Olyphant Borough
Throop 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: | 45-3-01 | County: | Lackawanna |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 3,184 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | -842 | 7 out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | -1735 | -35 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. This District ranks as the fourth highest in traffic filings, servicing five (5) police departments, and demonstrates consistency in all other filings. Also, it is anticipated that the caseload will increase given this District's rise in population and expansion of commerce locations. Importantly, caseload equity is achieved with the operation of Central Court.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 19,514 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> |
| | | -14,862 | -43 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. While the District's workload is lower, the sitting Magisterial District Judge provides a supervisory role in the County's Magisterial Veteran's Diversionary Program, which requires receipt and review of candidate applications, weekly receipt and review of client progress reports, and quarterly in-person reporting. The sitting Magisterial District Judge also provides an invaluable advisory role in the County's Common Pleas Veteran's Treatment Court. Also, the operation of Central Court results in a more equitable workload.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Paul Keeler

1/3/28

12/31/52

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

104 Shady Lane Road
Chinchilla, Pennsylvania 18410

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.

Clarks Summit Police Department, South Abington Township Police Department, Waverly Township Police Department, Dalton Borough Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I-81, US-6, Pennsylvania Turnpike 476, Pennsylvania Route 307

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Benton Township
Clarks Green Borough
Clarks Summit Borough
Dalton Borough
Glenburn Township
Lackawanna County
LaPlume Borough
Newton Borough
North Abington Township
Ransom Township
South Abington Township
Waverly Township
West Abington Township

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: 45-3-02 | | County: Lackawanna | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 4,013 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | -13 | 3rd out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | -906 | -18 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">N/A-This Magisterial District has the third highest average caseload in the County.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 20,829 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> |
| | | -13,547 | -39 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. This Magisterial District has expansive geography and services a large rural area with small towns and several part-time police departments. While the workload in this district is lower, it is balanced by the caseload and is a major revenue collector. This district encompasses various highways with the only weigh station locations and accounts for all commercial vehicle traffic filings in the County. The operation of a Central Court maintains workload equity, therefore the difference in workload is not a factor within the County.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Kipp E. Adcock

Magisterial District Judge Name

12/31/23

Birthdate

12/31/43

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

115 North Main Street
Moscow, Pennsylvania 18444

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.

Moscow, Jefferson Township, Roaring Brook Township, Covington Township

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I-84, Pennsylvania Route 307, Pennsylvania Route 348, Pennsylvania Route 380, Pennsylvania Route 435, Pennsylvania Route 502, Pennsylvania Route 590, Pennsylvania Route 690, Pennsylvania Route 247

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Clifton Township
Covington Township
Elmhurst Township
Jefferson Township
Lackawanna County
Madison Township
Moscow Borough
Roaring Brook Township
Spring Brook Township
Thornhurst Township

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: 45-3-03 | | County: Lackawanna | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 3,339 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | -687 | 6th out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | -1580 | -32 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. This District is the second largest geographical area with several rural towns, and four (4) police departments. This District services two housing authorities, the Carbondale Housing Authority and the Lackawanna County Housing Authority together with two apartment complexes that provide affordable housing. The caseload remains consistent and is balanced by the workload. This District has the third highest non-traffic filings in the County, and oversees an increased amount of payment plans and collection of restitution. Additionally, this District has experienced and is likely to continue to see a rise in single family homes being converted to rental properties, as well as a planned housing development in Vandling Borough, which will involve an increased population and a potential increase in caseload. Importantly, the operation of Central Court maintains equity, and the difference does not have an impact on the County.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 34,574 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> |
| | | 198 | 1 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District because the District's average workload is within the acceptable parameters.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Sean P. McGraw

Magisterial District Judge Name

1/3/28

Birthdate

12/31/45

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

38 North Main Street
Carbondale, Pennsylvania 18407

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.

Yes

Vandling Borough planned housing development

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Carbondale City Police Department; Carbondale Township Police Department; Scott Township Police Department, Greenfield Township Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Pennsylvania Route 6, I-81, Pennsylvania Route 107, Pennsylvania Route 171, Pennsylvania Route 247, Pennsylvania Route 347, Pennsylvania Route 407, Pennsylvania Route 438

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Benton Township
Carbondale City
Carbondale Township
Fell Township
Greenfield Township
Lackawanna County
Scott Township
Vandling 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: 45-3-04 | | County: Lackawanna | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 3,403 | B. 4,026 | C. 4,919 |
| 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> |
| | | -623 | 5th out of 10 |
| 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> |
| | | -1516 | -31 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">N/A- This Magisterial District has the fifth highest average caseload in the County.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 28,277 | B. 34,376 | |
| 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> |
| | | -6,099 | -18 % |
| <p>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.</p> <p>No changes are proposed for this Magisterial District. Although slightly lower, this District services five police departments as well as the Pennsylvania State Police, and encompasses two commercially important highways- US-Route 6 (Robert P. Casey Highway) and Business Route 6 (Scranton- Carbondale Highway), which is the gateway to large commercial businesses such as Walmart and Target, and maintains the Viewmont Mall, several retail places, restaurants and smaller commercial businesses that consistently balance the caseload. This District services the Jessup Industrial Park, which continues to expand businesses, and is currently working on a housing development. Additionally, this District contains four low-income housing developments that generate a consistent landlord/ tenant workload. Also, this District performs an exceptional number of wedding ceremonies. The workload difference is relatively negligible, especially given the population growth, and does not have an impact within the County. Likewise, the operation of a Central Court corrects any minor inequity.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Laura M. Turlip

Magisterial District Judge Name

12/31/23

Birthdate

12/31/51

Term Expiration Date

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

Archbald Borough Building
400 Church Street
2nd Floor
Archbald, Pennsylvania 19403

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.**

Yes

Eynon- Wildcat Ridge Housing Development is currently expanding.
Jessup Industrial Park - Within the last five (5) years, a mixed-use development serving office, manufacturing and distribution. Several businesses and private developers have relocated or chosen for purchase and lease for economic and industrial development. Currently, extending into housing development as well.

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Archbald Borough Police Department, Jermyn Borough Police Department, Blakely Borough Police Department, Jessup Borough Police Department, Mayfield Borough Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US-Route 6, I-81, Pennsylvania Route 107, Pennsylvania Route 247, Pennsylvania Route 347, Pennsylvania Route 632

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Archbald Borough
Blakely Borough
Jermyn Borough
Jessup Borough
Lackawanna County
Mayfield Borough

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? **If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).**

Yes

20. Additional Comments: