

CARBON COUNTY TRIENNIAL
JUDICIAL REPORT
2013-2014-2015



TABLE OF CONTENTS

FORWARD.....	1
I. HONORABLE ROGER N. NANOVIC.....	2
II. HONORABLE STEVEN R. SERFASS.....	3
III. HONORABLE JOSEPH J. MATIKA.....	4
IV. HONORABLE RICHARD W. WEBB.....	5
V. COURT ADMINISTRATION.....	6
VI. LAW DAY.....	18
VII. FAREWELL BY DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR.....	19
VIII. COURT OFFICES	
ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE.....	20
COURT COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS.....	22
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS.....	23
DOMESTIC RELATIONS.....	26
JUVENILE COURT OFFICE.....	28
IX. COURT RELATED OFFICES	
OFFICE OF CHILDREN & YOUTH.....	30
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.....	31
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	32
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURTS.....	34
BUREAU OF COLLECTIONS.....	35
OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY.....	36
OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF WILLS & CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT.....	37
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF.....	38
X. CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.....	39
XI. COUNTY GOVERNMENT – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.....	40



Roger N. Nanovic, President Judge

To the Citizens of Carbon County:

I am pleased to present this Triennial Report covering the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 as a public accounting of Court operations and finances. Between the pages of this book, Court and Court-related offices have highlighted their caseload, operations, programs and workloads.

As this book was going to print, I learned of the passing of Judge Richard W. Webb on August 20, 2016. Judge Webb meticulously served this Court for over 20 years and his death will leave a great void to this Bench. In addition, after almost 30 years, Magisterial District Judge Edward M. Lewis retired on February 3, 2016. On July 13, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf appointed Eric M. Schrantz to fill this vacancy. Also, Chief Adult Probation Officer Ronald S. Kokinda decided to retire on June 3, 2016 after 30 years of dedicated service. Unfortunately, the Court experienced the untimely death of its Domestic Relations Director Mary Kunkel on April 8, 2016.

Statistically, criminal cases grew 22.7% from 2013 to 2015. On the civil side, family law filings still dominate and make up 70.0% of the caseload. In addition, credit card cases continue to increase as economic conditions continue to plague society. The number of personal injury and medical malpractice lawsuits continue to take considerable judicial time from filing to disposition. Overall, Carbon County saw case filings remain stable but the Court had a decrease in case dispositions of 9.5%. Much of this decrease is attributable to a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision in *Commonwealth v. Taylor*, which emphasized the requirement to have a CRN (Court Reporting Network) and assessment, if necessary, completed prior to sentencing or acceptance into the ARD program. This has created a backlog in sentencing defendants or admitting them to the ARD program. The Court continues to strive to provide efficient, effective and timely justice, while protecting the rights of all involved.

The Board of Judges deeply appreciates the constant support and hard work of our Court and County employees. This report is a testament to the resourcefulness, tenacity and dedication of the Court and County staff, Masters and Judges of this Court to handle more cases with little or no additional resources and still maintain the integrity of their offices and the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger N. Nanovic".

**ROGER N. NANOVIC
PRESIDENT JUDGE**

HONORABLE ROGER N. NANOVIC



*Honorable Roger N. Nanovic
President Judge of Carbon County*

Lead Judicial Secretary:
Joanne Donnelly
Law Clerk: Jeffrey Chu, Esquire
Phone: (570) 325-3661
Fax: (570) 325-4552

Roger N. Nanovic became Carbon County's sixteenth when he was sworn into office on August 1, 2001, after the spring 2001 primary election. His elected ten-year term of office began on January 7, 2002. Judge Nanovic became President Judge on January 1, 2005. In November 2011, the voters approved his retention for a second term commencing January 2, 2012.

A 1976 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Preprofessional Studies, he received his Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree from Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University in 1979.

Prior to being a member of the judiciary, Judge Nanovic was engaged in the general practice of law for 22 years. During this period, he was actively involved in a broad range of legal issues and has extensive

experience in municipal law and civil litigation in both the state and federal courts. He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 1992 to 1996.

Since becoming President Judge, Judge Nanovic has assumed administrative duties in addition to a heavy and varied judicial caseload. As part of a three-judge county, Judge Nanovic handles all divisions of the court comprising of civil, criminal, juvenile, and orphans' court matters.

The parents of three children and grandparents of one granddaughter, Judge Nanovic and his wife, Cindy, reside in the Jim Thorpe area.



Judge Nanovic's Office Staff includes Jeffrey Chu, Law Clerk (L), and Joanne Donnelly, Lead Judicial Secretary (R).

HONORABLE STEVEN R. SERFASS



*Honorable Steven R. Serfass
Judge of Carbon County*

Judicial Secretary: Rayonna J. Fedor
Law Clerk: Edward Penetar, Esquire
Phone: (570) 325-3791
Fax: (570) 325-3288

Steven R. Serfass was elected to the newly created third judgeship on the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas on November 3, 2009. He became Carbon County's eighteenth Judge when he was sworn into office on January 4, 2010.

A lifelong resident of Carbon County, Judge Serfass graduated from Lehighon Area High School and continued his education at Dickinson College where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in Political Science and History, cum laude. He went on to earn his Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree at Temple University School of Law and began practicing law in Palmerton with his mentor, Martin H. Philip, Esquire.

Judge Serfass and his wife, Attorney Jenny Cheng, maintained a general law practice located in Palmerton for fourteen

years concentrating on municipal law, business law and civil litigation. He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 2000 to 2004.

Judge Serfass handles a varied and heavy caseload comprised of civil, criminal & orphans court matters.

Judge Serfass and his wife reside in Palmerton with their children, Benjamin and Hannah.



*Judge Serfass' Office Staff includes Rayonna Fedor,
Judicial Secretary (L) and Ed Penetar, Law Clerk (R).*

HONORABLE JOSEPH J. MATIKA



*Honorable Joseph J. Matika
Judge of Carbon County*

Judicial Secretary: Carla Hill
Law Clerk: Thomas Grant, Esquire
Phone: (570) 325-9419
Fax: (570) 325-9449

On November 8, 2011, Joseph J. Matika was elected as the nineteenth judge to serve on the bench of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County. Judge Matika began his duties as judge after being sworn in on January 2, 2012.

Judge Matika is a 1980 graduate of Panther Valley High School. He furthered his education at King's College in Wilkes-Barre where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Government. Judge Matika obtained his Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree from the University of Bridgeport School of Law in Bridgeport, Connecticut in June 1987.

Judge Matika served as Assistant District Attorney from 1994-2011. Additionally, prior to taking the bench, he was a sole practitioner from 1988 until 2000. In 2001, Judge Matika along with

Attorney Joseph Velitsky established the law firm of Velitsky and Matika in Summit Hill where for 12 years they maintained a general practice of law. He has also held many solicitorships throughout Carbon and Schuylkill counties over the years.

Judge Matika handles a variety of civil, criminal and orphan's court matters along with children & youth and domestic relations cases.

Judge Matika resides in Lehighton with his wife Jeanine and four children.



Judge Matika's Office Staff includes Thomas Grant, Law Clerk (L) and Carla Hill, Judicial Secretary (R).

IN MEMORIAM

HONORABLE RICHARD W. WEBB



*Honorable Richard W. Webb
Senior Judge of Carbon County*

Phone: (570) 325-9419

Fax: (570) 325-9449

On August 20, 2016, Richard W. Webb passed away. It was a very sad day for this Court system and all who knew and worked with him.

As Carbon County's fifteenth Judge, he served on the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas since January 6, 1992 and became the President Judge on February 18, 2001, when President Judge John P. Lavelle reached mandatory retirement.

A lifetime resident of Palmerton, Judge Webb served as a Public Defender early in his career. In 1975, he was elected the District Attorney of Carbon County. As District Attorney, he was known for his outstanding reputation for integrity, diligence, ability,

and a courtroom prosecutor who rarely lost a case.

During his tenure as District Attorney, he founded the Carbon County Drug Task Force and received many awards and citations for his tenacious prosecution of drug cases.

Judge Webb took early retirement on December 31, 2004 and served as a Senior Judge for a number of years helping the Bench with the increased criminal caseload.

Judge Webb is survived by his wife, Janet, and his two sons, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

————— 2013 – 2015 CARBON COUNTY TRIENNIAL JUDICIAL REPORT —————
COURT ADMINISTRATION



District Court Administrator Roberta L. Brewster, (Front Row Center), with Office Staff, Front Row (L to R), Kelly Hamm, District Court Administrator Brewster and Kristin Leffler. Back Row (L to R) Cynthia Winn, Sarah Sherer and Francine Heaney.

District Court Administrator:

Roberta L. Brewster

Assistant Court Administrators:

Kelly Hamm and Cynthia Winn

Administrative Assistants:

Kristin Leffler and Francine Heaney

Department Clerk III: Sarah Sherer

Phone: (570) 325-8556

Fax: (570) 325-9449

The District Court Administrator, assisted by her experienced staff, is responsible for the day-to-day non-judicial operations of the Court of Common Pleas and the Magisterial District Courts. She is responsible for fiscal administration, case flow management, policy development, personnel, facilities, and jury and information technology management, and acts as intergovernmental liaison for the Court.

Court Administration staff schedules all types of hearings and conferences for the Judges and the Masters. Arbitration panels are automatically scheduled for cases involving disputes under \$50,000.

This office processes and tracks thousands of motions and petitions, as well as stipulations and continuances.

The operation of the one-day/one-trial system is monitored by the District Court Administrator to ensure efficient use of jurors, using cost effective methods.

Assistant Court Administrators Kelly Hamm and Cynthia Winn perform fiscal and statistical functions, ensuring that revenues and expenditures are accounted for properly and that accurate recording of case flow numbers and trends are reported.

FAMILY LAW CASES

Cases involving custody, divorce, protection from abuse, and child/spousal support dominate the Court's docket. In 2015, family law cases made up 70.0% of the civil caseload. Also, many of these cases proceed through the system with the parties being unrepresented by counsel. Custody and protection from abuse forms are made available in the Prothonotary's office or online at www.carboncourts.com.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

Advanced two-way communication technology in the Courthouse and Correctional Facility allow the Court to conduct hearings from a courtroom and/or conference room with an inmate housed at the local prison and state correctional facilities. This method reduces labor costs for the Sheriff and minimizes security risks, because prisoners are not transported to the Courthouse. Routine uses of video conferencing include pretrial bail inquiries, Gagnon I hearings, reduction of bail hearings, bench warrant hearings, and extradition hearings.

Video conferencing between the police departments, prisons and the Magisterial District Courts is used for preliminary arraignments.

CASE FLOW MANAGEMENT

Both civil and criminal case flow standards are utilized to track, monitor and schedule cases through the system. With pre-set timeframes, the Court has taken control of its inventory and the allotted time needed to effect dispositions. Negotiated settlements for guilty pleas and ARDs are established by the District Attorney at the preliminary hearing stage held at the Magisterial District Courts.

Civil cases are automatically assigned to a Judge at time of filing. When the case is 120 days old, a management review is performed to set the case on its proper track and set timeframes for discovery, pretrial motions and trial dates. Periodic management conferences are held by the Court to keep the case moving toward disposition.

COMMON PLEAS CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CPCMS)

The Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS) provides an automated and integrated statewide network of scheduling, docket entries, forms and financial accounting functions at the trial court level. This system provides a single uniform source of electronic data exchange among entities. Public and secure web docket sheets are available at no cost. Uniform rule-based forms and statewide bail and sentencing information are also available.

PENNSYLVANIA JUSTICE NETWORK (JNET)

The Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET) is a secure virtual system for the sharing of justice information by authorized users providing on-line offender records and other justice information. Major benefits include: community safety, reduced transportation costs, reduced case processing

delays, improved prosecution efforts and minimized risk of releasing offenders who could pose a public threat. Available photos can prevent innocent people from being arrested due to misidentification. Mobile access is available to state and local police officers via laptops in their vehicles.

CARBON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD (CJAB)

Since October 20, 2003, the Carbon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board has provided the forum for agencies in all aspects of the criminal justice system to present innovative ideas and effect collaborative approaches to solutions to problems. The strategic plan was updated in an effort to guide the path of CJAB's future projects.

LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN INTERPRETERS

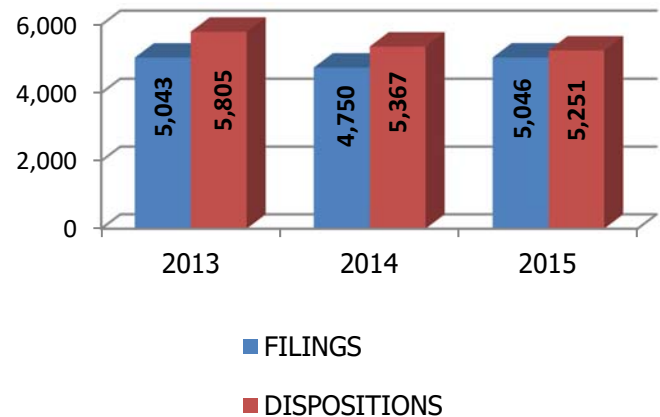
The Court's Language Access Plan is designed to ensure meaningful access to court services for persons with limited English proficiency, who do not speak English as their primary language, and who have the limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English, and therefore may be unable to understand and meaningfully participate in the Court process. This plan provides a framework for the timely and effective language assistance to limited English proficient persons and deaf and hard of hearing persons who come in contact with the judicial system. In Carbon County, Spanish interpreters are the most commonly requested language. In 2015, a total of 10 deaf and language interpreters were utilized to cover 35 court events at a cost of \$8,805.44. A grant, which was provided by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, reimbursed the County \$4,752.00 of this amount.

COURT CASE VOLUME SUMMARY STATISTICAL COMPARISON 2013 – 2014 - 2015

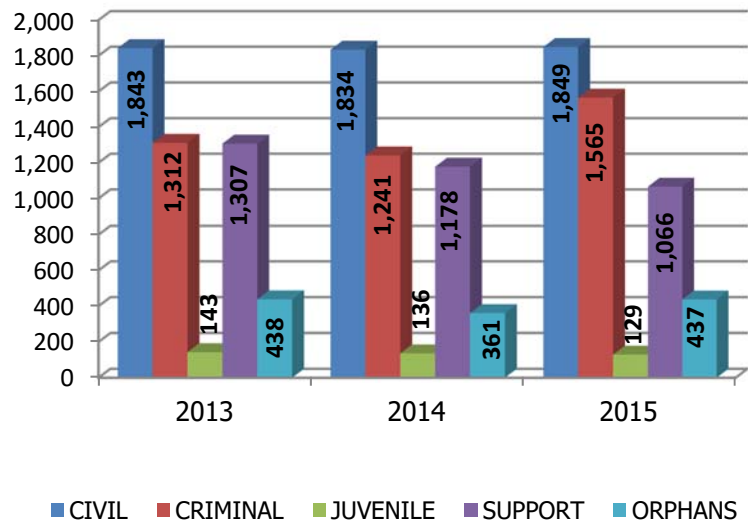
	2013	2014	2015
CRIMINAL			
Cases Received*	1,240	1,187	1,522
Cases Disposed*	1,281	1,179	1,329
Summary Appeals Filed	72	54	43
Summary Appeals Disposed	66	65	56
JUVENILE (Dependency & Delinquency)			
Cases Received	143	136	129
Cases Disposed	156	155	122
CIVIL			
Cases Received	944	932	901
Cases Disposed	1,407	1,467	1,355
DIVORCE			
Cases Received	211	200	214
Cases Disposed	220	209	220
CUSTODY**			
Cases Received	378	371	402
Cases Disposed	409	381	347
PROTECTION FROM ABUSE			
Cases Received	310	331	332
Cases Disposed	309	338	330
DOMESTIC RELATIONS			
Cases Received	1,307	1,178	1,066
Cases Disposed	1,298	1,215	1,085
ORPHANS' COURT			
Estates Raised	412	342	410
Estates Disposed	632	342	380
ADOPTIONS & TERMINATIONS			
Cases Received	26	19	27
Cases Disposed	27	16	27
TOTAL			
Cases Received	5,043	4,750	5,046
Cases Disposed	5,805	5,367	5,251

**CASE FILINGS REMAIN CONSTANT
CASE DISPOSITIONS DECREASE 9.5%**

CASE FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS



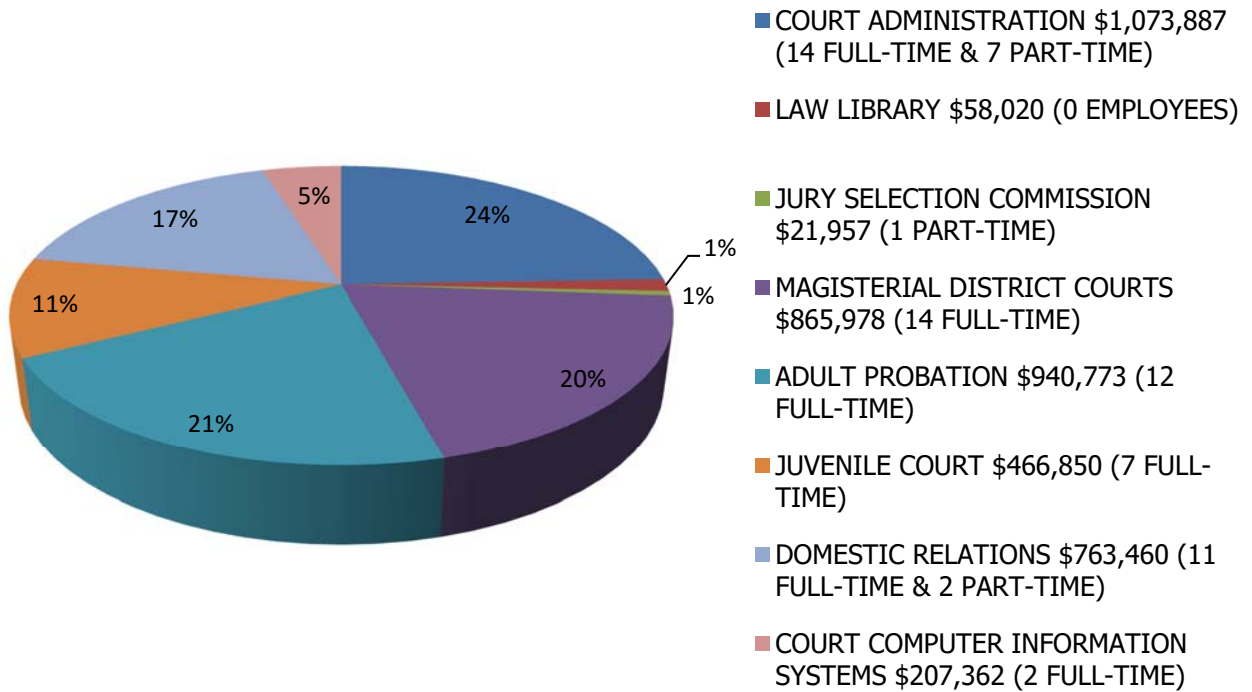
CASELOAD FILINGS BY COURT DIVISIONS



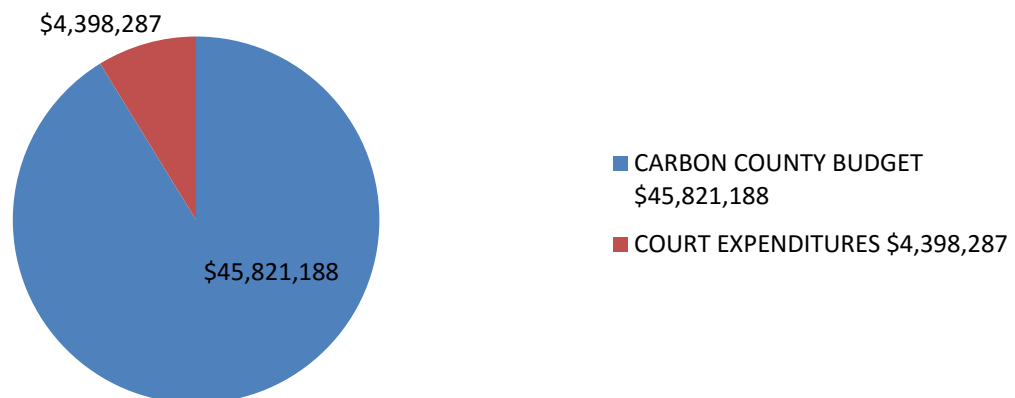
*Figures compiled from Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS), which includes M3 cases disposed at the Magisterial District Court but does not include re-opened cases.

** Figures include Petitions to Modify Custody.

2015 COURT OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES AND NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES



2015 COUNTY OF CARBON ADOPTED BUDGET AS COMPARED TO TOTAL COURT EXPENDITURES INCLUDING BENEFIT COSTS



COURT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

COURT DEPARTMENT REVENUES	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
County Court Support	\$213,454	\$206,318	\$261
PA MH/MR Reimbursement	\$7,750	\$10,000	\$7,875
Adult Probation Grant	\$96,408	\$32,166	\$65,317
Intermediate Punishment Grant	\$14,059	\$3,546	\$8,858
Service Fees for Bureau of Collections Office	\$58,770	\$50,093	\$54,867
Juvenile Court Costs	\$3,581	\$2,757	\$2,627
Juvenile Supervision Fee	\$10,270	\$8,416	\$7,095
Community Service – Juvenile Office	\$638	\$500	\$458
Offender Supervision Fee (Adult Probation)	\$302,114	\$275,301	\$296,955
Electronic Monitoring Fee (Adult Probation)	\$8,221	\$18,568	\$18,648
ARD Costs Collection (Bureau Of Collections)	\$134,532	\$127,038	\$135,809
MDJ Fines & Costs – Jim Thorpe	\$103,769	\$104,678	\$85,032
MDJ Fines & Costs – Palmerton	\$124,550	\$118,033	\$109,724
MDJ Fines & Costs – Lansford	\$60,194	\$68,271	\$68,233
MDJ Fines & Costs – Weatherly	\$189,763	\$134,820	\$159,514
Constable Reimbursement	\$-0-	\$32	\$220
Domestic Relations IV-D Grant	\$449,871	\$369,213	\$440,139
Domestic Relations IV-D Incentive	\$114,343	\$87,965	\$88,720
Domestic Relations Fees & Costs	\$1,800	\$2,572	\$1,121
Jury Commission Reimbursement	\$1,993	\$3,047	\$-0-
Juvenile Probation Grant	\$130,381	\$-0-	\$71,800
Juvenile Electronic Monitoring	\$198	\$447	\$408
Juvenile Reimbursement	\$565,655	\$558,195	*\$220,592
Juvenile Service Grant (JAIBG)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Juvenile Title IV-E Grant	\$14,166	\$19,711	\$7,762
Juvenile Victim Services Grant	\$7,297	\$14,351	\$16,191
TOTAL COURT REVENUES	\$2,623,777	\$2,226,038	\$1,873,226
COURT DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES			
Court Administration	\$986,690	\$1,049,287	\$1,073,887
Adult Probation	\$805,751	\$895,842	\$940,773
Magisterial District Judges	\$830,925	\$841,963	\$865,978
Domestic Relations	\$787,813	\$748,066	\$763,460
Jury Selection Commission	\$40,763	\$17,361	\$21,957
Juvenile Court	\$454,281	\$478,700	\$466,850
Law Library	\$52,303	\$56,459	\$58,020
Court Computer Information Systems	\$201,601	\$243,422	\$207,362
TOTAL COURT DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	\$4,160,127	\$4,331,100	\$4,398,287
JUVENILE PLACEMENT EXPENDITURES	\$1,117,652	\$978,175	*\$506,557
TOTAL COURT EXPENDITURES	\$5,277,779	\$5,309,275	\$4,904,844
TOTAL COURT REVENUES	\$2,623,777	\$2,226,038	\$1,873,226
TOTAL OPERATIONAL COST TO COUNTY	\$2,654,002	\$3,083,237	\$3,031,618
COST RATIO (REVENUE/EXPENDITURES)	50%	42%	38%

*Juvenile reimbursement funds/placement expenditures have been delayed due to the 2015/2016 State Budget impasse.

STATUTORY APPEAL FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

	2013 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS		2014 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS		2015 FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS	
Municipal Appeals	0	1	0	1	1	1
License Appeals	32	28	27	26	27	27
Tax Assessment Appeals	23	22	17	24	6	14
District Justice Appeals	58	67	50	71	64	58
Tax Sale Appeals	10	7	10	5	9	13
Mental Health Appeals	3	3	3	3	3	3
Zoning Appeals	3	2	2	5	3	2
TOTAL	129	130	109	135	113	118
Criminal Summary Appeals	72	66	54	59	43	56

MISCELLANEOUS JUDICIAL ACTIVITY

	2013	2014	2015
ARGUMENTS	249	194	179
PFA HEARINGS	318	347	335
COURT CUSTODY HEARINGS*	340	254	203
OTHER CIVIL HEARINGS**	280	345	354
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES	290	296	335
PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES	41	29	24
TOTAL CIVIL	1,518	1,465	1,430
REVOCATION HEARINGS	342	347	390
OTHER HEARINGS ***	793	541	932
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1,135	888	1,322
TOTAL CIVIL & CRIMINAL	2,653	2,353	2,752

*Court Custody Hearings include Petitions for Disobedience of a Custody Order.

**Civil hearings include Petitions for Special Relief, Petitions for Contempt, Petitions to Approve Settlements, Petitions to Open Judgments, Discovery Motions, Petitions for Bifurcation, and Preliminary Injunctions.

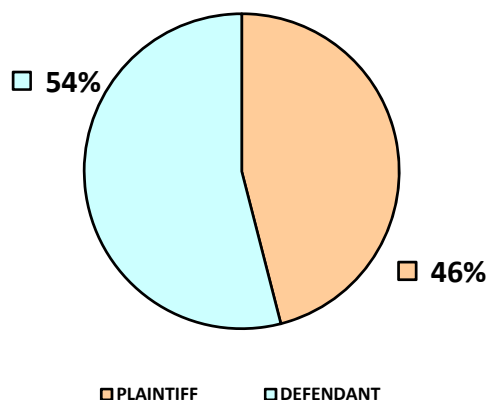
***Other hearings include Pretrial Motions, Post-Trial Motions, Juvenile Dependency/Delinquency Reviews, Contempt Proceedings and Extraditions.

Carbon's case inventory averages about 4,947 cases during this reporting period. Thirteen (13) civil jury trials were held during this three-year period. Six (6) cases resulted in verdicts for the Plaintiff ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$875,000.00 and seven (7) cases produced defense verdicts. In addition, there were 265 non-jury civil trials held. A total of 19 criminal jury trials were held with 73.7% or 14 Defendants being found guilty and five (5) being found not guilty. Eighteen (18) criminal bench trials resulted in fourteen (14) guilty findings and four (4) not guilty findings by the Court. From 2013 to 2015, there were 6,992 civil cases disposed and 4,413 civil hearings and arguments.

A total of 3,598 domestic relations cases were disposed and 1,424 orphans' court cases were disposed. Disposed criminal cases totaled 3,789 cases. In addition, the Court conducted 3,345 criminal hearings/arguments and revocations. There were 187 summary appeals heard.

COMPARISON OF CIVIL JURY VERDICTS

PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT JURY VERDICTS





Arbitration Panel Members include (L to R) Jeffrey Chu, Esquire, Anthony Roberti, Esquire and Keith Pavlack, Esquire.

ARBITRATIONS

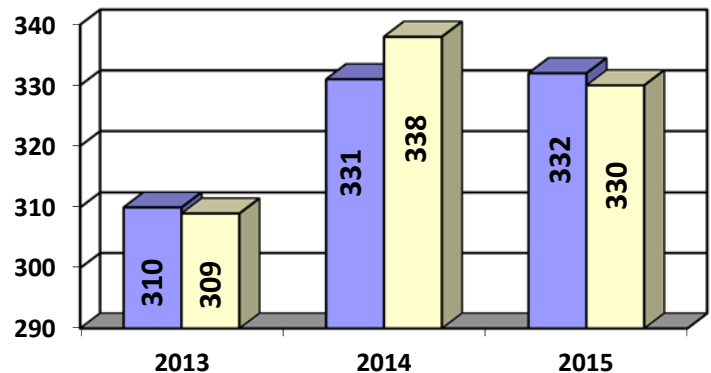
Arbitration hearings are automatically scheduled in cases where the amount in controversy is \$50,000.00 or less. These cases are processed on a fast-track timeframe and are disposed in approximately ten (10) months from case filing. Of the 73 cases scheduled for arbitration in 2015, 54 cases or 74% were decided by arbitration panels consisting of three attorneys. Of the remaining 19 cases, four (4) cases went to a trial and the remaining 15 cases were discontinued, settled, dismissed, withdrawn or resulted in a non-suit or default judgment entered. There were 28 Plaintiff awards, 25 cases resulted in Defendant awards and one case was discontinued at the Arbitration Hearing. Eleven (11) cases were appealed to a Common Pleas Judge.

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE DATABASE (PFAD)

A statewide database system (PFAD) works with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Protection Order Registry by providing data for the courts and law enforcement. PFAD creates all standardized PFA forms and

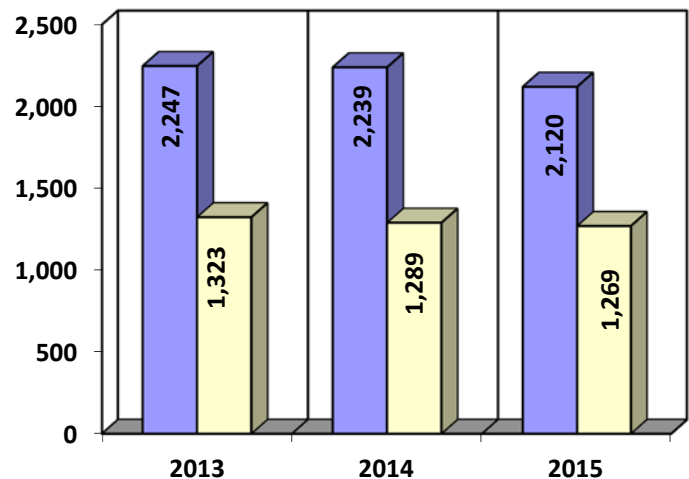
the PSP Protection From Abuse Summary Data Sheet.

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE FILINGS INCREASE 7.1% DISPOSITIONS INCREASE 6.8%



■ Filings ■ Disposition

CIVIL MOTIONS AND PETITIONS



■ Filings ■ Dispositions

An average of 2,202 filings and 1,294 dispositions of motions and petitions were handled annually by the Judges during this reporting period.

CRIMINAL COURT DISPOSITIONS

	2013	2014	2015
Cases Filed *	1,240	1,187	1,522
Cases Disposed	1,281	1,179	1,329
TYPES OF DISPOSITIONS			
Withdrawn/Dismissed	43	52	34
Rule 600	0	0	0
ARD	337	290	328
Guilty Plea	870	862	918
Non-Jury Trial	8	6	4
Jury Trial	8	5	6
Inactive Cases	39	36	84
Other Dispositions	0	4	10
Total Cases Processed**	1,305	1,255	1,384

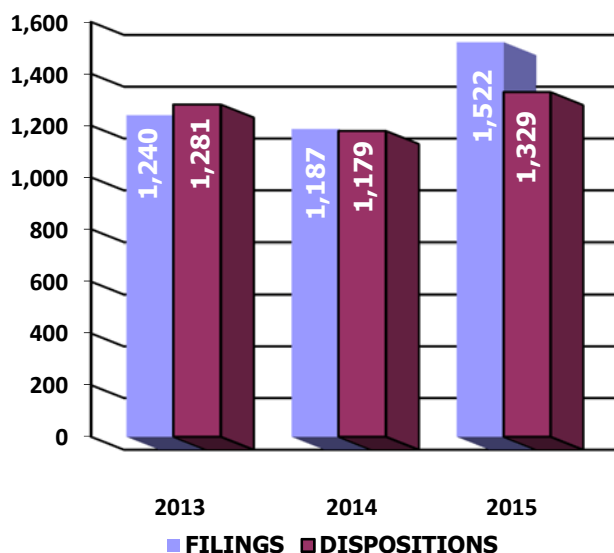
* Figures compiled from CPCMS which include M3 dispositions at the Magisterial District Courts.

** Cases processed includes Inactive Cases and other dispositions such as Remands to the Minor Courts.

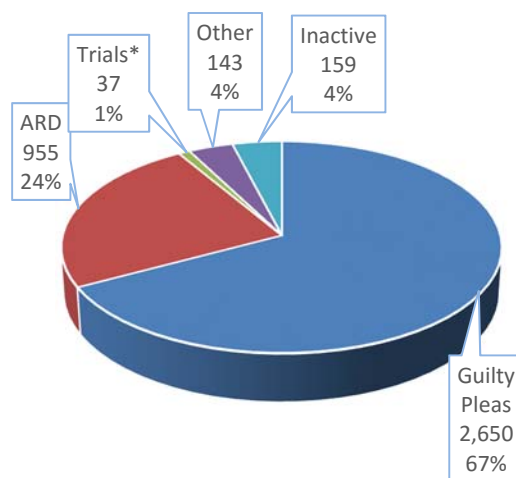
COURT DISPOSED OF 95.9% OF CRIMINAL CASELOAD

The Judges disposed of an average of 1,315 criminal cases per year. The criminal caseload management program provides the vehicle and the impetus for moving cases toward final disposition. A quick glance at the pie chart below indicates that 3,907 cases or 99% of the 3,944 criminal dispositions were resolved by guilty pleas, ARD or other pretrial dispositions. Only 37 cases or 1% went to jury and non-jury trials. The coordinated efforts beginning at the Magisterial District Court level and continuing through the Common Pleas level allow the Court to maintain this dispositional rate and keep pace with criminal filings.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS CRIMINAL CASELOAD



CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE



*Figure includes jury and non-jury trials.



Official Court Reporters (L to R), Jolene Remus, Patricia Lawless and Sherri Kleintop

Certified Court Reporters:
Sherri Kleintop, RPR, Patricia Lawless, RPR and Jolene Remus, RPR
Phone: (570) 325-8556
Fax: (570) 325-9449

Carbon County employs three Official Court Reporters. Each is responsible for stenographically converting the spoken word into text by the use of a computerized stenographic machine. Court proceedings are preserved and archived as provided by the Rules of Judicial Administration. Upon appeal or directive from the Court, verbatim transcripts are produced by the Court Reporters to be used by attorneys, judges and litigants and filed in the appropriate office for use in future court proceedings.

Preparation of a transcript requires the Court Reporter to transfer the written information on the stenotype machine stored on an SD card into a computer. Transcription is done through specialized software that translates the text into the written word through a computer dictionary. The Court Reporter must then proofread the testimony and compile the proceedings into an official transcript.

Each Court Reporter has earned an Associate Degree and is certified by the National Court Reporters Association as a Registered Professional Reporter. This certification is obtained by passing a written knowledge and skills test. Their certification is maintained upon completion of continuing education requirements each year.

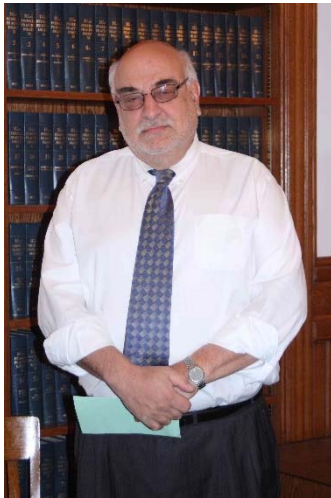
FTR Gold is a digital/audio computer system used as a backup for all court proceedings. This system saves testimony to compact discs. Transcripts can be produced from these discs. All courtrooms are equipped with FTR Gold.



Tipstaves (Seated L to R), Linda Swartz, Sandy Flanigan, Susan Bernhard. (Standing L to R) Melva McArdle, Robert Ebbert and Mary McElmoyle

The Tipstaves are responsible to prepare the courtroom, call the cases, verify that all litigants, attorneys and personnel are present, safeguard evidence, provide proper courtroom decorum, and assist jurors during trials.

HEARINGS & CONFERENCES CONDUCTED BY MASTERS



*Samuel F. Feldman, Esquire
Divorce and Custody Master*



*Eileen Diehl, Esquire
Custody Master*

President Judge Roger N. Nanovic appoints Masters in Divorce, Custody, and Mental Health to assist the Court in handling the heavy caseloads.

Samuel F. Feldman, Esquire serves the Court as both a Divorce and Custody Master and Eileen Diehl, Esquire serves as a Custody Master. Attorney Feldman hears issues pertaining to divorce, equitable distribution of marital assets, alimony pendente lite, alimony, counsel fees, costs and expenses and Attorneys Feldman and Diehl hear issues pertaining to custody. Conferences are routinely scheduled in an effort to obtain voluntary agreements between the parties. If no agreement is reached, partial custody/visitation and divorce cases are scheduled for hearings. Matters involving primary custody claims are scheduled before the Judges. Exceptions filed to any Master's recommended Orders of Court are heard by a Judge, who disposes of the exceptions.

Mental Health Review Officers Jenny Cheng, Esquire and Adam Weaver, Esquire conduct hearings at various hospitals to recommend whether an individual should be involuntarily committed to a mental health facility.



*Adam Weaver, Esquire
Mental Health Review Officer*



*Jenny Cheng, Esquire
Mental Health Review Officer*



*Sarah Sherer
Department Clerk III*

Department Clerk III: Sarah Sherer
Phone: (570) 325-4759
Fax: (570) 325-9449

JURY SELECTION COMMISSION

By Resolution adopted and approved by the Carbon County Board of Commissioners on May 16, 2013, the Office of the Jury Commissioners was abolished pursuant to Act 4 of 2013. After consulting with President Judge Roger N. Nanovic and District Court Administrator Roberta L. Brewster, the Board of Commissioners concluded that the list of potential jurors is a representative cross-section of the community and the procedures presently utilized for the selection of jurors complied with the Act. Accordingly, the Carbon County Board of Commissioners abolished the Office of the Jury Commissioners effective at the completion of the incumbents' terms, which was January 2, 2014. The Department Clerk maintains and updates the master file, summons jurors, qualifies and disqualifies prospective jurors, investigates non-compliance and provides for excusal of jurors according to statutory requirements. The President Judge determines all hardship excusals.

Yearly, the motor vehicle file for driver's licenses is used to electronically update the master file.

JUROR'S GUIDE - A QUICK REFERENCE TO YOUR ROLE IN THE TRIAL PROCESS IN PENNSYLVANIA

This pamphlet, which was created by the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, provides each juror with information to help understand the Pennsylvania Court, informs the juror of what to expect when serving as a juror, and emphasizes the critical role jurors play in our justice system. This pamphlet is reproduced in house by the Court Computer Information System Department with authorization from the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

JURY MANAGER'S TOOLBOX

Since September of 2011, an online diagnostic tool known as the Jury Manager's Toolbox continues to provide court administrators and jury managers with relevant information to evaluate and improve jury management operations and procedures. It tracks information such as the number of jurors reporting for service, as compared to the number of jurors utilized, and the cost of jury operations.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Jurors Reporting for Service	1,093	567	746
Jurors Sent to Voir Dire	967	507	598
Sworn Jurors	322	140	112
Jury Trials Held	15	12	6
Total Juror Costs	\$22,035.78	\$11,372.90	\$12,214.13
Average Cost Per Trial	\$1,469.05	\$947.74	\$2,035.69
Jury Operating Costs	\$42,799.04	\$28,734.06	\$31,171.01

LAW LIBRARY

Phone: (570) 325-3111

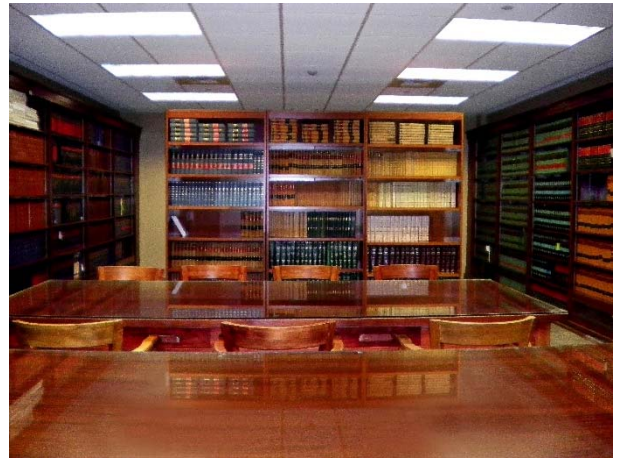
Fax: (570) 325-9449

Located on the second floor of the Courthouse, the Carbon County Law Library is the only public legal research library in Carbon County offering electronic and hard copy access to federal and state statutes, cases, administrative regulations, legal treatises, forms, local ordinances, and various other legal reference materials. A computer provides access to an electronic research library known as WESTLAW, via the Internet. This system allows access to federal and state materials by members of the Bar who maintain accounts with WESTLAW.

The County provides funding for the Law Library. In 2015, the County Commissioners allocated \$58,020 for maintaining the wide variety of legal reference materials. In addition, the Carbon County Bar Association pays each law clerk \$100.00 a month to update the reference books, forms, regulations, etc. Court Administration manages the Law Library budget and the Law Clerks file the day-to-day manual updates of reference materials. The Court Computer Information Systems Department updates and maintains the computer systems.

A private area is available for attorneys to conduct legal research and/or meet with their clients. The Carbon County Bar Association continues to enhance this space with suitable furnishings and memorabilia.

The Law Library is open to the public between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



LAW DAY 2016

Established on February 3, 1958, Law Day is traditionally observed on May 1st and is an opportunity for all Americans to celebrate and enjoy our freedoms. The jury is the personification of our democracy and we entrust juries, made up of ordinary men and women, to make just and wise decisions on matters involving liabilities and property of others.

Each year the Young Lawyers Section of the Carbon County Bar Association organizes the annual Law Day activities to give the audience a general overview of how the legal system works. In 2016, the Mock Trial High School Teams staged a civil trial for area high school students, teachers and any other interested members of the public.

Initially, the students are brought into Courtroom No. 1 of the Carbon County Courthouse and view the same jury orientation video as all prospective jurors are shown. Next, fourteen (14) students are selected to sit as jurors (12 jurors with 2 alternates) for the mock trial. Members of the Marian High School and Palmerton High School Mock Teams played the roles of the attorneys, who question and cross-examine those testifying, and testify as witnesses. Local Magisterial District Judges presided over the trial and instructed the jury on the law.

This year's case was a declaratory judgment action arising from protecting the "Preserve" and the exclusive right to hunt for wild foxes in the Natural Habitat Preserve by the Wisawe Hunt Club. Plaintiff, Lilienthal Insurance, Inc., approved the use of a drone to collect evidence during these hunts. During a hunt, the drone operated by Stacey Earhart spooked Steven Yeager's horse, throwing him off, paralyzing him for life. The jury needed to decide whether this was simply a negligent act of a reckless employee or an intentional act of

an overzealous naturalist who was pushed too far. Plaintiff sued Defendant to prove Earhart violated the insurance policy conditions and therefore Plaintiff was not liable for Yeager's expenses. After hearing all the testimony, the student jury rendered a verdict for the Plaintiff.



A FAREWELL



*District Court Administrator
Roberta L. Brewster*

For almost 28 years, the Carbon County Courthouse has been my home away from home. It has now come time for me to enter a new phase of my life and begin the realm of retirement. I will retire on October 1st.

Over the years, I have seen many changes involving the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas. The Court's budget went from \$963,946.00 to \$4,743,894.00 for an increase of 392%. Personnel increased 92% from 36 to 69 court positions. Overall case filings have trended up 76% from 2,875 in 1989 to 5,046 in 2015.

I have seen the Bench go from one Judge in 1989 to two Judges in 1992 and again to three Judges in 2010. During my time, Judge John P. Lavelle and Judge Richard W. Webb retired and, unfortunately, the Court experienced the

untimely death of Judge David W. Addy. In the Magisterial District Courts, Irene Hudasky, Paul Hadzick, Bruce Appleton and Edward Lewis retired.

Many programs and tools have been developed to help perform our jobs and provide effective and efficient use of our precious resources. The Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) and the Justice Network (JNET) were born. The development of the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), Language Access Plan, and the implementation of the Common Pleas Case Management Plan (CPCMS) provided a framework for court operations. Magisterial boundaries were redrawn in the 2010 Redistricting Plan moving most cases originating in Mahoning Township to Magisterial District Court 56-3-03.

Monthly Board of Judges' meetings were invaluable in dealing with problems and issues affecting the Court.

There are no words that can fully express the gratitude and appreciation I feel in working with so many talented individuals. I am very thankful to the Judges for their support and confidence. I leave here knowing that the Court Staff, Assistant Court Administrators and Department Heads are very capable of maintaining their job duties and responsibilities.

I will always cherish the many memories and friendships I have gained over the years.

With fondest regards,
Roberta

ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE



Retired Chief Adult Probation Officer Ronald S. Kokinda (Back Row 5th from Left) with Office Staff (Front Row, L to R) Jillian McGinley, Matthew Kimmel, Brianna Foster, Jessica Cressley and Tammy Wall. (Back Row, L to R) Joseph J. Berke, Kimberly Cooper, Derek George, Chief Richmond Parsons, Retired Chief Kokinda, Joseph Bettine and Cheryl Honchen.
Missing from photo: Clifford Eckhart.

Chief Adult Probation Officer:
Ronald S. Kokinda (Retired June 3, 2016)
Chief Adult Probation Officer: Richmond Parsons (as of June 4, 2016)
Deputy Chief Adult Probation Officer:
Joseph J. Berke
Probation Officer II/Gagnon Hearing Officer: Tammy Wall
Probation Officer II:
Matthew Kimmel, Joseph Bettine, Clifford Eckhart, Kimberly Cooper, Jillian McGinley
Probation Officer I: Derek George, Brianna Foster
Adult Probation Technician I: Cheryl Honchen
Adult Probation Specialist: Jessica Cressley
Phone: (570) 325-4226
Fax: (570) 325-4250

This department's primary mission is to maintain public safety and protection through the active supervision, control, and surveillance of the offender. Secondly, it strives to reintegrate the offender into society without further criminal behavior.

WORKLOAD STATISTICS

As of December 31, 2015, there were 1,684 offenders under supervision with an average active caseload for each field officer of 243 offenders.

During this reporting period, the number of offenders added increased 25% from 1,347 in 2013 to 1,684 in 2015. Revocation petitions decreased 11.4% from 703 in 2013 to 623 in 2015. The Court revoked 342 offenders in 2013 as compared to 390 offenders in 2015 representing a 14% increase.

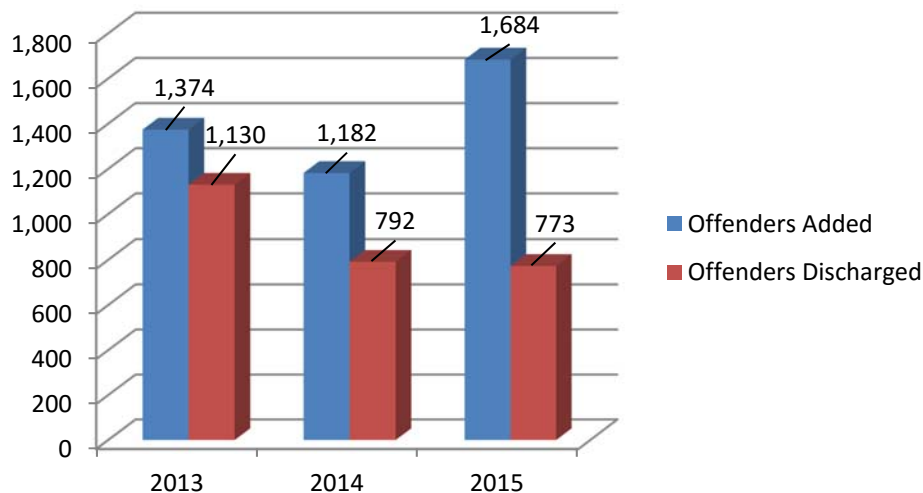
State funding has decreased 32.2%. Collection of the offender supervision fee has decreased 1.71%. The monthly fee is \$50.00 per offender/per month.

PETITIONS & REVOCATIONS

	2013	2014	2015	% change 2013-2015
Petitions	703	638	623	-11.4%
Revocations	342	347	390	14%

WORKLOAD INCREASES 25%

	2013	2014	2015	% CHANGE 2013-2015
WORKLOAD				
Staff Members	12	12	12	0%
Offenders Added	1,347	1,182	1,684	25%
Offenders Discharged	1,130	792	773	-31.6%
SERVICES				
Average Offenders Supervised per Staff	212	172	243	14.6%
Video Conferences	255	222	161	36.9%
Pretrial Services Added/Deleted	99/120	97/90	121/77	22%/-35.8%
Bail Reports	86	12	34	-60.5%
Intermediate Punishment (IP) (Added/Deleted)	56/58	22/21	33/28	-41.1/-51.7%
Intermediate Punishment (IP) Investigations	65	53	69	6.2%
Presentence Reports	146	152	322	120.5%
Preparole Investigations	102	100	60	-41.2%
Other Court Investigations	660	635	940	42.4%
ARD Investigations	333	337	360	8.1%
Violation Reports	311	230	329	5.8%
Detainers/Warrants	297	267	336	13.1%
Sentence Guideline Investigations	927	1,077	1,167	25.9%
REVENUE & FUNDING				
Grant-in-Aid Program	\$96,408	\$32,166	\$65,317	-32.2%
Intermediate Punishment Grant	\$14,059	\$3,546	\$8,858	-37.0%
Offender Supervision Fee Fund	\$302,114	\$275,301	\$296,955	-1.71%
Electronic Monitoring Fund	\$8,221	\$18,568	\$18,648	126.8%



COURT COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS



*Computer Systems Director Ann Schlough (L), with Rebecca Collura,
Computer Assistant (R)*

Computer Systems Director: Ann M. Schlough
Computer Assistant: Rebecca Collura
Phone: (570) 325-4202
Fax: (570) 325-9221

The Court Computer Information Systems Department manages and maintains an integrated network of computer resources which provide data and information processing services to all Court and Court-Related Offices.

Responsibilities for this office include administration and support of local and wide-area computer networks, computer operations and security, virtual private networks, computer programming, website maintenance, video conferencing setup, imaging, technical support and technological policy management.

A state-of-the-art case information and case management system for all civil, orphans' court, jury selection and court scheduling is hosted by a LINUX server. This unique and fully integrated system allows the sharing of one database for the input and dissemination of information to all

Court employees and makes detailed case information available via the public access section of the Court website.

The Court website features all local rules, Judges' opinions, administrative orders, daily, weekly and monthly court calendars, downloadable forms, fee schedules, job postings and information on all Court and Court-Related Offices. A new user friendly Court website will be unveiled in 2016. The website can be found at www.carboncourts.com.

Technical assistance and helpdesk support is provided via desktop, telephone and remote access to the Court, County, attorneys, prison, and local police departments with technical configuration, setup, administration and support of the network infrastructure, servers, desktop computers, laptops, printers, scanners, copiers, software applications and establishing local and remote video presentations for court proceedings and various training sessions.

During this reporting period, technical support calls averaged 1,981 calls and programming requests averaged 152.

In addition to providing technical support, this office is responsible for a security database providing controlled door access to the Courthouse, Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET) access for criminal justice agencies utilizing virtual private networks, Juvenile Case Management System (JCMS), Pennsylvania Sexual Offender Tools (PASORT) and local support to the statewide Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS) used for the processing of all criminal and juvenile matters.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS



Magisterial District Judges (L to R) Casimir T. Kosciolk, Edward M. Lewis, Joseph D. Homanko, Sr. and William J. Kissner.

District Court #56-3-01

Magisterial District Judge:

Edward M. Lewis (Retired February 3, 2016)

Office Supervisor I:

Wendy Smelas

Secretary II:

Carla Bartelt

Secretary I:

Kimberly Houser and Renee Russell

Phone: (570) 325-2751

Fax: (570) 325-5538

District Court #56-3-02

Magisterial District Judge:

William J. Kissner

Office Supervisor I:

Gail Berger

Secretary II:

Jamie Graver

Secretary I:

Michelle Huszar

Phone: (610) 826-3707

Fax: (610) 826-6914

District Court #56-3-03

Magisterial District Judge:

Casimir T. Kosciolk

Office Supervisor I:

Dawn Orsulak

Secretary II:

Donna Peck

Secretary I:

Joanne Recla

Phone: (570) 645-3024

Fax: (570) 645-5544

District Court #56-3-04

Magisterial District Judge:

Joseph D. Homanko, Sr.

Office Supervisor I:

Karen Rayno

Secretary II:

Kimberly Butala

Secretary I:

Lenora Gera and Lynn Donnelly

Phone: (570) 427-4100

Fax: (570) 427-8730

— 2013 – 2015 CARBON COUNTY TRIENNIAL JUDICIAL REPORT —

	2013	2014	2015	% CHANGE 2013- 2015
WORKLOAD				
Staff	14	14	14	0%
Caseload				
Filed	22,307	20,582	20,320	-8.9%
Disposed	21,782	20,185	21,030	-3.5%
Services				
Collections	\$2,672,496	\$2,769,315	\$2,782,506	4.1%
Revenue				
(Turned over to the County)				
Fees/Fines/Costs	\$478,376	\$426,582	\$419,255	-12.4%
Total Operational Expenses				
	\$830,925	\$841,963	\$865,978	4.2%

p.m. and 8 a.m. eliminated the need to arraign defendants charged with lesser crimes in the middle of the night, providing the Judge with personal safety. The seriousness of the crimes and the drug epidemic has also impacted his job.

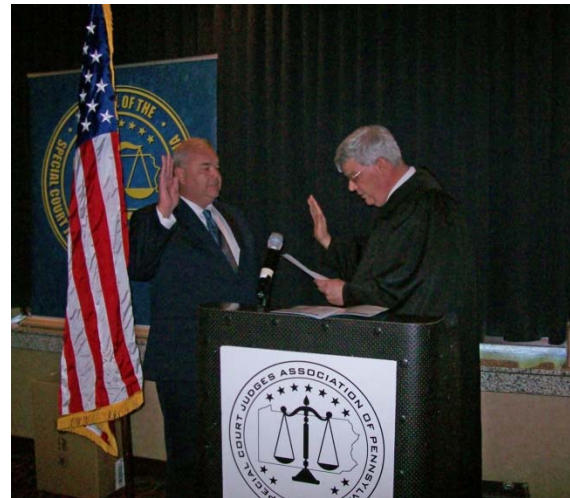
Since his retirement, he is serving as a Senior Magisterial District Judge for District Court 56-3-01. He and his wife plan to travel and enjoy their grandchildren.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD M. LEWIS RETIRES



After almost 30 years Edward M. Lewis retired as Magisterial District Judge for District Court 56-3-01 on February 3, 2016. He was first appointed Magisterial District Judge on July 13, 1986, and, in 1987, he was elected for his first six year term.

Since he took office, case filings in the Magisterial District Courts grew tremendously from 10,905 to 20,320 in 2015. During his tenure, Judge Lewis experienced title changes from Magistrate to District Justice to Magisterial District Judge. Carbon paper was replaced by electronic filings. Security cameras and commitments between the hours of 9



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE JOSEPH D. HOMANKO, SR. SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL COURT JUDGES ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA (SCJAP)

On June 19, 2015, President Judge Roger N. Nanovic administered the oath of office to the Honorable Joseph D. Homanko, Sr., as President of the Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania. The Association was created to foster, promote and advance, without partisan politics, the study and application of law affecting Special Court Judges, judicial ethics and moral obligations by and among its members, the dissemination of legal and other information for the better performance of the duties, and for social purposes. Judge Homanko will serve as President for one year.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS



Magisterial District Judge Lewis' Office Staff, (L to R) Wendy Smelas, Kimberly Houser, Carla Bartelt and Renee Russell.



Magisterial District Judge Kissner's Office Staff, seated Jamie Graver, standing (L to R) Gail Berger and Michele Huszar.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS TOTAL CASE FILINGS DECREASE 8.91% WITH CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS INCREASING 17.92%

	2013	2014	2015	% CHANGE 2013- 2015
Traffic				
Cases Filed	16,622	15,245	14,911	-10.29%
Cases Disposed	16,350	14,987	15,348	-6.13%
Summary & Non Traffic				
Cases Filed	2,599	2,664	2,413	-7.16%
Cases Disposed	2,538	2,574	2,600	2.44%
Misdemeanor & Felony				
Cases Filed	1,507	1,339	1,777	17.92%
Cases Disposed	1,330	1,306	1,797	35.11%
Civil				
Cases Filed	1,579	1,334	1,219	-22.80%
Cases Disposed	1,564	1,318	1,285	-17.84%
Total Filed	22,307	20,582	20,320	-8.91%
Total Disposed	21,782	20,185	21,030	-3.45%



Magisterial District Judge Kosciulek's Office Staff, (L to R) Dawn Orsulak, Joanne Recla and Donna Peck.

Total Case Filings by District				
	2013	2014	2015	% CHANGE
56-3-01 (Lewis)	5,142	5,258	4,443	-13.59%
56-3-02 (Kissner)	5,477	5,146	4,644	-15.21%
56-3-03 (Kosciulek)	2,752	3,142	3,219	16.97%
56-30-4 (Homanko)	8,936	7,036	8,014	-10.32%
Total Case Filings	22,307	20,582	20,320	-8.91%



Magisterial District Judge Homanko's Office Staff (L to R) Lynn Donnelly, Karen Rayno, Kimberly Butala and Lenora Gera.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE



Domestic Relations Director Mary Kunkel (deceased) (Front Row 3rd from Left) with Office Staff, (First Row, L to R) Michael Hydock, Susan Bolton, Director Kunkel, Vera Koin, Karen Gasker, Rashunda Yuhas, and Pierre Guichardan. (Second Row, L to R) Teah Reichard, Christine LeClair, Crystel Stein, Stacy Kattner and Bridget Johnston.

Domestic Relations Director:
Mary Kunkel (Deceased)
DR Assistant Director: Pierre Guichardan
DR Officer II: Michael Hydock, Bridget Johnston and Rashunda Yuhas
DR Officer I: Teah Reichard and Rachel Moyer
Intake Officer II: Stacy Kattner
DR Support Representative: Karen Gasker
DR Specialist II: Vera Koin, Susan Bolton and Crystel Stein
DR Specialist I: Christine LeClair
Phone: (570) 325-2681
Fax: (570) 325-2443

E-SERVICES

In 2014, E-Services were developed to allow clients and attorneys the ability to electronically complete, sign and submit forms using the Child Support Website. New case forms include the Application for Child/Spousal Support, Complaint for Support, Authorization for Release of Information, Entry of Appearance and a Complaint for Support with Defendant as Petitioner. Forms for cases in which support has already been established include Petition for Modification and/or Termination and/or Reinstatement of Existing

Support Order, Entry of Appearance, Withdrawal of Complaint and Petitions for Recovery of Support Overpayment in active and terminated cases.



DIRECTOR MARY KUNKEL RECEIVES THE 2015 ROBERT S. STEWART AWARD

The Stewart award was established in 1976 and is presented to the person who exemplifies the ideas established by Robert S. Stewart in the pursuit of collecting child support for children of Pennsylvania. This award is the highest award given by the Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania to those persons whose achievements have won the admiration and respect of the child support workers throughout Pennsylvania.

Director Mary Kunkel is the 44th recipient of the Robert S. Stewart Award, which was presented to her at the Domestic Relations Annual Training Conference held September 30, 2015 in Erie, PA.

TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Effective October 1, 2015, the Cooperative Agreement under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act was approved by the Department of Human Services, the Domestic Relations Section of the Court of Common Pleas and County Commissioners. It will remain in effect until September 30, 2020.

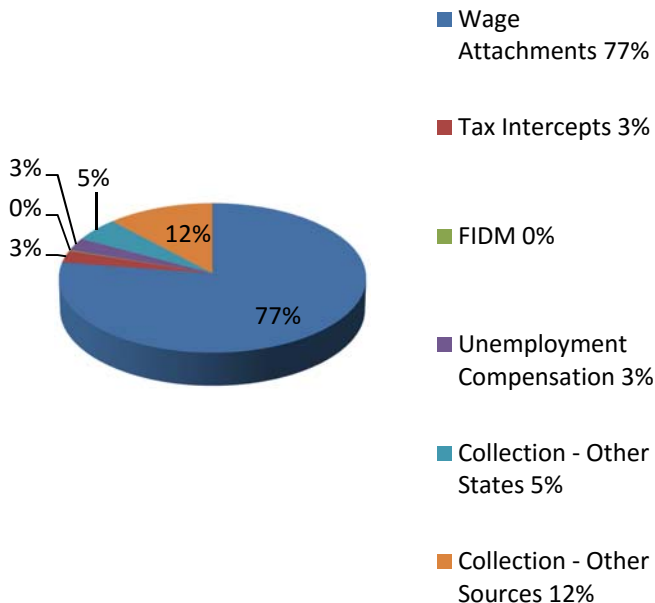
MONEYGRAM

As of March 5, 2015, MoneyGram accepts and transfers support payments directly to Pennsylvania State Collection and Disbursement Unit (PA SCDU). MoneyGram retail locations include CVS Pharmacy, Walmart and Dollar General. With a transaction fee of \$3.99, non-custodial parents can make credit card/debit card payments online at www.moneygram.com/PayBills.

These payments are received by PA SCDU within 2-3 banking days. MoneyGram Payment Tracker provides authorized Domestic Relations Service workers with a tool to view a support payment in near real time and can be viewed as soon as ten (10) minutes after being verified.

	2013	2014	2015
WORKLOAD			
Staff	11	11	13
Active Caseload	1,825	1,749	1,722
Collections	\$7,412,907	\$7,396,575	\$7,292,920
Filings	1,307	1,178	1,066
Dispositions	1,298	1,215	1,085
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES			
Paternity Established	189	142	147
New Orders	281	259	221
HEARINGS – SUPPORT/MODIFY			
Domestic Relations Officer	1,204	1,114	993
Hearing Officer	74	76	81
Judge	20	25	11
Other	0	0	0
CONTEMPT HEARINGS			
Scheduled	311	221	191
Resolves	239	171	113
BUDGET REVENUE & FUNDING			
IV-D Reimbursements	\$449,871	\$369,213	\$440,139
Incentives	\$114,343	\$87,965	\$88,720
TANF Medical Incentive	\$1,804	\$1,245	\$137
General Fund	\$223,574	\$189,623	\$256,564
Other	\$4,296	\$2,617	\$3,146
TOTAL REVENUE	\$793,888	\$650,663	\$788,706

METHODS OF COLLECTION - 2015



COLLECTION SOURCES			
	2013	2014	2015
Intercept			
Refund Offset (IRS)	\$120,506	\$180,388	\$179,000
State Tax Intercept	\$13,565	\$9,308	\$12,241
Unemployment Compensation	\$367,664	\$217,334	\$199,500
FIDM (Financial Institution Data Match)	\$5,971	\$7,873	\$12,069
Wage Attachment	\$5,577,612	\$5,730,578	\$5,642,793
Collection - Other States	\$381,214	\$372,461	\$374,182
Collection - Other Sources	\$946,375	\$878,633	\$873,135
Total Funds	\$7,412,907	\$7,396,575	\$7,292,920

JUVENILE COURT OFFICE



Chief Juvenile Probation Officer James E. Dodson, (Third from Left), with Office Staff (L to R) Paul Zona, Joseph Greco, Chief Dodson, Crystal Smith, Kimmy Mulik and Janelle Balliet. Missing from photo Tammy Sue Smith.

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: James E. Dodson

Deputy Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Kimmy Mulik

Probation Officer II: Paul Zona, Joseph Greco and Janelle Balliet

Juvenile Court Secretary II: Crystal Smith

Clerical Specialist: Tammy Sue Smith

Phone: (570) 325-2417

Fax: (570) 325-8827

This department's mission is to provide delinquent youths with programs of supervision, care, and rehabilitation utilizing a Balanced Approach of Restorative Justice (BARJ) of the community, accountability for offenses committed, and development of competencies in order to become responsible and productive members of the community. The juvenile must be between 10 to 21 years of age and have committed a felony or misdemeanor prior to their 18th birthday.

COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT

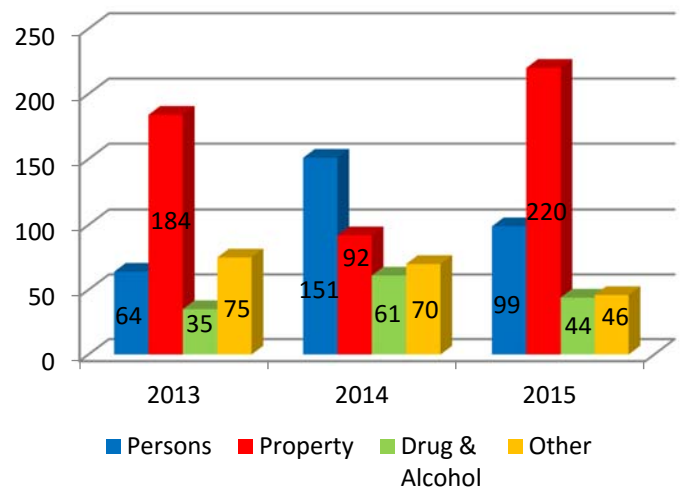
This department offers competency development groups, victim's awareness and

anger management sessions for our juvenile clients.

INTAKE

The Deputy Chief reviews all case material, conducts an intake interview with the juvenile and his/her guardian, recommends a disposition, and assigns the case to a probation officer for compliance and supervision.

NEW JUVENILE CASES BY CASE TYPE



COMMUNITY-BASED PROBATION

Juvenile Probation Officers visit the Senior and Junior High Schools of Lehighon, Palmerton, Weatherly, Panther Valley, and Jim Thorpe, as well as the Carbon Career Technical Institute on a daily rotating basis to deal with juveniles who are under the Juvenile Probation Office's supervision. Weekly contacts ensure that juveniles are in compliance with the conditions of their supervision. As a member of the school's Student Assistance Program, information is exchanged, resulting in the development of appropriate treatment plans for juveniles.

VICTIM / WITNESS SERVICES

A Victim/Witness brochure provides information on how to participate in all phases of the Juvenile Court process, including the submission of a restitution claim against the juvenile. It provides an avenue for the victim to express his/her expectations regarding disposition of the case. Under Federal grant dollars, the Victim's Resource Center Coordinator assists victims with filling out required paperwork, contacts them as to important times and dates of hearings, and accompanies the victims to court, if requested.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

This program enhances the Balanced Approach of Restorative Justice by assisting area non-profit organizations, such as fire companies, churches, local schools, townships, boroughs, and civic organizations with numerous service projects that benefit the community.

During this reporting period, a total of 222 juveniles were supervised and completed 6,931 hours of community service work. A total of 66 additional juveniles completed 1,179 hours in lieu of payment of fines for summary convictions at the Magisterial District Court level. Lastly, 36 juveniles participated in a restitution program, completing 990 hours of community service work, with \$7,375 being earned and paid directly to victims of juvenile crime.

HOME ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Carbon County utilizes a House Arrest/Home Electronic Monitoring Program. This program allows juveniles to reside at home, attend school, counseling, and other community-based treatment programs while holding them accountable for their actions by restricting their freedom.

Each juvenile wears an ankle bracelet transmitter for monitoring. The system tracks the juveniles as they come and go from their homes. If the juvenile leaves the house at an unapproved time, the monitoring company notifies local authorities in order to take appropriate actions.

From 2013 to 2015, 15 juveniles have participated in the program, saving the County \$154,594 in juvenile placement costs.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
WORKLOAD			
Staff	7	7	7
Intake Referrals (cases)	124	140	103
Charge Dispositions	136	124	95
SERVICES / PLACEMENTS*			
Client Supervision-Month Average	93	82	76
Group Home	3	5	6
Residential	37	29	23
Youth Forestry Camp & Youth Development Center (YFC/YDC)	6	6	12
Detention	13	16	12
Day Treatment	7	4	4
Total Juveniles Placed*	66	60	57
REVENUE AND FUNDING			
Grant Subsidies	\$84,837	\$88,141	**\$81,139
Juvenile Court Costs	\$3,116	\$2,897	\$2,627
Computer Fees	\$891	\$804	\$605
Supervision Fees	\$9,986	\$8,329	\$7,095
Community Service Fees	\$891	\$526	\$458
Electronic Monitoring Fees	\$149	\$454	\$408
Total Revenue	\$99,870	\$101,151	\$92,332

*A juvenile may be placed in more than one placement setting during the calendar year.

**2015 Grant-In-Aid for salaries and Title IV-E Administrative costs have been allocated, but not received due to the State 2015/2016 Budget impasse.

OFFICE OF CHILDREN & YOUTH



Administrator II, Sallianne Schatz-Newton (Back Row, 5th from Left), with her Office Staff (Front Row, L to R) Anissa Nunemacher, Marie Rusnak, Kelsey McElvar, Lori Roth, Amy Chickilly, Gail Marek and Megan Croizier. (Back Row, L to R), Alyssa DeNardo, Chris McLaughlin, Kevin Doll, Kevin Kane, Administrator Schatz-Newton, Marianne Grabarits, and Jill Geissinger.

Administrator II: Sallianne Schatz-Newton
Casework Supervisor: Marianne Grabarits and Megan Croizier

Caseworker II: Amy Chickilly, Kevin Kane, Chris McLaughlin, Jill Geissinger, Lori Roth, Kevin Doll, Alyssa DeNardo and Kelsey McElvar

Fiscal Officer I: Anissa Nunemacher

Fiscal Assistant: Marie Rusnak

Clerk Typist II: Gail Marek

Phone: (570) 325-3644

Fax: (570) 325-3647

The Carbon County Office of Children & Youth is a mandated County operated system. The State Legislature passes the laws and the State Department of Human Services issues policies and regulations whereby each county has some discretion in exactly how it provides the services to their citizens.

This Agency has a responsibility to the Judicial System and acts as an arm of the Court in juvenile dependency (child abuse/neglect and status) cases. The Agency must operate in substantial compliance with all applicable state

regulations in order to maintain a state license to operate.

The responsibilities of the Carbon County Children & Youth Agency include:

- Providing services to families to help prevent and/or resolve problems of child abuse, dependency and neglect;
- To promote, improve and sustain the quality of family life;
- Consistent with a child's safety, make all reasonable efforts to avoid out-of-home placement of the child;
- To protect and serve Carbon County's most vulnerable citizens; and
- If the Juvenile Court places a child outside of the home, work with the child and family to return the child home as soon as possible; or, if that is not possible, recommend alternative permanent placement to the Juvenile Court.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS 2013 – 2015*

	2013	2014	2015
Abuse/Neglect Filings**	28	23	23
Status Offense Filings***	9	4	3
Total Filings	37	27	26
Abuse/Neglect Dispositions	28	27	24
Status Offense Dispositions	9	4	3
Total Dispositions	37	31	27

* Figures as reported by CPCMS.

**An Abuse/Neglect case alleges non-accidental physical or mental injuries to a child; sexual abuse or exploitation; abandonment; insufficient food, housing, medical care, shelter or supervision which endangers the child's life or development; parent's inability to care for a child due to their own mental health, etc.

***A Status Offense is an act or conduct, which is recognized to be an offense, but only when committed or engaged in by a juvenile and which can be adjudicated only by a juvenile court. Included here are: curfew violations, incorrigibility, juveniles alleged to be runaways, truancy, uncontrollable behavior, etc.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER



Chief Public Defender, Gregory L. Mousseau, Esquire (Third from Left), with Assistant Public Defenders (L to R) Michael Gough, Esquire, Matthew Mottola, Esquire, Chief Mousseau, and Paul Levy, Esquire.

Chief Public Defender:

Gregory L. Mousseau, Esquire

1st Assistant Public Defender:

Paul J. Levy, Esquire

Assistant Public Defenders:

Matthew J. Mottola, Esquire, Jennifer L. Rapa, Esquire and Hollianne C. Snyder, Esquire

Legal Secretary III: Sheila M. Rehrig

Legal Secretary I: Kelly T. McElmoyle

Phone: (570) 325-2343

Fax: (570) 325-5031

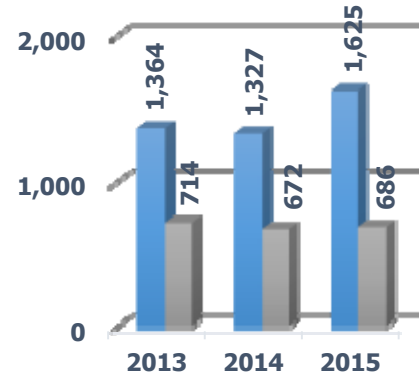
INDIGENT DEFENDANTS MAKE UP AN AVERAGE OF 56.4% OF THE CRIMINAL/JUVENILE COMMON PLEAS CASELOAD*

YEAR	TOTAL MISDEMEANOR/ FELONY COMPLAINTS FILED	CRIMINAL/ JUVENILE CASES FILED**	PUBLIC DEFENDER APPOINTMENTS	% OF PD APPOINTMENTS OVER CRIMINAL/ JUVENILE CASES*
2013	1,507	1,364	714	52.3%
2014	1,339	1,327	672	50.6%
2015	1,777	1,625	686	42.2%
3 YEAR AVERAGE	1,541	1,439	691	48.0%

*All figures compiled using CPCMS. These numbers are for new cases filed and do not depict the number of offenses charged.

**Figures include M3 dispositions at the Magisterial District Court level but do not include re-opened cases.

48% OF THE CRIMINAL/JUVENILE COMMON PLEAS CASELOAD WERE REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC DEFENDERS



■ Criminal/Juvenile Cases Filed At The Common Pleas Level

■ PD Appointments Including Revocations

YEAR	COURT APPOINTED CONFLICT COUNSEL	% OF TOTAL MISDEMEANOR FELONY COMPLAINTS	CONFLICT COUNSEL COSTS
2013	108	7.2%	\$154,660
2014	108	8.1%	\$187,742
2015	186	10.5%	\$144,875
3 YEAR AVERAGE	134	8.7%	\$162,426



(Left to Right) Legal Secretary I Kelly McElmoyle and Legal Secretary III, Sheila Rehrig assist defendants who are charged with a crime and cannot afford a lawyer to obtain representation.

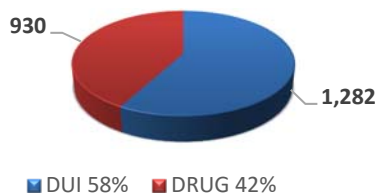
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY



District Attorney Jean Engler, Esquire (Seated Second from Left), with Assistant District Attorneys, Seated (L to R), Cynthia Dyrda-Hatton, Esquire and Michael Greek, Esquire. (Standing L to R), Joseph Perilli, Esquire, Former District Attorney, Gary Dobias, Brian Gazo, Esquire and Seth Miller, Esquire.

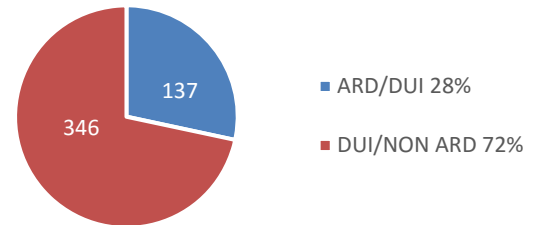
District Attorney: Jean Engler, Esquire
First Assistant District Attorney:
Michael Greek, Esquire
Second Assistant District Attorney:
Cynthia Dyrda-Hatton, Esquire
Assistant District Attorneys:
Joseph Perilli, Esquire, Seth Miller, Esquire
and Brian Gazo, Esquire
Special Assistant District Attorney: Gary
Dobias, Esquire
Chief County Detective: Timothy
Nothstein
Victim/Witness Coordinator: Nancy
Juracka
Office Administrator: Joan O'Donnell
Legal Secretary: Denise Williams-Amill
Part-Time Legal Secretary: Jillian Berger
Phone: (570) 325-2718
Fax: (570) 325-3525

2013-2015 DUI & DRUG OFFENDERS CRIMINAL PROFILE

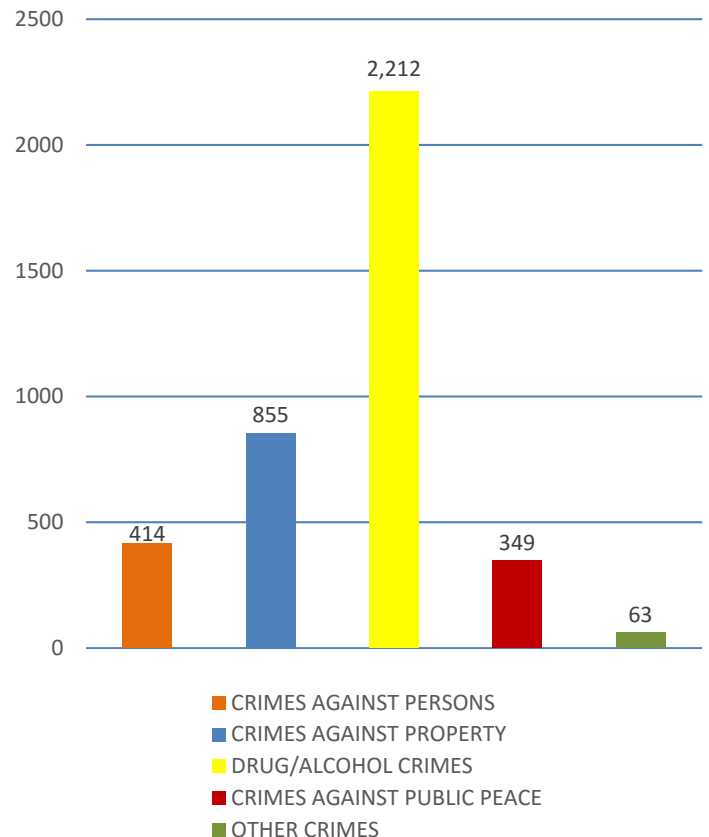


ACCELERATED REHABILITATION DISPOSITION (ARD) PROGRAM 28% OF THE 483 DUI OFFENDERS REFERRED TO ARD

2015



2013-2015 CASE FILINGS PROFILE OF ADULT CRIMINAL OFFENSES





District Attorney Office Staff, (Seated L to R) Joan O'Donnell and Jill Berger. (Standing L to R) Denise Amil and T.J. Nistico-Marasheski.

During this reporting period, the District Attorney's Office handled 2,650 guilty pleas, 355 juvenile hearings, 37 trials, 2,266 miscellaneous hearings/arguments, conducted 2,275 pretrial conferences and approved 955 cases for ARD.

Alcohol and drug cases account for approximately 58.8% of the 2015 filings; crimes against persons and against property account for thirty percent (30%) of the criminal convictions.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WORKLOAD

	2013	2014	2015
Felony/Misdemeanor Complaints Filed	1,507	1,339	1,777
Criminal Cases Disposed	1,281	1,179	1,329
Summaries Filed	72	54	43
Summaries Disposed	66	65	56
ARD Dispositions	337	290	328
Pre-Trial Conferences Completed	657	782	836
Guilty Pleas*	870	862	918
Sentencings**	219	228	353
Trials Held (Jury & Non-Jury)	16	11	10
Other Hearings/Arguments/Conferences***	793	541	932
Juvenile Dispositions	136	124	95
PCRA Appeals	36	16	19
Superior Court Appeals	5	6	2
Supreme Court Appeals	1	2	1
Federal District Court	0	0	0
Third Circuit Appeal	1	1	1
U.S. Supreme Court	0	0	0

*Approximately 70% of the cases were sentenced at the time of the plea.

**Number of cases scheduled for sentencing, which were held separately from the adjudication proceedings.

***Hearings include pretrial motions, post trial motions, juvenile delinquency review, contempt proceedings and extraditions.



(Left to Right) Chief County Detective Timothy Nothstein, Victim/Witness Coordinator Nancy Juracka and County Detective Jeff Aster.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURTS

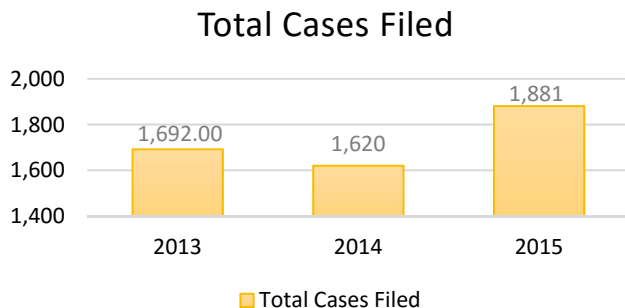


Clerk of Courts William C. McGinley, Seated, with Office Staff (L to R) Jennifer Fritz, Anne Zurn, Patricia Rossmann, Julie Harris and Renee Thomas.

Clerk of Courts: William C. McGinley
First Deputy: Renee Thomas
Second Deputy: Julie Harris
Clerical Specialists: Patricia Rossmann, Anne Zurn and Jennifer Fritz
Phone: (570) 325-3637
Fax: (570) 325-5705

The Clerk of Courts Office is responsible for filing and docketing all misdemeanor and felony cases and proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas. This office also processes bail money and records all sentence/dispositional information.

In 2015, The Clerk's Office collected \$144,851.00 in cash bail as well as \$6,272.09 in bail fees/forfeitures, which were turned over to the County General Fund.



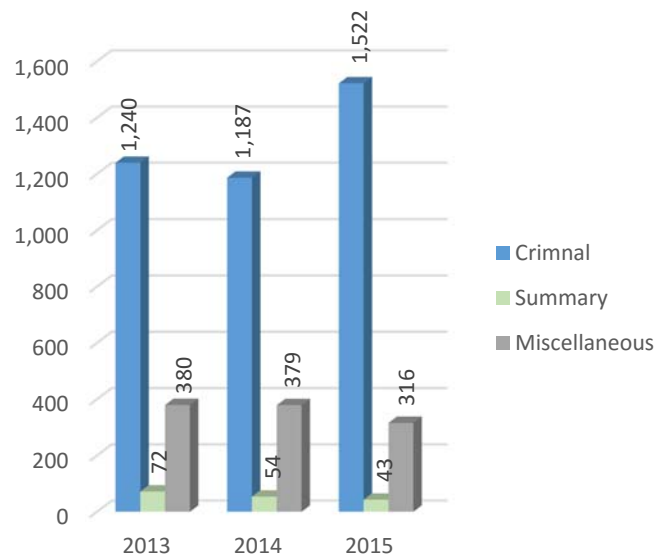
STATEWIDE COMMON PLEAS CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR CRIMINAL CASES

The statewide Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS) is an automated, fully integrated statewide network of scheduling, docket entries, forms and financial accounting functions at the trial court level. Since August 22, 2005, it allows for case information to move more expeditiously and consistently through the criminal courts.

FILINGS INCREASE 11.2%

A record number of filings occurred in 2015 with criminal filings totaling 1,522. During this reporting period, criminal cases increased 22.7% from 1,240 to 1,522, summary appeals decreased from 72 to 43 or 40%, and miscellaneous dockets decreased 16.8% from 380 to 316 filings, with an overall filing increase of 11.2%.

CRIMINAL*, SUMMARY & MISCELLANEOUS FILINGS 2013 - 2015



*Criminal filings include M3 cases disposed at the Magisterial District Courts, but do not include reopened cases.

BUREAU OF COLLECTIONS DIVISION OF THE CLERK OF COURTS



(L to R) Bureau of Collections Director Eric D. Johnston, with Office Staff, Stephanie Cusanelli, Matthew Yaich and Jamie Mahoney

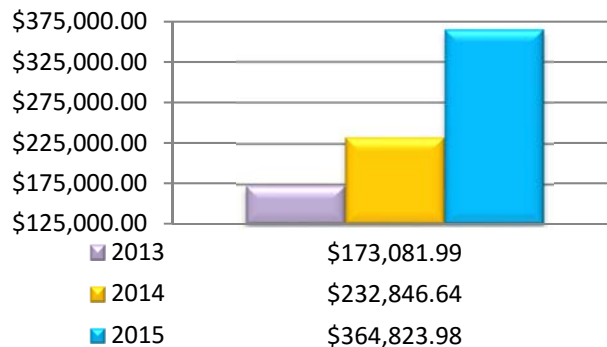
Director: Eric D. Johnston
Collection Clerk II: Stephanie Cusanelli and Jamie Mahoney
Automation Clerk: Vacant
Phone: (570) 325-3500
Fax: (570) 325-4593

The Bureau of Collections is responsible for collecting court costs, fines, and restitution ordered by the Court from adult and juvenile offenders along with miscellaneous court cases. Cases paid-in-full within 60 days of sentencing save the costs of a judgment fee. If unable to pay-in-full, defendants are assigned a payment plan based on the individual's income or ability to earn.

Reaching a new high, over \$1.6 million was collected in 2015. New programs have been instituted, such as using an income based payment plan guideline, a revised wage garnishment process, notifying the sheriff's office of a claim, filing claims in estate proceedings, and an increased awareness of online services resulting in the average payment being increased by 10% to \$165.94 in 2015.

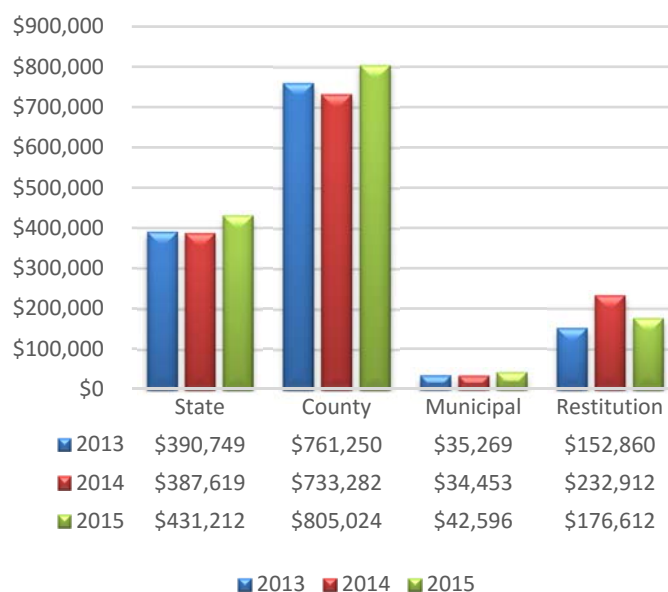
The use of online ePay payments increased 211% during this reporting period.

E-PAY COLLECTIONS



In 2015, \$805,024 was disbursed to the County, \$431,212 was disbursed to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, \$42,596 was disbursed to municipalities, and \$176,612 was disbursed for restitution.

DISBURSEMENTS



OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY



Prothonotary Joann M. Behrens (Third from Left) with Office Staff (L to R) Kelly Solt, Michele Gallagher, Prothonotary Behrens, Debra Hoherchak and Leh Ann Light.

Prothonotary: Joann M. Behrens
First Deputy: Kelly Solt
Second Deputy: Debra Hoherchak
Clerk/PFAD Coordinator: Leh Ann Light
Automation Clerk: Michele Gallagher
Phone: (570) 325-2481
Fax: (570) 325-8047

Under the direction of Prothonotary Joann M. Behrens, this office is the keeper of all civil records. An up-to-date file is maintained daily on each case and is readily available to the court/public. Passport applications and notary affidavits are part of the daily process that takes place in this office.

Since December 2014, all civil cases can now be viewed on the internet for a yearly fee. To date, a total of 410,206 redacted documents with 1,939,324 pages are electronically available. Attorneys and interested persons can contact the Prothonotary or go to www.carboncourts.com for subscription information.

COUNTY REVENUE INCREASES 14.11%

Fees Collected				
	2013	2014	2015	% change 2013-2015
Commonwealth	\$39,335	\$46,146	\$54,749	39.19%
County	\$359,145	\$381,947	\$409,806	14.11%
Total Revenue	\$398,480	\$428,093	\$464,555	16.58%
Total Expenses	\$255,502	\$279,227	\$298,732	16.92%

CIVIL CASE FILINGS INCREASE 2.26%

Family matters of Divorce, Custody, and Protection From Abuse account for the largest areas of case filings. In 2015, family filings totaled 766 cases or 42.25% of the total filings.

	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2013-2015
Tort Including Mass Tort*	89	93	80	-10.11%
Professional Liability**	6	1	1	-83.33%
Contract***	302	296	332	9.93%
Real Property****	397	442	380	-4.28%
Civil Appeals*****	58	47	31	-46.55%
Miscellaneous Filings	77	71	58	-24.68%
Divorce	211	200	214	1.42%
Custody	204	200	220	7.84%
Protection From Abuse	310	331	332	7.10%
Mental Health	119	163	165	38.66%
TOTAL	1,773	1,844	1,813	2.26%

*Tort includes Intentional, Malicious Prosecution, Motor Vehicle, Nuisance, Premise/Product Liability, and Slander/Libel/Defamation.

**Professional Liability includes Dental, Legal, Medical, and Other Professionals.

***Contract includes Buyer Plaintiff transactions, Debt Collections by Credit Card or Other, and Employment Discrimination and Disputes.

****Real Property includes Ejectment, Eminent Domain, Landlord Tenant Disputes, Mortgage Foreclosures, Partition, and Quiet Title.

*****Civil Appeals include Board of Assessments, Election Board, Department of Transportation, Zoning and Statutory Appeals.

**OFFICE OF THE
REGISTER OF WILLS
AND CLERK OF THE
ORPHANS' COURT**



Register of Wills/Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Judy F. Moon, (3rd from Left), with Office Staff (L to R) Barbara P. Miller, Kathleen Paul, Register/Clerk Moon and Deborah J. Gigliotti.

Register of Wills/Clerk of the Orphans' Court: Judy F. Moon
First Deputy: Deborah J. Gigliotti
Second Deputy: Barbara P. Miller
Clerk: Kathleen Paul
Phone: (570) 325-2261
Fax: (570) 325-5098

The principal duties of this office include probating wills; appointing fiduciaries to administer decedent's estates; filing and processing adoptions, incapacitations and terminations; issuing marriage licenses; and processing matters involving non-profit corporations. It also serves as a collection office for all Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax assessed against heirs/beneficiaries of a deceased person's property. In 2015, \$2,979,999 was collected in PA Inheritance Tax representing an increase of \$442,078 over 2014.

During this reporting period, accounts raised increased by 2, adoptions decreased by 1, incapacitations decreased by 4, terminations increased by 2, and marriage licenses issued decreased by 23.

**CASELOAD STATISTICS
2013 - 2015**

	2013	2014	2015
DECEDENT'S ESTATES			
Estates Raised	412	342	410
Disposed Estates	632	342	380
Family Settlement	154	55	61
Agreements & Releases Filed	498	419	413
AUDITS OF ACCOUNTS*			
Accounts Filed	17	12	19
Accounts Approved	19	15	20
Accounts Denied	0	0	0
ADOPTIONS*			
Petitions Filed	17	11	16
Petitions Disposed	16	11	15
VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS*			
Petitions Filed	9	8	11
Petitions Disposed	11	5	12
INCAPACITY PROCEEDINGS*			
Petitions Filed	17	13	13
Petitions Disposed	15	9	21
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED			
Licenses Issued	356	358	333
GUARDIANSHIPS			
Guardianship of Minors	3	7	2
GENEALOGY			
Genealogy Research Requests	450	395	317

*Figures as provided to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

**REVENUES COLLECTED
2013 - 2015**

	2013	2014	2015
PA Inheritance Tax	\$3,610,280	\$2,537,921	\$2,979,999
Commission	\$36,844	\$29,984	\$32,901
County Fees Collected	\$147,890	\$75,746	\$143,985
Total Collected	\$3,795,014	\$2,643,651	\$3,156,885
Total County Revenue	\$184,734	\$105,730	\$176,886

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



Sheriff Anthony C. Harvilla

Sheriff: Anthony C. Harvilla
Chief Deputy: Joseph V. Hager
Lieutenant: Karen S. Flexer
Sergeants: Daniel M. Long and James E. Bonner
Deputy Sheriffs: Kristy A. Cummins, Robert J. Blisard, Daniel J. McLean, Jr., Christopher M. Lekka, Ryan J. Rehatchek, Nathaniel M. Hrebik
Special Deputy Sheriffs: Michael Zavagansky, Michal Boehme, Andrew Weinrich, Scott Gillespie, and Cori Llewellyn
Security Officers: Dennis Balliet, Michael Maher Jr., John Ruff, Robert MacDonald, David G. Honchen, and Joseph Dunner
Civil Process Clerk: Carolyn Malik
Real Estate Clerk: Michelle Miller
Phone: (570) 325-2821
Fax: (570) 325-7860

On January 4, 2016, Anthony C. Harvilla was sworn in as Carbon County Sheriff. He is responsible for the overall security of the Courthouse. In 2015, 435 knives, 113 cans of mace, 28 pairs of scissors, 63 guns, and 141 other prohibited items were detected and secured at the security checkpoint for the courthouse.



Anthony C. Harvilla, Sheriff, (Seated Center) with Staff (Seated L to R), Dan McLean, Kristy Cummins, Sheriff Harvilla, Karen Flexer, Carolyn Malik. (Standing L to R) Robert Blisard, Dan Long, James Bonner, Sean T. Dowd, Joseph Hager, Ryan Rehatchek and Nathaniel Hrebik.

In the Sheriff's effort to enhance security in the County, Sheriff Harvilla chairs the County Security Committee and is a member of the County Safety Committee.

CIVIL PROCESS SERVED	2013	2014	2015
Total Served	3,471	5,433	4,730
MONEY COLLECTED			
General Fund	\$123,816	\$137,302	\$140,162
Personal Property	\$9,079	\$8,687	\$5,231
Real Estate	\$107,318	\$128,047	\$105,235
Total	\$240,214	\$274,036	\$250,628
SPECIAL SURCHARGE ESCROW ACCOUNT (SSEA)			
General Fund	\$23,190	\$42,190	\$32,590
Personal Property	\$2,430	\$2,050	\$1,212
Real Estate	\$7,470	\$8,530	\$6,560
Total	\$33,090	\$52,770	\$40,362
COURT DUTIES			
Days in Court	222	217	220
Prisoners Presented	444	453	431
EXECUTIONS			
Real Estate	303	292	306
Personal Property	65	48	51
Possession	24	18	23
Total	392	358	380
BENCH WARRANTS			
Received	763	773	885
Cleared	715	652	734
Pending End-of-Year	166	251	477
OTHER DUTIES			
Transports	360	374	368
Extraditions	14	14	15
Gun Permits	2,016	1,768	1,887

CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



Warden Timothy Fritz



Carbon County Correctional Facility
located at 331 Broad Street, Nesquehoning, PA.

Warden: Timothy Fritz
Deputy Warden: Ryan Long
Work Release/Treatment Director:
Frank A. Shubeck
Administrative Assistant: Mary Fairchild
Phone: (570) 325-2211
Fax: (570) 325-5212

UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

In March of 2015, Timothy Fritz was promoted to Warden. He began his career with Carbon County on December 14, 1994 as a Corrections Officer and he was promoted to Sergeant in 1997. In 2007, he was promoted to Deputy Warden.

The Warden is responsible for managing an increasing prison population in our developing area. The population has risen from an average of 207 to 217 per day during this reporting period.

The cost of housing an inmate is \$63.00 a day. In 2015, the Carbon County Correctional Facility had an annual budget of approximately \$4.4 million dollars.

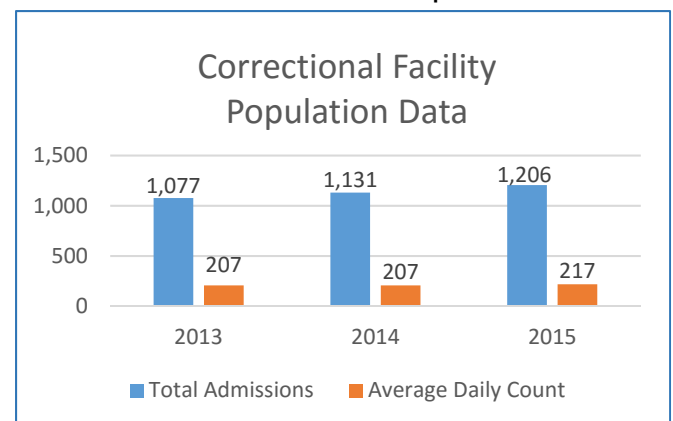
REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS

Voluntary group counseling sessions are offered by the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services, Alcoholics

Anonymous, and Narcotics Anonymous. A G.E.D. program for defendants below the age of 21 is mandated by the State through the Panther Valley School District. Yokefellowship Prison Ministry provides inmates with job skill and post-release programs, as well as spiritual support.

Prison visitation is done through a secured visitation telephone system that is monitored and recorded. In a cooperative effort, a "good time" policy has been established which provides for up to four days credit against a prisoner's minimum sentence for every thirty days of good behavior. It is calculated by the Adult Probation Department.

In January 2015, a full-time Drug and Alcohol Counselor was hired to provide group and individual counseling to males and females in the Medium, Maximum and Work Release blocks. The counselor also conducts alcohol assessments on incarcerated persons.





Carbon County Board of Commissioners

(Seated) Chairman Wayne E. Nothstein (Center), with Vice Chairman Tom J. Gerhard (L) and Commissioner William J. O'Gurek (R). (Standing L to R) Eloise Ahner, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, Daniel Miscavige, County Solicitor, and Colleen Klein, Assistant Chief Clerk/Office Manager.

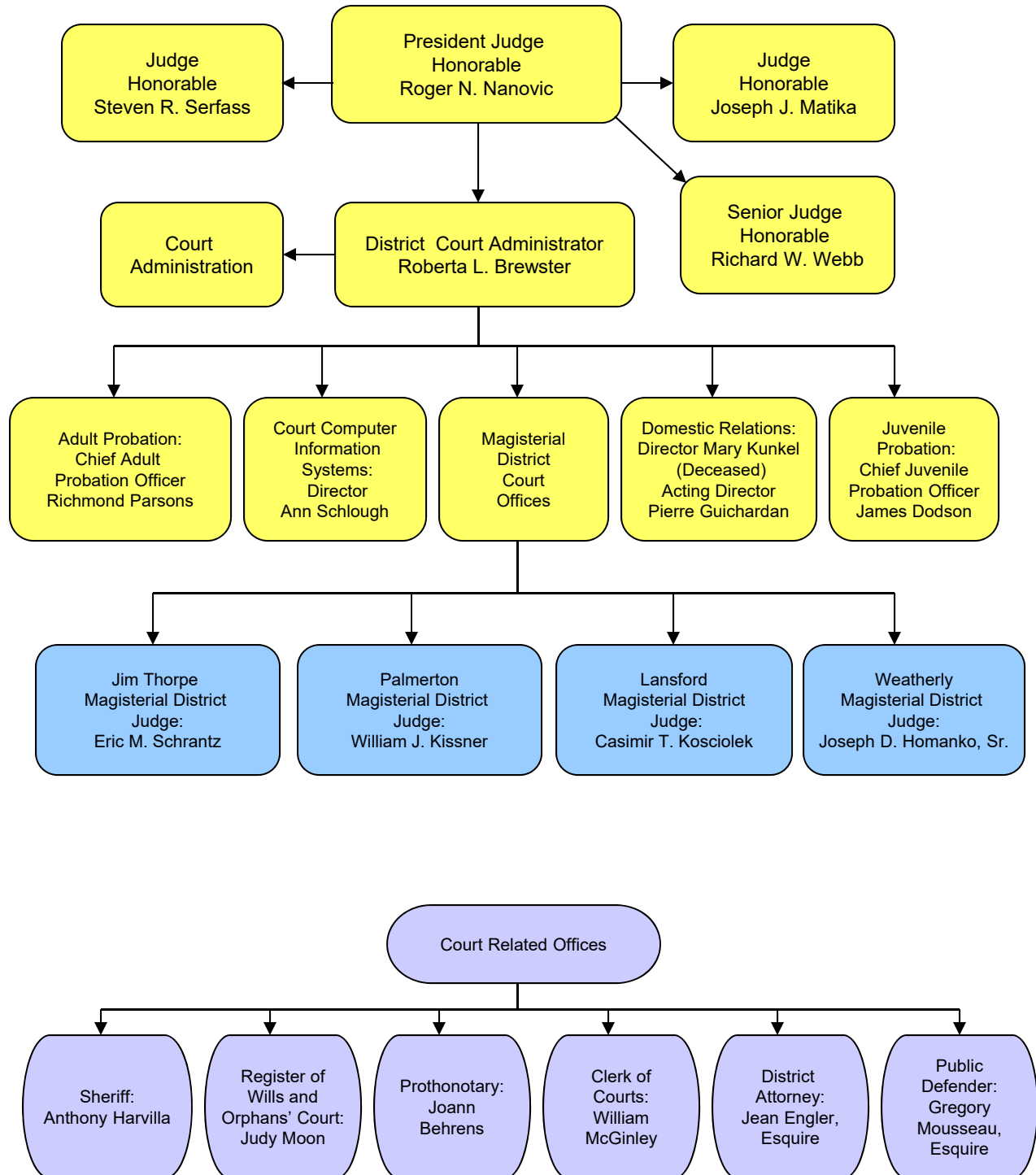
During this reporting period, Carbon County was under the administration of County Commissioners Wayne E. Nothstein, Chairman, Tom J. Gerhard, Vice Chairman, and William J. O'Gurek, Commissioner. The three County Commissioners constitute the chief governing body of the County. Statutory authority of the Commissioners is primarily of an administrative nature with legislative and policy-making powers.

The County Commissioners are vested with selective policy-making authority to provide certain local services and facilities on a County-wide basis. Administrative powers and duties of the County Commissioners encompass registration and elections, assessment of persons and property, human services, veterans' affairs, appointment of county personnel and fiscal management.

One of the duties of the County Commissioners, according to the Judicial Code, is to provide accommodations, supporting facilities and services for the Courts. All funding for the Courts - except the salaries of the Judges, the Magisterial District Judges, the District Court Administrator and the two Assistant Court Administrators - is provided by the County.

Regular Carbon County Board of Commissioners meetings are held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Third Floor of the Court House Annex, Jim Thorpe. Monthly meetings of the Carbon County Retirement Board, Salary Board and Election Board are held immediately following the Board of Commissioners meeting. The County hosts a website located at www.carboncounty.com.

Carbon County Court of Common Pleas Organizational Chart



Front Cover

Inside Back Cover

Designed by Kristin Leffler

(From: Top to bottom - left to right:)

Carbon County Court
Organizational Chart

The gavel is a wooden mallet used by a Judge to bring court to order and establish decorum to court proceedings.

Lady Justice adorns Courtroom Number 1 and stands for the moral force that underlies the legal system. She symbolizes that justice is, or should be, objective, without fear or favor, regardless of identity, power, or weakness, and with equality for all.

Courtroom Number 1 was refurbished in 1993 for Carbon County's Sesquicentennial and served as the stage for the retrial and exoneration of Molly Maguire Alex Campbell.

The clock bell tower is the highest point of the third Carbon County Courthouse, which was built in 1893 by Herman Riebe for a total cost of \$125,000.00. Automatic electronic carillons provide music to the town during certain times of the day.



PREPARATION OF REPORT:

The Honorable Roger N. Nanovic
President Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County

Roberta L. Brewster
District Court Administrator

GRAPHIC DESIGN, STATISTICAL COMPILATION,

EDITING AND DESKTOP PUBLISHING:

Kelly Hamm, Assistant Court Administrator
Cynthia Winn, Assistant Court Administrator

PHOTOGRAPHY, PHOTO EDITING AND DESKTOP PUBLISHING:

Kristin Leffler, Administrative Assistant

PRINTED BY:

The Times News
Lehighton, PA