

Carbon County's Court Computer System is a state-of-the-art case information and case management system. It has been in operation since 1984 and is continuously refined and upgraded. Major applications include Criminal, Civil, Juvenile, Domestic Relations Case Processing; Jury Selection and Management; Court Collections; and Court Scheduling.

The Court Data Processing Department assures that the computer systems remain up and running twenty four hours a day with full technical support. The Court Computer System operates on a Compaq Proliant 3000 server which functions as a dedicated file server for a UNIX operating system.

All Court and Court related offices are networked through this system. This unique and fully integrated system allows all Court and Court Related offices to share ONE DATABASE for the input and dissemination of information. All information becomes immediately available on-line after it is placed in the database by any Judge or Court department.

Additionally, both Judges and their staffs are networked through a LAN network system. This network is PC based running primarily in a Windows 95 environment and uses both Microsoft Word 97 and Corel WordPerfect for word processing. MS Excel97 is used for statistical and budgetary purposes. Several departments also have Internet access.

A CD-ROM tower with a database from WESTLAW's Premise system allows the Judges, Law Clerks and Court Administration to research Pennsylvania materials such as Statutes, Appellate Court Cases, Rules of Procedures and provides a link to WESTLAW.

REMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS is undoubtedly one of the most popular features of our Court Computer System. Civil and criminal filings, attorneys and court scheduling, and court opinions are accessible free of charge to the public through the use of modems. Public Access is available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. In April of 1996, Ann M. Schlough was appointed Court Computer Systems Director. Ann's main functions include troubleshooting, systems analysis, overseeing the purchase and maintenance of computer hardware and software and training. Ann monitors two computer networks which provide computer services to 56 UNIX workstation users and 21 LAN users.

In 1998, the Court Data Processing Department received approximately 1400 phone calls requiring some type of service.

The Court Data Processing Department is also responsible for the creation of this Carbon County Judicial Web page.