

**Report of the  
Administrative Office of  
Pennsylvania Supreme Court  
1999**

**Supreme Court of Pennsylvania**

*Chief Justice John P. Flaherty  
Justice Stephen A. Zappala  
Justice Ralph J. Cappy  
Justice Ronald D. Castille  
Justice Russell M. Nigro  
Justice Sandra Schultz Newman  
Justice Thomas G. Saylor*

*'99 in Brief  
(listed chronologically)*

*AOPC becomes first government agency to complete secure Web certification from the International Computer Security Association*

*Six Pennsylvanians participate in the first ever National Conference on Building Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System, including senior Superior Court judge Phyllis W. Beck, Court Administrator of Pennsylvania Nancy M. Sobolevitch and Common Pleas Court judge Legrome Davis; Deputy Court Administrator Thomas B. Darr serves on the conference National Steering Committee*

*Senate Bill 3 passes, transferring all district court administrators and their deputies to the Unified Judicial System. Implements the first of four recommended phases of unifying the state court system as outlined in a 1997 report by former Supreme Court justice Frank Montemuro, Jr.*

*Attorney General Mike Fisher appoints Delaware County president judge A. Leo Sereni chairman of the Task Force on School Safety*

*Supreme Court announces creation of Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System*

*Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas announces creation of Commerce Case Program to handle all new business litigation cases*

*Commonwealth Court establishes a mediation program to allow cases to be resolved without going through formal appeals process*

*Court Administrator of Pennsylvania Nancy M. Sobolevitch retires after 13 years overseeing the business of the Commonwealth's judiciary*

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