

**Report of the
Administrative Office of
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
2002**

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

*Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy
Justice Ronald D. Castille
Justice Russell M. Nigro
Justice Sandra Schultz Newman
Justice Thomas G. Saylor
Justice J. Michael Eakin
Justice William H. Lamb*

*'02 in Brief
(listed chronologically)*

*District justice courts
undergo mandated
decennial realignment,
aimed at enhancing the
effective administration of
justice for all of Pennsyl-
vania's citizens*

*Pennsylvania Conference
of State Trial Judges insti-
tutes the Pillar of Justice
speakers bureau as a way
of maintaining public trust
in the judiciary*

*Supreme Court rescinds
Pennsylvania Rule of Ju-
dicial Administration 701,
promulgates new rule
701 governing senior
jurists. Included in the
changes is the length of
time jurists may serve.*

*Westmoreland County
district justice James N.
Falcon is awarded the
Governor's Highway
Safety Award for his
efforts to prevent under-
age drinking*

*Supreme Court adopts
uniform statewide rules
for use of advanced com-
munication technology,
namely audio-visual link-
ups, in certain pre-trial
proceedings*

Dauphin County orphans' court, under the leadership of judge Todd A. Hoover is named Pennsylvania Juvenile Court of the Year by the Pennsylvania State-wide Adoptive Network and Department of Public Welfare, Office of Children, Youth and Families. Under Hoover, adoptions in the county went up 300% in 2001 over 2000

Administrative Office launches new careers Web site to help potential job applicants learn more about the UJS as well as available positions

Philadelphia Traffic Court announces that safety initiatives introduced in fiscal year 2001-02 improved traffic safety in Philadelphia. In addition, effective collection techniques resulted in record revenue growth

The Judicial Council of the National Bar Association expands a successful program begun in Pennsylvania and elsewhere in 2001 that places minority and/or economically disadvantaged law students in federal court clerkships. The program was created by Commonwealth Court judge Doris A. Smith-Ribner.

Supreme Court revises rules governing the campaign conduct of judicial candidates in light of the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling in Republican Party of Minnesota et al. v. Kelly et al.

Supreme Court announces pilot program to ease, expedite family court matters

Chief Justice Stephen A. Zappala retires from the Supreme Court after 20 years of service. Chief Justice Zappala was instrumental in automating Pennsylvania's court system

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