

**Report of the  
Administrative Office of  
Pennsylvania Supreme Court  
2001**

**Supreme Court of Pennsylvania**

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

*'01 in Brief  
(listed chronologically)*

*Juvenile Court Procedural  
Rules Committee is  
established to advise the  
Supreme Court regarding  
juvenile delinquency  
practice and procedure*

*Pennsylvanians vote to  
amend Pennsylvania Con-  
stitution to permit judges  
to retire on December 31  
of the year in which they  
turn 70 instead of on the  
day they turn 70*

*Chief Justice John P.  
Flaherty urges Pennsyl-  
vania's attorneys to  
contribute to a fund to  
provide legal aid to less  
fortunate Pennsylvanians,  
marking second time in  
three years Chief Justice  
Flaherty has asked attor-  
neys to provide more pro  
bono service*

*UJS launches the Penn-  
sylvania Appellate Court  
Management System  
(PACMS) to provide im-  
mediate public access to  
appellate court case infor-  
mation on the Internet*

*Allegheny County  
launches first mental  
health court in the Com-  
monwealth. Goal of the  
court is to help mentally ill  
people charged with petty  
crimes get treatment  
instead of jail time*

*AOPC publishes brochure "Pennsylvania's Judicial System: A Citizen's Guide" to help Pennsylvanians learn more about their state court system*

*Philadelphia Municipal Court judge Robert S. Blasi receives John Neufeld Court Achievement Award from Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management for efforts to modernize court with fully integrated case management, document management, electronic filing system*

*Intergovernmental Task Force to Study the District Justice System outlines recommendations to improve Pennsylvania's district justice courts in addition to proposing standards for the decennial magisterial district realignment*

*Honorable J. Michael Eakin is elected to Supreme Court of Pennsylvania*

*Former Court Administrator of Pennsylvania Nancy M. Sobolevitch passes away. Mrs. Sobolevitch was the first non-attorney and first woman to serve as Pennsylvania's court administrator. She retired in early 2000 after 13 years of service*

*Chief Justice John P. Flaherty retires after serving on the Commonwealth's highest court for 22 years, five as chief justice; accepts appointment to lead efforts to establish mandatory continuing education program for Pennsylvania jurists*

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