



*Court of Common Pleas
22nd Judicial District
Wayne County, Pennsylvania*

Honorable Janine Edwards
President Judge

Nicole A. Hendrix, Esq.
District Court Administrator

NOTICE OF DRAFT PROPOSAL
REESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE 22ND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA-WAYNE COUNTY

January 19, 2022

NOTICE is hereby given that a proposal to reestablish the Magisterial Districts within the 22nd Judicial District (Wayne County) has been drafted and is available for in-office examination and review through February 19, 2022, at the following locations:

1. The office of the District Court Administrator, and
2. All Magisterial District Judicial offices in Wayne County.

The draft is also available on the Court's website at: www.waynecountypa.gov

Written comments or suggestions regarding the proposal may be directed to Nicole Hendrix, Esq., District Court Administrator, 925 Court Street, Honesdale, PA 18431 or by email to nhendrix@waynecountypa.gov. All written comments or suggestions must be received **no later than February 19, 2022.**

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President Judge

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The following page contains the draft proposal for the Reestablishment of the Magisterial Districts within the 22nd Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-Wayne County.

The Wayne County Court of Common Pleas proposes to reestablish the current magisterial districts as they are currently configured. Attached are Magisterial District Summary Worksheets for each magisterial district in Wayne County.

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Start by saving the fillable worksheet template locally on your system as a PDF form. Then, open and complete the worksheets in a PDF browser (not a web browser) to ensure all options and functionality are available. Answer the questions by typing or selecting responses. Press TAB or click on a field to advance. Save and upload the completed form to SharePoint.

Magisterial District Court Number:	22-3-01	County:	Wayne
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date:	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Class of County</i>
	2,846	2,043	3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
		803	1st out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-384	12 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:		<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>
		23,368	19,136
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Total Difference</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		4,232	22 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
<p>The average workload is higher than the judicial district average. This does not result in unwarranted inequity among the magisterial district judges because the judge with the lowest workload has been assigned to cover all Central Court work.</p>			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Bonnie L. Carney <i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>		1/2/28 <i>Term Expiration Date</i>	1/1/32 <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
98 Main Ave, Hawley, PA 18428			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Hawley Borough Police Dept, Lehigh Township Police Dept.			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
US Route 6, I-84, I-380, PA Route 590			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Dreher Township Hawley Borough Lake Township Lehigh Township Palmyra Township Paupack Township	Salem Twp. Sterling Twp.		
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			Yes
20. Additional Comments:			

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Magisterial District Court Number: 22-3-02		County: Wayne	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date:	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Class of County</i>
	1,963	2,043	3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
		-80	2nd out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-1267	39 %
<p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This district is in the middle of the caseload range and is very close to the average for the judicial district.</p>			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:		<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>
		23,314	19,136
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Total Difference</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		4,178	22 %
<p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The average workload is higher than the judicial district average. This does not result in unwarranted inequity among the magisterial district judges because the judge with the lowest workload has been assigned to cover all Central Court work.</p>			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Kay Bates	1/2/28	1/1/36	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
925 Court Street, Honesdale, PA 18431			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Honesdale Borough Police Dept, Waymart Borough Police Dept, PA State Police			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
US Route 6, PA Route 191, PA Route 296			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> Canaan Township Cherry Ridge Township Honesdale Borough Prompton Borough South Canaan Township Texas Township </div> <div style="width: 35%; color: blue; font-family: cursive;"> Waymart Borough </div> </div>			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			Yes
20. Additional Comments:			

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Magisterial District Court Number:	22-3-04	County:	Wayne
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date:	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>	<i>Class of County</i>
	1,080	2,043	3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
		-963	3rd out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i># of Cases</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-2150	67 %
<p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The caseload in this magisterial district is approximately 50 percent less than the average caseload in the other two magisterial districts. However, this district is also the largest in the judicial district per square mileage. Realigning this district would create a travel burden for the public residing in this district.</p>			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:		<i>Magisterial District</i>	<i>Judicial District</i>
		10,676	19,136
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Total Difference</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-8,460	44 %
<p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the petition</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This magisterial district is the largest in the district per square mile and is second in population within the county. The magisterial district judge at this office will be tasked with handling our Central Court. This will result in an increased caseload for this office; however, it won't be possible to quantify this increase.</p>			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Jonathan Dunsinger	1/2/28	1/1/47	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
1065 Creamton Drive, Honesdale, PA 18431			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Pa Route 191, 670, 247, 371, 370			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bethany Borough Berlin Township Buckingham Township Clinton Township Damascus Township Dyberry Township 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lebanon Twp. Manchester Twp. Mt. Pleasant Twp. Oregon Twp. Preston Twp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Twp. Starrucca Borough 	
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			Yes
20. Additional Comments:			