



Clarion County  
Magisterial District Reestablishment  
2022 – 2032

Clarion County, the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, has been instructed by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to participate in the decennial reestablishment of magisterial districts. Under 42 Pa.C.S. § 1503, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court is authorized to revise the number, boundaries and classes of magisterial districts within each judicial district in the year following the decennial federal census and as required for the efficient administration of justice. In compliance therewith, Clarion County President Judge Sara J. Seidle-Patton intends to propose the following plan for consideration by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The proposed plan recommends elimination of one of the four current magisterial districts within the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District as well as realignment of the remaining three magisterial districts. The plan is proposed to take effect on January 1, 2024 and is described in detail herein. The following narrative reviews the makeup of the current magisterial districts, analyzes the data provided by AOPC regarding caseload and workload for the current districts as they compare to each other and to other magisterial districts within the same class of county as Clarion County. The narrative also explains the plan for reestablishment based on the information as analyzed in light of the necessary considerations for proper reestablishment of the magisterial districts within the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

The principal purpose of the reestablishment process is to ensure Clarion County is equipped with the requisite number of magisterial districts to serve the needs of the County's judicial system for the effective and efficient administration of justice. The plan must recognize and accommodate caseload equality in terms of judicial workload among all magisterial districts within Clarion County. It is also necessary to evaluate the under- or over-utilization of judicial resources. Furthermore, the plan must take into consideration the current needs of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and forecast any changes in those needs that may occur within the next ten years. The plan, as proposed, does take into consideration the needs of Clarion County's judicial system including the number of magisterial districts within Clarion County as well as the boundaries of those districts to ensure caseload and workload equity among the judges until the next reestablishment.

## ***18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District***

### **Current Magisterial District Courts**

#### **District Court 18-3-01**

22 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clarion, Pa 16214

Area Covered: Clarion Borough, Clarion Township, and Strattanville Borough.

Current Magisterial District Judge: Duane L. Quinn

Term Expires: 01/01/2024

#### **District Court 18-3-02**

309 Amsler Avenue, Ste 1, Shippensburg, Pa 16254

Area Covered: Farmington Township, Highland Township, Knox Township, Millcreek Township, Monroe Township, Paint Township, Washington Township

Current Magisterial District Judge: Timothy P. Schill

Term Expires: 01/03/2028

**District Court 18-3-03**

PO Box 519, 200 Mendenhall Avenue, Knox, Pa 16232

Area Covered: Ashland Township, Beaver Township, Elk Township, Foxburg Borough, Knox Borough, Richland Township, Salem Township, Shippensburg Borough, St. Petersburg Borough

Current Magisterial District Judge: Jarah L. Heeter, Esq.

Term Expires: 01/05/2026

**District Court 18-3-04**

237 Broad Street, New Bethlehem, Pa 16242

Area Covered: Brady Township, Callensburg Borough, East Brady Borough, Hawthorn Borough, Licking Township, Limestone Township, Madison Township, New Bethlehem Borough, Perry Township, Piney Township, Porter Township, Redbank Township, Rimersburg Borough, Sligo Borough, Toby Township

Current Magisterial District Judge: Jeffrey C. Miller

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**Analysis of relevant caseload and workload data for 2014-2019**

The average caseload for Clarion County, the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, for the years 2014 to 2019 is 2,632 cases per year. In 2012, the last time reestablishment was conducted, the average caseload for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District was 3,197. A downward trend in caseload over the past ten years has occurred. Additionally, Clarion County currently ranks 16<sup>th</sup> out of the 24 6<sup>th</sup> class counties in Pennsylvania in terms of average caseload and 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 5 7<sup>th</sup> class counties in Pennsylvania. In compiling this plan, data for both 6<sup>th</sup> class and 7<sup>th</sup> class counties was reviewed. The reason for this is that although Clarion County is currently a county of the 6<sup>th</sup> class, the Clarion County Commissioners were informed by letter dated October 1, 2021 from Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth that Governor Thomas Wolf has certified Clarion County as eligible to be re-classified as a 7<sup>th</sup> class county. A copy of the letter and certification is attached hereto. At the time of the preparation of this plan, the Clarion County Commissioners had not yet announced a final decision as to whether they will seek to reclassify the county from 6<sup>th</sup> class to 7<sup>th</sup> class. Because of the possibility for Clarion County to be reclassified, the caseload averages for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District have been compared with those of both 6<sup>th</sup> class counties and 7<sup>th</sup> class counties. The average caseload among 6<sup>th</sup> class counties is 3,230. The average caseload among 7<sup>th</sup> class counties is 3,684. Based on these caseload numbers, Clarion County's magisterial districts fall nineteen percent (19%) below the average caseload for a 6<sup>th</sup> class county and twenty nine percent (29%) below the average caseload for a 7<sup>th</sup> class county.

In addition to caseload, another factor evaluated in the reestablishment process is the workloads of each of the district courts within the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. The average workload for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District as determined by the AOPC is 15,945. Two of the current magisterial district courts exceed the average workload and two of the district courts fall below the average workload. Specifically, District Court 18-3-01 is twenty eight percent (28%) above average and District Court 18-3-02 is three percent (3%) above average where District Court 18-3-03 falls eighteen percent (18%) below

average and District Court 18-3-04 falls thirteen percent (13%) below average. The AOPC suggests that if any magisterial district should have a total workload which is fifteen percent (15%) higher or lower than the workload of any other district court in the judicial district, realignment must be considered to avoid an unwarranted inequity among the magisterial district judges of the county. The disparities in the workloads among the four district courts within the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District as they currently exist indicate a need for realignment.

Some variance exists between the average number of cases filed in each of Clarion County's magisterial districts as provided by AOPC and the data relied upon in this plan. The reason for this variance is Clarion County's Central Court. Because Clarion County utilizes a central court model for criminal cases, the criminal caseload data has been distributed among all districts evenly, as all magisterial district judges are in a rotation to cover Central Court, thereby equalizing criminal caseloads and workloads across all four magisterial districts. This has been taken into consideration in calculating the workload and caseload data for each magisterial district.

After reviewing all relevant data, and engaging in discussions with the four current Magisterial District Judges in Clarion County, it has been determined that elimination of one of the four magisterial districts would be prudent at this time. It is expected that the caseload decline that has occurred over the past ten years will continue. According to the recent Census data, Clarion County has seen a decrease in overall population over the past ten years. In addition, economic growth and development remains stagnant. Clarion University has also experienced a decline in enrollment. It was predicted in the 2012 Reestablishment Plan for Clarion County that enrollment at Clarion University was expected to increase to 10,000 students. That has not occurred. Total undergraduate enrollment in 2019 was 3,776 students according to data reported on the University's website. Furthermore, with the recent consolidation of Clarion University with Edinboro University and California University of Pennsylvania to form the Pennsylvania Western University, plans were announced to focus on remote learning for students, which would result in less students physically relocating to the Clarion area to attend school.

Based on the above information, a continued decline in caseload in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District over the next ten years can reasonably be expected. Elimination of a magisterial district as proposed in January 2024 will coincide with the expiration of the current term of Magisterial District Judge Duane Quinn. Judge Quinn has indicated his desire to retire at the end of his term. The retirement of Judge Quinn will allow for Magisterial District 18-3-01 to be eliminated. The municipalities currently within Magisterial District 18-3-01 – which include Clarion Township, Clarion Borough and Strattanville Borough – will be combined with some of the municipalities from the current Magisterial District 18-3-02 while other municipalities currently within 18-3-02 will be shifted to Magisterial Districts 18-3-03 and 18-3-04. The municipalities to be covered by each of the three proposed magisterial districts are set forth below. The table attached hereto identifies the caseload and workload data of the proposed magisterial districts. A map is also included to provide an overview of how each proposed magisterial district will physically be divided.

In summary, with the elimination of one district court, more even workload distribution among the three remaining courts will occur. Realignment of the three remaining magisterial districts as proposed will ensure that the workload for all three courts will fall well within fifteen percent (15%) of the judicial district average workload, creating equity among the magisterial district judges of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. And, with the elimination of one magisterial district, the average caseload for Clarion County will be more in line with those of similarly situated counties throughout the Commonwealth.

Members of the public are invited to offer comments to the proposed plan by February 19, 2022. Comments may be submitted in writing to Clarion County Court Administration, 421 Main Street, Ste 34, Clarion, Pa 16214 or by email to [tkline@co.clarion.pa.us](mailto:tkline@co.clarion.pa.us).

***Proposed Magisterial District Courts***

***18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District***

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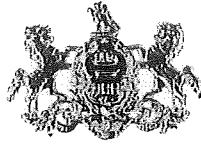
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

October 1, 2021

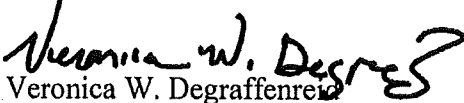
The Honorable Theodore W. Tharan  
Clarion County Commissioners  
County of Clarion  
330 Main Street, Box 203  
Clarion, PA 16214

Dear Chairperson Tharan:

It is my pleasure to enclose a certificate signed by the Honorable Thomas Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and issued under the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, proclaiming that Clarion County is eligible to be re-classified as a 7<sup>th</sup> Class County. A change in classification can become effective only pursuant to the provisions of the Act of August 9, 1955 (P.L. 323), as amended, 16 P.S. § 201 et seq.

If there is any way in which my office can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Veronica W. Degraffenried  
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

cc: The Honorable Wayne R. Brosius  
The Honorable C. Edward Heasley

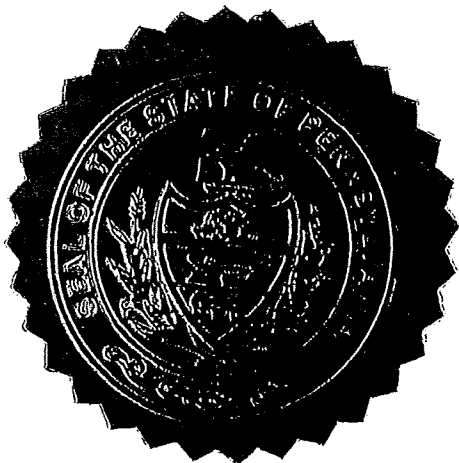
# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

*I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify, pursuant to Section 211 of the Act of August 9, 1955 (P.L. 323) (Act), as amended, and in accordance with the official count of the returns of the twenty-third Decennial Census of the United States and of the twenty-fourth Decennial Census of the United States on file in the Bureau of the Census designating the population of Clarion County as 39,988 for the 2010 Decennial Census and 37,241 for the 2020 Decennial Census, respectively, that Clarion County is hereby eligible under the Act to be re-classified as a 7<sup>th</sup> Class County. Any change in classification shall become effective only in accordance with the provisions of the Act.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the County of Dauphin, this first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty-sixth.*



A handwritten signature of Tom Wolf in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wolf  
Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Veronica Degraffenreid in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Veronica Degraffenreid  
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth



# **Average Caseload/Workload by Individual District Court Judicial District 18 Realignment as Proposed**

\*Criminal Caseload Distributed Evenly due to Central Court

| Caseload               |  | CR  | NT  | PC  | TR    | CV  | LT | MD | AVG      |          |
|------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|----|----------|----------|
| AVERAGE/Clarion County |  | 234 | 280 | 102 | 2,736 | 112 | 21 | 24 | Caseload | Variance |
| MDJ 18-3-02            |  | 234 | 465 | 106 | 2,776 | 102 | 37 | 24 | 3,744    | 16%      |
| MDJ 18-3-03            |  | 234 | 111 | 86  | 3,443 | 72  | 12 | 24 | 3,982    | 23%      |
| MDJ 18-3-04            |  | 233 | 263 | 118 | 1,990 | 162 | 13 | 24 | 2,803    | -13%     |

| Workload               |  | CR    | NT    | PC    | TR    | CV    | LT  | MD  | AVG      |          |
|------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|----------|----------|
| AVERAGE/Clarion County |  | 8,567 | 2,996 | 1,108 | 6,240 | 1,266 | 301 | 783 | Workload | Variance |
| MDJ 18-3-02            |  | 8,567 | 4,991 | 1,144 | 6,335 | 1,147 | 538 | 783 | 23,505   | 11%      |
| MDJ 18-3-03            |  | 8,566 | 1,181 | 935   | 7,847 | 819   | 174 | 783 | 20,305   | 4%       |
| MDJ 18-3-04            |  | 8,566 | 2,817 | 1,245 | 4,539 | 1,833 | 191 | 783 | 19,974   | -6%      |

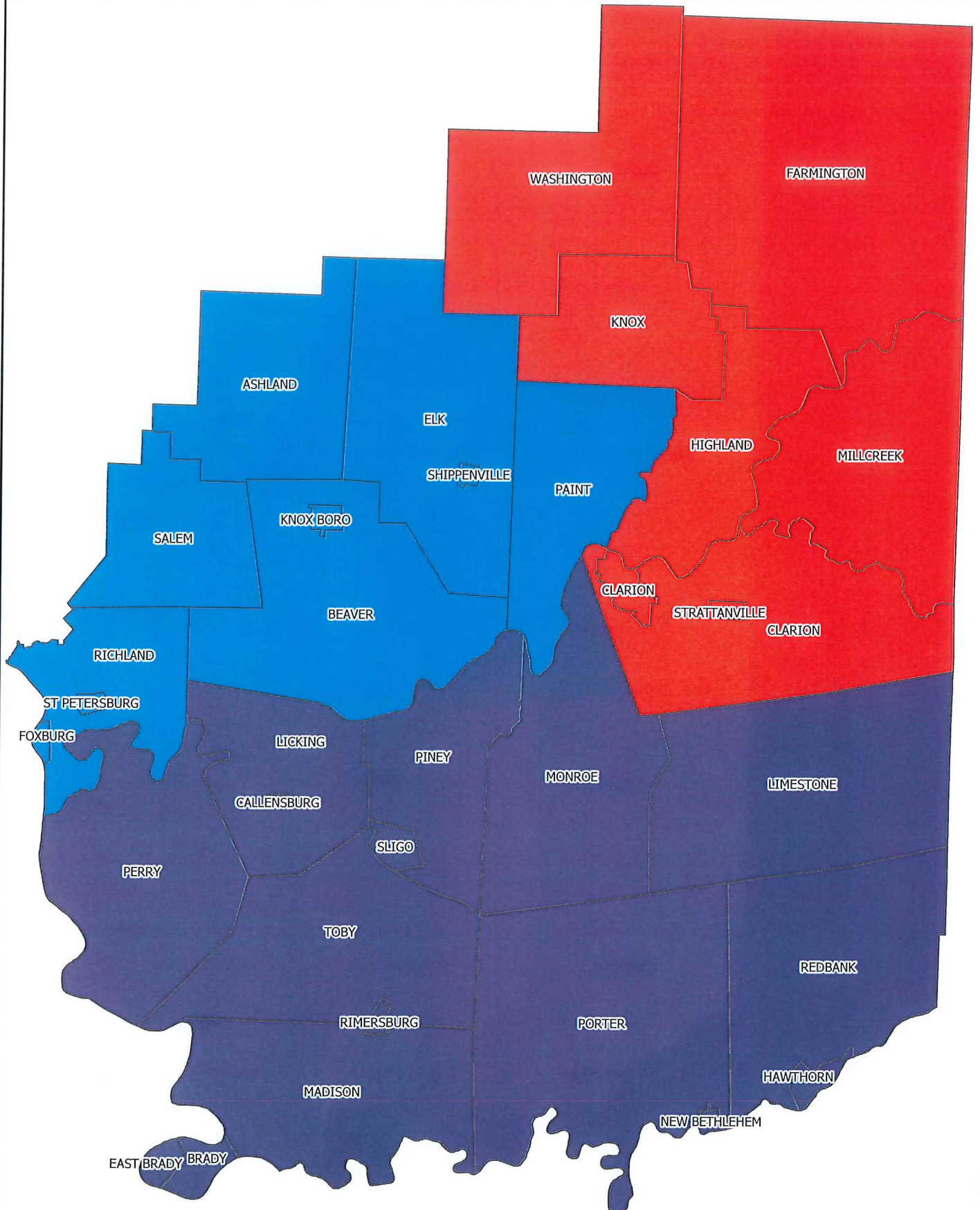
Average Workloads should fall within a range of not less nor more than +/- 15%

Average Workload Range = 19,974 – 23,505

| Average Caseload/Clarion Co | 3,509 | Variance |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| MDJ 18-3-02                 | 3,744 | 16%      |
| MDJ 18-3-03                 | 3,982 | 23%      |
| MDJ 18-3-04                 | 2,803 | -13%     |

| Average Workload/Clarion Co | 21,261 | Variance |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|
| MDJ 18-3-02                 | 23,505 | 11%      |
| MDJ 18-3-03                 | 20,305 | 4%       |
| MDJ 18-3-04                 | 19,974 | -6%      |

# Clarion County



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|   |                                     |                                  |                                |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b> 18-3-01   |                                     | <b>County:</b> Clarion           |                                |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Eliminate   |                                     | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024      |                                |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |                                |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
|   | A. 2,617                            | B. 2,632                         | C. 3,230                       |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.   |                                     | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>      | <i>Ranking Total</i>           |
|   |                                     | -15                              | 3rd out of 4                   |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.   |                                     | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>      | <i>% Above/Below</i>           |
|   |                                     | -613                             | 19 %                           |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                  |                                |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |                                |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |                                |
|   | A. 20,385                           | B. 15,945                        |                                |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.  | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>         | <i>% Above/Below</i>             |                                |
|   | 4,440                               | 28 %                             |                                |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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. |                                     |                                  |                                |

| Magisterial District Information  |                  |                             |                                  |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Duane L. Quinn  | 12/31/23         | 12/31/25                    |                                  |
| <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:   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 22 N. 6th Avenue, Clarion, PA 16214   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 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.   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Clarion Borough Police, Pennsylvania State Police, Clarion County Sheriff, Clarion University Police  |                  |                             |                                  |
| 17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Route 322, Interstate 80, Route 66, Route 68  |                  |                             |                                  |
| 18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Clarion Borough, Clarion County, Clarion Township, Strattanville Borough  |                  |                             |                                  |
| 19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above?   |                  |                             | No                               |
| If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).  |                  |                             |                                  |
| No because this district will be eliminated and absorbed into District Court 18-3-02.   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 20. Additional Comments:  |                  |                             |                                  |
|   |                  |                             |                                  |



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|   |                                     |                                    |                                |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 18-3-02                             | <b>County:</b>                     | Clarion                        |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b>  |                                     | 2. Effective date: <b>1/1/2024</b> |                                |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                    |                                |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i>   | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
|   | A. <b>2,897</b>                     | B. <b>2,632</b>                    | C. <b>3,230</b>                |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.   |                                     | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>        | <i>Ranking Total</i>           |
|   |                                     | <b>265</b>                         | <b>2nd out of 4</b>            |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.   |                                     | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>        | <i>% Above/Below</i>           |
|   |                                     | <b>-333</b>                        | <b>10 %</b>                    |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                    |                                |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                    |                                |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i>   |                                |
|   | A. <b>16,370</b>                    | B. <b>15,945</b>                   |                                |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.  | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>         | <i>% Above/Below</i>               |                                |
|   | <b>425</b>                          | <b>3 %</b>                         |                                |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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. |                                     |                                    |                                |

| Magisterial District Information  |                  |                             |                                  |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Timothy P. Schill   | 1/2/28           | 1/2/36                      |                                  |
| <i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>  | <i>Birthdate</i> | <i>Term Expiration Date</i> | <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i> |
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| Clarion County, Farmington Township, Highland Township, Knox Township, Millcreek Township, Monroe Township, Paint Township, Washington Township   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above?   |                  |                             | No                               |
| If <b>NO</b> , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).  |                  |                             |                                  |
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| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 18-3-03                             | <b>County:</b>                   | Clarion                        |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign   |                                     | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024      |                                |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |                                |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
|   | A. 3,381                            | B. 2,632                         | C. 3,230                       |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.   |                                     | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>      | <i>Ranking Total</i>           |
|   |                                     | 749                              | 1st out of 4                   |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.   |                                     | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>      | <i>% Above/Below</i>           |
|   |                                     | 151                              | 5 %                            |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                  |                                |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |                                |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |                                |
|   | A. 13,092                           | B. 15,945                        |                                |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.  | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>         | <i>% Above/Below</i>             |                                |
|   | -2,853                              | 18 %                             |                                |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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. |                                     |                                  |                                |

| Magisterial District Information  |                  |                             |                                  |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Jarah L. Heeter   |                  | 1/4/26                      | 1/4/56                           |
| <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:   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Mendenhall Avenue, Knox, PA 16232   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 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.   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Knox Borough Police, Pennsylvania State Police  |                  |                             |                                  |
| 17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Interstate 80, Route 322, Route 338, Route 208, Route 58, Route 478   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Ashland Township, Beaver Township, Clarion County, Elk Township, Foxburg Borough, Knox Borough, Richland Township, Saint Petersburg Borough, Salem Township, Shippensburg Borough   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above?   |                  |                             | No                               |
| If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).  |                  |                             |                                  |
| Ashland Township, Beaver Township, Clarion County, Elk Township, Foxburg Borough, Knox Borough, Paint Township, Richland Township, Saint Petersburg Borough, Salem Township, Shippensburg Borough   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 20. Additional Comments:  |                  |                             |                                  |
|   |                  |                             |                                  |



## 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. Hover the fields for tips and instructions. Save and upload the completed form to SharePoint.

|   |                                     |                                    |                                |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 18-3-04                             | <b>County:</b>                     | Clarion                        |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b>  |                                     | 2. Effective date: <b>1/1/2024</b> |                                |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                    |                                |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i>   | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
|   | A. <b>1,622</b>                     | B. <b>2,632</b>                    | C. <b>3,230</b>                |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.   |                                     | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>        | <i>Ranking Total</i>           |
|   |                                     | <b>-1010</b>                       | <b>4th out of 4</b>            |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.   |                                     | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>        | <i>% Above/Below</i>           |
|   |                                     | <b>-1608</b>                       | <b>50 %</b>                    |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the petition that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                    |                                |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                    |                                |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i>   |                                |
|   | A. <b>13,934</b>                    | B. <b>15,945</b>                   |                                |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.  | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>         | <i>% Above/Below</i>               |                                |
|   | <b>-2,011</b>                       | <b>13 %</b>                        |                                |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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. |                                     |                                    |                                |

| Magisterial District Information   |                  |                             |                                  |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:  |                  |                             |                                  |
| Jeffrey C. Miller  |                  | 1/4/26                      | 1/4/31                           |
| <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:  |                  |                             |                                  |
| 237 Broad Street, New Bethlehem, PA 16242  |                  |                             |                                  |
| 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 <b>YES</b> , please summarize your response below.  |                  |                             | No/Not Sure                      |
| 16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.  |                  |                             |                                  |
| Pennsylvania State Police, Southern Clarion County Regional Police   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.  |                  |                             |                                  |
| Route 66, Route 68, Route 28, Route 58, Route 368, Route 861   |                  |                             |                                  |
| 18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.  |                  |                             |                                  |
| Brady Township, Callensburg Borough, Clarion County, East Brady Borough, Hawthorn Borough, Licking Township, Limestone Township, Madison Township, New Bethlehem Borough, Perry Township, Piney Township, Porter Township, Redbank Township, Rimersburg Borough, Sligo Borough, Toby Township                  |                  |                             |                                  |
| 19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above?  |                  |                             | No                               |
| If <b>NO</b> , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).   |                  |                             |                                  |
| Brady Township, Callensburg Borough, Clarion County, East Brady Borough, Hawthorn Borough, Licking Township, Limestone Township, Madison Township, Monroe Township, New Bethlehem Borough, Perry Township, Piney Township, Porter Township, Redbank Township, Rimersburg Borough, Sligo Borough, Toby Township |                  |                             |                                  |
| 20. Additional Comments:   |                  |                             |                                  |
|  |                  |                             |                                  |