

Magisterial District Reestablishment Proposal Public Comment Posting

LEWISTOWN, PA – The reestablishment plan for Mifflin County's three magisterial district courts is on display for a period of 30 days. The plan is accessible from the Mifflin County Government homepage (www.co.mifflin.pa.us) by following the links to the Court Office or Magisterial District Judges. This plan will also be posted within each MDJ court and within the Mifflin County Commissioners' Office. Boundary changes are proposed for 58-3-01 and 58-3-03. No boundary changes are anticipated for 58-3-02.

The time for public comment will expire at the close of business Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Public comments related to Mifflin County's plan may be mailed c/o Court Administrator, Mifflin County Courthouse, 20 North Wayne Street, Lewistown, PA 17044, or emailed to courtadmin@mifflinco.org. Comments must include the sender's full name and address.

Judicial 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 worksheet 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. Complete one worksheet or one for each county if you are a joint judicial district.

Judicial District Number:	58	County:	Mifflin	Class of County:	6
<p>1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):</p> <p>58-3-01 58-3-02 58-3-03</p>					
Caseload Analysis					
2. Average total caseloads:				<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
				A. 2,974	B. 3,230
3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county.				<i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
				-256	12th out of 24
4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county?				No	
Proposed Actions					
5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes). 58-3-02					Yes
6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes). 58-3-01 58-3-03					Yes
7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination? If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.					No

Additional Workload Factors	
8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?	No
9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?	Yes
10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES, briefly explain the types of programs.	No
Final Checklist	
11. Was a request for public comment posted?	Yes
12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?	Both
13. Were media outlets notified?	Yes
14. Were public comments received?	
15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission?	
16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts?	Yes
17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?	
18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county?	Yes
19. Additional Remarks	
Verification of Submission	
20. Date submitted to AOPC:	
21. President Judge Name:	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Signature <hr style="width: 80%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> </div>	



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Magisterial District Court Number:	58-3-01	County:	Mifflin
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 2,954	B. 2,974	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>
		-20	2nd out of 3
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>
		-276	+8 %
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>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 25,124	B. 22,459	
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>
		2,665	+11 %
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.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Jack E. Miller	2/8/55	12/31/23	12/31/30
<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:			
103 W. Market St., 2nd Floor, Lewistown, PA 17044			
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.			
Granville Township Police Department, Lewistown Borough Police Department			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
US Hwy 22/322, US Hwy 22/522, PA 103, PA 333			
18. List the <u>current</u> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Bratton Township, Granville Township, Juniata Terrace Borough, Kistler Borough, Lewistown Borough Wards 1,2,3,4,5, McVeytown Borough, Newton Hamilton Borough, Oliver Township, Wayne Township			
19. Are the <u>proposed</u> municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			No
Granville Township Juniata Terrace Borough Lewistown Borough, Wards 1,2,3,4,5			
20. Additional Comments:			
The proposed realignment would take the current workload for this court from 29,524, to 25,124, which in turn would take this court from a 31% above average workload to an 11% above average workload.			



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Magisterial District Court Number:	58-3-02	County:	Mifflin
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 2,859	B. 2,974	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>
		-115	3rd out of 3
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>
		-371	-11 %
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>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 23,008	B. 22,459	
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>
		549	+2 %
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.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Jonathan W. Reed <i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	2/10/83 <i>Birthdate</i>	1/2/22 <i>Term Expiration Date</i>	12/31/58 <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location: 7 Ort Valley Road, Suite A, Lewistown, PA 17044			
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. Mifflin County Regional Police Department			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district. US Hwy 22/322, US Hwy 22/522			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past. Burnham Borough, Decatur Township, Derry Township, Lewistown Borough Wards 6 & 7			
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:	58-3-03	County:	Mifflin
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,113	B. 2,974	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>
		139	1st out of 3
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>
		-117	+3 %
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>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 19,246	B. 22,459	
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>
		-3,213	-14 %
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.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Kent A. Smith	5/16/72	1/2/22	12/31/47
<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:			
96 South Main Street, Reedsville, PA 17084			
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.			
Armagh Township Police Department			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
US Hwy 22/322. PA 655, PA 305			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Armagh Township, Brown Township, Menno Township, Union Township			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			No
Armagh Township, Bratton Township, Brown Township, Kistler Borough, McVeytown Borough, Menno Township, Newton Hamilton Borough, Oliver Township, Union Township, Wayne Township			
20. Additional Comments:			
The proposed realignment would take the current workload for this court from 14,846 to 19,246, which takes it from a 33% below average workload to a 14% below average workload. There would be a more equitable distribution of case filings and workload among all our minor courts within this judicial district.			