

**Report of the
Administrative Office of
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
2000**

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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

*'00 in Brief
(listed chronologically)*

*Philadelphia Court of
Common Pleas Commerce
Case Program begins
operation. Program will
handle all new business
litigation*

*Philadelphia Court of Com-
mon Pleas is recognized by
the National Council of
Juvenile and Family Court
Judges for its efforts to
expedite adoptions for
children removed from
their homes. Accelerated
Adoption Review Court
seeks to condense multiple
hearings months apart
into one hearing*

*UJS's efforts to computerize
Pennsylvania's courts
moves forward as Common
Pleas project gets
underway. Phase one of
the project will be to
computerize criminal
courts*

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Act 105 of 2000 is passed, adding 19 judgeships to the Courts of Common Pleas over the next three years

Law passed to allow judges to work through the end of the calendar year in which they turn 70. As this change requires a constitutional amendment, question will be placed on the primary ballot in May 2001. Currently, the Pennsylvania Constitution requires that judges retire upon reaching age 70.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania adopts a new Code of Civility to reinforce the longstanding practices of civility and courtesy

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