

**Report of the  
Administrative Office of  
Pennsylvania Supreme Court  
2003**

**Supreme Court of Pennsylvania**

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

*'03 in Brief  
(listed chronologically)*

*Honorable Ralph J. Cappy  
becomes Chief Justice as  
Chief Justice Stephen A.  
Zappala retires*

*Honorable Max Baer,  
Allegheny County  
Common Pleas Court  
judge, assumes seat on  
Supreme Court as Justice  
William H. Lamb's term  
expires*

*Chief Justice Emeritus  
Stephen A. Zappala  
accepts Supreme Court  
appointment to continue  
to guide the automation of  
Pennsylvania's courts*

*Committee on Racial and  
Gender Bias in the Justice  
System, created in 1999,  
submits its final report to  
the Supreme Court. Two  
task groups, one concen-  
trating on gender bias  
and one concentrating on  
racial and ethnic bias,  
will study the report and  
make recommendations  
on how best to implement  
its provisions*

*Supreme Court appoints  
Capital Case Standards  
Committee to study the  
legal representation of  
defendants charged with  
first-degree murder*

*Supreme Court appoints former Justice William H. Lamb to develop an implementation plan for a voluntary medical malpractice mediation program, the first of three steps enacted in response to Governor Rendell's plan for medical malpractice liability reform*

*Supreme Court appoints Allegheny County Common Pleas Court judge R. Stanton Wettick, who also chairs the Civil Procedural Rules Committee, to chair an ad hoc "think tank" to further consider Governor Rendell's medical malpractice liability reform recommendations*

*Supreme Court appoints court administrator Zygmunt A. Pines, Esq. to work with and assist relevant governmental agencies and others in developing an efficient means of collecting medical malpractice statistics described in the governor's medical malpractice liability plan*

*Supreme Court promulgates temporary rule allowing jurors to take notes in certain civil cases*

*First two Common Pleas Courts go live with the UJS's new Common Pleas Case Management System*

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