

**Report of the
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Pennsylvania Courts
2005**

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

*Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy
Justice Ronald D. Castille
Justice Sandra Schultz Newman
Justice Thomas G. Saylor
Justice J. Michael Eakin
Justice Max Baer
Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin*

*'05 in Brief
(listed chronologically)*

Pennsylvania's minor court jurists, formerly called district judges, become known as magisterial district judges

Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy forms the Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness to promote the equal application of the law for all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Supreme Court adopts Rules of Juvenile Procedure to establish for the first time uniform statewide procedures in juvenile courts that apply to all phases of delinquency cases that enter the state court system

Justice Max Baer participates in "Changing Lives by Changing Systems: National Judicial Leadership Summit for the Protection of Children," to work toward reforming the way abused and neglected children's cases proceed through the courts

Supreme Court issues order authorizing disciplinary proceedings to be open to public review

Pennsylvania begins development of a statewide education program for trial court judges who hear capital murder cases. The program, developed with the Nevada-based National Judicial College, will be among the first of its kind in the nation.

Kate Ford Elliott is elected president judge of Superior Court, becoming the first woman in Pennsylvania to lead an appellate court

Supreme Court adopts new civil rules to provide a more efficient means to resolve disputes between credit card companies and card holders

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