

MDJ Court 12-2-01 - Response to #9

This is our busiest Criminal office in the entire county. Unfortunately, the district is landlocked by other offices that have an equitable caseload/workload. To combat the heavy criminal caseload, we staff the court accordingly. It is also important to note that we also allot this office more days to hear preliminary hearings and have done so for a number of years. This works and this court routinely remains a court that is up to date on their caseload and experiences no backlogs.

Although the plan is to reestablish the district, working with the sitting MDJ, we have decided to address some of the inequity through administrative measures. Our intention is to sign an order that will direct the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop H, to file all Criminal Complaints originating in District 12-2-01 in Magisterial District Court 12-3-05 and file all Traffic filings in Magisterial District Court 12-3-03. We believe that this will reduce the annual workload in 12-2-01 by approximately 10,000 which will reducing the percent over the average to closer to 68%. By doing this, it will also help to address the inequities in both courts receiving PSP cases that would have originated within the jurisdictional boundaries of 12-2-01.