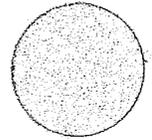


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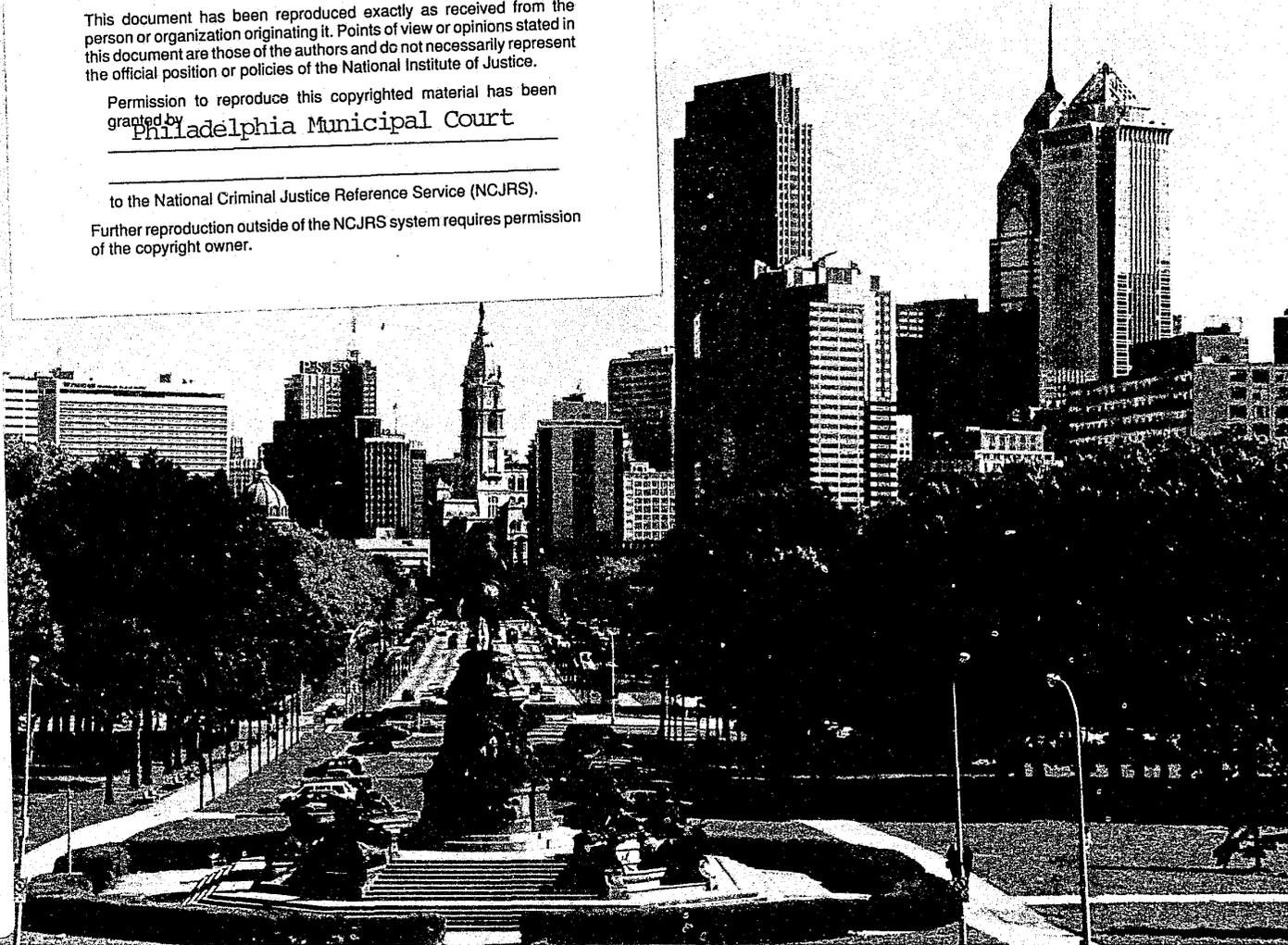
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THE PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

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ALAN K. SILBERSTEIN
PRESIDENT JUDGE



I am now completing my third year as President Judge, having served two additional years as Acting President Judge. My goal is to "make a difference" by leadership and example to this already superb Court. Our committee structure of operation gives all of our Judges an opportunity for meaningful input and participation in key decision-making.

Our disposition rate continues to grow with a grand total for the years 1989 - 1990 of 387,408 criminal and civil cases. One of my goals was to increase security in our criminal and civil courtrooms - we have achieved this by installing and manning metal detectors outside of every Municipal Court Courtroom. Through the efforts of our high-quality employees and our top-notch, middle level management, we have successfully moved our administrative offices and civil courtrooms to a new location without missing one court date.

I know that I speak for my colleagues when I express my sincere thanks to all of our Municipal Court employees for the excellence that they have demonstrated over the past two years. We all can and should be proud to work for the fourth largest Court in the country.

ALAN K. SILBERSTEIN
PRESIDENT JUDGE



THE PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
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MUNICIPAL COURT
COURT ADMINISTRATOR



In this combined anniversary issue of the 1989-1990 Annual Reports, it is a pleasure to be able to report the outstanding growth of this young court.

Statistically, our success is well documented as can be seen in this report.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all involved in this court's progress: from the President Judge, the Judges of the Philadelphia Municipal Court to our support staff and custodians. I wish to also thank the Court of Common Pleas, and all the agencies that we interface with for their continued cooperation.

I am sure that because of the proven success of the past 20 years, it will be the impetus for us to achieve any and all challenges that will come our way in the future.

Sincerely yours,

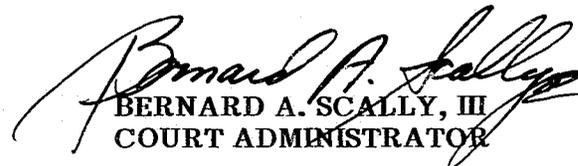

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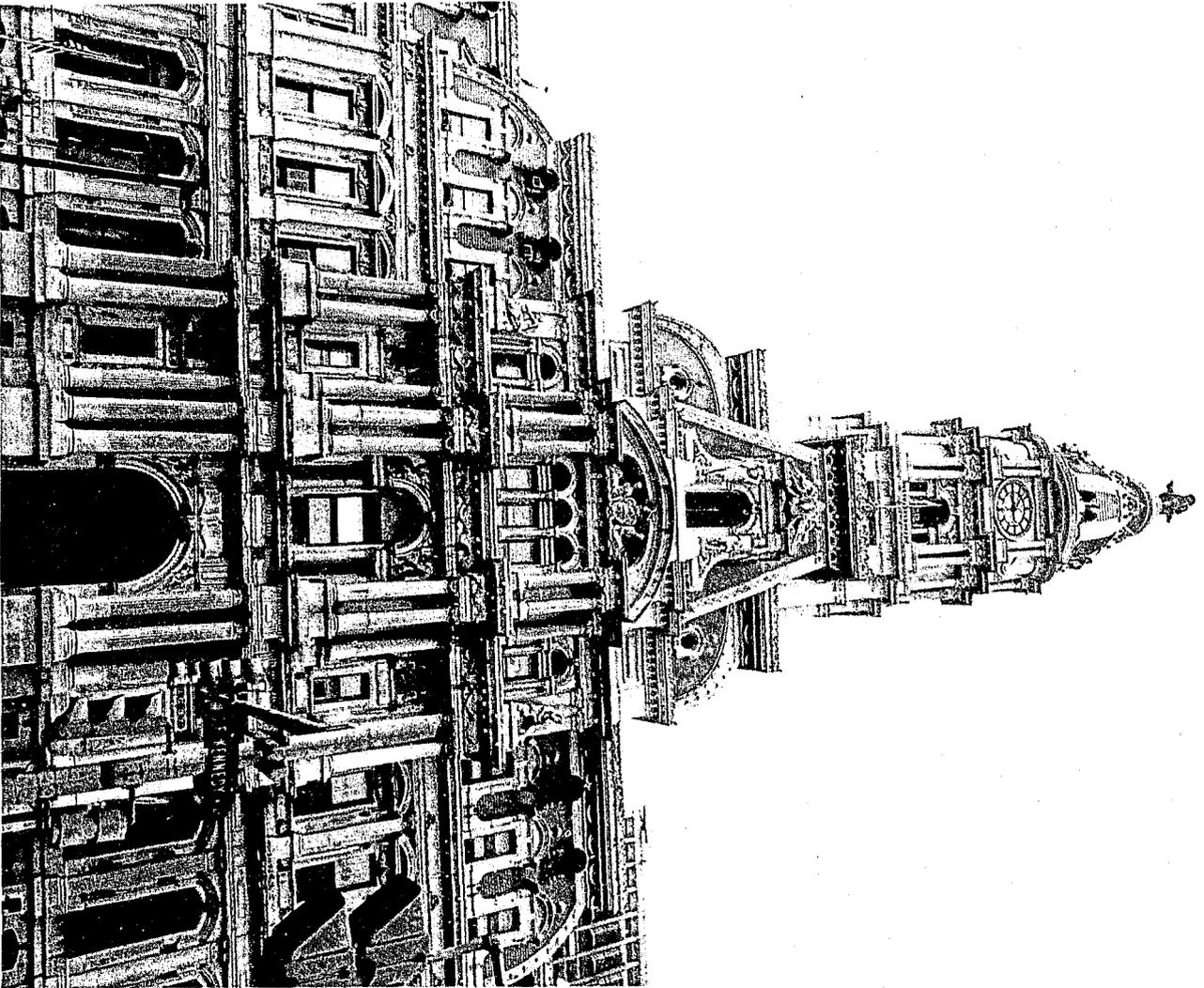
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ALAN K. SILBERSTEIN
PRESIDENT JUDGE



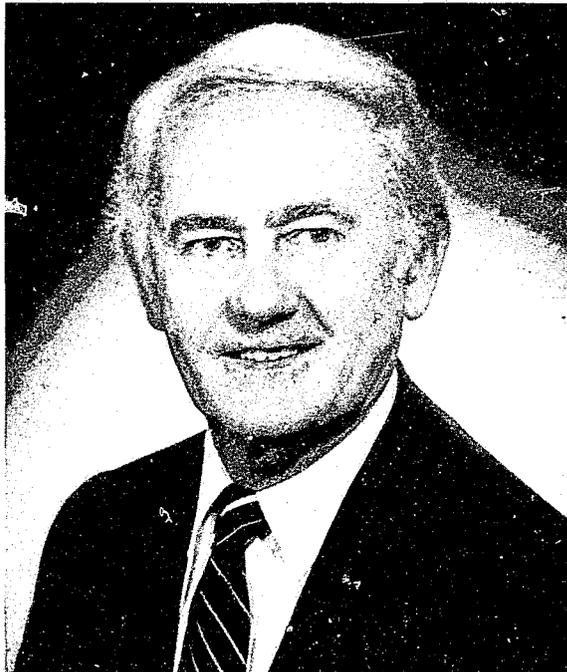
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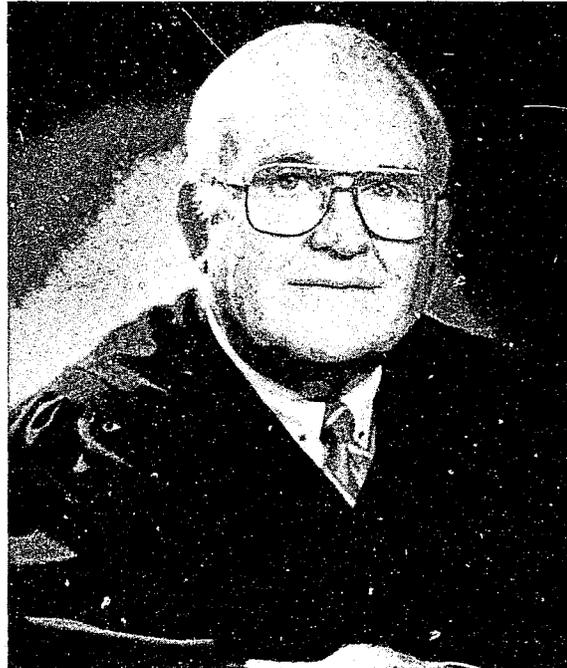
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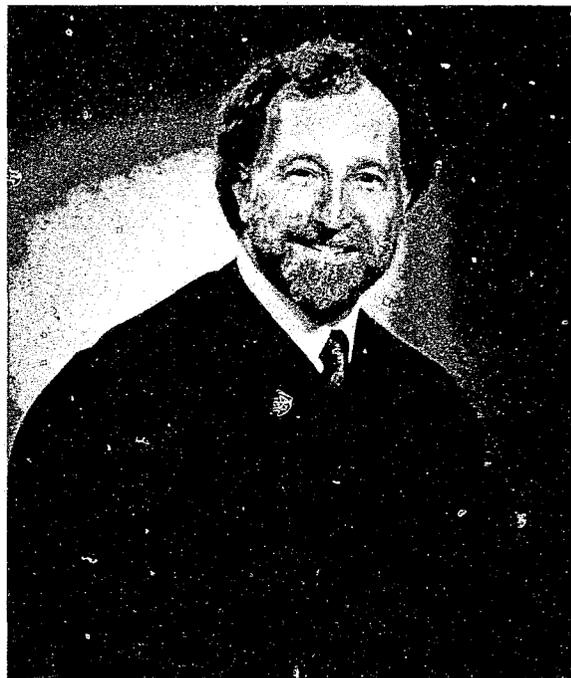
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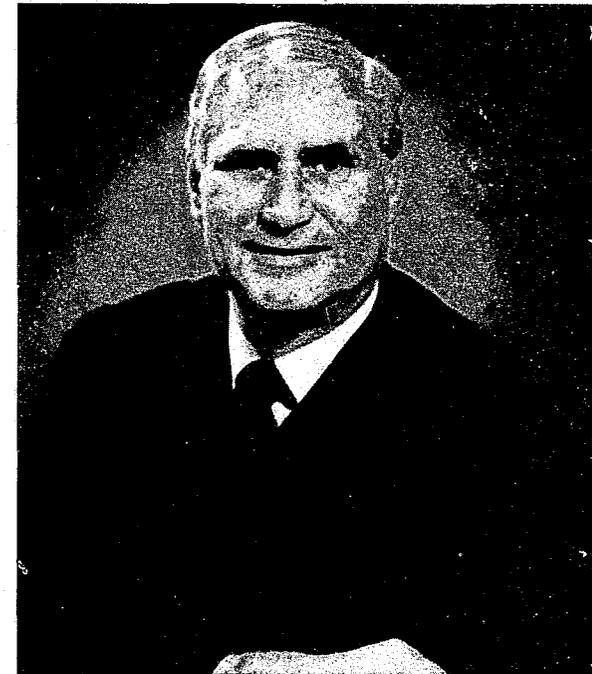
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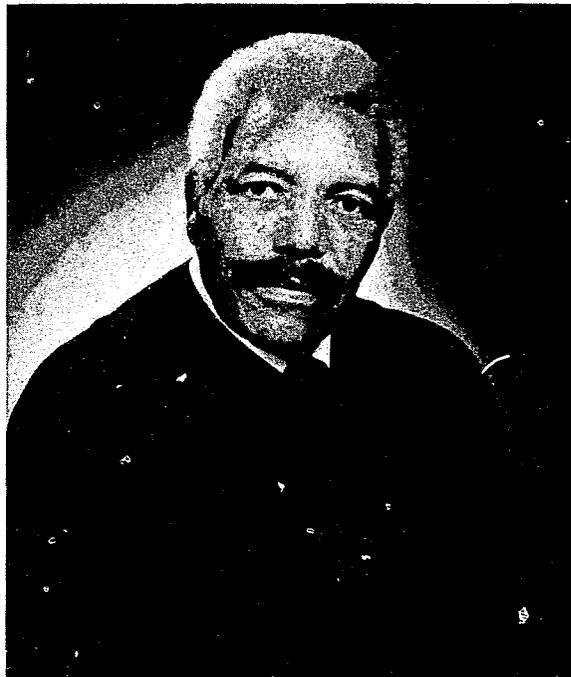
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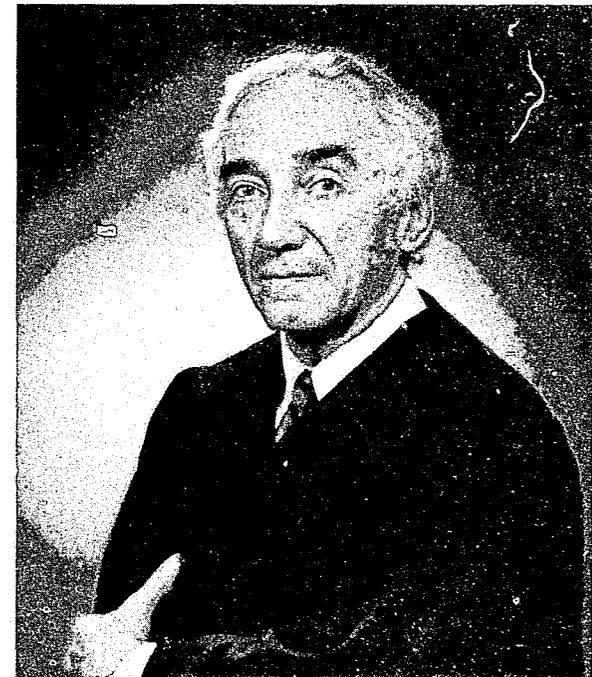
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SENIOR JUDGE
LYNWOOD F. BLOUNT



SENIOR JUDGE
MEYER C. ROSE

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PRESIDENT JUDGE
ALAN K. SILBERSTEIN

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SENIOR JUDGES OF THE PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

LYNWOOD F. BLOUNT
MEYER C. ROSE

IN MEMORIAM



The Honorable Michael J. Bednarek served as a Judge on the Municipal Court from 1977 until his death in November 1989 at the age of 77.

The lifelong resident of Philadelphia was a graduate of Northeast Catholic High School, Rittenhouse College and Temple University School of Law. Prior to his judicial career, he maintained a law practice in the city for 24 years. Judge Bednarek was dedicated to public service, and in addition to his many professional achievements, the Judge was also a very active member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Polish-American Congress and the Bridesburg Civic Association.

Judge Bednarek is survived by his wife, Eleanor, a son Michael, a daughter Eleanor, two brothers, a sister and five grandchildren.

PRESIDENT JUDGE

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

CHIEF DEPUTY
COURT ADMINISTRATOR
CIVIL

CHIEF DEPUTY
COURT ADMINISTRATOR
CRIMINAL

FIRST
FILING

DATA
PROCESSING

COURT
OFFICERS

FORMS
MANAGEMENT

COURT
REPORTERS

CRIMINAL
LISTINGS

CIVIL
LISTINGS

JUDGMENTS
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PETITIONS

SPECIAL
SERVICES

RESEARCH/
PLANNING

BAIL
COMMISSIONERS

TRIAL
COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTIONS

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PRIVATE
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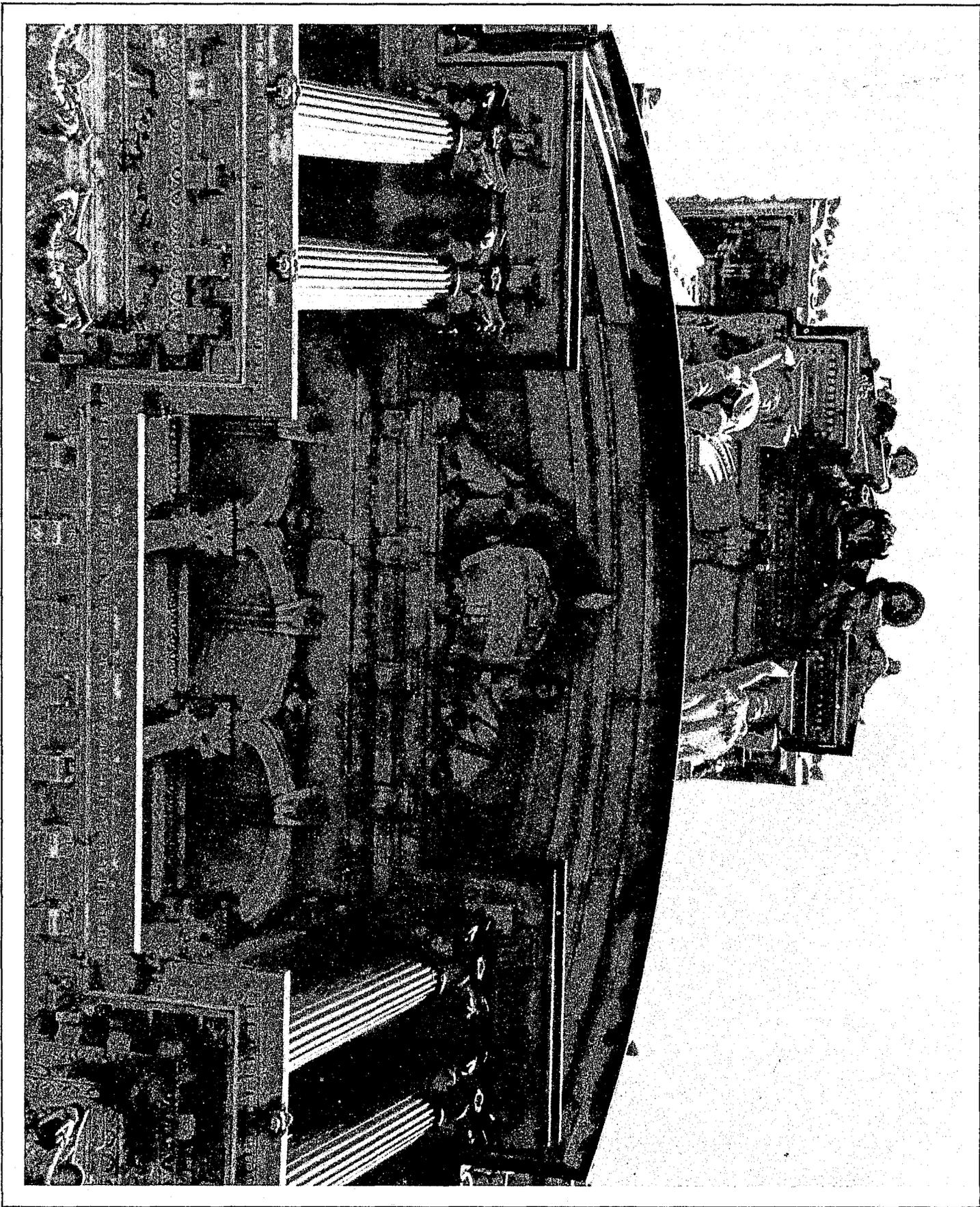
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Introduction



INTRODUCTION

THE PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT IS A COURT OF LIMITED JURISDICTION WITH 22 LAW-TRAINED JUDGES, AND AS SUCH, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRYING CRIMINAL OFFENSES CARRYING MAXIMUM SENTENCES OF INCARCERATION OF FIVE YEARS OF LESS, CIVIL CASES WHERE THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY IS \$5,000 OR LESS AND TAX CASES UP TO \$15,000. THE COURT HAS INITIAL JURISDICTION PROCESSING EVERY CRIMINAL ARREST IN PHILADELPHIA. THE COURT CONDUCTS PRELIMINARY HEARINGS FOR ALL FELONY ARRESTS. BECAUSE BY STATUTE AN INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN MUNICIPAL COURT, ALL CASES MAY BE APPEALED TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. THE CURRENT APPEAL RATE AVERAGES APPROXIMATELY 1% OR LESS. THE PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT HAS EXPERIENCED MANY CHANGES SINCE 1969, HOWEVER THE COURT HAS MAINTAINED ITS REPUTATION AS A "PEOPLE'S COURT" SINCE ITS INCEPTION. THE COURT CONTINUES ITS GROWTH TOWARDS ITS GOAL OF EXCELLENCE IN PROVIDING TIMELY AND EQUAL JUSTICE TO ALL CITIZENS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MANY PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED TO THE COMMUNITY, WHICH ENHANCE THE COURT'S OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY WHILE PRESERVING ITS ACCESSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE. THE COURT-ANNEXED MEDIATION PROGRAM WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ESTABLISHED IN THE COUNTRY, IN 1969, FOR THE RESOLUTION OF PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS. THE PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION OF LANDLORD & TENANT CASES AND SMALL CLAIMS. THE TAX COURT PROGRAM GENERATES REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA THROUGH ITS COLLECTION ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. DIVERSION PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED TO FIRST-TIME SUMMARY OFFENDERS TO EXPEDITE CERTAIN SUMMARY OFFENSES. THE COURT'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ITS JUDGES HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL. ITS PARTICIPATION IN JUSTICE TRAINING PROGRAMS HAS MAINTAINED IT AS ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE COURTS IN THE COUNTRY.

1989 HIGHLIGHTS

COURT ASSISTS SENIORS

THE CATS (COURT'S ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS) PROGRAM BEGAN IN FEBRUARY, 1989, INFLUENCED BY THE BELIEF THAT SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE LEGITIMATE CIVIL CLAIMS, ALTHOUGH MANY FIND IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO TRAVEL INTO CENTER CITY TO FILE A CASE. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRST FILING AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEPARTMENTS DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION REGARDING CIVIL PROCEDURES AND MEDIATION BY VISITING SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS THROUGHOUT PHILADELPHIA. ONCE ACCEPTABLE COMPLAINTS ARE PREPARED, THE CATS PROGRAM AFFORDS SENIORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FILE CASES IN THEIR COMMUNITY CENTERS. EMPLOYEES OF THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEPARTMENT ARE AVAILABLE TO EXPLAIN THE VOLUNTARY MEDIATION PROCESS AS A VIABLE OPTION TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS. THE COURT CONTINUALLY SEEKS ADDITIONAL CENTERS, PROGRAMS OR AGENCIES WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN INVITING THE COURT TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, TO INSURE AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY TO MUNICIPAL COURT.

INTRODUCTION

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

PRESIDENT JUDGE ALAN K. SILBERSTEIN ACCEPTED AN AWARD ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPAL COURT, FROM THE YOUNG LAWYER'S SECTION OF THE PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE SENIOR CITIZEN JUDICARE PROJECT. THE AWARD ENTITLED "ACCESS TO JUSTICE" COMMENDED THE CATS PROGRAM AS A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO THE COURT BY ENCOURAGING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM SENIORS THROUGHOUT PHILADELPHIA.

1990 HIGHLIGHTS

RECORD COLLECTIONS

THE PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT CONTINUES TO COLLECT AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA. THE TAX COURT PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS DUE TO THE COMBINED INTEREST OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE AND MUNICIPAL COURT. THIS PROGRAM GENERATES REVENUE FOR THE CITY THROUGH ITS TAX COLLECTION ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. THE COLLECTION ACTIVITY FOR 1990 TOTALED OVER \$21,000,000, A MARKED INCREASE OVER THE \$14,000,000 COLLECTED IN 1989.

OVER \$1,000,000 WAS COLLECTED FROM MUNICIPAL COURT'S CIVIL DIVISION FROM COURT FILING FEES REQUIRED ON SMALL CLAIMS, LANDLORD AND TENANT CASES AND PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS.

OVER \$365,000 WAS COLLECTED FROM FINES AND COSTS IMPOSED IN CRIMINAL CASES. A PORTION OF THESE COURT COSTS ARE DISBURSED TO THE CITY AND STATE VICTIM'S COMPENSATION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDS.

SECURITY CONCERNS ADDRESSES

PRESIDENT JUDGE ALAN K. SILBERSTEIN AND HONORABLE WILLIAM A. KING, JR. WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN PURCHASING AND INSTALLING METAL DETECTORS FOR USE OUTSIDE MUNICIPAL COURT COURTROOMS IN CITY HALL. THE METAL DETECTORS ARE ALSO BEING USED ON FLOORS WHICH HOUSE CIVIL COURTROOMS AT THE COURT'S NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED ON 11TH STREET. IN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF OPERATION, THE AMOUNT OF ILLEGAL WEAPONS CONFISCATED HAS BEEN ASTOUNDING. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METAL DETECTORS MAY ALLEVIATE ONE ASPECT OF THE SECURITY CONCERNS OF OUR JUDGES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DAILY TASKS.

PRESIDENT JUDGE ALAN K. SILBERSTEIN'S STAFF



Thomas Schneider, Law Clerk



Doug Aaron, Law Clerk



Alex Savran, Judicial Aide



Marianne Gianfortune,
Executive Secretary



Rita McDonough,
Judicial Secretary

COURT ADMINISTRATION



Kevin R. Murray, Chief Deputy Court
Administrator, Criminal



Richard M. Simpson, Chief Deputy Court
Administrator, Civil



COURT ADMINISTRATION

Left to right: Dorothy Dempsey,
Eleanor Scipione, Mary Flood,
Nancy Maieron, Edna Steck.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Left to right: Kathleen M. Rapone, Director,
Research & Planning; Cynthia Retter.



COURT WELCOMES VOLUNTEER MEDIATORS

President Judge Alan K. Silberstein and Court Administrator Bernard A. Scally, III, held an installation ceremony for newly appointed mediators in Municipal Court. These individuals participated in an extensive training program conducted by staff from the Dispute Resolution Department. The program consists of instruction in mediation skills and knowledge of housing court laws. The mediators gain an insight into the Rules of Civil Procedure adhered to in Municipal Court



Left to right: Anne Shingle, Joseph McDermott, Jr., Director, Dispute Resolutions; Ilene Baldassarre, Esq., Assistant Director, Dispute Resolutions; Sandra Stibbins, Richard M. Simpson, Chief Deputy Court Administrator; Honorable Alan K. Silberstein, President Judge; Janet Kimball, Betsy Sternthal, Diana James, and Marisa Silberstein.

1989 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

MARY FLOOD

Philadelphia Municipal Court employees gathered for the Ninth Annual "Employee of the Year" luncheon to honor an individual who best exemplifies professionalism in the court. A committee compiled nominations for this award from co-workers' recommendations.

Mary Flood, Secretary, Court Administration, was selected as the 1989 Municipal Court Employee of the Year. Mary was presented with the award from the Honorable Alan K. Silberstein, President Judge and Bernard A. Scally, III, Court Administrator. Mary was honored for her dedication in the performance of her duties and the congenial atmosphere she creates in her dealings with the public and her fellow employees.



Left to right: Bernard A. Scally, III, Court Administrator; John House, Kay Graser, Bernice Capobianco, L'Tonya Branch, Mary Adams, Mary Flood, Hon. Alan K. Silberstein, President Judge.



Left to right: Bernard A. Scally, III, Court Administrator; Mary Flood, Alan K. Silberstein, President Judge.

1989 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

MARY FLOOD

NOMINEES

Mary Adams
L'Tonya Branch
Bernice Capobianco
Kay Graser
John House

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Clara Garrett - Chairperson
Cynthia Cross
Jean Gianfortune
Dolores Garner
Peggy Flite
Colleen LaVelle
Judy McCann

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

Margaret Lapergola	30 Years
Joan Jackson	25 Years
Charles Myles	25 Years
Salvatore Paglia	25 Years
Elizabeth Winter	25 Years
Keith Shively	20 Years
Katherine Stunkard	20 Years
Dolores L. Thomas	20 Years

1989 SUPPORTIVE SERVICE AWARD

HERB MATT
Court Administrative Officer
Fiscal Unit
Court of Common Pleas

RETIREMENT CERTIFICATES

Victoria Bonner Errigo
John A. Kelley

1990 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

RITA M. CRUMLISH

A committee of Municipal Court employees compiled nominations for the tenth annual "Employee of the Year" award. This year's recipient was Rita M. Crumlish, Assistant Supervisor, Criminal Listings.

Rita was presented with the award from the Honorable Alan K. Silberstein, President Judge, and Bernard A. Scally, III, Court Administrator. Rita was recognized for her untiring dedication in the performance of her duties and the overall professionalism exhibited in her daily interactions with all agencies she comes into contact with.



Left to right: Alan K. Silberstein, President Judge;
Rita M. Crumlish, Bernard A. Scally, III,
Court Administrator.

1990 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

RITA M. CRUMLISH

NOMINEES

Mary Adams
Norman Cantwell
Clara Garrett
Kay Graser
Nancy Maieron

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Idee C. Fox, Chairperson
Annette Bottoms
Hazel Ghanayem
Richard McSorley
Sandra Morgan
Dorothy Pollis
Kathleen M. Rapone
Joanne Weglicki

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

Esther Kuczewski - 20 Years
Maryanne Rebstock - 20 Years
Francis Talent - 20 Years

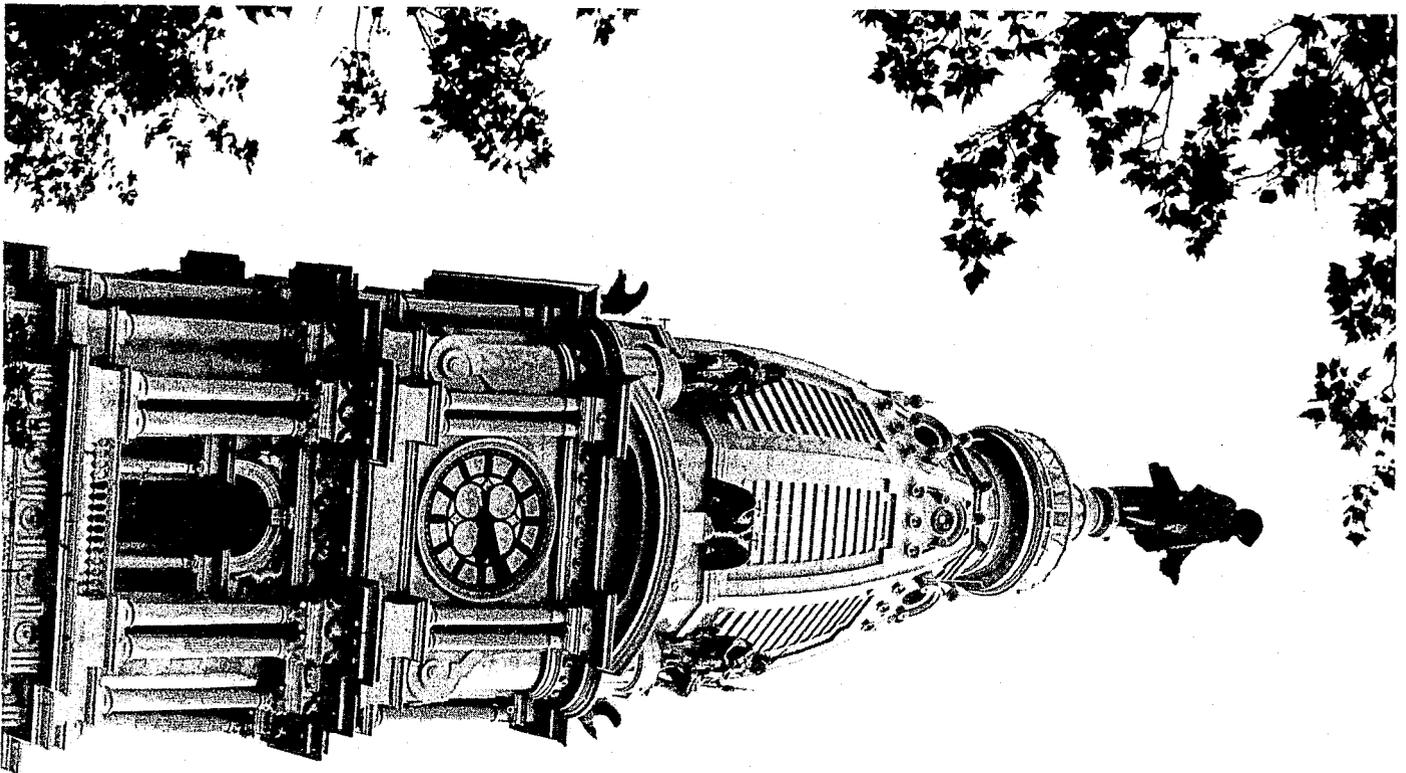
1990 SUPPORTIVE SERVICE AWARD

DAVID C. LAWRENCE
Chief Deputy Court Administrator
Trial Division
Court of Common Pleas

RETIREMENT CERTIFICATES

Dolores Garner

Statistical Overview



TAX COURT

Municipal Court continues to generate revenue for the City of Philadelphia through its tax collection enforcement efforts. Civil Trial Commissioners are responsible for supervising the tax court program. Below is a quarterly analysis of 1989 and 1990 collection activity.

	1989	1990
January - March	\$3,148,406.67	\$4,010,200.17
April - June	\$3,764,659.15	\$6,665,019.40
July - September	\$3,720,845.07	\$5,249,367.23
October - December	\$3,723,146.00	\$5,128,195.58
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TOTAL COLLECTED	\$14,357,056.89	\$21,052,782.38



Civil Trial Commissioners
Dolores L. Thomas, Margaret M. Meehan

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
 STATISTICAL SUMMARY
 JANUARY - DECEMBER 1989

	RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSITION JAN. 2, 1989	NEW RECORDS RECEIVED	TOTAL RECORDS DISPOSED	RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSITION JAN. 1, 1990
CIVIL:				
Code Enforcement	7170	63101	62155	8116
Landlord & Tenant	1214	19504	19003	1715
Small Claims	7202	40216	40495	6923
 SUB-TOTAL	 15586	 122821	 121653	 16754
 CRIMINAL:				
Preliminary Hearings	1492	24335	23568	2259
Trials	5277	17175	18460	3992
Summary Proceedings	1885	24554	24776	1663
Private Criminal Complaints	1359	4725	4126	1958
 SUB-TOTAL	 10013	 70789	 70930	 9872
 GRAND TOTAL	 25599	 193610	 192583	 26626

CIVIL: To date, 620 appeals were perfected on Municipal Court Civil Trials

CRIMINAL: To date, 558 appeals were perfected on Municipal Court Criminal Trials

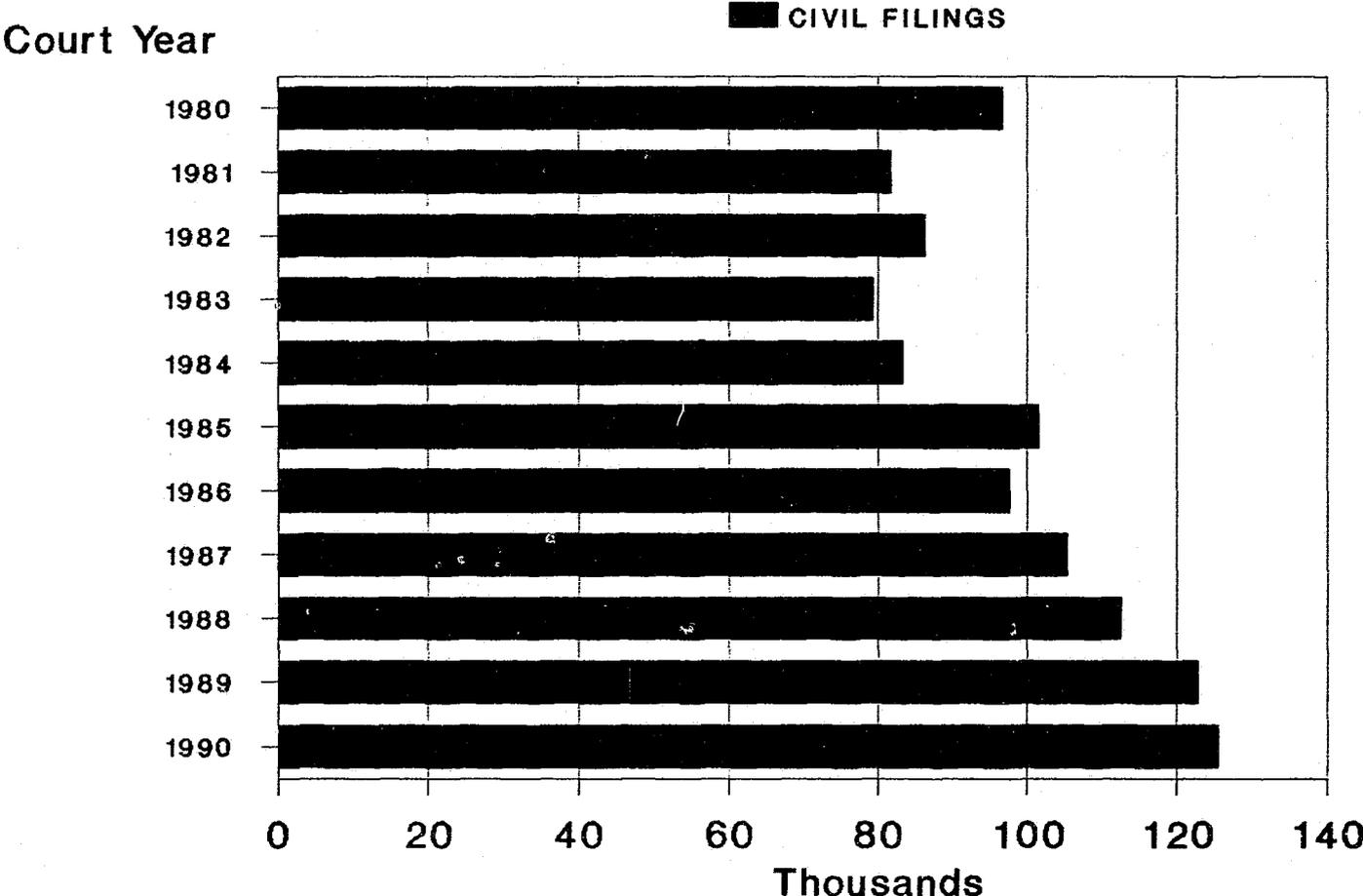
PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
 STATISTICAL SUMMARY
 JANUARY - DECEMBER 1990

	RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSITION JAN. 1, 1990	NEW RECORDS RECEIVED	TOTAL RECORDS DISPOSED	RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSITION JAN. 7, 1991
CIVIL:				
Code Enforcement	8116	61411	61421	8106
Landlord & Tenant	1715	19218	19508	1425
Small Claims	6923	44932	43404	8451
SUB-TOTAL	16754	125561	124333	17982
CRIMINAL:				
Preliminary Hearings	2259	24937	24688	2508
Trials	3992	17309	17053	4248
Summary Proceedings	1663	25137	24661	2139
Private Criminal Complaints	1958	4150	4090	2018
SUB-TOTAL	9872	71533	70492	10913
GRAND TOTAL	26626	197094	194825	28895

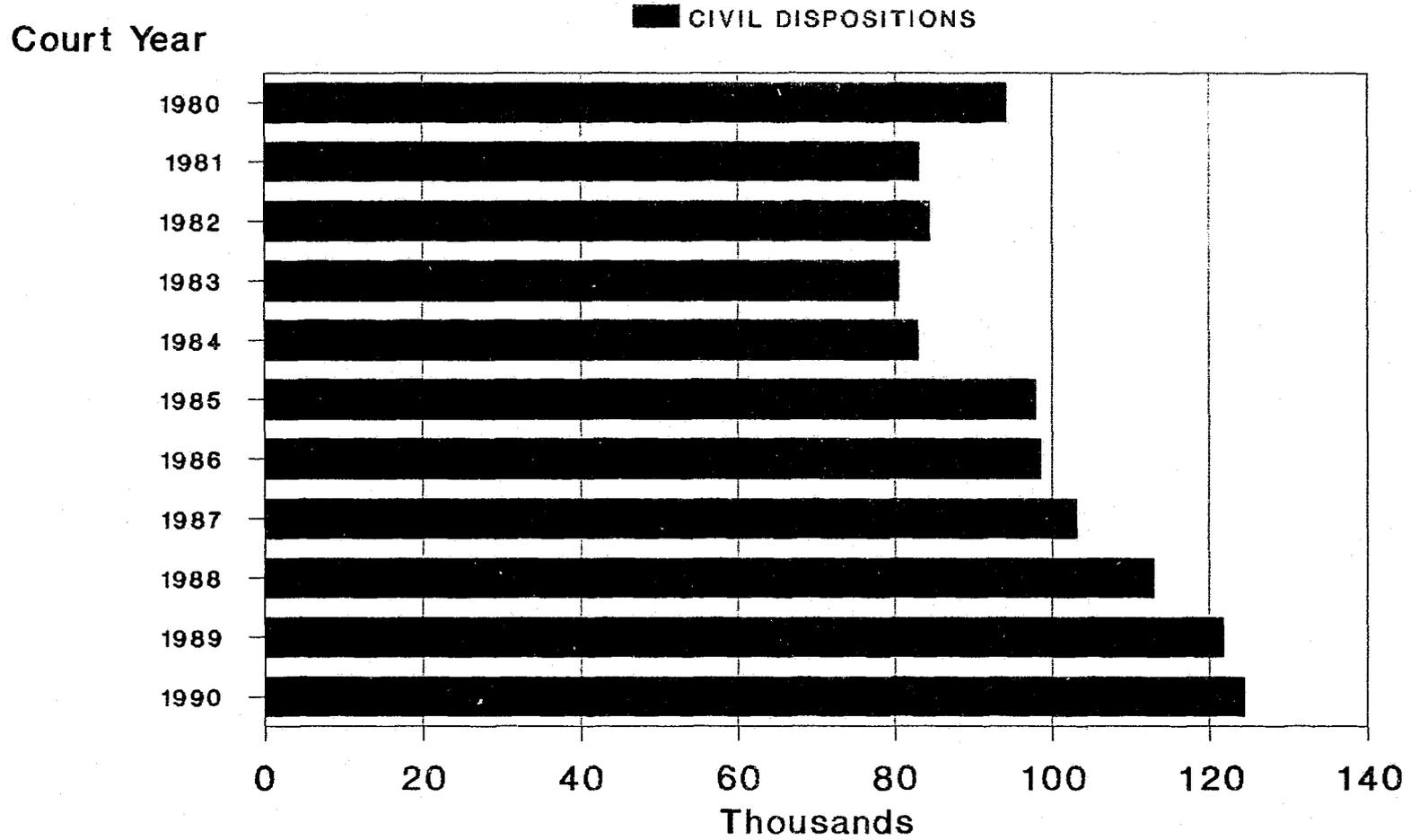
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PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT CIVIL CASE FILINGS



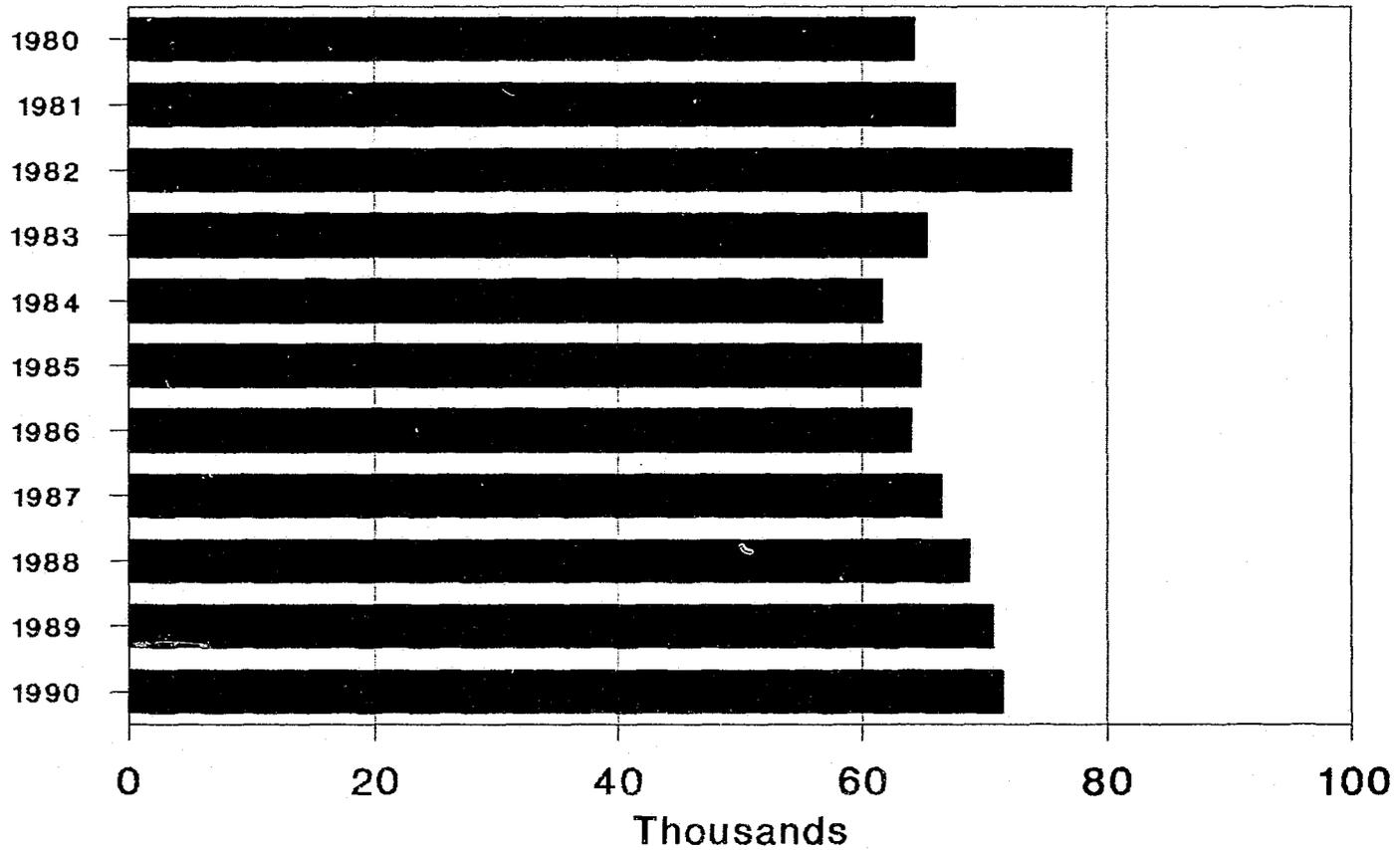
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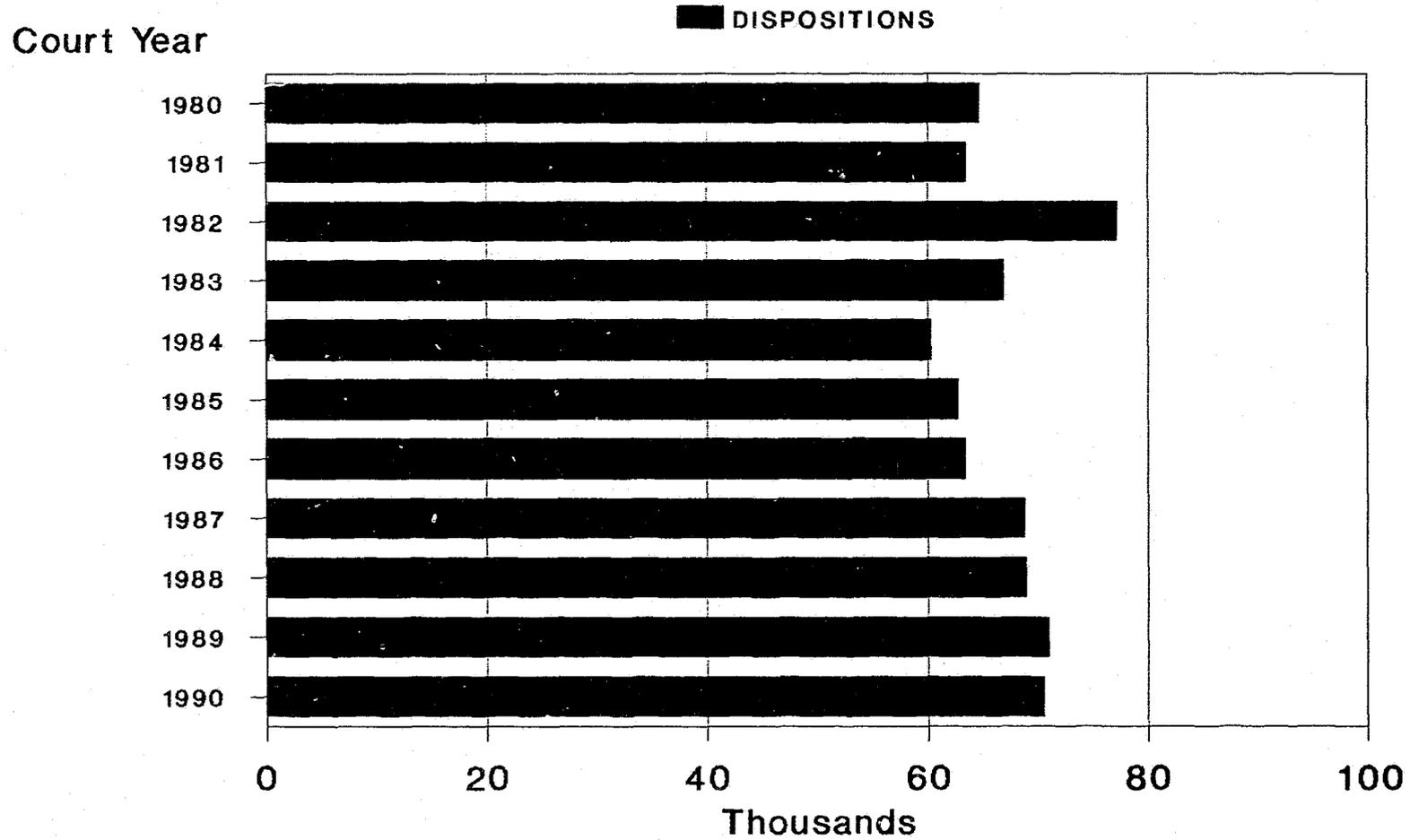
Court Year

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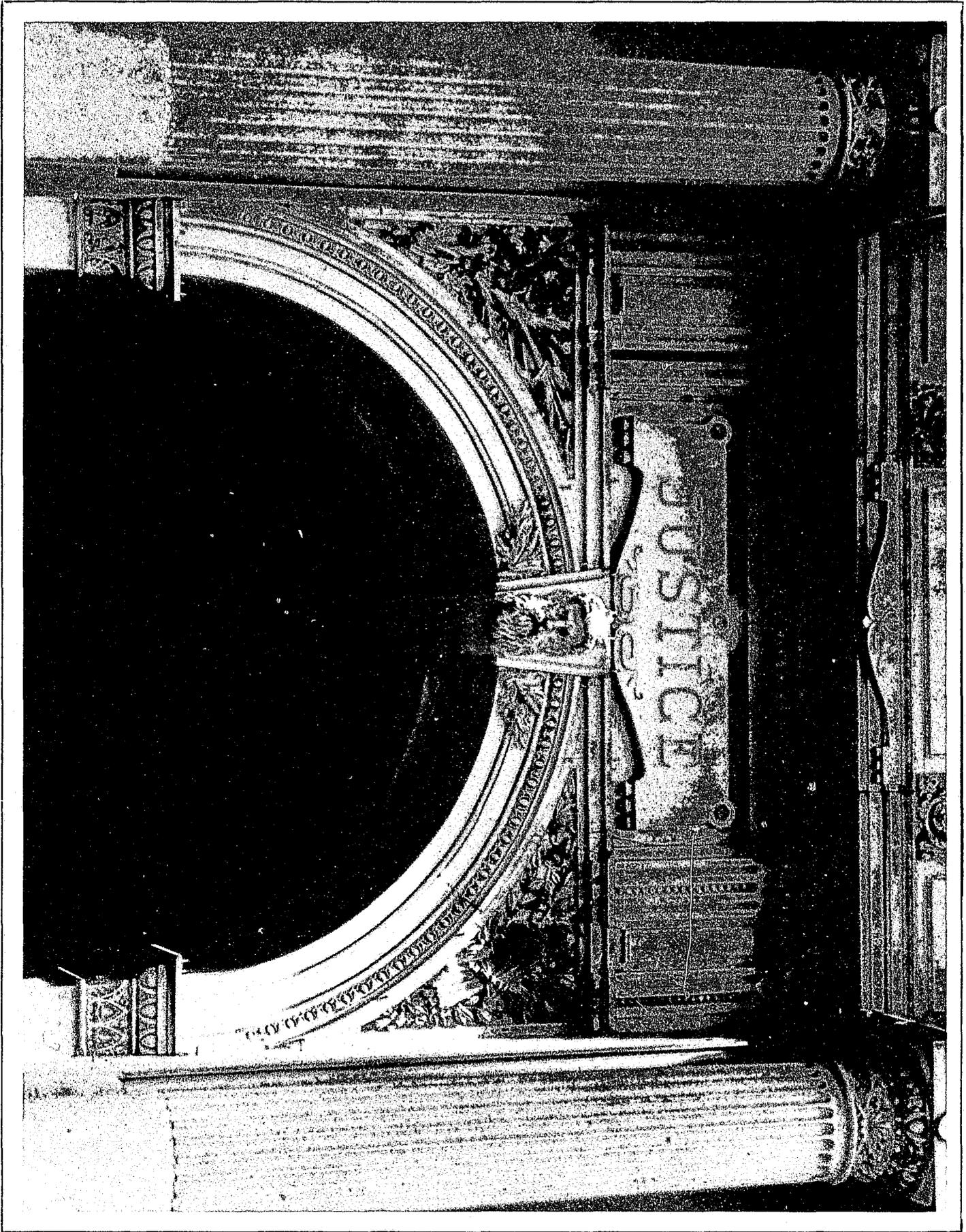
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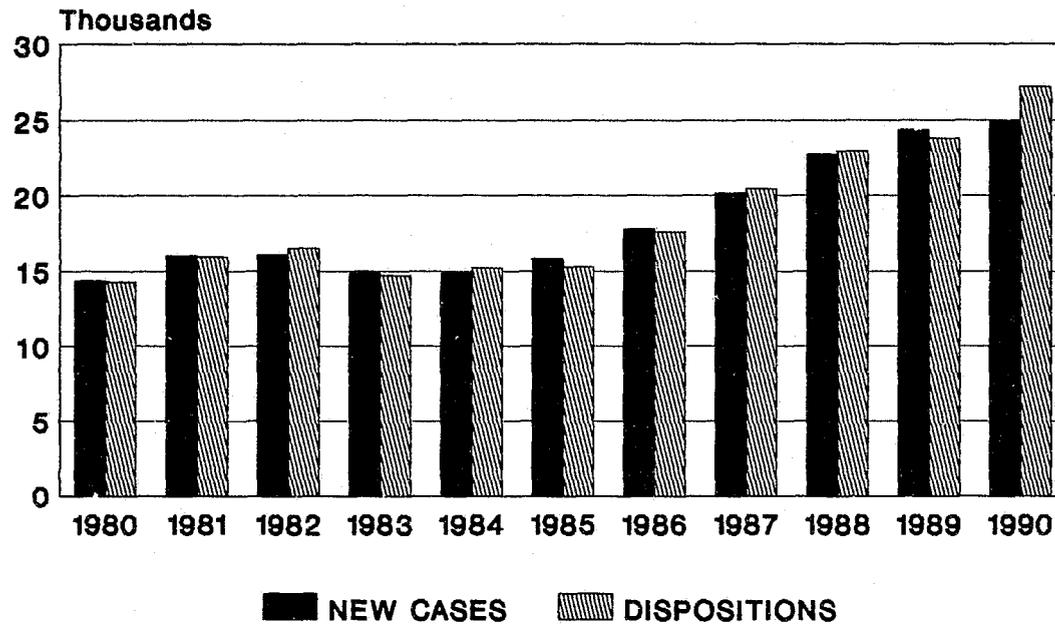


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Criminal Program



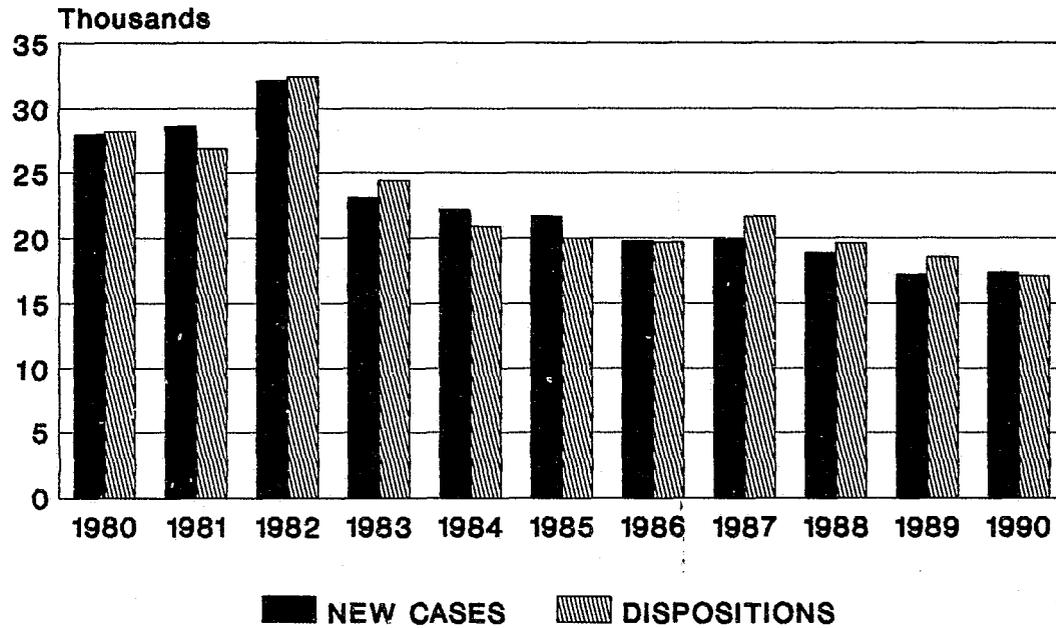
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1980 - 1990

	CASES PENDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW CASES RECEIVED	CASES DISPOSED	CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR	INCREASE/ DECREASE IN CASES
1980	1,655	14,367	14,304	1,718	+63
1981	1,718	15,997	15,892	1,823	+105
1982	1,823	16,106	16,479	1,450	-373
1983	1,450	14,841	14,738	1,553	+103
1984	1,553	14,886	15,221	1,218	-335
1985	1,218	15,770	15,310	1,678	+460
1986	1,678	17,793	17,556	1,915	+237
1987	1,915	20,172	20,399	1,688	-227
1988	1,688	22,703	22,899	1,492	-196
1989	1,492	24,335	23,827	2,259	+767
1990	2,259	24,937	27,196	2,508	+476

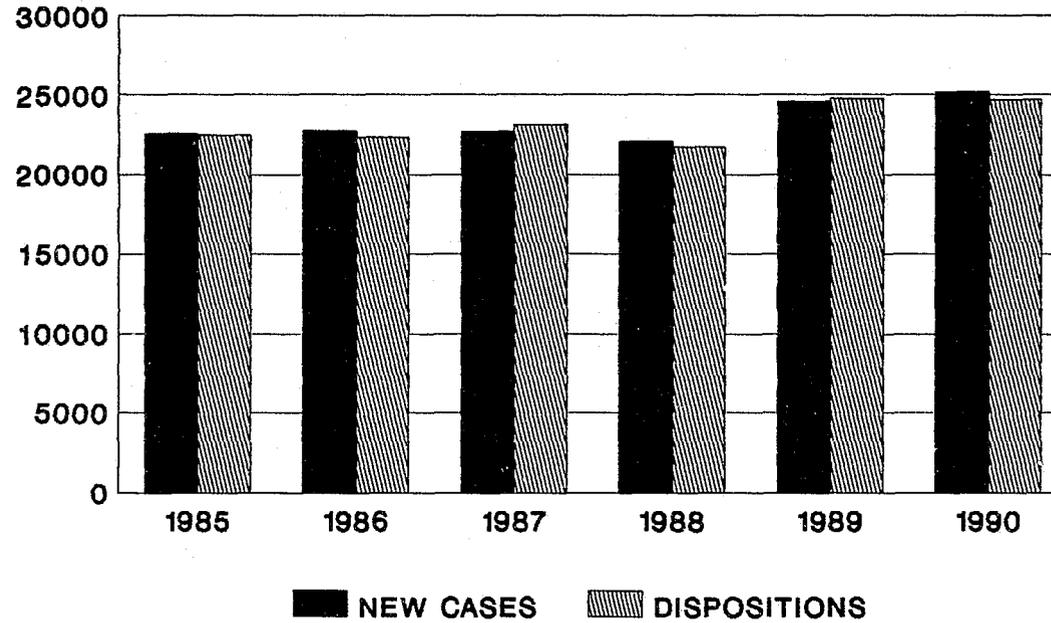
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1980 - 1990

	CASES PENDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW CASES RECEIVED	CASES DISPOSED	CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR	INCREASE/ DECREASE IN CASES
1980	5,052	27,949	28,179	4,822	-230
1981	4,822	28,555	26,826	6,551	+1,729
1982	6,551	32,061	32,394	6,218	-333
1983	6,218	23,076	24,441	4,853	-1,365
1984	4,853	22,162	20,889	6,126	+1,273
1985	6,126	21,665	20,008	7,783	+1,657
1986	7,783	19,738	19,691	7,830	+47
1987	7,830	19,801	21,653	5,978	-1,852
1988	5,978	18,874	19,575	5,277	-701
1989	5,277	17,175	18,460	3,992	-1,285
1990	3,992	17,309	17,053	4,248	+256

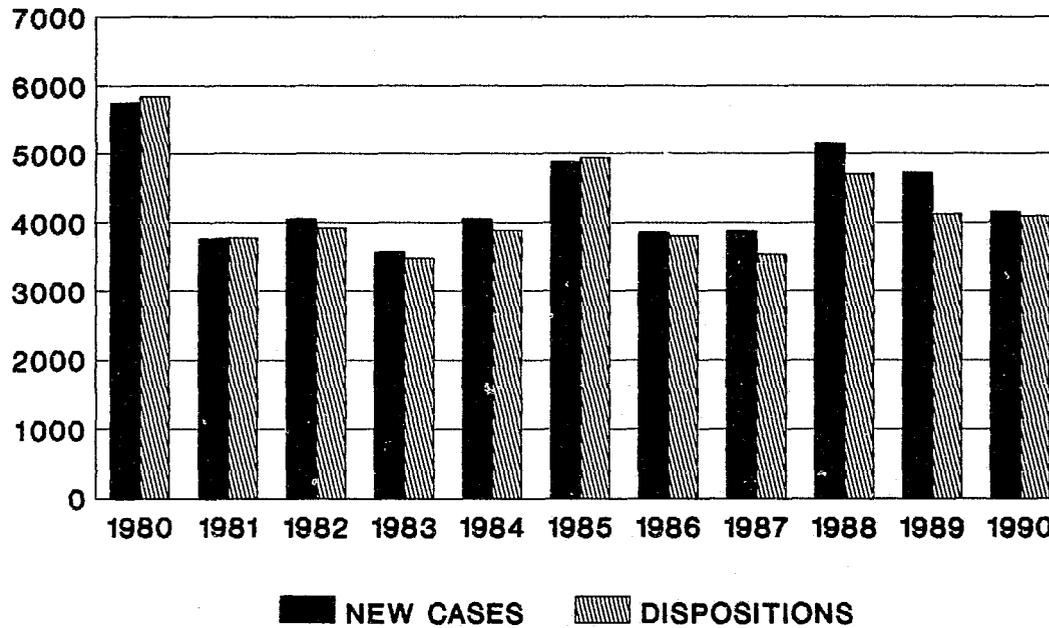
SUMMARY CITATIONS



1985 - 1990

	CASES PENDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW CASES RECEIVED	CASES DISPOSED	CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR	INCREASE/ DECREASE IN CASES
1985	1,547	22,524	22,467	1,604	+57
1986	1,604	22,709	22,323	1,990	+386
1987	1,990	22,691	23,133	1,548	-442
1988	1,548	22,063	21,726	1,885	+337
1989	1,885	24,554	24,776	1,663	-222
1990	1,663	25,137	24,661	2,139	+476

PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS



1980 - 1990

	CASES PENDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW CASES RECEIVED	CASES DISPOSED	CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR	INCREASE/ DECREASE IN CASES
1980	361	5,743	5,848	256	-105
1981	256	3,755	3,771	240	-16
1982	240	4,040	3,916	364	+124
1983	364	3,577	3,484	457	+93
1984	457	4,039	3,887	609	+152
1985	609	4,877	4,940	546	-63
1986	546	3,851	3,812	585	+39
1987	585	3,868	3,536	917	+332
1988	917	5,148	4,706	1,359	+442
1989	1,359	4,725	4,126	1,958	+599
1990	1,958	4,150	4,090	2,018	+60

DEFENDANT DISPOSITIONS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 1989

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	DISM PRELIM ARRAIGN	PROS W/D	NON-JURY ACQUITTAL	CONVICTIONS		TRANSFERS *	HEARINGS	
					GUILTY PLEAS	NON JURY		HELD FOR COURT	NOT HELD FOR COURT
MURDER	476		1			1	1	451	22
MANSLAUGHTER	26			2	2	3		18	1
ROBBERY	4373		314	5	20	45	27	2518	1444
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6029		1277	151	157	342	171	2556	1375
SIMPLE ASSAULT	2727		955	118	225	413	197	524	295
BURGLARY	3547		170	7	17	38	31	2236	1048
LARCENY (NOT AUTO)	7187		1506	80	901	886	643	2091	1080
AUTO THEFT	1024		57	9	5	10	25	567	351
EMBEZZLEMENT/FRAUD	633		175	9	30	30	83	223	83
STOLEN PROPERTY	495	2	120	15	22	40	45	129	122
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	22		1		1	1	1	17	1
RAPE	378		2	2	9		2	270	93
ASSAULT & ATTEMPTED RAPE	90		18		6		1	58	7
STATUTORY RAPE	2							2	
INDECENT ASSAULT	270		29	14	25	77	16	77	32
COMMERCIALIZED VICE	171		18	3	82	29	13	20	6
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	115		23	4	22	24	19	11	12
SALE/USE OF NARCOTICS	6984		814	39	110	311	324	5163	223
POSSESSION/USE NARCOTICS	2456		419	44	152	394	1420	22	5
OTHER DRUG OFFENSES	6		2		2	1	1		
WEAPONS OFFENSES	911	1	233	69	181	330	79	16	2
OFFENSES VS FAMILY/CHILD	9				2	2	2	2	1
LIQUOR LAWS	6			1	2	1	2		
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	1879		223	102	79	366	1098	9	2
OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	11		3	1	2	5			
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	258		60	9	80	21	79	6	3
GAMBLING	163		38	16	23	50	36		
ARSON	24		4					16	4
BIGAMY	1				1				
CONTRIB TO DELINQUENCY	19		2	1	1	2	3	5	5
OFFENSE VS PUBLIC JUSTICE	96		23	4	8	10	13	30	8
PRISON BREACH, ETC.	65		8	2	1	4	1	30	19
BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION	1		1						
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	55		18	2	9	7	10	3	6
TRESPASSING	60		17	3	12	15	3		10
OFFENSES VS PUBLIC PEACE									
OFFENSES VS PUBLIC MORALS	36		20		13	2	1		
OFFENSES VS PUBLIC POLICY I	409		31	1	180	7	157	19	14
MISC. HOLDING OFFENSES	1008		372	11	61	74	288	15	187
DELINQUENCY OFFENSES									
TOTALS	42026	3	6957	724	2443	3541	4792	17104	6462

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TRANSFERS TO: JUVENILE COURT: 70 OTHER JURISDICTIONS: 259 DDPIPP: 3,825 PROBATION W/O VERDICT: 613

DEFENDANT DISPOSITIONS
 JANUARY - DECEMBER 1990

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL DISP	PROS W/D	NON-JURY ACQUITTAL	CONVICTIONS		TRANSFERS	HEARINGS	
				GUILTY PLEA	NON JURY		HELD FOR COURT	NOT HELD FOR COURT
MURDER	572					4	529	39
MANSLAUGHTER	44	3	3	3	7		24	4
ROBBERY	4950	271	2	13	52	17	3018	1577
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5891	1111	162	97	409	221	2574	1317
SIMPLE ASSAULT	2616	838	101	117	419	254	503	384
BURGLARY	3286	181	3	14	31	11	2119	927
LARCENY (NOT AUTO)	7068	1216	63	480	1383	557	2309	1060
AUTO THEFT	1200	75	4		15	27	737	342
EMBEZZLEMENT/FRAUD	524	119	14	17	69	31	197	77
STOLEN PROPERTY	471	145	10	20	45	18	145	88
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	20	16			1		3	
RAPE	348	4	1	6			252	85
ASSAULT & ATTEMPTED RAPE	59	15		4		1	33	6
STATUTORY RAPE	3	1		1			1	
INDECENT ASSAULT	232	21	11	17	67	18	60	38
COMMERCIALIZED VICE	236	25	2	90	41	48	13	17
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	138	9	4	14	32	56	5	18
SALE/USE OF NARCOTICS	6367	309	24	60	298	258	4675	743
POSSESSION/USE NARCOTICS	2071	305	33	99	466	1138	21	9
OTHER DRUG OFFENSES	4		1	1	1	1		
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1129	273	69	53	600	103	22	9
OFFENSES VS FAMILY/CHILD	5		2		1		2	
LIQUOR LAWS	46	8	5	1	8	24		
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	1704	151	117	33	439	954	10	
OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSE	11	1			5	4	1	
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	300	33	15	128	51	67	2	4
GAMBLING	156	26	8	11	61	50		
ARSON	23	2	1			1	17	2
CONTRIB TO DELINQUENCY	36	3	3	4	4	8	4	10
OFFENSE VS PUBLIC JUSTICE	100	11	1	17	23	16	21	11
PRISON BREACH, ETC.	58	3		1	3	1	38	12
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	42	13		2	10	7	6	4
TRESPASSING	38	10	2	11	7	2	1	5
OFFENSES VS PUBLIC PEACE	3						3	
OFFENSES VS PUBLIC MORALS	7			2	3	2		
OFFENSES VS PUBLIC POLICY I	430	60	2	59	94	125	33	57
MISC. HOLDING OFFENSES	1526	513	8	90	164	303	53	395
DELINQUENCY OFFENSES	1						1	
OFFENSES VS. PUBIC POLICY II	3	1						2
UNCLASSIFIED	2	1		1				

TOTALS 41720 5773 671 1466 4809 4327 17432 7242
 *TRANSFERS/JUVENILE COURT: 50 TRANSFERS/OTHER JURISDICTIONS: 259 DDIPP: 3,481 PROBATION W/O VERDICT: 53

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
DATA ENTRY CLERKS
ARRAIGNMENT COURT

All individuals arrested and charged with misdemeanors and felonies appear before a Bail Commissioner for a formal arraignment at the Police Administration Building. Data Entry Clerks are responsible for entering all arrest and charge information into the court computer system. This information is entered onto a formal criminal transcript. The data entry clerks are responsible for coordinating reports between the police department and the district attorney's charging unit.

The data entry clerks staff the arraignment courtroom 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. In 1989 and 1990, the clerks processed approximately 42,000 criminal cases each year.



POLICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Left to right: Fred Grunsby, Frank Rebstock,
Bail Commissioner.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
CRIMINAL LISTINGS UNIT

The primary objective of Criminal Listings is to schedule and maintain trial lists for each criminal courtroom. The department is responsible for supplying court personnel with continuance dates, scheduling preliminary hearings, handling interpreter requests and interacting with criminal justice agencies in organizing special listings for drug and homicide preliminary hearings. Under the direction of Stephen M. Jaffe, the unit dispenses a wealth of information regarding criminal procedures in Municipal Court.



CRIMINAL LISTINGS

Left to right: Rita M. Crumlish,
Asst. Supervisor; Peg Prendergast.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
CRIMINAL CODING

The Criminal Coding Unit, responsible for processing all summary offenses, joined Municipal Court in 1988. Coding clerks enter all summary data into the court's criminal computer system. They are also responsible for distributing transcripts for daily court proceedings to divisional courtrooms and courtroom 875 City Hall.

In 1989, the department heightened its productivity by going "on-line" with its data processing capabilities. In 1991, under the direction of Joanne Weglicki, the unit hopes to expand its operation with the consolidation of summary bench warrant files. The centralization of all these files will enable the unit to maintain optimum control of summary transcripts.



CRIMINAL CODING

Left to right: Carole Copes,
Christopher Pastino,
Harriet Scattolini,
Joanne Weglicki, Supervisor;
Cynthia Gregg.
Seated: Marion Gallo.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
COURT REPORTERS

The Court Reporters are responsible for recording verbatim testimony for all preliminary hearings and trials in Municipal Court. The Court Reporters are assigned to eleven divisional courtrooms and eight City Hall courtrooms.

Supervisor, Elizabeth Winter, foresees 90% of her staff utilizing the Verticat System by the beginning of 1991. This state-of-the-art transcription system expedites the preparation of the reporter's notes of testimony. Presently, 50% of the Court Reporters have experienced the department's progress first-hand, having been employed in Municipal Court since its inception in 1969.



COURT REPORTERS

Left to right: Gilbert Cohen, Elizabeth Winter, Supervisor; Stanley Joseph, Salvatore Paglia, Anthony Giordano, Karen Tierney, Gregory Romano, Heidi Donaldson.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

This department processes private citizen's complaints when a crime is alleged without a police arrest. A vast majority of private criminal complaints involve disputes between family members or neighbors. The misdemeanor cases handled include simple assault, terroristic threats, bad checks and theft by deception.

The courtroom is presided over by Trial Commissioners Mary Rebstock and Esther Kuczewski. The Commissioner is responsible for diverting matters to arbitration or listing the cases for trial. Approximately 20% of the cases heard are listed for trial before a Municipal Court Judge.



PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Left to right: Jeane Jannotti, Henry Giammarco Nancy Loudenslager, Esther Kuczewski, Trial Commissioner; Barbara Dennis.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT
COURT OFFICERS

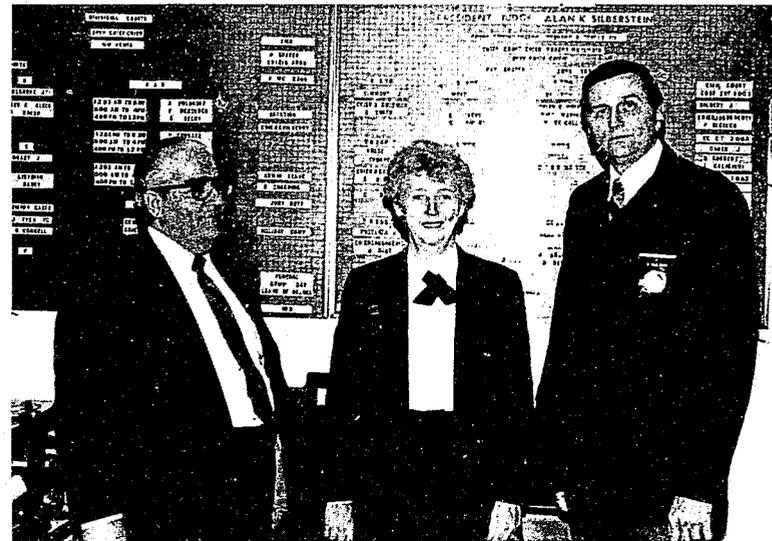
The Court Officers, under the direction of Chief Crier Robert McIlwain and Deputy Criers, Kay Graser, William Femia and John Soda, are responsible for staffing all Municipal Court courtrooms located in City Hall, City Hall Annex and the Divisional Courts in eleven police districts throughout the city.

Court Criers are responsible for supervising the trial list to expedite the disposition of all cases in an efficient manner. The Crier is also responsible for insuring that security is provided in the courtroom. The Court Officers are responsible for swearing in witnesses, guarding entrances and exits, screening packages, enforcing rules and assisting the Crier in conducting the professional operation of each room. In 1989, over 192,000 cases were disposed of in these courtrooms. In addition to handling over 197,000 cases in 1990, the court officers assumed the responsibility of assisting in the operation of the newly installed metal detectors outside of all Municipal Court courtrooms.



DEPUTY CHIEF COURT CRIERS:

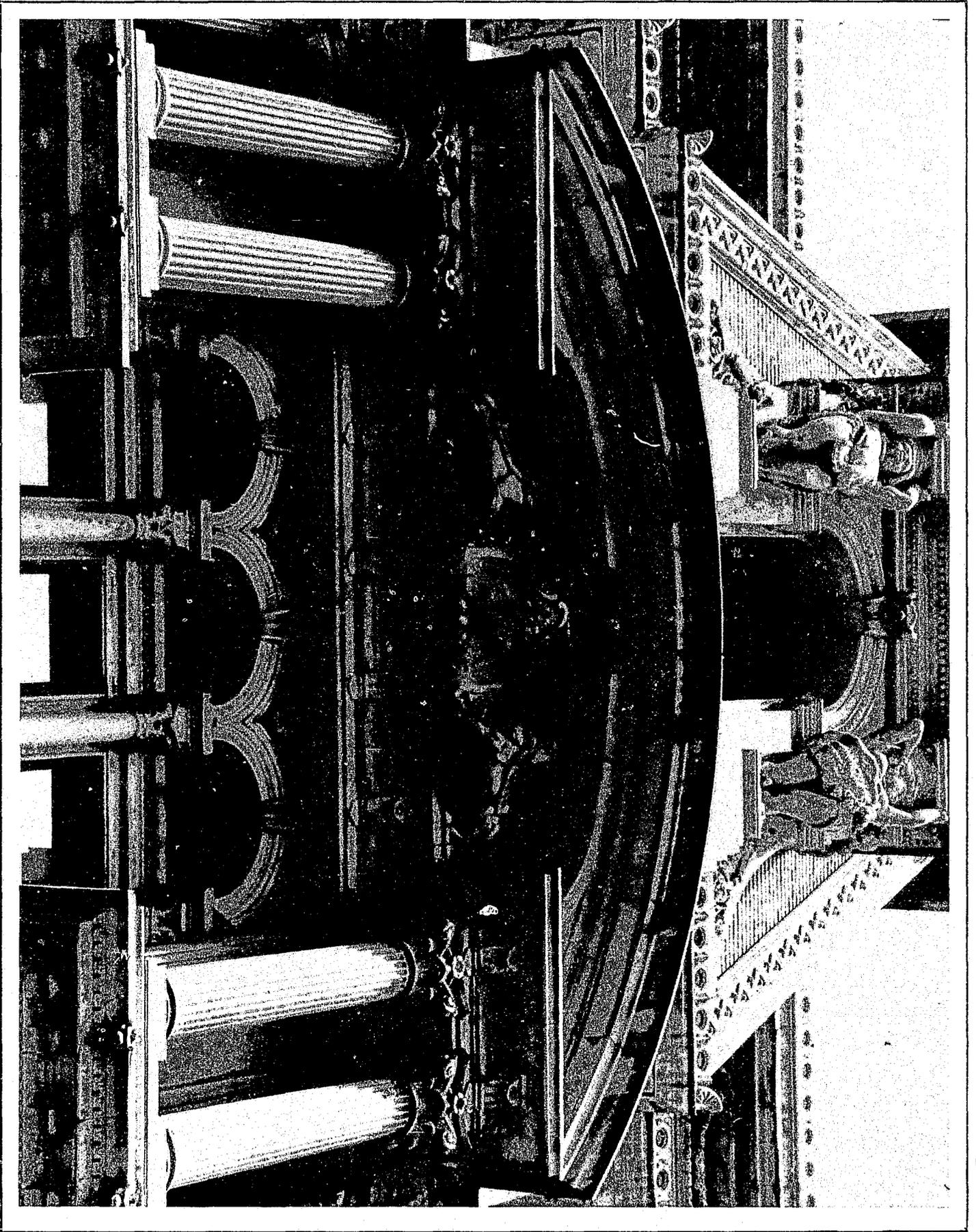
Left to right: William Femia, Criminal;
John Soda, Civil.



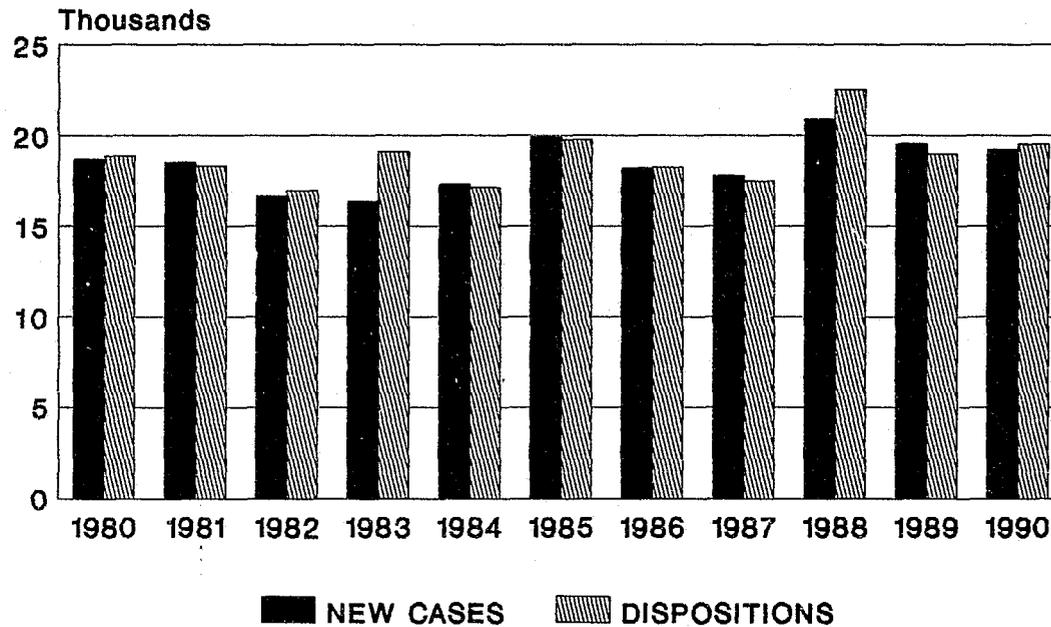
COURT CRIERS AND COURT OFFICERS:

Left to right: John House, Kay Graser, Deputy
Court Crier, Criminal; Robert D. McIlwain, Chief
Court Crier.

Civil Program



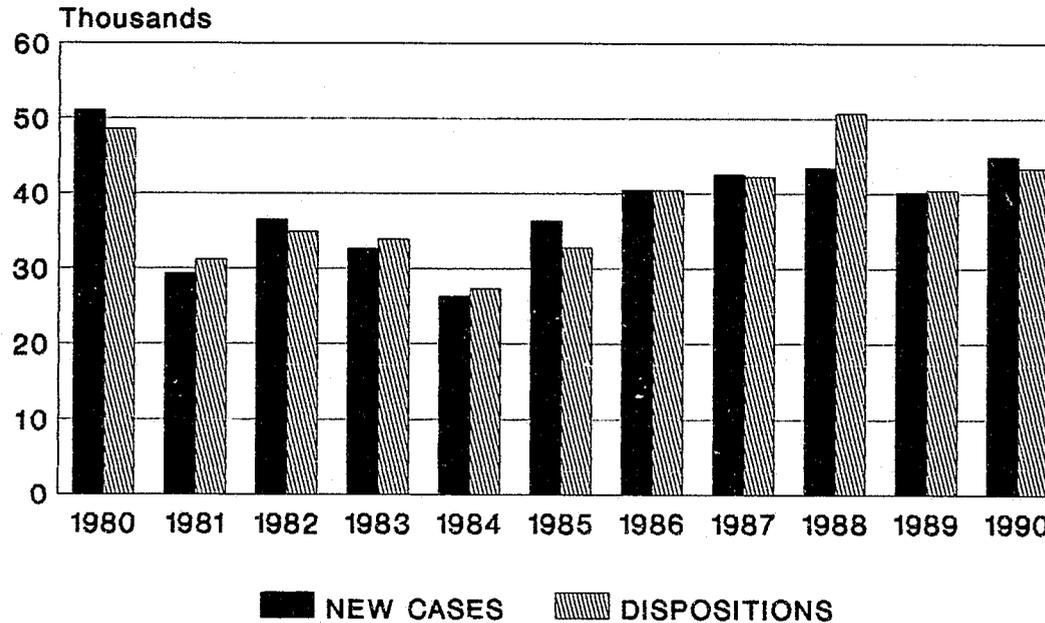
LANDLORD & TENANT



1980 - 1990

	CASES PENDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW CASES RECEIVED	CASES DISPOSED	CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR	INCREASE/ DECREASE IN CASES
1980	1,212	18,683	18,886	1,009	-203
1981	1,009	18,523	18,348	1,184	+175
1982	1,184	16,653	16,989	758	-426
1983	758	16,356	16,093	1,021	+263
1984	1,021	17,348	17,145	1,224	+203
1985	1,224	19,893	19,764	1,353	+129
1986	1,353	18,202	18,305	1,250	-103
1987	1,250	17,829	17,492	1,587	+337
1988	1,587	20,893	22,480	1,214	-373
1989	1,214	19,504	19,003	1,715	+505
1990	1,715	19,218	19,508	1,425	-290

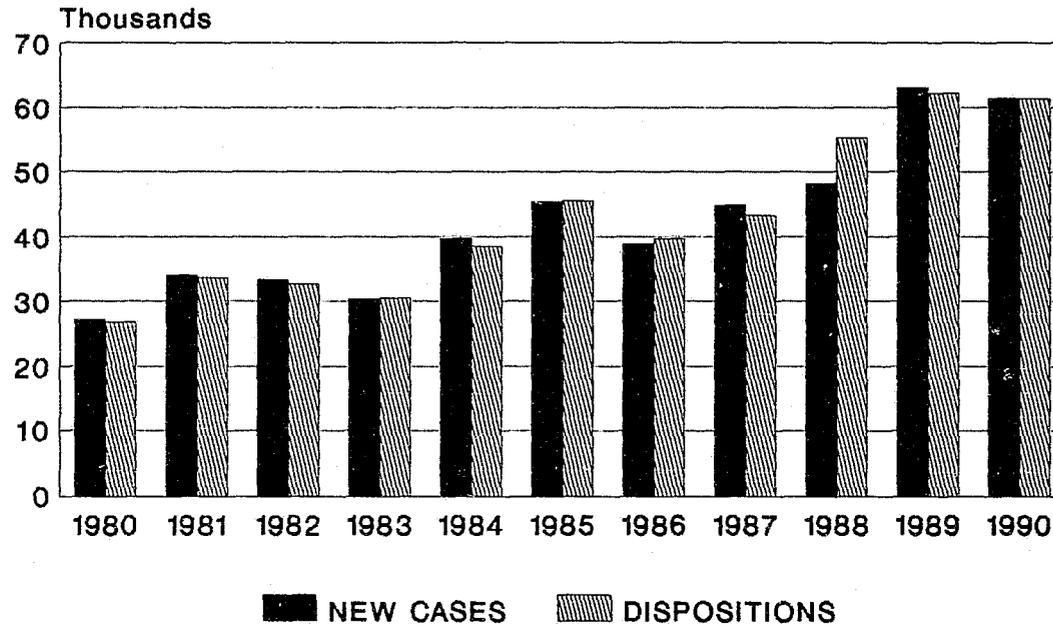
SMALL CLAIMS



1980 - 1990

	CASES PENDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW CASES RECEIVED	CASES DISPOSED	CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR	INCREASE/ DECREASE IN CASES
1980	3,977	50,955	48,608	6,324	+2,347
1981	6,324	29,328	31,191	4,461	-1,863
1982	4,461	36,429	34,821	6,069	+1,608
1983	6,069	32,541	33,846	4,764	-1,305
1984	4,764	26,253	27,348	3,669	-1,095
1985	3,669	36,242	32,705	7,206	+3,587
1986	7,206	40,386	40,500	7,092	-114
1987	7,092	42,508	42,254	7,346	+254
1988	7,346	43,432	50,778	7,202	-144
1989	7,202	40,216	40,495	6,923	-279
1990	6,923	44,932	43,404	8,451	+1,528

CODE ENFORCEMENT



1980 - 1990

	CASES PENDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	NEW CASES RECEIVED	CASES DISPOSED	CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR	INCREASE/ DECREASE IN CASES
1980	4,121	27,085	26,745	4,461	+340
1981	4,461	33,946	33,644	4,763	+302
1982	4,763	33,263	32,599	5,427	+664
1983	5,427	30,396	30,562	5,261	-166
1984	5,261	39,741	38,461	6,541	+1,280
1985	6,541	45,314	45,486	6,369	-172
1986	6,369	38,906	39,719	5,556	-893
1987	5,556	44,914	43,419	7,051	+1,495
1988	7,051	48,196	55,247	7,170	+119
1989	7,170	63,101	62,155	8,116	+946
1990	8,116	61,411	61,421	8,106	-10

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

INTAKE UNIT

The Intake Unit is the initial stop for the public and attorneys who want to file a civil case in Municipal Court. This department is considered to be a doorway of information regarding civil court procedures. The process of filing a case begins with a pre-interview, which helps eliminate unnecessary delay. Individuals filing a case are forwarded to an interviewer who assists the party in preparing a complaint. This unit is responsible for screening and processing attorney filings. In 1989 and 1990, under the direction of Patricia McDermott, the Intake unit processed over 240,000 filings.

The Intake Unit has consistently demonstrated its ability to handle the numerous changes and challenges over the past twenty years. The unit has experienced an increase in workload due to jurisdictional increases and new licensing procedures in the Philadelphia Housing Code. Employees voluntarily participate in the mediation program, and approximately one-half of the current staff are trained mediators. In 1989, the Unit followed through on the Court's Assistance to Seniors Program and visited 15 senior citizen centers. The program offers information and assistance with civil complaints. The department hopes to expand this program by initiating filing procedures into the neighborhoods of Philadelphia.



INTAKE UNIT

Left to right: Elizabeth Monaghan, Colleen McGrath, Gloria Michetti, Lynda Boone, Christopher Wright, Ethel Tindley, John Joyce, Susan Nebbio, Seymour Segal, Maureen McGinty, Assistant Supervisor.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT

The primary function of the Dispute Resolution Program is to resolve the conflicts of litigants in Private Criminal Complaints, Small Claims and Landlord & Tenant cases. The focus of the unit is to determine the cause of the conflict, and to help the parties reach an agreement they can abide by so that future disputes can be avoided.

The Municipal Court program was one of the first Dispute Resolution programs in the country. It was established in 1969 as a pilot project for the resolution of matters initiated by Private Criminal Complaints. In 1982, the program was expanded to include mediation of Landlord and Tenant complaints and, in 1983, the mediation of Small Claims cases began.

In 1989-1990, under the direction of Joseph McDermott, approximately 2,800 cases opted to proceed through the program. A major responsibility of the unit is training. During the last two years, over 100 volunteers were trained as mediators. A pool of arbitrators and mediators now exists so that every interested person has the opportunity to reach an agreement before their scheduled court date.



DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Standing (left to right):
Joseph P. McDermott, Jr. Supervis
Ilene Flood, Esq., Asst. Supervis
James Malloy.

Seated (left to right):
Dorothy Pollis, Ann Shingle.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

CIVIL LISTINGS UNIT

The Civil Listings Unit is responsible for scheduling all hearing dates for first listings, continuances and relistments for all civil cases in Municipal Court. The unit was formed in 1969 and continues to utilize caseflow management procedures, tracking a case from the initial filing state through its disposition. Under the direction of Margaret Lapergola, the unit listed over 250,000 new civil filings in 1989 and 1990.



CIVIL LISTINGS

Seated (left to right): Dolores Garnder, Claire Holloway, Mary Adams, Asst. Supervisor.

Standing (left to right): Sandy DeLuca, Maria Isaacs, Sandy Morgan, Jacqui Berry, Asst. Supervisor; MaryEllen McGahan.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

DATA PROCESSING UNIT

The Data Processing Unit began as a manual operation in 1969 utilizing the services of four employees. The department has evolved into a modern, computerized office with a staff of eleven employees. The department is responsible for recording, updating and processing all civil case information into the court computer system. Under the direction of Paulette Scanlon-Hess, the unit is presently completing the final phase of a comprehensive civil case history file, which will greatly improve the informational capabilities of the system.



DATA PROCESSING

Standing (left to right):
Jean Gianfortune, Hazel Ghanayem,
Marguerite DiLauro, Asst. Supervisor
Laura Kopstein, Joan Racquet.
Seated (left to right):
L'Tonya Branch, Bernice Capobianco
Dawn Edwards.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

WRIT SERVICE UNIT

The Writ Service Unit was formed twenty years ago with three employees, 10 writ servers and a yearly average of 26,000 writs. Presently, the unit has more than 90 writ servers who effectuate service on more than 130,000 writs each year. In 1989, under the direction of Roseanne Conti, the unit was completely reorganized with the implementation of a computerized processing phase which has greatly increased the unit's overall service percentage rate.



WRIT SERVICE

Seated: Ann Clement.

Standing (left to right): Greg Iannarelli, Roseanne Conti, Supervisor, Clara Garrett, Asst. Supervisor; Rosalie Amen.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

JUDGMENTS AND PETITIONS UNIT

In May of 1989, the Post Trial and Petition Departments merged into the Judgments and Petitions Unit. The combined functions of the employees are to assist the public with post-trial actions, including all writs on Small Claim and Landlord-Tenant cases. The department is also responsible for processing all civil motions presented to Municipal Court. In 1989 through 1990, under the direction of Anna Corsaro, the Judgments and Petitions Unit processed over 200,000 post-trial actions.



JUDGMENTS & PETITIONS

Standing (left to right): George Ebner, Anna Corsaro, Supervisor; Keal Powell, Michael Iannarelli, Valerie Shotzbarger, Catherine Micenec, Gloria Criniti, Lorraine Ruiz, Asst. Supervisor.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

FORMS MANAGEMENT

Under the direction of Robert Dunn, the major responsibilities of this department are the procurement, revision and distribution of all forms used throughout Municipal Court. Additional duties involve the acquisition and distribution of supplies, furniture and equipment. The office provides each individual department with an up-to-date catalog containing all court approved forms and office supplies. This unit services over thirty departments and plays an integral role in the efficient operation of Municipal Court.



PRIVATE CRIMINAL VERIFICATION
Frank Talent

MAINTENANCE:

Standing (left to right): Joseph Muoio, Supervisor; Nicholas Daverso, Jerry Levinsky, Tony Novelli.
Seated: Nicholas Spadea.





DONALD McDONOUGH, DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS

COURT RECORDERS

Seated (left to right): Mary Dailey,
Agatha Ruggiero; Supervisor
Standing (left to right): Theresa Keane,
Joan Coyle, Grace Smith,



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