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# Study Aims at Uniform Sentencing

By DAVE RACHER  
We want to eliminate the disparity of sentencing criminal defendants," said Common Pleas President Judge Edward J. Bradley.

Philadelphia played host last weekend to a group of criminal justice officials from Denver, Phoenix, and other cities.

Judge Edward J. Bradley. The judge was referring to an ambitious study now under way aimed at isolating the causes of crime and by approximately 100 judges, past few years, red, pre-

## Committee Named to Study Proposal for Justice Center

95% of Criminal Cases Handled in 6-Hour Time Limit

Ninety-seven per cent of preliminary arraignments in criminal cases in which statements were obtained were held within the six-hour time limit set by the State Supreme Court, according to a survey ordered by President Judge Edward J. Bradley.

## Judge Asks House For Arbitration Changes

Judge David N. Savitt, court administrator for Philadelphia's Court of Common Pleas, last week urged the state legislature to adopt legislation which will lead to "meaningful and substantive reform" in judicial sentencing.

Judge Savitt made his plea in testimony before the House Judiciary Committee in support of House Bill 253, the "Presumptive Sentencing Bill."

contemplation could soon take up all the available ground and every delay seems to produce an increase in the cost of what, by its nature, is bound to be an expensive project.

The new building would include a new building housing a detention center, a juvenile holding facility and offices for the district attorney, sheriff, clerk of quarter sessions court and the probate court. Most of these officials now have offices in City Hall. However, because judges and the district attorney occupy rented space in three buildings



Judge Bradley: co

## New form refers defendants

At the request of the Chancellor, Bernard M. Borish, President Judge Edward J. Bradley and Judge David N. Savitt, Court Administrator, arranged for a meeting on February 4, 1977 to discuss some of the problems in criminal law practice and procedure.

The meeting was attended by President Judge Joseph R. Glancey at the Municipal Court, as well as by representatives of the Criminal Justice Section, Lawyer Reference Service, Municipal Court, District Attorney, Public Defender and Court Administration personnel.

# Coming: 1-Day Jury Duty; Plan Scheduled for 1979

By ROBERT W. KOTZBAUER  
Of The Bulletin Staff

If victims are the forgotten parties in the criminal justice system today, jurors may be the most exploited.

For \$9 a day, in Philadelphia, a citizen is expected to give up three weeks of his time (and business, if he's self-employed) to sit long hours in City Hall with a

"I think most persons like to serve as jurors," said President Judge Edward J. Bradley yesterday.

Both Houston and Detroit report that their one day/one trial system has saved the system money, and Moran believes here in the City.

"The big advantage," said Judge Bradley, "will get better jury duty, and

In other cities where the program is operating, said Bradley, it has met with a wide degree of public support and approval.

Although questionnaires go out next spring, the first jurors probably won't be the new system until court system moves J.S. Courthouse at 9th and Market streets, said Bradley.

## Montemuro Announces Program to Expedite Support Payments

The State of Pennsylvania stands to benefit financially from a new program designed to expedite payment of court imposed domestic relations support orders in Philadelphia.

The program will be announced by Frank J. Montemuro, Court Div. Judge, at a year-long despatch of

## Philadelphia Judges To Attend Judicial Refresher Course

All of Philadelphia's Common Pleas and law-trained Municipal Court Judges have been assigned by President Judge Edward J. Bradley to attend a judicial refresher course to be conducted by the Pennsylvania College of the Judiciary March 10-12.

## Judge Bradley Announces Procedures To Expedite Disposition of Civil Suits

Common Pleas Court President Judge Edward J. Bradley has announced procedures to expedite disposition of civil suits.

The procedures will eliminate all pre-trial activity to unnecessary delay.

## Bradley Brings Executive Development Program To Philadelphia Court System Employees

This week approximately 35 employees of Philadelphia's court system will begin an intensive Executive Development Program, conducted in Philadelphia for the first time by the Institute for Court Management.

The program, usually conducted at ICM headquarters in Denver, will be brought to Philadelphia under the terms of a unique contract between ICM and the common Pleas Judge Edward J. Bradley.

## Continuing Education Family Institute Plans 9th Annual Conference

The Ninth Annual Conference of the Family Institute of Philadelphia entitled "Marriage is a Family Affair" will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, at the Rittenberg Hotel.

Philadelphia attorneys, and Daniel D. Molinoff, a New York attorney, will be the featured speakers. Fees for the conference are \$90 for Friday and Saturday, \$120 for either day. Luncheon and registration are included.

## C. P. Court Amends Rules, Regulations On Mental Health

President Judge Edward J. Bradley has announced the adoption of General Court Regulation 77-2 amending the following Philadelphia Court Rules and General Court Regulations pertaining to mental health: (General Court Regulations 72-17, 75-4, 73-7 and 72-3; Philadelphia Court Rules 50, 60 and 70.)

Rule 50. Mental Health - Special Master

(A) The Office of Special Master shall act as a mental health review officer pursuant to the Mental Health Procedures Act of 1976.

(B) Qualifications of Master:

Above, a few of the 1977 headlines describing the Philadelphia judiciary's programs of court innovation and improvement.



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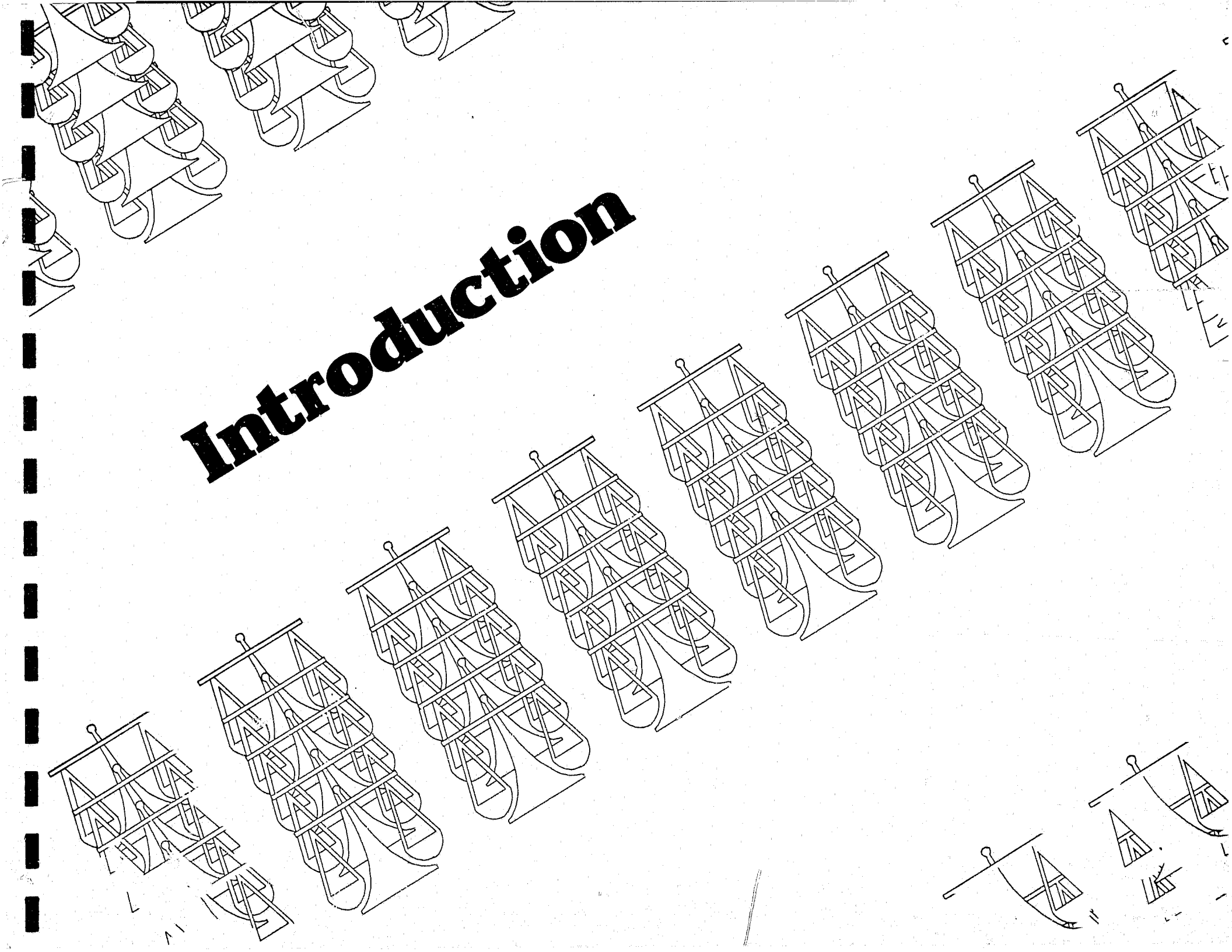
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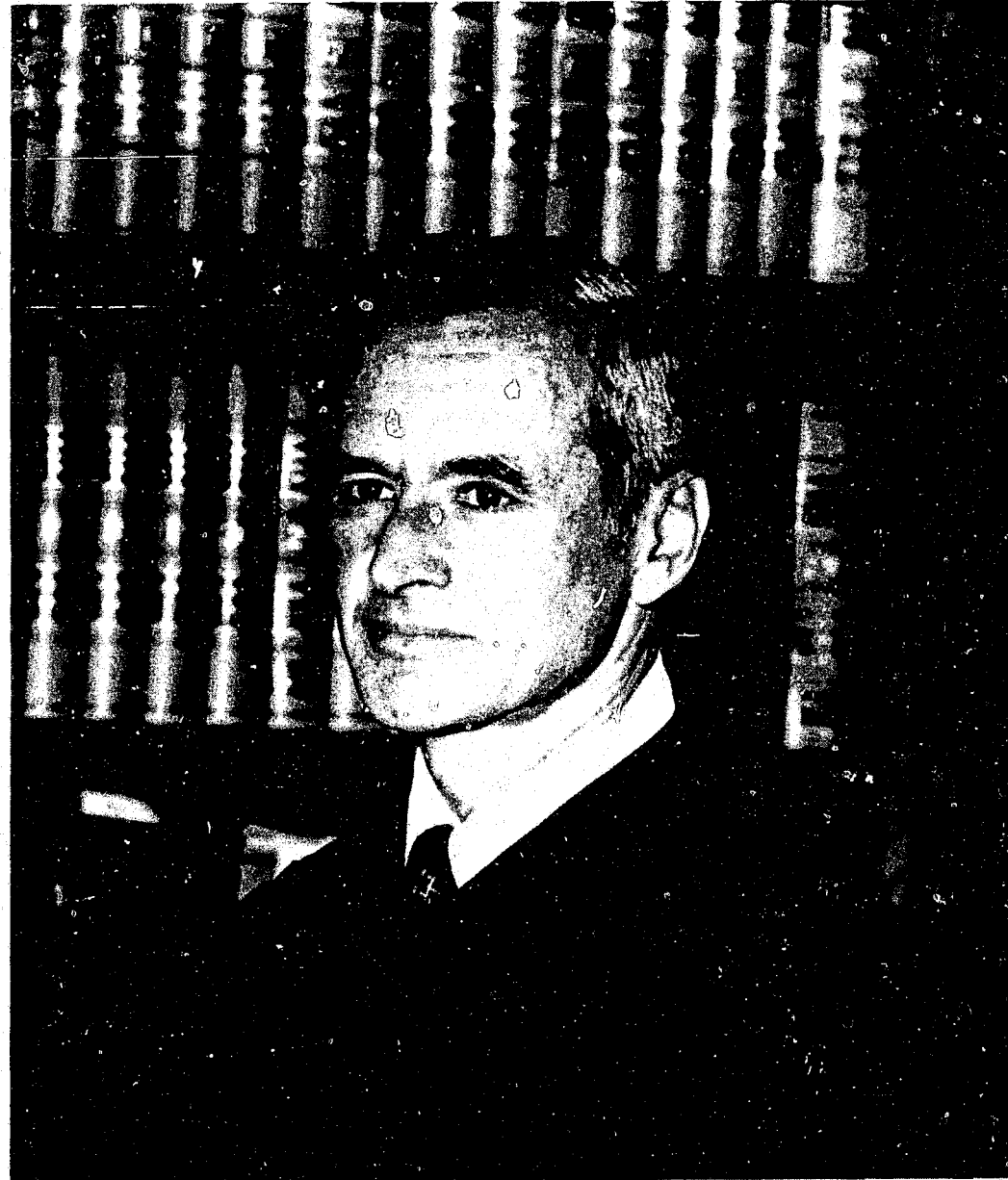
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# Introduction







Hon. Edward J. Bradley,  
*President Judge*  
*Court of Common Pleas*



## INTRODUCTION

Steady progress and the consolidation of past gains were the achieved objectives of Philadelphia's Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court during 1977.

The landmark gains of 1976 in case disposition served in 1977 as a solid foundation for further progress. On the criminal side, there were significant gains in the Homicide and Felony Non-Jury programs, while there was an equally encouraging reduction in the number of untried Major Civil trials. The year-end overall court statistics indicated an increase of 732 undisposed matters in all divisions. However, this figure included 1247 additional undisposed domestic relations support orders resulting from a change in the procedure for handling these matters. It was also apparent that the courts were disposing of criminal cases well within the 180-day limit established by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

The statistical progress was accompanied by introduction of new programs designed to increase efficiency of operation and to increase accessibility of the courts to the public.

Operational improvements that were initiated during the year include the use of automated transcripts at preliminary arraignments. This practice, made possible through employment of additional pre-trial services personnel, has helped the Court, the Police Department and the District Attorney's office to comply with the holding of the State Supreme Court in Commonwealth v. Davenport that statements taken from criminal defendants are inadmissible at their trials if their arraignments are not held within six hours of arrest. Immediately after the Davenport decision, President Judge Edward J. Bradley convened a task force of representatives of all arms of the justice system: courts, police, District Attorney, private bar, Defender Association and ancillary agencies to study the implications of the ruling and to take steps to insure compliance. As a result of the work of the task force, a May study revealed, the Davenport rule had been satisfied in 97% of all cases.



During the year, Computer Aided Transcription passed from the status of an experimental project to that of



a regular part of court operation and increasing numbers of court reporters have indicated a desire to undertake the requisite training to participate in the project. Computer Aided Transcription (CAT) involves recording of court proceedings on magnetic tape through a specially adapted stenographic machine. The tape then is fed into a computer, which reproduces, in typed form, the complete transcript. The process reduces the average time for production of a transcript to four days and, when necessary, to as little as 24 hours.

The computer-aided transcription (CAT) process allows for testimony to be recorded by the court reporter while it is being transferred onto magnetic tape through a specially adapted stenographic machine. This process shortens the transcription time of trial testimony to an average of four days and if necessary 24-48 hours.

#### Court law

library facilities were expanded during the year with the introduction of LEXIS, a computerized

legal research terminal, which was leased from Mead Data Central to facilitate the research efforts of judges, their law clerks and members of the staffs of the District Attorney, City Solicitor and Volunteer Defender. The new equipment makes it possible to narrow the field of legal research involved in preparation of a case and to reduce to a matter of minutes the time required for this phase of preparation for trial, brief writing or opinion writing.



Mead Data Central's LEXIS automated legal research system now utilized by Philadelphia's courts enables judges, judges' law clerks and attorneys with the City Solicitor's, Public Defender's and the District Attorney's offices to research a legal problem thoroughly in a matter of minutes.



In an effort to increase efficiency and reduce inconvenience to the public, President Judge Bradley ordered a study of the One Day/One Trial jury selection system, whereby an individual is assigned to a trial jury on the day he reports for service and serves only until the completion of that trial. In the event that a citizen is not assigned on the day he/she reports for duty, release from service at the end of that day is automatic. The program requires skillful analysis of manpower needs, but could lead to significant money saving through elimination of the need for unused juror pools and would serve to eliminate the disheartening experience to members of the public of being called to spend one or more weeks in City Hall waiting for an opportunity to serve which may not come. It is anticipated that the program will be operational in Philadelphia's Court of Common Pleas early in 1979.

Philadelphia judges continued to participate in the unique study of sentencing guidelines initiated by the Center for Criminal Justice Research at Albany, N.Y. A committee of the Board of Judges, chaired by Judges Merna B. Marshall and Norman A. Jenkins, assisted by computerized information gathered by court administrative personnel, was, by the end of the year, refining guidelines on the basis of local experience. In October, representatives of seven other major cities which are participating in the study met in Philadelphia with members of the Center staff and with Philadelphia judges to discuss the results, to date, of the Philadelphia research. It is hoped that the information compiled by the committee, in addition to providing genuine sentencing assistance to Philadelphia judges, will be taken into consideration by the General Assembly in connection with proposed sentencing legislation, on which all shades of opinion were presented by judges appearing before legislative committees in Harrisburg and at public hearings held in Philadelphia.



This critical and sensitive area of judicial responsibility also received the attention of the Philadelphia Judicial Institute, a voluntary program of continuing judicial education on current legal problems, which was initiated by the Board of Judges in 1976, which devoted its December session to current sentencing legislation and had as a guest State Representative Anthony J. Scirica of neighboring Montgomery County.

In addition to the Philadelphia Judicial Institute's activity, all Philadelphia judges attended a three-day judicial refresher course conducted in March at Temple University by the Pennsylvania College of the Judiciary. At the administrative level, the court entered into a unique contract under whose terms the Institute for Court Management agreed to send a faculty to Philadelphia for three separate one-week training seminars for court employees who would otherwise have been required to travel to Denver to attend the sessions. The first of the training seminars was held in Philadelphia the week of November 27. Judge Bradley heralded the arrangement as meaning that "more employees will be able to participate at a considerably lower cost" to the court and pointed out that the "intensified training schedule makes it possible to complete the training in less time than is usually the case." Thirty-five employees participated in the first week of training and it is anticipated that a similar number will be involved in the two remaining sessions, which are scheduled for the spring and fall of 1978.



Judge Berel Caesar presides at a session of the Philadelphia Judicial Institute devoted to pending legislation dealing with sentencing. State Rep. Anthony J. Scirica (R., Montgomery), a guest at the session, is at the left. Judge James T. McDermott and Judge David N. Savitt, Court Administrator, are at right facing camera.



The course covers such programs as Case-flow Management, Calendar Control, Information Systems, Personnel Administration, Budget Planning and Financial Controls and Jury Selection.



Harvey Soloman, director of the Institute for Court Management, conducts a class for court administrative employees during an ICM visit to Philadelphia.

The Court's merit hiring and promotion program was enhanced through broadened and improved examinations (written or performance). A policy of requiring college degree plus interview and screening by a committee of the Board of Judges was established for the position of Probation Officer. The Family Court Division continued its series of Staff Development courses throughout the year with five day-long sessions covering such topics as Female Involvement in Crime, the Subculture of Violence: An Explanation of Crime, Urban Violence and Delinquency, Institutionalization v. De-Institutionalization and Future Trends in Juvenile Justice.

Educational assistance to the public was also a part of court activity. The Family Court Division expanded a remedial reading program through its Special Services Office, with tutors, recruited from area colleges, trained by staff members to work with juveniles who have had contact with the courts. Additionally, reading clinics were conducted by volunteers enlisted by the Court for the Start Toward Elimination of Past Setbacks (STEPS) program. The Court also continued to increase its efforts to encourage visits to courtrooms by student and civic groups through mailings, magazine and newspaper advertisements and radio-television public service announcements. The Judicial Speakers Bureau arranged nearly 100 individual appearances by judges before community groups and there were approximately 50 occasions on which judges were guests on radio and television news and talk programs.



In an effort to make certain that all segments of the Philadelphia public are conversant with the nature of court proceedings, a series of meetings was held among judicial and administrative representatives of the Court and members of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section and representatives of the Spanish speaking community. As a result of these meetings, more than 300 forms used by the Court were reviewed to determine which ones should be printed in Spanish as well as English and renewed efforts were made to insure hiring of Spanish speaking employees in those areas of court operation which involve direct contact between the Court and the general public. Public information brochures were translated into Spanish and a new Information Source List was prepared and published in English and in Spanish.

Other new publications prepared and distributed by the court system in 1977 include Philadelphia Interlocutory Court Opinions (PICO), a compilation of local judicial opinions undertaken by Judge Angelo A. Guarino. The new volume, containing 69 opinions with accompanying headnotes, was distributed to members of the judiciary and to area law libraries. Periodic updates are contemplated. A committee of the Board of Judges was designated by President Judge Bradley to prepare a civil trial manual for distribution to lawyers and judges. The *ad hoc* committee, headed by Judges Stanley M. Greenberg and James R. Cavanaugh, met frequently with representatives of the Philadelphia Bar Association to prepare the manual and, as this report is being prepared, the manual is in the final drafting stage and it is anticipated that it will be distributed during the spring of 1978.

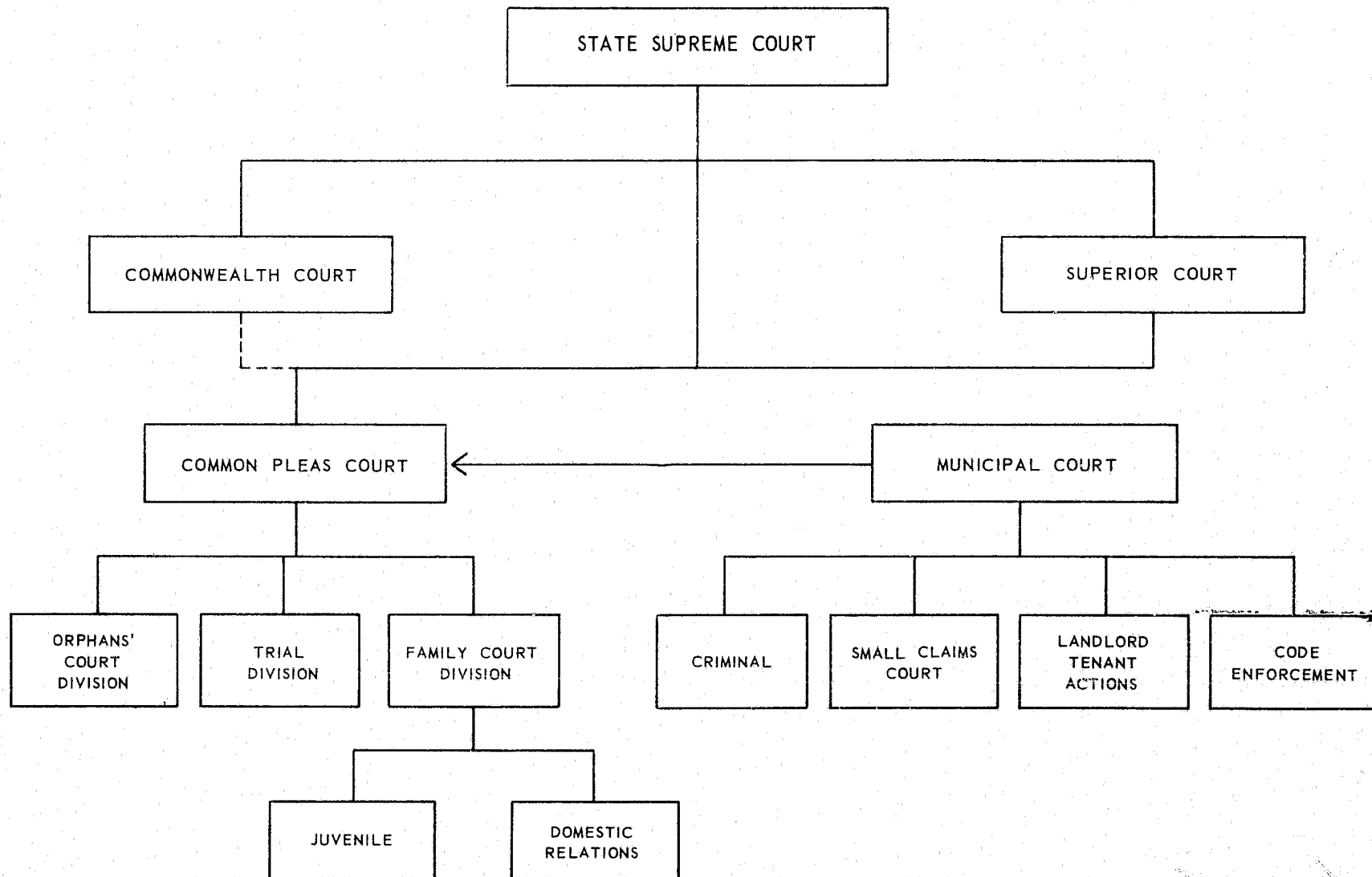
In the area of legislation, the courts continued to be active. Judges testified before legislative committees on numerous occasions in connection with a variety of legislative proposals. President Judge Bradley expressed strong opposition to a bill which would have permitted court employees to engage in partisan politics and to one which would have eliminated judicial retention elections. At least partly because of these activities, neither bill was adopted by the General Assembly. The Board of Judges Committee on Legislation, headed by Judges Cavanaugh and Eugene Gelfand, made its position on critical court-related issues known to the General Assembly throughout the year.



At the end of 1977, financial considerations continued to impede the contemplated move of civil trial activity to the old Federal building at Ninth and Chestnut Streets. Until the necessary funds for renovation of the building become available, neither the date nor the fact of the move can be a certainty. Despite this setback in plans for temporary alleviation of physical plant limitations, thoughts of acquiring a completely new justice center were given new life when, in July, President Judge Bradley announced the formation of a committee of 22 civic leaders to work with court personnel in stimulating public understanding of the need for such a facility.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY





# Organization





# Common Pleas Court

## Judges of the Trial Division



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Edward J. Bradley



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Edward J. Blake



Juanita Kidd Stout



Charles Wright



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Samuel Smith



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Edward Rosenwald



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Richard B. Klein



Levy Anderson



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James R. Cavanaugh



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Paul Ribner



Curtis C. Carson, Jr.





Berel Caesar



James T. McDermott



Calvin T. Wilson



Edwin S. Malméd



Lisa A. Richette



William M. Marutani



Lawrence Prattis



John A. Geisz



Bernard Snyder



Harry A. Takiff



Norman A. Jenkins



Armand Della Porta



James D. McCrudden



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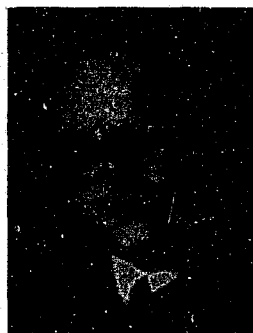
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Theodore B. Smith, Jr.



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Frank J. Montemuro, Jr.



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Edward B. Rosenberg



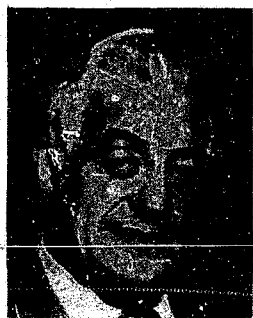
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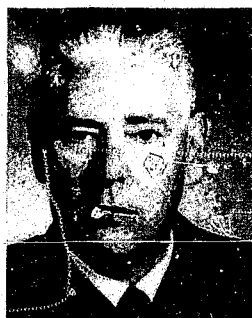
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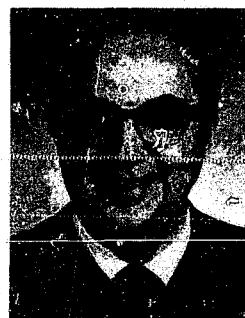
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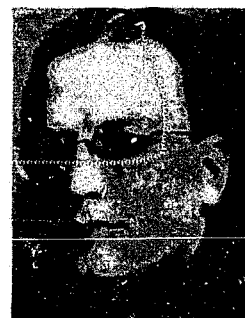
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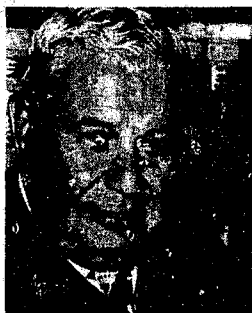
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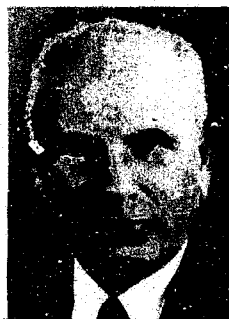
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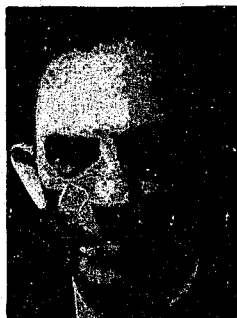
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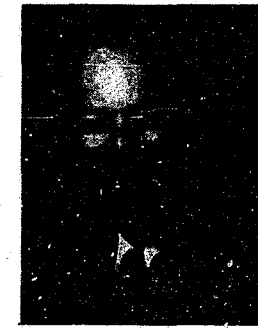
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J. Earl Simmons, Jr.\*



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Ralph M. Dennis  
Kenneth S. Harris\*  
Charles J. Margiotti, Jr.\*  
William D. Markert  
Thomas Marotta  
Harry Melton  
John J. Poserina <sup>1</sup>



## COMMON PLEAS COURT

### PRESIDENT JUDGE

Edward J. Bradley

### SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF JUDGES

Judge Calvin T. Wilson

### TRIAL DIVISION

#### ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Charles P. Mirarchi, Jr.

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## FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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<sup>1</sup> Reassigned from Trial Division May 31, 1977



**ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE**

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**JUDGES**

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**Joseph C. Bruno**

**Theodore S. Gutowicz**

**Judith J. Jamison**

**Merna B. Marshall <sup>2</sup>**

**Paul Silverstein**

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## MUNICIPAL COURT

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### JUDGES

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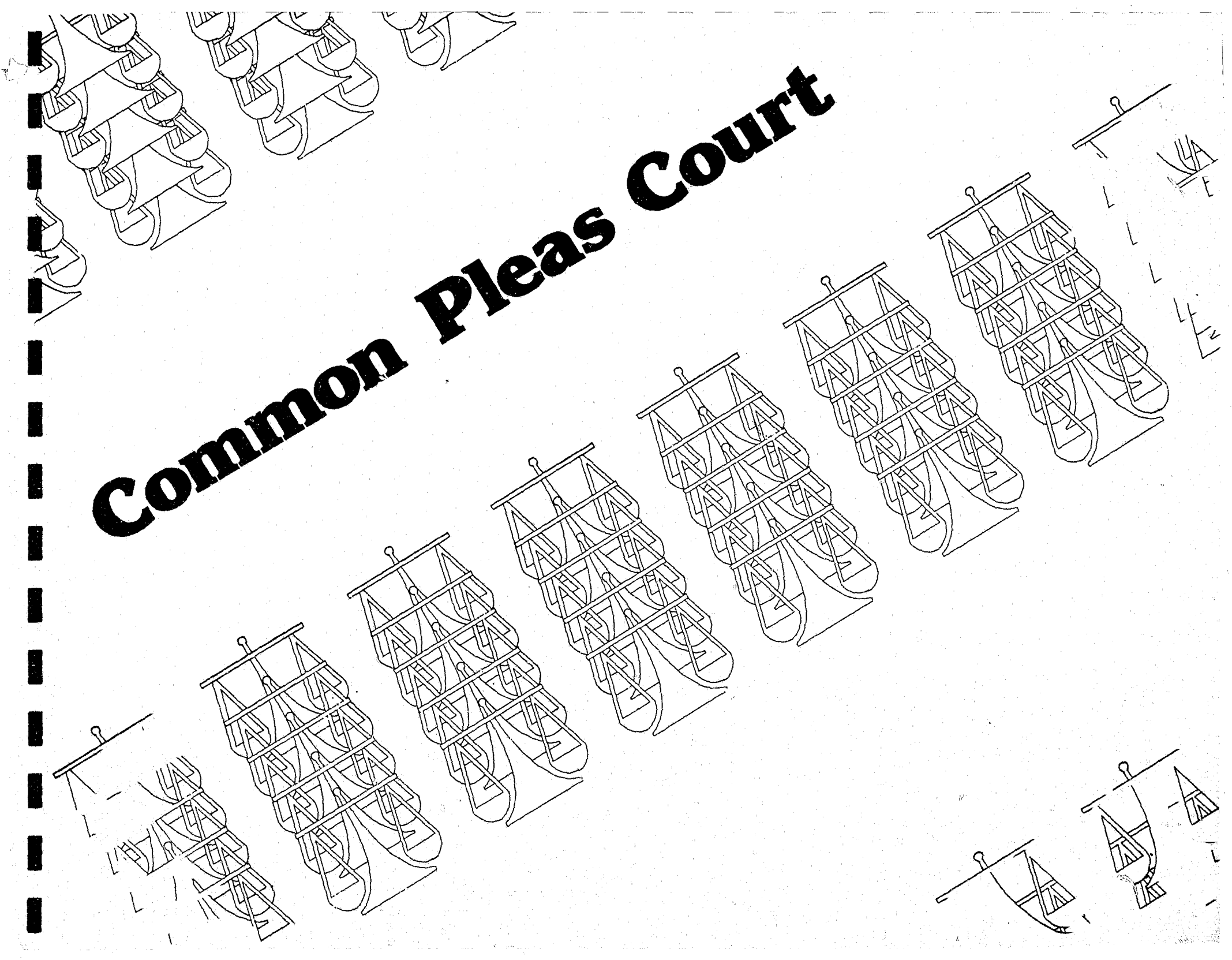
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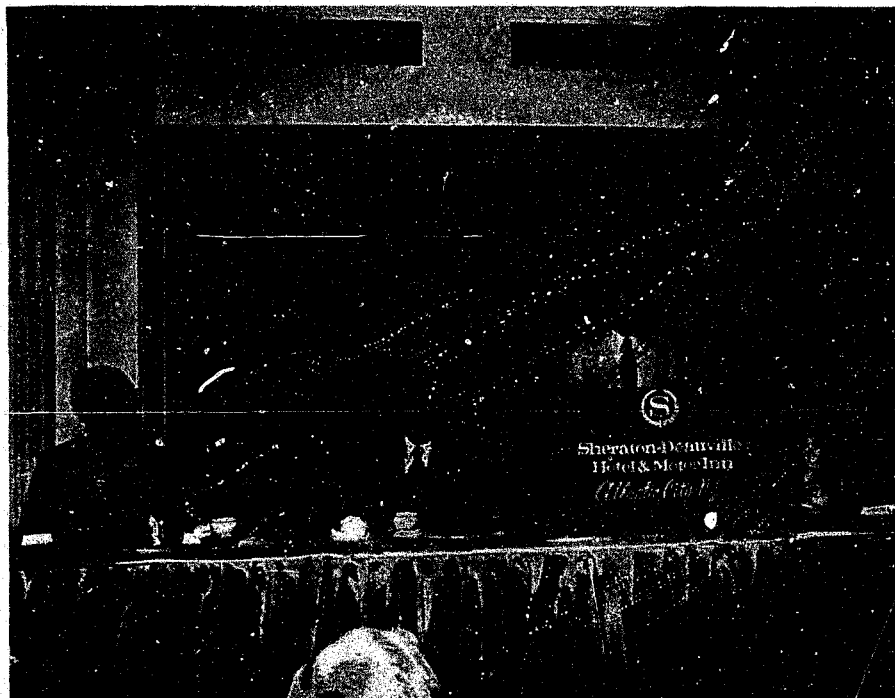


#### JUDICIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Shown at one of many meetings are (clockwise from flag) Judge Alexander F. Barbieri, Pennsylvania State Court Administrator; Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael J. Eagen; Commonwealth Court President Judge James S. Bowman; Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Pomeroy, Jr.; Michael Gillin, Delaware County Criminal Justice Planner; Clifford Kirsch, Assistant Court Administrator; Gerald W. Spivack, Deputy Court Administrator; Larry P. Polansky, Deputy Court Administrator; Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge Edward J. Bradley; Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Doris M. Harris; and Superior Court Judge Robert Lee Jacobs.

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From left, Paul Carpenter Dewey, Esq., Chancellor-Elect of Philadelphia Bar Association; David H. Marion, Esq., Chairman, Bench-Bar Conference Committee; President Judge Edward J. Bradley, Bernard M. Borish, Esq., Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association.





COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
STATISTICAL SUMMARY  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

TRIAL DIVISION	Defendant Records Available For Disposition <u>January 3, 1977</u>	New Defendant Records Received During Report Period <u>Report Period</u>	Total Defendant Records To Be-Disposed <u>Be-Disposed</u>	Total Defendant Record Dispositions <u>Dispositions</u>	Defendant Records Available For Disposition <u>January 3, 1978</u>	Change In Open Record Status During 1977 <u>During 1977</u>
<b>CIVIL</b>						
ARBITRATION	3,407	8,839	12,246	8,985	3,261	-146
MAJOR CASES	4,533	2,161	6,694	2,670	4,024	-509
GENERAL CASES	2,157	1,913	4,070	1,170	2,900	+743
SUB-TOTAL	<u>10,097</u>	<u>12,913</u>	<u>23,010</u>	<u>12,825</u>	<u>10,185</u>	<u>+88</u>
<b>CRIMINAL</b>						
HOMICIDE	308	355	663	389	274	-34
MAJOR FELONY	570*	1,664	2,234	1,362	872	+302
FELONY NON-JURY	<u>2,683*</u>	<u>6,134</u>	<u>8,817</u>	<u>6,988</u>	<u>1,829</u>	<u>-854</u>
SUB-TOTAL	<u>3,561</u>	<u>8,153</u>	<u>11,714</u>	<u>8,739</u>	<u>2,975</u>	<u>-586</u>
<b>FAMILY COURT DIVISION</b>						
ADOPTIONS	110	1,101	1,211	1,130	81	-29
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	1,221	14,105	15,326	12,858	2,468	+1,247
JUVENILE	3,232	16,944	20,176	17,205	2,971	-261
UNMARRIED MOTHERS	<u>2,192</u>	<u>9,362</u>	<u>11,554</u>	<u>9,059</u>	<u>2,495</u>	<u>+303</u>
SUB-TOTAL	<u>6,755</u>	<u>41,512</u>	<u>48,267</u>	<u>40,252</u>	<u>8,015</u>	<u>+1,260</u>
<b>ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION</b>	82	6,829	6,911	6,859	52	-30
TOTAL:	20,495	69,407	89,902	68,675	21,227	+732
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
PROBATION	16,704	4,928	21,632	4,395	17,237	+533
PAROLE	<u>3,404</u>	<u>1,437</u>	<u>4,841</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>3,741</u>	<u>+337</u>
TOTAL	<u>20,108</u>	<u>6,365</u>	<u>26,473</u>	<u>5,495</u>	<u>20,978</u>	<u>+870</u>
PCHA PETITIONS	200	256	456	239	217	+17

\* The starting figures for 1977 reflect a transfer of 150 defendant records from the Major Felony program to the Felony Non-Jury program.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
FOOTNOTES TO STATISTICAL SUMMARY  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

TRIAL DIVISION

CIVIL:

ARBITRATION

To date, 1,327 cases have been appealed from arbitration.

MAJOR CASES/GENERAL CASES

Complaints Filed:	Assumpsit	8,507
	Trespass	7,277
	Motor Vehicle	2,986
	Equity	356
	Judgments by Confession	17,159
	Divorces	7,231
	Statutory Appeals	67
	Other	<u>18,917</u>
	TOTAL	62,500

FAMILY COURT DIVISION

ADOPTIONS

The 1,101 new cases received include 232 previously deferred cases reinstated. The 1,130 cases disposed include 243 cases placed in deferred status.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

The 14,105 new cases received include 1,231 previously deferred cases reinstated. The 12,858 cases disposed include 2,909 cases placed in deferred status.

The new cases and disposed cases include 4,069 petitions for change of beneficiary to or from Department of Public Assistance or out of town welfare department, which were disposed of administratively under the Child Support Program during this term.

JUVENILE CASES

The 16,944 new cases received include 2,521 previously closed cases reactivated and 1,632 previously deferred cases reinstated. The 17,205 cases disposed include 1,575 cases placed in deferred status.

UNMARRIED MOTHERS

The 9,362 new cases received include 2,280 previously deferred cases reinstated. The 9,059 cases disposed include 3,368 cases placed in deferred status.

The new cases and disposed cases include 2,277 petitions for change of beneficiary to or from the Department of Public Assistance which were disposed of administratively under the Child Support Program during this term.



# **Trial Division**







#### ISRAELI VISITOR

Judge Blanche Kay, Senior Magistrate of Israel's Hadera District, during a recent visit to Philadelphia's courts, is shown with Professor Herman Stern of Temple University Law School (left) and President Judge Edward J. Bradley (right).

#### THE BOARD OF JUDGES AD HOC CIVIL MANUAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSES A NEW PUBLICATION

From left, Judge Charles P. Mirarchi, Jr., Judge Paul Ribner, Judge James R. Cavanaugh, Co-Chairman; Judge Ethan Allen Doty, Judge Stanley M. Greenberg, Co-Chairman; Frank H. Griffin, III, Esq., Lewis Jay Gordon, Esq., Robert H. Malis, Esq. and Albert S. Fein Esq.



#### THE BOARD OF JUDGES CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE AT A MONTHLY MEETING

Seated from left: Judges Levy Anderson, Joseph T. Murphy, John R. Meade, Edward Rosenwald, Merna B. Marshall, Juanita Kidd Stout, Chairman; Lisa A. Richette, Edwin S. Malmed.

Standing from left: Judges Norman A. Jenkins, Vito F. Canuso and George J. Ivins.



## CIVIL TRIALS IN PHILADELPHIA COURTS

Civil Trials in Philadelphia in which the amount in controversy is more than \$1,000 are heard in the Court of Common Pleas. Those in which the amount in controversy is \$1,000 or less are tried before a judge without a jury in the Small Claims Division of Municipal Court, as are Landlord and Tenant Matters. Appeals from verdicts in Small Claims Court are heard in the Court of Common Pleas.

Common Pleas Court civil cases in which the contested amount is between \$1,000 and \$10,000 are, with the specific exception of those involving real estate or equity matters, heard by a court-appointed panel of three lawyer-arbitrators, whose findings have the same force and effect as a court decision.

Findings of the arbitrators are appealable to the Court of Common Pleas and are assigned to the General Trial list, as are all cases, other than equity matters, in which the amount in controversy is not greater than \$10,000. Civil actions involving more than \$10,000 are, upon petition of counsel and approval by the Civil Trial Calendar Judge, assigned for trial to the Major Case list. Both jury and non-jury trials are available to the parties to cases assigned to either the major or general case program. Equity cases and all other cases in which the jury trial has been waived, except those which have been certified to the Major Case list, are placed on the Equity/Non-Jury list.

By local rule of court, juries in civil trials may consist of eight persons and, by statute, a verdict may be rendered by 5/6, or seven, of the jurors.

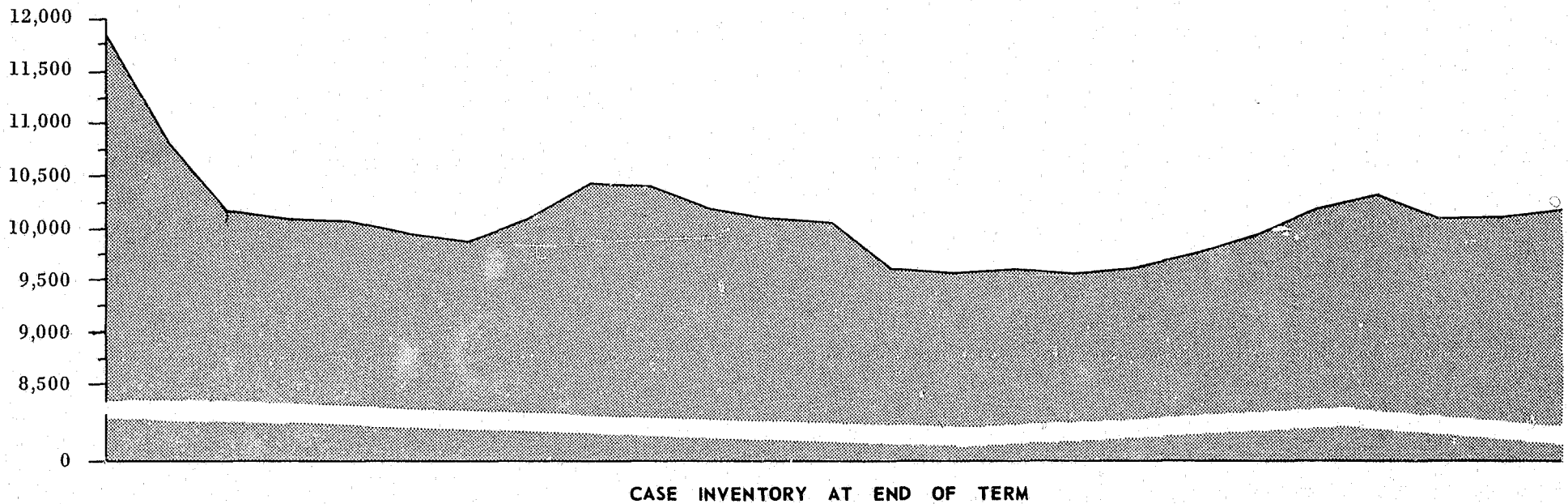
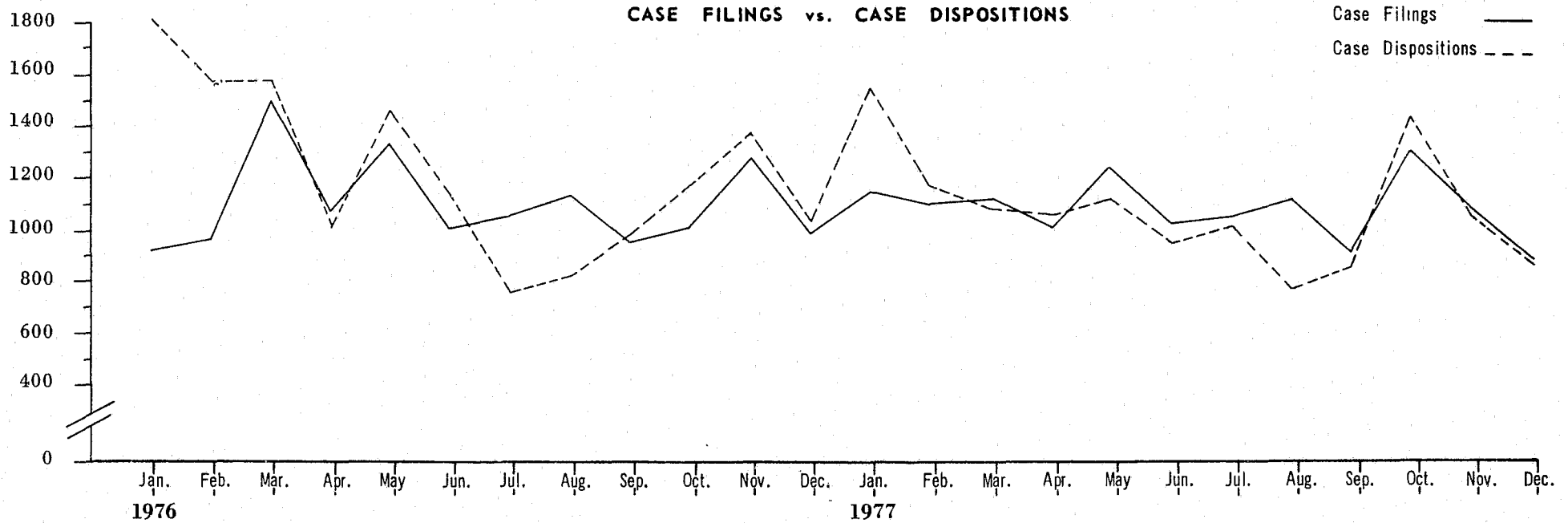
Civil matters which, in the opinion of counsel, may involve unusual legal precedent, may, upon petition filed with the Prothonotary and approved by the President Judge, be assigned to a designated special judge for trial; those in which delay in disposition may cause unusual hardship to one of the parties may, upon petition similarly filed and approved, be specially listed for trial.

All verdicts in Common Pleas Court civil trials may be appealed directly to the Pennsylvania Superior Court.



# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

## CIVIL TRIALS



\* Civil Trials include Arbitration, Major and General Cases,



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
ARBITRATION CASE TYPE SUMMARY  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

<u>TYPE OF CASE</u>	<u>Cases Available For Trial January 3, 1977</u>	<u>New Cases Received During 1977</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>Cases Available For Trial January 3, 1978</u>
TRESPASS-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	1,808	4,375	4,628	1,555
TRESPASS-OTHER TRAFFIC	61	204	180	85
TRESPASS-PROPERTY OWNERS	326	927	922	331
TRESPASS-PRODUCT LIABILITY	56	135	145	46
TRESPASS-FED. EMP. LIABILITY ACT	2	1	3	0
TRESPASS-MISCELLANEOUS	247	653	641	259
APPEALS FROM MUNICIPAL COURT	31	58	62	27
ASSUMPSIT	616	1,716	1,647	685
EJECTMENT	0	2	2	0
FOREIGN ATTACHMENT	1	0	1	0
FRAUDULENT DEBTOR ATTACHMENT	1	4	5	0
LIBEL AND SLANDER	5	20	18	7
REPLEVIN	6	14	13	7
MALPRACTICE (NON-MEDICAL)	24	51	60	15
ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES	181	560	541	200
OTHER-UNCLASSIFIED	42	119	117	44
TOTALS	3,407	8,839	8,985	3,261



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
ARBITRATION PROGRAM  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	5,668	10,958	12,370	4,256	-1,412	-24.9%
1975	4,256	10,479	10,873	3,862	-394	-9.2%
1976	3,862	9,616	10,071	3,407	-455	-11.8%
1977	3,407	8,839	8,985	3,261	-146	-4.3%

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	1.00	April	1.08	July	1.06	Oct.	1.17
Feb.	1.13	May	0.92	August	0.88	Nov.	1.05
March	1.01	June	1.11	Sept.	0.86	Dec.	0.92

Arbitration program dispositions exceeded filings in eight of the past 12 months. Inventory of untried cases was reduced by 146 (-4.3%) for the year. This marks the fourth straight year of reductions.

Since dispositions occur at the rate of 749 cases per month, the present inventory of 3,261 cases represents approximately a 4½ month workload (131 days). Over the four years surveyed inventory has been reduced by 2,107 cases (42%).

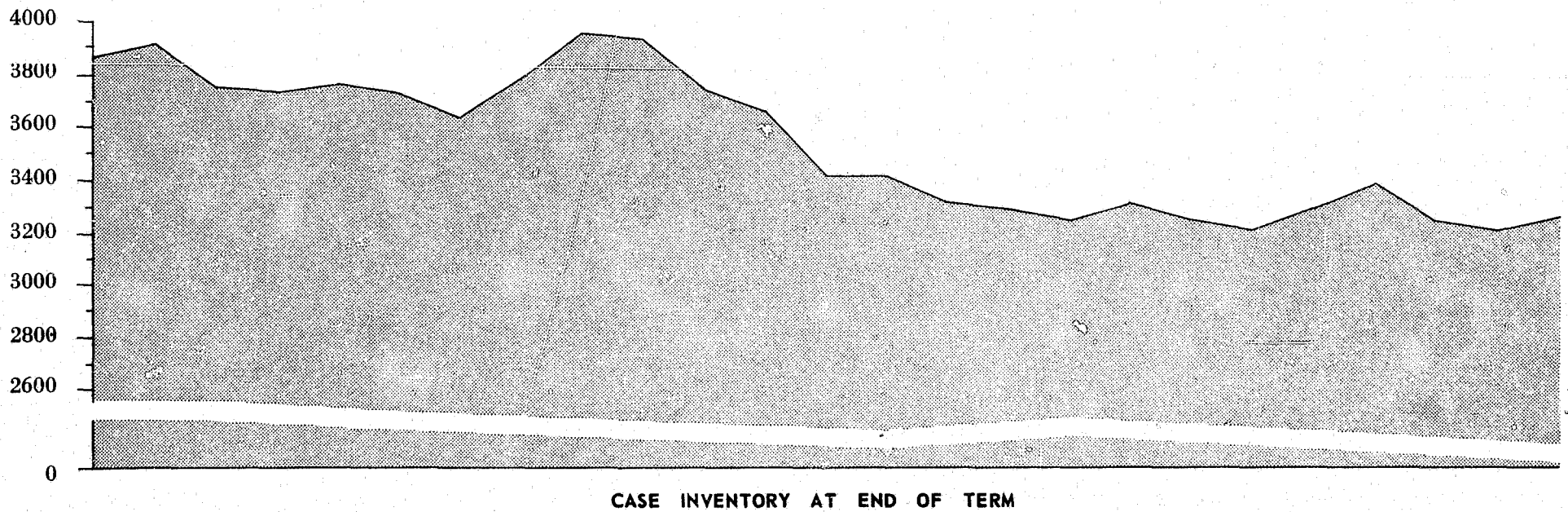
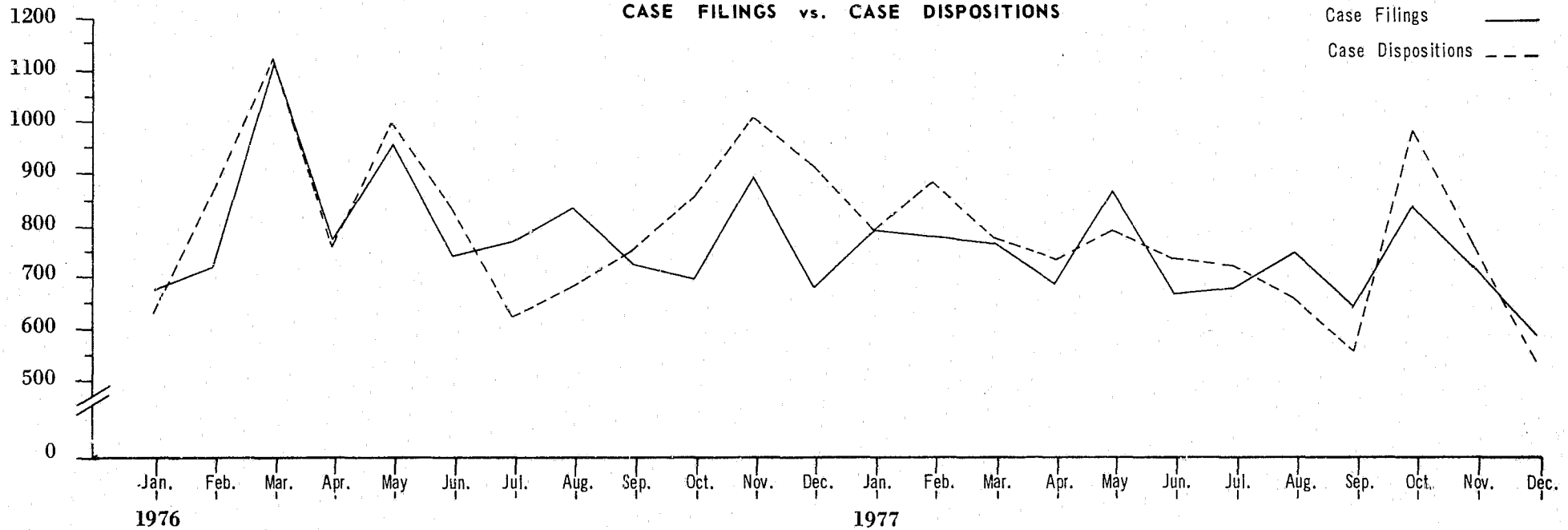
The fact that the arbitration program registered its greatest reduction in case inventory in 1974 (-1,412 cases) while case filings were the highest (10,958 cases) indicates latent capacity in the program to handle an influx of new cases efficiently.



# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

## ARBITRATION PROGRAM

### CASE FILINGS vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS





COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
CIVIL JURY, NON-JURY CASE TYPE SUMMARY  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

<u>TYPE OF CASE</u>	<u>Cases Available For Trial January 3, 1977</u>	<u>New Cases Received During 1977</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>Cases Available For Trial January 3, 1978</u>		
				<u>Jury</u>	<u>Non-Jury</u>	<u>Total</u>
TRESPASS-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	2,412	997	1,401	1,611	397	2,008
TRESPASS-OTHER TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	162	63	80	120	25	145
TRESPASS-PROPERTY OWNERS	595	315	373	415	122	537
TRESPASS-PRODUCT LIABILITY	124	60	66	104	14	118
TRESPASS-FED. EMPL. LIABILITY ACT	3	2	2	1	2	3
TRESPASS-MISCELLANEOUS	469	268	248	395	94	489
APPEALS FROM MUNICIPAL COURT	2	1	1	0	2	2
ASSUMPSIT	501	200	287	182	232	414
EQUITY	184	148	98	7	227	234
EMINENT DOMAIN	207	126	113	201	19	220
EJECTMENT	6	8	4	1	9	10
FOREIGN ATTACHMENT	1	0	1	0	0	0
FRAUDULENT DEBTOR ATTACHMENT	3	0	1	1	1	2
LIBEL AND SLANDER	8	6	2	9	3	12
MANDAMUS	3	3	2	2	2	4
QUIET TITLE	5	6	4	0	7	7
REPLEVIN	2	4	1	3	2	5
MECHANICS LIEN	7	0	6	1	0	1
TAX APPEALS	13	7	7	0	13	13
MALPRACTICE (NON-MEDICAL)	88	96	56	113	15	128
ARBITRATION APPEALS	1,716	1,359	731	1,929	415	2,344
ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES	38	37	20	14	41	55
OTHER-UNCLASSIFIED	141	368	336	54	119	173
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,690</b>	<b>4,074</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>5,163</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>6,924</b>



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
CIVIL JURY, NON-JURY CASE TYPE BY DISPOSITION  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

<u>TYPE OF CASE</u>	<u>Trial With- out Jury</u>	<u>Trial-Jury Verdict</u>	<u>Trial-Settled Before Verdict</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Stricken</u>	<u>Total</u>
TRESPASS-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	87	77	602	592	43	1,401
TRESPASS-OTHER TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	4	5	27	40	4	80
TRESPASS-PROPERTY OWNERS	19	24	161	157	12	373
TRESPASS-PRODUCT LIABILITY	1	8	31	23	3	66
TRESPASS-FED. EMP. LIABILITY ACT	0	0	1	1	0	2
TRESPASS-MISCELLANEOUS	18	26	97	88	19	248
APPEALS FROM MUNICIPAL COURT	0	0	1	0	0	1
ASSUMPSIT	63	9	115	79	21	287
EQUITY	22	0	36	20	20	98
EMINENT DOMAIN	4	12	45	34	18	113
EJECTMENT	2	0	1	0	1	4
FOREIGN ATTACHMENT	0	0	1	0	0	1
FRAUDULENT DEBTOR ATTACHMENT	0	0	1	0	0	1
LIBEL AND SLANDER	0	0	0	2	0	2
MANDAMUS	1	0	1	0	0	2
QUIET TITLE	1	0	1	1	1	4
QUO WARRANTO	0	0	0	0	0	0
REPLEVIN	1	0	0	0	0	1
SCI. FA. SUR. M.L.	3	0	3	0	0	6
TAX APPEALS	1	0	5	1	0	7
MALPRACTICE-MEDICAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
MALPRACTICE-OTHER	1	14	18	21	2	56
APPEALS FROM ARBITRATION	45	54	503	115	14	731
ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES	6	0	7	5	2	20
OTHER-UNCLASSIFIED	14	16	214	77	15	336
TOTALS	293	245	1,871	1,256	175	3,840



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
MAJOR CASES  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	4,585	2,003	1,679	4,909	+324	+7.1%
1975	4,909	1,788	2,407	4,290	-619	-12.6%
1976	4,290	1,718	1,475	4,533	+243	+5.7%
1977	4,533	2,161	2,670	4,024	-509	-11.2%

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	3.60	April	1.15	July	0.62	Oct.	1.06
Feb.	1.24	May	1.23	August	0.29	Nov.	1.04
March	1.54	June	0.69	Sept.	1.20	Dec.	1.50

Despite the drop in dispositions over the summer months, inventory was reduced by 509 cases (-11.2%) since the first of the year. This was accomplished while the number of cases received was the highest during the four years surveyed. Dispositions exceeded filings in nine of the past 12 months.

With case dispositions averaging 223 per month, the present inventory represents approximately an 18 month workload.

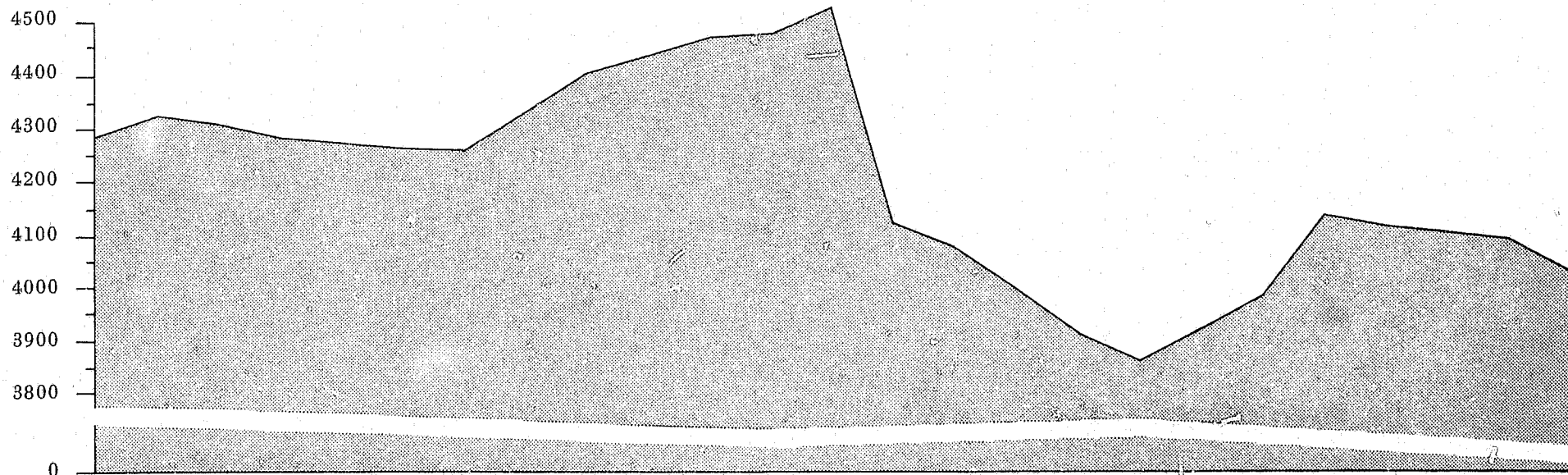
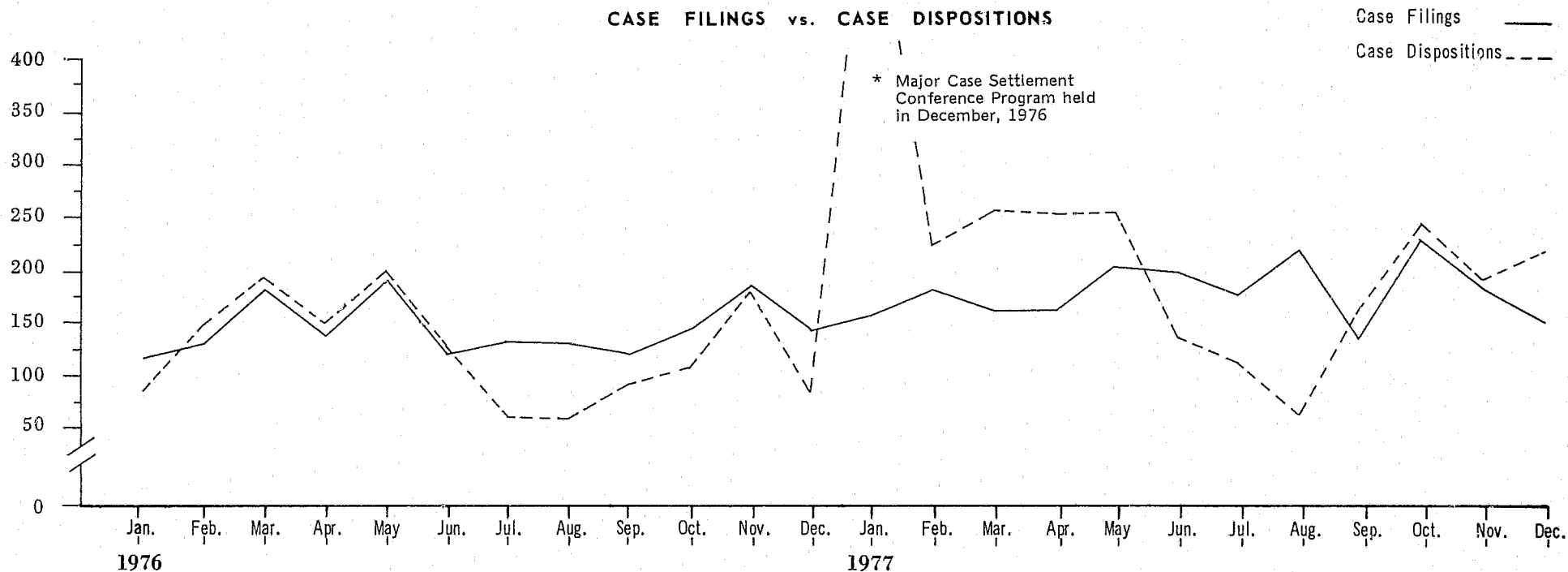
Case filings and dispositions have maintained a fairly regular pattern over the last four years with a filing rate of 161 cases per month and a disposition rate of 171 cases per month, a positive 1.06 disposition to filing rate.



# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

## MAJOR CIVIL PROGRAM

### CASE FILINGS vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS



### CASE INVENTORY AT END OF TERM



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
GENERAL CASES  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS, 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	3,314	2,301	2,109	3,506	+192	+5.8%
1975	3,506	2,018	1,958	3,566	+60	+1.7%
1976	3,566	1,902	3,311	2,157	1,409	-39.5%
1977	2,157	1,913	1,170	2,900	+743	+34.5%

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	1.11	April	0.45	July	0.47	Oct.	0.85
Feb.	0.46	May	0.49	August	0.33	Nov.	0.62
March	0.25	June	0.49	Sept.	1.09	Dec.	0.68

The general case program has experienced an increase in inventory of 743 cases (34.5%) since the first of the year. However, when compared with January 1974, inventory has been reduced by 414 cases (12.5%), or by 666 cases (18.7%) compared to January 1976.

The fact that there was a sizeable reduction in cases for 1976, and that present inventory of 2,900 cases represents the second lowest caseload over the past five years indicates that the general case program is within manageable limits despite a 454 increase in new cases received for the year in the combined major and general civil programs.

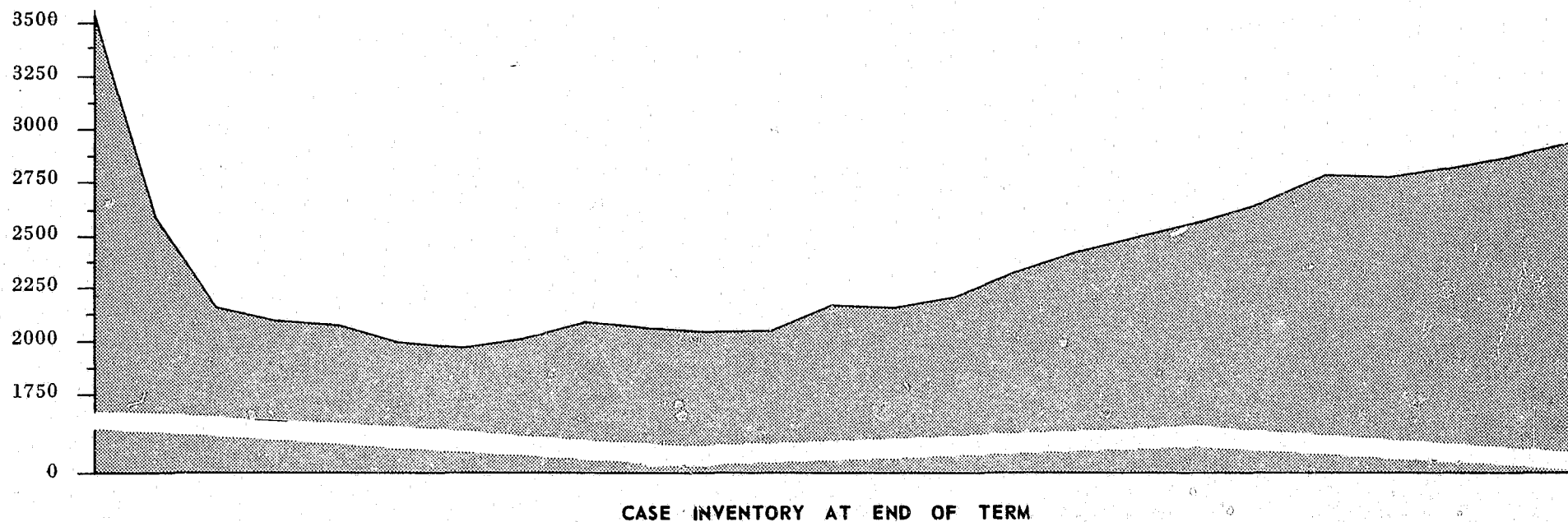
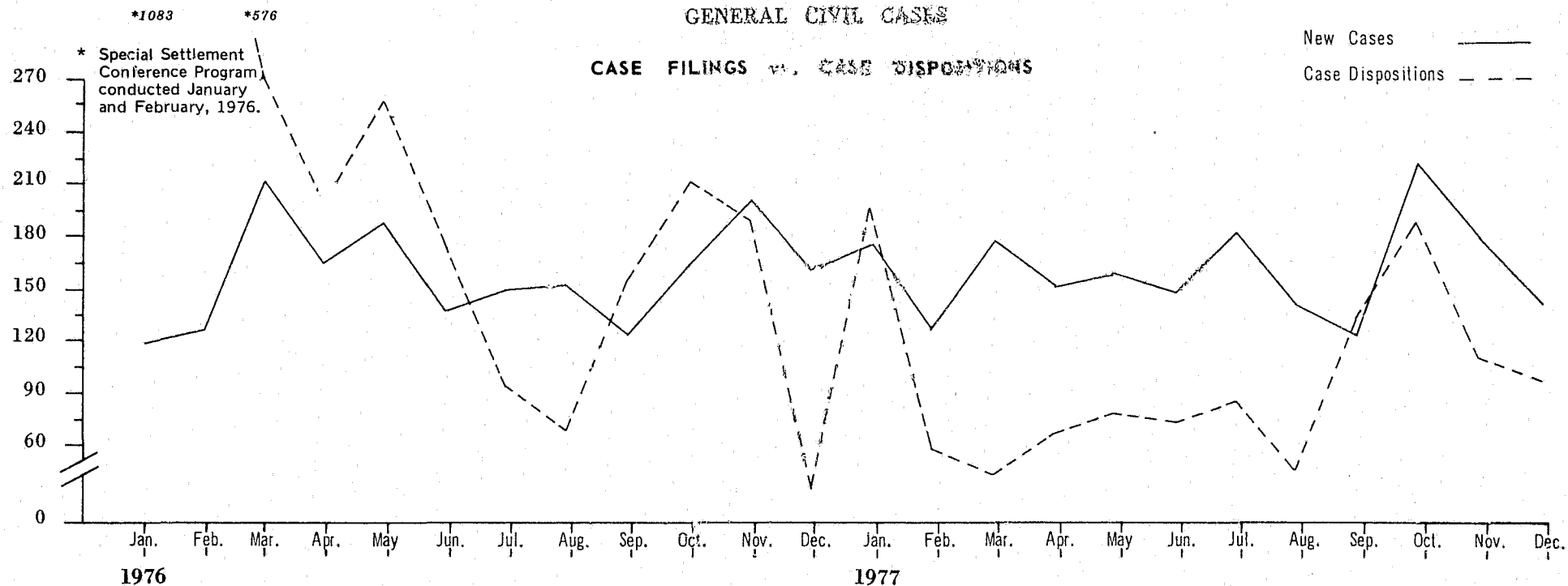
Current dispositions average 90 cases per month, which means that present inventory of 2,900 cases represents approximately a 30 month workload.



# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

## GENERAL CIVIL CASES

### CASE FILINGS v. CASE DISPOSITIONS





COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
CONSOLIDATED CIVIL PRE-TRIAL MOTIONS LIST  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

MOTIONS AND RULES – START OF 1977	2,290
MOTIONS AND RULES FILED	17,211
LESS: MOTIONS AND RULES DISPOSED AT PRELIMINARY REVIEW	-13,308
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MOTIONS AND RULES TO BE DISPOSED AT COURT HEARING	6,193
LESS: MOTIONS AND RULES DISPOSED AT COURT HEARING	-4,755
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MOTIONS AND RULES OPEN – END OF 1977	1,438
INCREASE/DECREASE IN OPEN MOTIONS AND RULES	-852

CIVIL POST TRIAL MOTIONS LIST  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

MOTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS OPEN – START OF 1977	459
MOTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FILED	194
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MOTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS TO BE DISPOSED	653
MOTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS DISPOSED	251
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MOTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS OPEN – END OF 1977	402
INCREASE/DECREASE IN OPEN MOTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS	-57







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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
BREAKDOWN OF DISPOSED CASES BY AGE  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS, 1977

MAJOR CASES	<u>Age of Cases At Disposition</u>					<u>Average Age in Months</u>		
	<u>0-6 mo.</u>	<u>7-12 mo.</u>	<u>13-18 mo.</u>	<u>19-24 mo.</u>	<u>2-4 yrs.</u>	<u>Over 4 yrs.</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
From:								
Term Date	16*	56 (2)	110 (4.1)	112 (4.2)	556 (21.2)	1,810 (67.8)	56	58
Certificate Date	412 (15.4)	291 (10.9)	200 (7.5)	212 (7.9)	917 (34.3)	638 (23.9)	31	28
Assignment Date	2,519 (94.3)	41 (1.5)	12*	5*	9*	84 (3.1)	2	3

Total Disposed Cases - 2,670

GENERAL JURY CASES

From:								
Term Date	10 (1.5)	41 (6.2)	65 (9.8)	67 (10.1)	140 (21.1)	339 (51.2)	49	36
Certificate Date	221 (33.4)	102 (15.4)	66 (10.0)	60 (9.1)	147 (22.2)	66 (10.0)	19	16
Assignment Date	627 (94.7)	15 (2.3)	11 (1.7)	2*	6*	1*	1	1

Total Disposed Cases - 662

GENERAL NON-JURY CASES

From:								
Term Date	30 (5.9)	60 (11.8)	86 (16.9)	53 (10.4)	166 (32.7)	113 (22.2)	35	26
Certificate Date	324 (63.8)	100 (19.7)	24 (4.7)	21 (4.1)	32 (6.3)	7 (1.4)	6	7
Assignment Date	442 (87.0)	33 (6.5)	13 (2.6)	5*	13 (2.6)	2*	2	22

Total Disposed Cases - 508

( ) indicates percent of total disposed cases

\* indicates percentage less than .5%



## CRIMINAL TRIALS IN PHILADELPHIA COURTS

Criminal cases in which the maximum potential penalty is imprisonment for five years or more are tried in the Court of Common Pleas, where the defendant has the right to demand trial before a jury.

For administrative purposes, criminal trials in the Court of Common Pleas are assigned to one of three programs. The Homicide program, as its name indicates, handles all cases in which the defendant is accused of a felonious homicide. The Major Felony program hears all cases (other than homicides) which the District Attorney's office believes will involve substantial legal problems, complexity of preparation, multiple defendants or a large number of witnesses. All cases in which a jury trial has been demanded and all cases involving rape also are designated Major Felony cases. All other Common Pleas criminal trials are assigned initially to the Felony Non-Jury program.

All criminal cases in which the maximum potential penalty does not exceed five years imprisonment are tried before a judge without a jury in the Municipal Court and the defendant, upon conviction, has an absolute right to appeal for a trial *de novo* before a judge and jury in the Court of Common Pleas.

As soon as possible after arrest, a defendant accused of a criminal offense is brought before a Municipal Court judge for preliminary arraignment. At the preliminary arraignment, the defendant is apprised of the nature of the charge against him, of his right to counsel and, upon evidence of indigency, of his right to court-appointed counsel. At this stage of the proceedings, he is interviewed by representatives of the Pretrial Services Division and matters pertaining to bail are determined. At the preliminary arraignment, a date for a preliminary hearing in the Court of Common Pleas or, depending on the severity of the potential penalty for the offense involved, for trial in Municipal Court is set.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL TRIALS

JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

	<u>HOMICIDE</u>	<u>MAJOR FELONY</u>	<u>FELONY NON-JURY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ACTIVE DEFENDANT RECORDS — START OF 1977	308	570	2,683	3,561
LESS: SENTENCE DEFERRED DEFENDANT RECORDS	<u>128</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>717</u>
DEFENDANT RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL — START OF 1977	180	397	2,267	2,844
NEW DEFENDANT RECORDS ENTERED	340	1,649	5,758	7,747
DEFENDANT RECORDS ENTERED AS RESULT OF NEW TRIAL GRANTED	0	0	229	229
NET DEFENDANT RECORDS PREVIOUSLY DEFERRED REINSTATED	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>223</u>
DEFENDANT RECORDS TO BE ADJUDICATED	538	2,068	8,437	11,043
DEFENDANT RECORDS ADJUDICATED	364	1,413	6,952	8,729
NET DEFENDANT RECORDS PLACED IN DEFERRED STATUS	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>46</u>
DEFENDANT RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL — END OF 1977	171	648	1,449	2,268
PLUS: SENTENCE DEFERRED DEFENDANT RECORDS	<u>103</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>707</u>
ACTIVE DEFENDANT RECORDS — END OF 1977	274	872	1,829	2,975
INCREASE/DECREASE IN DEFENDANT RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL (LINE 10 MINUS LINE 3)	-9	+251	-818	-576

DEFERRED DEFENDANT RECORDS

(Not included in total of "Active Defendant Records" Above)

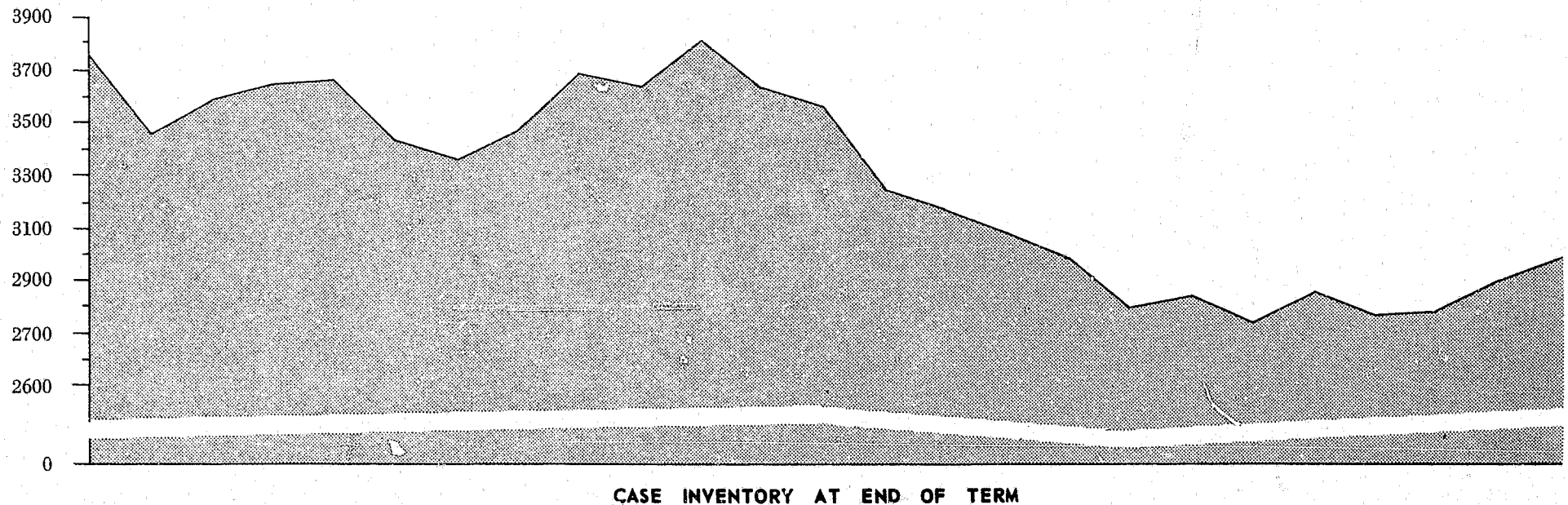
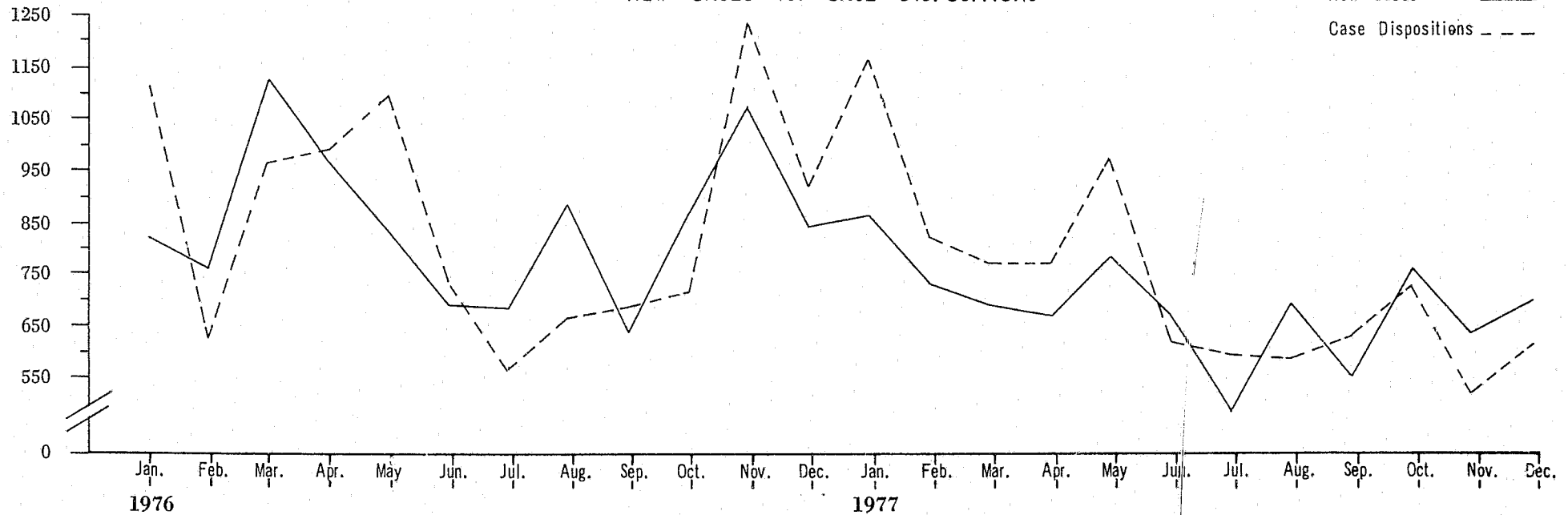
DEFENDANT WITH EXCUSABLE ILLNESS	45
DEFENDANT IN MILITARY SERVICE	17
DEFENDANT INCARCERATED OUTSIDE COUNTY	12
DEFENDANT AT LARGE -- FUGITIVE BENCH WARRANT ISSUED	1,449
DEFERRED AT REQUEST OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR COURT ADMINISTRATION	<u>347</u>
TOTAL:	1,870



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

CRIMINAL TRIALS\*

NEW CASES vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS



\* Criminal Trials include Homicide, Major Felony and Felony Non-Jury Programs.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEFENDANT DISPOSITIONS  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	TOTAL DEF. DISP.	TOTAL NON- CONV.	GLTY. AS CHGED	GLTY. LESS. OFF.	**NON-CONVICTIONS**			****CONVICTIONS****			TRANS
					DISM PROS. W/D	NON- JURY	JURY	GLTY PLEA	NON- JURY	JURY	
MURDER	356	52	213	88	19	24	9	95	99	107	3
MANSLAUGHTER	25	13	10	2	6	6	1	2	8	2	
ROBBERY	1814	496	1086	213	209	261	26	852	388	59	19
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1516	551	647	233	286	242	23	491	364	25	85
MINOR ASSAULT	243	104	64	54	61	43		81	35	2	21
BURGLARY	1896	515	875	342	291	214	10	929	270	18	164
LARCENY EXCEPT AUTO	842	253	315	205	182	71		399	121		69
AUTO LARCENY-THEFT	92	42	19	19	29	13		26	12		12
EMBEZZLEMENT/FRAUD	196	66	55	46	50	14	2	86	12	3	29
STOLEN PROPERTY	180	91	47	19	48	43		47	19		23
FORGERY/CNTRFEITING	14	2	11		1	1		11			1
RAPE	358	153	153	49	39	95	19	75	66	61	3
ASSLT & ATTEMPT RAPE	96	30	32	33	12	14	4	28	31	6	1
STATUTORY RAPE	17	8	7	2	5	2	1	7	2		
INDECENT ASSAULT	76	19	31	25	9	9	1	34	19	3	1
COMMERCIALIZED VICE	37	15	10	9	8	7		13	5	1	3
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	37	15	14	6	10	5		9	6	5	2
POSSESS/USE NARCOTICS	552	189	261	59	94	92	3	214	100	6	43
SALE/USE OF NARCOTICS	2		2					1	1		
OTHER DRUG OFFENSES	8	2	5	1		2		4	2		
WEAPONS OFFENSES	62	37	21	4	20	17		9	14	2	
OFNS VS FAMILY & CHILD											
LIQUOR LAWS	6	6			6						
DRIVING WHILE INTOX.	94	40	49		28	11	1	30	19		5
OTHER MOTOR VEH. OFNS	11	9	2		9			1	1		
DISORDERLY CNDUCT-VAG	39	28	5	2	24	3	1	2	5		4
GAMBLING	23	19	4		7	12		4			
ARSON	36	11	12	7	6	5		14	3	2	6
ABORTION											
BIGAMY											
CNTRIB. TO DELIQUENCY	4	3			3						1
OFNS VS PUBLIC JUST.	55	34	15	1	21	12	1	6	8	2	5
PRISON BREACH, ETC.	19	7	12		5	1	1	12			
BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION	6	1	3		1			3			2
KIDNAPPING	2		2					2			
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	10	5	4		5			2	2		1
TRESPASSING	3	1	1		1			1			1
OFFENSES VS CMNWEALTH											
OFFNS VS PUBLIC PEACE	1	1			1						
OFFNS VS PUBLIC MORALS	1	1			1						
OFNS VS PUBLIC POLICY I	4	3	1		2	1				1	
MISC. HOLDING OFFENSES	5	3	2		2	1		2			
DELINQUENCY OFFENSES											
OFNS-PUBLIC POLICY II											
OFNS-PUBLIC POLICY III											
MISC. FEDERAL OFFENSES											
UNCLASSIFIED											
TOTALS	8738	2825	3990	1419	1501	1221	103	3492	1612	305	504



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEFENDANT DISPOSITIONS  
ANALYSIS OF DEFENDANT SENTENCING  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977  
MOST SERIOUS CHARGE CONVICTED

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	TOTAL DISP.	MINUS TRNS PRO W/D	ADJ. DISP.	NON CONV.	%	CONV.	%	GLTY PLEA	NON- JURY	JURY TRIAL	PRISON SENTENCE **** OV. 2 YR% UN. 2 YR.% PRI%	PROB. % SENT %	SENT. SUSP.	FINES COST REST.
MURDER	268	22	246	33	13	213	87	68	57	88	200 94 3 1 95	10 5		
MANSLAUGHTER	101	6	95	7	7	88	93	29	44	15	44 50 8 9 59	36 41		
ROBBERY	1616	228	1388	287	21	1101	79	716	329	56	325 30 429 39 68	345 31	2	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1482	371	1111	265	24	846	76	459	356	31	71 8 258 30 39	497 59	18	2
MINOR ASSAULT	261	82	179	43	24	136	76	83	50	3	11 8 31 23 31	90 66	1	3
BURGLARY	1657	455	1202	224	19	978	81	740	221	17	105 11 304 31 42	561 57	7	1
LARCENY EXCEPT AUTO	778	251	527	71	13	456	87	339	112	5	11 2 155 34 36	281 62	8	1
AUTO LARCENY-THEFT	142	41	101	13	13	88	87	45	43		3 3 26 30 33	57 65	2	
EMBEZZLEMENT/FRAUD	193	79	114	16	14	98	86	82	12	4	7 7 11 11 18	77 79	2	1
STOLEN PROPERTY	491	71	420	43	10	377	90	304	71	2	8 2 91 24 26	272 72	5	1
FORGERY/CNTRFEITING	68	2	66	1	2	65	98	64	1		10 15 15	54 83	1	
RAPE	309	42	267	114	43	153	57	47	50	56	112 73 26 17 90	14 9	1	
ASSLT & ATTEMPT RAPE	64	13	51	18	35	33	65	17	14	2	15 45 8 24 70	10 30		
STATUTORY RAPE	29	5	24	3	13	21	88	16	5		1 5 7 33 38	13 62		
INDECENT ASSAULT	73	10	63	10	16	53	84	24	27	2	4 8 21 40 47	27 51	1	
COMMERCIALIZED VICE	30	11	19	7	37	12	63	8	4		1 8	8 67		3
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	53	12	41	5	12	36	88	21	7	8	17 47 6 17 64	13 36		
POSSESS/USE NARCOTICS	511	137	374	95	25	279	75	176	98	5	19 7 63 23 29	195 70	1	1
SALE/USE OF NARCOTICS	50		50			50	100	42	8		2 4 9 18 22	39 78		
OTHER DRUG OFFENSES	7		7	2	29	5	71	4	1			5 100		
WEAPONS OFFENSES	107	20	87	17	20	70	80	38	28	4	4 6 12 17 23	51 73	3	
OFNS VS FAMILY & CHILD	1		1			1	100	1				1 100		
LIQUOR LAWS	6	6												
DRIVING WHILE INTOX.	95	33	62	12	19	50	81	30	20		11 22 22	36 72		3
OTHER MOTOR VEH. OFNS	12	9	3			3	100	2	1		1 33 33	2 67		
DISORDERLY CONDUCT-VAG	53	28	25	4	16	21	84	10	11		2 10 10	6 29	4	9
GAMBLING	23	7	16	12	75	4	25	4				2 50		2
ARSON	56	12	44	5	11	39	89	31	6	2	3 8 8 21 28	28 72		
ABORTION														
BIGAMY														
CNTRIB. TO DELIQUENCY	14	4	10			10	100	5	5		1 10 3 30 40	6 60		
OFNS VS PUBLIC JUST.	108	26	82	13	16	69	84	44	21	4	4 6 12 17 23	47 68	3	3
PRISON BREACH, ETC.	19	5	14	2	14	12	86	12			5 42 42	7 58		
BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION	14	3	11			11	100	10	1		4 36 36	7 64		
KIDNAPPING	2		2			2	100	2					2	
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	18	6	12			12	100	8	4		2 17 17	8 67		2
TRESPASSING	14	2	12			12	100	7	5		2 17 17	8 67	2	
OFFENSES VS CMNWEALTH														
OFFNS VS PUBLIC PEACE	1	1												
OFFNS VS PUBLIC MORALS	1	1												
OFNS VS PUBLIC POLICY I	5	2	3	1	33	2	67	1		1	50	50		1
MISC. HOLDING OFFENSES	6	2	4	1	25	3	75	3			2 67 67	1 33		
DELINQUENCY OFFENSES														
OFNS-PUBLIC POLICY II														
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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL TRIALS  
TABLE OF DEFENDANT DISPOSITIONS - 1977  
BY SEX, RACE AND AGE

<u>NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS</u>	<u>PRISON</u>	<u>BAIL</u>	<u>FUGITIVE</u>	<u>TOTAL AND PERCENTAGES</u>
SEX				
MALE	3,158	4,920	7	8,085 (93%)
FEMALE	<u>108</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>653 (7%)</u>
TOTAL	3,266	5,463	9	8,738
RACE				
CAUCASIAN	415	1,348	2	1,765 (20%)
NEGRO	2,604	3,730	5	6,339 (73%)
OTHER OR UNKNOWN	<u>247</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>634 (7%)</u>
TOTAL	3,266	5,463	9	8,738
AGE				
UNDER 21	515	1,049	2	1,566 (18%)
21 TO 30	1,889	2,725	2	4,616 (53%)
31 TO 40	530	904	0	1,434 (16%)
41 TO 50	130	396	1	527 (7%)
51 TO 60	41	163	0	204 (2%)
61 AND OVER	16	36	0	52 (1%)
UNKNOWN	<u>145</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>339 (4%)</u>
TOTAL	3,266	5,463	9	8,738



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL TRIALS  
HOMICIDE PROGRAM  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS, 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	540	477	610	407	-133	-24.6%
1975	407	496	569	334	-73	-17.9%
1976	334	434	460	308	-26	-7.8%
1977	308	355	389	274	-34	-11.0%

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	1.08	April	0.93	July	1.80	Oct.	0.92
Feb.	1.18	May	1.09	August	0.61	Nov.	0.75
March	1.40	June	1.50	Sept.	1.86	Dec.	0.71

For the fourth consecutive year, there has been a reduction in case inventory, down 34 (-11%) since the first of the year. Since 1974 there has been an overall reduction of 266 cases (-49%). In seven of the past 12 months dispositions exceeded cases received. Over the last four years there has been a positive 1.15 disposition to filing rate.

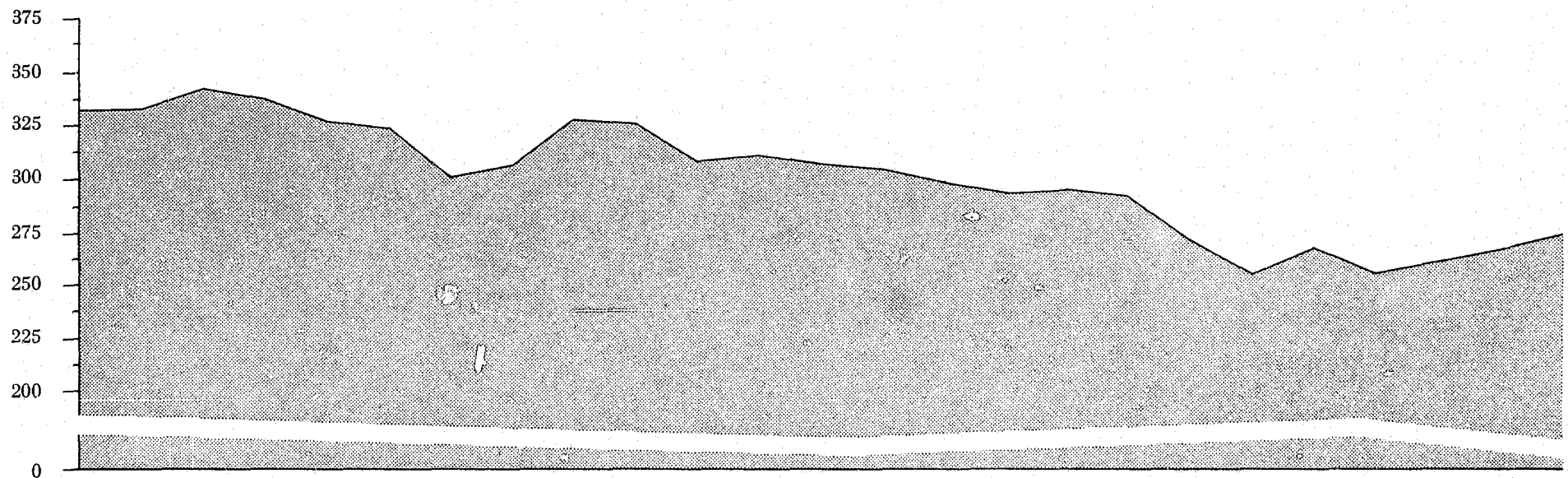
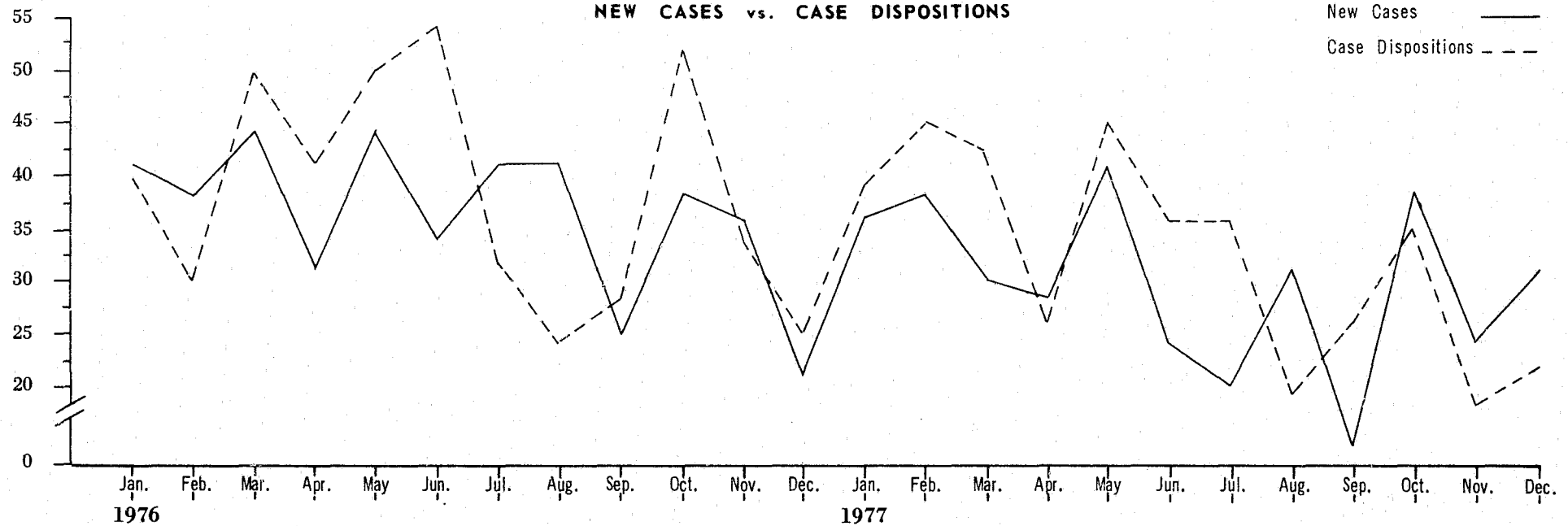
With case dispositions approximating 32 per month, present inventory represents about an 8½ month workload.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

HOMICIDE PROGRAM

NEW CASES vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS



CASE INVENTORY AT END OF TERM



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL TRIALS  
MAJOR FELONY PROGRAM  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS, 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	1,288	1,679	2,113	854	-434	-33.7%
1975	681*	1,352	1,332	701	+20	+2.9%
1976	741**	1,451	1,472	720	-21	-2.8%
1977	570***	1,664	1,362	872	+302	+53.0%

\* Transfer of 173 cases from the Major Felony to Non-Jury Program.

\*\* Indicates a one-time adjustment of 40 cases to reconcile computer files.

\*\*\* Transfer of 150 cases from the Major Felony to Non-Jury Program.

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	0.79	April	0.82	July	1.10	Oct.	0.70
Feb.	0.41	May	1.16	August	0.95	Nov.	0.82
March	0.60	June	1.17	Sept.	0.90	Dec.	0.83

The major felony program experienced an increase in inventory of 302 cases (+53%) since the first of the year. Overall for the year, the disposition to filing ratio stands at 0.35. However, when compared with the starting case inventory figure for 1974 (1,288 cases) there was a 416 case reduction (-32.3%) over the past four years.

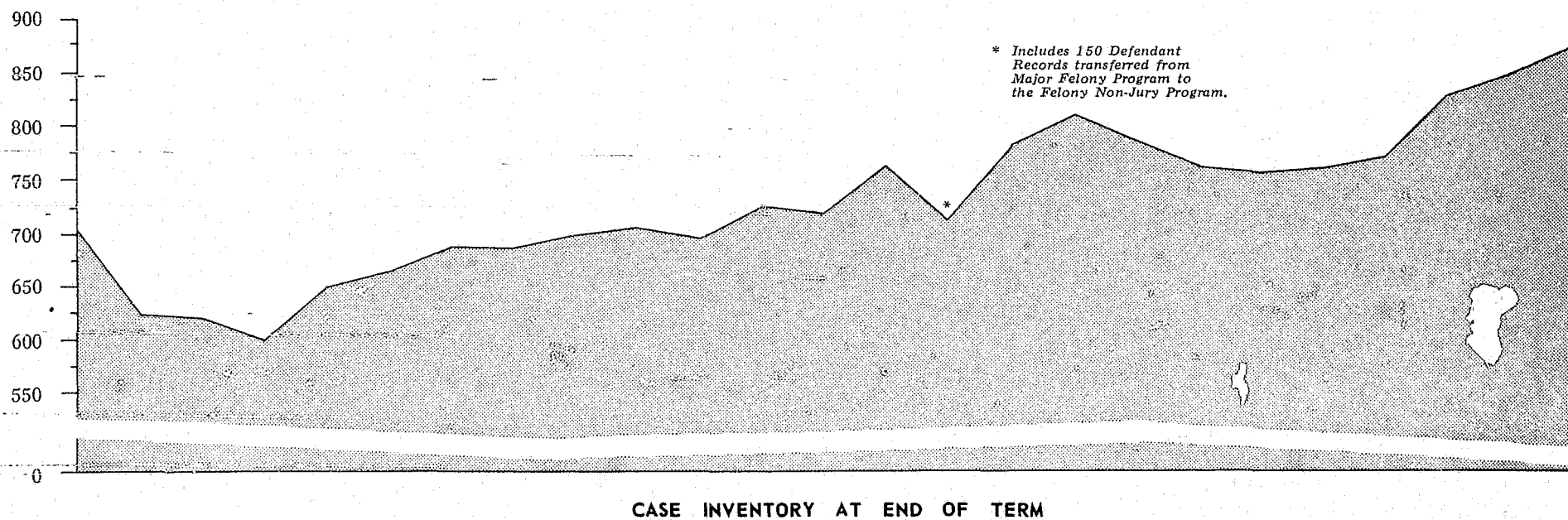
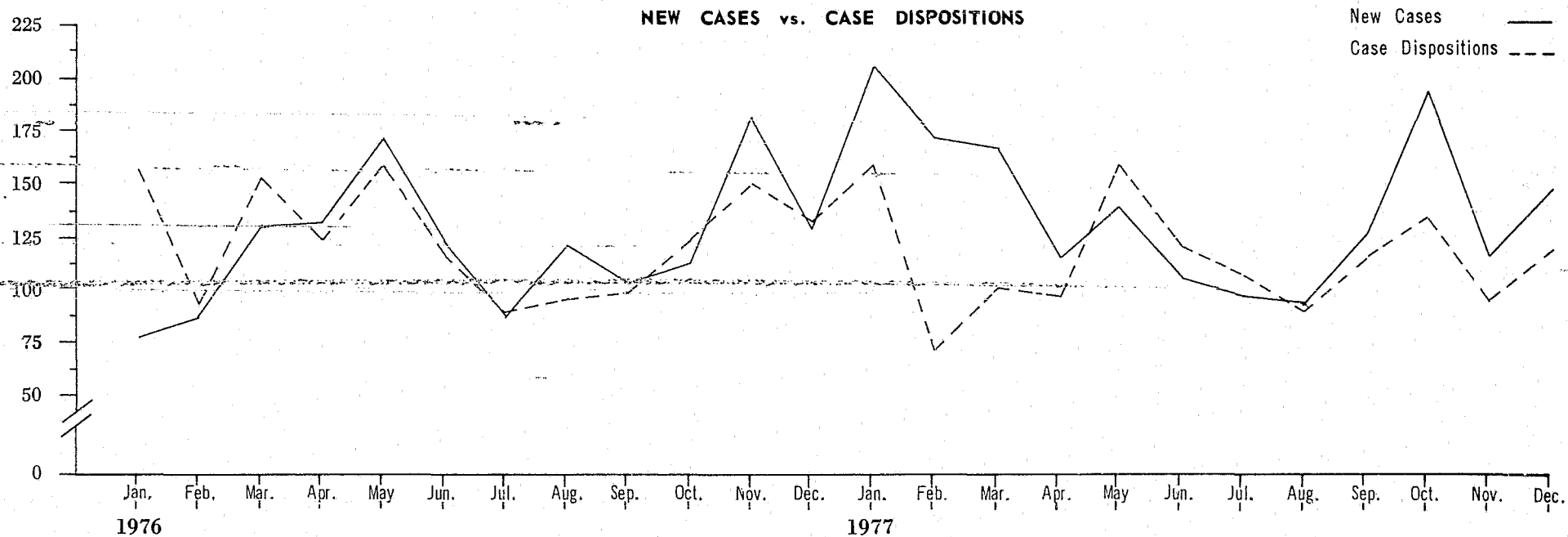
For the entire Common Pleas Criminal program (homicide, major felony and felony non-jury programs) there was a reduction of 586 cases for 1977. For the entire Common Pleas area (civil and criminal programs) there has been a reduction of 498 cases.



# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

## MAJOR FELONY PROGRAM

### NEW CASES vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS





COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL TRIALS  
FELONY NON-JURY CASES  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS, 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	2,903	7,802	8,523	2,182	-721	-24.8%
1975	2,335*	7,926	7,563	2,718	+363	+15.4%
1976	2,718	8,119	8,304	2,533	-185	-6.8%
1977	2,683**	6,134	6,988	1,829	-854	-31.8%

\* Includes an addition of 173 cases transferred from the Major Felony Program.

\*\* Includes an addition of 150 cases transferred from the Major Felony Program.

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	1.56	April	1.25	July	1.20	Oct.	1.06
Feb.	1.34	May	1.27	August	0.84	Nov.	0.83
March	1.29	June	0.88	Sept.	1.22	Dec.	0.90

The reduction in number, of untried felony non-jury cases was the largest in the past four years, down 854 cases (-31.8%) since the first of the year. Using 1974 as a benchmark there was a reduction of 1,074 cases (37%). While case filings have decreased by 21% over the last four years, case dispositions have decreased by only 18%. Dispositions exceeded cases received in eight of the past 12 months, a 1.14 ratio of dispositions to filings for the entire year of 1977.

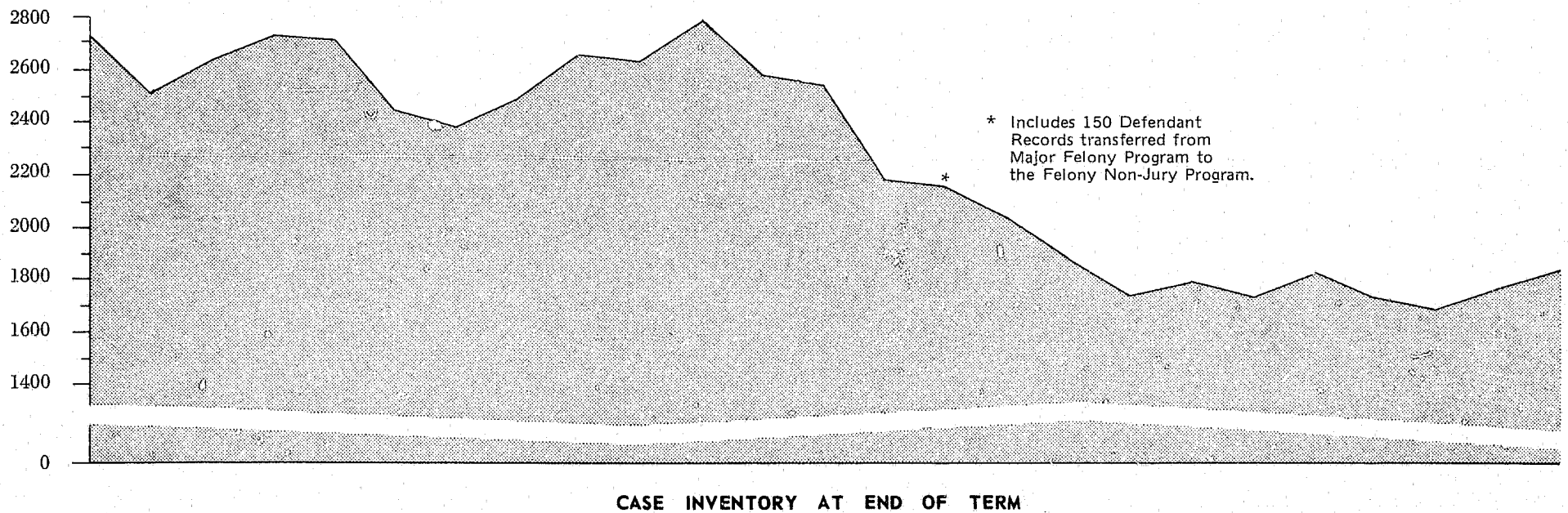
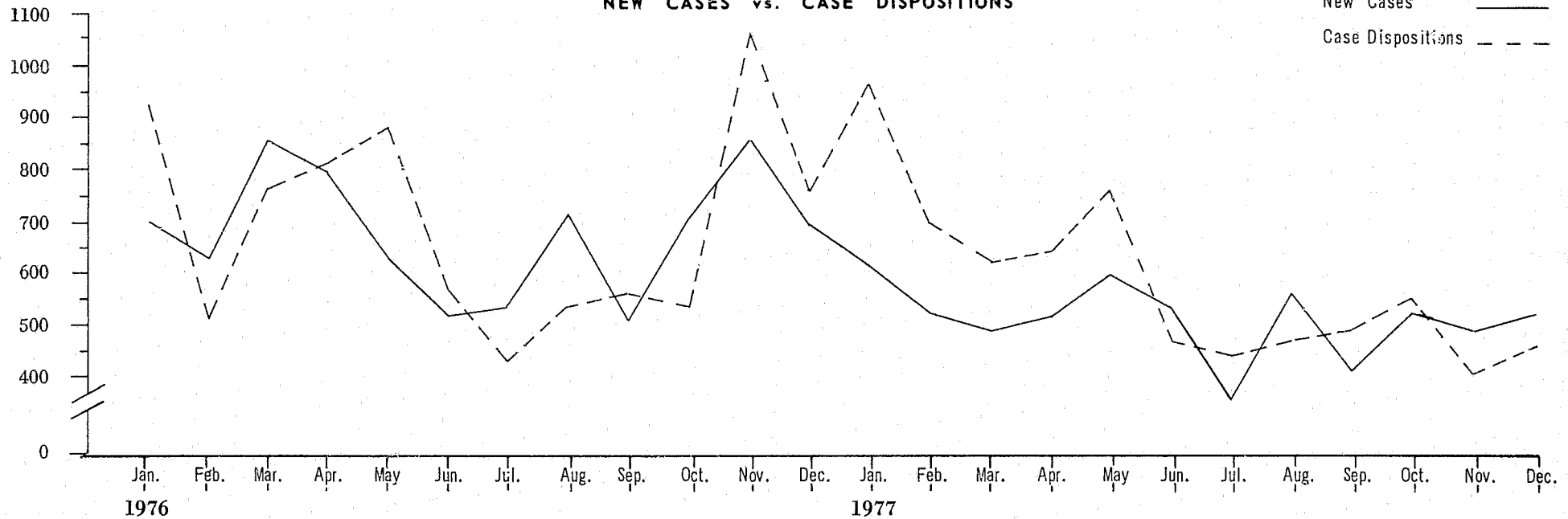
Cases are disposed of at the rate of 582 per month. Thus, present inventory of 1,829 cases represents approximately a three-month workload (3.1 months).



# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

## FELONY NON-JURY PROGRAM

### NEW CASES vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS






COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL TRIALS  
ANALYSIS OF DEFENDANT RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL  
BY AGE AT END OF DECEMBER TERM 1977

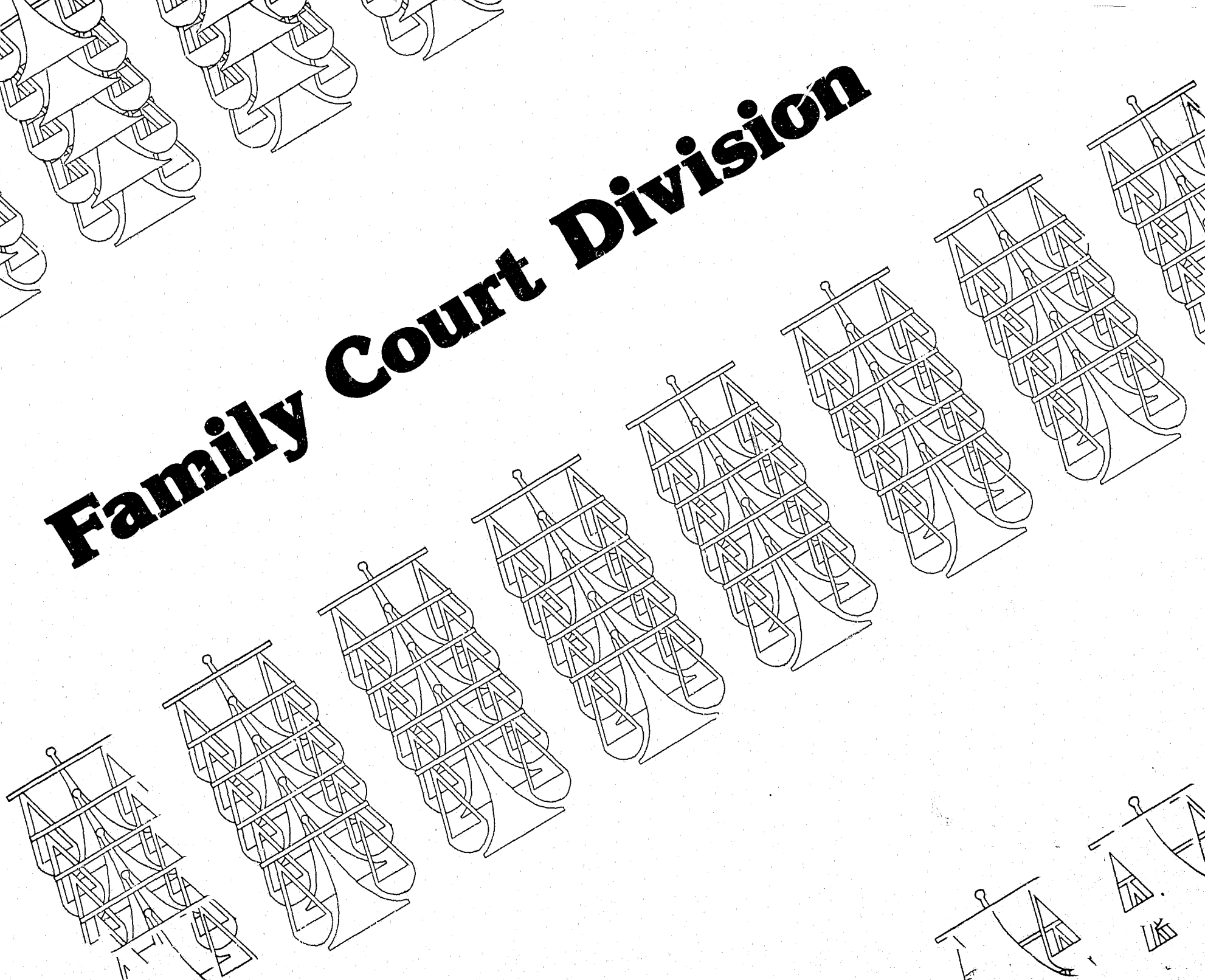
	<u>1-60 Days</u>	<u>61-120 Days</u>	<u>121-180 Days</u>	<u>181-240 Days</u>	<u>241 + Days</u>	<u>Total Defendant Records Available For Trial</u>	<u>Mean Age In Days</u>	<u>Median Age In Days</u>
<b>HOMICIDE</b>								
No. of Cases	30	40	31	22	48	171	313	143
Percentage	18%	23%	18%	13%	28%			
* Cumulative Percentage	18%	41%	59%	72%	100%			
<b>MAJOR FELONY</b>								
No. of Cases	112	220	141	52	123	648	231.2	118
Percentage	17%	34%	22%	8%	19%			
* Cumulative Percentage	17%	51%	73%	81%	100%			
<b>FELONY NON-JURY</b>								
No. of Cases	425	497	242	101	184	1,449	169.3	91
Percentage	29%	34%	17%	7%	13%			
* Cumulative Percentage	29%	63%	80%	87%	100%			
<b>TOTAL</b>								
No. of Cases	567	757	414	175	355	2,268		
Percentage	25%	33%	18%	8%	16%			
* Cumulative Percentage	25%	58%	77%	84%	100%			

\* The cumulative percentage for any particular category indicates the percentage of total cases available for trial that fall in or below that category.





# **Family Court Division**







#### DISCUSSING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Nelson A. Diaz, Esq. (center), special assistant to Vice-President Walter Mondale and former Executive Director of the Spanish Merchants Association of Philadelphia, is shown with President Judge Bradley and Court Administrator Judge Savitt at a meeting of the Committee on Services to the Spanish-speaking community of the Young Lawyers Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association, held at the Antillean Indian Archeological Museum.

#### STAFF TRAINING SESSION

Judge Nicholas A. Cipriani was the keynote speaker at the final session of the Family Court Division's monthly in-service staff development training series held at the Logan Square branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. The eight sessions featured talks by scholars in critical areas of the Juvenile Justice field.



#### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

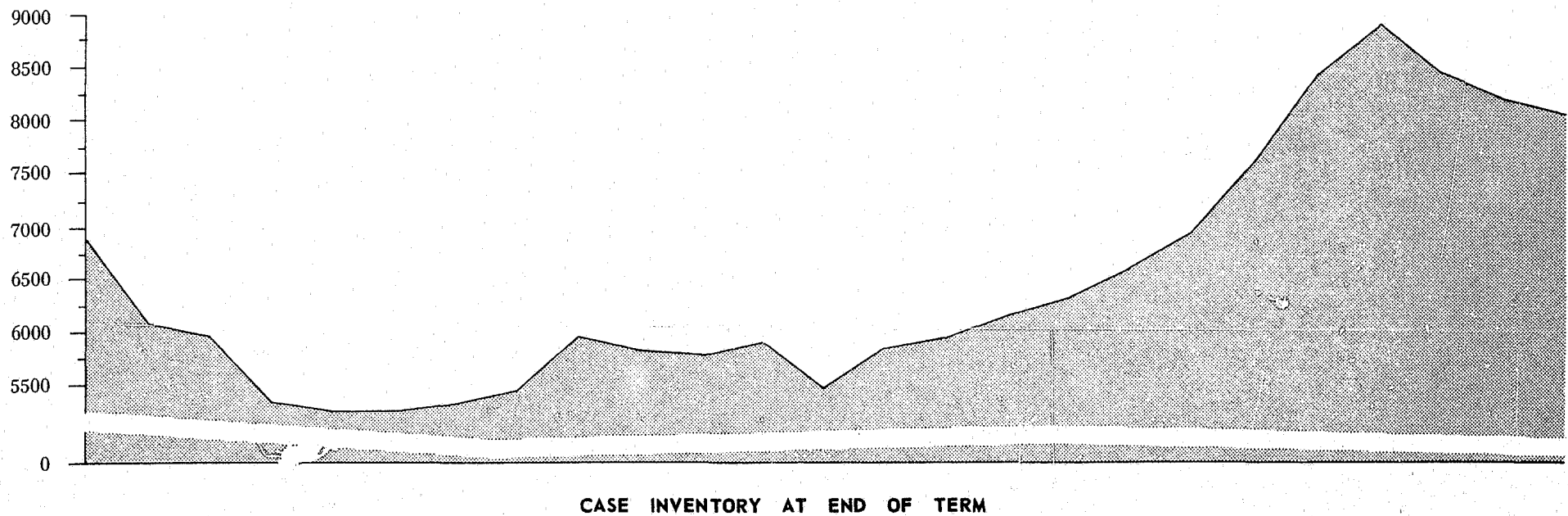
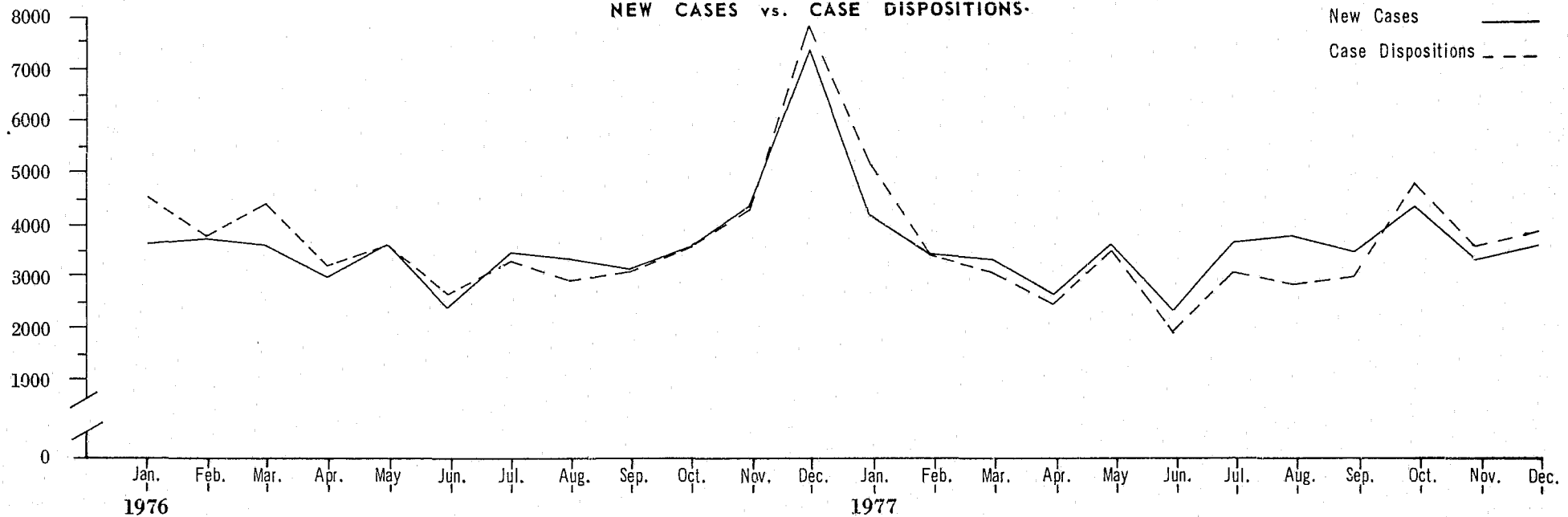
The Board of Judges Court Facilities and Site Committee from left, Judges Jacob Kalish, John A. Geisz, Albert F. Sabo, Edward J. Blake, Chairman; Marvin R. Halbert, Levy Anderson, and Paul A. Tranchitella.



# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

## FAMILY COURT DIVISION\*

### NEW CASES vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS



\* Family Court Division includes Adoptions, Domestic Relations, Juvenile, and Unmarried Mothers.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION  
ADOPTIONS BRANCH 1977

ADOPTION PETITIONS GRANTED:	561
NUMBER OF ADOPTEES:	646
MALES	331
FEMALES	315
WHITE	401
NON-WHITE	245
LEGITIMATE	308
ILLEGITIMATE	338
ADOPTEE PLACED BY:	
PARENT	366
AGENCY	212
INTERMEDIARY	62
RELATIVE	2
ADOPTEE	4
RELATIONSHIP OF PETITIONER TO ADOPTEE:	
NON RELATED	300
STEPPARENT	324
GRANDPARENT	11
OTHER RELATIVE	11



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION  
DIVORCES 1977

DIVORCES PENDING — START OF 1977 8,070

NEW DIVORCES STARTED 7,172

DIVORCES TO BE DISPOSED 15,242

DIVORCE DECREES ENTERED 6,427

ACTIVE DIVORCES PENDING — END OF 1977 8,815

INCREASE/DECREASE IN DIVORCES PENDING +745



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH — 1977

PETITIONS FILED: (TOTAL)	13,552
SUPPORT OF WIFE OR CHILD	4,371
NON-PAYMENT OF ORDER	1,373
CHILD CUSTODY OR VISITATION	1,788
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDER	6,020

WOMENS BRANCH — UNMARRIED MOTHERS — 1977

PETITIONS FILED: (TOTAL)	7,132
SUPPORT OF CHILD	1,626
NON-PAYMENT OF ORDER	2,300
CHILD CUSTODY OR VISITATION	272
MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT ORDER	2,934



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION  
JUVENILE BRANCH  
DEPENDENT CHILD CASES — 1977

REASON FOR REFERRAL OF NEW CASES:

INABILITY TO PROVIDE CARE	336
NEGLECT, ABUSE, ABANDONMENT	474
MENTAL RETARDATION	24
NO PARENT	39
DELINQUENT COURT REFERRAL	187
OTHERS	155
TOTAL	<u>1,215</u>

DISPOSITION OF NEW CASES:

DISMISSED OR WITHDRAWN	281
PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	270
COMMIT TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE	460
COMMIT TO PARENT	29
COMMIT TO RELATIVE	119
COMMIT TO INDIVIDUAL	19
COMMIT TO MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY	18
OTHERS	19
TOTAL	<u>1,215</u>



**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION**

**JUVENILE BRANCH**

**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION — 1977**

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	TOTAL	BOYS	GIRLS
REFERRED ELSEWHERE	221	164	57
DISCHARGED OR ADJUSTED	6,580	5,746	834
PROBATION	1,697	1,594	103
CONSENT DECREE	2,701	2,334	367
COMMITTED TO:			
INSTITUTION FOR DELINQUENTS	593	545	48
OTHER INSTITUTIONS OR AGENCIES	135	118	17
REFERRED TO CRIMINAL COURT	122	122	—
ADJUDGED DEPENDENT	187	97	90
OTHERS	<u>79</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>12,315</b>	<b>10,797</b>	<b>1,518</b>
NEW DELINQUENCY CASES DISPOSED OF: 1977			
COURT HEARINGS	9,548	8,453	1,095
YOUTH STUDY CENTER	<u>2,767</u>	<u>2,344</u>	<u>423</u>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>12,315</b>	<b>10,797</b>	<b>1,518</b>



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION  
JUVENILE BRANCH  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES BY OFFENSE — 1977

OFFENSES	TOTAL	BOYS	GIRLS
HOMICIDE	10	9	1
ASSAULTS	1,903	1,597	306
BURGLARY	2,367	2,302	65
ROBBERY	1,149	1,098	51
AUTO THEFT	737	716	21
OTHER THEFT	1,985	1,797	188
RAPE	91	91	—
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	114	107	7
DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS	1,112	998	114
WEAPONS OFFENSES	677	631	46
UNGOVERNABLE BEHAVIOR	1,246	637	609
VANDALISM (INCLUDES ARSON)	305	279	26
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	444	390	54
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	3	3	—
MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS	79	74	5
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	<u>93</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTALS:	12,315	10,797	1,518

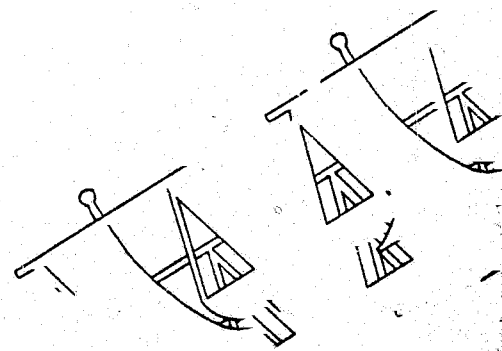
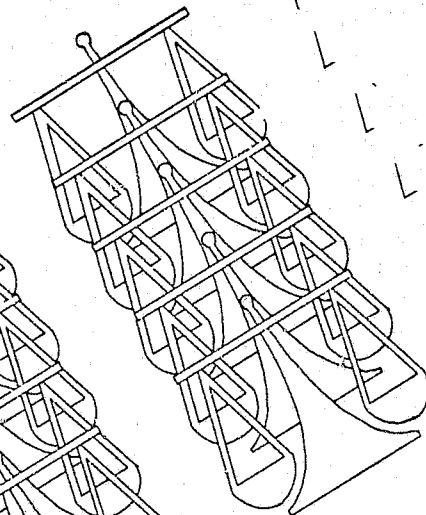
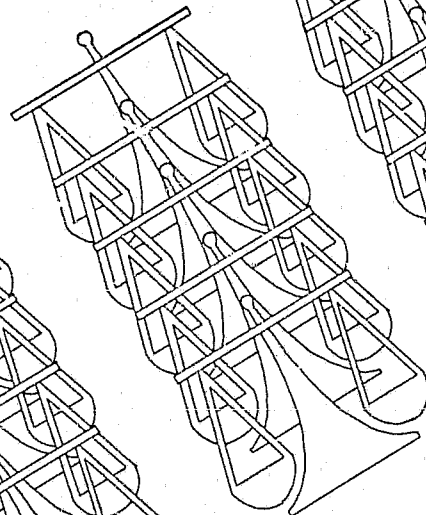
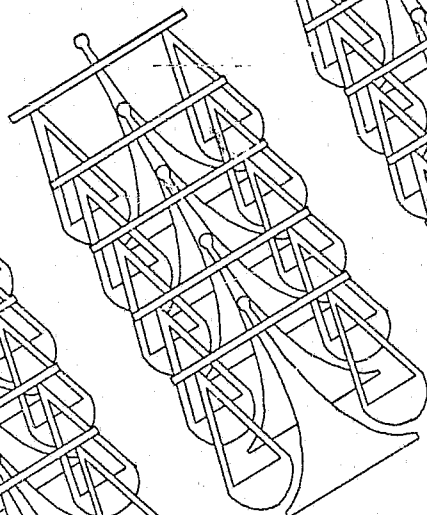
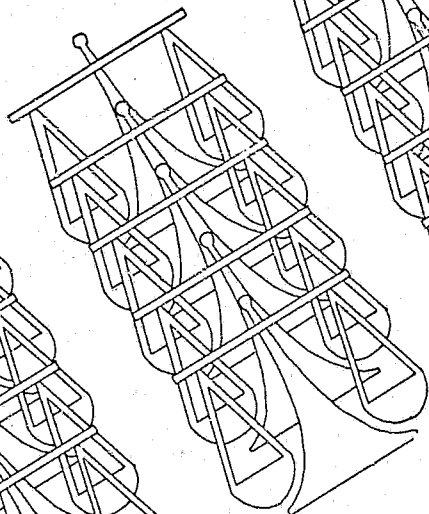
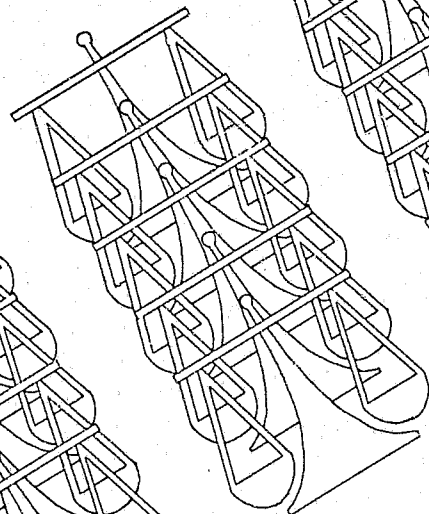
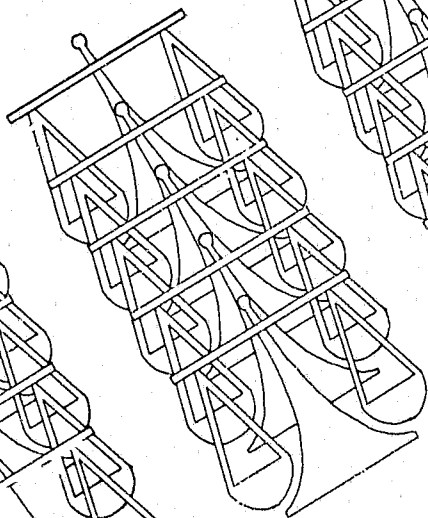
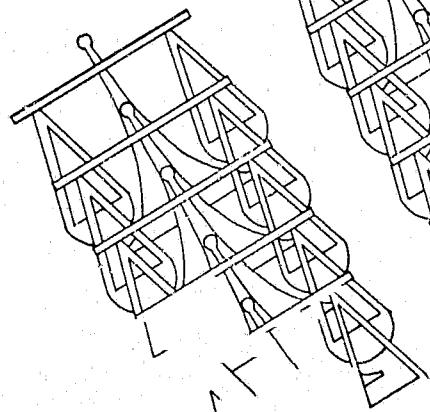


COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION  
JUVENILE BRANCH  
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES BY AGE AND SEX - 1977

AGE	TOTAL	BOYS	GIRLS
7	5	3	2
8	13	9	4
9	43	39	4
10	83	74	9
11	187	168	19
12	509	432	77
13	951	779	172
14	1,672	1,413	259
15	2,403	2,039	364
16	3,440	3,083	357
17	3,009	2,758	251
TOTAL:	<u>12,315</u>	<u>10,797</u>	<u>1,518</u>



# Orphans' Court Division





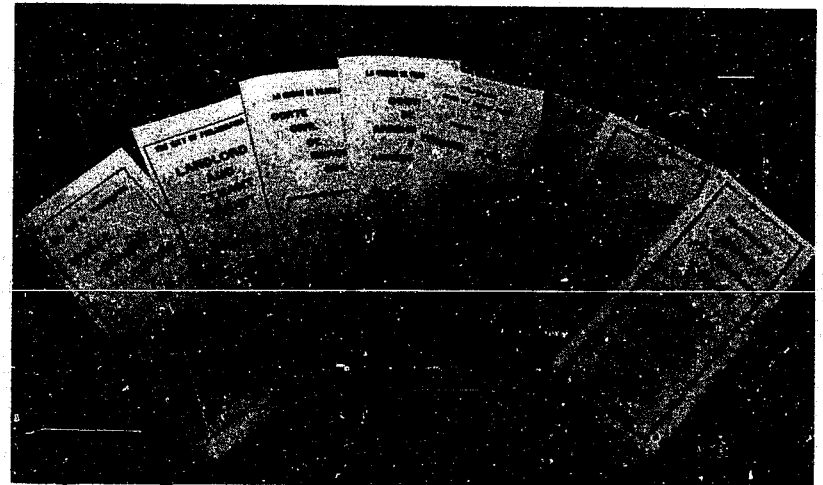


#### LAW DAY 1977

Prize winners in poster and essay contests sponsored by the Young Lawyers section of the Philadelphia Bar Association were honored at ceremonies in Room 653, City Hall, during observation of Law Day. The winners, pictured with President Judge Bradley, from left, are Steven Frielich, Northeast High School; Ann Marie Long, Cardinal Dougherty High School; Paul Karetny, William C. Jacobs School; Judge Bradley, Mary Jane Magdales, West Catholic High School for girls; Sister William Ann, who accepted for Rose Mahoney, West Catholic High School for girls; and Arlene Goldfine, Northeast High School.

#### BILINGUAL BROCHURES

A continuing effort was made to create new and revise existing literature to keep the public informed of court services and operations. Currently available in English and Spanish are brochures describing Small Claims and Landlord and Tenant Courts, the Common Pleas and Municipal Court information source list, and the Philadelphia Judiciary Speakers Bureau.



#### STUDENTS' RECEPTION

Common Pleas Court Judges Calvin T. Wilson (second from left) and William M. Marutani (right) answer questions from University of Pennsylvania Law students at a City Hall reception for Judges and students, sponsored by the University's Law Alumni Association.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

DISPOSITIONS BY DECREES 1977

SALES OF REAL PROPERTY	531
CITATIONS	421
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR MINORS	158
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCOMPETENTS	134
ALLOWANCE FOR MINORS AND INCOMPETENTS	203
SCHEDULES OF DISTRIBUTION APPROVED	351
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS	758
COURT EN BANC MATTERS	34
APPEALS FROM REGISTRAR OF WILLS	14
DISPOSITION ON MARRIAGE LICENSE CERTIFICATIONS	144
SUB-TOTAL	<hr/> 2,748

OFFICIAL ORPHANS' COURT EXAMINERS 1977

REPORTS OF EXAMINATION OF TRUST ASSETS APPROVED	798
REPORTS OF CEMETERY TRUST FILED	2,030
SUB-TOTAL	<hr/> 2,828
TOTAL	5,576



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION  
UNDISPOSED MATTERS

JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

		<u>Available For Disposition</u>	<u>Not Available For Disposition</u>
AUDITS:	511	75	436
PETITIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:	<u>68</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>61</u>
TOTAL:	579	82	497

NEW MATTERS ENTERED

AUDITS:	1,331
PETITIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:	<u>5,583</u>
TOTAL:	6,914

DISPOSED

ADJUDICATIONS FILED:	1,283
PETITIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:	<u>5,576</u>
TOTAL:	6,859

GROSS ASSETS ADJUDICATED:     \$755,447,143.60

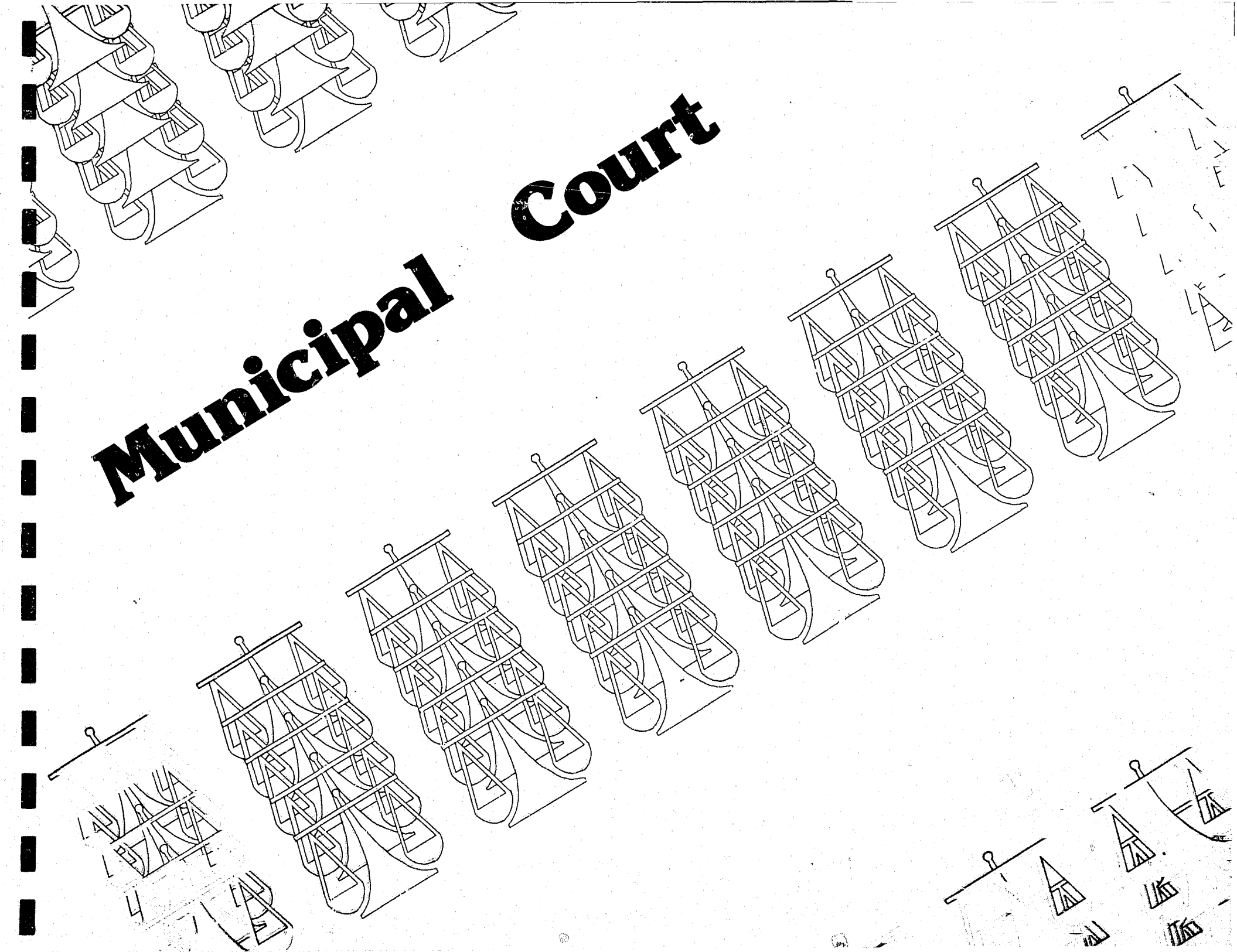
UNDISPOSED MATTERS – END OF 1977

AUDITS:	559	40	519
PETITIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:	<u>75</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>63</u>
TOTAL:	634	52	582



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#### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Municipal Court President Judge Joseph R. Glancey (left) is shown presenting the court's Community Service Award to Bill Baldini (center) of WCAU-TV. With them is Judge Calvin T. Wilson, Common Pleas Court Secretary of the Board of Judges.

#### INTERNATIONAL VISITOR

Judge Youmatsu Hinagata (right), Attorney for the Ministry of Justice of Tokyo, and former Assistant Judge of the Tokyo District Court, visited Philadelphia's Court of Common Pleas as part of a fellowship program to the United States sponsored by the American Bar Association's International Legal Exchange (ILEX). He is seen here meeting with Common Pleas Court Trial Division Judge William M. Marutani.





**MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**STATISTICAL SUMMARY**  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

	<u>Defendant Records Available For Disposition January 3, 1977</u>	<u>New Defendant Records Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Total Defendant Records To Be Disposed</u>	<u>Total Defendant Records Dispositions</u>	<u>Defendant Records Available For Disposition January 3, 1978</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
<b>CIVIL:</b>						
Code Enforcement	3,357	25,141	28,498	23,908	4,590	+1,233
Landlord and Tenant	1,015	15,989	17,004	15,839	1,165	+150
Small Claims	<u>5,439</u>	<u>31,744</u>	<u>37,183</u>	<u>31,923</u>	<u>5,260</u>	<u>-179</u>
Sub-Total	9,811	72,874	82,685	71,670	11,015	+1,204
<b>CRIMINAL:</b>						
Preliminary Hearings	757	11,447	12,204	11,128	1,076	+319
Trials	<u>3,693</u>	<u>30,872</u>	<u>34,565</u>	<u>30,710</u>	<u>3,855</u>	<u>+162</u>
Sub-Total	4,450	42,319	46,769	41,838	4,931	+481
Private Criminal Complaints	0	9,047	9,047	9,047	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	14,261	124,240	138,501	122,555	15,946	+1,685



MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA  
CIVIL TRIALS  
CODE ENFORCEMENT, LANDLORD AND TENANT, SMALL CLAIMS  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS, 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	7,035	56,908	56,445	7,498	+463	+6.6%
1975	7,498	61,445	58,373	10,570	+3,072	+41.0%
1976	10,570	69,219	69,978	9,811	-759	-7.2%
1977	9,811	72,874	71,670	11,015	+1,204	+12.3%

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	1.07	April	1.08	July	1.36	Oct.	1.14
Feb.	0.83	May	1.09	August	0.28	Nov.	1.17
March	0.93	June	1.19	Sept.	1.06	Dec.	0.94

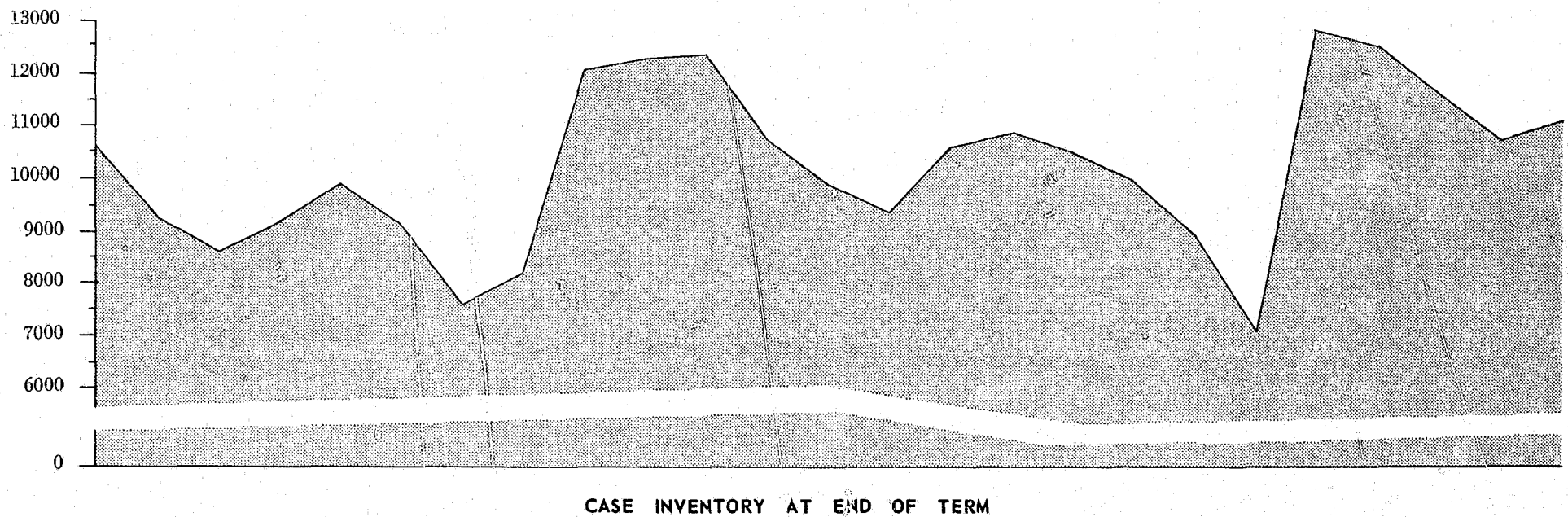
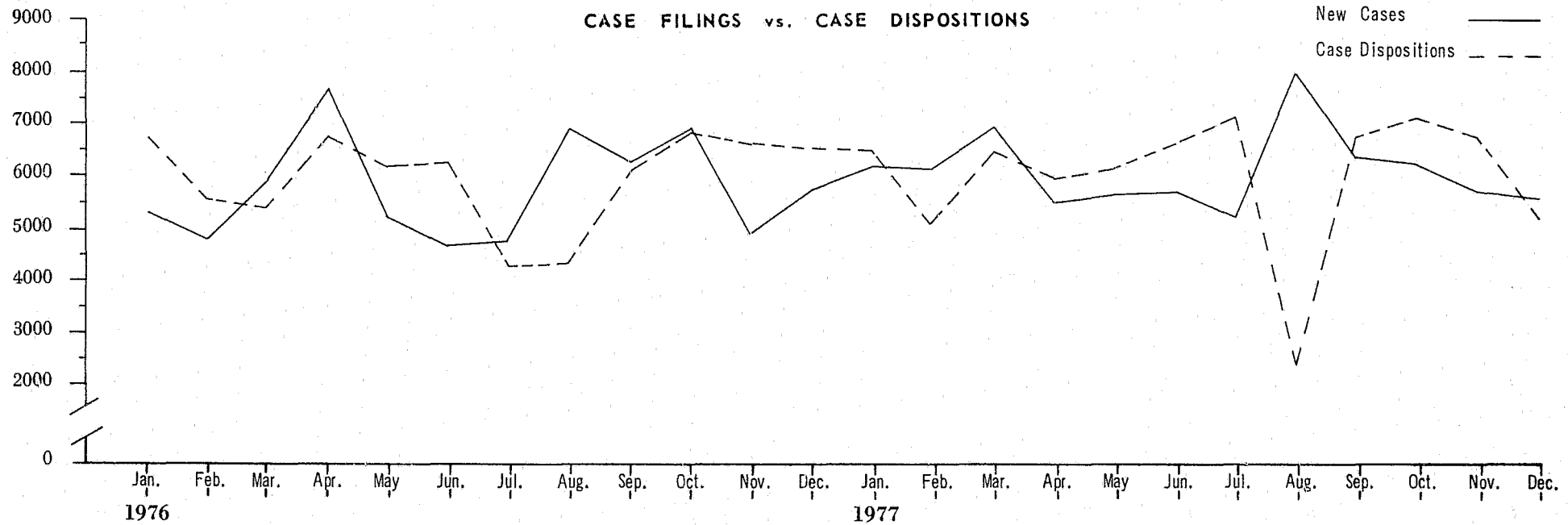
There was an increase in inventory for 1977, up 1,204 cases (+12.3%). However, it should be noted that the Court experienced the largest influx of new cases over the four years surveyed.

The Court registered its largest number of disposed cases, a 2.4% increase over 1976. More cases than received were disposed of in eight of the past 12 months.



# MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA

## CIVIL CASES\*



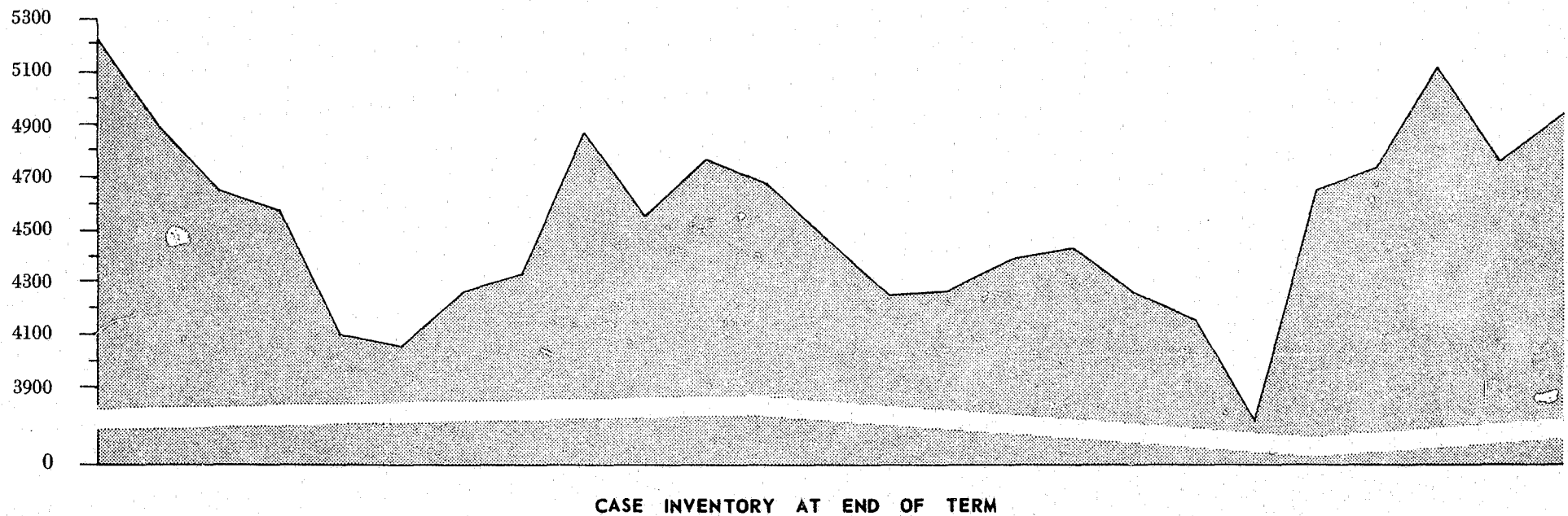
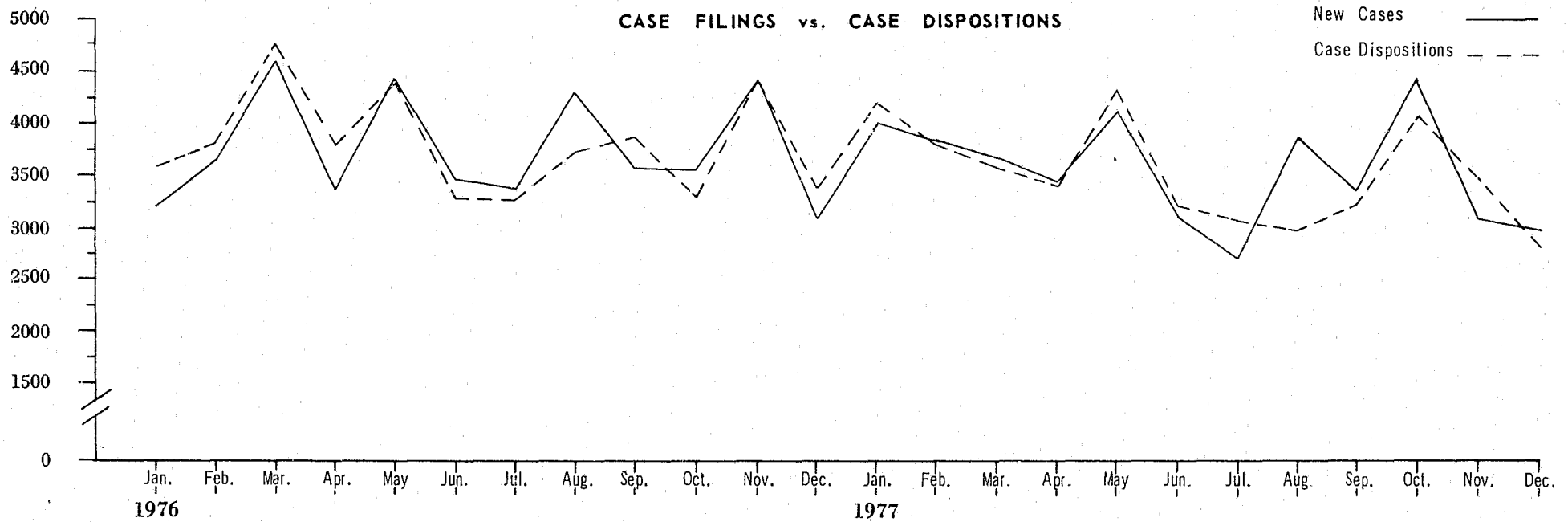
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# MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA

## CRIMINAL CASES

### CASE FILINGS vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS





MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL CASES  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

	<u>PRELIMINARY HEARINGS</u>	<u>TRIALS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ACTIVE DEFENDANT RECORDS AT START OF 1977*	757	3,693	4,450
NEW DEFENDANT RECORDS ENTERED	11,780	31,246	43,026
PREVIOUSLY DEFERRED DEFENDANT RECORDS REINSTATED	5	110	115
DEFENDANT RECORDS TO BE DISPOSED	12,542	35,049	47,591
DEFENDANT RECORDS DISPOSED	11,128	30,710	41,838
DEFENDANT RECORDS PLACED IN DEFERRED STATUS	338	484	822
ACTIVE DEFENDANT RECORDS AT END OF 1977*	1,076	3,855	4,931
LESS SENTENCE DEFERRED DEFENDANT RECORDS	—	132	132
DEFENDANT RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL	1,076	3,723	4,799
* CHANGE IN OPEN CASE STATUS DURING 1977	+319	+162	+481

Active defendant records at the end of 1977 do not include the following deferred defendant records:

DEFENDANT WITH EXCUSABLE ILLNESS	3
DEFENDANT IN MILITARY SERVICE	2
DEFENDANT INCARCERATED OUTSIDE OF COUNTY	0
DEFENDANT AT LARGE — FUGITIVE BENCH WARRANT ISSUED	3,664
DEFERRED AT REQUEST OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR COURT ADMINISTRATION	<u>50</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED DEFENDANT RECORDS	3,719



MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL CASES  
PRELIMINARY HEARINGS  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS, 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	1,274	17,711	17,760	1,225	-49	-3.8%
1975	1,225	13,317	13,592	950	-275	-22.4%
1976	950	11,934	12,127	757	-193	-20.3%
1977	757	11,447	11,128	1,076	+319	+42.1%

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	1.13	April	0.99	July	0.94	Oct.	0.97
Feb.	0.90	May	0.92	August	0.85	Nov.	1.02
March	1.05	June	0.97	Sept.	1.00	Dec.	0.92

There was an increase in inventory for 1977, up 319 cases (+42.1%). However, over the past three years there have been consistent reductions with a total decrease of 517 cases, so that when compared to January 1974, there has been a decrease in inventory, down 198 cases (-15.5%). Disposition to filing ratio stands at 0.97 for 1977. Overall ratio is 1.00 for the past four years. This illustrates ability to dispose of cases as they have been received.

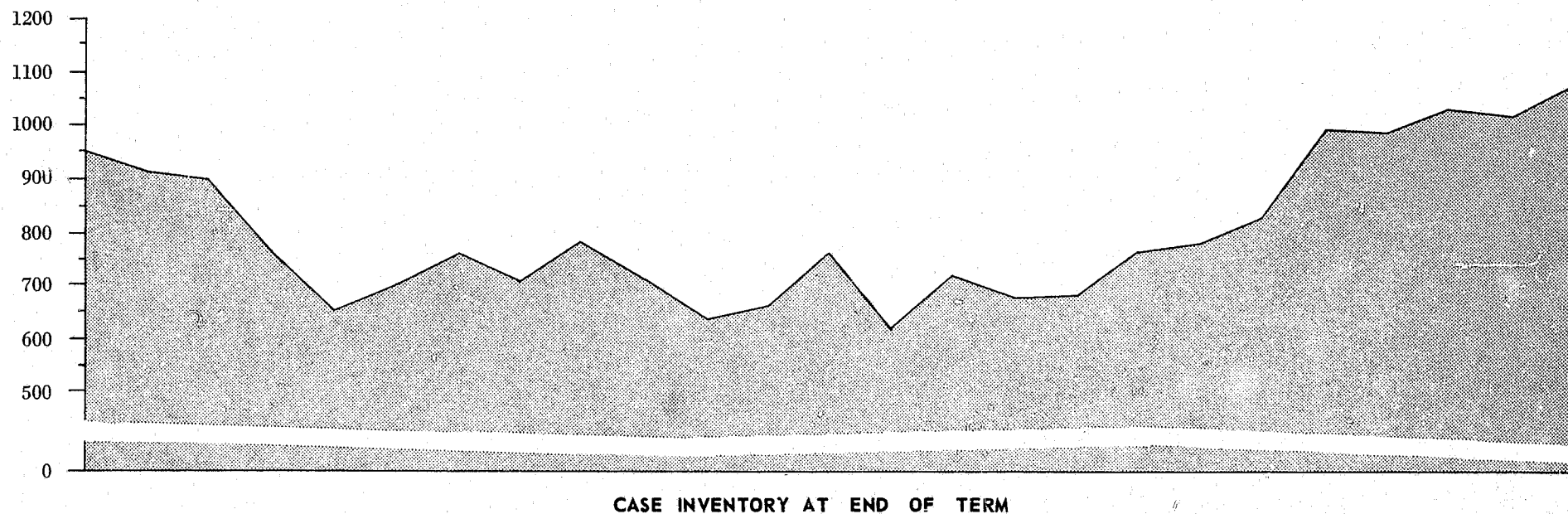
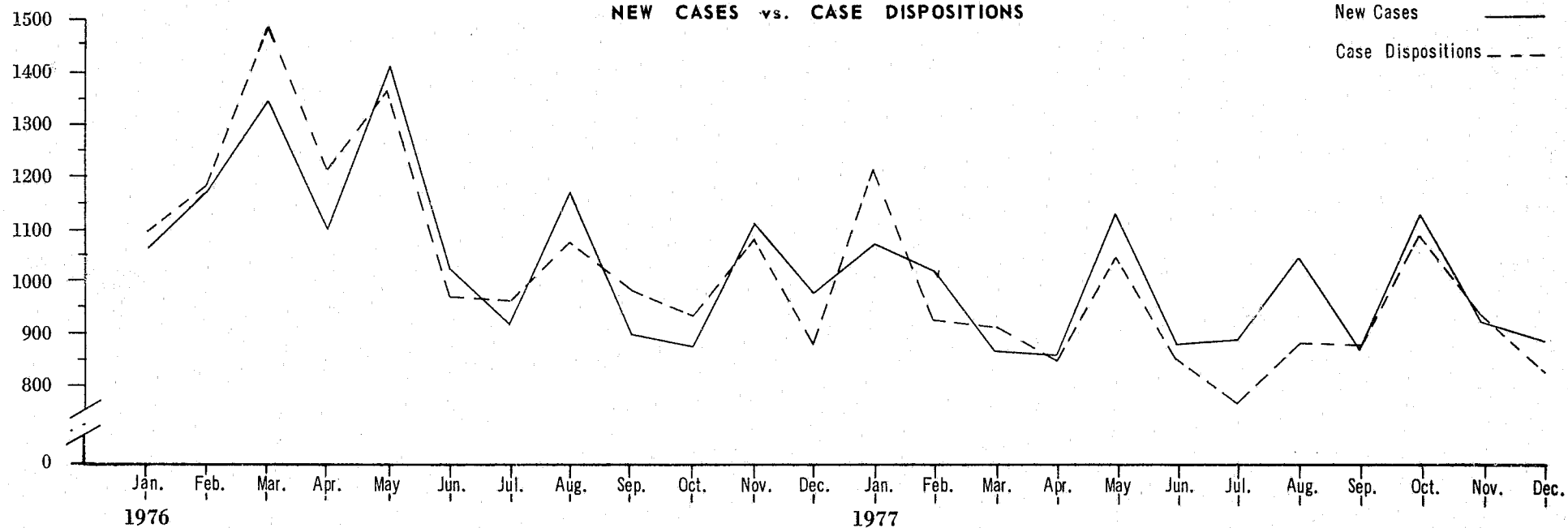
Dispositions of preliminary hearings average 926 cases per month. Present inventory of 1,076 cases represents approximately a 35 day workload.



# MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA

## PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

### NEW CASES vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS





MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL CASES  
TRIALS  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS, 1977

<u>Cases Pending Beginning of Year</u>		<u>New Cases Received During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Disposed During Report Period</u>	<u>Cases Pending At End Of Report Period</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease In Cases</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1974	7,607	30,513	33,535	4,585	-3,022	-39.7%
1975	4,585	35,238	35,565	4,258	-327	-7.1%
1976	4,258	32,758	33,323	3,693	-565	-13.3%
1977	3,693	30,872	30,710	3,855	+162	+4.4%

RATIO OF DISPOSITIONS TO FILINGS, 1977

Jan.	1.02	April	0.99	July	1.22	Oct.	0.89
Feb.	1.03	May	1.09	August	0.74	Nov.	1.15
March	0.94	June	1.06	Sept.	0.97	Dec.	0.95

During 1977, the Municipal Court trial program experienced its first increase in case inventory over the past four years, up 162 cases for an increase of 4.4%. Compared to the beginning figure for 1976 (4,258 cases) there was a reduction of 403 cases (-9.5%), or a reduction of 3,752 cases (-49%) when compared to 1974.

Disposed cases exceeded the number received in six of the past 12 months. Overall disposition ratio is 0.99.

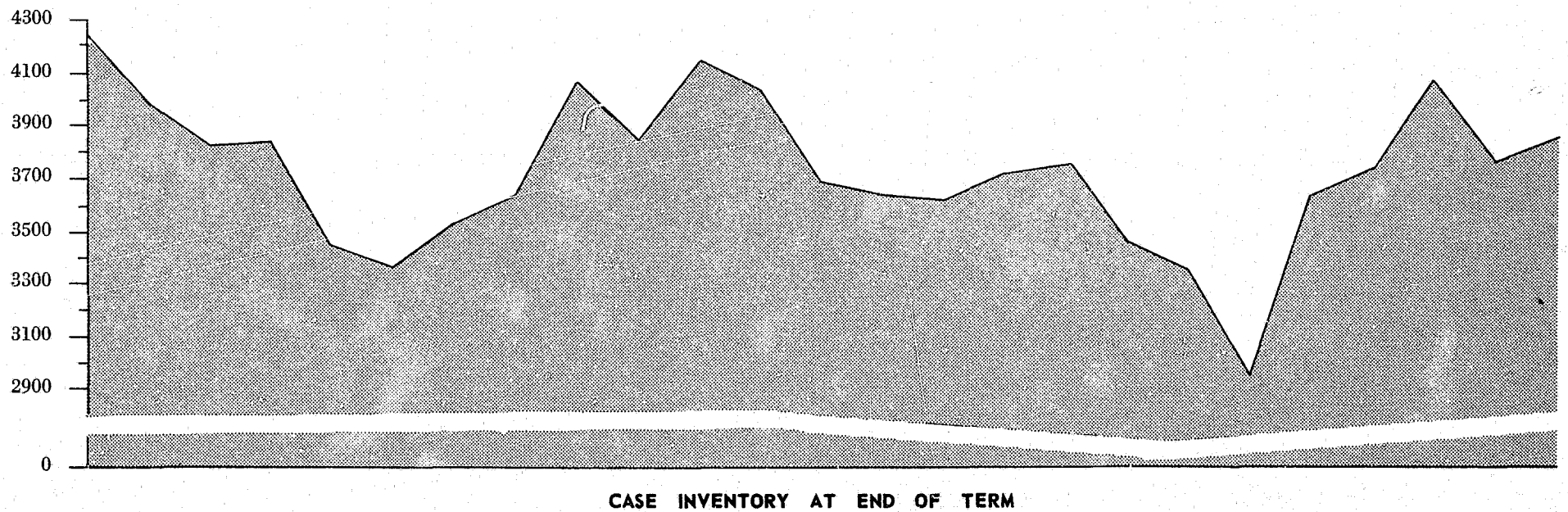
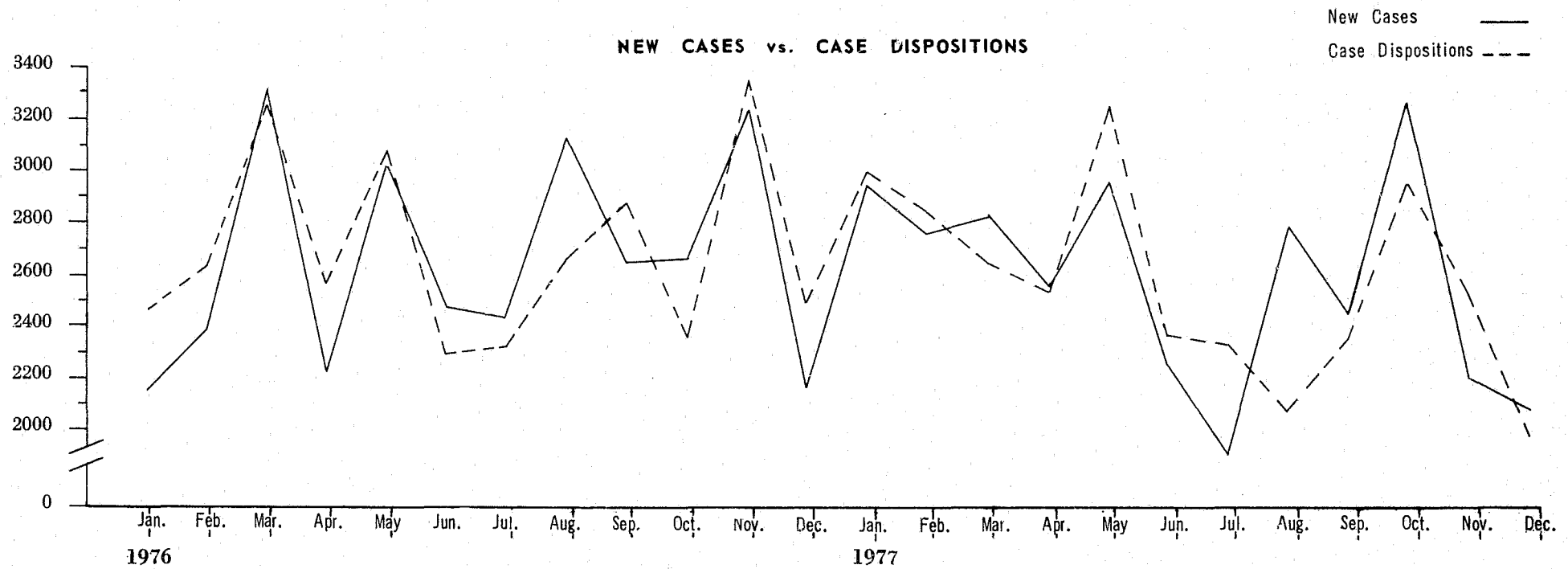
The present inventory of 3,885 cases represents approximately a 45 day workload.



# MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA

## CRIMINAL TRIALS

### NEW CASES vs. CASE DISPOSITIONS





MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEFENDANT DISPOSITIONS  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	TOTAL DEF. DISP.	TOTAL NON- CONV.	GLTY. AS CHGED	GLTY. LESS. OFF.	DISM PREL ARRGN	PROS W/D	NON- JURY ACQ	CONVICTIONS GLTY. NON- PLEA JURY	TRANS	HEARING HELD F/C	NOT HELD
MURDER	312	32				1				280	31
MANSLAUGHTER	46	16	22	3		1	13	8	17	5	2
ROBBERY	2620	649	2	31		61	10	11	22	58	578
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6723	3113	770	242	6	1848	387	273	734	1111	872
MINOR ASSAULT	1070	314	99	95	8	168	84	76	118	347	54
BURGLARY	2900	697	24	65	3	116	36	40	49	408	542
LARCENY EXCEPT AUTO	4737	1450	942	124	11	791	196	532	534	1293	452
AUTO LARCENY-THEFT	193	68	8	3		34	6	5	6	61	28
EMBEZZLEMENT/FRAUD	1172	590	99	25	30	441	53	65	59	239	66
STOLEN PROPERTY	854	391	66	27	5	222	56	41	52	228	108
FORGERY/CNTRFEITING	59	14	8		1	11		5	3	27	2
RAPE	473	143		2		2	2	1	1	7	139
ASSLT & ATTEMPT RAPE	120	29	1	1		13	1	1	1	4	15
STATUTORY RAPE	7	3								1	3
INDECENT ASSAULT	309	138	38	13	16	82	4	17	34	47	36
COMMERCIALIZED VICE	1881	1785	26	6	565	1096	35	12	20	29	89
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	207	101	28	15	9	55	4	23	20	51	33
POSSESS/USE NARCOTICS	5615	2938	382	45	926	1791	193	153	274	1845	28
SALE/USE OF NARCOTICS	30	12	5			1	2	4	1	11	9
OTHER DRUG OFFENSES	145	54	24	4	11	34	9	14	13	63	
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1215	298	212	106	14	181	99	124	194	587	4
OFNS VS FAMILY & CHILD	34	26	2			5		2		6	21
LIQUOR LAWS	377	355	8	2	103	244	8	8	2	12	
DRIVING WHILE INTOX.	5710	1020	894	3	779	164	75	509	388	3784	2
OTHER MOTOR VEH. OFNS	64	29	11	1	2	21	6	7	5	22	1
DISORDERLY CNDUCT-VAG	1174	936	55	2	200	688	25	19	38	176	23
GAMBLING	2616	2501	68		730	1723	47	31	37	45	1
ARSON	25	8	1			4			1	6	4
ABORTION	1									1	
BIGAMY	1		1						1		
CNTRIB. TO DELIQUENCY	113	77	5		6	54	4		5	30	13
OFNS VS PUBLIC JUST.	161	86	15		13	58	7	3	12	40	8
PRISON BREACH, ETC.	43	11	8			4	1	2	6	2	6
BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION	2	2				2					
KIDNAPPING											
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	99	62	23			44	13	2	21	14	5
TRESPASSING	64	32	10		2	24	3	4	6	22	3
OFFENSES VS CMNWEALTH											
OFFNS VS PUBLIC PEACE	1	1				1					
OFFNS VS PUBLIC MORALS	63	49	7			36	12	2	5	7	1
OFNS VS PUBLIC POLICY I	15	7	7			7		5	2	1	
MISC. HOLDING OFFENSES	545	216	6		10	199	1		6	322	6
DELINQUENCY OFFENSES											
OFNS-PUBLIC POLICY II	13	10	1			6	4		1	2	
OFNS-PUBLIC POLICY III	27	6	6		1	4	1	4	2	15	
MISC. FEDERAL OFFENSES											
UNCLASSIFIED	2		2						2		
TOTALS	41838	18269	3886	815	3451	10237	1397	2008	2693	10924	3184



MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEFENDANT DISPOSITIONS  
ANALYSIS OF DEFENDANT SENTENCING  
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

MOST SERIOUS CHARGE CONVICTED

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	HRNGS	P-W/D	ADJ.	NON-				GLTY	NON	PRISON SENTENCE			PROB		SENT.	FINES		
	DISP.	TRNS	DIS	DISP.	CONV.	%	CONV.	%	PLEA	JURY	GV.	2YR.%	UN.	2 YR.%	PRI%	SENT	%	SUSP.	/ COST
MURDER	312	311	1																
MANSLAUGHTER	43	7	1	35	13	37	22	63	8	14	6	27	4	18	45	12	55		
ROBBERY	2589	2516	61	12	10	83	2	17		2			1	50	50	1	50		
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6580	3470	1854	1256	387	31	869	69	223	646	8	1	138	16	17	575	66	86	62
MINOR ASSAULT	1040	616	176	248	84	34	164	66	46	118	3	2	25	15	17	112	68	8	16
BURGLARY	2836	2656	119	61	36	59	25	41	8	17			11	44	44	10	40	1	3
LARCENY EXCEPT AUTO	4680	2673	802	1205	196	16	1009	84	484	525	8	1	294	29	30	544	54	50	113
AUTO LARCENY-THEFT	196	142	34	20	6	30	14	70	7	7			4	29	29	9	64		1
EMBEZZLEMENT/FRAUD	1179	524	471	184	53	29	131	71	75	56			28	21	21	94	72	6	3
STOLEN PROPERTY	930	478	227	225	56	25	169	75	95	74	2	1	29	17	18	114	67	8	16
FORGERY/CNTRFEITING	65	39	12	14			14	100	10	4			3	21	21	7	50	2	2
RAPE	471	467	2	2	2	100													
ASSLT & ATTEMPT RAPE	119	104	13	2	1	50	1	50		1			1	100	100				
STATUTORY RAPE	7	7																	
INDECENT ASSAULT	297	156	98	43	4	9	39	91	14	25			6	15	15	31	79	2	
COMMERCIALIZED VICE	1882	153	1661	68	35	51	33	49	12	21						10	30		23
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	206	96	64	46	4	9	42	91	23	19			2	5	5	39	93	1	
POSSESS/USE NARCOTICS	5578	2278	2717	583	193	33	390	67	128	262	15	4	50	13	17	260	67	25	40
SALE/USE OF NARCOTICS	55	22	1	32	2	6	30	94	21	9			1	3	3	26	87	2	1
OTHER DRUG OFFENSES	145	63	45	37	9	24	28	76	14	14			7	25	25	16	57	5	
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1323	603	195	525	99	19	426	81	173	253	7	2	55	13	15	317	74	18	29
OFNS VS FAMILY & CHILD	34	27	5	2			2	100	2							2	100		
LIQUOR LAWS	375	12	347	16	8	50	8	50	8							2	25		6
DRIVING WHILE INTOX.	5719	3795	943	981	75	8	906	92	511	395			67	7	7	760	84	9	70
OTHER MOTOR VEH. OFNS	69	23	23	23	6	26	17	74	11	6						12	71	1	4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT-VAG	1263	204	888	171	25	15	146	85	57	89			15	10	10	59	40	13	59
GAMBLING	2619	48	2453	118	47	40	71	60	32	39						19	27	8	44
ARSON	25	20	4	1			1	100		1						1	100		
ABORTION	1	1																	
BIGAMY	1			1			1	100		1						1	100		
CNTRIB. TO DELINQUENCY	122	44	60	18	4	22	14	78	4	10			4	29	29	10	71		
OFNS VS PUBLIC JUST.	172	68	71	33	7	21	26	79	8	18			5	19	19	18	69	2	1
PRISON BREACH; ETC.	43	30	4	9	1	11	8	89	2	6			5	63	63	3	38		
BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION	3		2	1			1	100	1							1	100		
KIDNAPPING																			
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	111	19	44	48	13	27	35	73	6	29			1	3	3	17	49	5	12
TRESPASSING	78	25	26	27	3	11	24	89	12	12			5	21	21	12	50	3	4
OFFENSES VS CMNWEALTH																			
OFFNS VS PUBLIC PEACE	1		1																
OFFNS VS PUBLIC MORALS	64	8	36	20	12	60	8	40	3	5						6	75	2	
OFNS VS PUBLIC POLICY I	15	1	7	7			7	100	5	2						5	71		2
MISC. HOLDING OFFENSES	547	329	209	9	1	11	8	89		8			4	50	50	4	50		
DELINQUENCY OFFENSES																			
OFNS-PUBLIC POLICY II	13	2	6	5	4	80	1	20		1									1
OFNS-PUBLIC POLICY III	27	15	5	7	1	14	6	86	4	2						1	17		5
MISC. FEDERAL OFFENSES																			
UNCLASSIFIED	3			3			3	100	1	2						1	33	2	
TOTAL	41838	22052	13688	6098	1397	23	4701	77	2008	2693	49	1	765	16	17	3111	86	259	517



MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL CASES  
TABLE OF DEFENDANT DISPOSITIONS 1977  
BY SEX, RACE AND AGE

<u>NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS</u>	<u>PRISON</u>	<u>BAIL</u>	<u>FUGITIVE</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>TOTALS AND PERCENTAGES</u>
SEX					
MALE	5,983	27,057	19	2,710	35,769 (86%)
FEMALE	<u>358</u>	<u>4,964</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>744</u>	<u>6,069</u> (14%)
TOTAL	6,341	32,021	22	3,454	41,838
RACE					
CAUCASIAN	1,073	10,607	3	1,253	12,936 (31%)
NEGRO	<u>4,939</u>	<u>19,445</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2,052</u>	<u>26,454</u> (63%)
TOTAL	6,341	32,021	22	3,454	41,838
AGE					
UNDER 21	1,097	4,911	2	698	6,708 (16%)
21 TO 30	3,541	13,635	13	1,525	18,714 (45%)
31 TO 40	1,035	5,446	2	470	6,953 (17%)
41 TO 50	350	3,314	2	337	4,003 (10%)
51 TO 60	110	1,919	1	267	2,297 (6%)
61 AND OVER	50	691	1	147	889 (2%)
UNKNOWN	<u>158</u>	<u>2,105</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2,274</u> (5%)
TOTAL	6,341	32,021	22	3,454	41,838

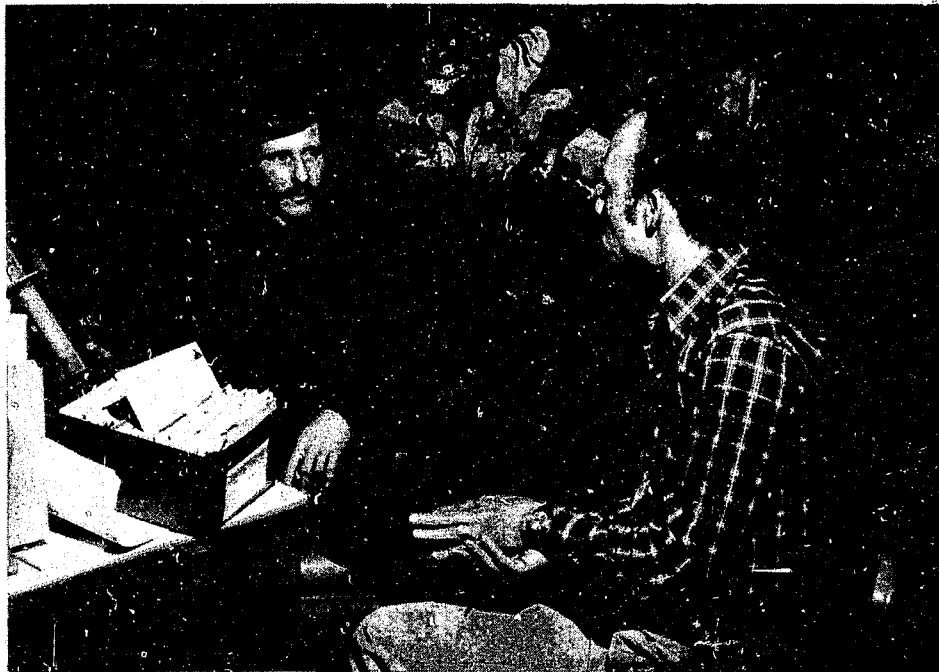


MUNICIPAL COURT OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL TRIALS  
ANALYSIS OF DEFENDANT RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR  
TRIAL BY AGE AT END OF DECEMBER TERM 1977

	<u>1-15</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>16-30</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>31-60</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>61-120</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>121 +</u> <u>Days</u>	Total Defendant Records Available For Trial	Median Age In Days	Mean Age In Days
<b>PRELIMINARY HEARINGS</b>								
No. of Cases	411	277	220	123	45	1,076	22	36.9
Percentage	38%	26%	21%	11%	4%			
*Cumulative Percentage	38%	64%	85%	96%	100%			
	<u>1-60</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>61-120</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>121-180</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>181-240</u> <u>Days</u>	<u>241 +</u> <u>Days</u>	Total Defendant Records Available For Trial	Median Age In Days	Mean Age In Days
<b>CRIMINAL TRIALS</b>								
No. of Cases	2,392	791	238	159	143	3,723	43	72
Percentage	64%	21%	7%	4%	4%			
* Cumulative Percentage	64%	85%	92%	96%	100%			

\* The cumulative percentage for any particular category indicates the percentage of total cases available for trial that fall in or below that category.



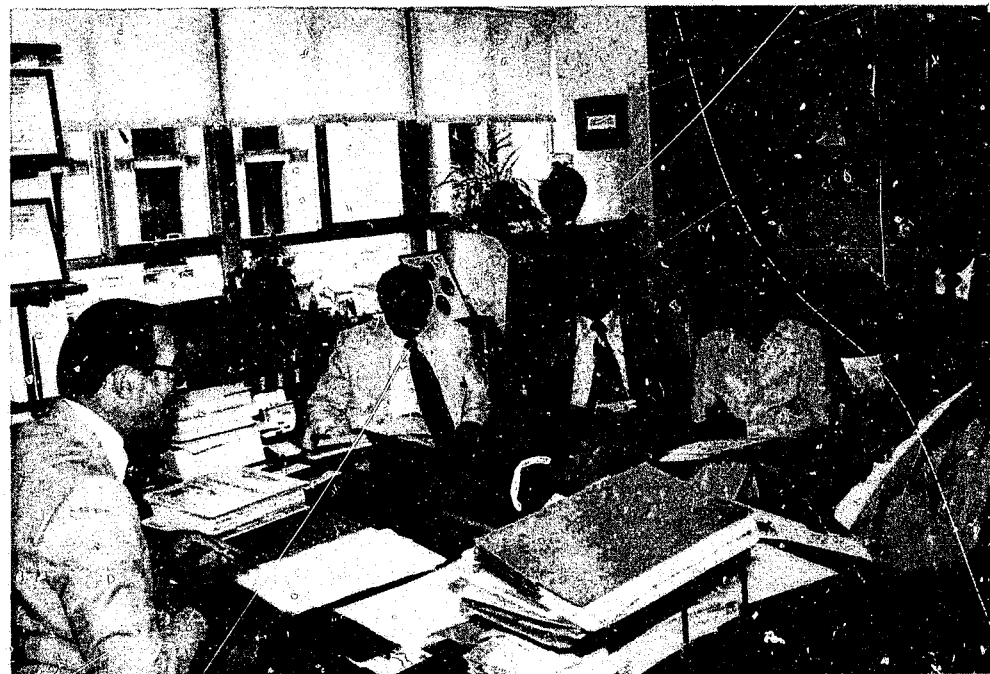


#### A HELPING HAND

Court Volunteer Services, a division of the Adult Probation Department, in its innovative capacity has matched more than 460 community volunteers with 835 clients during its first two years of operation.

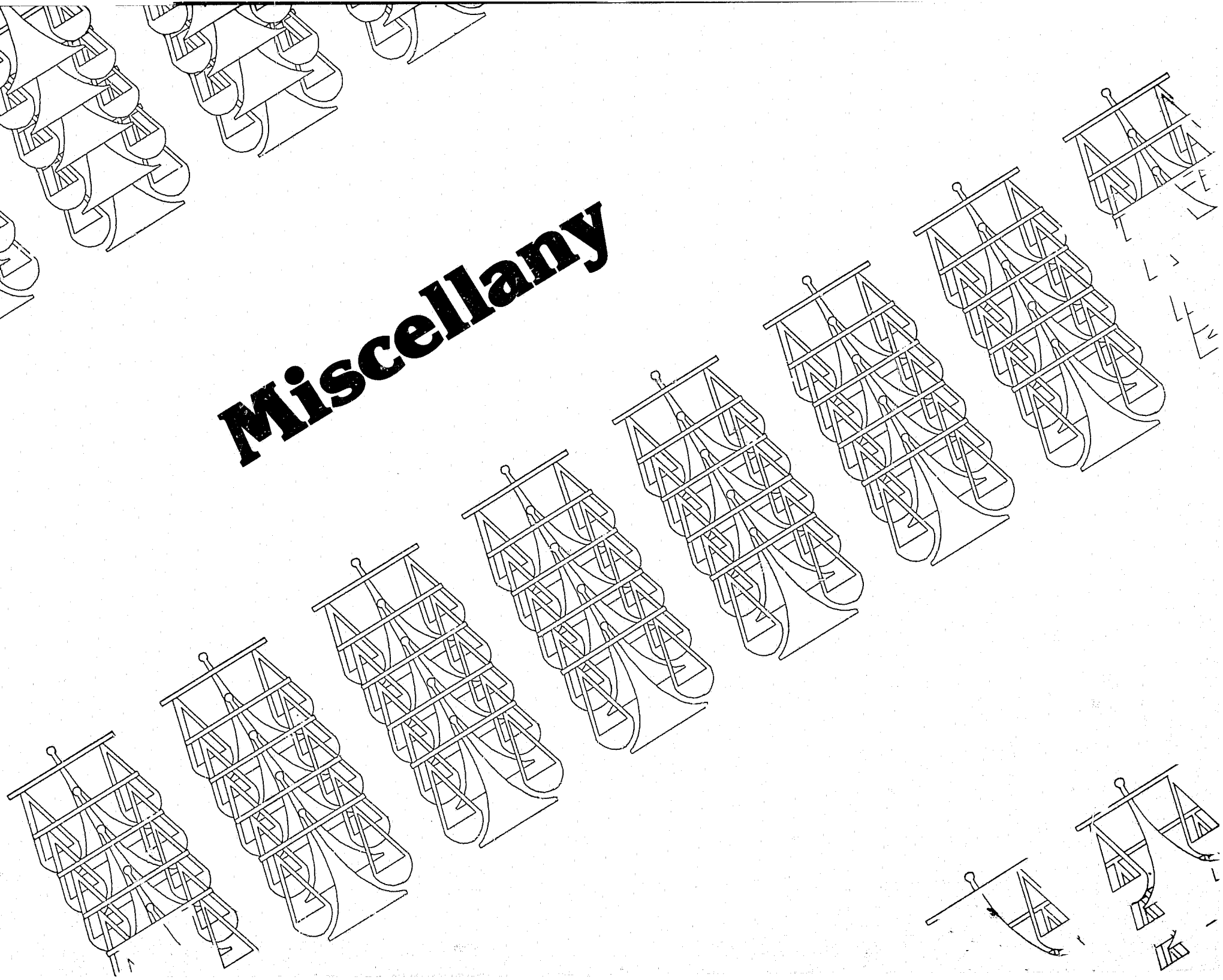
#### THE BOARD OF JUDGES EDUCATION COMMITTEE PLANS LECTURE SERIES

From left, Judges Berel Caesar, Chairman; Jacob Kalish, Angelo A. Guarino, Judith J. Jamison, Edward J. Blake and Calvin T. Wilson.





# Miscellany





## STUDENT VISITS



Municipal Court Judge Lynne M. Abraham discussed Municipal Court criminal trial procedure with eighth grade history students, accompanied by their teacher, Hazel Sykes (front row, left), from Sayre Junior High School.

Judge Alex Bonavitaola discusses court activity with visiting students from Kensington High School for Girls and their instructor, Dan Aherne.



Candidates at the Philadelphia Police Academy visited the Court of Common Pleas to observe the trial of a criminal case and to discuss the role of the police officer in trial proceedings. Here they are seen during a court recess discussing the case with presiding Common Pleas Court Judge Calvin T. Wilson.



PRETRIAL SERVICES DIVISION  
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1977

A. INTRODUCTION

The Pretrial Services Division continues to offer one of the most innovative and complete pretrial programs in the country. It serves the Court of Common Pleas, the Municipal Court, the local criminal justice system and the citizens of the City of Philadelphia.

The division has four statistical service components —

Release on Recognizance (ROR);

Ten Per Cent (10%) Cash Bail;

Conditional Release (CR); and

Investigation and Warrant Service (IWS).



## B. Release on Recognizance (ROR) Program

The Release on Recognizance (ROR) Program offers non-financial release to those adjudged to have strong community ties and thereby a high likelihood of returning for trial. The actual form of release is termed "ROR" or "Nominal Bail." Activity for the year is as follows:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1. TOTAL CASES <sup>1</sup>	2794	3123	3438	3051	3152	2758	2474	2662	2824	3179	2927	2762	35,144
2. CASES DISCHARGED (DISMISSED) RATE <sup>2</sup>	10.3%	8.2%	11.8%	13.5%	8.4%	9.6%	8.8%	9.4%	7.6%	9.4%	10.0%	7.0%	9.5%
3. RECOMMENDATION OF ROR RATE	42.6%	44.8%	45.3%	41.7%	40.6%	37.3%	37.3%	41.8%	35.3%	36.9%	36.9%	37.0%	39.9%
4. ROR/NOMINAL RELEASE AT PAB RATE <sup>3</sup>	46.5%	47.7%	50.3%	42.2%	43.2%	41.6%	42.4%	44.1%	43.8%	37.5%	39.6%	41.6%	43.4%
5. RECOMMENDATION/RELEASE													
A. RATE OF RECOMMENDED ROR RELEASED ON ROR/NOMINAL <sup>4</sup>	69.1%	70.1%	70.7%	61.8%	66.9%	67.2%	71.5%	60.2%	69.5%	61.6%	63.9%	66.3%	66.5%
B. RATE OF RECOMMENDED ROR HELD IN MONEY BAIL <sup>5</sup>	16.7%	17.9%	13.9%	20.4%	18.4%	22.2%	16.7%	28.4%	19.8%	29.4%	22.5%	23.4%	20.6%

<sup>1</sup> Indicates the total number of persons arrested and presented for interview to the Pretrial Services Division at the Police Administration Building [hereinafter PAB] in the Police Detention Unit. It excludes persons charged with summary offenses, such as shoplifting, contempt of court, unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and detainees.

<sup>2</sup> Rate of discharges to the total cases interviewed at the PAB.

<sup>3</sup> The ROR/Nominal rate consists of those granted ROR divided by total cases minus discharges.

<sup>4</sup> This rate is the number of recommended for ROR and actually released on ROR/nominal bail divided by the number of these cases recommended for ROR.







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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
C. RATE OF NOT RECOMMENDED GRANTED ROR <sup>6</sup>	21.4%	22.4%	22.5%	18.4%	20.9%	20.1%	19.1%	25.4%	24.7%	17.8%	20.4%	22.5%	21.3%
D. RATE OF NOT RECOMMENDED HELD IN MONEY BAIL <sup>7</sup>	71.2%	72.5%	68.7%	71.2%	74.6%	70.9%	73.9%	66.5%	69.4%	72.5%	73.0%	72.5%	71.4%
6. FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA)													
A. SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCES <sup>8</sup>	2492	2189	2442	2270	2346	2328	1944	1790	1958	1937	1832	2422	25,950
B. BENCH WARRANTS ISSUED FOR FTA BY ROR RELEASEES <sup>9</sup>	182	143	143	175	185	181	209	169	169	202	172	172	2,105
C. FTA RATE <sup>10</sup>	7.3%	6.5%	5.9%	7.8%	7.9%	7.8%	10.7%	9.4%	8.6%	10.4%	9.4%	7.1%	8.2%
7. FUGITIVE RATE (ROR) <sup>11</sup>													
A. RECOMMENDED	1.0%	1.0%	2.1%	3.0%	2.8%	3.5%	3.5%	2.8%	2.2%	1.8%	1.3%	.9%	2.4%
B. NO RECOMMENDATION	3.3%	2.5%	3.1%	4.1%	4.5%	2.1%	6.6%	6.1%	6.1%	3.7%	2.5%	2.3%	3.5%
C. TOTAL	1.9%	1.6%	2.5%	3.5%	3.5%	5.6%	4.8%	4.2%	4.0%	2.5%	1.8%	1.4%	4.4%

<sup>5</sup> This rate is the number of cases recommended for ROR, but held in money bail, divided by the number of cases originally recommended for ROR.

<sup>6</sup> This rate is the number of cases without an ROR recommendation, but actually released on ROR/nominal bail, divided by the number of cases originally without an ROR recommendation.

<sup>7</sup> This rate is the number of cases without an ROR recommendation, but held in money bail or without bail, divided by the number of cases without an ROR recommendation.

<sup>8</sup> The figure for total court appearances is composed of all ROR releases scheduled for court and either making or missing their court appearance. This figure includes all appearances: preliminary hearings, arraignments, miscellaneous continuances and trials. It is broken down into the number originally recommended for ROR and those without a recommendation, as well as a total.

<sup>9</sup> Indicates the number of missed court appearances out of the total number of scheduled ROR court appearances.



### Ten Per Cent (10%) Cash Bail Program

The Ten Per Cent (10%) Bail Program was designed for those who are held in financial bail. Under the 10% system the defendant—or a private third party—deposits 10% of the bail amount set. The bulk of this deposit is returned at the conclusion of the case to the person who posted it. This process not only provides a financial incentive to the defendant to return for trial (the majority of the deposit is returned if the defendant appears), but also involves an interested third party in the bail process (the private third-party surety). The money is returned only to the person who originally deposited it. There is, therefore, a greater likelihood that a third party will be willing to “lend” it to the defendant.

The activity for the year is shown below:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1. RATE HELD IN FINANCIAL BAIL <sup>12</sup>	51.4%	50.6%	47.1%	55.6%	53.5%	57.8%	56.8%	55.1%	55.8%	56.2%	59.4%	57.4%	55.1%
2. INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE FINANCIAL BAIL <sup>13</sup>													
A. RATE OF 10% BAIL <sup>14</sup>	94.0%	93.1%	92.0%	91.9%	93.5%	92.2%	97.7%	98.0%	98.1%	98.6%	93.8%	96.8%	95.0%

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- <sup>10</sup> Indicates the rate of missed court appearances to the total number of scheduled court appearances for ROR releasees.
- <sup>11</sup> This rate consists of the percentage of those ROR releasees scheduled for court in the month shown who are still fugitives 90 days or longer from the date of failure to appear. Because of the 90-day delay, the entries for October, November and December are from 1976. The total fugitive rate for the year is computed only for the first nine months of 1977.
- <sup>12</sup> Indicates total number of persons interviewed by the Pretrial Services Division in the Police Administration Building (PAB) detention unit to all cases where money bail has been set at the preliminary arraignment. This latter figure does not include cases held without bail.



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
B. RATE OF OTHER BAIL <sup>15</sup>	6.0%	6.9%	8.0%	8.1%	6.5%	7.8%	2.3%	2.0%	1.9%	1.4%	6.2%	3.2%	5.0%
3. TYPES OF 10% BAIL POSTED <sup>16</sup>													
A. RATE OF "97"	78.2%	77.7%	77.3%	77.9%	79.8%	79.3%	82.5%	77.9%	76.6%	77.6%	79.8%	73.9%	78.2%
B. RATE OF "07"	21.8%	22.3%	22.7%	22.1%	20.2%	20.7%	17.5%	22.1%	23.4%	22.4%	20.2%	26.1%	21.8%
4. FAILURE TO APPEAR RATE <sup>17</sup>	7.1%	6.5%	5.4%	6.3%	7.0%	7.3%	8.7%	7.2%	7.5%	9.4%	8.6%	7.1%	7.3%
5. FUGITIVE RATE (10%) <sup>18</sup>	1.9%	2.0%	2.6%	3.5%	4.1%	3.2%	4.8%	3.7%	4.2%	3.0%	1.5%	1.3%	3.3%

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- <sup>13</sup> Includes all persons having been arrested since the program began Feb. 23, 1972 who posted bail through any of the accepted methods in the PAB, City Hall, a divisional court or the Detention Center during the month or period shown. This includes defendants arrested in prior months.
- <sup>14</sup> The rate consists of those posting 10% Cash Bail divided by the total number of individuals who made financial bail in the period shown.
- <sup>15</sup> This rate consists of those posting financial bail other than 10% Cash Bail in the period shown divided by the total number of individuals who made financial bail in the period shown. Other methods of posting financial bail include sign-own-bail, corporate sureties, bail funds, payment of the full amount of bail, real estate bail and all other accepted methods of paying bail except 10% Cash Bail.
- <sup>16</sup> "07" and "97" are data processing surety codes defining the methods by which 10% Cash Bail was posted. "07" indicates that the 10%.. Cash Bail deposit was posted by the defendant himself. "97" indicates that the 10% Cash Bail deposit was posted by a third party on behalf of the defendant.
- <sup>17</sup> Indicates the number of missed court appearances out of the total number of scheduled 10% Cash Bail court appearances.
- <sup>18</sup> This rate consists of the percentage of those 10% releasees scheduled for court in the month shown who are still fugitives 90 days or longer from the date of failure to appear. Because of the 90-day delay, the entries for October, November and December are from 1976. The total is for the first nine months.



#### D. Conditional Release (CR) Program

The Conditional Release Program is designed for defendants who cannot achieve release under the ROR and 10% Programs. Under conditional release, certain conditions—requirements that the defendant cooperate with a named community-based group or volunteer sponsor—are attached to the bail release. The defendant is consulted prior to such a release and must agree to the conditions. The conditions are imposed to reduce the risk of flight by offering needed supportive services to the defendant.

The figures for 1977 are as follows:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1. PETITIONS TO REDUCE BAIL <sup>19</sup>													
A. TOTAL REDUCTION PETITIONS	28	17	30	30	24	32	23	14	13	22	9	10	252
B. PETITIONS GRANTED													
1.) TO ROR	4	7	10	13	5	3	5	9	5	7	3	4	75
2.) TO REDUCED MONEY BAIL	15	6	10	7	11	19	12	2	5	10	1	4	102
C. RATE GRANTED	67.9%	76.5%	66.7%	66.7%	66.7%	68.7%	73.9%	71.4%	76.9%	77.3%	44.4%	80.0%	68.9%
2. CONDITIONAL RELEASE PETITIONS <sup>20</sup>													
A. TOTAL	100	106	111	99	84	102	98	83	95	85	60	43	1,066
B. NUMBER GRANTED	96	90	103	93	69	80	78	78	81	74	50	39	931

<sup>19</sup> Petitions to reduce bail are initiated with the permission of the defendant and defense counsel. They are submitted to the bail review judge at hearings set specially for that purpose. Such hearings are held after bail has been set at the preliminary arraignment. The criteria for such petitions depend on the amount of bail originally set, the charge, the background of the defendant and the length of the post-preliminary arraignment detention before petitioning. Such petitions are heard as early as two days after the preliminary arraignment. These hearings are attended by representatives of the Pretrial Services Division, an assistant district attorney and an assistant public defender or the private counsel on the case.



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
C. RATE GRANTED	96.0%	84.9%	92.8%	93.9%	82.1%	78.4%	79.6%	93.9%	85.3%	87.0%	83.3%	90.7%	87.3%
3. CONDITIONAL RELEASES													
A. CUMULATIVE TOTAL <sup>21</sup>	2041	2131	2234	2327	2396	2476	2556	2632	2713	2787	2837	2876	2,876
B. TOTAL EXPIRED— CUMULATIVE <sup>22</sup>	1808	1891	1988	2084	2182	2273	2348	2420	2474	2557	2626	2682	2,682
C. ACTIVE CASE LOAD <sup>23</sup>	233	240	246	243	214	203	208	212	239	230	211	194	223
4. CUMULATIVE FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA) RATE OF CONDITIONAL RELEASEES <sup>24</sup>	4.8%	4.7%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
5. FINAL DISPOSITIONS OF CONDITIONAL RELEASE CASES													
A. DISPOSED BEFORE TRIAL <sup>25</sup>	14	24	22	20	24	24	21	22	15	27	29	12	254

<sup>20</sup> Conditional release petitions are initiated with the permission of the defendant and counsel. They are submitted to the bail review judge as a "package." They are prescreened by a community-based group or other sponsor, who is willing to supervise the release. The volunteer attends the hearing. Transportation of the defendant to the hearing is provided by the Pretrial Services Division. Attendance at the hearing otherwise is the same as for petitions to reduce bail.

<sup>21</sup> These data reflect the total number of Conditional Releases since the inception of the program.

<sup>22</sup> These show all cases once they are released on Conditional Release that have expired prior to the end of the reporting month shown.

<sup>23</sup> This shows the number of cases actually on Conditional Release as of the last day of the reporting month. The sum of active cases plus cumulative expired cases equals the total Conditional Release cases. The total for active cases is shown as the total number on Conditional Release to date.

<sup>24</sup> The cumulative figures date from the inception of the Conditional Release program. These data are used to "smooth out" the FTA rate and create a more meaningful look at operating trends. Computations are performed in the same manner as outlined above.

<sup>25</sup> This occurs when the case is discharged, not prossed, prosecution withdrawn or the case transferred to Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (diversion).



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
B. REMOVED FROM CONDITIONAL RELEASE <sup>26</sup>	25	20	26	37	32	22	20	21	17	30	17	23	290
C. FINAL TRIAL DISPOSITION													
1.) NOT GUILTY	4	3	8	3	8	3	2	4	2	5	1	3	46
2.) SENTENCED	42	36	41	36	34	42	32	24	20	21	22	18	368

6. COMPARISON OF SENTENCING:

	TO INCARCERATION <sup>27</sup>	TO PROBATION	OTHER SENTENCE <sup>28</sup>	TOTAL
A. CONDITIONAL RELEASE CASES				
1.) NUMBER SENTENCED	59	297	12	368
2.) PER CENT BY CATEGORY	16.0%	80.7%	3.3%	100.0%
B. ALL CASES <sup>29</sup>				
1.) PER CENT BY CATEGORY	31.0%	58.9%	10.1%	100.0%
2.) NUMBER SENTENCED	3710	7029	1204	11,943

<sup>26</sup> In certain instances the conditional release will be changed to ROR without the condition, or the original bail in the case will be reinstated before final case disposition. This removes the case from supervision.

<sup>27</sup> Many defendants sentenced to incarceration are sentenced to time already served, so-called "good time." No actual incarceration follows the sentence in such cases.

<sup>28</sup> This includes cases in which the defendant received a suspended sentence or was fined.

<sup>29</sup> These data were taken from the 1976 Annual Report of the Philadelphia Common Pleas and Municipal Courts.



E. Investigation and Warrant Service Unit (IWSU)

The Investigation and Warrant Service Unit is charged with the responsibility of coordinating efforts to dispose of judicially ordered bench warrants when there has been a failure to appear. The unit has adopted the additional goal of actually preventing the issuance of such warrants, increasing the release population and providing necessary transportation for the Conditional Release Program.

The figures for the year are:

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1. WARRANT BACKLOG													
A. RECEIPTS VERSUS CLEARANCES <sup>30</sup>													
1.) WARRANTS RECEIVED	740	640	828	738	988	855	908	926	970	1121	1175	839	10,728
2.) WARRANTS CLEARED	793	691	851	703	825	764	772	836	710	807	1000	631	9,383
3.) RATE OF CLEARANCES	107.2%	108.0%	102.8%	95.3%	83.5%	89.3%	85.0%	90.3%	73.2%	72.0%	85.1%	75.2%	87.5%
B. WARRANT BACKLOG BY MONTH <sup>31</sup>	6055	6004	5981	6016	6179	6270	6406	6496	6756	7070	7245	7453	7,453
2. RATE OF DISPOSALS WITHOUT PRE- HEARING DETENTION <sup>32</sup>	61.0%	48.8%	46.2%	50.8%	51.8%	53.9%	57.9%	53.5%	57.3%	55.5%	52.4%	52.4%	53.4%

<sup>30</sup> This compares the total number of warrants cleared in any given month to the total number of warrants received in that same month. Cleared warrants are therefore not necessarily issued in the month in which they are cleared.

<sup>31</sup> This is the total number of outstanding bench warrants as of the beginning of the time period shown.

<sup>32</sup> These data show the percentage of warrants now disposed without any detention prior to the bench warrant hearing.



## CIVIC ENDEAVORS



Common Pleas Court Judge James R. Cavanaugh (left) is shown with Bishop Basil Lostens (center), Apostolic Administrator of Ukrainian Catholics in America, and Ukrainian press representative William Nezowy, at a ceremony at City Hall to demonstrate the support of several members of the Philadelphia Judiciary and the Philadelphia Bar in the cause of Valentyn Moroz, a Ukrainian historian, illegally detained in the Soviet Union.

Judge Frank J. Montemuro, Jr. (left), Administrative Judge of the Family Court Division, also serving as International President of the Supreme Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America, and Joanne L. Strollo, President of the Women's Division of the Order Sons of Italy, receive a tribute from Leonard T. Ebert, American Cancer Society 1977 Crusade Chairman.



Shown at the Third Annual Police Athletic League (PAL) Hall of Fame ceremony to honor former PAL youngsters who have achieved success in their chosen fields, from left, are U.S. Representative Raymond F. Lederer, Common Pleas Court Judge Jerome A. Zaleski, both inductees; and Police Commissioner Joseph F. O'Neill, PAL President.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
INTRODUCTION

The Adult Probation Department of the Court of Common Pleas supervises offenders sentenced to probation by judges in Municipal Court and the Court of Common Pleas, as well as parolees released from Philadelphia County prisons. In addition, the Department is responsible for conducting presentence investigations and psychiatric examinations as requested by the courts and provides supervision for approximately 1000 persons diverted from the court process. In all of these functions the primary goal is the protection of the community through the reduction of recidivism. The department endeavors to accomplish this through a combination of controlled supervision and assistance to offenders.

The department is organized into three major divisions of supervision — Field Services, Special Services and Diversion Services. The majority of sentenced probationers and parolees are supervised by officers in 19 districts located in 12 separate Community Offices.

The Field Services Division is responsible for community based probation/parole supervision. The individual probation/parole officer furnishes personnel counseling while promoting community resources referrals for the client's benefit. It is also the officer's responsibility to keep the sentencing judge informed of the probationer/parolee's progress under supervision. In 1977, in addition to maintaining jurisdiction over the 19 district offices, Field Services began experimenting with the use of more intensive supervision of some offenders.

Most intensive services, however, are the responsibility of the Special Services Division, which provides specialized intensive services to probationers and parolees with drug, alcohol or mental health problems. The Special Services Division is also responsible for several other functions of the department including the Employment Counseling and Job



Referral Unit, the Self-Help Program which maintains a residence for Drug Addicts, the Probation/Prison/Police Liaison Unit and the Court Volunteer Services Unit.

The Court Volunteer Services Program has continued to increase its activity in 1977. During the last six months of the year, 258 volunteers provided 14,873 hours of services. This compares favorably with 18,244 hours during all of 1976. During the six month period in 1977, most of the 553 clients served were under probation/parole supervision. Volunteers also worked with persons in the Conditional Release Program and on Pre-Trial Diversion. New applications for the use of volunteers developed in 1977 include working with inmates at the Philadelphia prisons who are approaching parole and continuing services during parole, conducting parole investigations for the Court and assisting women in the Addictive Disease Treatment Community at the House of Correction.

The Diversion Services Division provides services and supervision to persons diverted from the usual trial process by the District Attorney and/or the judge. The program also includes defendants under the Conditional Release system, in conjunction with the Court's bail program. At the end of December, 977 persons were under the supervision of Diversion Services.

Existing in conjunction with the above three divisions of supervision, there are a Presentence Investigation Division, a Psychiatric Evaluation Division, a Research, Planning and Training Unit and an Administrative Unit. A presentence investigation report is an inquiry and analysis of the defendant with the primary objectives of aiding in determining the appropriate sentence, assisting the correctional institution in classification and treatment programs as well as in release planning and helping probation/parole officers with rehabilitative efforts during client supervision.

The Psychiatric Evaluation Division acts upon a judicial request. It is involved in conducting several types of evaluations including: standard psychological and psychiatric evaluations; pre-trial psychiatric/psychological and competency



evaluations; and presentence, psychiatric and psychological evaluations. The Research, Planning and Training Unit compiles and analyzes information for the purpose of improving service delivery. The Administrative Unit supports the functioning of all the above mentioned units.

Funded primarily through the budget of the Court of Common Pleas, the department also receives funds from the Grant-In-Aid Program of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and CODAAP (the coordinating office for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs).



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
NEW CASES RECEIVED BY TYPE OF SUPERVISION

	NUMBER	<u>1976</u>	PERCENT	NUMBER	<u>1977</u>	PERCENT	PERCENT DECREASE
PROBATION	5,973		78.7	4,928		77.4	17.5
PAROLE	1,615		21.3	1,437		22.6	11.0
TOTAL	<u>7,588</u>		<u>100.0</u>	<u>6,365</u>		<u>100.0</u>	<u>16.0</u>

The total number of new cases received in 1977 decreased by 16 percent over the previous year. This decline is directly related to the decrease in total cases processed by the courts in 1977.

TOTAL CASES BY TYPE OF SUPERVISION

	NUMBER	<u>1976</u>	PERCENT	NUMBER	<u>1977</u>	PERCENT	PERCENT DECREASE
PROBATION	16,704		83.1	17,237		82.2	3.2
PAROLE	3,404		16.9	3,741		17.8	9.9
TOTAL	<u>20,108</u>		<u>100.0</u>	<u>20,978</u>		<u>100.0</u>	<u>4.3</u>

Although the number of new cases received in 1977 decreased, the number of cases closed out also decreased, resulting in a slight increase in total number of cases under supervision at the end of the year.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
TOTAL CASES UNDER SUPERVISION

	1976	1977
On Probation and Parole January <sup>1</sup>	20,679	20,108
New Cases received during year	<u>7,588</u>	<u>6,365</u>
Total under supervision during year	28,267	26,473
Cases revoked	992	1,038
Cases expired and/or discharged	<u>7,167</u>	<u>4,457</u>
On Probation/Parole December 31 <sup>2</sup>	20,108	20,978
Active cases for supervision from other jurisdictions	42	23
Restitution Collected <sup>3</sup>	\$192,390.37	\$304,516.56

<sup>1</sup> The figures at the beginning and end of the year include those courtesy cases active from other jurisdictions.

<sup>2</sup> At the end of 1977 the average caseload for each probation officer was 109, or more than twice the highest figure recommended by National Standards. The average in Special Services, where more intensive services are provided, was 83, while in Field Services the average was 118.

<sup>3</sup> The amount of restitution collected in 1977 increased by 58 percent over the amount collected in 1976.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
REVOCATION RATES

When a probationer or parolee commits a violation of the rules of probation, such as failure to comply with a special condition or commission of a new offense, a violation hearing is held before the judge who originally sentenced the person. In 1977 a total of 1,038 probation and parole cases were revoked. This figure represents 4.9 percent of the total number of persons under supervision at any time during the year, or 18.9 percent of the total terminations during that period. This compares with a total revocation rate of 13.8 percent during 1976.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT REVOCATIONS

	PROBATION	PAROLE	TOTAL
<u>REVOKED <sup>1</sup></u>	<u>812</u> = 18.5%	<u>226</u> = 20.5%	<u>1038</u> = 18.9%
TOTAL CASES TERMINATED	4395	1100	5495

<sup>1</sup> Although this number represents actual revocations, it does not fully reflect the extent of judicial action on serious repeat offenders. In many of these cases, when an offender is sentenced to a lengthy prison sentence on the new charge, the judge may terminate the probation case rather than revoke it, since the defendant is already being incarcerated for a long time under the new sentence.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

PROBATION/PAROLE HEARINGS 1977

PROBATION VIOLATIONS	5,941
SPECIAL PROBATION VIOLATIONS	505
PAROLE VIOLATIONS	452
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TOTAL VIOLATION HEARINGS	6,898
PETITIONS FOR PAROLE	340
PETITIONS TO TERMINATE PROBATION	13
PETITIONS TO TERMINATE SPECIAL PROBATION	0
PETITIONS TO TERMINATE PAROLE	1
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TOTAL PETITION HEARINGS	354
TOTAL HEARINGS	7,252



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS 1977

ACTIVE PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS JANUARY 1, 1977	449
NEW PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS REQUESTED	3,159
PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS TO BE DISPOSED	3,608
PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS DISPOSED	3,075
ACTIVE PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS END OF 1977	394*
INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR EVALUATIONS COMPARED WITH 1976	145

PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS 1977

ACTIVE PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS JANUARY 1, 1977	343
NEW INVESTIGATIONS REQUESTED	2,650
INVESTIGATIONS TO BE DISPOSED	2,993
INVESTIGATIONS DISPOSED	2,753
ACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS END OF 1977	329*
INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS COMPARED WITH 1976	289

\* Note: The number of active cases at the end of December term is adjusted to reflect cancellations and other administrative factors.

When compared with requests for 1976, requests for psychiatric evaluations increased by 4.8% in 1977 and requests for presentences increased by 12.2%.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
CRIMINAL CASES

\* POST CONVICTION HEARING ACT CASES — 1977

ACTIVE PETITIONS — START OF 1977	200
NEW PETITIONS RECEIVED	256
PETITIONS TO BE DISPOSED	456
PETITIONS DISPOSED	239
PETITIONS PENDING — END OF 1977	217
CHANGE IN ACTIVE PETITIONS — 1977	+17

The 217 petitions pending at the end of 1977 are classified as follows:

PETITIONS FOR HEARING	153
PETITIONS READY FOR LISTING	5
PETITIONS HELD UNDER ADVISEMENT BY HEARING JUDGE	16
PETITIONS BEING REVIEWED BY TRIAL JUDGE	43
PETITIONS AWAITING AMENDMENTS	0
<b>TOTAL PETITIONS PENDING</b>	<b>217</b>

\* The Post Conviction Hearing Act provides an opportunity for a defendant to seek to overturn a conviction by raising constitutional questions that were not litigated at trial or upon appeal.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA  
 MENTAL HEALTH / MENTAL RETARDATION  
 JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER TERMS 1977

INSTITUTIONS/COURT-HEARINGS

PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL MILLS BUILDING - 6TH FLOOR	199
HALL-MERCER CLINIC 8TH AND LOCUST STREETS	425
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER FRIENDS HOSPITAL	507
HAHNEMANN CMHC 314 N. BROAD STREET	153
NORTH CENTRAL PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	224
INSTITUTE OF PA. HOSPITAL	303
PHILADELPHIA STATE HOSPITAL (FARVIEW CASES HEARD AT PHILA.)	28
APPEALS	9
ROOM 260-D CITY HALL	34
<u>TOTALS</u> HEARD BY MASTERS	<u>1,882</u>

MISCELLANY

PETITIONS DISMISSED (REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DOCTORS AND INSTITUTIONS AFTER HEARING BY MASTER)	262
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S -CASES DOCUMENTED	232
-REHEARING BY MASTER	181
FEDERAL COURT CASES	3
<u>TOTAL</u> MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS	<u>678</u>





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