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Why you need a lawyer in your corner

One need not spend ample time to find depictions of lawyers on television and in films. Though such depictions are not always so rosy, most lawyers are reputable individuals who help people navigate the complicated matters of the law.

There are many instances when it is in a person's best interest to hire an attorney. The law is more nuanced than people outside the legal profession may realize, and having a person in one's corner who understands the ins and outs of the law is a wise move. The following are a handful of reasons why it pays to have a lawyer in your corner.

- Lawyers understand legal documents. Attor-

neys know that procedure is a major part of the law and the judiciary system. A lawyer will help to file the correct paperwork, fill out legal documents, contact courts, and engage in legal procedures in the correct fashion.

- Lawyers have access to experts. Attorneys have strong networks and can connect their clients with experts that support their efforts. For example, parents who are using a special education attorney to navigate 504/IEP plans can ask their lawyer to connect them with an education advocate, expert or tutor who can serve as a witness or reference.

- Lawyers ensure guidelines are followed. A law-

yer can be an asset when drafting a will or engaging in elder care arrangements. With legal, binding documentation, contestation of wishes is much more difficult and ensures that a financial legacy is put to use as intended.

- Lawyers know how to negotiate and settle. Heading to court isn't always the best outcome. Experienced attorneys likely have seen similar cases and scenarios and can make informed guesses about how your own situation may play out if it goes to trial. He or she may suggest a settlement or know a tactic that can work in your favor, particularly if it results in reduced legal fees.

- Lawyers can effective-

ly lock horns with other lawyers. Individuals who choose to represent themselves are at a disadvantage when the other side has hired an attorney. To avoid this inequity of knowledge and experience, it's best to seek legal representation.

- Lawyers provide unbiased insight. When dealing with complicated family issues, such as estate planning, divorce or custody, it pays to have a third party who is emotionally detached from the situation to help guide decision-making.

Attorneys can guide people through all types of complicated legal matters and provide sound, unbiased advice.

Tips to find the right lawyer

It may not be possible to predict every instance in which you could use some legal advice, but it's fair to assume that such a situation will present itself at some point. Knowing where to look for legal ad-

vice can provide peace of mind and help potentially difficult situations become much more manageable.

Finding a trustworthy lawyer is no small task, especially for people who have never had to do so in

the past. Opening the yellow pages or looking online for a local lawyer will likely turn up hundreds of results. Sifting through those results can be intimidating and time-consuming. In recognition of the importance of finding the right legal representation, the American Bar Association® offers these tips to people on the lookout for a lawyer.

- Ask someone you trust. The ABA® notes that

seeking recommendations from friends, relatives or business associates can be a great way to find a reliable lawyer. Individuals you know who live nearby may offer advice on who to hire or even lawyers to avoid based on their own experiences, so don't hesitate to ask around. However, the ABA® points out that no two legal cases are the same, so a lawyer who was right for a loved one's

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Implementing the annual Court calendar is a major responsibility of Court Administration. This office schedules all hearings, arguments, pre-trials, jury trials, non-jury trials, master hearings, arbitration, management conferences and orphans court matters. Court Administration receives and monitors civil and criminal motions, petitions, stipulations and continuance applications.

The District Court Administrator oversees the following departments: Court Administration including Judicial Chambers Staff, Court Reporters and Tipstaves; Adult Probation; Juvenile Probation; Domestic Relations; Court Computer Information Systems and the Magisterial District Courts. A close working, cooperative relationship exists between the Court Administrator and the Court-Related Offices which include Children and Youth, Prothonotary's Office, Register of Wills/Orphans' Court, the Clerk of Courts/ Bureau of Collections, District Attorney, Public Defenders Office and Sheriff's Office.

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2. Claims under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

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1. Summary offenses, including motor vehicle violations.

2. DUI cases if: (a) it is a first offense, (b) there are no personal injuries, and (c) the defendant pleads guilty.

3. Third degree misdemeanors if the defendant pleads guilty. District judge also preside over

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Roger N. Nanovic was sworn into office as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County on August 1, 2001. Endorsed by both the Carbon County Republican and Democratic parties, he was elected on November 6, 2001, and was retained for another 10

years in 2011 and 2021. Judge Nanovic is a lifelong resident of Carbon County. He is a 1972 graduate of the Palmerton Area High School, a 1976 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and a 1979 graduate of the Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

Prior to being a member of the judiciary, Judge Nanovic was engaged in the general practice of law for 22 years.

During this period, Judge Nanovic was actively involved in a broad range of legal issues. Judge Nanovic has extensive experience in municipal law and civil litigation in both the state and federal courts. He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 1992 to 1996.

Judge Nanovic resides in the Jim Thorpe area with his wife, Cindy. Judge Nanovic and his wife are the parents of three children.



Judge Joseph J. Matika

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On November 8, 2011, Joseph J. Matika was elected as the nineteenth judge to serve on the bench of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County.

Judge Matika began his duties as judge after being sworn in on January 2, 2012.

On January 2, 2022, after having been retained,

began his second ten-year term on the bench.

Judge Matika is a 1980 graduate of Panther Valley High School. He furthered his education at King's College in Wilkes-Barre where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Government. Judge Matika obtained his Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree from the University of Bridgeport School of Law in Bridgeport, Connecticut in June 1987.

Judge Matika served as Assistant District At-

torney from 1994-2011. Additionally, prior to taking the bench, he was a sole practitioner from 1988 until 2000.

In 2001, Judge Matika along with Attorney Joseph Velitsky established the law firm of Velitsky and Matika in Summit Hill where for 12 years they maintained a general practice of law. He has also held many solicitorships throughout Carbon and Schuylkill counties over the years.

Judge Matika handles a variety of civil, criminal



and orphan's court matters along with children & youth and domestic relations cases. He also oversees the County's Veterans and Drug Treatment Court.

Judge Steven R. Serfass

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Judge Steven R. Serfass is currently serving his fifteenth year on the Court of Common Pleas, having been elected by the voters of Carbon County in 2009. He became Carbon County's eighteenth Judge when he was sworn into office on January 4,

2010. He was retained to another 10 year term in 2019.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Serfass has attained extensive experience in handling all types of civil and criminal proceedings.

A lifelong resident of Carbon County, Judge Serfass graduated from Lehigh Area High School and continued his education at Dickinson College where he obtained a bachelor of arts

degree in political science and history, cum laude. He went on to earn his juris doctor degree at Temple University School of Law.

Judge Serfass maintained a general law practice in Palmerton for fourteen years concentrating on municipal law, business law and civil litigation.

He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 2000 to 2004.

Judge Serfass and



his wife, Jenny, reside in Palmerton with their children, Benjamin and Hannah.

Eric R. Strauss, Esquire, a shareholder at the law firm of Worth, Magee & Fisher, practices exclusively in the area of probate, trust and estate law and related fields of estate planning, trust and estate taxation, and fiduciary litigation in the firm's Allentown and Lehigh offices. He is a past Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section and has presented numerous seminars in his field of practice to lawyers, community and professional groups. He is also a Fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), an international organization of approximately 2,600 lawyers elected to membership by demonstrating the highest level of integrity, commitment to the profession, competence, and experience as trust and estate counselors.



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Lehigh County Jury Duty

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The Importance of Jury Service

When our ancestors came to the United States, they brought with them the concept of trial by jury. This great privilege, which they regarded as their birthright, protected them from the oppressive power of the king and the arbitrary or partial judgment of the court. It is not surprising, then, that the Founding Fathers incorporated the concept of trial by jury into the Constitution of the United States. Article III, Section 2, and the Sixth and Seventh Amendments provide each of us with this fundamental and basic right. Accompanying this right and privilege, however, is the obligation to participate actively in the judicial pro-

Lehigh Domestic Relations

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lehigh County Domestic Relations Section is to provide services to dependent children and spouses through establishment of paternity, establishment of support orders, and enforcement of support orders. This mission is accomplished with respect for the needs of all parties involved in the support case.

The Domestic Relations Section provides all services in compliance with Federal, State, and local laws, and local Rules of Court.

Introduction

The Domestic Relations Section (DRS) is part of the Family Court of the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas which provides support services to custodial parents seeking financial support from an absent or non-custodial parent. Additionally, the DRS establishes support orders for dependent spouses.

The DRS consists of judges, managers, hearing officers, conference officers, and various technical and clerical support staff. The DRS staff is assisted by the PACSES (Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System) statewide computer system and is trained to make recommendations to the Court for support amounts when the parties involved in the support case are unable to come to an agreement.

cess as a juror. The successful operation of the judicial system which is designed to protect the rights of each of us depends upon the willingness of men and women of sound judgment and absolute honesty and fairness to serve.

Each month approximately 2,000 prospective jurors are summoned under the direction of the Court Administrator and the Board of Judges. The selection is at random by computer from the drivers' license list.

Serving as a juror is one of the fundamental rights and privileges of being a United States citizen. You should welcome the experience. Most people who actually serve as a juror on a trial will tell you that it is a very educational and interesting experience.

The Court recognizes the inconvenience jury service may cause. However, the success of the jury system depends upon the willingness of men and women of integrity and intelligence to accept jury service, and upon the fidelity with which they discharge that responsibility.

Carbon County Domestic Relations

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Mission Statement

The functions of the Domestic Relations Office are to:

- Establish paternity
- Establish and maintain Support Orders
- Enforce financial and medical Orders
- Locate absent parents.

Since July 1, 1998, the Carbon County Domestic Relations Office has been a part of the Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System, known as PACSES. All counties in Pennsylvania are a part of this statewide-computerized system. As of October 1, 1999, a centralized office in Harrisburg, known as the State Collection and Disbursement Unit (SCDU), handles all support payments and check processing. This has changed the way support money is collected and disbursed in Carbon County. All other services are still provided through the Carbon County Domestic Relations Office.

The Domestic Relations Office does not address problems with custody and visitation. The appropriate legal authority to handle these matters is either an attorney or the Court. You can contact the Prothonotary's office for more information at (570) 325-2481, or click on the CUSTODY link here for forms and instructions on filing a custody complaint.

How to Contact Us

The Carbon County Domestic Relations Office is located at 76 Susquehanna St., 2nd floor, Jim Thorpe, PA. 18229. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 30, Jim Thorpe, PA. 18229. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can contact the office by phone at (570) 325-2179 or (570) 325-2681 or by fax at (570) 325-2443. You can contact SCDU for payment information at their toll free number, 1-877-727-7238. You can also access your case through the Internet by using the PACSES portal at www.support.state.pa.us



The Law Office of
Kim M. Gillen, P.C.

Attorney Kim Gillen received her Juris Doctor degree from Widener University School of Law — Harrisburg Campus in 2007 and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar the same year. Through many years of practice, she has acquired deep experience in essential legal disciplines, with particular concentrations in family law, estate planning, labor law, landlord/tenant law and contracts. On the criminal side, her caseload includes defense for traffic offenses, misdemeanors, felonies, DUI offenses, and juvenile cases.

She is appointed as Conflicts Counsel in Carbon County for criminal cases and is also a court-appointed arbitrator, having served as chair on arbitration panels. In 2021, she was named the first dependency review Hearing Officer in Carbon County; she continues in this role today.

Attorney Gillen is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Carbon County Bar Association, where she has been association secretary since 2015. From 2012 through June 2021, Attorney Gillen was solicitor for the Carbon County Office of Children and Youth Services. In addition, in January 2023, she joined the Juvenile Court Hearing Officer Committee. In March of 2023, she began working as a GAL/Parent Attorney in Lehigh County.

She has served as the Carbon County Bar Association Zone II Delegate to the state bar association. Since 2009, she has been a member of the Carbon County Board of Directors.

A 2000 graduate of Pocono Mountain High School, Kim received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Sociology from Penn State University in 2004 with honors. At university, she performed with the Penn State Blue Band at Beaver Stadium. She resides in Lehigh County with her husband, Jim, and their two young sons.



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The Clerk of Courts office is the Criminal and Collections Division for the county. We are a staff of nine employees. Together we are responsible for filing and maintaining the pleadings and court records for all criminal proceedings. We also assess and collect court costs, fines, and fees. Additionally, our office sits in attendance at criminal court sessions for sentencing and disposition hearings. The entire criminal docketing process from arrest through final disposition has been fully computerized since 1984. Public records can be accessed online at www.UJSportal.pacourts.us with the exception of limited access dockets or clean slated dockets. In addition, payments can also be made online at the same website: www.UJSportal.pacourts.us.

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In November of 2019, Kayla Semmel was elected as Prothonotary of Carbon County and was re-elected to office in 2023.

Family matters of Divorce, Custody, and Protection from Abuse account for the largest areas of case filings. The office also processes over 40 various Civil Case types. Passport applications and notary affidavits are part of the daily process that takes place in this office. Electronic imaged documents are available to the Court since 2000. Since December 2014, all civil cases can now be viewed on the Internet for a yearly fee.

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JURY DUTY INFORMATION

Carbon County's Jury Department, with the help of a state-of-the-art computer system, selects, qualifies, and summons jurors each month for civil and criminal trials.

The Court is very sensitive to the convenience of jurors as well as the sacrifice made in serving as jurors. If you are selected as a juror, you will serve for the duration of that trial only.

The typical trial is normally completed in one day. If you are not selected, you will be dismissed. In either case, you will have fulfilled your jury service obligation and will not be called again for at least one year.

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SELECTION FOR JURY SERVICE

Each session (approximately 10 per yr.), questionnaires are mailed to prospective jurors. Their names are pulled by computer from a master resident file compiled from registered licensed drivers. The questionnaire is to be completed and returned within 10 days. An official summons is also a part of this

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In order to qualify for jury service you must meet the following requirements:

- You must not have been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.
- You must be able to read, write, and speak the English language.
- You must be physically and mentally able to perform the functions of a juror.
- You must be a United States citizen at the time you are summoned.
- You must be a Carbon County resident and at least 18 years of age to serve on Jury Duty in the 56th Judicial District of Carbon County.

IF YOU QUALIFY FOR JURY SERVICE:

- Complete and mail the Questionnaire back to the Jury Department within 10 days of receipt. Bring the Summons with you when you report. Be sure to carefully read all of the instructions before you report for service. Report to 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Courtroom #1.
- If you wish to request a postponement or need to be excused from jury service for an extreme hardship, you must indicate the reason and return it with the completed questionnaire and return it within 10 days.
- Persons with disabilities should notify the Jury Department within 10 days from receipt of summons for jury service of any request for accommodations.
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- Return the completed questionnaire to the Jury Department. If your request is approved, an excusal will be sent to you either electronically or by USPS.
- If you are mentally or physically unable to serve as a juror, provide medical certification from your doctor with your completed questionnaire.
- If you are requesting a job related excuse, your employer should certify the hardship by letter with your signature in agreement.

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Jason M. Rapa, Esquire, is a lawyer licensed and admitted to practice law in the State of Pennsylvania and before all three Pennsylvania Federal Courts, the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Jason attended King's College and Widener University School of Law where he graduated cum laude. He started Rapa Law Office, P.C. in 2005, with the mission to assist clients struggling with legal and financial difficulties. Jason focuses his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, consumer protection, personal injury and estate planning and administration.

Since his admission to the practice of law in 2002, Jason has represented thousands of clients in the areas of bankruptcy, consumer protection, personal injury and estate planning and administration. Since opening Rapa Law office, P.C. in 2005 he has recovered millions of dollars for his clients. Super Lawyer Magazine has recognized Jason as both Rising Star (under 40) and a Super Lawyer for the legal services he has provided his clients. Jason maintains memberships in the National Association of Consumer Advocates and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, keeping him on top of the latest developments and trends in the fields of bankruptcy and consumer protection law. He routinely lectures on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act at state and national consumer law conferences, as well as Continuing Legal Education seminars of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and local bar associations.

Jason enjoys devoting his time to the residents of Carbon County. Jason has participated in the Wills for Heroes Program, providing no-cost estate planning documents to veterans and first responders and assists Carbon County Area Agency on Aging by preparing wills, powers of attorney and healthcare powers of attorney for Carbon County senior citizens.

Matthew J. Rapa, Esquire, is an attorney licensed to practice in the state of Pennsylvania, as well as in Federal Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania. He attended East Stroudsburg University, where he graduated summa cum laude and was a captain of the East Stroudsburg University football team. Following college, Matthew continued his

education at Widener University School of Law. While at Widener, Matthew participated in the Trial Advocacy Program and discovered his passion for criminal law. Before graduating, he volunteered at the Widener Law Clinic to assist indigent citizens and interned at the Monroe County Public Defender's Office.

Upon graduation, Matthew joined his brother at Rapa Law Office, P.C. and began dedicating himself to criminal defense. In addition to representing individuals privately in criminal cases, Matthew served as a part time public defender in Carbon County for three years in order to assist indigent individuals while gaining invaluable experience in cases ranging from traffic offense to homicide charges. Through his training and experience, Matthew has learned that no two cases are exactly alike and each case deserves an individualized strategy based on the facts of the case and each client's needs. With keen attention to detail and relentless work ethic, Matthew has achieved countless victories in the courtroom which include numerous trial acquittals and complete dismissals based upon violations of clients' constitutional rights.

As a result of his accomplishments in the courtroom, Matthew has received various awards recognizing his skill as a defense attorney. From 2013 through 2018, Matthew was named a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers Magazine. Only 2.5% of the attorneys in Pennsylvania are selected to Rising Stars. The American Society for Legal Advocates has recognized Attorney Rapa as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Criminal Lawyers in Pennsylvania. Most recently, Matthew was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in the area of criminal defense by Super Lawyers Magazine.



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Carbon County Adult Probation and Parole Department provides community supervision for criminal offenders who have been placed on bail, probation, parole, or intermediate punishment under the jurisdiction of the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas Courts. The department also prepares reports for all criminal matters to aid the Court in sentencing.

The Department currently supervises over 1,800 offenders. The primary mission of the department is to partner with the community in providing evidence-based and appropriate supervision to enhance public safety through holding offenders accountable while providing offenders with the tools to make positive change and to become productive members of society.

Pretrial Services: The Department currently supervises offenders ordered by the Magisterial District Judges to supervised bail. Offenders must comply with standardized conditions. This allows lower risk offenders to be released from the jail and to address any treatment

needs.

Presentence Investigations: When requested by the Court, the Department prepares a report that is biographical in nature. It covers such areas as prior criminal record, family history, educational and employment history, as well as prior treatment history for any type of addiction or illness. The report also includes recommendations for appropriate sentencing. The Court uses the Presentence Investigation Report as a tool in determining the appropriate sentence for that offender.

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)

Program: This program is only available to defendants recommended by the District Attorney. The department supervises all offenders placed in this program. This program is designed to divert first-time DUI or minor offense offenders from having a criminal conviction. Upon successful completion, the program allows for the dismissal of criminal charges and the expungement of their criminal record.

Community Supervision: The Department has geographically assigned Officers who provide general supervision services to offenders who reside in Carbon County. General supervision requires the officer to meet and counsel offenders in a variety of settings, which include the Adult Probation Office, the offender’s home and various community settings.

As part of the supervision, the officer assesses the offender risk and needs, determines the level of supervision and recommends placement in the appropriate programs and/or services when deemed necessary. In the event an offender violates any of the conditions of supervision, the officer will file a petition to revoke the sentence.

Restrictive Conditions of Probation: The Department is currently responsible for the supervision of those offenders sentenced to Restrictive Conditions of Probation. This program is partially funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This program includes house arrest, home electronic monitoring, intensive supervision and residential inpatient treatment. These sentencing options divert offenders from incarceration.

Specialty Courts: The Department provides support and supervision to both the Veterans Treatment Court and the Drug Treatment Court. Specialty Courts represent a collaborative effort with Veterans and those with substance abuse disorders to promote sobriety, recovery and goals toward giving each participant the opportunity to become a healthy, productive member of society.

TIPS

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case may not necessarily be perfect for you.

· Contact your local bar association. According to the ABA®, bar associations in most communities will make referrals according to specific areas of law. This can ensure people without much or any experience hiring lawyers find one with the right ex-

perience and practice concentration. Local referral services also may help, and the ABA® notes that many, though not all, have competency requirements for lawyers who wish to be referred. When speaking with a referral service, ask if they have such requirements in place and how frequently they reevaluate lawyers they refer.

· Recognize what you need. Lawyers specialize in many different areas

of the law, so finding the right lawyer is not a one-size-fits-all venture. Someone who needs help with estate planning will be looking for a different lawyer than someone seeking a personal injury specialist. Individuals are urged to identify which services they need and then narrow their search to include only those lawyers who specialize in providing them.

· Consider your com-

fort level. The ABA® urges individuals to make their own comfort levels with a given lawyer a top priority. Lawyers serve as their clients’ representation, so their clients must be comfortable telling them all they need to know to represent them to the best of their abilities.

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The mission of this Office is to provide delinquent youths with programs of supervision, care, and rehabilitation utilizing a balanced approach of protection of the community, accountability for offenses committed, and development of competencies in order to become responsible and productive members of the community. All misdemeanor and felony charges filed against minors, age 10 to 17, are processed by this department. This Department of the Court of Common Pleas has developed and now provides the following services to the public and the youths of Carbon County:

COMMUNITY PROBATION

Two Juvenile Probation Officers visit the Senior and Junior High Schools of Lehighton, Palmerton, Weatherly, Panther Valley, and Jim Thorpe as well as the Carbon County Vocational Technical School on a regular basis to deal with juveniles who are under the Juvenile Probation Office's supervision. Meeting weekly helps the juveniles deal with their problems and ensures that the juveniles are in compliance with the conditions of their supervision. As a member of the schools' Student Assistance Programs, information is exchanged relative to probation clients and results in the development of appropriate treatment plans for juveniles.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

This program enhances the Balanced Approach of Restorative Justice by assisting area non-profit organizations, such as fire companies, churches, local schools, townships, boroughs, and civic organizations with numerous projects that benefit the community. Juveniles can also participate in the restitution program completing community service hours. Juveniles work for minimum wage with that money being paid directly to the juvenile crime victim.



INTAKE

The intake procedure expedites the intake process on all referrals received by having one officer review all case material, conduct an intake interview with the juvenile and his/her guardian, recommend a disposition for each case, and then assigns the case to the appropriate Juvenile Probation Officer for final disposition.

VICTIM/WITNESS SERVICES

A Victims/Witness brochure provides information on how to participate in all phases of the Juvenile Court process. A Victim Claim Form allows each victim an opportunity to submit a restitution claim against the juvenile and provides an avenue to express his or her expectations regarding disposition of the case. A grant was received from the Federal government in which the Victim's Resource Center provides additional services to victims of juvenile crime.

STUDENT VISITATION PROGRAM

In an effort to expose students to the Judicial System, the Juvenile Probation Office extends to all area schools an opportunity to witness actual court proceedings. This program allows students to observe criminal court proceedings, to ask questions of both Court personnel and the Judges, and to witness real life by enlightening them on the consequences of their behavior. Hopefully, this experience will help serve as a deterrent to high-risk behaviors such as crime and drug and alcohol abuse.

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