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## FJD Hosts Urban Courts Symposium

National experts here discuss city courts' issues and answers

Recently, the First Judicial District partnered with the Philadelphia Bar Association and the University of Pennsylvania Law School to organize and conduct the Urban Courts Symposium. The well-received and very successful endeavor was brought off largely through the efforts of President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson. Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presentza also figured prominently in the project. At this gathering of legal experts and practitioners, participants had opportunities to engage in discussions of some of the many issues confronting urban jurisdictions today.



(l to r) Faith Phillips, Kevin Cross, Patty McDermott, Cathy Marburger, and Charles Mapp, Sr., during a respite at the Symposium

The urban courts of the Commonwealth, including the FJD, and those across the nation have historically been at the forefront of new ideas and solutions. These have been driven by a greater volume of cases and a greater diversity of customers and needs – inherent characteristics of city courts.

Aside from members of the Bar Association, including Chancellor Andy Chirls, Esq., the FJD employees who helped to make the conference a success were Chief Deputy Court Administrator Dave Lawrence, Prothonotary Joe Evers, Law Librarian Jim Clark, Ruth Bell and Elena

Matta from the President Judge's Office, Margaret Donapel from Procurement, Internet Administrator Don Varley, and Len Hacking from the Office of the Court Administrator.

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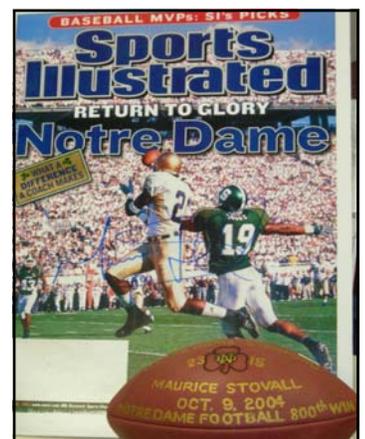
## PO Maurice Stovall Proud of His Son, and His Job

The son of Probation Officer and Youth Study Center Interviewer Maurice Stovall set some records this season playing football for Notre Dame. The university has some records of its own, and that's why the young receiver and his family chose the school.

PO Maurice Stovall is an articulate, thoughtful person who has very definite ideas about

his job and rearing children. His son, Maurice Stovall, a star receiver for the Notre Dame football team, and his daughter, Enongé, a basketball player at the University of Virginia, are proving their father right. Their Dad has been a juvenile Probation Officer since February of 1987, and he's been on the front line as an interviewer at the Youth Study

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## Drug Court Graduation



*Pat Croce engages the crowd*

**O**n September 28<sup>th</sup>, the 87<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony of the Philadelphia Drug Court pushed the number of successful graduates over the 1,000 mark. The event was marked by the appearance of DA Lynn Abraham, Public Defender Ellen Greenlee, and a spirited address by Pat Croce, former

President of the Philadelphia 76'ers. Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presentza presided over the ceremony and welcomed his friend Pat Croce, whose earnest, forceful, and encouraging remarks were very well-received. Calling Croce a tough act to follow, Ms Greenlee and the next speaker, the

Honorable Karen Freeman-Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), went on to praise the Philadelphia Drug Court as the "premier" Drug Court in the nation. President Judge Presentza is the former two-term president of NADCP.

Also in attendance in the standing-room-only crowd were Court Administrator Joe Cairone, Chief Deputy Court Administrator Dave Lawrence, Dave Preski, Director of Pretrial Services, and the Deputy Court Administrators.

The ceremony provided an all too rare opportunity to see a courtroom full of happy, hopeful participants. Good Luck to the graduates and their families, and thanks to Judge Presentza and all the Municipal Court employees involved in the Drug Court program for doing a great job.



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Center (YSC) since 1998. YSC Interviewers are the first court employees that most young men and women meet after they've been arrested in the City.

Before he became an Interviewer, Maurice was a PO on the street visiting probationers in their homes in West and Southwest Philadelphia; the same area where he grew up. During those years, he was working with the Intensive Drug and Alcohol Unit. As a resident, Maurice went to Bartram High School, knew the areas around the neighborhoods at 66<sup>th</sup> & Elmwood, Woodland Avenue, knew where the kids were likely to be, and understood what was going on. Grow-

ing up, Maurice knew some guys who were on probation, and when he became a PO, he found himself dealing with some of their sons; the second generation. Some were black, some white, but the understanding man with the intense look in his eye could relate to them all. He was from the neighborhood. He knew what he was talking about, and the kids knew it too.

In the Intensive Drug and Alcohol Unit, Maurice and his partner Joe Lynn were required by rules to have face-to-face contact with probationers five times a week. But with their inside line and familiarity with the neighborhood, they'd see the kids 10 or 15 times a week. They'd visit after curfew to

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## Stovall Family Dedication



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see who was out, and during school hours to see who was in. Occasionally, they would get kids to “drop” urine to make sure that they weren’t using drugs or alcohol.

The neighborhood where they worked has a reputation for being volatile. Being from the community, Maurice knew what he was doing, and the kids and their parents understood that. Many young men are murdered in our city every year, and quite a few are from West and Southwest Philadelphia. One of the probationers on Maurice’s caseload died in just that way. Sometimes it seemed that children start out way behind the starting line: no supportive parents, no jobs, and no way out. Maurice noted that some of the homes he visited had back doors missing, windows broken out, and a young man left to fend for himself because his parents were strung out on drugs. And the habits of one generation sometimes



trickled down to the next.

Today, the FJD has Treatment Courts, known in street parlance as “Treat Court.” In these adult and juvenile drug courts, offenders can work on the root causes of crimes, often drug addiction, rather than just being punished for the offenses for which they’ve been arrested. When Maurice and his partner were on the street, they would be the eyes of the court, test their clients, refer kids to treatment, and follow up with rewards and sanctions. Ten years ago, “Treat Court” was a spin-off of the protocols and activities that Maurice and Joe Lynn had practiced. Out in the neighborhoods, they tried to strike a balance between dealing with the consequences of the offenses and the need for treatment to prevent the same thing from happening again.

Maurice (the Probation Officer) took to heart the lessons that he learned from his experiences as a PO on the street, especially when guiding his own children. He sought to ensure that his children were involved in healthy activities to counteract negative influences. Both young Maurice and his sister Enongé were involved actively in sports from the ages of five or six, first playing soccer, and then baseball. Enongé was interested in track and field, cheerleading, and basketball. She’s now a freshman at the University of Virginia on a basketball scholarship. Her upbringing was molded by what her father learned from rearing her older

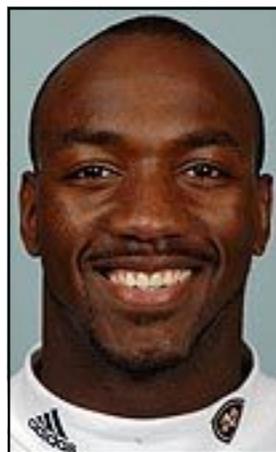
brother. He was the “test subject” for Dad.

The father was also involved with football having played at Cheney and then trying out for the pros. In 1985, he was involved with the Miami Dolphins when he noticed that some of his teammates were relying solely on the premise of playing in the NFL for the rest of their lives. He felt that he had an advantage: he had a college degree.

Dad also made sure that the family was involved with church. They attended old Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, the children went to parochial schools, and their involvement with sports let them travel around the country. Their interests were seasonal with baseball and track in the spring, basketball in the winter, and football in the fall. After a while, Maurice, his son, and daughter decided to narrow the focus of their athletic pursuits to concentrate on one sport for each. For Enongé, that meant basketball, and for Maurice, that meant football.

Many schools were interested in Maurice: Georgia Tech, Michigan, the University of Virginia, and others. So why did he (and his father) choose Notre Dame? This is where the school records came into play. The family looked at Notre Dame’s record for graduating student-athletes, and especially African American student-athletes. They found that Notre Dame has a perfect record: 100% of the black student-athletes graduate. That fact, combined with what they saw as the benefits of a catholic education added to the value and prestige associated with the name Notre Dame. The same thing happened with Enongé. UVA also has a high student-athlete graduation rate.

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## Anniversaries

(July through September 2005)  
Name, Assignment, & Years of Service

<b>Evans, Christopher J.</b>	DATA PROCESSING	20
<b>Falcone, Joseph G</b>	DR CHILD SUPPORT	20
<b>Meehan, Mary A.</b>	JUD. LILIAN	20
<b>Mullin, Jr, Gerald</b>	DOMESTIC REL.	20
<b>Plocha, Leon Z.</b>	DR CHILD SUPPORT	20
<b>Weglicki, Joanne</b>	MC CRIMINAL	20
<b>Antonyk, Janet M.</b>	CHILD SUP APPTCLK	25
<b>Bullard, Gaybrella</b>	DOMESTIC REL.	25
<b>Carr, Barbara D.</b>	JUVENILE BRANCH	25
<b>Christian, Helene V.</b>	COURT REPORTERS	25
<b>Curley, Elizabeth A.</b>	ADMIN. SER	25
<b>Eckhardt, Arlene</b>	ADULT PROBATION GE25	
<b>Flamer, Alice M.</b>	MC NIGHT COURT Grt	25
<b>Griggs, Vanessa L.</b>	GENERAL TIPSTAFF	25
<b>Urban, Joseph R.</b>	ADULT PROBATION GE	25
<b>Carmody, Susan A.</b>	ACT. CRIMINAL REC.	30
<b>Lewis, Richard S.</b>	PRETRIAL SERVICES	30
<b>McLaughlin, Bernardin M.</b>	ADOPTIONS	30
<b>Kasutta, Elaine</b>	JDGE. LACHMAN	35
<b>Strauman, Maria T.</b>	JUVENILE BRANCH	35

## Retirements

(July through September 2005)  
Name, Assignment, & Years of Service

<b>Delp, Harry L.</b>	Tipstaff	32
<b>Finkelstein, Nedra</b>	Clerk Typist	18
<b>Harbson II, Joseph J.</b>	Director	28
<b>Harrington, Joseph M.</b>	Probation Ofcr.	29
<b>Herron, Kathleen A.</b>	Probation Ofcr.	28
<b>Highsmith, Marie A.</b>	Clerk Typist	10
<b>Jacquinto, James M.</b>	Maintenance Fore.	31
<b>Kudenko, Walter</b>	Tipstaff	15
<b>McCormick, Mary</b>	Ct Order Pro Clk.	28
<b>Pagan, Rafaela M.</b>	Intake Sup.	34

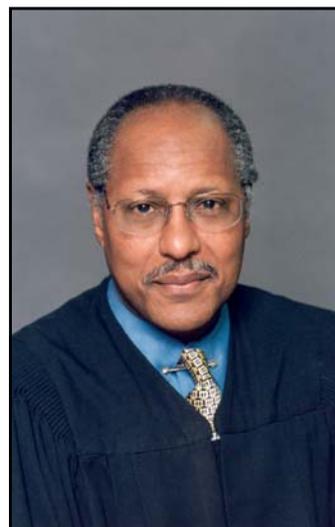
## C. Darnell Jones Elected President Judge

**O**n Thursday, December 1, the Honorable C. Darnell Jones II became the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District. Beginning in January 10, 2006 President Judge Elect Jones will replace the Honorable Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson who has held the post since her election in 2001.

President Judges are elected by the 93 CP judges, collectively known as the Board of Judges. Judge Massiah-Jackson is also the Chair of the FJD Administrative Governing Board that manages the business of the courts in Philadelphia. The Chair of the AGB is appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.



Honorable Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson



Honorable C. Darnell Jones II



## FJD READS Volunteers

**T**hese photos show a group of City Hall readers and their volunteer mentors in late November. As you can see, their faces are all aglow, enjoying their time and activity. The children appear to be enjoying themselves too!



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Maurice will graduate in May 2006. Earlier this year, he set school records for the number of TDs in a game (4) and the number of receptions in one game (14). His sister is also doing well in her scholastic and athletic pursuits. And their Dad, he's set a number of records in his own quiet way. He's helped many of the young people in at least one of Philadelphia's communities turn around and get pointed in the right way. So those kids too have been setting and achieving their own goals, and those are perhaps much more demanding and rewarding than the goals on the playing fields of athletics. Because of Maurice Stovall and other probation officers – juvenile and adult POs alike – a lot of people are getting and doing better. And, while they benefit, it's important to remember that the benefits extend to the rest of their communities and neighborhoods throughout in the City of Philadelphia.

Official Headlines

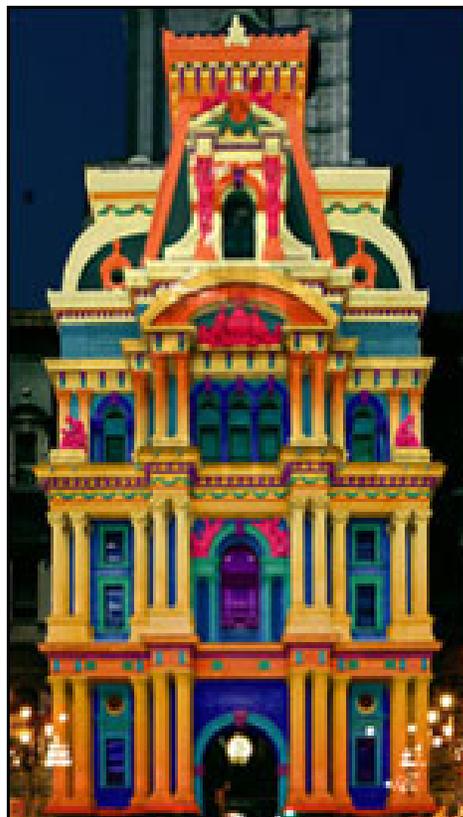
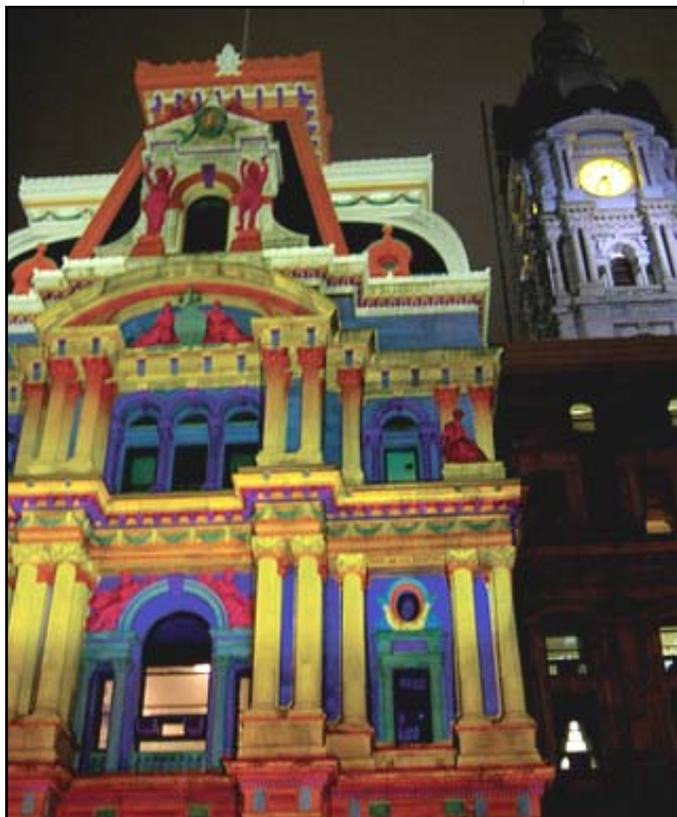
*Yes, these headlines really did appear in the publications indicated:*

**Official: Only Rain Will Cure Drought**  
*The Herald-News, Westpost, Massachusetts*

**Survey Finds Dirtier Subways After Cleaning Jobs Were Cut**  
*The New York Times*

**Low Wages Said Key to Poverty**  
*Newsday*

**Tomatoes Come in Big, Little, Medium Sizes**  
*The Daily Progress, Charlottesville, Virginia*



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