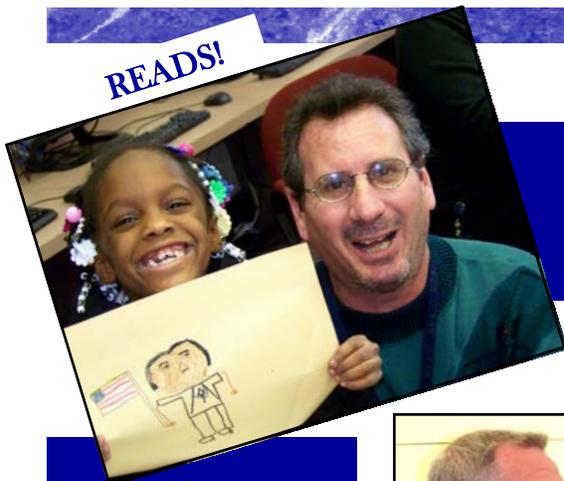


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Family Court Judicial Leaders Address Employees



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Left: Family Division Administrative Judge Kevin M. Dougherty and Supervising Judge Margaret T. Murphy **Right:** DR employees applaud the Administrative Judge Dougherty as he addresses the group to thank and support them in their efforts.

By Karen Leone Family Division Administrative Judge Kevin M. Dougherty and Domestic Relations Division (DRD) Supervising Judge Margaret T. Murphy addressed the Domestic Relations staff on Monday, November 24, 2008. Mary Lou Baker, Deputy Court Administrator of DRD invited every employee of Domestic Relations to attend. The turn out was impressive. The message of the day from

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Trial Division Civil Section Employee of the Year



Michael Williams, above, works in the FJD Trial Division Criminal Section in the daytime. Sometimes, he's also a DJ and a hero at night, though he'd never admit it. (See page 11)



Left: to Right: Civil Section DCA Charles A. Mapp, Sr., Employee of the Year Steve Wulko, and Trial Division Administrative Judge D. Webster Keogh.

Steve Wulko was named the Trial Division Civil Section Employee of the Year at the recent luncheon dedicated to civil employees. The award is made in partnership with the Office of the Prothonotary headed by veteran Prothonotary Judge D. Webster Keogh and Civil Deputy Court Administrator Charles Mapp, Sr., provided their words of congratulations and handed Steve and two other employees their awards.

The combination that results when the Prothonotary's

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AJ Address

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Judge Dougherty and Judge Murphy was one of gratitude to all staff who, during difficult economic times, are being asked to work harder with fewer resources.

Both judges congratulated the employees for their efforts in allowing Domestic Relations to obtain a \$4 million increase in child support collections over the past two years. Overall, \$205 million in child support was collected during the last federal fiscal year that ended in October. The DR Performance Measures have also increased as a result of the hard work of Domestic Relations judges and employees (See box at right).

Judge Dougherty and Judge Murphy also joined with the members of the Domestic Relations Division in congratulating **Judge Leonard Ivanoski** on his retirement this December and in welcoming **Judge Angeles Roca** on her recent appointment to DR. They also joined us in congratulating **Edward Lehmann** for his promotion to Director of Data Management and Case Processing and **Katherine Grasela** on her promotion to Director of Finance and Grants.

Judge Dougherty personally invited all of the Domestic Relations employees to join with the Juvenile Division staff and celebrate the Holiday Season at the Family Court Christmas Party on Friday, December 19, 2008 at Finnegan's Wake. As Judge Dougherty said, "Even with a dark cloud over us, we still can find time to enjoy the holidays with our co-workers." He called

for us to remember our own families and friends and pray for our families, here and gone, and for all those who are serving in the armed forces for their safe return home.

In closing, the Judges encouraged the employees to rise above the difficult times and to continue to strive for success in providing much-needed services to the children of Philadelphia.

Performance Measure <u>Increases</u>	
Support Order Establishment	8.63%
Paternity Establishment	5.03%
Current Support Collections	12%
Arrears Collection	11.99%

Below, left to right: Ed Lehman, Supervising Judge Murphy, Administrative Judge Dougherty, and Kathy Grasela.



Court Couple Gives Birth to Couple



Left to right, Tom Press with daughter Madison, Madison's twin sister Grace, and mother Kelly Press, beaming.

Warrant Unit Supervisor Tom Press and his wife, **Kelly Press, Supervisor** of the Counsel Fees Unit of the Budget and Fiscal Office were blessed with the birth of twins, explaining the headline above.



Grace (left) and Madison today.

Civil & Prothonotary Awards

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Office teams with Civil Administration has recently accomplished landmark achievements. Working together, these offices and Data Processing experts designed, built, and instituted the Civil E-filing System; a first in the court's 300 year-old history. A system that began with quill pens and parchment paper has grown and evolved into a modern enterprise where business is conducted over the Internet.

Steve Wulko has been instrumental in the initiation of the system. With only a handful of others, he has been conducting hundreds of training classes to bring lawyers and their office administrators and others up to speed for the January 1st deadline that required all filings to be conducted through the e-filing system. Before that date, the electronic and paper-based filing methods were optional.

Also earning accolades were two other FJD employees who, though not working directly for Civil or the Prothonotary, were nonetheless recognized for their contributions to the betterment of

the Civil Section. Cereta Diggs from the Human Resources Department and Len Hacking from the Court Administrator's Office also earned awards for their efforts.



Left to right: Civil DCA Charles A. Mapp, Sr, Len Hacking, Cereta Diggs, and Prothonotary Joe Evers.

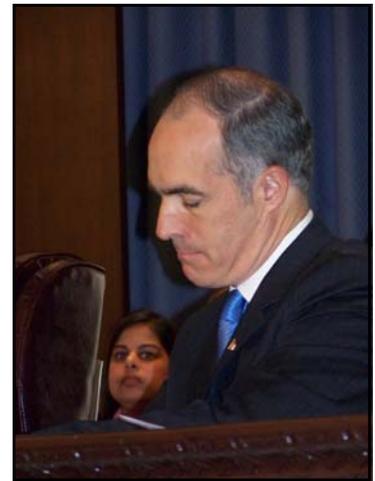
Senators Hear about FJD Mortgage Program

Philadelphia's effort to forestall mortgage foreclosures before they happen could serve as a model for a national program to soften the effects of the subprime lending crisis on homeowners, cities and the nation's economy, U.S. Sens. Arlen Specter and Robert P. Casey, Jr. said Friday in a Senate Judiciary Committee field hearing at City Hall.

The interest expressed by the Pennsylvania Senate delegation and others around the country was emblematic of the success of the First Judicial District Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Pilot Program that has garnered so much attention. Indeed, former President Judge C. Darnell Jones, II found himself in demand as a speaker when lawyers, judges, and other interested parties around the country wanted to learn more.

Judge Jones, now on the federal bench, has always given much of the credit to Common Pleas Court Judge Annette Rizzo who has worked for years to bring such a program to fruition. The program brings home owners, lenders, and banks together to work out problems together at conciliation hearings.

Above, **Judge Annette Rizzo** (in red) and **Judge C. Darnell Jones II**, to her right prepare to testify in hearings before Senators Arlen Specter and Robert P. Casey, Jr.



Each year, judges from Japan visit the FJD to learn about new programs, theories, and American Jurisprudence. While here they met with some FJD judges. **FJD Court Operations' Janette Coladonato** organized the judges' itinerary.

Japanese Judges Visit to Learn about Our Courts

Top, (left to right) Judge YAMADA, Judge MURAMATSU and Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper; and with Judge Gary Glazer; Bottom, (left to right) the visitors meet with Judge Lillian Ransom and Administrative Judge D. Webster Keogh, President Judge Pamela P. Dembe and Judge Keogh, and Judge Bronson.





Retirement Dinner for Rose Lalli

Secretary to Civil Supervising Judge Esther R. Sylvester



Anniversaries (20+ Years) & Retirements

Anniversaries From August 3, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Name, Position, and Years of Service

Colbert, Mary S	ADULT PROBATION GE	35
Intenzo, Kathleen M	ADULT PROBATION GE	35
Jones, Richard C	JUVENILE BRANCH	35
Mohollen, Francis J	FAMILY CT GRANTS-V	35
O'Connell, Dennis L	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	35
Rendine, Marilyn	JUVENILE BRANCH	35
Reynolds, W Kevin	ADULT PROBATION GE	35
Slagoff, Judith	ADULT PROBATION GE	35
Stanford, Lois M	ADULT PROBATION GE	35
Partridge Jr, Colbert V	JUVENILE BRANCH	30
Preski, David V	PRETRIAL SERVICES	30
Williams, Gurnell J	CIVIL ADMINISTRATI ON	30
Donaldson, Heidi B	MC COURT REPORTERS	25
Dumoff, Catherine A	MC CRIMINAL	25
Foy, Antoinette	COURT REPORTERS	25
Mattia, Sr., Richard A	DR CHILD SUPPORT	25
McAndress, Mary Anne	COURT REPORTERS	25
Pirolli, James M	BUILDING/FACILITIES	25
Sicura, Terri Lynn	DR CHILD SUPPORT	25
Sokolski, Carl G	COURT REPORTERS	25
Steinmetz, Dorothy	DR CHILD SUPPORT	25
Aquilino, John A	BUILDING/FACILITIE	20
Campbell, Michael G	JUDGE HILL	20
Devlin, Kevin R	GENERAL TIPSTAFF	20
Ealy, Carl A	FAMILY CT GRANTS-V	20
Ferlino, Andrea A	PRETRIAL SERVICES	20
Ferraro, Joseph A	CIVIL ADMINISTRATION	20
Flowers, Karleen N	PRETRIAL SERVICES	20
Fowler, Doris J	PRETRIAL SERVICES	20
Harrison, Roland F	DR CHILD SUPPORT	20
Lynch, John N	GENERAL TC	20
Mullen, Ann C	COURT REPORTERS	20
Schanz, Nancy A	GENERAL TIPSTAFF	20
Scurry, Carole D	MC CRIMINAL	20
Seas Jr, Charles	BUILDING/FACILITIES	20
Smith, Sandra V	ADULT PROBATION GE	20
Steinberg, Anne Marie	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	20

Retirements From August 3, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Name, Position, Retirement Date, and Years of Service

Bozzuto, Kathleen M	Legal Clerk 1	08/08/08	21
Smith Jr, Christopher L	Intake Interviewer	08/13/08	32
Lambert, Barbara D	Tipstaff 3 (General)	08/29/08	25
Leonard, Edward J	Law Clerk 1	09/02/08	19
Renshaw, Bernard A	Bldg Main Sup 1	09/19/08	29
Gullette, Janice	Legal Clerk 1	09/30/08	8
Kelly Jr., Joseph M	Tipstaff 2 (Gen)	10/06/08	18
Keitt Streeter, Edith L	Tipstaff 2 (Jud)	10/10/08	20
Harper, Betty J	Court Adm Ofcr 4	11/03/08	21
Lalli, Rose M	Judicial Secy 2	11/06/08	35
Reganato, Thomas	Tipstaff 2 (Gen)	11/14/08	19
Gentile, Nicholas P	Bldg Main Sup 1	11/17/08	35
Nogowski, Grace E	Judicial Secy 2	11/28/08	28



Retirement Party for Rose Lalli

(Secretary to Judge Esther R. Sylvester)

March 19 at 6:00PM

Galdo's, 1933 W. Moyamensing Ave.

\$30 for beer wine, and gift.

Call Tom Piselli (215) 686-7946

or write

Deborah.capuano@courts.phila.gov



READs Again brings smiles to all involved



FJD + MLK = Day of Service

By Diane Edwards

In 1983, President Ronald Regan signed legislation marking the third Monday in January a Federal holiday commemorating the life and service of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The holiday was first observed in 1986 and eventually became a day of voluntary service for thousands of Americans to paint school classrooms, fix homeless shelters, and participate in other activities focused on children, seniors, the homeless, and the needy across America.

It's been estimated that this year almost 65,000 Philadelphians turned a day off from work into a day to remember.

Also for the first time in 2009, the FJD turned out and worked as a team to get the job done.

The project was initiated by David Wasson, Chief Deputy Court Administrator; Charles Mapp, Sr., Deputy Court Administrator; and Joseph Hassett, Arbitration Center Manager. After they sent out the call, more than 25 workers from the Court, and their friends and family gathered in a small parochial school in the Cobbs Creek section to make a difference for a day.

Team Courts worked with other teams at St. Cyprian School (K-grade 8) as they helped to fill in for workers lost in budget and personnel cuts. The Court Team cleaned and reorganized the basement library of the century-old graystone building. According to

Principal Paula Hawkins, the Court Team was assigned the library because they had the know-it-all to figure out where everything belonged.

A judge, part-time clerks, administrators, and secretaries in brand-new sweatshirts bearing the image of Dr. King eagerly embraced the task at hand. Once the volunteers discovered the depth of disorder, the Court workers truly became a team. A system was quickly formed and books moved off the tables and floors onto the squeaky-clean shelves in the exact order they belonged!

Soon, Team Court began to notice that even though the library was filled with books of every kind, many were dated or in need of repair and the range of children's literature was limited. Classics were missing and few works of fiction seemed relevant to the school's youth. Team Court workers wished there were some way to help update the information student's would need to face the challenges of higher education in the world today. Principal Stewart announced that the school holds its Annual African-American Book Fair is being held from February 16 to March 6 this year – timed to commemorate both Black History and Woman's History Months. The proceeds will help refurbish the library. Guests are welcomed.

For more information, contact St. Cyprian's secretary, Joanne Gave, at 215-748-4450. For those interested in the Li-

brary Renewal Project but unable to attend the Book Fair, you may send your donations to the following:

Library Fund, St. Cyprian School

6225 Cedar Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19143

Want to join Team Court 2010? Be prepared for a day of hard work and satisfaction in the acknowledgement that your day off helped make the country a better place. Anonymous acts of kindness never go unappreciated. To lend your support, email our wondrous organizing force, Vickie Johnson at victoria.johnson@courts.phila.gov

We want to thank the following for their help and presence on January 19, 2009: **Jacquelyn Courtney** who discovered that her sister-in-law, **Jacquelyn Brown** and niece, **Erica Tate** teach first and second grade; **Patricia Crump**; **Lillian Davis** and her son, **Nicholas Ryant**; **Diane Edwards**; **Judge Idee Fox**; **Melissa S. Graham**, mother of **Melissa Graham** and **Deja Carter**, her friend since second grade; **Joe Hassett** and his children, **Brett** and **Ashley**; **Maria Hill**; **Barbara Johnson**; **Vickie Johnson**, our hero organizer; **Charles Mapp, Sr**; **Charles Mapp, Jr.**; **Judge Lillian Ramson** and her three grandsons; **Evelyn Thompson**; **Dave Wasson** and his children, **Jill** and **Carly**.

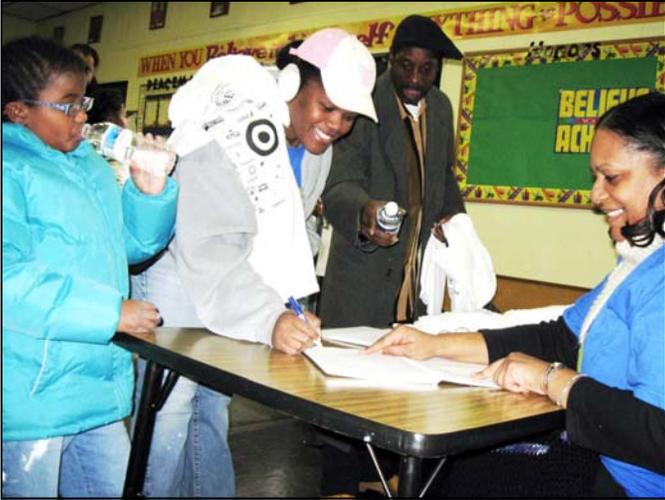




Court Team Dedicated to the Cause

Photography by Rose Caporaletti

This page, clockwise from top left: Registering and getting the tee-shirts; The Court Team plans; Teacher Robin Francis and helpers; Two St. Cyprian's students; an unidentified court-team member; Judge Idee Fox (left) and Judge Lillian Ransom; and Court employee Jacquelyn Courtney (left), her sister-in-law Jacquelyn Brown, and her niece Erica Tate who both teach at the school.



Pro Bono Publico: to Benefit the Public



True public service is an admirable calling, and Pro Bono service is an excellent example. The First Judicial District honored the following attorneys in recognition of their long-time commitment to *pro bono* services at the Annual Pro Bono Awards Ceremony. The event was held on Jan. 22nd at the BonavitaCola Law Library. We are fortunate that there are members of the bar who are so generous

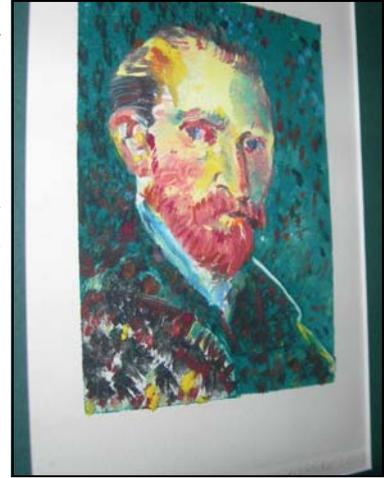
with their time and talent. The entire community benefits from their voluntary service. We salute:

Henry M. Clinton, Esq., Robert Claypole, Esq., Pamela Porter Ende, Esq., Kenneth Fleisher, Esq., David Hofstein, Esq., Charles Junod, Esq. Joseph Kelly, Esq. Suzanne Pritchard, Esq., and Sondra Rodrigues

Court Employee Wins Art Show Honors



Diane Edwards, author of the well-written story about MLK Day on the previous pages, displays her creative talents in other ways. While working in the Trial Division Criminal Section allowed her to demonstrate her talents for her “daytime” job, Diane also won third prize among many artists for her depiction of a departing elephant that she’s entitled “Adieu.” The picture is in honor of the elephants being removed from the zoo. Diane also rendered



the copy of a self portrait by Van Gogh shown at right. *Do you have a talent, or know an FJD employee who does? Let us know about it by emailing Leonard Hacking or calling him at 6-3775.*

Another Court Employee Deserves Recognition

Mike Williams works for the Probation Department and says he doesn’t like the “hoopla.” He says he’s happy that everything turned out OK. Some of his neighbors are even happier that it turned out OK.

Mike was walking home from a late-night gig as a DJ along with a friend. They were on Preston Street in West Philly, when they saw what they at first believed to be steam from a vent.

It turned out to be smoke, and a lot of it. Mike and his friend ran to the door and began banging on it to arouse the residents. After they filed out, Mike discovered that altogether, the group included a grandmother, a father, a mother, and their two children.

Eventually, Mike called 911. Mike’s friends and co-workers are proud of him, as they should be.



Judge Ivanoski Celebrated

By Karen Leone

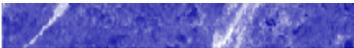
Honorable Leonard Ivanoski, Senior Judge, was honored on December 11, 2008 by the Family Court Judges, members of the Family Law Section of the Bar Association, Domestic Relations Administration and staff. The ceremony was presided over by Family Division Administrative Judge Kevin M. Dougherty, Domestic Relations Branch Supervising Judge Margaret T. Murphy, and former Family Division Administrative Judge Jerome Zaleski. The Judge was joined by his sons, Christopher and Anthony and his grandson Leonard.

The proceedings got under way when Walter McHugh, Esq. from the Bar Association Family Law Section presented a Rule to Show Cause why exclusive possession of Court Room 1 should not be granted for the purpose of honoring the distinguished career of Judge Leonard Ivanoski. Judge Kevin Dougherty and Judge Jerome Zaleski ruled in favor of the celebration.

Judge Ivanoski was born on September 16, 1928 in Shenandoah, Pa to Stanley and Rose Ivanoski. He attended Penn State University and served in the United States Air Force as an aid to Commanding General Partridge. After leaving the Air Force he attended Temple School of Law and graduated in 1953. Judge Ivanoski was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas bench in May 1980.

Judge Ivanoski's sons Christopher and Anthony and his grandson, Leonard were present and joined in honoring him. Guest speakers included, Ed Lehmann, Michael Horan, Esq. and Martin Techner, Esq. all of whom who testified to Judge Ivanoski's remarkable term on the Bench and his tremendous accomplishments. In addition to all the accolades, Judge Ivanoski received a plaque. Ed Lehmann who knows the Judge to be an avid Penn State Football fan gave the Judge a personalized Penn State Football Jersey.

The Judge's colleagues, friends, and co-workers in Domestic Relations extend their fondest wishes for a wonderful retirement. We honor Judge Ivanoski for his compassion, concern, and fairness to the many families he has helped throughout his tenure.



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