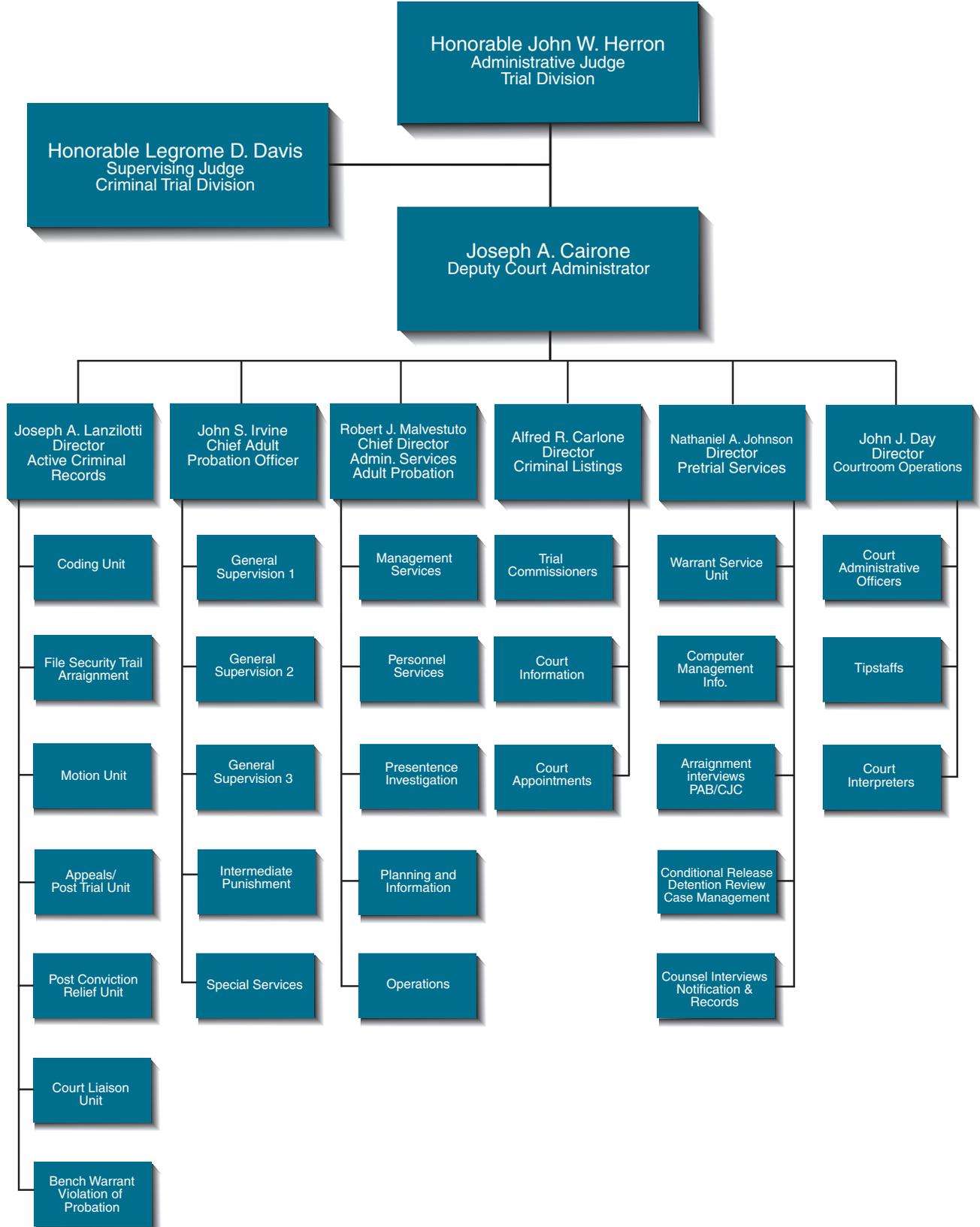


Criminal Section Branch Organization





Joseph A. Cairone
Deputy Court Administrator
Criminal Section

ORGANIZATION

The Criminal Section receives approximately 16,000 felony filings each year. There are 32 Common Pleas judges assigned to preside over felony matters and related hearings in the Section. Administrative Judge John W. Herron and Supervising Judge Legrome D. Davis supervise the administration of all facets of the Criminal Section operation. Judicial leaders are supported in turn by Deputy Court Administrator Joseph A. Cairone, and divisional departments through Directors and Chiefs. Five major branches comprise the Criminal Section organizational structure: 1) Active Criminal Records; 2) Adult Probation and Parole Department (APPD); 3) Courtroom Operations; 4) Criminal Listings; and 5) Pretrial Services.

PURPOSE

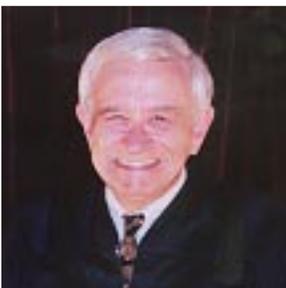
The Section aims for the continuous and expeditious provision of quality criminal justice — particularly concerning the early resolution of impediments to trial — via modern case management systems, adept pre-trial and post-trial defendant supervision, and the supply of qualified legal counsel to the indigent. Through these means, the Criminal Section cultivates access to swift but fair outcomes.

RESPONSIBILITIES

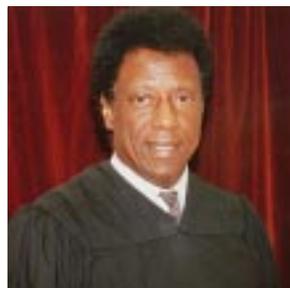
Through evaluation and categorization according to several factors (differentiated case management), cases are assigned to one of three programs: Homicide, Section Calendar (more serious and complex felony cases), and List (non-jury felony bench trials).

The Homicide program operates within a hybrid master/individual calendar framework monitored by the Chief Criminal Calendar Judge who reviews both the Homicide and the Section Calendar categories prior to trial assignment.

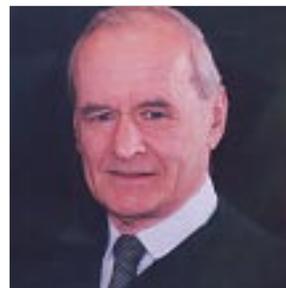
The Section Calendar program has four sections of four judges each, including a section leader. After a thorough pretrial conference, cases are further delineated to tracks based on charges and/or complexity, and assigned randomly by computer to a section for disposition. Section leaders again review cases to ensure compliance with pretrial orders, and examine the possibility of non-trial dispositions. Subsequently, matters are assigned randomly within track by computer to individual judges within each section for disposition. Then, each trial judge maintains an individual calendar and effects disposition.



Judge Bernard J. Avellino



Judge Willis W. Berry, Jr.



Judge Edward J. Bradley



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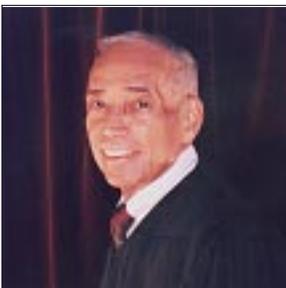
Judge Joan A. Brown



Senior Judge John J. Chiovero



Judge Tama Myers Clark



Senior Judge Eugene H. Clarke, Jr.

The List Program is controlled by the assigned judiciary and the office of Criminal Listings. These cases are identified as non-jury bench trials early on — at the time of arraignment. As with the more complex Section Calendar cases, List cases are assigned to tracks, trial readiness conferences are held, and expedited trial listings are scheduled. Criminal Listings Data Entry functions include the daily entry of arraignment information to develop a list of “B” track cases (custody defendants) to encourage the timely disposition of custody cases through agreement, or, alternatively, to ensure that they are ready for trial at the first listing.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

The active case inventory has been reduced by approximately 35% since the introduction of differentiated case management in 1990, and by approximately 1,000 cases since the opening of the Criminal Justice Center just prior to

the biennium. These gains have been maintained through programs initiated during calendar year 1996, and continued through 1997. Importantly, expedited dispositions during these

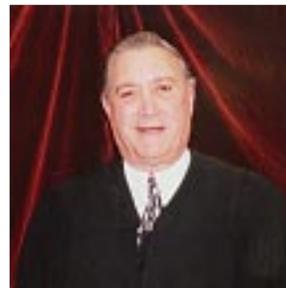
biennial years have streamlined the trial process and bolstered access through enhanced service delivery. On average, List Program cases are disposed in four months; Section Calendar cases within six months; and Homicide cases

within a year. This represents a significant reduction over past years in the age of cases at the time of adjudication.

In addition to emphasis on case management initiatives bringing timely dispositions, the Section focuses on prison overcrowding problems and methods to maintain or reduce the population. Spearheaded by Supervising Judge Davis, the development of new Pretrial Release Guidelines based on defendants’ risk/need assessments were developed and implemented. To assist in reducing the prison population to manageable levels, Criminal Justice



Judge Legrome D. Davis



Senior Judge Anthony J. DeFino



Judge Gary F. DiVito

partners met and developed a special release mechanism based on established criteria including defendants' risks and needs, and the potential threat to the community. Consequently, those defendants who are released based on the criteria developed present the least risk to the community. Crash Court, a review mechanism for recently incarcerated defendants charged with misdemeanors, and staffed by Common Pleas Trial Commissioners located on-site at the prison, was expanded to include greater numbers of inmates and to provide accelerated release where appropriate.

During 1996-1997, the Pretrial Service Department continued to devote and focus resources on the timely delivery of services to pretrial defendants, and expanded responsibilities to include Electronic Monitoring installation and monitoring for pre-trial and post-trial defendants. The development of an instructional pretrial orientation video, the assignment of new case managers, and the hiring of additional warrant service investigators to ensure the appearance of defendants, have helped reduce the bench warrant population by 2,000 defendants and increase appearance rates. During the latter part

of 1997, the Conditional Release hearing list and the Jackson v. Hendricks review list prepared by Pretrial staff were consolidated and presented to better coordinate Philadelphia Prison System overcrowding relief efforts.

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Recognizing the wide array of criminal defendants' needs, Criminal Section leadership developed and participated in the implementation of two innovative Court treatment-oriented programs.

Female Offenders Comprehensive and Integrated Services (FOCIS): The FOCIS program targets and recognizes the varied needs of female offenders. Credentialed assessors pinpoint defendants' problems while Integrated Service Coordinators link the Court and the treatment communities. The program, to date, has provided services for 105 female offenders and presently maintains an active roster of 85 clients.

Municipal Court Treatment Court (Drug Court): Supervising Judge Davis, Court Administration, and the Pretrial Service Division participated in the initiation of the Municipal Court Treatment Court. Pretrial staff were temporarily assigned to act as Treatment

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Judge James J. Fitzgerald, III



Judge Steven R. Geroff



Judge Gary S. Glazer



Judge Jane Cutler Greenspan



Judge Lynn Bennett Hamlin

Court Coordinators and case managers to work cooperatively with Municipal Court, the District Attorney’s Office and the Defender Association. Additionally, FOCIS staff provided assessments of defendants in the program. A crucial element of this new approach is the careful selection of defendants with substance abuse problems and their engagement with appropriate treatment facilities. Treatment Court is a first in the state of Pennsylvania, and is expected to better serve the needs of defendants and the community. (*See Municipal Court Section.*)



Judge Ricardo C. Jackson

DEPARTMENTS

Active Criminal Records, managed by Director Joseph A. Lanzalotti and Deputy Director Leonard A. Armstrong, is composed of seven units that monitor various aspects of the daily operations of the Criminal Section. The Department is responsible for maintaining the criminal case information; processing pretrial and post trial actions; providing records; scheduling; and coordinating documentation between the Court, Philadelphia Prisons and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. By the execution of these duties, Active Crimi-

nal Records is doing its share in providing equal access to the customers of the criminal justice system in a professional and timely manner.

The Office of Criminal Listings, led by Director Alfred R. Carlone and Deputy Director Charles A. Lanzalotti, is responsible for overseeing all trial case scheduling and case inventory management. In addition, this office responds to 150,000 telephone, personal, and written inquiries per year. The department also provides support and assistance to the judiciary, staff, attorneys, defendants, witnesses, employees, agencies and the public. This office also processes appointments of counsel for indigent defendants and conducts case review and assignment for the Criminal Section programs. Trial Commissioners are appointed to act in a para-judicial capacity to relieve the criminal Court judiciary of administrative tasks. As a result, access is cultivated through more efficient case flow administration.

The Pretrial Services Department under Director Nathaniel A. Johnson, and Deputy Director David V. Preski, is responsible for many of the components that allow for easy access to the Crimi-



Judge C. Darnell Jones, II



Judge D. Webster Keogh



Judge Richard B. Klein



Judge Robert A. Latrone



Judge Anne E. Lazarus

nal Justice process. Using Pretrial Release Guidelines, the Department acts as the informational gatekeeper to support judicial decision-makers from the preliminary arraignment stage through the adjudication process. An interview unit utilizing video technology operates round the clock at the Police Administration Building and Criminal Justice Center sites. The unit provides detailed personal information about defendants, charges, and risks of misconduct gained through interviews. This information is then utilized to make bail determinations. Data concerning personal information, community ties, finances, employment, schooling, and family history are entered into a new personal computer application, PC Pretrial+. The interviewing unit processes in excess of 40,000 defendants a year. The Records Department maintains arrest records for access by Pretrial, other First Judicial District Departments, and external Criminal Justice agencies. Philadelphia

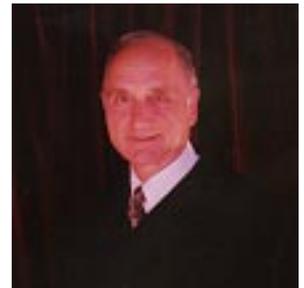
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Pretrial provides defendant orientation and supervision, and is unique in that it has as one of its major departmental components an armed Warrant/Enforcement Unit operating continuously to enforce release conditions.

The Adult Probation and Parole Department (APPD) was identified by Administrative Judge John W. Herron as a critical component of the justice system when he initiated an evaluation of the Department's operations immediately after his appointment as Administrative Judge in January 1996. This community corrections agency provides post-trial services to the Courts, serves to protect the community, offers opportunities to offenders to improve their lives, and assists victims. During this biennial period, Managing Judge C. Darnell Jones, II, Co-Chief Probation Officer of APPD Supervision Services John S. Irvine, and Co-Chief Probation Officer of APPD Administrative Services Robert J. Malvestuto were appointed to help lead the Department



Judge Renee Cardwell Hughes



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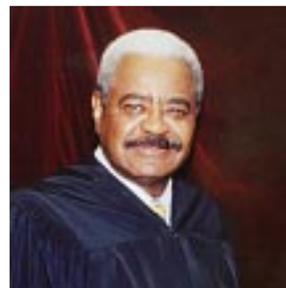
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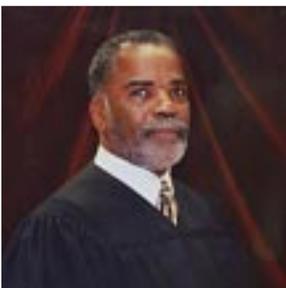
Judge William J. Mazzola



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Judge John J. Poserina, Jr.



Judge Peter F. Rogers

into the 21st Century. A Steering Committee appointed by Judge Herron initially met to examine the varying needs and deliverables of the Department, and the strengths and weaknesses of the Agency through weekly meetings. Weekly Divisional Unit meetings chaired by Managing Judge Jones also provided staff the opportunity to identify and notify APPD leadership of problems and concerns. A close preliminary examination of the department led to the reassignment of professional probation officers from administrative duties to the vital area of case supervision. Over 34,000 adult offenders who have been sentenced to probation and/or paroled from county prison receive Adult Probation and Parole Services. Offenders under supervision often have substance addiction, mental health, social, educational, or vocational problems. Probation officers are criminal justice experts who must balance issues and needs confronting today's clientele. As a result of the

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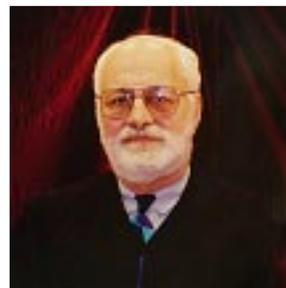
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Common Pleas Courtroom Operations provides security and operational services in courtrooms. The Chief of Courtroom Operations, John J. Day and Deputy Chief, John Purtell, manage the activities of supervisory and courtroom personnel for criminal and civil courtrooms, implement and develop operational plans and training procedures, and ensure proper courtroom staffing. They establish and maintain effective working relationships between courtroom staff and the Judiciary, Court Administration, Human Resources, and the public. Additionally, Courtroom Operations provides ADA accommodations in the form of wheelchairs, electronic hearing devices, and connection to the AT&T Language Service Line in the Criminal Justice Center.

The Interpreters' Unit is responsible for the assignment of Spanish speaking interpreters to various Court cases. The



Judge M. Teresa Sarmina



Senior Judge David N. Savitt



Judge Gregory E. Smith

interpreter's job is to provide access to surmount language barriers to communicative participation. The Trial Division provides other required interpreter services through contracted certified vendors.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Trial Division leaders recognize achievements in case management and other accomplishments, but they are aware that they must continue to anticipate and address constantly changing demands of the Criminal Justice System. As a result of the APPD Steering Committee and Divisional Unit meetings, it is expected that Phase I of the Adult Probation and Parole Department's reorganization will be announced in the early part of calendar year 1998. The reorganization, fine tuning thereafter,

and other changes at APPD, including a risk/need post-trial assessment tool, will provide the impetus to better reflect the expectations of the Judiciary, the administrative body of the Criminal Section, and the public.

In the immediate future, Differentiated Case Management techniques will be utilized in all Common Pleas criminal matters. Plans for expansion of the Section Calendar program starting in January, 1998 include a Mixed Calendar Section of Homicide matters assigned to a section leader from arraignment with trial according to track as per the Section Calendar protocol previously described. An additional section may be formed in 1998 and implementation of Mixed Homicide and Major Felony cases should be accomplished soon after.



Judge Rayford A. Means



Judge Lisa A. Richette



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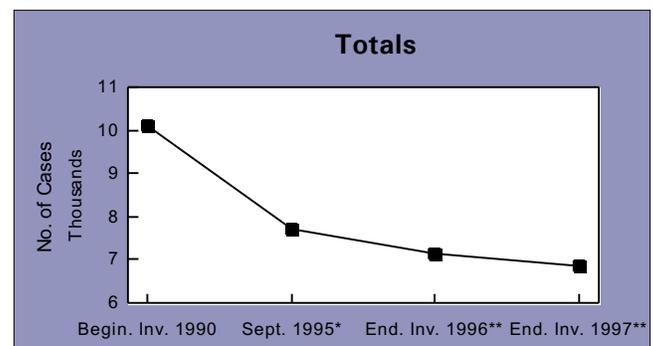
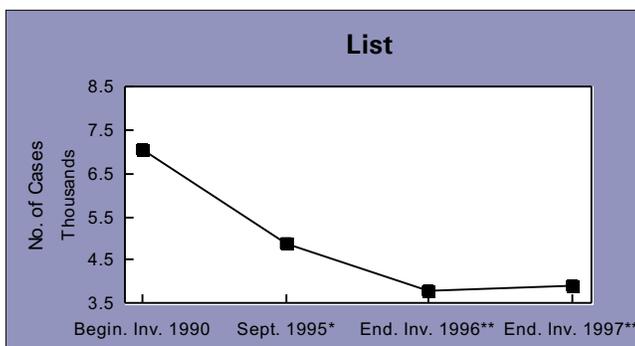
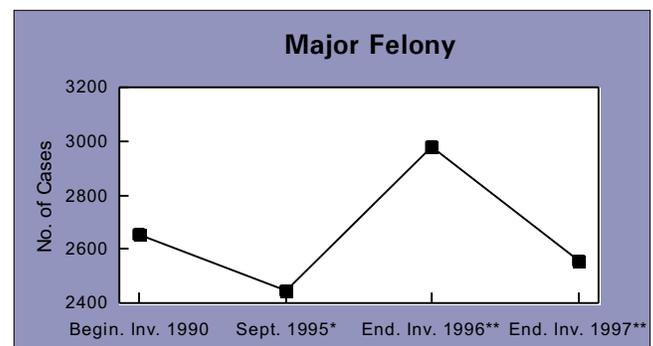
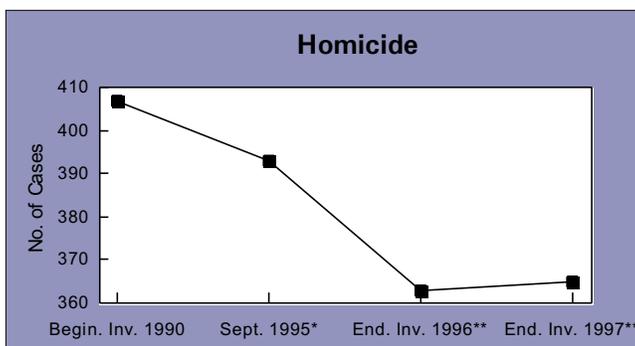
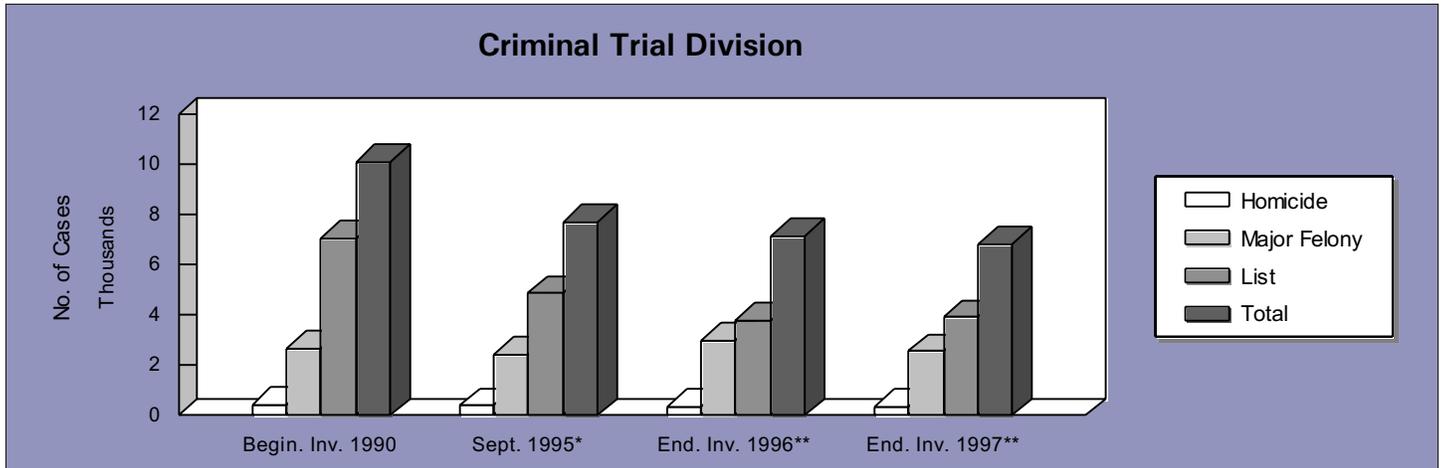
Judge Juanita Kidd Stout



Judge Carolyn Engel Temin



Judge John Milton Younge



	Begin Inv. 1990	Sept. 1995*	End Inv. 1996**	End Inv. 1997**
Homicide	407	393	363	365
Major Felony	2,654	2,444	2,981	2,557
List	7,068	4,880	3,804	3,919
Total	10,129	7,717	7,148	6,841

*Move to Criminal Justice Center
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