



# First Judicial District of Pennsylvania

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Mrs. Vivian Miller, after a long and distinguished career, has announced her resignation as Clerk of Quarter Sessions. This important function, which involves creation and management of the records in criminal cases, will be assumed by the First Judicial District. Mrs. Miller will be remembered as a pioneer for women and African Americans in politics and government, and for guiding the Clerk's Office through a difficult transition to a statewide computer system.

Joseph Evers, Prothonotary of the First Judicial District, will be directing the transition of the Clerk's Office to the First Judicial District. The Prothonotary's Office (the clerk for civil cases) was recognized by the National Center for State Courts' report as being "arguably one of the best civil courts in the nation." I am confident that the justice partners and the many excellent staff of the Clerk's Office will welcome this new direction." Evers said, "I am excited and looking forward to meeting with each employee and rolling up my sleeves to make the Philadelphia Criminal Courts *THE* best in the nation." We will immediately begin reviewing the operations and functions of the Clerk's Office so that we can ensure a smooth transfer. This will be a positive and exciting time for the Courts, and we are grateful for the experience and talents of the current Clerk's staff.