

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

The First Judicial District of Pennsylvania serves the City and County of Philadelphia, which has a population of approximately 1 ½ million people, and is the largest court in the state by a significant margin.

The Court is comprised of 98 Common Pleas (general jurisdiction) judges, 33 Magisterial District (limited jurisdiction judges), and numerous hearing officers, hearing masters and judges pro tem.

There are three major courthouses and several satellite operations.

The Court Administrator is elected by the Common Pleas judges and to four year terms, and is rarely removed until he/she decides to retire.

There are approximately 1850 employees, some of whom are unionized, and some of whom (secretary, law clerk and judge's administrative assistant) who serve at the pleasure of the individual judge. The judges are state employees and the others are all City employees. The City provides most of the court's operating budget.