

MINUTES
BENCH BAR COMMITTEE
Monday, May 6, 2019
By C. Edward S. Mitchell, Chairman

Attendance

Present were: Judge Lovecchio, Robert Cronin, Brad Hillman, Michele Frey, Skip Greevy, Jessica Harlow, Ed Mitchell, Joseph Rider, Cliff Rieders, Dave Wilk, Jeff Yates

Old Business

Backlog of Criminal Cases

The backlog of criminal cases remains a problem.

Jury Questionnaires

Additional questions for use in civil cases have been discussed at a conference of the civil trial attorneys and accepted by the Court and are being implemented.

Funding Difficulties with Commissioners

The judges have considered the suggestion made that a committee of the Bar be formed to meet with the Commissioners in an attempt to improve the communications between the Commissioners and the Court. The Court expressed its appreciation for the suggestion but decided against the suggestion.

New Business

Superior Court in Williamsport

The special sessions of the Superior Court for arguments in Williamsport are being held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7 and 8, 2019, in Courtroom 1.

The judges will be: Mary Jane Bowes, Judith Ference Olson and Victor P. Stabile.

A CLE program will be presented by the Superior Court Judges at the Community Theater League facility on May 8, 2019.

Amended Support Guidelines

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court amended Pennsylvania's Support Guidelines to revise the formulas for determining how spousal support is calculated to account for the fact that such payments are no longer tax deductible.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Edward S. Mitchell
Chairman