

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUSTICE

Quick Look for Young Voters



95% of all cases begin (or end) with the Magistrate. When selecting a Magisterial District Justice think about the person you would want to help you if you found yourself in front of them.

What does a Magistrate do?

The magistrate settles minor disputes and determines which serious criminal cases should go to the Court of Common Pleas.

- Truancy and other Citations
- Arraignments, bail, issues warrants for misdemeanors and summary (minor) criminal matters (disorderly conduct, under age drinking, petty theft, etc)
- Certain traffic violations (Driving without a license, expired registration)
- Civil cases (like landlord/tenant) and other small claims (under \$12,000)

46

The number of Magistrates in Allegheny County

21

The number of Magisterial District Justice races taking place in Allegheny County this voting cycle AND the minimum age required to run for the position.



Visit Vote411.org to see if there is a Magisterial District Judge race in your area this cycle.

VOTERS

elect Magisterial District Justices to serve 6-year terms

Annual Salary \$93,338 

A person does not need to have any legal qualifications nor have attended college to serve on a Magisterial Court; but must complete training program administered by the Minor Judiciary Education Board.

REFERENCES

<https://apps.alleghenycourts.us/magisterial-district-courts/offices.aspx>