Magisterial District Judge Bail Setting & Pre-Trial Incarceration

Senior Judges 7 out of top 10 judges with the highest numbers of defendants held pre-trial are senior judges (below). The PA Constitution requires judges to retire at 75, but the state court administrator allows judges to continue on as Senior Judges.

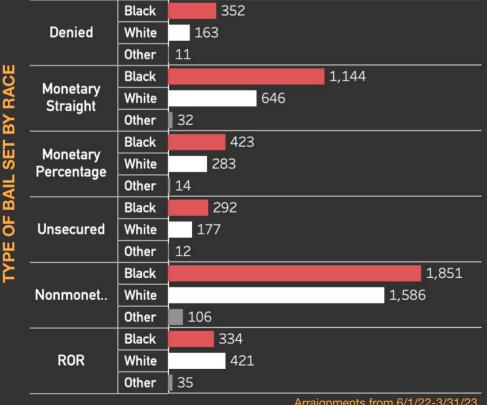
DEFENDANTS HELD

	Election Status '23	Arraignments	% Held	% Monetary	Total Monetary Bail
Robert Paul Dzvonick	Senior Judge	522	76%	74%	\$4,301,000
Eileen M. Conroy	Senior Judge	737	49%	42%	\$4,814,000
Thomas S. Brletic	Senior Judge	446	54%	49%	\$2,577,777
Craig C. Stephens	Continuing Term	563	30%	24%	\$5,085,800
Robert Ravenstahl Jr.	Senior Judge	360	35%	34%	\$1,491,000
Thomas R. Torkowsky	Senior Judge	180	66%	64%	\$1,741,000
Daniel E. Butler	Running for Re-Election	215	51%	47%	\$650,500
Eugene F. Riazzi Jr.	Continuing Term	203	46%	42%	\$1,639,000
Randy C. Martini	Senior Judge	186	47%	42%	\$1,039,000
Linda Inez Zucco	Senior Judge	179	47%	39%	\$444,000

Arraignments from 6/1/22-3/31/23

Because Senior Judges oversee more arraignments, and tend to preside during night court where fewer parties are present, you are more likely to encounter a senior judge, who more likely has a harsher bail setting track record, with high rates of setting monetary bond or denials.

Demographics of Bail



Racial disparities continue in bail decision making.

Black defendants are 1.6x more likely than white defendants to be denied bail

Black defendants are 1.25x more likely than white defendants to get monetary bail (unsecured or secured full/straight or secured percent)

White defendants are 1.27x more likely to be released on nonmonetary or ROR bail conditions

Arraignments from 6/1/22-3/31/23

Black defendants have a 34% higher bail than white defendants

Average Bail (Black)

\$22,473

Average Bail (White)

\$16.751