



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.

TOP 10 JUDGES:
DEFENDANTS HELD
PRE-TRIAL

	Election Status '23	Arraignments	% Held	% Monetary	Total Monetary Bail
Robert Paul Dzvonic	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

TYPE OF BAIL SET BY RACE

Type of Bail	Race	Count
Denied	Black	352
	White	163
	Other	11
Monetary Straight	Black	1,144
	White	646
	Other	32
Monetary Percentage	Black	423
	White	283
	Other	14
Unsecured	Black	292
	White	177
	Other	12
Nonmonet..	Black	1,851
	White	1,586
	Other	106
ROR	Black	334
	White	421
	Other	35

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