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PRESS RELEASE

TO: **ALL LOCAL MEDIA**

FOR: **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

FROM: **Joseph F. Kameen**
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DATE: **February 22, 2013**

RE: **SUPREME COURT ELECTS TO RETAIN ALL FOUR**
                   MDJ OFFICES FOR PIKE COUNTY

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The Pennsylvania Supreme Court in an Order issued on February 21 has elected to retain all four Magisterial District Courts for Pike County. The Per Curiam Order provides that the four MDJ Courts are "re-established to be effective immediately". The effect of the order is simply to reconfirm the current districts in terms of their jurisdiction and the positions of the Magisterial District Judges.

The Order eliminates certain confusion related to the 2013 elections since two of the MDJ positions are up for election this year. If the Supreme Court had consolidated the districts, that would have eliminated one of the elections and changed the jurisdictional areas of the other courts. Since the order makes no changes in the current configuration of the MDJ courts, the elections this year shall proceed as originally anticipated.

According to the Order, Magisterial District 60-03-1 is comprised of Matamoras Borough, Milford Borough, Milford Township and Westfall Township and is presided over by MD Judge Deborah Fisher. Magisterial District 60-3-02 covers Blooming Grove Township, Greene Township and Palmyra Township and is presided over by MD Judge Jay Rose. Magisterial District 60-3-03 covers Dingman Township, Lackawaxen Township and Shohola Township and is presided over by MD Judge Alan Cooper. Magisterial District 60-3-04 is comprised of Delaware Township, Lehman Township and Porter Township and is presided over by MD Judge Stephen McBride.

For this year's elections, the positions of MD Judge for Districts 60-3-02 involving Blooming Grove, Greene and Palmyra Townships and 60-3-04 involving Delaware, Lehman and Porter Townships are up for election.