

# 2008-2009 COURT SCHEDULE

## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

### FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### Honorable Joseph M. James, President Judge

#### CIVIL DIVISION

#### GENE STRASSBURGER

#### ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

#### SEPTEMBER 2008

**1** .....**Labor Day**  
 2-5 ..... Jury Trials  
 8-12 ..... Jury Trials  
 15-19 ..... Jury Trials  
 22-26 ..... Jury Trials  
 29, 30 ..... Jury Trials

#### OCTOBER 2008

1 ..... Jury Trials  
 2, 3 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 6 ..... Arguments  
 7-10 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
**13** .....**Columbus Day (Observed)**  
 14-17 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 20-22 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 23, 24 ..... Conciliations  
 27-29 ..... Conciliations  
 30 ..... Call of the Jury and Nonjury Trial List  
 31 ..... Selection of Juries

#### NOVEMBER 2008

3 ..... Jury Trials  
**4** .....**Election Day**  
 5-7 ..... Jury Trials  
 10 ..... Jury Trials  
**11** .....**Veterans' Day**  
 12-14 ..... Jury Trials  
 17-21 ..... Jury Trials  
 24-26 ..... Jury Trials  
**27, 28** .....**Thanksgiving Holidays**

#### DECEMBER 2008

1-5 ..... Jury Trials  
 8-12 ..... Jury Trials  
 15 ..... Arguments  
 16-19 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 22-24 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
**25** .....**Christmas Day**  
 26 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 29-31 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals

#### JANUARY 2009

**1** .....**New Year's Day**  
 2 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 5-7 ..... Conciliations  
 8 ..... Conciliations and Call of the Jury and Nonjury Trial List  
 9 ..... Conciliations and Selection of Juries  
 12-16 ..... Jury Trials  
**19** .....**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Observed)**  
 20-23 ..... Jury Trials  
 26-30 ..... Jury Trials

#### FEBRUARY 2009

2-6 ..... Jury Trials  
 9-13 ..... Jury Trials  
**16** .....**Presidents' Day**  
 17 ..... Arguments  
 18-20 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 23-27 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals

#### MARCH 2009

2-4 ..... Conciliations  
 5 ..... Conciliations and Call of the Jury and Nonjury Trial List  
 6 ..... Conciliations and Selection of Juries  
 9-13 ..... Jury Trials  
 16-20 ..... Jury Trials  
 23-27 ..... Jury Trials  
 30, 31 ..... Jury Trials

#### APRIL 2009

1-3 ..... Jury Trials  
 6-9 ..... Jury Trials  
**10** .....**Good Friday**  
 13 ..... Arguments  
 14-17 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 20-24 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 27-29 ..... Conciliations  
 30 ..... Conciliations and Call of the Jury and Nonjury Trial List

#### MAY 2009

1 ..... Conciliations and Selection of Juries  
 4-8 ..... Jury Trials  
 11-15 ..... Jury Trials  
 18 ..... Jury Trials  
**19** .....**Primary Election Day**  
 20-22 ..... Jury Trials  
**25** .....**Memorial Day (Observed)**  
 26-29 ..... Jury Trials

#### JUNE 2009

1-5 ..... Jury Trials  
 8-12 ..... Jury Trials  
**15** .....**Flag Day (Observed)**  
 16 ..... Arguments  
 17 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 18, 19 ..... Annual Bench-Bar Conference  
 22-26 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals  
 29, 30 ..... Equity Trials, Nonjury Trials, Tax Appeals

#### JULY 2009

1, 2 ..... *Board of Viewers* – Tax Assessment Appeals and Eminent Domain Matters  
*Civil Division Judges* – Equity Trials, Asbestos Cases, Conciliations, Arguments, Nonjury Arbitration Appeals, Motions on an Individual Calendar Basis  
**3** .....**Independence Day (Observed)**  
 6-31 ..... *Board of Viewers* – Tax Assessment Appeals and Eminent Domain Matters  
*Civil Division Judges* – Equity Trials, Asbestos Cases, Conciliations, Arguments, Nonjury Arbitration Appeals, Motions on an Individual Calendar Basis

#### AUGUST 2009

3-28 ..... *Board of Viewers* – Tax Assessment Appeals and Eminent Domain Matters  
*Civil Division Judges* – Equity Trials, Asbestos Cases, Conciliations, Arguments, Nonjury Arbitration Appeals, Motions on an Individual Calendar Basis  
**31** ..... Arguments

#### SEPTEMBER 2008

**1** .....**Labor Day**  
 2-5 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (5th)  
 8-12 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (12th)  
 15-19 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (19th)  
 22-26 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (26th)  
 29, 30 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas

Summary Appeals cases  
 Monday through Friday – 8:30 a.m.

#### CRIMINAL DIVISION

#### DONNA JO McDANIEL

#### ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

ARD=Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition  
 PDQ=Plea Disposition Quickie  
 PTC=Pretrial Conference

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**1** .....**Labor Day**  
 2-5 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (5th)  
 8-12 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (12th)  
 15-19 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (19th)  
 22-26 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (26th)  
 29, 30 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas

#### OCTOBER 2008

1-3 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (3RD)  
 6-10 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (10TH)  
**13** .....**Columbus Day (Observed)**  
 14-17 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (17TH)  
 20-24 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (24TH)  
 27-31 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (31ST)

#### NOVEMBER 2008

3 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas  
**4** .....**Election Day**  
 5-7 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (7TH)  
 10 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas  
**11** .....**Veterans' Day**  
 12-14 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (14TH)  
 17-21 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (21ST)  
 24-26 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (26TH)  
**27, 28** .....**Thanksgiving Holidays**

#### DECEMBER 2008

1-5 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (5TH)  
 8-12 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (12TH)  
 15-19 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas  
 22-24 ..... Nonjury, Pleas (No Juries)  
**25** .....**Christmas Day**  
 26 ..... Nonjury, Pleas (No Juries)  
 29-31 ..... Nonjury, Pleas (No Juries)

#### JANUARY 2009

**1** .....**New Year's Day**  
 2 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD  
 5-9 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (9TH)  
 12-16 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, ARD (16TH)  
**19** .....**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Observed)**  
 20-23 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (23RD)  
 26-30 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (30TH)

#### FEBRUARY 2009

2-6 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (6TH)  
 9-13 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (13TH)  
**16** .....**Presidents' Day**  
 17-20 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (20TH)  
 23-27 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (27TH)

#### MARCH 2009

2-6 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (6TH)  
 9-13 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (13TH)  
 16-20 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (20TH)  
 23-27 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (27TH)  
 30, 31 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas

#### APRIL 2009

1-3 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (3RD)  
 6-9 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (9TH)  
**10** .....**Good Friday**  
 13-17 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (17TH)  
 20-24 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (24TH)  
 27-30 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas

#### MAY 2009

1 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ  
 4-8 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (8TH)  
 11-15 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (15TH)  
 18 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas  
**19** .....**Primary Election Day**  
 20-22 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (22ND)  
**25** .....**Memorial Day (Observed)**  
 26-29 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (29TH)

#### JUNE 2009

1-5 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (5TH)  
 8-12 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (12TH)  
**15** .....**Flag Day (Observed)**  
 16, 17 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (17TH)  
 18, 19 ..... Annual Bench-Bar Conference  
 22-26 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (26TH)  
 29, 30 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas

#### JULY 2009

1, 2 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (2ND)  
**3** .....**Independence Day (Observed)**  
 6-10 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (10TH)  
 13-17 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (17TH)  
 20-24 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (24TH)  
 27-31 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (31ST)

#### AUGUST 2009

3-7 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (7TH)  
 10-14 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (14TH)  
 17-21 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PDQ (21ST)  
 24-28 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas, PTC & ARD (28TH)  
 31 ..... Jury, Nonjury, Pleas

ARD and PDQ cases Friday - 8:00 a.m.  
 Motions heard daily.

#### FAMILY DIVISION

#### KIM BERKELEY CLARK

#### ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

#### SEPTEMBER 2008

**1** .....**Labor Day**  
 2-5 ..... Hearings  
 8-12 ..... Hearings  
 15-19 ..... Hearings  
 22-26 ..... Hearings  
 29, 30 ..... Hearings

#### OCTOBER 2008

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 6-10 ..... Hearings  
**13** .....**Columbus Day (Observed)**  
 14-17 ..... Hearings  
 20-24 ..... Hearings  
 27-31 ..... Hearings

#### NOVEMBER 2008

3 ..... Hearings  
**4** .....**Election Day**  
 5-7 ..... Hearings  
 10 ..... Hearings  
**11** .....**Veterans' Day**  
 12-14 ..... Hearings  
 17-21 ..... Hearings  
 24-26 ..... Hearings  
**27, 28** .....**Thanksgiving Holidays**

#### DECEMBER 2008

1-5 ..... Hearings  
 8-12 ..... Hearings  
 15-19 ..... Hearings  
 22-24 ..... Hearings  
**25** .....**Christmas Day**  
 26 ..... Hearings  
 29-31 ..... Hearings

#### JANUARY 2009

**1** .....**New Year's Day**  
 2 ..... Hearings  
 5-9 ..... Hearings  
 12-16 ..... Hearings  
**19** .....**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Observed)**  
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 26-30 ..... Hearings

#### FEBRUARY 2009

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 9-13 ..... Hearings  
**16** .....**Presidents' Day**  
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 23-27 ..... Hearings

#### MARCH 2009

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**3** .....**Independence Day (Observed)**  
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 13-17 ..... Hearings  
 20-24 ..... Hearings  
 27-31 ..... Hearings

#### AUGUST 2009

3-7 ..... Hearings  
 10-14 ..... Hearings  
 17-21 ..... Hearings  
 24-28 ..... Hearings  
 31 ..... Hearings

#### ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

#### FRANK J. LUCCHINO

#### ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

#### SEPTEMBER 2008

**1** .....**Labor Day**  
 3-24 ..... Terminations  
 4-25 ..... Adoptions  
 15 ..... Audits

#### OCTOBER 2008

8-22 ..... Terminations  
 9-23 ..... Adoptions  
**13** .....**Columbus Day (Observed)**  
 20 ..... Audits

#### NOVEMBER 2008

**4** .....**Election Day**  
 5-19 ..... Terminations  
 6-20 ..... Adoptions  
**11** .....**Veterans' Day**  
 17 ..... Audits  
**27, 28** .....**Thanksgiving Holidays**

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**19** .....**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Observed)**  
 20 ..... Audits

#### FEBRUARY 2009

4-18 ..... Terminations  
 5-19 ..... Adoptions  
**16** .....**Presidents' Day**  
 17 ..... Audits

#### MARCH 2009

4-18 ..... Terminations  
 5-19 ..... Adoptions  
 16 ..... Audits

#### APRIL 2009

8-22 ..... Terminations  
 9-23 ..... Adoptions  
**10** .....**Good Friday**  
 20 ..... Audits

#### MAY 2009

6-20 ..... Terminations  
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#### JUNE 2009

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 9-23 ..... Adoptions

#### AUGUST 2009

5-19 ..... Terminations  
 6-20 ..... Adoptions  
 17 ..... Audits

Motions Daily 9:30 a.m.  
 Civil commitments daily as scheduled.  
 Other contested matters scheduled daily by the Motions Judge or Trial Judge.

#### COURT HOLIDAYS

#### DATE OBSERVED ..... HOLIDAY

September 1 ..... Labor Day  
 October 13 ..... Columbus Day  
 November 4 ..... General Election Day  
 November 11 ..... Veterans' Day  
 November 27, 28 ..... Thanksgiving Holidays  
 December 25 ..... Christmas Day  
 January 1 ..... New Year's Day  
 January 19 ..... Martin Luther King, Jr., Day  
 February 16 ..... Presidents' Day  
 April 10 ..... Good Friday  
 May 19 ..... Primary Election Day  
 May 25 ..... Memorial Day  
 June 15 ..... Flag Day  
 July 3 ..... Independence Day