

**NOTICE TO THE BAR –
COMMERCE COURT BAR AND CLASS ACTION BAR**

1. The Honorable Patricia A. McInerney is assigned, effective immediately, to the Commerce Court Program of the Civil Trial Division of the Court of Common Pleas to replace the Honorable Albert W. Sheppard, deceased. She previously served with distinction in this Program and worked closely with Judge Sheppard.

Judge McInerney shall assume responsibilities for pending matters from Judge Sheppard's inventory as of Judge Sheppard's last day of service in the Program, September 2, 2011. Whether reassigned to other judges or not, all matters pending before Judge Sheppard at the time of his death shall become the sole responsibility of Judge McInerney including any and all Motions and Petitions as well as any and all Decisions pertaining to these matters. All new filings shall be assigned to each of the three (3) judges in the Program on an equal rotational basis.

2. Effective immediately, only class actions of a commercial nature will be assigned to the Commerce Program. All class actions now pending which are not Commerce Court class actions shall be immediately referred to the Administrative Judge for reassignment. Any such class actions which are arguably not commerce class actions may be referred to the Administrative Judge by either counsel or the Judge assigned for a final determination and a decision whether the class action shall remain in the Commerce Program or be reassigned to another Program. Please see "Criteria for Assignment of Cases to Commerce Program", ¶7, Administrative Docket No. 01-2000.

BY THE COURT:

JOHN W. HERRON
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
TRIAL DIVISION