

# Pillar Of Justice

## A Speakers Bureau of The Pennsylvania Conference Of State Trial Judges

*Mountains of stories, rivers of ink* – it's printed in newspapers, shown on TV, heard on radio, and published on the Internet – news about the courts is everywhere, all the time. Pennsylvania judges can help put all the news about courts in perspective. And, we guarantee

- ✓ **No punditry**
- ✓ **No partisan politics**
- ✓ **No sensationalism**

Just a fascinating look at the democratic ideas and practices that make our system of justice possible.

**When you request a speaker** from The Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, you won't get a dull civics lesson or yet another dose of partisan politics. What you'll get is a trial judge prepared to show you an entertaining and informative video program, and ready to answer any and all questions about the courts.

*“Loitering in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” is a 22-minute video that shows what Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson would have to say about their experiment in democracy – particularly the way the courts fulfill their role – if they were transported to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The wit and wisdom of the two Founding Fathers is the core of the presentation that judges are ready to make to the members of your group.*

We are living in an historic moment of our country's development. And, by our words, our actions and even our attitudes, we will shape the future of our courts. This is an especially important time to examine the role of our courts and learn how to evaluate the criticism or praise that surrounds them. With all the criticism, controversy, and healthy skepticism, some Americans might begin to wonder whether our courts are just another political arena: a place where the most powerful or politically connected get their way. Can we trust judges to help safeguard our rights and settle disputes fairly and unbiased? Can we rely on the integrity of our legal system?

**Pennsylvania trial judges** have a unique perspective on the courts, and they would like to share it with your group. Judges have a firsthand knowledge of the legal system that goes far beyond the headlines, beyond the video images and beyond the politics of the moment. Ask a Pennsylvania trial judge whether the courts are strong enough to withstand the pressures of politics and interest groups, and you'll get an unequivocal answer: Yes. That's because judges understand that the strongest pillar of justice isn't made of stone, but is a rock-solid concept, supporting our courts and our rights – judicial independence.

*Members of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges hope to show “Loitering in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” in every Pennsylvania community. To schedule a judge for presentation of the program to your group, please complete this form and return it to Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges.*

**Request A Speaker**

**Contact Information**

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Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many people will attend? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form to:**

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