

Superior and Commonwealth Courts

May 20, 2025 Primary Election

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Superior Court - 10 year term (vote for not more than 1 in your party)
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	1	2	3	3a	3b	4	5	6	7	8
Maria Battista	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	N A
AnnaMarie Wheatcraft	Y	10	Y	Y	P	Y	G	Scalia	Reagan	E

DEMOCRATS

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Commonwealth Court - 10 year term (vote for 1 in your party)

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Maria Battista (R) – former assistant DA, counsel in the PA Departments of Health and State; **Endorsements:** National Hispanic Assembly of Pennsylvania
website: <https://www.battistaforjudge.com/>

Anna Marie Wheatcraft (R) - Judge on the Chester County Court of Common Pleas;
Endorsements: Republican Party of PA; Chester County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 11; **Which organizations do you belong to:** Bar of the Supreme Court of PA; Chester County Bar Association; Chester County Republican Committee; Technical College High School Occupational Advisory Board for Policing and Criminal Justice; **Prominent Cases:** CW v David Desper - road rage murder case; CW v Clayton Carter – dispute between neighbors -- **website:** <https://judgewheatcraftforpa.com/>

Brandon Newman (D) – Judge on Washington County Court of Common Pleas;
Endorsements: PA Democrat Party; United Mine Workers; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; International Union of Operating Engineers; PA State Education Association, State Reps Matt Bradford, Ryan Bizarro, Peter Schwyer
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COMMONWEALTH COURT CANDIDATES

Josh Prince (R) -- the principal of the Civil Rights Defense Firm, P.C. and associate at Prince Law Offices in Berks County, P.C. **Endorsed by** US Representative Ryan Mackenzie; State Reps Kathy Rapp, Dave Zimmerman, Aaron Bernstine, Mike Jones, David Maloney; PA Sheriffs' PAC; Chester County Sheriff Carolyn Bunny Welsh (retired); Schuylkill County Sheriff Joe Groody; Christian Bartulovich (Penn Forest Township Supervisor – Carbon County); Doug McLinko (Bradford County Commissioner); Matt Bellis (Founder, Reopen PA); Mini Quarles (Founder, Flip Philly Red); Jennifer Black (Administrative Officer, Flip Philly Red); Firearm Owners Against Crime; Gunowners of America **Which organizations do or have you belonged to?** Pottstown Police Athletic League, National Rifle Association (Charleston Heston member), Firearm Owners Against Crime (life member), Bull Terrier Club of Philadelphia, National Business Institute, Gun Owners of America. **Prominent cases:** FOAC, et al. v. City of Harrisburg (defending the rights of citizens to challenge laws before laws have been enforced against them); Andrew Dissinger v. Manheim Township School District (defending parental rights) **website:** <https://www.princeforjustice.com/>

Matthew Wolford (R) – former attorney for the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection
Endorsed by: PA GOP, Senator Dan Laughlin (Erie County); **Which organizations do you belong to?** Penn State Alumni Association; Temple University Alumni Association; Presque Isle Partnership; Erie Yacht Club; Erie Club; Hagen History Center; **Prominent Cases:** Minard Run Oil Co. v. U.S. Forest Service – oil and gas rights on federal land; Appeal of New Century Pipeline – local zoning issue restricting oil and gas development
Website: <https://mattwolfordforjudge.com/>

Stella Tsai (D) - Judge on Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
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