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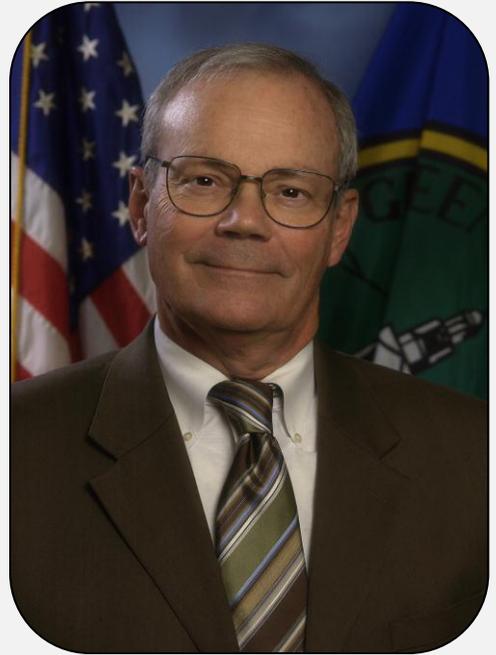
Honorable Judge William R. Nalitz

Background: The Honorable William R. Nalitz joined Judge Grimes on the bench in 1998 (elected to the bench in 1997) when the state General Assembly created a second judgeship to the County of Greene. He was retained in 2007 for a ten-year term and took office in January 2008.

January 5, 2009 - Judge William Nalitz became the first new president judge of Greene County Court in 23 years; with the retirement of the Honorable Judge H. Terry Grimes. The Honorable Grimes remains part-time as a senior judge.

About the Honorable Judge Nalitz: The Greene County judges preside over both criminal and civil cases. The term for a Court of Common Pleas judge is 10 years, and Pennsylvania law states that the judges must retire at the end of the year in which they turn 70 years old.

He is a graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, DC and Duquesne University of Law; Honorable Nalitz served as Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1966-1968 in Vietnam, Fourth Infantry Division.



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Judge Nalitz regularly has taken classes on various judicial topics sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. He is a member of the Waynesburg Lions Club and a member of the Greene County Bar Association.

President Judge William Nalitz reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 in November and will step down from his seat on the bench of the Greene County Court of Common Pleas at the end of 2014. Before taking the bench, Judge Nalitz practiced law from 1973 to 1997 in Waynesburg with the firm of Sayers, King, Keener and Nalitz (later King and Nalitz). Nalitz served as a trial attorney from 1991 until 1999, the year when the state General Assembly created a second judgeship to the County of Greene. He was retained in 2007 for a ten-year term and took office in January 2008. On January 5, 2009, with the retirement of the Honorable Judge H. Terry Grimes, Honorable Judge William Nalitz became the first new president judge of Greene County Court of Common Pleas in 23 years.

November 2014, the Honorable President Judge William Nalitz reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 and stepped down from his seat on the bench of the Greene County Court of Common Pleas at the end of 2014.

Personal Life: The Honorable Nalitz and his wife Linda reside in Franklin Township; they had three children, Thad, Carolyn, & Jennifer.

NALITZ SWORN IN AS NEW PRESIDENT JUDGE FOR GREENE COUNTY

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WAYNESBURG, PA – On the day of his retirement, outgoing Greene County President Judge H. Terry Grimes swore in Monday his colleague, Judge William R. Nalitz, to serve as President Judge of Greene County Court of Common Pleas. The swearing-in ceremony took place at 9 a.m. Monday in Courtroom 1 of the Greene County Courthouse in Waynesburg, Pa.

“I want to thank Judge Grimes for his 23 years of service,” said Nalitz, who joined Grimes in 1998 as the court’s second judge. “It has been an honor to work with him for the past 11 years.”

Grimes announced in November his decision to retire after 23 years on the bench, although he will remain as a part-time senior judge within the court until the state appoints a second full-time judge. Gov. Edward G. Rendell is responsible for appointing a replacement, which must be affirmed by two-thirds of the state Senate. The appointed judge is expected to serve until the first Monday in January 2012, following the 2011 municipal elections, at which point a judge will be elected. The seat is not expected to be on the 2009 ballot due to the timing of Grimes’s vacancy.

In 1985, Grimes was elected for a 10-year term and was retained in 1995 and 2005 for additional terms. Grimes’s term, however, would have expired in 2013, the year he turns 70, which is the state’s mandatory retirement age for judges. Nalitz was elected for a 10-year term in 1997 after the state General Assembly created a second judgeship in Greene County. Nalitz was retained for an additional term in 2007.

For more information or interview requests, Judge Grimes may be reached at 724-852-5212, and Judge Nalitz may be reached at 724-852-5312.