

Section 2 - Autism

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<p>The ASERT Collaborative Justice Project. (2019). Judge's Guide to Autism [E-book]. Office of Developmental Programs, PA Department of Human Services. Retrieved February 18, 2021, from, https://paautism.org/resource/judges-guide-autism/</p>	<p>This seven-part resource provides detailed information and overviews regarding acronyms, treatments, supports, medications, diagnoses, frequently asked questions, and resources regarding autism for judges.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/1.-The-ASERT-Collaborative-Justice-Project.-Judges-Guide-to-Autism-new.pdf</p>
<p>Dicker, Sheryl, and Marion, Robert (2012) Judicial Spectrum Primer: What Judges Need to Know About Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Juvenile and Family Court Journal 63, no. 2 (Spring). Retrieved December 3, 2020, from https://www.aucd.org/docs/lend/judicial_primer_judges_need_to_know_about_asd.pdf</p>	<p>This article provides juvenile, and family court judges information to aid them in making decisions concerning children and youth diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. It is divided into four sections.</p> <p>The first is written by a pediatrician and geneticist presenting information regarding the medical background for ASD, how it is diagnosed, and treatment options.</p> <p>The second section provides a review of federal cases and the Individual with Disability Education Act to assist in court-ordered services. The third section presents published appellate family law cases involving children with ASD. It applies to specific areas of child protection, custody, visitation, juvenile delinquency, and child support cases. Finally, the appendix includes a checklist to assist courts in gathering information for court orders and decision-making on ASD cases.</p>	<p>The article is long but gives a good, in-depth discussion on autism.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2.-Judicial-Spectrum-Primer.-What-Judges-Need-to-Know-About-Children-with-Autism-Spectrum-Disorders.-new.pdf</p>

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<p>Gammicchia, Carolyn and Johnson, Catriona. (n.d.). Autism Information for Advocates, Attorneys, and Judges. Autism Society. Retrieved December 3, 2020, from https://www.autism-society.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Advocates_Attorneys_and_Judges.pdf</p>	<p>The four-page resource summarizes the characteristics of autism, considerations for legal professionals, appropriate responses, and how to prepare for court hearings with individuals diagnosed with autism.</p>	<p>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/3.-Autism-Information-for-Advocates-Attorneys-and-Judges.-new.pdf</p>
<p>Regional Autism Roundtable. (2020). <i>Autism and the Courts [Website]</i>. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Retrieved November 10, 2021 from https://www.pacourts.us/learn/autism-and-the-courts</p>	<p>In April of 2020 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, along with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services launched a statewide initiative focusing on understanding the experiences of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the justice system. This resource includes videos of one statewide and five regional virtual listening forums. The forums, led by Supreme Court Justice Kevin Dougherty include a variety of individuals (judges, attorneys, and persons with lived experience) discussing struggles and possible solutions.</p>	<p>To access this information, use the link below:</p> <p>https://www.pacourts.us/learn/autism-and-the-courts</p>

