

Judge Nancy Butts is the President Judge of the 29th Judicial District-Lycoming County. Born and raised in the Philadelphia area she graduated from Lehigh University and California Western School of Law in San Diego, CA. Judge Butts has always served the people of Lycoming County since beginning her career in 1986 as an Assistant Public Defender. In 1987 she became Law Clerk for Judge Clinton W. Smith and a full time Assistant District Attorney in 1990. Elected in 1995, she became the first woman elected to the bench in North Central Pennsylvania. She is also a graduate with distinction of the General Jurisdiction Course at the National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada.

Judge Butts founded and currently presides over Lycoming County's Drug Court (since 1998), Juvenile Drug Court (since 2004) and Mental Health Court (created Feb. 2008). In 2008 she also became the County's 2nd DUI Treatment Court Judge. A member of the Statewide Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, she was appointed vice-chair of the committee in October of 2011. Judge Butts has also served on her County's Prison Board since 1999.

Judge Butts is a member of the Board of Directors and Corporate Vice President of the Community Theatre League. She is also an E.M.T. and Life Member of the Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company. She currently teaches part time at Pennsylvania College of Technology.