



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT
Judge J.J. Costello
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March 31, 2023

Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Council
Mayor of Cleveland Heights Kahlil Seren
Council of the City of Cleveland Heights

Re: Cleveland Heights Municipal Court - 2022 Annual Report

Dear County Executive, Cuyahoga County Council Members, Mayor, and Cleveland Heights Council Members:

Pursuant to Section 1901.14(A)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code, enclosed you will find information about the work performed by the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court, a statement of receipts and expenditures of the civil and criminal branches, respectively, the number of cases heard, decided, and settled, and any other data the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Secretary of State, and the legislative authorities require. The Report will highlight some of the new and continued improvements and community collaborations the Court undertook last year.

Throughout 2022, the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court continued to serve its vital purpose of administrating justice. We do so efficiently and judiciously, always upholding the Court's independence, integrity, and impartiality. I am beyond proud of our incredibly capable, diverse, and dedicated staff; without all of them, none of this would be possible. And with that, I am pleased to provide you with the 2022 Annual Report of the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court.

ABOUT THE COURT

The Cleveland Heights Municipal Court has jurisdiction within the corporate limits of Cleveland Heights. The subject-matter jurisdiction of the Court, that is, the types of cases that the Court can hear, includes preliminary hearings in felony cases, traffic and criminal misdemeanors, civil cases in which the amount of money in dispute does not exceed \$15,000, and small claims cases in which the amount of money in dispute does not exceed \$6,000. The judge also has the authority to perform marriages.

ABOUT THE JUDGE

I was elected to serve a six-year term as Judge of the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court beginning January 1, 2018. I am a lifelong Cleveland Heights resident, and my wife and I are proudly raising our two sons here.

I earned my Bachelor of Science degree from Miami of Ohio and my Juris Doctor degree from Case Western Reserve School of Law. After being admitted to practice in Ohio, I opened up a law practice in Cleveland Heights. I then joined a boutique law firm handling primarily landlord-tenant matters, real estate management, and code enforcement defense. Before taking the bench as Judge, I served as an Acting Judge of the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court.



In February of 2021, I was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ohio's Commission on Technology and the Courts. The Commission advises the Supreme Court of Ohio on matters such as the promulgation of standards for the development and use of information technology systems in Ohio courts, the development and implementation of educational and training programs, the exchange of data and information by and between Ohio courts and other justice system partners for greater efficiency of judicial administration, and any other issues necessary to aid and promote the orderly adoption and comprehensive use of technology in Ohio courts.

I also serve on the Court Technology Committee for the Ohio Judicial Conference, which explores new developments in court technology and policies related to it, and serves as a resource to help Ohio judges effectively use technology.

I serve on the Ohio Judicial Conference's Civil Law and Procedure Committee, which analyzes pending legislation with a judicial impact on civil laws and procedures and reviews issues and proposals relevant to judges with civil jurisdiction. It makes recommendations to improve the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, and relevant Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence.

I serve on the Ohio Judicial Conference's Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee approves the Ohio Judicial Conference's legislative platform, which the various committees of the Conference develop. The Committee meets almost monthly via conference call to discuss

legislative priorities of the Ohio Judicial Conference and reactions to other legislation that impacts the judiciary and the fair administration of justice.

This past year I was elected to serve as a trustee of the Association of Municipal /County Judges of Ohio. The Association promotes the development and enhancement of judicial professionalism, efficiency, and responsiveness to improve the administration of justice and foster public confidence in the judicial system. It annually sponsors a winter and summer meeting to provide continuing legal education and to foster an interchange of ideas and experiences among its members.

I serve as Secretary for the Northern Ohio Municipal Judges Association, which provides municipal court judges an opportunity to meet, discuss best practices, and conducts meetings and educational sessions to keep members apprised of any current legislative or procedural changes relevant to our jobs.

I am a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Bench/Bar Committee, which brings together Chairs of the various CMBA sections and administrative judges from courts in Cuyahoga County for a series of broad-based discussions with the goal being to improve our justice system while opening up pathways for communication between the bench and bar.

Finally, but maybe most importantly, I am actively engaged in educational outreach programs such as reading and visiting elementary school students at our schools and participating in various discussion panels.

CASE FILINGS

The Court had 10,875 new cases filed in 2022. This is a reduction of around 9.8 percent from 2021. Of those cases heard, 1,736 were civil filings, 7,505 were traffic cases, and 1,634 were criminal cases.

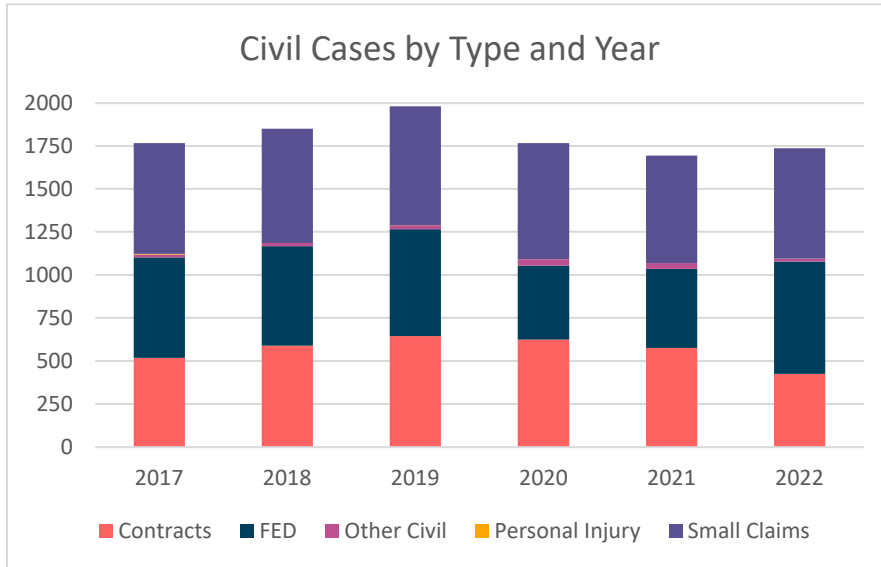
According to the Supreme Court of Ohio 2022 case statistics, the average number of incoming cases per judge in Ohio was 6,659.

After adjusting incoming cases to a per judge caseload, we had one of the highest number of cases compared to the other 12 general division municipal courts in Cuyahoga County. In addition, according to Supreme Court of Ohio 2022 case statistics, we heard 48 percent more cases than the average number of cases heard per municipal court judge in Ohio.

Civil Cases

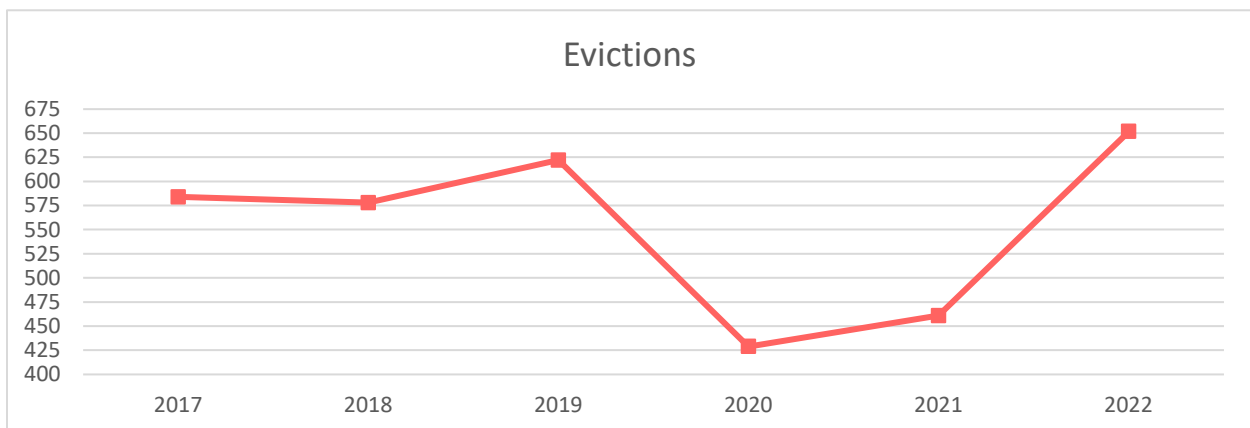
Civil case filings include contract cases, forcible entry and detainer (eviction) cases, personal injury cases, small claims cases, and others.

The Court continues to encourage and facilitate the settlement of civil cases, especially small



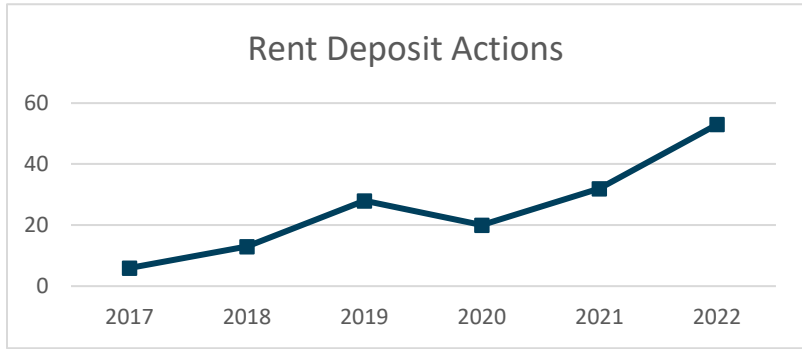
claims eviction cases, and rent deposit actions. For example, landlords and tenants can enter into binding agreements, either with a pay-to-stay or with an agreed move-out date, with status hearings scheduled for a later date. The status hearing docket provides landlords with the assurance that if

breached, the Court will enforce the agreement, and for the tenants, if they comply, there is no eviction judgment against them. This status docket has dramatically reduced the number of eviction judgments against tenants.

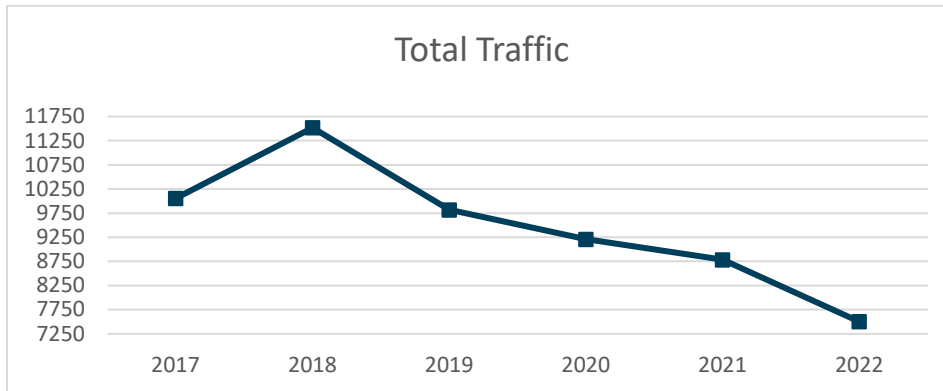


As for evictions, since the end of the eviction moratorium in August of 2021, there has been a steady increase in the number of filings.

The Court has seen a dramatic increase in the number of rent deposit actions initiated with our Court. In Ohio, if a landlord fails to fulfill any obligation imposed upon it by the law, the lease, or violates a building, housing, health, or safety codes that apply to any condition of the premises that could materially affect the health and safety of an occupant, the tenant may give notice in writing to the landlord, specifying the acts, omissions, or code violations that constitute non-compliance. After a reasonable time considering the severity of the condition, up to thirty days, a tenant may deposit all rent due with our Court. We then set the matter for a hearing to see if some resolution can be reached or, in the alternative, determine how and under what conditions some or all of the rents should be returned to the tenant or the landlord.



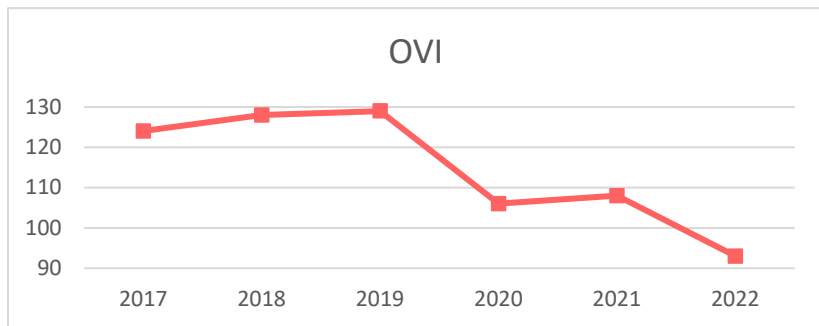
Traffic Cases



The total number of traffic cases heard, broken down by charges for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs (OVI) and all other traffic cases,

decreased from the prior year.

Many of these traffic cases include charges for driving under suspension (DUS). While an individual does not have the right to drive without a valid license, this Court recognizes that not being able to drive results in general inconveniences, loss of employment, the inability to gain employment, and family hardships. Driving without a valid license also burdens law enforcement, municipal courts, and the general public who



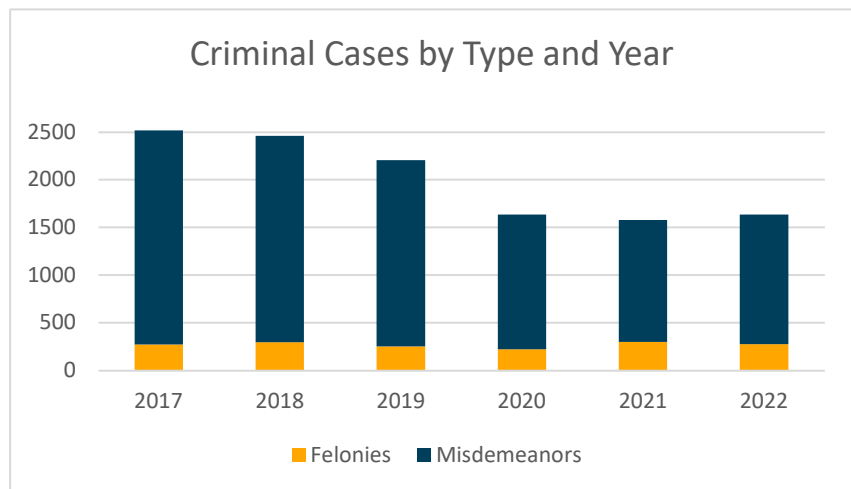
drive with valid licenses and proper insurance. The Court has a DUS Reinstatement Docket every Wednesday afternoon for these reasons. These dockets, presided over primarily by Magistrate **Kimberly Bolton**, seek to assist the defendants in identifying the requirements to become valid and allowing them to do so. This docket has succeeded in helping traffic offenders leave the cycle of suspensions and become valid, insurance-carrying drivers.

The Court is also working with the City to provide information on the nature, character, and demographics of citations issued. The hope is that with this data, we can continue to address concerns regarding discriminatory policing.

Criminal Cases

Of the total number of criminal cases heard by the Court, 1,280 were misdemeanors, including everything from a litter on public property offense with a maximum fine of \$150 to first-time domestic violence charges that carry a maximum sentence of 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The remainder of the cases were felonies. The Court only has jurisdiction to hold initial appearances and preliminary hearings in felony matters. At the initial appearance, the Court informs the defendant of their rights, the nature of the charges, the possible penalties, and the sets bail.



At a preliminary hearing, the Court determines if there is probable cause to bind the accused over to the Court of Common Pleas or order the accused discharged.

The number of criminal cases had been on a downward trend over the previous few years. As seen from the chart above, the number of misdemeanors was up slightly from the prior year. Felony cases saw a slight decrease from the preceding year.

The Court continues to provide appointed counsel on felony cases at the bail hearing and preliminary hearing. The Court also provides appointed counsel to all indigent defendants facing possible jail time.

On all criminal matters, the Court continues to follow its bond schedule implemented in 2019, which provides for a presumption of pretrial release by the least restrictive means necessary to

reasonably assure appearance in court and promote public safety. For most cases, other than felonies and crimes of violence, defendants are released on their own recognizance. A determination on bail is generally made under twenty-four hours and never more than forty-eight hours, after the arrest, even on weekends and holidays.

Housing Code Violation Cases

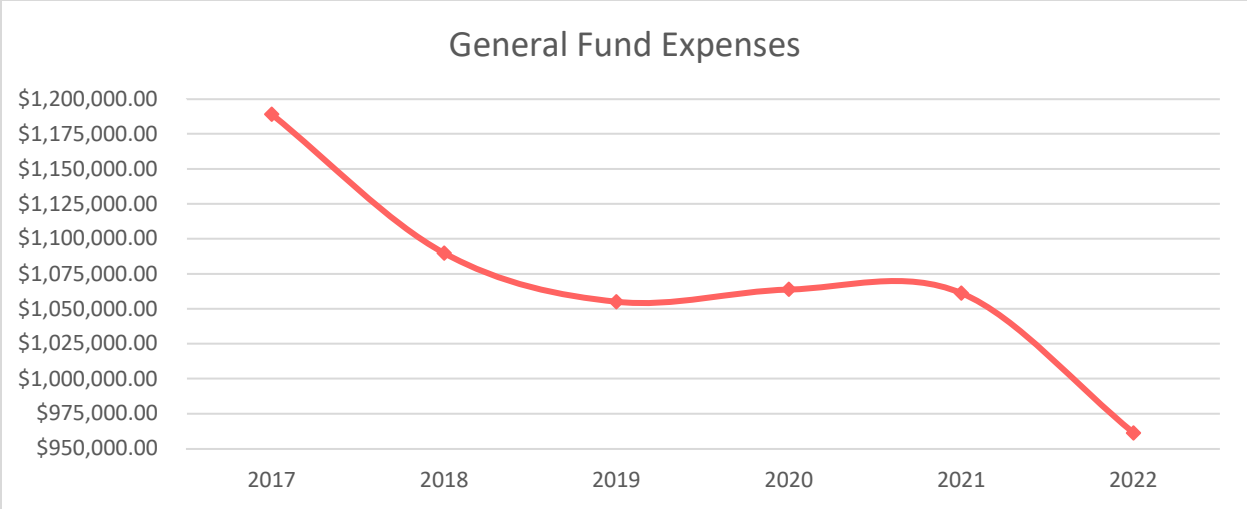
The criminal matters referenced above include complaints filed by the City of Cleveland Heights alleging violations of the City's Health, Housing, Building, Fire, or Safety Codes. The maximum penalty for an individual in a code violation case is a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail; the maximum penalty for an entity in a code violation case is a \$5,000 fine.

Although some punishment may be warranted, I emphasize compliance with code requirements as the primary goal of criminal prosecution; we, as a community, are best served when properties are repaired, rehabilitated, and maintained. The Court uses community control supervision, also known as probation, as a means to that end. After an offender is sentenced, some of the penalty is suspended, and the Court places the offender on community control. That community control includes conditions that require the offender to develop and present a compliance plan acceptable to the Court and then bring the property into compliance within that timeframe. If that occurs, the Court closes out the case without further penalty. If the offender violates any condition of community control, the Court has the opportunity to impose all or part of the sentence that was suspended.

We have a housing court diversion program in collaboration with the City and Home Repair Resource Center. To be accepted into the program, the subject property must be owner-occupied. Once the defendant is accepted into the program, they must meet with the Home Repair Resource Center and develop and present an acceptable compliance plan to the Court. If the defendant then follows and completes the compliance plan, the case is dismissed, no conviction appears on their record, and they can apply to have the record of the case sealed.

EXPENSES

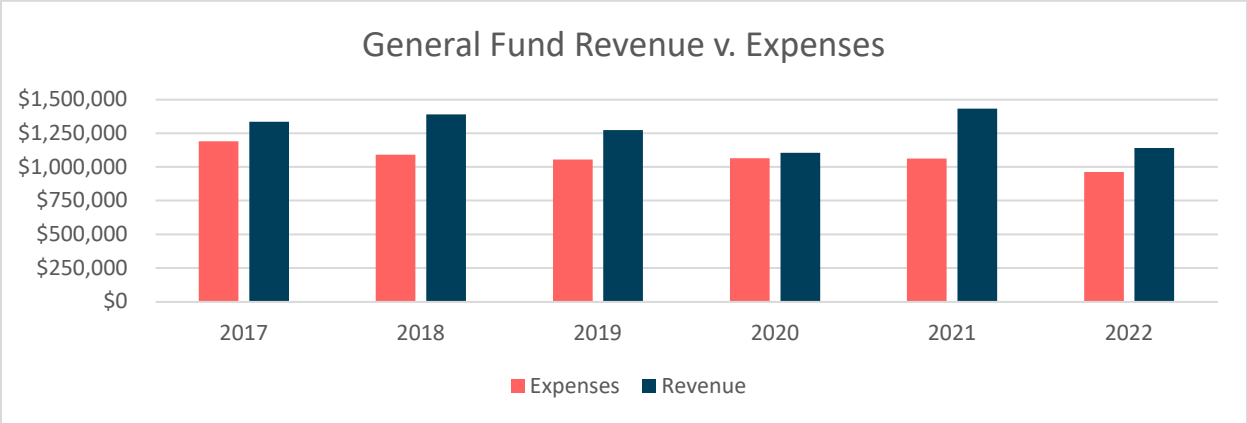
The Court's 2022 general operating fund budget, from which it paid for employee salaries and benefits, postage for all required notices and entries that must be sent to litigants, translator expenses for non-English speaking litigants, and much more, was \$1,205,812.81. This year, the Court again came in under budget by nearly twelve percent, with actual general fund expenses of \$961,245.88, which was a 9 percent decrease from the 2021 general fund expenses.



REVENUE

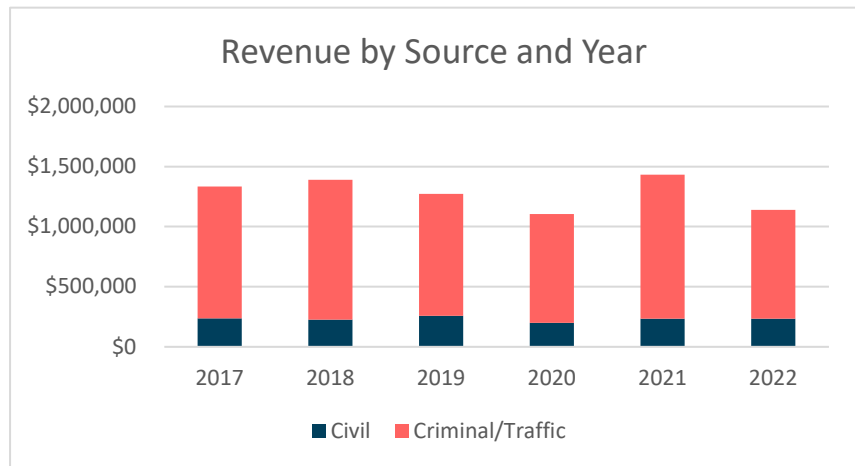
The Court should never be viewed as a revenue center - our mission is to administer justice. In 2022, the Court collected fines, costs, and fees totaling \$2,150,995.73. Of this, \$1,164,600.71 went to the City of Cleveland Heights, \$114,977.21 went to Cuyahoga County, and \$268,877.75 went to the State of Ohio. There was also \$77,608.70 distributed to the Court’s special projects fund, \$46,483.00 to the Computer Fund, and the remainder going primarily to litigants from the collection of civil judgments and special funds designed to provide for alcohol and drug abuse assessment and treatment for persons who are charged with committing a criminal or traffic offense where substance abuse was a contributing factor leading to the offense.

Although the general fund revenue was down from what was collected in 2021, much of that difference is accounted for in the bond forfeiture project the Court undertook in 2021. As discussed in last year’s Annual Report, it was discovered that many bonds had not been appropriately forfeited after there was a non-appearance. Hearings were set when necessary, and those bonds were then forfeited, accounting for the increase in 2021.



The Court continues to work diligently to collect fines, fees, and costs, but it is tempered by the importance of equity. Payment options are transparent, and the Court closely monitors the payment plans themselves. The Court holds its ability-to-pay hearings nearly every other Friday, overseen by Magistrate **Kimberly Bolton**. Those hearings focus on creating reasonable payment plans, community service instead of fines and costs where appropriate, and even job placement assistance.

As in years past, to make the payment of those fines and costs as easy as possible, they can be made either in person, by mail, or online from the Court’s website. The Court now allows payments to be made over the phone as well. In addition, where all other attempts to collect the fines



and costs have not succeeded, the Court has begun to use the services of Capital Recovery Services, Inc., which comes at no added expense to the Court.

TECHNOLOGY

This past year, our Court continued to make technological improvements. The Court was awarded a grant in 2021 to enable it to accept electronic traffic citations. Collaborating with the Cleveland Heights Police, Law, and Information Technology Departments, the systems were implemented throughout last year, and now, nearly all traffic tickets received are electronic. The use of electronic tickets reduces errors, both on the police and the clerk sides.

Ours was one of the first municipal courts to upgrade its online docket, so everyone has access to electronic images of the actual filings. When someone goes to the Court’s website, rather than simply seeing a docket entry that a motion was filed on a case, one can see the actual motion itself. The Court also continues to be almost entirely paperless and is one of only a handful of local municipal courts that allow for electronic filing online. Our Court continues to send court filings and notices by email rather than simply hard copies through the mail. The Court implemented a texting module that automatically sends individualized text reminder messages based on the specifics of a case.

In 2022, the Court was awarded a grant of over \$72,000.00, which will allow us to upgrade our probation management software to integrate with the case management software more fully. A

kiosk will enable probationers to check in for their appointments without seeing a probation officer. Probationers can be asked to answer questions or give information that is automatically entered into our probation case management system. Probationers can also ask questions, which can be answered by phone or on their next visit to the kiosk. The system will post all questions and answers to the Court's case management system, along with a photo of the person checking in. The kiosk will save not only the probation officer's time but also the time of a probationer who remains in full compliance with the Court's conditions.

With the grant, we will create a virtual courtroom that fully integrates remote hearings into our existing case management software. We will be able to conduct every part of a case that would typically occur in the building virtually. The added functionality will allow the Court to conduct virtual hearings more often and for more dockets.

COURT PERSONNEL

Magistrates, Visiting Judges, and Acting Judges

Under Civil Rule 53, Criminal Rule 19, and Traffic Rule 14, a court of record may appoint one or more magistrates who shall have been engaged in the practice of law for at least four years and be in good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio at the time of the appointment. Magistrates must earn 40 hours of continuing legal education, including 10 hours of instruction through courses offered by the Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College, every two years. Further, as part of the 10-hour Judicial College education requirement, three hours of instruction must be designated as "judicial conduct," which may include courses on topics such as judicial ethics, judicial professionalism, and access to justice.

Magistrates are authorized to conduct most, but not all, of the cases in the court, but only by reference from the judge. All the orders and decisions of a magistrate are subject to objection and review by the judge. In this Court, non-OVI traffic cases, ability-to-pay hearings, and most civil cases, other than forcible entry and detainer trials, are referred by me to the magistrates.

Kimberly Bolton joined the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court as a magistrate in April of 2018. A native of Cleveland's east side, Magistrate Bolton holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Hiram College and earned her Juris Doctor degree from Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law. Magistrate Bolton is admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio and the Northern District of Ohio. Prior to taking the bench, Magistrate Bolton opened her own criminal and civil law practice. Magistrate Bolton came to the Cleveland Height Municipal Court from the City of Cleveland Heights where she was an Assistant Law Director. She oversaw much of the civil and traffic dockets and also began reviewing and conducting probation violation hearings.

In addition to the Magistrate, the Court was assisted by the occasional return of assigned judges and an acting judge. The Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court may assign a retired judge to serve on a court when the judge of that court is unavailable due to recusal. The Honorable **Patrick Carrol**, formally of the Lakewood Municipal Court, the Honorable **Deborah A. LeBarron**, formally of the Euclid Municipal Court, and the Honorable **Robert G. Hart**, a retired judge of the Sandusky Court of Common Pleas, each served in that capacity this last year.

Peggy Foley Jones, a highly regarded mediator, arbitrator, and private judge for nearly 20 years and Judge on the Cuyahoga County, Ohio Common Pleas Court for 12 years, and **Rod Mastandrea**, a graduate of Cleveland Heights High School and practicing criminal defense attorney, defending the rights of accused defendants for nearly 15 years, each served as acting judges when Judge Costello was temporarily absent during vacations and judicial conferences. Their support was greatly appreciated.

Clerks

Clerks are entrusted with recording and preserving all that occurs at a court by maintaining a general index, a docket, and other records of a court. State law also mandates that a clerk receive, collect, and disburse all monies.

Our Clerk's Office was led by the Clerk of Court **Saundra Berry**. She is a Certified Public Accountant and is certified in government accounting and auditing. Her many accolades include a professional certification award from the Ohio Association of Municipal / County Court Clerks and a Certificate of Educational Achievement in Government and Auditing from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Lisa Walker, who holds a bachelor's and a master's degree and served as a deputy clerk for both our Court and the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, and **Avery McCauley**, who holds a bachelor's degree and worked for a number of years as a clerk with the South Euclid Municipal Court, each served as Chief Deputy Clerks. Assisting those supervisors, the Clerks Department also included **Antoinette Jones**, **Mark Koss**, **Karen Szekely**, **Lorraine Mumaw**, and **Samira Parker**.

Bailiffs

Responsible for the safety and security of all persons entering the courthouse and for maintaining order and the required decorum during all courtroom proceedings are the Court's bailiffs. Formally consisting of six bailiffs, the Department now has a staff of four. The Bailiff Department was led by Chief Bailiff **Cassandra M. Jones**. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Cleveland State University and an Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies, and she joined the Court as a deputy bailiff in August of 2005. She served as my personal bailiff and managed

all the day-to-day functions of the Court. This past year she began the Certified Court Management Program, a national certification curriculum that addresses the educational needs of court leaders. The Department also includes **Carletta Lloyd**, **Anthony Harper**, and **Samuel Cooke, Jr.**, each of whom joined the Court in 2022 and have created an incredible unit.

Virginia Journeé, who served as the Court for over 19 years, and **Terrence Harris**, who served the court for three years, each retired, and the Court greatly appreciates their service.

To help ensure the safety and security of all persons entering the courthouse, the Court utilizes a walk-thru metal detector, security wand for use at the point of entry when necessary, and a 24-hour closed-circuit camera surveillance system consisting of 14 cameras in certain areas of the courthouse including the upstairs probation offices. The bailiffs operate and help maintain that equipment. In addition to providing security, they also check-in persons scheduled for court hearings, assist with establishing ability-to-pay agreements, preserve and properly dispose of evidence, make outside service, conduct eviction move-outs, and run LEADS (criminal background) reports on defendants for traffic and criminal cases. Each of the bailiffs is certified and trained through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

Probation Department

The Court's Probation Department included Chief Probation Officer, **William "Skip" Gibson**, Probation Officer **Sherri Travis**.

Chief Probation Officer **Gibson** holds a Bachelor's Degree from Cleveland State University and a Master's in Education Administration/Counseling from Case Western Reserve University. He served 26 years as an Intensive Probation Manager for the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, and he has served the last eight years as Chief Probation Officer for the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court. Probation Officer **Travis** has a Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Kent State University. Before joining the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court in 2018, she served as a probation officer for nearly ten years with the Euclid Municipal Court.

The Probation Department primarily supervises offenders while on community control. Rather than impose jail, many offenders are put on community control, better known as probation. Often, community control includes prohibitions, like not having any further convictions or not using alcohol and non-prescribed drugs. It also often includes specific requirements, like completing anger management or anti-theft programs. The Probation Department's focus is on putting a probationer in the best position to succeed by monitoring progress, but they also timely report violations of probation.

The Probation Department also assists the Court with numerous other functions. For example, the probation officers conduct investigations and prepare pre-sentence reports for both criminal and traffic cases as referred by the Court. Those reports provide the detailed background information needed for a more informed court sentencing disposition. Last year there was a total of 203 pre-sentence investigation reports prepared, 71 for traffic cases and 132 for criminal cases. The Probation Department also, on occasion, assesses jailed defendants to assist with the setting of bail and suggesting and providing viable alternatives. One such alternative that the Court is increasingly utilizing is GPS monitoring of defendants while they wait to conclude their cases. Rather than sit in jail, the defendant is released with a tracking device.

The probation staff also assists in court warrant investigations, permitting, when possible, the offender to schedule a date and time to turn themselves in, rather than requiring a police arrest process. The Court has partnered with Cleveland's In the Neighborhood Program to allow individuals with warrants to appear for court without the threat of being arrested.

The Probation Department also provides the electronic monitoring connection for defendants, both pre- and post-conviction, and it receives constant reports enabling it to notify both victims and the police if there is an issue of non-compliance.

The Probation Department provides restitution collection services, monitoring the payments offenders are making to repay their victims. Last year there was over \$11,300.00 in restitution payments made to victims through the probation department.

The Court and its Probation Department continue to partner with the Cleveland Municipal Court and its specialized dockets, including the Mental Health Docket, the Drug Court Docket, and the Veterans Court. The defendants referred to these dockets from Cleveland Heights are still ultimately monitored by this Court, but this partnership enables the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court to provide defendants with the benefits of these specialized dockets, without the cost and time of creating a duplicative specialized court itself.

The Probation Department also provides and monitors all community service orders from the Court. Community service is ordered by the Court either as part of the punishment or permitted in lieu of the payment of fines and costs to indigent defendants. When a defendant is ordered or permitted to complete community service, the Probation Department attempts to refer them for service within Cleveland Heights. The major provider of community service referrals is the Cleveland Heights Public Works Department. Last year, there was over 477 hours of community service ordered and completed in Cleveland Heights. The Probation Department also makes community service referrals with several local providers, such as churches, food banks, education centers, libraries, and various non-profit agencies within Cleveland Heights and surrounding areas.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It is an honor to serve Cleveland Heights as its Judge. Whatever the case before me, I seek to uphold the ideals of our judicial system and enhance our community. I could not do any of this work without the support of my capable and dedicated staff. We strive to meet and exceed our obligations to the citizens of Cleveland Heights and the public at large.

In addition to the support of my staff, we continue to work well with our partners including Mayor **Kahlil Seren** and the members of city council. I would like to thank Police Chief **Chris Britton**, Cleveland Heights Law Director **William Hanna**, and Housing Director **Allan Butler**, and each of their staff. I also must acknowledge Information Technology Director **Ryan Prosser**, Director of Public Works **Collette Clinkscale**, Finance Director **Andrew Unetic**, and **Airesse Rowe-Gilmore** in Human Resources, and each and every one of their staff, for all the behind-the-scenes work that helps the Court function. We are also fortunate to work with many others dedicated to their profession, including victim's advocate **Deborah Benn**, **Dave Brock** and the staff at Home Repair Resource Center, and numerous attorneys, including those defense attorneys on our criminal and traffic indigent appointment list. Without all of them, the work of the Court could not be done.

Finally, as always, I think it is important to note that I am supported by an incredible community of active, vocal, and passionate citizens. The citizens of Cleveland Heights are, simply put, incredible. Although this Report is meant for the Cleveland Heights City Council, Cuyahoga County Council Members, and the County Executive, I hope that the citizens of Cleveland Heights find it equally or more useful in understanding the features, functions, and benefits of the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.J. Costello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

Judge J.J. Costello

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC BRANCH RECEIPTS

	2020	2021	2022
City of Cleveland Heights			
Local Costs	423,796.20	633,434.30	411,136.90
Computer Fund	39,194.00	45,931.00	33,288.00
Indigent Fund	11,891.37	14,199.95	9,768.99
Special Projects Fund	65,480.00	76,636.30	55,619.20
Fines	573,743.50	733,054.00	556,375.40
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Sub-Totals	1,114,105.07	1,503,255.55	1,066,188.49
 Cuyahoga County			
CRIS	28,586.00	32,187.00	24,262.50
Crime	788.00	810.00	659.21
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Sub-Totals	29,374.00	32,997.00	24,921.71
 State of Ohio			
Indigent Defense Support Fund	219,598.47	251,259.25	181,474.75
General Revenue	942.00	1,221.00	602.00
Victims Crime	56,480.00	64,493.00	48,764.50
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Sub-Totals	277,020.47	316,973.25	230,841.25
 Other Receipts			
Debt Collection		11,593.00	36,154.91
OVI Fines	10,664.00	8,865.00	7,049.90
Miscellaneous	8,346.30	7,503.55	7,397.80
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Sub-Totals	19,010.30	27,961.55	50,602.61
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	1,439,509.84	1,881,187.35	1,372,554.06

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC BRANCH DISBURSEMENTS

City of Cleveland Heights	2020	2021	2022
Fines	473,521.50	588,529.54	466,482.27
Costs	425,376.40	634,788.34	413,179.17
Housing	1,410.00	1,765.00	1,245.00
Computer Fund	39,176.00	45,943.00	33,288.00
Special Projects Fund	65,420.00	76,636.30	55,618.70
Indigent Fund	13,408.37	15,420.95	9,768.99
Drug Fines	200.00	85.00	0.00
Other Cost	2,462.00	3,594.95	7,397.80
Sub-Total	<u>1,020,974.27</u>	<u>1,366,763.08</u>	<u>986,979.93</u>
Cuyahoga County			
Regular Fines	36,236.00	51,484.00	40,443.90
Uniform Traffic Fines	59,651.00	88,459.50	46,058.10
REDDS	28,586.00	32,197.00	24,262.50
Crime Stop	788.00	810.00	659.21
1/2 Liquor Fines	75.00	222.50	437.50
Public Defender	1,534.00	2,147.50	2,720.00
Reimburse/Witness/Jury	256.00	362.00	396.00
Sub-Total	<u>127,126.00</u>	<u>175,682.50</u>	<u>114,977.21</u>
State of Ohio			
RRF/Victims Fund	56,471.00	64,511.00	48,764.50
Indigent Defense Support Fund	197,429.03	251,259.25	181,474.75
Seat Belt	3,600.00	4,010.00	1,941.00
Expungements	1,200.00	1,710.00	895.00
1/2 Liquor Fines	75.00	222.50	437.50
BMV Fees	105.00	225.00	90.00
Pharmacy Board (Drug)	260.00	160.00	75.00
Sub-Total	<u>259,140.03</u>	<u>322,097.75</u>	<u>233,677.75</u>
Other Disbursements			
Debt Collection		11,134.80	36,510.91
OVI Housing Fund*	3,467.00	2,667.00	2,253.00
OVI Arrest Agency*	1,438.00	1,120.00	1,078.00
Sub-Total	<u>4,905.00</u>	<u>14,921.80</u>	<u>39,841.91</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>1,412,145.30</u></u>	<u><u>1,879,465.13</u></u>	<u><u>1,375,476.80</u></u>

*Money from these two funds goes directly into accounts for the Cleveland Height Police Department for future OVI education and enforcement.

CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS BRANCH RECEIPTS

City of Cleveland Heights	2020	2021	2022
Local Costs	191,907.75	229,784.00	235,023.99
Computer Fund	10,706.00	12,612.00	13,195.00
Special Projects Fund	17,840.00	20,985.00	21,990.00
Sub-Total	<u>220,453.75</u>	<u>263,381.00</u>	<u>270,208.99</u>
State of Ohio Legal Aid	29,793.00	32,656.00	35,220.00
Judgements & Deposits	415,423.20	475,696.49	470,562.68
Bailiff Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,737.43	2,019.64	2,450.00
Sub-Total	<u>446,953.63</u>	<u>510,372.13</u>	<u>508,232.68</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>667,407.38</u></u>	<u><u>773,753.13</u></u>	<u><u>778,441.67</u></u>

CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS BRANCH DISBURSEMENTS

City of Cleveland Heights	2020	2,021.00	2022
Costs	191,705.32	229,730.22	235,596.63
Computer Funds	10,706.00	12,612.00	13,195.00
Bailiff Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marriage Fees	1,737.43	2,019.64	2,400.00
Special Projects Fund	17,840.00	20,985.00	21,990.00
Sub-Totals	<u>221,988.75</u>	<u>265,346.86</u>	<u>273,181.63</u>
State of Ohio Legal Aid	29,763.00	32,650.00	35,200.00
Judgements & Refunds	415,423.20	475,696.49	470,562.68
Sub-Totals	<u>445,186.20</u>	<u>508,346.49</u>	<u>505,762.68</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>667,174.95</u></u>	<u><u>773,693.35</u></u>	<u><u>778,944.31</u></u>

PAYMENT RECONCILIATION

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Fines Collected	30,406.25	38,358.00	53,436.75	39,689.55	33,092.75	43,351.50	32,615.37	41,823.75	38,594.35	36,684.00	38,762.50	39,667.50	466,482.27
Jury/Wit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Court Costs Collected	32,803.50	32,478.00	44,328.40	33,014.26	30,017.10	37,453.50	29,412.91	39,930.20	32,954.50	31,931.50	33,025.00	33,838.00	411,186.87
Clerk Computer (1901.261)	2,380.00	2,633.00	3,556.00	2,544.00	2,341.00	3,067.00	2,250.00	3,091.00	2,913.00	2,787.00	2,816.00	2,910.00	33,288.00
Other Court Cost	20.00	20.00	0.00	68.20	46.00	1,162.00	408.50	37.00	10.00	121.79	40.00	58.81	1,992.30
Special Projects (1901.26B1)	4,015.50	4,405.00	5,973.00	4,213.50	3,892.00	5,103.20	3,766.50	5,193.00	4,819.00	4,684.00	4,704.00	4,850.00	55,618.70
City Housing	105.00	135.00	270.00	165.00	75.00	135.00	60.00	75.00	45.00	45.00	105.00	30.00	1,245.00
Bailiff	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DUI Arresting Agency	5.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	125.00	30.00	77.00	218.00	144.00	51.00	180.00	123.00	1,078.00
DUI Indigent	738.33	727.58	1,106.47	831.73	722.78	919.43	621.32	800.87	770.50	1,008.80	830.00	691.18	9,768.99
DUI Housing	160.00	45.00	250.00	0.00	240.00	50.00	110.00	397.00	245.00	139.00	460.00	157.00	2,253.00
Drug CLH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unclaimed Checks	0.00	0.00	3,365.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,365.00
TOTAL CITY	70,633.58	78,801.58	112,410.62	80,526.24	70,551.63	91,271.63	69,321.60	91,565.82	80,495.35	77,452.09	80,922.50	82,325.49	986,278.13
Regular (1901.31)	2,313.00	2,653.00	3,689.50	3,529.00	2,788.90	2,917.50	3,644.50	4,387.50	3,257.00	3,982.21	3,610.79	3,671.00	40,443.90
Uniform Tr	5,205.00	4,033.00	5,738.50	4,299.00	3,340.00	4,449.60	5,167.50	4,161.00	2,013.00	2,350.00	3,224.00	2,077.50	46,058.10
Witness/Jury	10.00	0.00	40.00	16.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	100.00	30.00	40.00	60.00	40.00	396.00
Liquor (4301.57)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	0.00	169.50	100.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	437.50
Public Defender	100.00	119.00	171.00	239.00	220.00	131.00	458.00	324.30	190.00	220.70	395.00	152.00	2,720.00
CRIS Fund	1,784.50	1,911.00	2,555.00	1,804.00	1,707.00	2,209.00	1,659.00	2,201.00	2,186.00	2,111.00	1,970.00	2,165.00	24,262.50
Crime Stop	55.00	55.00	114.00	66.00	38.00	51.00	52.00	65.00	39.00	36.00	61.21	27.00	659.21
Capital Recovery	2,517.35	3,369.40	6,107.95	3,353.76	2,310.75	3,103.30	2,722.40	3,493.10	2,465.20	2,258.25	2,666.70	2,142.75	36,510.91
RRF/Victims (State line 1)	3,641.50	3,807.00	5,191.00	3,754.94	3,474.06	4,376.00	3,341.00	4,530.00	4,220.00	4,063.00	4,199.00	4,167.00	48,764.50
GRF/General (State line 2a)	12,896.00	12,967.00	18,414.10	13,283.50	12,190.50	15,559.40	11,644.50	15,683.25	13,819.90	13,650.50	14,219.00	13,518.00	167,845.65
(State line 2b)	1,239.00	1,333.50	1,855.00	1,277.50	1,253.00	1,582.00	1,134.00	1,537.50	1,498.00	1,473.50	1,408.00	1,513.00	17,104.00
Expungement (State line 5)	90.00	90.00	150.00	60.00	60.00	55.00	90.00	60.00	60.00	90.00	60.00	30.00	895.00
Seat Belt (State line 10)	40.00	345.00	146.00	195.00	35.00	190.00	60.00	175.00	245.00	135.00	120.00	255.00	1,941.00
Liquor Board (State line 4)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	0.00	169.50	100.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	437.50
BMV OL Forfeiture	30.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
BMV Warrant Block	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Board Pharmacy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	201.13	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.13
OTHER TOTAL	29,921.35	30,697.90	44,202.05	31,877.70	27,457.21	34,684.80	30,184.03	37,006.65	30,223.10	30,485.16	32,293.70	29,758.25	388,791.90
CRIMINAL TOTAL	100,554.93	109,499.48	156,612.67	112,403.94	98,008.84	125,956.43	99,505.63	128,572.47	110,718.45	107,937.25	113,216.20	112,083.74	1,375,070.03

CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Court Costs Collected	15,682.00	15,934.00	22,239.00	19,187.00	19,344.00	23,038.11	21,245.53	21,703.00	18,945.00	16,210.00	18,799.99	23,269.00	235,596.63
Baliff Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marriage Fees	150.00	50.00	200.00	150.00	250.00	300.00	300.00	250.00	150.00	150.00	300.00	150.00	2,400.00
Special Projects (1901.26B1)	1,380.00	1,490.00	2,060.00	1,830.00	1,710.00	2,125.00	1,930.00	2,075.00	1,880.00	1,520.00	1,780.00	2,210.00	21,990.00
Clerk Computer (1901.261)	828.00	894.00	1,236.00	1,098.00	1,027.00	1,278.00	1,158.00	1,242.00	1,128.00	912.00	1,068.00	1,326.00	13,195.00
Unclaimed Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL TO CITY	18,040.00	18,368.00	25,735.00	22,265.00	22,331.00	26,741.11	24,633.53	25,270.00	22,103.00	18,792.00	21,947.99	26,955.00	273,181.63
Rental Escrow Court Costs	243.83	147.22	123.14	155.40	65.64	86.08	115.63	97.06	174.23	99.05	288.48	193.17	1,788.93
1% Legal Aid	25.62	24.87	33.69	28.52	28.76	34.39	31.22	33.72	31.08	24.07	23.84	32.42	352.20
Legal Aid	2,536.38	2,462.13	3,335.31	2,823.48	2,827.24	3,404.61	3,090.78	3,338.28	3,076.92	2,382.93	2,360.16	3,209.58	34,847.80
Reconciling Adjustment							-803.53	50.00	0.00	0.00			
CIVIL TOTAL	20,845.83	21,002.22	29,227.14	25,272.40	25,252.64	30,266.19	27,871.16	28,739.06	25,385.23	21,298.05	24,620.47	30,390.17	310,170.56
GRAND TOTAL	121,400.76	130,501.70	185,839.81	137,676.34	123,261.48	156,222.62	127,376.79	157,311.53	136,103.68	129,235.30	137,836.67	142,473.91	1,685,240.59

CASE FILINGS

	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	O.V.I.	TRAFFIC	PER INJURY	CONTRACT	F.E.D.	OTHER CIVIL	SMALL CLAIMS	TOTAL
January	19	66	8	314	0	34	53	0	32	526
February	10	44	7	328	0	39	45	4	37	514
March	20	60	12	341	0	56	47	3	52	591
April	26	53	5	351	0	12	40	1	59	547
May	19	61	2	295	0	35	58	3	54	527
June	11	86	5	433	0	49	61	1	55	701
July	15	80	3	375	0	34	53	2	64	626
August	18	68	4	422	0	43	68	0	57	680
September	19	64	5	699	0	32	63	0	59	941
October	16	76	4	553	0	28	62	0	52	791
November	12	57	7	375	0	23	43	2	55	574
December	18	60	7	435	0	37	48	1	57	663
Total New	203	775	69	4921	0	422	641	17	633	7681

	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	O.V.I.	TRAFFIC	PER INJURY	CONTRACT	F.E.D.	OTHER CIVIL	SMALL CLAIMS	TOTAL
Administrative	6	21	2	113	0	2	0	0	2	
Individual		14	1	59	0	0	0	0	0	
January	6	35	3	172	0	2	0	0	2	220
Administrative	3	31	1	153	0	1	6	0	1	
Individual		9	1	55	0	0	0	0	0	
February	3	40	2	208	0	1	6	0	1	261
Administrative	4	34	2	224	0	0	1	0	1	
Individual		12	1	69	0	0	0	0	0	
March	4	46	3	293	0	0	1	0	1	348
Administrative	9	47	1	139	0	0	0	0	0	
Individual		10	1	54	0	0	0	0	0	
April	9	57	2	193	0	0	0	0	0	261
Administrative	2	38	1	176	0	0	0	0	0	
Individual		13	3	51	0	0	0	0	0	
May	2	51	4	227	0	0	0	0	0	284
Administrative	5	31	2	140	0	0	1	0	1	
Individual		13	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	
June	5	44	2	187	0	0	1	0	1	240
Administrative	7	40	0	131	0	0	1	0	1	
Individual		17	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	
July	7	57	1	177	0	0	1	0	1	244
Administrative	5	48	0	184	0	1	1	0	1	
Individual		23	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	
August	5	71	0	246	0	1	1	0	1	325
Administrative	10	43	1	162	0	0	0	0	1	
Individual		16	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	
September	10	59	2	206	0	0	0	0	1	278
Administrative	11	26	1	127	0	0	1	0	0	
Individual		21	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	
October	11	47	1	157	0	0	1	0	0	217
Administrative	4	28	1	136	0	0	0	0	0	
Individual		13	1	49	0	0	0	0	0	
November	4	41	2	185	0	0	0	0	0	232
Administrative	7	22	1	191	0	0	0	0	0	
Individual		13	1	49	0	0	0	0	0	
December	7	35	2	240	0	0	0	0	0	284
Total Reactivated	73	583	24	2491	0	4	11	0	8	3194
Grand Total	276	1358	93	7412	0	426	652	17	641	10875

