

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION SUMMIT COUNTY OHIO

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JUDGE THOMAS T. TEODOSIO
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division is to insure justice, thereby serving and protecting the public by:

- ◆ Providing access to fair, just and understandable forums for the timely resolution of differences and disputes;
- ◆ Applying and enforcing all laws in a timely and equitable manner; and
- ◆ Taking appropriate corrective, remedial, rehabilitative and preventive actions and using appropriate progressive programs.

The Vision of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division will provide the highest quality of justice and justice system services to Summit County communities by:

- ◆ Promoting cooperation among the courts, justice system and other community agencies and services;
- ◆ Initiating and implementing programs and policies designed to encourage ethical standards, enhance timely court performance and user accessibility;
- ◆ Using progressive court management technologies;
- ◆ Encouraging the use of appropriate dispute resolution mechanisms; and
- ◆ Continuously ascertaining, shaping and responding to the needs and expectations of court users and the community.

A LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF SUMMIT COUNTY

2008 brought new challenges and changes. Judges Mary F. Spicer and Marvin A. Shapiro retired from the Court and we readied ourselves for two new and long awaited judicial positions. Judge Robert M. Gippin was appointed to serve the remainder of Judge Shapiro's term. As a result of the November elections, we are joined by Judges Lynne S. Callahan, Alison McCarty, Mary Margaret Rowlands and Tom Parker.

The economy was one of the biggest issues for the Court as well as the nation. Foreclosure cases constituted 45% of our civil caseload. In response, the Court instituted a new multi-step foreclosure protocol. We put in place additional requirements for filings intended to streamline the process for both sides. Cases in which Answers are filed are first referred to our new Foreclosure Specialists, Ed Schneider and Suzanne Stephens, both experienced attorneys. The specialists work with both parties to resolve the case. Those that do not settle move to mediation where there is a 65% success rate. We look forward to working with the County and other interested parties to improve the number of homeowners who appear in court and achieve a satisfactory resolution allowing them to pay their debt and remain in their home.

In keeping with the Court's resolution to do more to achieve public safety by preventing future crime, the Court hired Randy Vipperman, an expert in addiction issues to assist in enhancing the Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Program. "IILC" allows first time offenders with substance abuse problems to go through treatment and be monitored by the Adult Probation Department for a period of eighteen months to three years. If successful, the offender's case is dismissed and the record is sealed, giving them a fresh start. Randy evaluates all of those proposed for IILC, makes treatment recommendations and works with the Adult Probation Department on appropriate interventions. Besides allowing for a faster resolution of the cases, bringing the evaluations into the Adult Probation Department has saved the Court a considerable amount of money as well.

The Adult Probation Department continued its self-analysis and improvement. The department was finally fully staffed. Volunteer officers and supervisors established a Quality Assurance team to set a strategic plan and interim goals to carry the department into the future. An external assessment of their achievements, vis-a-vis, the plan will take place on an annual basis. Probation Officers went through training in "cognitive skills," which can be passed on to offenders. Additional training in other areas is set for 2009.

The pressure on Magistrate John Shoemaker's office continued to grow and he responded ably. The number of civil protection order requests approached 600 in 2008. Thus, the judicial staff attorneys and eligible court attorneys were being trained to act as substitute Magistrates. They handled arraignments, CPO hearings and emergency order requests. They also handled any other matter assigned by one of the Judges.

The changes in the Magistrate's office reflected our commitment to doing as much as possible with the resources at hand. In preparation for the forecasted budget cuts, the Court combined a number of departments and streamlined processes. All of the staff is or will be cross-trained to cover other job duties. We reduced the number of paper orders and replaced them with e-mail notifications. We finalized job specific evaluations for all staff and used them for each employee this year.

I would like to recognize and thank the many visiting judges who have been key to the Court maintaining its civil docket while waiting for the two new judges. Ted Schneiderman, James Murphy, James Williams

and Marvin Shapiro retired from our Court and returned to serve. Judges Fred Interlied, James Kelly, Tom Curran, Judith Cross, Joseph Kainrad and Joyce George were drafted from other counties and have served us ably and well. We will miss having them here on many levels, although we may see them from time to time when one of our brethren is absent.

In closing, I thank my colleagues on the bench for their continued support and trust in electing me Administrative Judge again. It is a pleasure to serve the Court and the people of Summit County. I look forward to working with them as we face continued budgetary challenges. The Court will continue to seek to provide the quality of service to which Summit County is accustomed and deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elinore Marsh Stormer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

ELINORE MARSH STORMER
Administrative Judge

THE HONORABLE ELINORE MARSH STORMER

Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer graduated from Davidson College's Honors College. She received her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron School of Law. Judge Stormer was in the private practice sector until 1989 when she was appointed General Counsel to the Summit County Executive.

In 1991, Judge Stormer was elected to the Akron Municipal Court and re-elected in 1993 and 1999. She started the first municipal drug court and the first mental health specialty court in Ohio and has been a leader in bringing the concept of "therapeutic jurisprudence" to Ohio. In November 2004, Judge Stormer was elected to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. In keeping with her commitment to intelligent sentencing and a "smart on crime" approach, in September 2006, she began Summit County's first Reentry Court to assist felons returning from prison to become law-abiding citizens.

The General Division Judges elected Judge Stormer as Administrative Judge for 2007 and again in 2008. In this position, she oversees the budgetary and personnel matters for a court of 157 employees and a budget of \$13 million, in addition to maintaining her docket.

Among others, Judge Stormer serves on the Ohio Judicial Conference Specialized Courts Committee and the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. She is a board member of the Akron Urban League and Ardmore, Inc. In the past, she has served on the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on the Mentally Ill in the Courts, its Drug Court Task Force, Ohio Community Corrections Organization Board, Summit County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services, Weathervane, Community Aids Network, Women's Network, and the Citizens Advisory Board of the Akron Junior League, as well as numerous other community organizations.

Judge Stormer has received many community awards including the statewide OCCO C. J. McLin Award, the Urban Light Award for Public Service, the Fred Frese Advocacy Award and the Public Official of the Year Award from the DAR. In 2008, Judge Stormer was honored to receive the Harold Stubbs Award for Law and the Committee Chair of the Year Award from the Akron Bar Association.



Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer and Staff

From left: Shana Schweikert (Judicial Assistant), Shauna Corder (Bailiff),
Casey Kelly (Judicial Attorney)

THE HONORABLE PAUL J. GALLAGHER

Judge Paul J. Gallagher graduated from The University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1966. He received his Masters Degree from John Hopkins University in 1980. Thereafter, he received a Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron in 1986 and was admitted to the Ohio Bar the same year.

Judge Gallagher served as an Assistant to the County Executive of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in 1974 and 1975 and as Chief Assistant to the County Manager of Baltimore County, Maryland, from 1976 to 1980. He returned home to Summit County and served as Safety Service Director for the City of Tallmadge until he entered law school. From 1991 through 2006, Judge Gallagher served as Assistant Prosecutor for Portage County Prosecutor's Office. In 1985, he was elected to serve as an at-large member of Summit County Council where he served for 22 years before being elected to the bench.

In November 2006, Judge Gallagher was elected Summit County Common Pleas Judge with the term beginning January 1, 2007.

Judge Gallagher was elected by the Summit County Common Pleas Judges to serve as Presiding Judge in 2008.



Judge Paul J. Gallagher and Staff

From left: Patricia Himelrigh (Judicial Attorney), Michelle Manchester (Bailiff),
Bridget Walters (Judicial Assistant)

THE HONORABLE PATRICIA A. COSGROVE

Judge Patricia A. Cosgrove received her B.A. from The University of Akron in 1974 and was the recipient of the Akron University Alumni Scholarship. She received her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1978. While working her way through school, Judge Cosgrove served as a Law Clerk for the Ninth District Court of Appeals.

From 1978 to 1980, Judge Cosgrove served as Assistant Akron Law Director. She was a Senior Assistant Summit County Prosecutor in the Criminal Trial Division from 1981 to 1991. She also maintained a private law practice. Judge Cosgrove later served as Chief Counsel of the Civil Division of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. In 1993, she was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, elected in 1994, re-elected in 2000 and 2006.

Judge Cosgrove served as the Administrative Judge of the Common Pleas Court, General Division in 1995, 1996 and 2006. She also has served as Presiding Judge for two sessions. Judge Cosgrove currently serves as First Vice-President of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association and has been appointed by the Ohio Supreme Court to sit on the Committee to Study the Rules of Superintendence for Ohio Courts.

Judge Cosgrove has received special recognition from the Akron Bar Association for her work in mentoring students, and participates in the Minority Clerkship Program established by The University of Akron School of Law and the Akron Bar Association. Judge Cosgrove is proud to be one of three Summit County Common Pleas Judges who participates in the Re-Entry Court Program for convicted felons. This program is dedicated to helping individuals returning from prison make a successful transition back into society by addressing issues of employment, housing and substance abuse.

Judge Cosgrove has served as President of the Scanlon Inn of Court, a professional organization that is dedicated to mentoring new lawyers. She is the recipient of the outstanding Alumni Award from The University of Akron School of Law in 2004.

Judge Cosgrove is married and has three children and four grandchildren. Judge Cosgrove has been active in community organizations such as the Community Drug Board Foundation, the Victim Assistance Program and the Akron Bar Association.



Judge Patricia Cosgrove and Staff

From left: Paula McAviney, (Judicial Assistant), Kathie Nelson (Bailiff), Kandi O'Connor (Judicial Attorney)

THE HONORABLE ROBERT M. GIPPIN

Judge Robert M. Gippin is a lifelong resident of Akron and graduated from Buchtel High School in 1965. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1969 and received a Juris Doctorate Degree from Harvard Law School in 1973. Following graduation, Judge Gippin worked as Special Assistant to the Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce in 1973-1974 and as Secretary of the Ohio State Real Estate Commission. He was a Prosecutor for the Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court in 1975. Judge Gippin was a Summit County Council member from 1981-1984. During that time he served as Vice President in 1981 and President in 1982-1984.

With more than 30 years of legal experience in the legal field, Judge Gippin was a partner with the law firm of Goldman & Rosen from 2004 to April 2008. He was previously a member of the firms of Thompson Hine, LLP in Cleveland from 2000-2003, and Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs Co., LPA in Akron from 1975-2000. His law practice involved mainly complex civil litigation for businesses, government agencies and some individuals in state and federal courts in Ohio and other states.

Judge Gippin is active in the community, having served on many boards and committees. He served as a member of the Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addition and Mental Health Services Board until being appointed Judge to the Summit County Common Pleas Court. He also served as a trustee for the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio and a member of the board of Project Learn of Summit County, an adult literacy agency. He is an active member of the Akron Bar Association and has served on the Federal Courts Committee, the Common Pleas and Court of Appeals Committee and the Certified Grievance Committee.

On April 5, 2008, Judge Gippin was appointed Summit County Common Pleas Judge by Governor Ted Strickland to finish the term of retired Judge Marvin A. Shapiro.



Judge Robert M. Gippin

Staff Picture Not Available: Janet Ciotola (Bailiff), JoAnne Blakemore (Judicial Assistant),
Suzanne Stephens (Judicial Attorney)

THE HONORABLE JUDY HUNTER

Judge Judy Hunter graduated from Ohio State University and later earned her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron School of Law. Judge Hunter worked in the private sector engaged in the general practice of law from 1978 to 1990. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Judge Hunter taught school. Past public service includes serving as elected Clerk of the Akron Municipal Court from 1991 to 1995.

On April 26, 2003, Judge Hunter was appointed by Governor Bob Taft to the General Division of the Summit County Common Pleas Court and was elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. Judge Hunter's past judicial service includes a term as Judge on Summit County's Juvenile Court from 1996 to 2002.

Judge Hunter is active in the community, having served on many boards and committees, including serving as President of the Board of Trustees of The Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio. Judge Hunter belongs to various professional organizations including the American, Ohio and Akron Bar Associations and the Ohio Association of Common Pleas Judges. Judge Hunter has been a frequent speaker at educational forums and community events.

Special awards include the Community Health Center's 1999 Friend of the Field Award, the 2002 Urban Light Award from the Department of Public Administration at The University of Akron, and a January 2000 award from the Better Business Bureau for "vision and innovative leadership in establishing the most successful conflict resolution mediation program in Summit County."



Judge Judy Hunter and Staff

From left: Kenneth Masich, (Bailiff), Laura Groza (Judicial Assistant),
Jason Adams (Judicial Attorney)

THE HONORABLE MARY F. SPICER

Judge Mary F. Spicer received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Heidelberg College in 1958, her Master of Arts Degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration in 1960, and her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron School of Law in 1965, and was admitted to the Bar that same year.

Judge Spicer was in the private practice of law with her father F.W. Spicer from 1965 to 1975 when she was appointed as Referee in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division. In Probate Court, she also served as Director of Human Services. She was elected as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1984, and re-elected in 1990, 1996 and 2002.

Judge Spicer served as the Administrative Judge of Common Pleas Court - General Division in 1987, and as Presiding Judge for many sessions including 2004. Judge Spicer presided over the Felony Drug Court of the Court of Common Pleas for five years, from its inception in 2002 through the end of 2007.

Judge Spicer is a member of the Akron, Ohio and American Bar Associations, as well as community and other professional and charitable organizations.



Judge Mary F. Spicer and Staff

From left: Janet Dutt (Judicial Attorney), Todd Connell (Judicial Assistant),
Alys Pearson (Bailiff)

THE HONORABLE THOMAS A. TEODOSIO

Judge Thomas A. Teodosio graduated from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1979. Thereafter, he received a Juris Doctor Degree from The University of Akron School of Law in 1982. That same year, Judge Teodosio was admitted to the Ohio Bar as well as the Bar for the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio and the United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit. In 1986, he was authorized to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

In November 2006, Judge Teodosio was elected Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge. In addition to his regular docket, Judge Teodosio presides over the Summit County Felony Drug Court. He is a member of the American Judges Association and the Ohio Judicial Conference where he serves on the Specialized Dockets Committee.

Prior to being elected, Judge Teodosio was a partner in the law firm of Teodosio, Manos & Ward where he served as an associate attorney from 1982 to 1989. While in practice, he served on the Summit County Trial Lawyers Association Board of Trustees and was a member of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the Ohio State and Akron Bar Associations. As an attorney, Judge Teodosio participated in a program that provided pro-bono volunteer services at the Hospice Care Center. He also performed pro-bono legal work through the Western Reserve Volunteer Legal Services Program.

In November 2000, he was elected to serve on Summit County Council and won re-election in 2004. Judge Teodosio was elected as President of Council in 2003 and was twice chosen to serve as its Vice President. While on Council he chaired the Finance, Public Works and Public Safety Committees. Also while on Council, Judge Teodosio was the Chairman of the Summit County Predatory Lending Task Force. Legislation he sponsored included legislation to battle methamphetamine labs by moving ephedrine products behind store counters; legislation creating the Summit County "Office of Consumer Affairs" and legislation establishing fuel quality testing in Summit County. During his Council tenure, Judge Teodosio also served on the Summit County Board of Control, the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, the Summit County Audit Committee, the Summit County Investment Advisory Board, the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs Board and the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board. He was a member of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and the Ohio Community Corrections Committee.

Judge Teodosio remains active in our community and currently serves on the Rebuilding Together Advisory Board, the Akron Zoo Board of Trustees, the Stow Schools Foundation Board, the Walsh Jesuit High School Board of Trustees and the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board. He was on the 2008 Fall Program Advisory Committee for Brown Mackie College. He is a member and past President of the Italian - American Professional Businessmen's Club and a member of the Sons of Italy. He is also a member of the Chambers of Commerce in Stow-Munroe Falls, Cuyahoga Falls and North Akron. He is a social member of AHEPA, the Acker - Moore Memorial Post and the Hibernians Club. He has been a celebrity chef at Summa Health System's "Men Who Cook" – since 2007 and in 2008 won the "Best Team Spirit Award." He also served as a celebrity chef for The GriefCare Place at their 2008 "Grapes and Gourmet Guys" event. Prior to being elected he served on the Board of Directors at Community Support Services, the Catholic Social Services of Summit County Board of Trustees, the YMCA, Western Reserve Branch, Advisory Board and was a member of the Stow Rotary.

Judge Teodosio's service to the community has been recognized by him being awarded the YMCA, Western Reserve, Paul C. Hutchison Service to Youth Award; the "Harold K. Stubbs Humanitarian Award" for "Distinguished Service in the Field of Government"; the Urban Light Award" from The University of Akron Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies for "Service to the Akron Community" and the "Achievement Award" from the Council of Italian American Societies of Summit

County. Judge Teodosio received the “Veterans Appreciation Award” from the Veteran Service Commission on October 16, 2008. He was a recipient of the East Akron Community House 40th Year Celebration of Community Organizing “Citizen’s Participation Recognition”; and was recognized at the “2008 Winter Toast to A Few Good Men” for his service to the community.

Judge Teodosio has spoken at many community meetings and events. He was a speaker at the Community Fellowship Ministries and Equal Access to Education, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 23rd Annual Breakfast and Service on January 19, 2009. In 2008, he was a presenter at the Akron Bar Association/The University of Akron School of Law, New Lawyer Training Seminar; he spoke at the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative, Fathers Walk, program; he was a presenter on State Court Procedures at the Akron Bar Association/Stark County Bar Association; White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute, “The Mortgage Crisis and Foreclosure Solutions”; he was the keynote speaker at the Barberton Democratic Club 2008 Annual Dinner; and he was a presenter at the “Medical Society Of Greater Akron and Summit County” Education Program for Physicians: “Medical Practice: A View From The Bench”. In 2007, he was the keynote speaker at The Academy of Court Reporting of Akron, Graduation Ceremony; and he was a lecturer for the Akron Bar Association Seminar, “Expectations of the Court” on October 17, 2007. In 2006, he was the keynote speaker at the Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce’s Adult Leadership Graduation; he served as the moderator of the “Open Discussion with Summit County Legislators And Legislative Update,” session at the County Commissioners’ and County Engineers’ Associations of Ohio and Affiliates 2006 Summer Conference and he was a guest on the “Senior Talk” television show on the topic of Predatory Lending and Consumer Issues. He was a speaker at Summit County Community Partnership’s 2005 Full Partnership Meeting, on the topic Update on Summit County’s Meth Abuse Prevention Efforts. In 2004, he served as the moderator of the Fair Housing Contact Services 2004 Annual Meeting, Panel Discussion on Looking to the Future: New Housing in Akron and spoke on the topic of The Importance of the Father-Son Relationship at Walsh Jesuit High School. In 2003, he was asked to be a presenter at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Annual Winter Conference on the subject Sustaining Home Ownership for Low Income, Elderly and Disabled in Columbus, Ohio. He has also spoke at The Akron Optimists Club, Leadership Akron and various Rotary Clubs.



Judge Thomas A. Teodosio and Staff

From left: Christopher Piekarski (Judicial Assistant), Matthew Rich (Judicial Attorney),
Not pictured: Jill Coleman (Bailiff)

THE HONORABLE BRENDA BURNHAM UNRUH

Judge Brenda Burnham Unruh earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wheaton College in 1980, graduating with honor. She received a Juris Doctorate Degree in 1984 from The University of Akron School of Law.

Judge Burnham Unruh was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1984 and was in private practice in Florida until she returned to Ohio. She was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1992.

Judge Burnham Unruh was the Coordinator of the Summit County Juvenile Court Guardian Ad Litem Program from 1992-1993. In 1993, Judge Burnham Unruh joined the Summit County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor. She served first in the Juvenile Division and then in the Criminal Division.

In 1997, Judge Burnham Unruh was appointed as a Magistrate in Juvenile Court.

In July 1998, Judge Burnham Unruh was appointed to the Akron Municipal Court. In March 1999, Judge Burnham Unruh was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Burnham Unruh was elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 2000, 2002 and 2008.

Judge Burnham Unruh is a member of the Akron and Ohio Bar Associations and is active in many community activities.



Judge Brenda Burnham Unruh and Staff

From left: Kimberly Miller (Judicial Assistant), Carrie Roush (Judicial Attorney), Tom McLaughlin (Bailiff), **Not pictured** Dawn Humphrys (Judicial Attorney)

CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY

The 8,943 Civil cases filed in 2008 reflect a decrease of 132 cases, or 1.5 percent less than the 9,075 cases filed in 2007. The number of Civil cases terminated in 2008 totaled 9,691. This showed a decrease of 359 cases, or 3.6 percent above the 10,050 cases that were terminated in 2007.

In 2004, the number of new case filings was 7,676 compared to 8,943 cases filed in 2008. This shows an increase of 16 %, or 1,267 cases. Civil Terminations increased from 8,789 in 2004 to 9,691 in 2008, which represents an increase of 902 terminated cases, or 9%. The average civil caseload per Judge was 491 on December 31, 2008, compared to an average civil caseload per Judge of 498 in 2007.

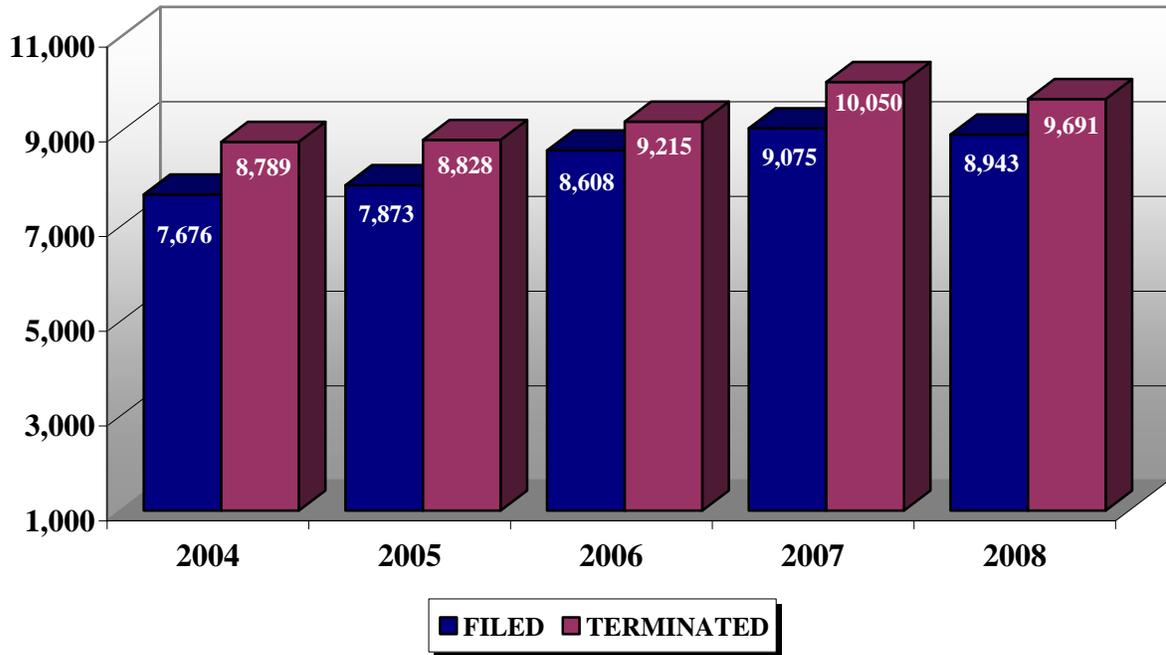
| TYPE OF CASE | Professional Tort | Product Liability | Other Torts | Workers Compensation | Foreclosures | Administrative Appeal | Complex Litigation | Other Civil | Criminal | <u>TOTAL</u> | Visiting Judge |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Pending beginning of period | 112 | 9 | 828 | 302 | 1,339 | 67 | 2 | 1,325 | 1,134 | 5,118 | 81 |
| New cases filed | 83 | 10 | 977 | 358 | 4,113 | 98 | X | 3,227 | 4,583 | 13,449 | 77 |
| Transferred, reactivated or redesignated | 31 | 1 | 129 | 79 | 216 | 13 | 2 | 150 | 1,262 | 1,883 | 52 |
| TOTAL | 226 | 20 | 1,934 | 739 | 5,668 | 178 | 4 | 4,702 | 6,979 | 20,450 | 210 |

TERMINATIONS BY:

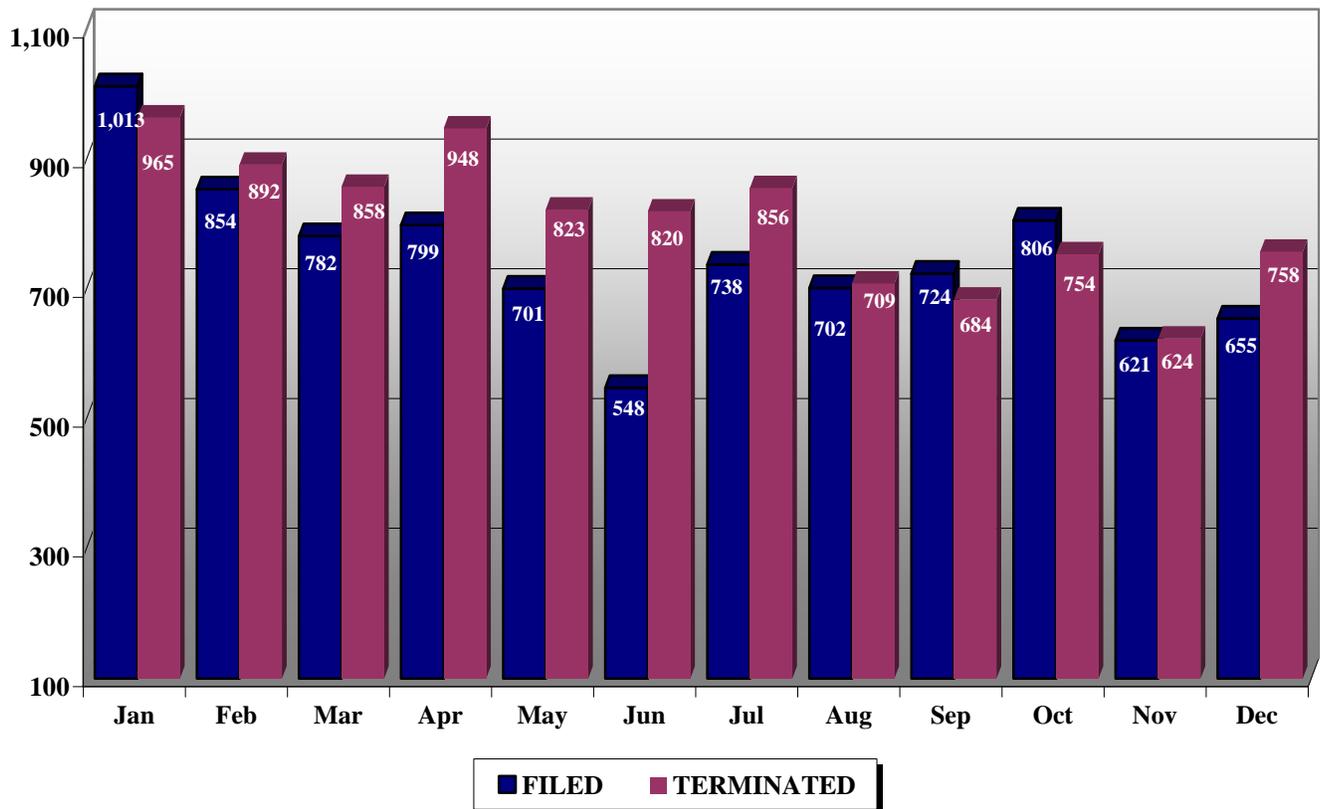
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|--|------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Jury trial | 13 | 0 | 37 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 147 | 217 | 3 |
| Court trial | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 38 | 60 | 2 |
| Settled or dismissed prior to trial | 46 | 2 | 519 | 196 | 81 | 7 | 1 | 422 | 0 | 1,274 | 7 |
| Dismissal | 35 | 2 | 189 | 106 | 662 | 36 | 1 | 510 | 365 | 1,906 | 37 |
| Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil) | 0 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 62 | 12 | 0 | 93 | 0 | 185 | 2 |
| Magistrate | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 278 | X | 331 | 2 |
| Diversion or arbitration | 3 | 0 | 111 | 69 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 46 | 345 | 0 |
| Guilty or No Contest plea to original charge (criminal); Default (civil) | 0 | 0 | 19 | 3 | 2,675 | 1 | 0 | 887 | 1,330 | 4,915 | 1 |
| Guilty or No Contest plea to reduced charge | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 2,491 | 2,491 | 0 |
| Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,156 | 1,156 | 0 |
| Transfer to another judge or court | 26 | 2 | 122 | 77 | 119 | 6 | 0 | 152 | 206 | 710 | 0 |
| Referral to private Judge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal | 2 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 202 | 1 | 0 | 144 | 0 | 367 | 48 |
| Other terminations | 15 | 4 | 54 | 29 | 337 | 70 | 0 | 852 | 3 | 1,364 | 50 |
| TOTAL | 140 | 10 | 1,091 | 489 | 4,230 | 135 | 2 | 3,442 | 5,782 | 15,321 | 152 |
| Pending end of period | 86 | 10 | 843 | 250 | 1,438 | 43 | 2 | 1,260 | 1,197 | 5,129 | 58 |

CIVIL CASES FILED AND TERMINATED

Comparison of Data 2004 thru 2008



2008 Monthly Comparison



2008 CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY

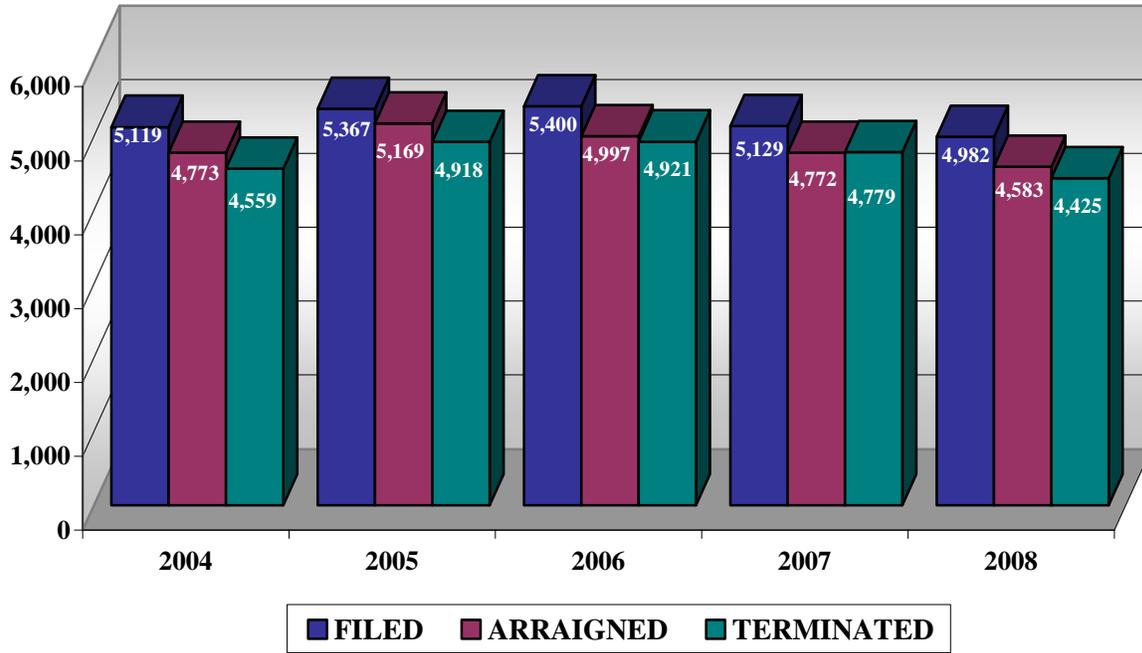
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| CASES FILED | 5,119 | 5,367 | 5,400 | 5,129 | 4,982 |
| CASES ASSIGNED/ARRAIGNED | 4,773 | 5,169 | 4,997 | 4,772 | 4,583 |
| CASES TERMINATED | 4,559 | 4,918 | 4,921 | 4,779 | 4,425 |
| TRIALS: | | | | | |
| Jury | 129 | 176 | 163 | 154 | 147 |
| Court | 19 | 34 | 39 | 30 | 38 |
| FELONY CHARGES: | | | | | |
| Filed | 9,423 | 10,597 | 10,340 | 10,506 | 10,393 |
| Convictions | 4,356 | 4,975 | 4,412 | 4,280 | 4,261 |
| Dismissals | 3,351 | 3,694 | 3,527 | 4,344 | 4,225 |
| MISDEMEANOR CHARGES: | | | | | |
| Filed | 3,964 | 4,837 | 4,861 | 4,588 | 3,983 |
| Convictions | 1,447 | 1,450 | 1,241 | 1,219 | 1,210 |
| Dismissals | 2,436 | 3,041 | 3,189 | 3,246 | 2,726 |
| DISPOSITIONS: | | | | | |
| Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation | 1,168 | 1,309 | 1,402 | 1,325 | 1,109 |
| Ohio State Reform. For Women | 182 | 175 | 171 | 155 | 114 |
| Community Control | 2,274 | 2,474 | 2,357 | 2,279 | 2,273 |
| Probation | 402 | 366 | 385 | 315 | 314 |
| Summit County Jail | 94 | 95 | 104 | 90 | 49 |
| Glenwood Jail | n/a | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Halfway House | n/a | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Community Service | n/a | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Suspended Sentence | 45 | 41 | 26 | 74 | 45 |
| Dismissals | 230 | 240 | 208 | 216 | 192 |
| Fine/Costs | 27 | 25 | 18 | 52 | 38 |
| Restitution | n/a | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Transfer to Another County | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IILC Completion | 50 | 73 | 80 | 123 | 121 |
| PDP Completion | 50 | 42 | 79 | 52 | 47 |
| Drug Court Completions | n/a | 20 | 27 | 33 | 57 |
| Not Guilty Verdicts (Jury Trials) | 27 | 38 | 39 | 34 | 29 |
| Not Guilty Verdicts (Court Trials) | n/a | 6 | 8 | 7 | 11 |
| NGRI | 9 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| Death Penalty | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Remanded (back to Muni Court) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2 |
| Other | n/a | n/a | 3 | 11 | 4 |
| MOTIONS FOR JUDICIAL RELEASE | 852 | 1,099 | 1,181 | 1,218 | 1,155 |

2008 CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY

| CHARGE/PLEA STATISTICS | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>Pled Guilty - Original Charge</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 3,928 | 4,528 | 4,661 | 4,337 | 3,633 |
| Misdemeanors | 940 | 1,178 | 1,035 | 1,037 | 881 |
| <i>Pled Guilty - Amended Charge</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 1,474 | 1,362 | 1,308 | 1,263 | 1,067 |
| Misdemeanors | 24 | 15 | 19 | 17 | 24 |
| <i>Pled No Contest</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 26 | 32 | 62 | 25 | 24 |
| Misdemeanors | 6 | 11 | 21 | 13 | 8 |
| <i>Merged Counts</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 0 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 31 |
| Misdemeanors | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Dismissals</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 3,351 | 3,694 | 3,527 | 4,344 | 4,225 |
| Misdemeanors | 2,436 | 3,041 | 3,189 | 3,246 | 2,726 |
| <i>Jury Verdict - Guilty</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 179 | 240 | 207 | 192 | 232 |
| Misdemeanors | 45 | 61 | 56 | 52 | 56 |
| <i>Jury Verdict - Guilty (Amended)</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | n/a | 13 | 16 | 10 | 12 |
| Misdemeanors | n/a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Jury Verdict - Not Guilty</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 75 | 149 | 134 | 153 | 83 |
| Misdemeanors | 13 | 24 | 30 | 25 | 16 |
| <i>Court Verdict - Guilty</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 21 | 28 | 17 | 32 | 44 |
| Misdemeanors | 9 | 18 | 20 | 7 | 33 |
| <i>Court Verdict - Guilty (Amended)</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | n/a | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Misdemeanors | n/a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Court Verdict - Not Guilty</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 13 | 26 | 28 | 23 | 26 |
| Misdemeanors | 2 | 10 | 12 | 23 | 13 |
| <i>Court Verdict - NGRI</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | 17 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| Misdemeanors | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| <i>Rule 29</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | n/a | n/a | n/a | 10 | 8 |
| Misdemeanors | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Remanded</i> | | | | | |
| Felonies | n/a | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Misdemeanors | n/a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

CRIMINAL CASES

FILED, ARRAIGNED, TERMINATED 5-YR COMPARISON



Criminal Assignment Staff

From left: Carolyn Deckert, Kay Kinker, Tish Carillon (Supervisor), Julie Glinsky, LeAnn Fultz

ARBITRATION CASES 2008

In 2008, the Court had 24 cases referred to Rule 10 Arbitration which was an increase of two (2) cases compared to the year 2007. There were 17 cases arbitrated and six (6) cases settled and/or removed before hearing. Appeals De Novo were filed for eight (8) cases which were 21% percent of the cases heard. Six (6) cases were appealed and settled. There were three (3) cases filed for appeal by plaintiffs and five (5) by defendants. The total cost for Arbitration during 2008 was \$3,220.00. The Court has 394 attorneys on the volunteer arbitration list who spend an average of 3.0 hours on each hearing.

| CASE ACTION | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Referred to Rule 10 Arbitration | 146 | 85 | 51 | 22 | 24 |
| Arbitrated | 81 | 42 | 26 | 10 | 17 |
| Settled and/or Removed Before Hearing | 47 | 40 | 23 | 10 | 6 |
| Appeals De Novo Filed | 31 | 14 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| Appealed and Settled | 16 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Appeal Filed by Plaintiff | 15 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Appeal Filed by Defendant | 16 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Arbitration Cost | \$20,950 | \$15,590 | \$13,020 | \$3,220 | \$3,220 |

2008 MEDIATION

In June 1998, the Court began to offer court-sponsored mediation to parties who have filed suit in Common Pleas Court under the direction of Frank Motz, Chief Court Mediator. Cases are mediated as assigned by the General Division Judges. Cases that can be assigned to mediation include personal injury, business disputes, workers' compensation, foreclosure, quiet title and non-payment of student loans. Cases can be selected by the assigned judge or can be sent to mediation when all of the parties have consented. In 2008, 792 cases were settled after referral to mediation.

| <u>Mediation Statistics</u> | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cases Pending Beginning Of Year | 439 | 476 | 428 | 365 | 442 |
| Cases Referred | 1,442 | 1,295 | 1,253 | 1,465 | 1,307 |
| Returned to Court | 412 | 422 | 446 | 380 | 360 |
| Cases Settled | 746 | 691 | 644 | 757 | 792 |
| Removed Prior To Completion | 256 | 243 | 224 | 249 | 242 |
| Cases Pending End of Year | 467 | 415 | 350 | 443 | 355 |

VISITING JUDGES

In 2008, the Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division continued its use of Visiting Judges to assist with the caseload. The Court used the following retired judges to preside over a total of 352 days during 2008.

| JUDGE | RETIRED FROM | DIVISION |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Judith A. Cross | Medina County | Common Pleas Court |
| Thomas P. Curran | 8 th District | Court of Appeals |
| Joyce J. George | 9 th District | Court of Appeals |
| H. Fred Inderlied, Jr. | Geauga County | Common Pleas Court |
| R. Patrick Kelly | Cuyahoga County | Common Pleas Court |
| Joseph R. Kainrad | Portage County | Common Pleas Court |
| John R. Milligan | 5 th District | Court of Appeals |
| James E. Murphy | Summit County | Common Pleas Court |
| Marvin A. Shapiro | Summit County | Common Pleas Court |
| Ted Schneiderman | Summit County | Common Pleas Court |
| James R. Williams | Summit County | Common Pleas Court |

| Cost of Visiting Judges | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Payment by County | \$30,811.17 |
| Payment by State | \$162,608.30 |
| Total | \$193,419.47 |

MAGISTRATE JOHN H. SHOEMAKER

John H. Shoemaker, the Chief Magistrate for the General Division, has served the Court for twenty-two years. The Magistrate assists the General Division Judges by handling a variety of civil matters assigned to him via general or limited orders of reference via Civil Rule 53.

Under ORC 2903.214, effective in 1998, persons are authorized to petition the Court for an anti-stalking civil protection order. Effective May 1, 2007, various changes were made to the laws expanding the types of orders a person is permitted to seek as well as who may seek an anti-stalking protection order. In 2008, 530 petitions were filed. The Magistrate conducted 661 ex parte and full hearings on such petitions. A total of 294 new petitions were filed for the year 2007, while 2006 had a total of 94 new petitions filed.

In 2008, the Court initiated a program to address increased foreclosure filings. Additional staff working in the Magistrate's Department have significantly assisted in the resolution of foreclosure cases in conjunction with the Court's Mediation Department.

Under Criminal Rule 19, the Magistrate may perform some criminal tasks. The Magistrate conducts all arraignments for the General Division Judges. The video arraignment procedure which commenced in 1998 continues. Beginning in 2004, a walk-through waiver of arraignment procedure, which is overseen by the Magistrate, was instituted and has been successful to date. Out of a total of 5,419 Defendants arraigned in 2008, 992 defendants utilized the walk-through process, 2,169 inmates were arraigned by video, while the remaining 2,258 Defendants out on bond utilized the in-person arraignment procedure.

| MAGISTRATE CIVIL STATISTICS 2008 | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Pending Jan. 1 | 67 | |
| Referred | 1,261 | (484 Foreclosures; 777 non-Foreclosures) |
| Closed | 934 | (263 Foreclosures; 671 non-Foreclosures) |
| Pending Dec. 31 | 394 | (221 Foreclosures; 106 non-Foreclosures) |

| CIVIL CASE ACTIVITIES 2008 | |
|--|--------------|
| Bench Trials | 26 |
| Jury Trials | 5 |
| <u>Oral Hearings</u> Civil Protection Orders Ex Parte and Full: 661 Petitions Filed: 530 | 643 |
| Status Conferences | 576 |
| Total Activities | 1,415 |

| CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITIES 2008 | |
|---|--------------|
| Jailed Defendants Arraigned | 2,169 |
| Defendants Utilizing Walkthrough Procedure | 992 |
| Defendants Arraigned in Courtroom | 5,767 |
| Total Defendants Arraigned | 5,419 |

DRUG COURT PROGRAM 2008

The Drug Court Program underwent many changes in 2008. After many years of dedicated and well respected service to the program, Judge Mary Spicer and James Ward retired. Judge Spicer was the first judge to preside over the Summit County Court of Common Pleas Drug Court and did so for six years. Mr. Ward was the Drug Court Liaison for four years. Their presence will be missed.

Judge Thomas Teodosio took the Drug Court bench in January 2008. Ashley Frank then filled the Drug Court Liaison position in May 2008. With new faces brought changes to the criteria to include those that are on probation and reduced the number of contempts that would previously disqualify a defendant. Additionally, the case management portion of the program was being incorporated into the Summit County Online Record System (SCORS).

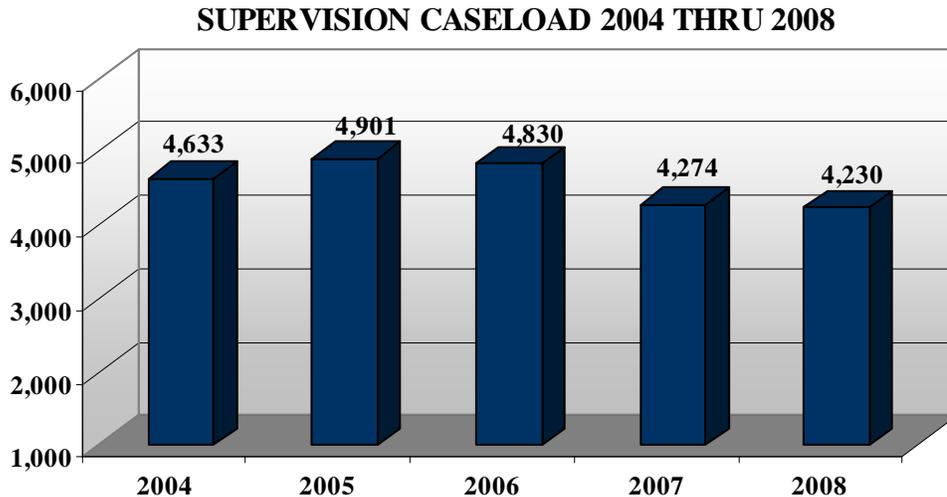
The program experienced tremendous growth in 2008. There were 139 intakes and 155 active participants as of the end of December 2008. This is a 26% increase over the 2007 year.

| | Male | Female | African-American | Caucasian | Other | Total Screened | Entered |
|---------------|------|--------|------------------|-----------|-------|----------------|---------|
| January | 91 | 23 | 50 | 62 | 0 | 114 | 11 |
| February | 98 | 26 | 59 | 41 | 0 | 124 | 8 |
| March | 104 | 32 | 56 | 71 | 0 | 136 | 20 |
| April | 146 | 31 | 102 | 75 | 0 | 177 | 9 |
| May | 98 | 34 | 72 | 59 | 0 | 132 | 16 |
| June | 73 | 19 | 52 | 40 | 0 | 92 | 21 |
| July | 40 | 7 | 32 | 15 | 0 | 47 | 12 |
| August | 50 | 11 | 44 | 14 | 3 | 61 | 8 |
| September | 63 | 16 | 45 | 34 | 0 | 79 | 8 |
| October | 82 | 16 | 61 | 37 | 0 | 98 | 10 |
| November | 54 | 14 | 44 | 23 | 1 | 68 | 5 |
| December | 63 | 17 | 46 | 34 | 0 | 80 | 11 |
| <u>Totals</u> | 962 | 246 | 663 | 505 | 4 | 1,208 | 139 |

ADULT PROBATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

SUPERVISION

The number of offenders under supervision at the Adult Probation Department at the end of 2008 was 4,230 compared to 4,274 in 2007.



**New Probation Referrals

The number of new cases in 2008 was 3,086 compared to 3,010 in 2007.

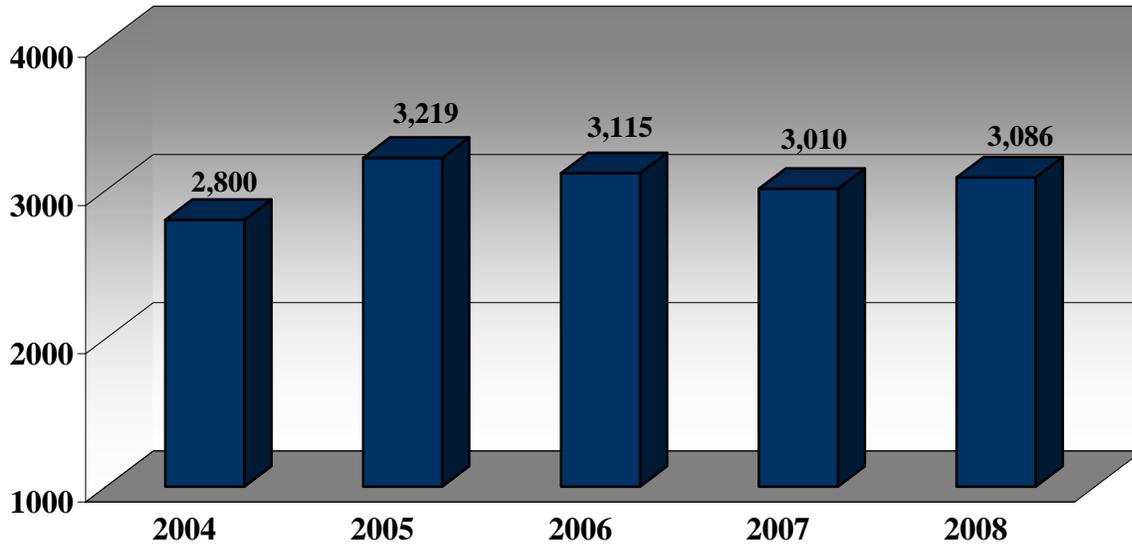
The following chart shows a breakdown of the new cases referred to Probation over the past five years.

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Probation or Community Control from Court | 2,305 | 2,615 | 2,465 | 2,359 | 2,370 |
| Re-Entry (Began in 2006) | N/A | N/A | 29 | 104 | 130 |
| Judicial Release | 191 | 228 | 243 | 204 | 191 |
| *Intensive Cases <u>included</u> in Judicial Release total* | *4* | *79* | *90* | *48* | *27* |
| Intensive | 111 | 149 | 155 | 109 | 99 |
| Courtesy Supervision | 48 | 57 | 53 | 67 | 62 |
| Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (IILC) | 145 | 170 | 170 | 167 | 234 |
| Total New Referrals | 2,800 | 3,219 | 3,115 | 3,010 | 3,086 |

**These numbers reflect new cases, not new offenders (one offender may have more the one case)

***The Re-Entry Program was started in September 2006

NEW CASES FOR SUPERVISION 2004 THRU 2008

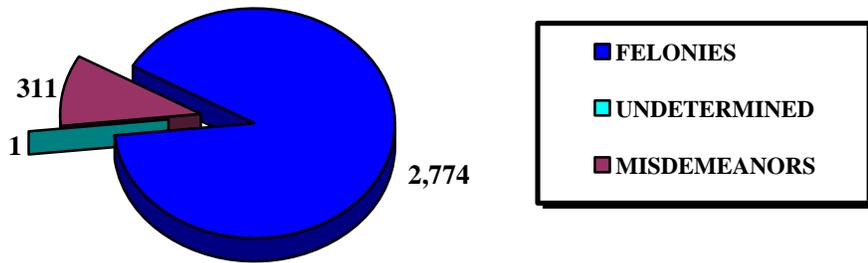


DEMOGRAPHICS FOR OFFENDER POPULATION

During 2008, a number of cases were referred to the Adult Probation Department. The demographic information for those case placements is as follows:

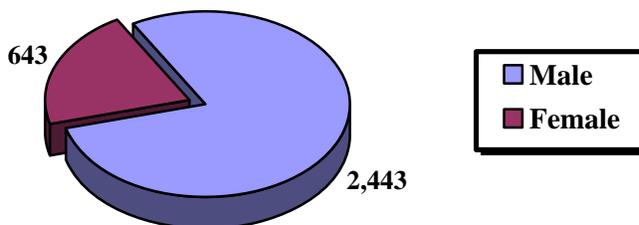
FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR

During 2008, 3,086 cases were referred to the Adult Probation Department. Of those cases 2,774 were felony level convictions. Additionally, there were 311 misdemeanor cases assigned to the Adult Probation Department for supervision. One case was undetermined, due to being an out of county referral.



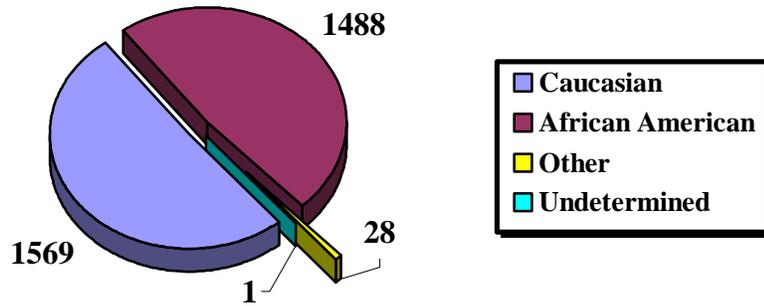
GENDER

In regards to gender, there were 2,443 males placed on supervision in 2008. By contrast, the Court referred 643 females for supervision.



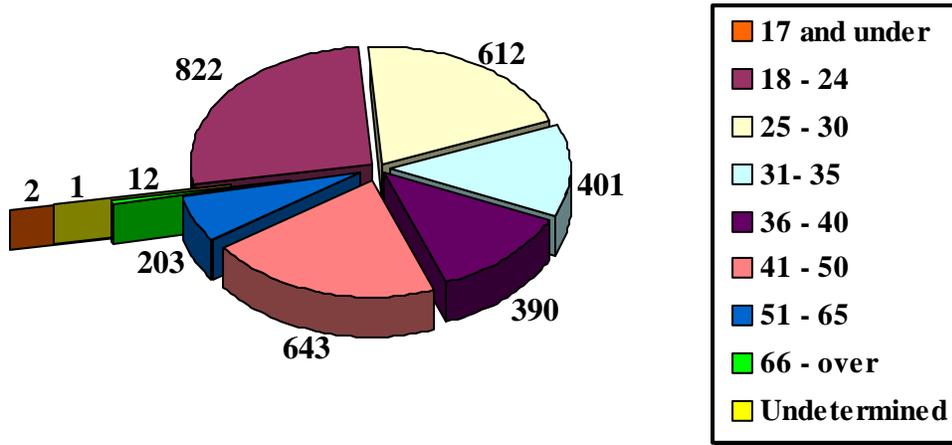
Race

Caucasian referrals numbered 1,569 while African-Americans accounted for 1,488 of the offenders placed on supervision. There were 28 placements of various ethnicities such as Hispanic or Asian decent. One case was undetermined, due to being an out of county referral.



AGE

The following is a breakdown of offenders by age for 2008:



INTENSIVE SUPERVISION

The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) is a state funded program that was provided to the Adult Probation Department in 1990 as an alternative to prison incarceration. The program’s annual goal is to divert at least **235** offenders from the prison system. In 2008, **129** felony offenders were diverted to ISP. The Intensive Supervision Program continues to consist of one (**1**) supervisor and four (**4**) probation officers.

During 2008, there were **153** terminations from the program. There were approximately **72** successful terminations, **43** unsuccessful Technical Violations, **22** unsuccessful new felonies, **6** Administrative Releases and **10** terminations as “other”. There were **51** cases that were stepped down to basic supervision (successful) and an additional **17** were released from Community Control. The aforementioned data was obtained through the State of Ohio CCIS Data Base.

The Intensive Supervision Unit utilizes Evidenced Based Practices (EBP). In 2008, ISP officers began using the CCA Risk and Needs Instrument, which was developed by the University of Cincinnati and provided by the State of Ohio Bureau of Community Sanctions.

TERMINATION OF SUPERVISION AND SENTENCING STATISTICS

During 2008, there were 947 supervision cases that were closed due to expiration. An additional 450 cases were closed due to early termination and administrative closings by the Court. There were a total of 1,397 cases closed for the year.

Incarceration remained the primary method of punishment for offenders who were non-compliant with the Court's directives. In 2008, 781 offenders were sentenced to the Department of Corrections. There were 110 offenders sentenced to the Ohio State Reformatory for Women and 52 sentencings to the Summit County Jail.

The aforementioned incarcerations were the result of recommendations due to Community Control Violations (638), Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports (319), Victim Impact Statements (2) and non-compliance with the Intervention in Lieu of Conviction statute (4).

PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit currently consists of five full time Pre-Sentence Investigation writers, which includes specific writers for the sex offense and domestic violence cases. The Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit was assigned 867 Pre-Sentence Investigation reports in 2008. Included in that total were the assignment/completion of 40 Sex Offense Pre-Sentence Investigation reports. The sex offense reports also included a psychosexual assessment and a Static 99 Risk Assessment completed by Summit Psychological & Associates.

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS

The Adult Probation Department completes Victim Impact Statements when Court ordered or when the victim is clearly identified and information is obtainable. For confidentiality purposes these statements are presented in a sealed green envelope. In 2008, our writers completed 444 Victim Impact Statements.

FELONY DUI SUPERVISION

In 2008, the Felony DUI Unit supervised 43 offenders. Of those offenders, 40 were male and three female. These offenders are required to submit to weekly reporting, mandatory 12-step/self help attendance, alternate sanctions and treatment. During 2008, 16 male offenders successfully completed supervision. Three offenders were returned to Court for violations. Of the three male violators, one was violated for a new offense and two for committing a new Felony DUI offense. The one with the new offense was given an alternative sanction. Of the two with new Felony DUI offenses, one was sentenced to the Ohio Department of Corrections, and the other one is still pending. In 2009, the unit will be increasing its use in the SCRAM Personal Alcohol Monitoring System to insure compliance, as well as more random alcohol drug screens administered at the Community Health Center.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Adult Probation Department continues specialized supervision of domestic violence offenders in conjunction with grant monies, provided by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, through the Federal Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. Supervision of these offenders is accomplished through frequent contact with the supervising Probation Officer, participation in a Batterer's Prevention Program or other appropriate counseling and treatment programs and victim contact by the Probation Officer. As of December 31, 2008, 289 domestic violence category offenders were under the supervision of general supervision Probation Officers and the Domestic Violence Unit Specialist Officer. During 2007, 56 offenders successfully completed supervision.

Fifteen offenders were incarcerated for new offenses involving domestic violence or protection order violations. As of December 2008, only two offenders who successfully completed supervision had new arrests for Domestic Violence.

During 2008, Domestic Violence Officer David Siko, with Assistant Prosecutor John Mascolo and Victim Advocate Lauren Bartholet, presented at the 33rd Annual Summer Conference of the American Probation and Parole Association on a multi-disciplinary approach to domestic violence. In November 2008, Officer Kelli Anderson began contributing to supervision by specializing in Pre-Sentence Investigations of Domestic Violence offenders.

Following are two success stories from the Domestic Violence Unit:

After receiving a Judicial Release from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections for Felonious Assault, Robert* began supervision with the Domestic Violence Unit program. During the course of his supervision, Robert completed the Batterer's Intervention Program, which proved to be very helpful in dealing with the challenges his life would present. During supervision, Robert and his victim had to deal with issues surrounding their child. There were numerous allegations and cross allegations, and investigation of the allegations by the DVU Officer. Time was spent in the Domestic Relations Court over protection orders and visitation. During this period, Robert and his officer spoke regularly about what was happening in his life. They developed plans to avoid conflicts and how to handle his interactions with the victim. In due course, the conflict settled to the mutual benefit of the victim and Robert. Robert credited the work done in his treatment program, his regular sessions with his officer and his personal faith as all contributing to his avoidance of any new acts of violence and a successful completion of supervision.

The Court placed Pete* on supervision for Domestic Violence. Pete was cooperative but struggled with a cocaine addiction. His officer worked with him for a long time to get Pete to take his addiction seriously and participate in treatment and 12-Step meetings. Pete eventually absconded from supervision but was arrested and placed in the Summit County Jail. The decision was made to give him a chance at in-patient treatment. He successfully completed his treatment and renewed his life in sobriety through extensive use of 12-Step meetings. Pete then obtained his CDL Driver's License and began driving over-the-road trucks. He then became employed locally. Pete lost his driver's job but did not lose his drive to succeed. He began working in a local restaurant and continued to pursue new opportunities with a trucking company. Pete successfully completed his supervision without any allegations of new acts of violence. In essence, Pete took the lowest point in his life and turned it into a life changing experience.

*Offenders names have been changed

INTERNS

The Adult Probation Department makes regular use of college interns. Students from the University of Akron, Kent State University and Brown-Mackie College worked as interns with the Department in 2008. The Department supports and encourages these college interns by exposing them to all aspects of offender supervision. Three officers in the Department were interns through this program before joining the Court of Common Pleas.

MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

The purpose of this unit is to supervise individuals diagnosed with a severe mental illness that hinders their ability to function on a daily basis. Collaborative efforts have continued to be maintained with the Summit County Jail Behavioral Health Unit, C.I.T. and the mental health agencies in the community, to meet the needs of this specialized population with the help of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Summit County.

The Mental Health Unit consists of two Probation Officers whose caseloads are determined by the level of functioning of the individual. This results in a smaller caseload for the officer to deal with those requiring more intense monitoring. There were 165 new offenders assigned to this unit in 2008. Further, there were 68 successfully released from supervision.

SEX OFFENDER UNIT

Two Probation Officers are currently supervising the Sex Offender caseload. The purpose of this unit is to supervise individuals convicted of a sex offense, while assuring the compliance of the Adam Walsh Act and the safety of the victims, as well as the community.

During 2008, the Sex Offender Specialists teamed up with local law enforcement agencies, the Adult Parole Authority, the United States Marshals, Summit Psychological Associates, Inc. and Portage Path Behavioral Health, to assure compliance. The Probation Officers who are assigned to this caseload are part of the Summit County Sexual Assault Coalition and the Summit County Sex Offender Taskforce.

The Sex Offender Unit utilizes field contacts to make sure that offenders are registering their address as directed with the Summit County Sheriff's Office. In 2008, the Sex Offender Unit conducted 526 field visits to offenders' residences. Continuing education is vital to the supervision of sex offenders, and the Sex Offender Unit has completed 88 combined hours of sex offense related training. At the end of 2008, the total caseload for the Sex Offender Unit was 118.

The Sex Offender Unit participated in the first ever countywide address verification sweep in 2008. Probation Officers, along with authorities from 13 other local law enforcement agencies, conducted a mass operation in which a field visit was conducted to every Tier 3/Sexual Predator registered as living in Summit County. Further plans are in place to continue the operation with all Tier 2 and Tier 1 offenders residing in Summit County.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The total new referrals accepted, interviewed and placed in an agency in 2008, was 290. Placed in Community Service as a sanction were 81, and 209 were placed in Community Service in lieu of paying Court costs and Probation fees.

Unsuccessful terminations totaled 48 for the 2008 year, with one of those being for medical waiver.

The number of hours worked by clients in lieu of paying court costs and probation fees totaled 22,244. At a rate of \$8.00 an hour, this is the equivalent of \$177,952, which is \$104,944 over last year's total amount of \$73,008.

The number of hours worked as a sanction was 7,157.

The total number of agencies used in 2008 was 129, with 7 new agencies used.

Referrals to Community Service were made by:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer | 53 |
| Judge Mary Spicer | 20 |
| Judge Brenda Burnham Unruh | 55 |
| Judge Marvin Shapiro | 13 |
| Judge Judy Hunter | 25 |
| Judge Patricia Cosgrove | 39 |
| Judge Jane Bond | 2 |
| Judge Paul Gallagher | 18 |
| Judge Thomas Teodosio | 29 |
| Judge Robert Gippin | 21 |
| Judge James Murphy | 1 |
| Courtesy Cases from Judges in Erie, Holmes, Stark, Wayne, and Wood Counties | 14 |

RE-ENTRY

The Re-Entry Program is still going strong, as we currently have 82 clients and have graduated nearly 30 clients. We have been up and running for two and one-half years now. Re-entry clients have responded well to the intense level of supervision and Court contact required. The following is a testimonial from a recent graduate.

"Hello.... I am a proud graduate of Judge Stormer's re-entry court from July 25, 2008. Just as some people consider a high school, trade school or college graduation a major accomplishment, I feel that the re-entry court gave me a second chance at life. After being sentenced to incarceration at Marysville Reformatory for Women in 2006, I thought my life was near over and that I had nothing else to look forward to after loosing a job that I had been employed at for near 17 years. Being a mom and wife, I went all the way down to the bottom and had no choice but to humble myself due to my own bad choices and decisions.

What seemed like a lifetime really was 102 days of incarceration of a six month sentence, before Judge Stormer brought me back for a re-entry hearing. By the grace of God, I was released within two weeks and ordered to remain in the program and follow all guidelines as a requirement to stay in the Outpatient Residential program. Maybe freedom just got to good or I was again taking things, people and situations for granted, but I started one big lie about seeking and obtaining employment and before I knew it, I was back in a jail-like setting for another 17 days to think about my "poor decisions" before going again in front of the judge. I was then sent to the Power Street facility for another few months to "get myself together!"

After successfully completing the year long program, I can honestly say that without the year full of meetings, counseling, frequent court appearances and last but not least my weekly sessions at the Outpatient Oriana House Residential program, I may not be who I am today. The program forced me to learn that life was worth living again, and that I could be a valuable asset to my family, church and community again by facing reality, being a honest individual, and working hard to aquire the things that I wanted in life. I learned

through the program that nothing great comes easy and after making a mistake people can learn, realize and gather their thoughts together to make a wiser decision in the future that will in turn produce a better outcome.

Today, I am proudly employed again with a great company, my children will be graduating college this spring, I'm still happily married and I like myself again!"

Thank you,

Delores Stewart

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM (LEADS)

Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) Michelle Kocian completed the following duties:

- ◆ In late May, coordinated with Court's computer department and Columbus for a successful **move of the LEADS terminal** to a new location, and set up an **additional terminal** and LEADS room for operators to use.
- ◆ In June, changed to a brand new **Internet based "Messenger"** system, which is much more cost effective than the Omnixx method. Trained all operators of the new system on a one-on-one basis.
- ◆ Prepared and completed a **bi-annual Audit** in June. Submitted to Columbus and department was found to be 100% in compliance.
- ◆ Per documentation from LEADS records (statistics available upon request), operators ran an **estimated total of 78,000 LEADS** printouts in 2008. Recipients were the Court of Common Pleas, Drug Court, Probation Officers, Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic and Pretrial Services (Court only).
- ◆ 4 employees were **trained and certified to be operators** (Lee Runkle, Natalie Michailides, Martha Beitel and Pat Marotto) for a total of 18 operators in the department. Operators are fully qualified to run LEADS and NCIC criminal requests.
- ◆ Assisted 8 operators in **recertification**, a bi-annual requirement (Stefanie Theus, Shiloh Geier, Mark Cunningham, Terry Strubbe, Helga Keller, William Daniels, Brian Hawes and Paul Cieslinski). (Michelle Kocian also recertified as TAC officer.)
- ◆ Trained 9 employees to be **Practitioners**. This training includes overviews of the capabilities of LEADS, administrative rules, security issues and authorized use and dissemination (Leonard Washington, Danielle Sampson, Scott Scislo, Randy Vipperman, Paul Cieslinski, Stephanie Crooms, Melinda Masterson, Amanda Hubbard and Lisa Munoz).
- ◆ **OPERATORS SENT TO COLUMBUS FOR FURTHER TRAINING:**
 - 5/15: Michelle Kocian, mandatory TAC training
 - 4/30: William Daniels (assistant TAC), Internet Messenger training
 - 8/07: Karyn Rogers, Basic Operator training
 - 9/11: Lee Runkle, Basic Operator training
- ◆ Responsible for all LEADS training within the General Division, as well as documentation of all training records for Columbus.
- ◆ Responsible for LEADS security policies, oversaw that the rules and regulations were adhered to.
- ◆ Ensured that all operators reviewed newsletters, manuals and training materials to affirm proficiency within the agency.

- ◆ Responsible for general LEADS equipment maintenance and supplies for 3 terminals in two locations (Safety building and Summit County Jail, Pretrial).

SEALING SPECIALIST

The sealing specialist conducts investigations on sealing of criminal records as filed with the Clerk of Courts. There were 383 applications for sealing of records in 2008 and 369 reports were completed. The Courts granted 194 sealings and denied 62 sealings. Twenty-six (26) sealings were withdrawn and the remainder are pending before the Courts.

An information sheet was approved by the Adult Probation Department for distribution by the Clerk of Courts to potential sealing of record applicants. This document addresses questions relevant to the sealing of record process.

FINANCIAL ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST

The Financial Enforcement Specialist determined, established and monitored restitution cases as ordered by the Court. In 2008, \$1,285,546.39 was established with the Clerk of Courts and \$675,424.58 was collected in restitution payments. Currently there are 619 cases being monitored.

INTERVENTION IN LIEU OF CONVICTION

Offenders are granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (IILC) with substance abuse treatment ordered by the Court. Upon the successful completion of a treatment program, verification of ongoing sobriety by means of regular random urinalysis testing and the commission of no new offenses, the offenders are eligible for the dismissal of their pending charge.

There are two IILC Officers who supervise a total of 299 IILC cases. In 2008, the unit had 251 new referrals and 114 cases were closed successfully.

INTERVENTION IN LIEU OF CONVICTION ASSESSMENT OFFICER

A total of 241 assessments have been completed for Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (IILC) since March 2008, with a turn-around time of two weeks or less. IILC has been successful in reducing the time from arraignment to final disposition; this allows the offender to start treatment early in order to maximize treatment outcome and reduce court cost. We have also identified offenders that are potential candidates for IILC after indictment and arrest, contacting attorneys and assessing before first pre-trial, thus reducing the amount of days on the court docket. The Assessment Officer has also been available to the court and attorneys for consultation in regards to addictions and if the offender is appropriate for IILC. The Assessment Officers also have met with some offenders during Court, at the request of the Court, giving recommendations before the final disposition or for IILC eligibility.

QUALITY AND OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Quality and Outcome Improvement Committee was formed in June 2008. This committee is focused on the training of the Adult Probation Department regarding Evidence Based Practices. The committee consists of 14 staff members, which includes supervisors, probation officers and support staff.

In 2008, the committee organized training in Core Competencies and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. The Adult Probation Department staff was required to attend both training sessions.

The committee has developed an agenda for 2009 that is specifically geared to continue to move the Adult Probation Department towards Evidence Based Practices. A large amount of time will be spent on Motivational interviewing.

SUPPORT STAFF AND DNA COLLECTION

Support Staff of the Adult Probation Department was a tremendous asset both before and after the move from 25 North Main Street to 53 University Avenue, in June 2008. They offered their assistance on a continual basis by packing and unpacking office items for the move. Once the move occurred, support staff helped to organize the new office space, which included the Jeter File Room and the copy/mail stations within the departments.

Three additional secretaries from the Adult Probation Department became certified as LEADS operators in 2008.

The Summit County Adult Probation Department assumed the responsibility of collecting DNA on September 2, 2008. The Summit County Sheriff's Department previously handled this duty. Ohio law requires that all persons convicted of a felony and/or a qualifying misdemeanor, to submit a sample of their DNA to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). Since acquiring this responsibility, during the months of September, October, November, and December 2008, a total of 460 samples of DNA were collected, averaging 115 per month, and an average of 5.6 on any given day. Throughout these months, the highest daily number of DNA collections occurred on Wednesday(s) with a total of 123; Monday(s) ranked second with 106 collections; and Tuesday(s) was a close third with 101. The total number of DNA Buccal Samples dropped off significantly on Thursday(s) with 79, and on Friday(s), with a total of 51.

Intake performs the collecting for DNA tests Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., from any and all persons reporting to Intake for the first time, who meet both the criteria and have not previously submitted DNA. Intake prefers that probation officers do not send probationers for DNA testing on Mondays because this day has the largest call day schedule of the week.

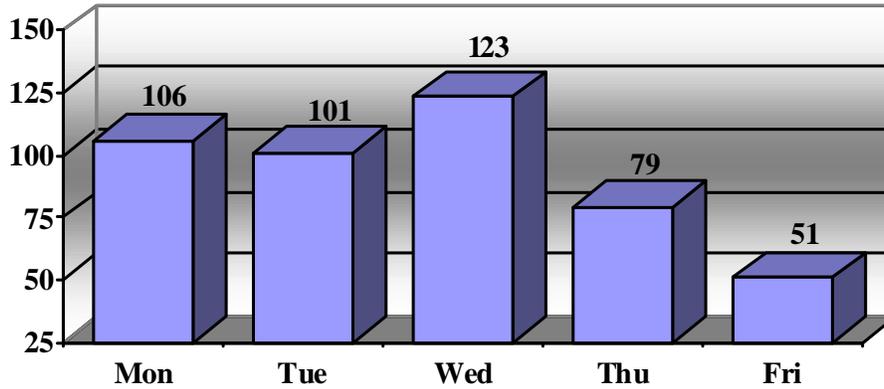
Intake secretary Cathy Cherico is the primary person responsible for collecting DNA. Christina Hartman, Pat Marotto, Karyn Rogers, Barb Killian, Jackie Shannon and Debbie Rians back her up on an as-needed basis.

Support Staff accepted the following additional job responsibilities in 2008:

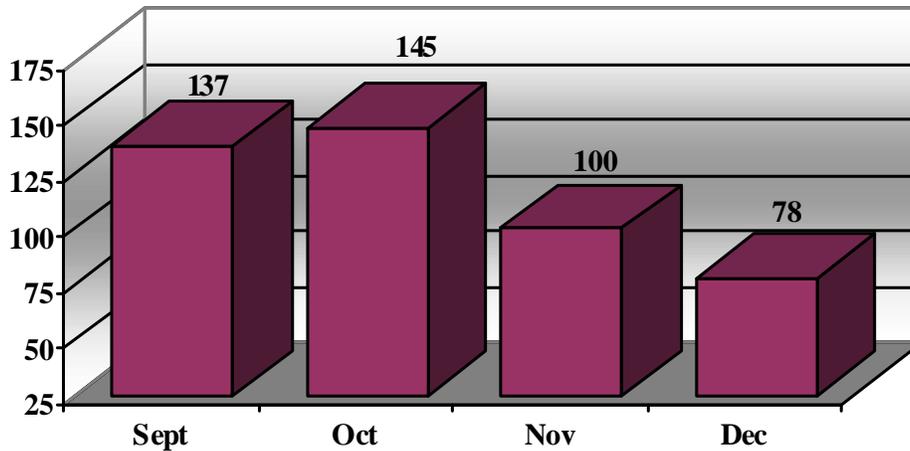
- ◆ Organizing files for new clients with Community Service by including various forms and information into the files.
- ◆ Completing and mailing inquiries pertaining to Sealing cases and mailing Sealing Interview Letters.
- ◆ Assisting with early morning reporting between 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. by contacting the Probation Officers once a probationer arrives.
- ◆ Completing the Jail Booking Report during the Restitution Coordinator's absence.

2008 DNA STATS

By Week Days



Monthly



ADULT PROBATION PERSONNEL ACTIVITY IN 2008

Additions: Melinda Masterson, Lisa Munoz, Amanda Hubbard, Paul Cieslinski, Scott Scislo, Danielle Sampson, Randy Vipperman, Kelly Bowen, Brian Hawes, Leonard Washington, Stephanie Crooms

Separations: Barb Wesig, Leonard Washington, Ryan Tietz, Ron Smith, Shay Greven, Ernest Stallworth, Mary Ross, Marc Cunningham

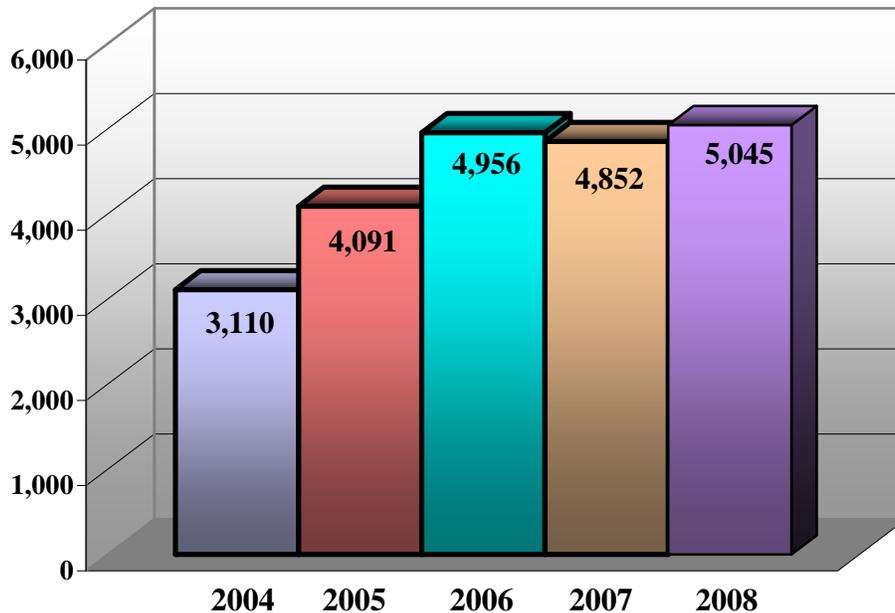
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PRETRIAL SERVICES

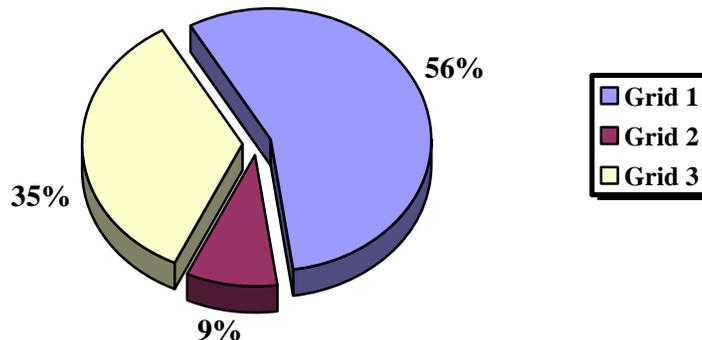
This year the Summit County Pretrial Services program continued to promote pretrial justice through the utilization of a validated risk assessment that is based on a comprehensive investigation of nine indicators of risk and recommendation guidelines for bond.¹ In the event a defendant is released to the community, the Summit County Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (SCPRAI) accurately predicts the likelihood that a defendant would fail to appear for court and/or be rearrested pending trial.

In 2008, Pretrial Services completed 5,045 investigations. Approximately 26% of those defendants investigated, were release to the Pretrial Supervision Program, operated by Oriana House, Inc. The successful closure rate for those defendants released to the program was 83% in 2008. Nearly 2,400 drug screens were completed of which 86% were negative. For defendants that were on supervision the appearance rate was 89%.

**Pretrial Investigations
2004 thru 2008**



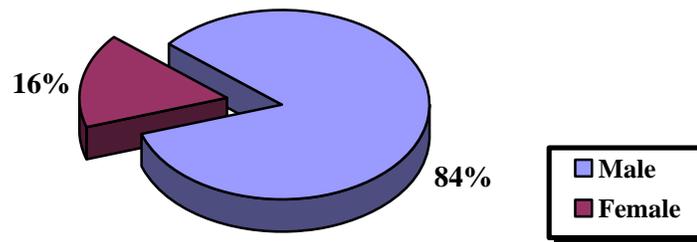
2008 Risk Assessment by Grid



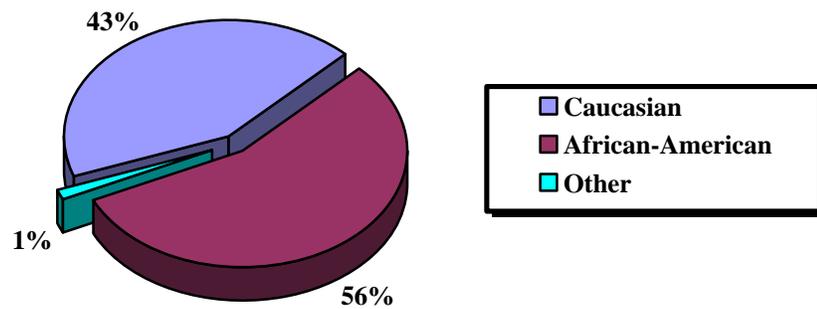
¹ Pretrial Justice-The honoring of the presumption of innocence, the right to bail that is not excessive, and all other legal and constitutional rights afforded to accused persons awaiting trial while balancing these individual rights with the need to protect the community, maintain the integrity of the judicial process, and assure court appearance. *VanNostrand, Marie and Gena Keebler.*

“Our Journey Toward Pretrial Justice” in The Journal of Federal Probation, Volume 71, Number 2, (September 2007) pp. 20-25.

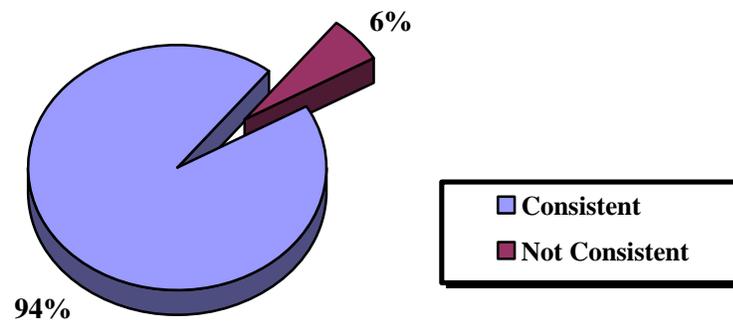
2008 Pretrial Investigations by Gender



2008 Pretrial Investigations by Race



2008 Pretrial Risk Assessment Recommendations Per Guidelines



PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic is one of eleven certified forensic centers funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health to provide evaluations and testimony pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 2945.37 through 2945.40 to eleven specific regions of the state of Ohio. The Clinic is the forensic center certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health to serve the Common Pleas Courts of Summit, Stark, Portage, Medina and Geauga Counties. The Clinic also provides other statutory evaluations to Summit County Common Pleas Court and to other courts in Summit County, through limited funding by the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. These have included Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, Mitigation of Penalty and Post-sentence evaluations for Summit County Common Pleas Court and a range of evaluations for Akron, Cuyahoga Falls and Barberton Municipal Courts. Evaluations are occasionally provided to other courts in the five-county area on a fee-for-service basis.

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic is directed by a clinical psychologist board-certified in forensic psychology and is staffed by a full-time clinical psychologist, part-time psychology resident, doctoral students in clinical psychology, a forensic mental health specialist, consulting psychologists and a consulting psychiatrist. Clinic examiners are profiled in **Table 1**.

COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS

The Clinic conducted 393 court-ordered evaluations in 2008. Fifty-five percent (55%) of these evaluations were provided for Summit County Common Pleas Court. Thirty-one percent (31%) of these evaluations were ordered by Stark, Medina, Portage and Geauga County Common Pleas Courts. Eleven percent (11%) of Clinic evaluations were completed for Municipal Courts in Summit County. Three percent (3%) of the evaluations were completed for other courts the Clinic serves on a fee-for-service basis. Clinic referrals by referral source over the past five years are summarized in **Table 2**.

Table 3 contains a breakdown of referrals to the Clinic by referral issue over the past five years. The primary referral issues the Clinic is ordered to address are Competency to Stand Trial (49% of referrals), Sanity at the Time of the Act (25% of referrals), and Commitment and Non-secured Status of defendants found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or Incompetent-Nonrestorable committed under court jurisdiction (4% of referrals). The Clinic also conducted Mitigation of Penalty or Post-Sentence evaluations (8% of referrals) during 2008.

The number of evaluations ordered by Summit County Common Pleas Court under Ohio Revised Code Section 2951.041, Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, decreased during 2008, as the Court decided to dispense with these evaluations in April. In 2008, the Clinic conducted 50 Intervention in Lieu of Conviction evaluations, 13% of Clinic referrals. In contrast, in 2007, the Clinic had conducted 235 Intervention in Lieu of Conviction evaluations through a cost-effective protocol that meets reasonable professional standards. The Clinic no longer receives funds from the Summit County General Fund, which had funded these evaluations. Some of the cost of the Intervention evaluations had been recovered through evaluation fees defendants paid to the General Fund.

RESEARCH AND TRAINING

The Clinic continued to collaborate in 2008, in research and training activities with the Kent State University Department of Psychology, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM). Two doctoral students from the American Psychological Association (APA)-approved training program in clinical psychology at Kent State University and one post-doctoral psychology resident provided services under supervision. Four psychiatry residents from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Psychiatry Residency program served forensic rotations at the Clinic as part of their training. These future psychologists and psychiatrists provide service to the Clinic and the Courts while receiving valuable professional training.

Research based on the Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic database is ongoing. Results of the research on Intervention in Lieu of Conviction outcomes, conducted as part of Dr. O'Reilly's doctoral dissertation, are being prepared for publication. Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic does not fund this research.



Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic Staff

From left: Martin Sellbom, Dr. Kathleen Stafford (Director), Holly Trivett, Theresa Caprez, Brian O'Reilly, Vicki Manocchio

TABLE 1

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINICAL STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

Kathleen P. Stafford

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, Kent State University
Certified in Forensic Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP)
American Board of Forensic Psychology Examination Faculty
Past Chair, Ethics Committee, American Psychological Association

Yossef S. Ben-Porath

Ph.D., University of Minnesota
Professor, Department of Psychology, Kent State University

Brian P. O'Reilly

Ph. D., Clinical Psychology, Kent State University
Clinical Internship, Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Galit Askenazi

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Case Western Reserve University
Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology, American Board of Professional Psychology

Gary N. Sales

M.D., Wright State University School of Medicine
Board certified in Adult and Forensic Psychiatry
J.D., Ohio State University School of Law

Mary Hickcox

Ph. D., Clinical Psychology, University of Pittsburgh
Clinical Internship, Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Marianne K. Wohl

Ph.D., Psychology, Tulane University
Postdoctoral Fellowship, John F. Kennedy Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Specialty in mental retardation/developmental disabilities

Tamara H. Wolf

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Arizona State University
Postdoctoral Forensic Psychology Fellowship, St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center

Michael Biscaro

Psy. D., Clinical Psychology, Xavier University
Clinical Internship, Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Severe Mental Illness, Louis Stokes VA Medical Center

TABLE 2

**PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC
REFERRALS BY SOURCE AND YEAR**

| REFERRAL SOURCE | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Summit Common Pleas Court | 369 | 361 | 380 | 371 | 217 |
| Stark Common Pleas Court | 59 | 60 | 86 | 71 | 66 |
| Medina Common Pleas Court | 30 | 23 | 28 | 19 | 20 |
| Portage Common Pleas Court | 13 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 23 |
| Geauga Common Pleas Court | 5 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 12 |
| Summit County Domestic Relations | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Akron Municipal Court | 38 | 45 | 44 | 32 | 32 |
| Cuyahoga Falls/Stow Municipal Court | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Barberton Municipal Court | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 10 |
| Medina County Municipal Courts | 9 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 7 |
| Stark County Municipal Courts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Portage County Municipal Courts | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Summit County Adult Probation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Courts | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 541 | 538 | 586 | 535 | 393 |

REFERRAL DATA FOR PAST FIVE YEARS

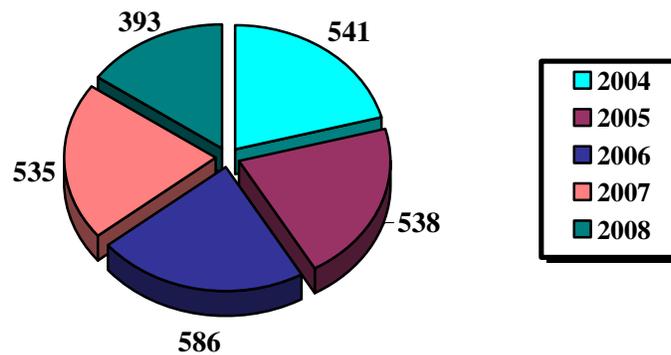


TABLE 3

**PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC
REFERRALS BY TYPE AND YEAR**

| REFERRAL TYPE | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Competency to Stand Trial (ORC Section 2945.371 (G)(3)) | 172 | 187 | 201 | 163 | 192 |
| Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (ORC Section 2945.37 (G)(4)) | 87 | 86 | 98 | 81 | 99 |
| Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ORC Section 2945.041) | 212 | 205 | 226 | 235 | 50 |
| Mitigation of Penalty (ORC Section 2947.06) | 16 | 13 | 26 | 23 | 9 |
| Post Sentence (ORC Section 2967.22) | 22 | 17 | 10 | 11 | 24 |
| Non Secured Status (ORC Section 2945.401) | 11 | 14 | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| Incompetent - Nonrestorable (ORC Section 2945.39(A)(2)) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Commitment - NGRI (ORC Section 2945.40) | 14 | 10 | 17 | 6 | 7 |
| Domestic Relations | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Sexual Classifications | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 541 | 538 | 586 | 535 | 393 |

JURY MANAGEMENT

Each year, on the first working Monday of August, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas Jury Commissioners perform the annual Jury Draw. Potential jurors are selected from the voter registration list as certified by the Board of Elections from the preceding general election. The annual draw is performed pursuant to O.R.C. section 2313.06 et seq. Prior to performing the draw, the Presiding Judge designates by order, the number of jurors to be summoned for each court jurisdiction in Summit County, that being Common Pleas Court and Akron, Barberton and Stow Municipal Courts. Furthermore, the Jury Commissioners also draw jurors for Grand Jury pursuant to O.R.C. section 2313.06 et seq.

From the annual jury list, jurors are drawn for each of the four-month sessions of court within the jury year pursuant to O.R.C. 2313.19 et seq. The sessions commence on the first working Monday of September, January and May. The Jury Commissioners, in the presence of the Presiding Judge, the Sheriff and the Clerk of Courts, draw the number of jurors previously designated for that session by the Presiding Judge. Upon completion and recording of the session jury lists, the jurors are summoned, using a one-step summons and questionnaire.

Jurors who receive summonses are asked to return the questionnaire portion providing a certain amount of information. The questionnaire also provides jurors with an opportunity to notify the Court that they are eligible for an exemption pursuant to O.R.C. 2313.12. Any person eligible for an exemption may waive that exemption. Depending on information provided by the jurors, they may also be excused for a limited number of reasons pursuant to O.R.C. section 2313.16. The Jury Commissioners are solely responsible for determining which jurors' exemptions are valid and which jurors may be excused.

In May 2008, a new Jury Service Orientation DVD was produced.

Since June 6, 2006, jurors have had the convenience of using either our call-in system or our website to access the juror reporting information each evening.

As of October 28, 2002, jurors for Common Pleas and Akron Municipal Court service received an informational brochure included with their summons. This brochure helps to answer many of the commonly asked questions by jurors prior to beginning their service, such as how they are chosen, where to park, jury fees, appropriate attire, etc.

Beginning May 4, 1999, Grand Jury Service was reduced to a two-month session to ease the burden on people called and to get more county residents involved in the justice system. The process for selecting the Grand Jury from the pool of jurors summoned for each session is governed by Crim. R. 6. Once the Grand Jury is selected, those jurors now serve for two months.

In September 1998, the term of service for Petit Jurors was reduced to one week or one trial. This was done in order to make jury service less of a hardship and to increase participation, due to the recent changes to legislation governing excuses and exemptions. For the 2007-2008 jury year, 40,000 jurors were drawn for Summit County, 10,000 for Akron Municipal Court, 5,000 for Barberton Municipal Court, and 6,000 for Stow Municipal Court. These jurors are then divided equally between the three sessions of court and summoned to one week of service within the four-month session to which they were selected.

Petit jurors are paid \$20.00 per day for the first ten days of actual service. Jurors who serve more than ten days are paid \$30.00 per day for each subsequent day. An increase of juror fees became effective March 6, 2000.

Petit Jury Data 2004 thru 2008

| Year | Total Paid | Total Jurors | Average Days | Muni Court Days | Reimbursed By Muni Courts |
|------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 2004 | \$402,460 | 15,177 | 2.65 | 2,847 | \$48,096 |
| 2005 | \$404,433 | 13,420 | 3.01 | 1,861 | \$25,500 |
| 2006 | \$424,560 | 13,571 | 3.12 | 2,137 | \$30,460 |
| 2007 | \$390,868 | 12,835 | 3.04 | 2,224 | \$28,580 |
| 2008 | \$359,125 | 12,486 | 2.88 | 2,029 | \$28,660 |

Municipal Court dollars represents the amount actually paid as reimbursements for jury fees. The difference between billed and paid is the result of state code violations tried in Municipal Court and for which they do not reimburse jury fees pursuant to ORC 1901.25.



Petit Jury Staff

From left: Chet Thomas, Fran Brooks, Debbie Ruggles, (Jury Bailiff), Ashley Brown.

COUNTY OF SUMMIT COURTHOUSE SECURITY

SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

In the year 2008, the Summit County Sheriff's Court and Special Services Bureau had the responsibility of providing security and prisoner transport for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. The tables below provide a statistical overview and comparison of the Security Surveillance Stations, Incident Reporting and Prisoner Transportation.

PRISONER TRANSPORTATION BY COURT ORDER

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Convey To / From Prisons | 2,461 | 2,186 | 1,806 |
| Convey To Juvenile Facility/Prison | 280 | 262 | 293 |
| Convey To / From Common Pleas Courts | 9,644 | 9,403 | 9,262 |
| Convey To / From Local Facilities/Other County Jails | 704 | 217 | 967 |
| New Prisoners From Court | 640 | 476 | 727 |
| CCTV | 2,683 | 2,996 | 2,153 |
| TOTALS | 16,281 | 15,397 | 15,208 |

*2007 Reflects a 5% Decrease compared to 2006

*2008 Reflects a 1.2% Decrease compared to 2007

Local Facilities consist of C.B.C.F., Oriana House, Glenwood Jail, I.B.H., Medical Facilities, Mental Health Facilities, Funerals, Polygraph Exams, or any Court Ordered Transport. In 2008, the local transports were re-assigned to Court and Special Services.

COURTHOUSE INCIDENT REPORTING OVERVIEW

| Year | Medical / Illness/ Injury | Cpo w/Gun | Warrant Arrest By Court Deputy | Misc |
|------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| 2006 | 22 | 23 | 97 | 38 |
| 2007 | 21 | 12 | 64 | 42 |
| 2008 | 18 | 24 | 46 | 45 |

SECURITY SURVEILLANCE STATIONS - METAL DETECTORS

| Year | Sharp Objects | Chem. Agents | Firearms* | Other |
|------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| 2006 | 912 | 131 | 10 | 83 |
| 2007 | 1,251 | 117 | 0 | 18 |
| 2008 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Firearms belonging to off-duty law enforcement officers who are in the Courthouse for personal business.

**Beginning in 2008, the policy was changed and co unauthorized items were confiscated. Items must be secured by the owner or thrown away.

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION
2008 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS

Court Administration

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Employee Salaries | \$ 3,303,732 |
| Official Salaries | 112,000 |
| Benefits | 1,148,513 |
| Transcripts | 179,047 |
| Visiting Judges | 37,246 |
| Attorney Fees | 2,538,867 |
| Arbitrator Fees | 1,610 |
| Supplies | 39,852 |
| Professional Education | 15,319 |
| Contract Repairs | 19,669 |
| Other Expenses | 93,096 |
| Jury Maintenance | 19,944 |
| Witness Fees | 1,232 |
| Juror Fees | 359,132 |
| Equipment | 5,254 |
| Witness Fees (G.J.) | 1,852 |
| Juror Fees (G.J.) | 61,905 |
| | <hr/> |

Total Administration **\$ 7,938,270**

Adult Probation

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Adult Probation Salaries | \$ 2,656,144 |
| Security Salaries | 103,584 |
| Benefits | 998,849 |
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Subtotal Adult Probation **\$ 3,758,577**

Reimbursements

Domestic Violence Unit **46,805**

Total Adult Probation **\$ 3,711,772**

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Salaries | \$ 66,907 |
| Supplies | 5,000 |
| Professional Services | 3,310 |
| Benefits | 27,352 |
| | <hr/> |

Total Psycho-Diagnostic **\$ 102,569**

TOTAL COMMON PLEAS COURT GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES **\$ 11,752,611**

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Legal Research Fund

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Revenues | \$ 57,064 |
| Expenditures | |
| Equipment & Services | \$ 30,644 |

Special Projects Fund

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Revenues | \$ 1,056,590 |
| Expenditures | |
| Salaries | \$ 369,457 |
| Benefits | \$ 94,057 |
| Equipment & Services | \$ 122,022 |

Probation Service Fees

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Revenues | \$ 212,204 |
| Expenditures | |
| Equipment, Training & Services | \$ 225,901 |

2008 Revenues **\$ 1,325,858**

2008 Expenditures from Revenue **\$ 1,118,796**

2008 Surplus from Revenue **\$ 207,062**

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION 2008 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

GRANT FUND ACCOUNTS

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Adult Probation | | |
| Intensive Supervision | | |
| Salaries | \$ | 206,394 |
| Benefits | | 92,368 |
| | | \$ 298,762 |
| Re-entry Court | | |
| Salaries | \$ | 21,758 |
| Benefits | | 9,155 |
| | | \$ 30,913 |
| Sex Offender Management | | |
| Salaries | \$ | 61,553 |
| Benefits | | 17,305 |
| Equipment & Services | | 0 |
| | | \$ 78,858 |
| Gang Task Force | | |
| Salaries | \$ | 34,470 |
| Benefits | | 16,363 |
| | | \$ 50,833 |
| Total Grant Adult Probation | \$ | 459,366 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic | | |
| ADM Board State Grant | | |
| Salaries | \$ | 240,479 |
| Benefits | | 75,626 |
| Consulting Services | | 38,586 |
| Supplies | | 5,919 |
| Travel | | 4,354 |
| Contract Services | | 2,408 |
| Liability Insurance | | 1,521 |
| Equipment | | 1,967 |
| | | \$ 370,860 |
| Total Grant Psycho-Diagnostic | \$ | 370,860 |

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-GENERAL DIVISION
2008 ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL ROSTER**

| TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | EMPLOYEE |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <u>-ADMINISTRATION-</u> | | |
| Administrative Specialist | 3 | Kay Scaffidi Denna Steiner Caroline Zito |
| Arbitration Clerk | 1 | Cora Dawkins |
| Assistant Court Executive Officer | 1 | Robert Gainer |
| Assistant Chief Court Reporter | 1 | Terri Sims |
| Chief Court Reporter | 1 | Margaret Wellemeyer |
| Civil Assignment Administrator | 1 | Cheryl Goldstein |
| Computer Help Desk | 1 | Donna Simone |
| Computer Network Manager | 1 | Jay Chapman |
| Computer Systems Engineer | 1 | James Rafferty |
| Court Executive Officer | 1 | Andrew Bauer |
| Court Executive Secretary | 1 | Debra Young |
| Court Reporter | 10 | Barbara Day Kristie Gowens Patricia Klein Gary Maharidge Sandra Maxson Teresa Orlovsky LeAnn Orner Maxine Roberts Eric Smead Kelley Spears |
| Court Secretaries' Supervisor | 1 | Polly McEndree-White |
| Courtroom Bailiff | 8 | Janet Ciotola Jill Coleman Shauna Corder Michelle Manchester Kenneth Masich Thomas McLaughlin Kathie Nelson Alys Pearson |
| Criminal Assignment Administrator | 1 | Patricia Carillon |

| TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | EMPLOYEE |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Drug Court Liaison | 1 | Jim Ward |
| Human Resource Specialist | 2 | Monica Prexta-Siko Sue Roszkowski |
| Judicial Assistant | 8 | Joanne Blakemore Todd Connell Laura Groza Paula McAvinew Kimberly Miller Christopher Piekarski Shana Schweikert Bridget Walters |
| Judicial Attorney | 13 | Jason Adams Matthew Dickinson Janet Dutt Patricia Himelrigh Dawn Humphrys Katherine Kelly Alan Medvick Michelle Neiman Kandi O'Connor Matthew Rich Carrie Roush Suzanne Stephens |
| Judicial Secretary | 2 | LeAnn Backer Cynthia Burkett |
| Jury Bailiff Assistant | 1 | Ashley Brown |
| Jury Commissioner | 2 | Frances Brooks Chester Thomas |
| Jury Department Spvsr / Bailiff | 1 | Deborah Ruggles |
| Magistrate | 1 | John Shoemaker |
| Magistrate Assistant | 1 | Sherri O'Brien |
| Magistrate/Mediator for Foreclosures | 1 | Edward Schneider |
| Mediator | 4 | Frank Motz Cheryl Hollis Norma Blank Alison Pfeister |
| Mediator Secretary | 1 | Lynn Covert |
| Purchasing Agent | 1 | Corinne Sanders |
| Secretary I | 3 | Carolyn Deckert LeighAnn Fultz Melissa Ludwig |

| TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | EMPLOYEE |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Secretary II | 6 | Julie Glinsky Marie Hillis Carol Hoover Kay Kinker Joan Mosley Theresa Skinner |
| Special Projects Officer | 1 | Ruth Squires |
| <u>-PROBATION DEPARTMENT-</u> | | |
| Clerk-Typist II | 3 | Janet Long Theresa Miller Nancy Palmer |
| Offender Services Director | 1 | Michael Rick |
| Grant Coordinator | 1 | James Ward |
| Pretrial Services Supervisor | 1 | Natalie Michailides |
| Pre-Trial Release Officer | 6 | Kelly Bowen William Daniels Kerri Defibaugh Ashley Frank Shiloh Geier Stefanie Theus |
| Probation Officer | 41 | Kelly Anderson Laurie Boyd Elaine Butler Elaine Cherry Paul Cielinski Renee Cooper Stephanie Crooms Jeffrey Cutler Lisa Davis Lorri Dunn Sandra Ferracane Laurie Fisher Tiffany Foxworth Brian Freyhau Kristen Giles Shay Greven Jennifer Haviland Kimberly Humphrey Antalene Hunter Shari Kastor Anthony King Michael Klamut Colin Meeker |

| TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | EMPLOYEE |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Probation Officers cont'd | | Michael Mims Patricia Pfander Rudolph Polovich Anthony Rodgers Helen Rogerson Danielle Sampson Cynthia Schwarz Scott Scislo Rebecca Shepard David Siko Ronald Smith Clint Spencer Ernest Stallworth Ashley Stewart Shannon Vaughn Kecia Wallace Jean White Robert Woods |
| Probation Secretary Supervisor | 1 | Debora Rians |
| Probation Supervisor | 5 | Arian Davis Douglas Elliott Michael Klamut Laurie Ruhman Terry Strubbe |
| Secretary I | 1 | Cathy Cherico |
| Secretary II | 8 | Linda Backer Martha Beitel Christina Hartman Barbara Killian Patricia Marotto Karyn Rogers Lee Runkle Jackie Shannon |
| Support Staff Specialist | 3 | Helga Keller Michelle Fought Tamara Keefer |
| Work Release Coordinator / LEADS Operator | 1 | Michelle Kocian |

| TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | <u>EMPLOYEE</u> |
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| <u>-PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC-</u> | | |
| Administrative Secretary | 2 | Theresa Caprez Vicki Manocchio |
| Clinical Psychologist | 1 | Brian O'Reilly |
| Director | 1 | Kathleen Stafford, Ph.D. |
| Forensic Mental Health Specialist | 1 | Holly Trivett |
| Psychology Resident | 1 | Martin Sellbom |
| Psychology Assistant | 2 | Stephanie Miller Carlo Veltri |

GROUP PHOTOS



Court Executive Office

Seated from left: Kay Scaffidi, Denna Steiner, Caroline Zito;
Middle, from left; Monica Prexta-Siko, Debra Young, Ruth Squires;
Back row, from left: Sue Roszkowski, Andrew Bauer (Court Executive Officer),
 Robert Gainer (Asst. Court Executive Officer), Corinne Sanders.



Civil Assignment Staff

From left: Cheryl Goldstein (Administrator), Carol Hoover, Cora Dawkins



Court Secretaries

Seated: Polly White (Supervisor);
Standing from left: Deborah Smith, Joan Mosley, Terre Skinner, Melissa Ludwig, Marie Hillis



Judicial Secretaries

From left: LeAnn Backer, Cindy Burkett



Court Reporters

Front row from left: Barbara Day, Terri Sims (Asst Chief Court Reporter), Patti Klein;
Middle row from left: Maxine Roberts, Kelley Spears, Leann Orner, Kristie Gowens;
Back row from left: Peggy Wellemeyer (Chief Court Reporter), Terry Orlovsky, Sandy Maxson,
Not Pictured: Gary Maharidge



Magistrate John Shoemaker and Staff

Standing from left: Matthew Dickinson, Alan Medvick, Sherri O'Brien, S.Steinbauer, Michelle Neiman



Mediation Staff

From Left: Cheryl Hollis, Norma Blank, Frank Motz (Supervisor), Lynn Covert.



Computer Department Staff

From left: James Rafferty, Donna Simone, Jay Chapman (Supervisor)



Adult Probation Secretaries

Seated from left: Linda Backer, Teresa Miller, Cathy Cherico, Karyn Rogers;
Standing from left: Barbara Killian, Christina Hartman, Pat Marotto, Debbie Rians (Supervisor),
Lee Runkle, Nancy Palmer, Jackie Shannon.



Adult Probation Officers

Seated from left: Lisa Davis, Jennifer Havilland, Ashley Stewart, Laurie Boyd;
Standing from left: Arian Davis (Supervisor), Michael Mims, Brian Freyhauf, Anthony King.



Adult Probation Officers

Seated from left: Barbara Wesig (Supervisor), Antalene Hunter, Elaine Cherry;
Standing from left: Ron Smith, Michelle Kocian, Pat Pfander, Jeffrey Cutler



Adult Probation Officers

Seated from left: Sandra Ferracane, Kelli Anderson, Shay Greven, Elaine Butler;
Standing from left: Douglas Elliott (Supervisor), David Siko, Mike Klamut, Rudy Polovich.



Adult Probation Officers

Seated from left: Shannon Vaughn, Helen Rogerson, Laurie Fisher, Michelle Fought;
Standing from left: Kimberly Humphrey, Tamara Keefer, Michael Rick (Supervisor),
Lorri Dunn, MaryAnn Ross



Adult Probation Officers

Seated from left: Rene Cooper, Kristen Giles, Tiffany Foxworth, Shari Kastor;
Standing from left: Terry Strubbe (Supervisor), Robert Woods, Cynthia Schwarz, Clint Spencer, Colin Meeker.



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