

# **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014**



## **COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION SUMMIT COUNTY OHIO**

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**JUDGE TAMMY O'BRIEN**  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

**JUDGE MARY MARGARET ROWLANDS**  
PRESIDING JUDGE

**JUDGE LYNNE S. CALLAHAN**  
**JUDGE CHRISTINE CROCE**  
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**JUDGE AMY CORRIGALL JONES**  
**JUDGE ALISON McCARTY**  
**JUDGE TOM PARKER**  
**JUDGE THOMAS A. TEODOSIO**

**ANDREW J. BAUER**  
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**SUMMIT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
GENERAL DIVISION**

**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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Continuously ascertaining, shaping and responding to the needs and expectations of court users and the community.

## THE HONORABLE JUDGE LYNNE S. CALLAHAN

Judge Lynne S. Callahan earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from The University of Akron, where she was named “Outstanding Senior Woman” in 1979. She earned her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron School of Law in 1984 and was thereafter admitted to the Ohio Bar. After law school Judge Callahan chose a unique career path and joined the Akron Police Department where she served the community as a police officer and narcotics detective. In 1989, she joined the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney where she prosecuted major felonies. Judge Callahan also worked in the private sector.

Judge Callahan was appointed to the Akron Municipal Court on May 1, 1997, elected in November 1997 and re-elected in November 2003. While in the Akron Municipal Court, she was twice elected by her fellow judges to serve as Presiding Judge.

Judge Callahan was instrumental in the creation of the Akron Municipal Court’s Family Violence Court and presided over the Court from April 1998 until she was elected to the Common Pleas Court bench in 2009. Family Violence Court is an innovative domestic violence diversion program, which targets first time domestic violence offenders. During Judge Callahan’s tenure, the Family Violence Court received the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director’s Award for Excellence in Community Justice and the American Corrections Association National Exemplary Offender Award.

Judge Callahan was elected to her current position on the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in November 2008 for the term beginning January 3, 2009. She also participates in the Summit County Common Pleas Court [Re-Entry Court Program](#). Judge Callahan was chosen by the late Chief Justice Thomas Moyer to serve on the Ohio Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence and she was recently chosen to mentor a newly-appointed judge.

Judge Callahan has been active in the community and has been the recipient of several awards recognizing her community involvement, including the Urban Light Award. Judge Callahan is actively involved with the Ohio student mock trial program and has coached middle school and high school students’ mock trial teams for the past seven years. Judge Callahan is a member of the County of Summit Criminal Justice Advisory Board and served on the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Center Foundation where she was president for two terms. Judge Callahan has taught at The University of Akron and at the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College.

Judge Callahan is a lifelong resident of Summit County. She and her husband Michael have three children and one grandchild.



**JUDGE CALLAHAN AND STAFF**

**From left:** Jenna Bouhall, Brian Scheetz, Shari Hower

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## THE HONORABLE JUDGE CHRISTINE CROCE

Judge Christine Croce graduated, in 1989, with honors, from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Organizational Communications. In 1994 she received her Juris Doctorate from The University of Akron School of Law and was thereafter admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio. While attending law school Judge Croce worked for the City of Akron Law Department handling thousands of traffic cases as well as appellate research and writing.

In 1995, Judge Croce began working for the Summit County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Criminal Prosecutor where she handled adult felony cases ranging from illegal possession of drugs to rape and murder.

In 2001, Judge Croce served as Executive Director of the Summit County Sheriff's Office and remained in that position until 2009. Judge Croce served as the legal advisor to the Deputy Sheriffs and the Summit County Drug Unit. Judge Croce also supervised the Fiscal Department, Personnel Department, CCW Unit, and Sex Offender Unit of the Sheriff's Office and drafted inter-agency mutual aid agreements. Judge Croce also drafted county legislation and represented the Sheriff's Office at Summit County Council.

From 2005-2009, Judge Croce served on Green City Council representing the citizens of the 4th Ward. While on council, Judge Croce served as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, and the Parks and Recreation Committee. She also served as President of Council in 2008 and Vice President in 2009.

In 2009, Judge Croce was elected as the Barberton Municipal Clerk of Courts. During her time as Clerk, Judge Croce implemented time and money saving changes including electronic mailings, and online payments.

In 2011, Judge Croce was elected as Judge in the Barberton Municipal Court and during her tenure she served as Presiding Judge. While serving the Barberton Municipal Court many changes were made at the Court in an effort to make the Court operate effectively and efficiently. The Court started a Community Service program along with a Suspended License Intervention Program and a Mental Health Court. The Court actively sought grant money to make changes and enhancements to the Court without the need to use taxpayer money.

Also previously, she served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Summit County Crimes Stoppers and the advisory board of the Grandparents Against Sexual Predators, as well as serving on the Pink Ribbon Committee of the Summit County Rally for a Cure.

In November of 2013, Judge Croce was appointed to the Summit County Common Pleas Court after the retirement of Judge Judy Hunter. In November of 2014, she was elected to serve as a Judge in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Croce is an active member of our community. She is a member of the Akron Bar Association, the Akron Crime Clinic, the Fraternal Order of Police Associates #6, the Magic City Kiwanis, Barberton Rotary Club and Dapper Dan. She is currently coaching, along with Judge Amy Corrigan-Jones, the Trial Team at Saint Vincent/Saint Mary High School.



**JUDGE CROCE AND STAFF**

**From left:** Ken Masich, Jan Panella, Jason Adams

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## **THE HONORABLE JUDGE JANE M. DAVIS**

Judge Jane M. Davis graduated *summa cum laude* from The University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. She also earned a Master of Arts in Industrial Relations from the University of Cincinnati. Judge Davis received her Juris Doctorate, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Akron. She is admitted to the Ohio Bar and the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio.

Judge Davis spent three years as a law clerk and then judicial attorney with the Summit County Domestic Relations Court before entering private practice with an Akron law firm. She also served as a *guardian ad litem*, giving voice to children while practicing in Summit County.

Judge Davis joined a large Cleveland law firm where her practice focused on representing family law clients in highly contested hearings in various counties throughout northeast Ohio.

Eager to broaden her involvement in other areas of the law, Judge Davis became corporate counsel for a direct marketing company where she was responsible for ensuring compliance with federal and state regulations governing advertising. She was also responsible for contract negotiations, employment matters and managing outside counsel, including oversight of all litigation on a national scale.

To address a growing passion for research and writing, Judge Davis began a free-lance practice performing appellate services at the request of other lawyers. Judge Davis continued providing these services for approximately ten years while continuing her full-time practice.

Judge Davis has volunteered much of her recent time to helping those who cannot afford to hire counsel in family law, probate and consumer matters, including debt collection and foreclosure cases in counties throughout Ohio.

Judge Davis has resided in Summit County for twenty-seven years. She is a member of the Ohio State Bar and the Akron Bar Association. She is married and the mother of two children.

Judge Davis was appointed to Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division in July 2013.



**JUDGE JANE DAVIS**

**STAFF (NOT PICTURED):** Kimberly Guldeman, William Wellemeier, Cindy Mitseff

## **THE HONORABLE JUDGE 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 and 2009.

In 2011, Judge Gallagher was appointed by the Judges of the General Division to preside over Summit County's new felony [Domestic Violence Court](#) - the first of its kind in the State of Ohio. As a result, all felony cases, except murder cases, involving crimes between intimate partners, are now assigned to Judge Gallagher's Domestic Violence Court, instead of being distributed among the ten General Division Judges. Non-domestic violence cases, except murder cases, which were normally assigned to Judge Gallagher are now distributed to the other Judges. In August 2014, the Domestic Violence Court was certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio.



**JUDGE GALLAGHER AND STAFF**

**From left:** Michelle Manchester, Deputy David Bailey, Patricia Himelrigh, Bridget Walters

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## THE HONORABLE JUDGE AMY CORRIGALL JONES

Judge Amy Corrigall Jones was elected to a full term to the Common Pleas Court in November 2012. Judge Jones is also the presiding judge of the [Summit County Valor Court](#), a specialized docket serving those who have served our country. Judge Jones created the Summit County Valor Court in order to provide increased management to veterans and active duty military personnel in the criminal justice system who may be eligible for benefits and services from the Veterans Administration.

Judge Jones graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She received her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron School of Law and was thereafter admitted to the Ohio Bar and the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio. Judge Jones began her legal career in the private sector and her practice involved primarily civil litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels. She handled cases throughout the State of Ohio and across the Country in both State and Federal Courts.

In 2006, Judge Jones entered into private practice and represented clients involving both criminal defense matters and personal injury litigation. She also represented individuals in both Domestic Relations Court and Probate Court. Some of her most rewarding work was spent serving as a Guardian Ad Litem for children, an Advocate for the mentally ill and as a Guardian for incompetent adults.

Judge Jones has been active in the community as a board member of the Public Defender's Commission and as President/Board Member of Akron's Dapper Dan Charity. In 2010-2011, she served as an Assistant Basketball Coach at Archbishop Hoban High School. She currently volunteers her time as a youth basketball coach and coaches the Mock Trial Team at her Alma Mater, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

She is a member of various organizations including the Akron Bar Association and the League of Women Voters.



**JUDGE CORRIGALL JONES AND STAFF**

**From left:** Kandi O'Connor, Tammy Keefer, Maria Williams

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## THE HONORABLE JUDGE ALISON McCARTY

Judge Alison McCarty graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, and obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in 1987. She began her legal career as a Law Clerk in the Summit County Probate Court for Judge Bill Spicer. She then became a Staff Attorney for Judge William Baird of the Ninth District Court of Appeals. She started as a Summit County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in 1989. During her ten-year career as an Assistant Prosecutor, Judge McCarty handled thousands of cases, from low-level drug cases to death penalty murder trials.

As a criminal prosecutor, Judge McCarty handled some of the most sensitive and high profile cases in our county. A seasoned trial veteran, Judge McCarty personally tried nearly one hundred jury trials, prosecuting murderers, robbers, rapists and child abusers, and obtained convictions in an overwhelming majority of those cases. While in the prosecutors' office, Judge McCarty specialized in handling child physical and sexual abuse cases, as well as sexual assault cases.

Judge McCarty was appointed to the Akron Municipal Court in May of 1999, where she served for nine years, having been elected in 1999 and re-elected in 2005. As an Akron Municipal Court Judge, she presided over the Akron Municipal Drug Court from 2003 to 2007, and created and presided over the first urban DUI Court in the State of Ohio from 2007 until her election to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Judge McCarty was elected Presiding Judge for the Municipal Court in 2005. She was awarded Committee Chair of the Year by the Akron Bar Association in 2002, awarded the 2005 Urban Light Award from the Department of Public Administration at The University of Akron, received the 2006 Legacy III Criminal Justice Award for Outstanding Service, and is a MADD Red Ribbon Award Winner for her tough stances and innovative approaches to dealing with repeat drunk-driving offenders.

Judge McCarty has long been an advocate for victims, and has worked to protect particularly vulnerable populations, such as battered women, children, and the elderly. She serves on the Summit County Domestic Violence Coalition, the Summit County Child Fatality Review Committee, and is a former Chair of the Summit County Sexual Assault Coalition. She also co-chairs the Akron Bar Associations High School Mock Trial Committee, a position she has held for twelve years. Judge McCarty has twice been recognized by the Akron Bar Association as the "Outstanding Committee Chair of the Year" for her work on that Committee. She was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse, and has served on the Board of the Ohio Coalition on Sexual Assault.

Judge McCarty was elected to a six-year term on the Summit County Common Pleas Court in November 2008 for the term beginning January 5, 2009. She presides over serious felony matters and major civil lawsuits.

Judge McCarty also presides over a [Re-Entry Court Program](#), which strictly monitors certain offenders after they are released from the prison system, to improve their chances of a successful transition to a law-abiding lifestyle. She has lectured on many topics over the years, including ethics and professionalism. She is a Bencher with the Scanlon/Bell Inns of Court, a collaborative program that promotes civility and ethical behavior within the profession and mentors young lawyers in the practice of Law.

She is on the board of the Summit County Choral Society. She sings in the choir at her church, and is very active, having previously taught Sunday School and just recently having served as an Elder.

Judge McCarty has been married to Thomas McCarty for twenty-four years and they are the parents of two daughters.



**JUDGE McCARTY WITH STAFF**

**From left:** Shay Christopher, Judge McCarty, Lisa Nemes, Joan Arshinkoff

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## THE HONORABLE JUDGE TAMMY O'BRIEN

Judge Tammy O'Brien was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 2011 and was then elected in 2012. Previously, she was elected to the State Board of Education in 2008 and 2010, where she represented the citizens of Summit, Portage, Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge O'Brien was in the private practice of Law in Akron for nineteen years. From 1999-2011, she was a partner in the law firm of Roderick Linton Belfance LLP, practicing primarily in the areas of business and general civil litigation. She also had extensive experience in appellate practice and in tort and employment litigation and argued before the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Federal Courts of Appeals on numerous occasions.

In 1992, she began her career as a Judicial Law Clerk/Staff Attorney for the Honorable William R. Baird of the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Ninth Appellate District. She has also been an Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Akron and, for many years, has been selected by the Supreme Court of Ohio to serve as a Reader of the State Bar Examination.

She is co-author of a legal treatise involving the introduction of evidence at trial. Ohio Motions in Limine: Evidence Exclusion Guide has been published annually by Thompson West since 2007.

Judge O'Brien also serves the community as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Red Cross of Summit and Portage Counties. She is a graduate of Leadership Akron and past president of the Board of Trustees for H.M. Life Opportunity Services.

She graduated from The University of Akron in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education and received her Juris Doctorate Degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University in 1992. Judge O'Brien is the mother of two teenage sons.



**JUDGE O'BRIEN AND STAFF**

**From left:** Michelle Dimeff, Dawn Humphrys, Tiffany Morrison

## THE HONORABLE JUDGE TOM PARKER

Judge Tom Parker was elected to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 2008 to the term commencing May 1, 2009. Previously, Judge Parker was elected to the Akron Board of Education where he served from 1990 through 1993.

From 1979 through early 2002, Judge Parker engaged in private practice at the firm of Roetzel & Andress LPA, in Akron. From 2002 until taking the bench, he was a partner in the firm of Parker, Leiby, Hanna & Rasnick LLC, also in Akron. During his nearly thirty years in private practice, Judge Parker represented clients in civil, criminal and domestic relations matters. He specialized in product liability issues and represented clients in numerous complex multi-party actions. His cases were in the courts of twenty states. Judge Parker is admitted to the Bars of the State of Ohio, The Supreme Court of the United States and of several Federal Courts.

Judge Parker is a graduate of Leadership Akron and has served in the Akron and Summit County community in various volunteer capacities since moving to Akron in 1979. He is married and the father of six children.



### **JUDGE PARKER AND STAFF**

**From left:** Carrie Roush, Jaclyn Darrah, Tom McLaughlin

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## THE HONORABLE JUDGE MARY MARGARET ROWLANDS

Judge Rowlands was elected to the Common Pleas Court in 2008, after 19 years in private practice representing clients in a wide variety of civil and criminal matters in both state and federal courts throughout the country. In January, 2013, she was elected Presiding Judge by her colleagues in the General, Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Probate Divisions of the Court. In addition to her assigned docket of civil and criminal cases, Judge Rowlands supervises approximately 75 ex-felons who have recently been released from prison in her [Re-entry Court Program](#).

Judge Rowlands graduated from Youngstown State University and received her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron School of Law. She was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1989. Previously, Judge Rowlands was a partner in the law firm, Whitaker and Rowlands Co., L.P.A., in Akron, Ohio. She became the chief legal counsel in the Summit County Fiscal Office in 2005.

Judge Rowlands is active in the community, serving on the boards of Akron Summit Community Action, Inc., the Civic Theater, and she is Chair of the Gay Community Endowment Fund Advisory Board. She has served on the Board of Trustees of the Akron Bar Association, having chaired its Common Pleas and Appellate Courts Committee. She was appointed to serve two terms on the Akron Bar Association's highly regarded Commission on Judicial Candidates. She was elected by her peers to the Ohio Bar Association's Council of Delegates. Judge Rowlands also was a charter member of the Charles F. Scanlon Chapter of the American Inns of Court.

Judge Rowlands is dedicated to furthering an understanding of the Law and related topics. She frequently speaks at community gatherings, as well as to lawyers, judges, journalists, law enforcement, teachers and students, in an effort to create dialog on these important issues.



**JUDGE ROWLANDS AND STAFF**

From left: Martha Hom, Dorianne Denard, Andrew DeLamatre

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## 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 Doctorate 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.

Prior to beginning his judicial career, Judge Teodosio was in the private practice of law for 25 years. He was a partner in the law firm of Teodosio, Manos & Ward where he started his legal career in 1982. His law practice was general in nature, but focused heavily on trial work, both civil and criminal. While in private practice, he served on the Summit County Trial Lawyers Association Board of Trustees and was a member of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers. As an attorney, he participated in programs that provided pro-bono legal services at the Hospice Care Center and through the Western Reserve Volunteer Legal Services.

In November 2000, Judge Teodosio was elected to serve on Summit County Council and won re-election in 2004. He was elected as President of Council in 2003 and was twice chosen to serve as Vice President. While on Council, he chaired the Finance, Public Works and Public Safety Committees and served as Vice Chairman of the Planning, Buildings and Economic Development Committee. As a Councilman, he chaired the Summit County Predatory Lending Task Force and sponsored many pieces of legislation, including the creation of the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs.

In November 2006, Judge Teodosio was elected a Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge. He has been elected to serve as the Court's Presiding Judge for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, by his colleagues in the General, Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Probate Divisions of the Court. Judge Teodosio also serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Board.

Judge Teodosio presides over serious felony matters and major civil lawsuits. In addition to his regular General Division Docket, Judge Teodosio presides over the Summit County Felony Drug Court, known as [The Turning Point Program](#). The *Program* is a separate, specialized docket in which nonviolent, drug-dependent offenders plead guilty to their offenses and are then provided intense, court-supervised treatment, over an 18-24 month period with random drug testing and mandatory substance abuse/mental health programming. Judge Teodosio has been successful in enhancing the programming that is available to the clients of this *Program* to include employment services, cognitive skills programming, mental health screening, crisis intervention counseling, anger management classes, family education programming and financial management classes. In order to graduate from the *Program*, participants must abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs and otherwise demonstrate that they have become rehabilitated and are prepared to serve as a positive influence on our community. Offenders who fail to successfully complete the *Program* are sentenced on their felony conviction.

Judge Teodosio is a member of the Ohio State and Akron Bar Associations, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, the American Judges Association and the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association. He also serves on the Akron Bar Association's Board of Trustees, the Ohio Judicial Conference's Specialized Dockets Committee and Criminal Law and Procedure Committee, the Supreme Court of Ohio's Advisory Committee on Interpreter Service and the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board. He has also served as a faculty member for the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College on the seminar topic Ethics and Professionalism and Access to Justice and Fairness in the Courts.

Judge Teodosio is deeply involved in our community. He currently serves on the Akron Civic Theater Board of Directors, the Akron Zoo Board of Trustees, the Stow Schools Foundation Board, and the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board. He is on the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative, Community Steering and is a member of the Akron Crime Clinic. He is a Silver Life Member of the NAACP. He has served on the Rebuilding Together Advisory Board, the Walsh Jesuit High School Board of Trustees, the Summit County Consumer Affairs Board, the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees, the Summit County Board of Control, the Summit County Audit Committee, the Summit County Investment Advisory Board, and the Board of Directors at Community Support Services.

His service to the community has been recognized by 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", the "Achievement Award" from the Council of Italian-American Societies of Summit County, the "2008 Veterans Appreciation Award" from the Veteran Service Commission, and the East Akron Community House's 40th Year Celebration of Community Organizing "Citizen's Participation Recognition."

Judge Teodosio is a lifelong resident of Summit County. He is married to Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio. Their son, Christopher is a practicing attorney who makes his home in Summit County with his wife, Katherine. They remember their late daughter, Andrea, through the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation.



**JUDGE TEODOSIO AND STAFF**

**From left:** Christopher Piekarski, Jill Coleman, Matthew Rich

## MAGISTRATE JOHN H. SHOEMAKER

John H. Shoemaker, the Chief Magistrate for the General Division of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, has served the Court for twenty-nine 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 and Local Rules of Practice 18. The Magistrate can preside over bench or jury trials and can handle any matters preliminary to litigation.

Under Criminal Rule 19, the Magistrate may preside over some criminal proceedings. Since 1991, the Magistrate conducts all arraignments for the General Division Judges. In 1998, a Video Arraignment System/Program was implemented and has been very successful. That system utilizes a closed-circuit television to arraign defendants who are incarcerated in the Summit County Jail.

The Magistrate also conducts civil protection hearings for the General Division Judges to include ex parte and full hearings.

Below is a recap of the 2014 data for the Magistrate's Office.

<b>CIVIL CASE ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Bench Trials</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Jury Trials</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Oral Hearings</b> <i>Including Civil Protection Orders Ex Parte and Full</i>	<b>669</b>
<b>Status Conferences</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>735</b>

<b>CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Jailed Defendants Arraigned via Closed-Circuit Television</b>	<b>1,885</b>
<b>Defendants Arraigned in Courtroom</b>	<b>3,428</b>
<b>Total Defendants Arraigned</b>	<b>5,313</b>

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## VISITING JUDGES

In 2014, the Summit County Common Pleas Court, General Division, continued its use of Visiting Judges to assist with the caseload.

JUDGE	RETIRED FROM	DIVISION
Michael J. Corrigan	Eighth District	Court of Appeals
Patricia A. Cosgrove	Summit County	Common Pleas Court
Judith L. Hunter	Summit County	Common Pleas Court
H. F. Inderlied, Jr.	Geauga County	Common Pleas Court
R. Patrick Kelly	Cuyahoga County	Common Pleas Court
Richard D. Reinbold, Jr.	Stark County	Common Pleas Court
Marvin A. Shapiro	Summit County	Common Pleas Court
Virgil Lee Sinclair	Stark County	Common Pleas Court

<b>COST OF VISITING JUDGES FOR 2014</b>	
Payment by County *	\$12,355.00
Payment by State **	\$94,691.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,046.52</b>

\* The County of Summit's Fiscal Year is January 1 through December 31.

\*\* The State of Ohio's Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30.

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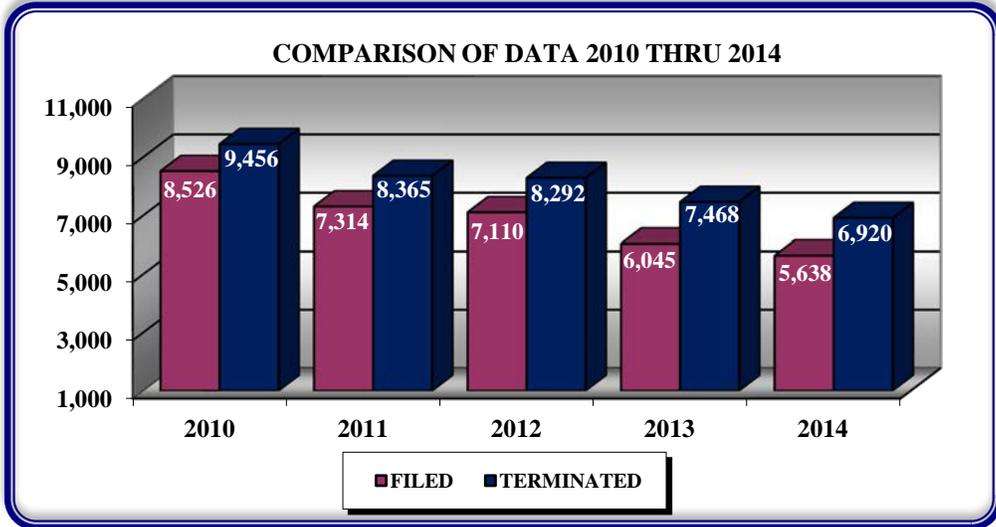
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TYPE OF CASE	Professional Tort	Product Liability	Other Torts	Workers Compensation	Foreclosures	Administrative Appeal	Complex Litigation	Other Civil	<u>TOTAL</u>	Visiting Judge
Pending beginning of period	84	4	664	173	1,198	39	1	870	3,033	33
New cases filed	91	6	894	227	2,388	64	X	1,959	5,629	9
Transferred, reactivated or redesignated	21	1	107	44	457	7	1	136	774	37
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>196</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>4,043</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>9,436</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>TERMINATIONS BY:</b>										
Jury trial	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	7	18	2
Court trial	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	17	19	0
Settled or dismissed prior to trial	29	2	475	117	98	6	0	296	1,023	17
Dismissal	39	2	166	52	509	14	1	508	1,291	9
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (Criminal) or want of prosecution (Civil)	3	0	24	7	170	6	0	109	319	0
Magistrate	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	293	299	1
Diversion or Arbitration	2	0	111	49	22	0	0	37	221	1
Default (civil)	0	0	32	0	1,624	2	0	507	2,165	1
Transfer to another judge or court	29	2	110	48	394	5	0	150	738	1
Referral to private judge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	1	0	16	0	108	0	0	61	186	0
Other terminations	5	1	49	12	255	42	0	240	604	5
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>111</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>3,182</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>37</b>
Pending end of period	85	4	669	158	861	35	1	740	2,553	42

## CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY 2014

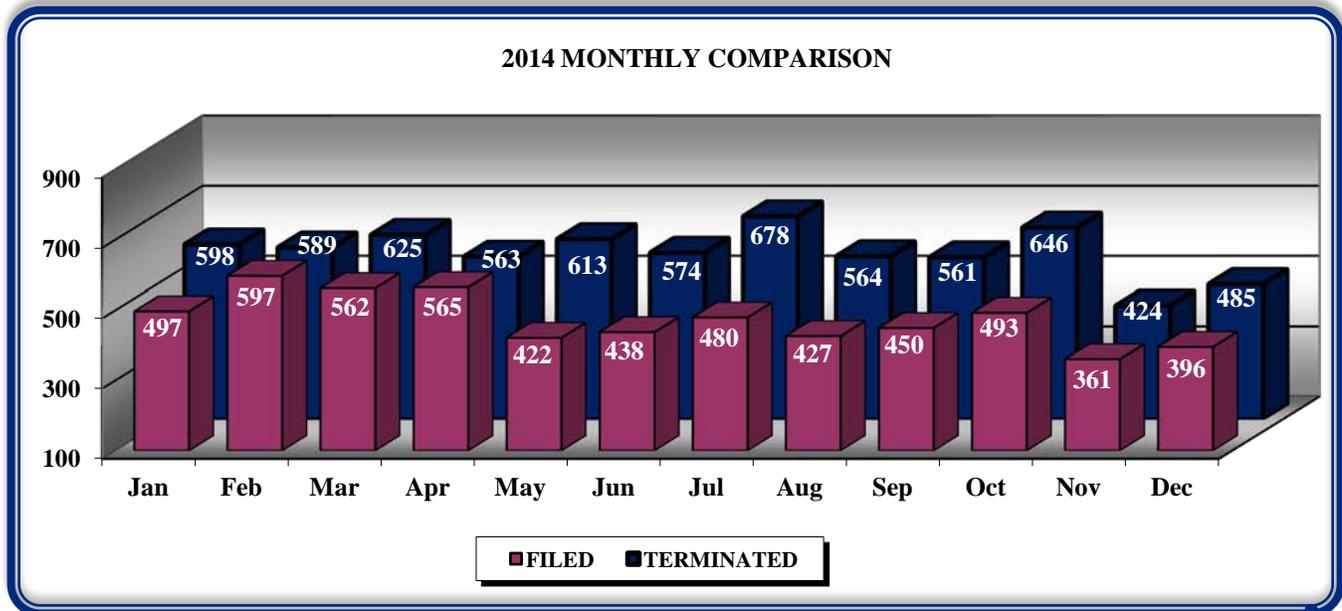
### FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON - CIVIL CASES FILED AND TERMINATED

The total number of Civil Cases **Filed** in 2014 was 5,638. This reflects a five-year decrease of 2,888 cases from the 8,526 cases filed in 2010. The total number of Civil Cases **Terminated** in 2014 was 6,920, which indicates a five-year decrease of 2,536 cases from the 9,456 cases terminated in 2010.



### MONTH-BY-MONTH ANALYSIS - CIVIL CASES FILED AND TERMINATED

The number of Civil Cases **Filed** in 2014 totaled 5,638. This reflects a decrease of 407 cases from the 6,045 cases filed in 2013. The number of Civil Cases **Terminated** in 2014 totaled 6,920, which indicates a decrease of 548 cases from the 7,468 cases terminated in 2013. The average civil caseload per Judge on December 31, 2014 was 259.5 cases, compared to the average civil caseload per Judge on December 31, 2013 of 307 cases.



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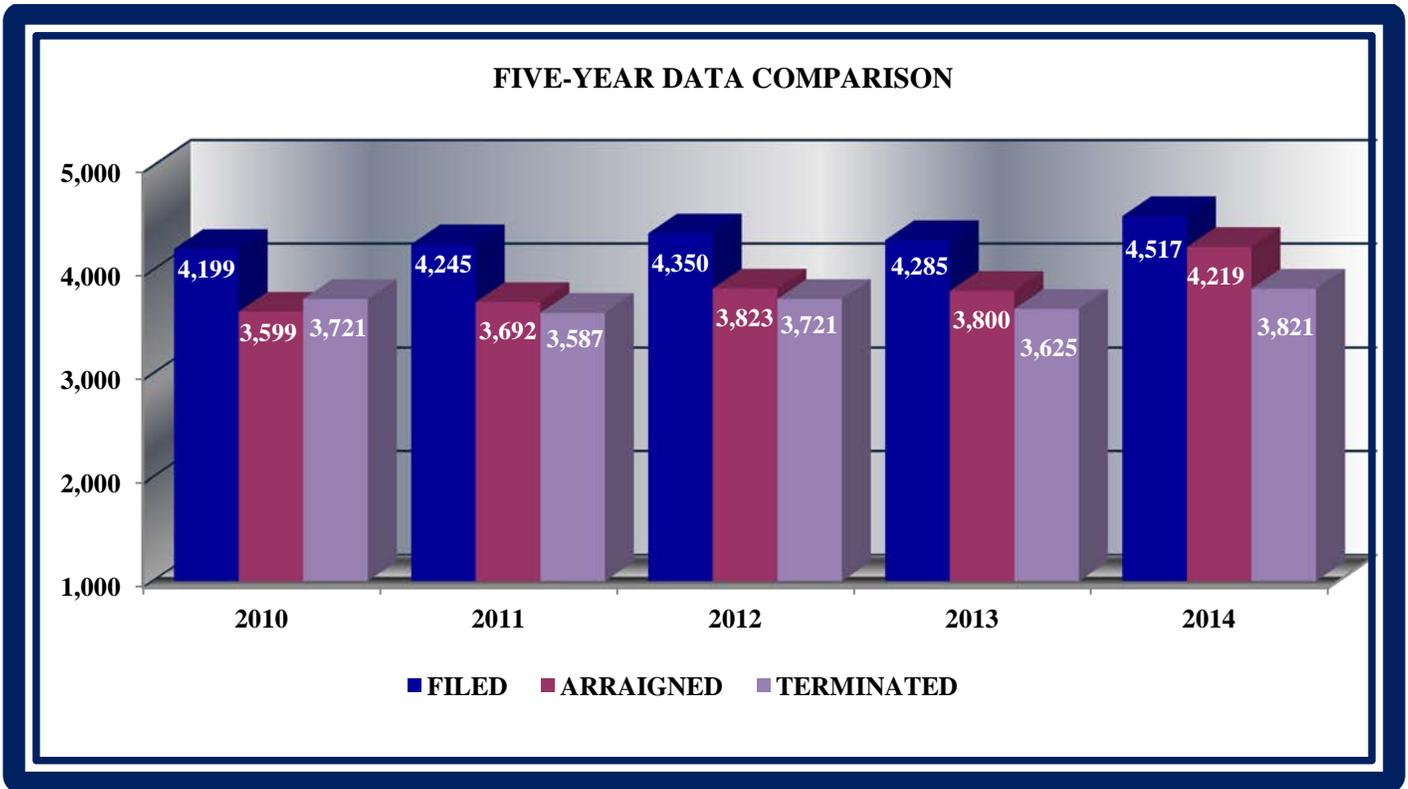
## CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY 2014

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>CASES FILED</b>	4,199	4,245	4,350	4,285	4,517
<b>CASES ASSIGNED/ARRAIGNED</b>	3,599	3,692	3,823	3,800	4,219
<b>CASES TERMINATED</b>	3,721	3,587	3,721	3,625	3,821
<b>TRIALS:</b>					
Jury	128	99	102	91	78
Court	27	20	16	15	19
<b>FELONY CHARGES:</b>					
Filed	7,843	8,070	6,614	6,944	7,322
Convictions	3,001	3,232	3,476	3,640	3,750
Dismissals	3,812	3,753	3,324	3,101	2,919
<b>MISDEMEANOR CHARGES:</b>					
Filed	3,366	3,329	1,385	2,326	3,008
Convictions	811	824	614	784	921
Dismissals	2,306	2,503	1,379	1,062	1,637
<b>DISPOSITIONS:</b>					
Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation	1,009	958	978	1,030	1,052
Ohio State Reform. For Women	101	114	120	141	146
Community Control	1,800	1,844	1,942	1,816	2,013
Probation	202	182	174	135	121
Summit County Jail	28	46	29	39	54
Glenwood Jail	0	1	5	6	5
Halfway House	1	0	0	0	0
Community Service	0	1	0	0	0
Suspended Sentence	40	31	28	11	8
Dismissals	148	127	173	132	124
Fine/Costs	25	25	17	19	24
Restitution	0	2	3	1	0
Transfer to Another County	0	0	0	0	0
IILC Completion	151	90	98	119	141
PDP Completion	81	73	45	65	38
Drug Court/Turning Point Completions	85	66	81	69	55
Not Guilty Verdicts (Jury Trials)	28	12	11	16	13
Not Guilty Verdicts (Court Trials)	6	3	6	4	5
NGRI	4	3	5	9	5
Death Penalty	1	0	0	1	0
Remanded (back to Muni Court)	11	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	0	9	6	12	17
<b>MOTIONS FOR JUDICIAL RELEASE</b>	1,308	1,332	1,355	1,309	1,274

**Criminal Case Activity - 2014 (cont'd)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>CHARGE/PLEA STATISTICS</b>					
<i>Pled Guilty - Original Charge</i>					
Felonies	2,896	3,126	3,099	3,111	3,521
Misdemeanors	706	703	550	585	835
<i>Pled Guilty - Amended Charge</i>					
Felonies	916	873	970	789	782
Misdemeanors	10	20	10	7	14
<i>Pled No Contest</i>					
Felonies	35	29	58	46	34
Misdemeanors	11	13	14	10	8
<i>Merged Counts</i>					
Felonies	5	10	14	16	25
Misdemeanors	3	0	1	1	8
<i>Dismissals</i>					
Felonies	3,812	3,753	3,324	3,101	2,919
Misdemeanors	2,306	2,503	1,379	1,062	1,637
<i>Jury Verdict - Guilty</i>					
Felonies	152	178	171	171	377
Misdemeanors	35	29	29	19	28
<i>Jury Verdict - Guilty (Amended)</i>					
Felonies	2	6	9	4	8
Misdemeanors	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Jury Verdict - Not Guilty</i>					
Felonies	86	61	63	36	66
Misdemeanors	15	20	4	5	16
<i>Court Verdict - Guilty</i>					
Felonies	32	31	21	10	18
Misdemeanors	11	10	17	10	4
<i>Court Verdict - Guilty (Amended)</i>					
Felonies	4	3	1	5	2
Misdemeanors	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Court Verdict - Not Guilty</i>					
Felonies	19	11	24	16	8
Misdemeanors	12	6	5	0	1
<i>Court Verdict - NGR1</i>					
Felonies	7	7	16	17	6
Misdemeanors	2	1	1	3	4
<i>Rule 29</i>					
Felonies	10	2	4	1	4
Misdemeanors	5	0	2	2	1
<i>Remanded</i>					
Felonies	0	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanors	0	12	7	9	6

## CRIMINAL DATA



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## MEDIATION

The Court offers court-sponsored Mediation to parties who have filed suit in Common Pleas Court, under the direction of Interim Chief Court Mediator, Kandi O'Connor. 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 because all of the parties have consented. In 2014, 588 cases were settled after referral to Mediation.

### DATA FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS

CASE STATUS	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Cases Pending Beginning of Year	708	640	431	421	409
Cases Referred	1,791	1,511	1,311	1,190	926
Returned to Court	700	571	418	364	262
Cases Settled	805	780	665	614	588
Removed prior to completion	354	336	238	224	179
Cases Pending End of Year	642	434	421	407	306

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## 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, which includes the Common Pleas Court and the Akron, Barberton and Stow Municipal Courts. Also, the Jury Commissioners draw jurors for the 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. Section 2313.07 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 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. Section 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 2313.14. The Jury Commissioners are solely responsible for determining which jurors' exemptions are valid and which jurors may be excused.

Effective December 1, 2009, payment of petit juror fees was suspended for the first ten days of service due to limited funding in the County's operating budget. Parking for jurors reporting for Common Pleas Court and Akron Municipal Court jury service is validated at the parking decks noted on their summons and in the pamphlet they receive. Petit jurors who serve more than ten days are paid \$15.00 on the eleventh day and each subsequent day thereafter.

In 2012, a new Jury Service Orientation DVD was produced.

Since June 6, 2006, jurors have had the convenience of using either our phone call-in system or our website at [www.summitpcourt.net](http://www.summitpcourt.net), to access the juror reporting information each evening.

As of October 28, 2002, jurors for Common Pleas Court and Akron Municipal Court service receive 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, 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 2013-2014 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 among the three sessions of court and summoned to one week of service within the four-month session to which they were selected.

**Petit Jury Data 2010 thru 2014**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>Total Jurors</b>	<b>Average Days</b>	<b>Muni Court Days</b>	<b>Reimbursed By Muni Courts</b>
2010	\$ 1,950	9,627	1.45	1,340	\$ 360*
2011	\$ 225	8,394	1.63	1,002	\$ 0
2012	\$ 5,250	8,973	1.52	951	\$ 0
2013	\$ 3,420	9,379	1.47	1,178	\$ 0
2014	\$ 7,575	9,743	1.58	1,175	\$ 0

Municipal Court dollars represent 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 O.R.C. 1901.25.

\*Stow Municipal Court only

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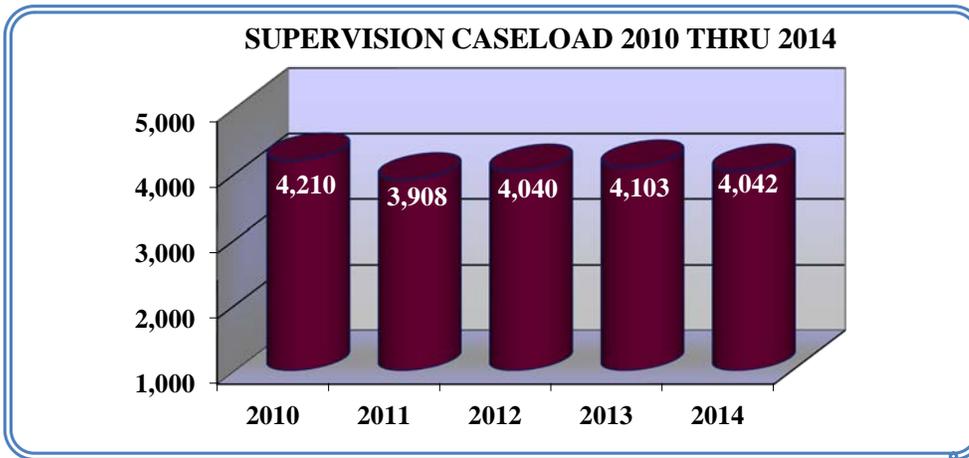
# ADULT PROBATION 2014

## MISSION STATEMENT

As a major partner in the justice system and a functional component of the Common Pleas Court, the Summit County Adult Probation Department strives to hold offenders accountable while promoting rehabilitation for positive behavioral change. Our mission is to reduce recidivism and the impact of crime on victims and the community through the use of services proven effective in Evidence Based Practices.

## SUPERVISION

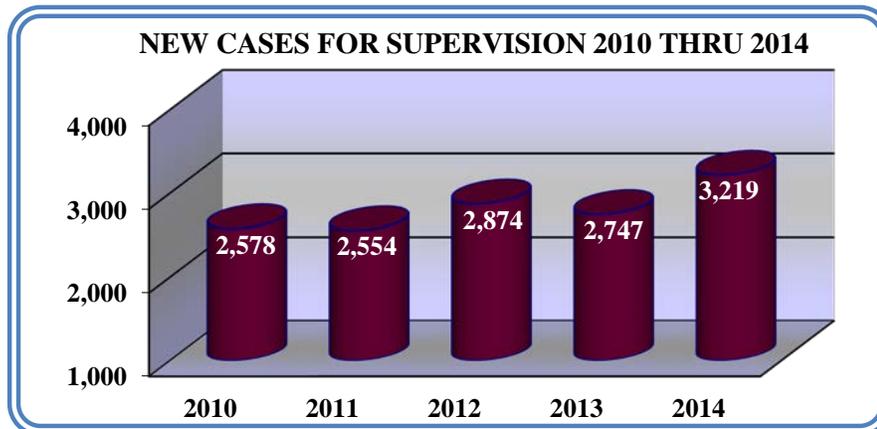
The number of offenders under supervision at the Adult Probation Department at the end of 2014 was 4,042 compared to 4,103 in 2013.



## NEW PROBATION REFERRALS

The number of new cases in 2014 was 3,219 compared to 2,747 in 2013.

The following chart shows the number of the new cases referred to Probation over the past five years:

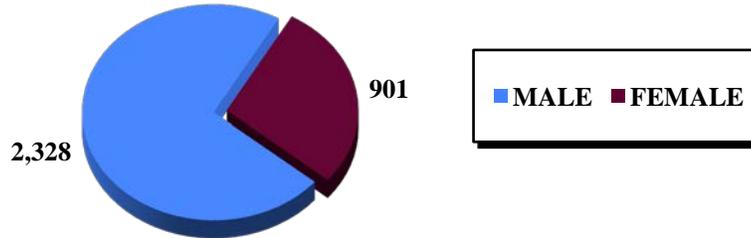


**DEMOGRAPHICS FOR OFFENDER POPULATION**

The demographic information for the new case placements in 2014 follows:

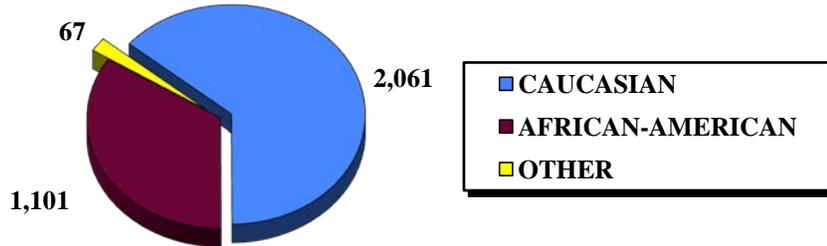
**BY GENDER**

In regard to Gender, there were 2,328 males placed on supervision in 2014. By contrast, the Court referred 901 females for supervision.



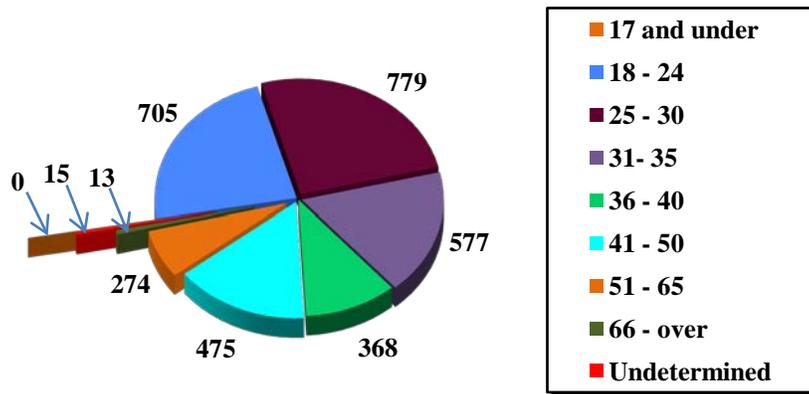
**BY RACE**

Caucasian referrals numbered 2,061 while African-Americans accounted for 1,101 of the offenders placed on supervision. There were 67 placements of various ethnicities, such as Hispanic or Asian descent.



**OFFENDERS BY AGE**

The following is a breakdown of Offenders by Age for 2014:



## TERMINATION OF SUPERVISION AND SENTENCING STATISTICS

During 2014, there were 1,604 supervision cases that were closed successfully, due to expiration. An additional 381 cases were closed successfully due to early termination, 42 graduated from [Reentry Court](#) and 19 closed for other reasons. Of the 212 Administrative Closings by the Court, 86 were returned courtesy supervisions, 31 were closed due to death, 47 transferred to [The Turning Point Program / Drug Court](#) and 48 were closed for other reasons.

As a result of non-compliance with graduated sanctions, sometimes the end result has been incarceration at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections for some offenders. In 2014, 498 cases were unsuccessfully terminated due to incarceration. Of those, 239 were due to new felonies, 250 for technical violations, and 9 for other reasons. The Department also had an additional 99 Supervision cases unsuccessfully terminated that were not incarcerated in prison. Of these 99 cases, 19 were terminated due to new felonies, 65 for technical violations, and 15 due to other reasons.

## INTENSIVE SUPERVISION UNIT (ISP)

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. In 2014, 248 felony offenders were diverted to ISP. The ISP Unit consists of one (1) Supervisor and five (5) Probation Officers.

During 2014, there were 229 terminations from the ISP Unit. The following table contains the details of those Terminations.

<b>Successful Terminations:</b> Reduced to Basic Supervision (24) Released from Community Control (32)	<b>56</b>
<b>Unsuccessful Technical Violations</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Unsuccessful New Felonies</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Unsuccessful New Misdemeanors</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Administrative Releases</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Terminations Designated as Other</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>229</b>

## PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION UNIT (PSI)

The Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit (PSI) writes all Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports for the Court. Currently, there are five (5) PSI Writers in the Unit. These writers do not carry a caseload and concentrate solely on writing the Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports. Within this Unit, there is one (1) Sex Offender Writer and one (1) Domestic Violence Writer. The Domestic Violence Writer's duties were expanded at the end of 2011 due to the addition of a new Court - [Domestic Violence Court](#). Conducting screenings for the new program, as well as supervising some of the offenders placed in that program, are now part of the responsibilities.

PS I Reports consist of several informational sections, such as Circumstances of Offense, Prior Criminal History, Social History and Impressions/Recommendations. When required, the report also includes a Victim Impact Statement. The reports are researched and written using collateral sources such as law enforcement agencies, employment records, medical records and educational records.

In 2014, the PSI Unit completed 718 PSI Reports, with 398 Victim Impact Statements. There were 44 Domestic Violence Pre-Sentence Investigations and 45 Sex Offense Pre-Sentence Investigations included in those completed reports. The Domestic Violence Court Screens totaled 67.

### **FELONY OVI SUPERVISION**

In 2014, Probation Officer Erin Day supervised the Felony DUI unit. The purpose of this Unit is to ensure DUI Offenders are complying with all statutory requirements. This Unit also facilitates referrals to outside agencies which provide substance abuse programming to meet those required to follow through with treatment recommendations. Offenders must maintain weekly contact with their assigned Officer, attend a minimum of two 12-step / self-help meetings per week, and successfully complete chemical dependency treatment. They are also subject to random urinalysis testing and alcohol breath testing.

In 2014 the Felony DUI unit supervised a total of 16 Offenders. Of those Offenders, 11 were male and 5 (five) were female. There were 6 (six) successful releases: 1 (one) early termination and 5 (5) expired from Community Control as scheduled. There were 3 (three) unsuccessful releases: 3 (three) New Felony Convictions. In the upcoming year, this unit will continue to monitor offenders on a weekly basis and monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of their Community Control.

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT**

The Adult Probation Department has 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 Intervention Program or other appropriate counseling and treatment programs, and victim contact by the Probation Officer. In 2014, General Supervision Probation Officers and the Domestic Violence Unit Specialist Officers, David Siko and Kelli Anderson, had over 5,900 contacts with offenders within the office, by phone, and in the field. In addition, Officer Kelli Anderson completed 99 specialized Pre-Sentence Investigation reports on domestic offenders.

In October 2011, the Department began a new initiative under the direction of the Honorable Paul J. Gallagher, in conjunction with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. Judge Gallagher presides over the first felony level [Domestic Violence Court](#) in the State of Ohio. Under this model, high risk offenders are screened for placement in an Intensive Supervision and Treatment Program. Officer Anderson attempts to interview all victims at the time of their Grand Jury appearance, using a domestic violence risk questionnaire. A risk tool is then completed on each defendant. These cases are reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office, the Probation Department, a Victim Advocate, and Judge Gallagher. Consultation with the defendant's attorney occurs as offenders are considered for placement in the Domestic Violence Court Probation Program for supervision. If chosen for this high risk, intensive program, offenders see Judge Gallagher on a weekly basis as well as having weekly contact with Probation Officers Siko and Anderson. As offenders progress through the Program, these meetings become less frequent. The victim advocate and the probation officers maintain contact with the victim during this period of supervision.

Summit Psychological Associates conducts a 52 week Domestic Violence Conflict Resolution Program which is a mandated component that all offenders are required to attend. As of December 31, 2014, 302 evaluations have been conducted with 113 active program participants. In December 2014 the first group of participants completed their three year period of Supervision.

Of the offenders whom have completed the 52 week treatment, four (4) have arrests for new domestic violence charges. For the 2014 year, 56 new offenders were assigned to the Court and 20 individuals were terminated. Four (4) were successful completions; one (1) offender passed away; five (5) were terminated for new domestic violence offenses; four (4) for a technical violation of offensive conduct against the victim; four (4) for Program Rules violations; four (4) for new non-DV criminal behaviors.

Offenders in the [Domestic Violence Court](#) report improvements in their lives and exhibit behavioral changes. We have developed good relationships with many victims and respond to their needs with resources available to us. The Court is under regular internal review and we continue to work to improve areas requiring attention. This Department has provided technical assistance to other Courts and Probation Agencies in development of their own programs.

## **KIOSK PROGRAM**

In 2011, the Courts and the Probation Department were awarded a *Technology Grant*. A portion of this Grant allowed for the implementation of a “Kiosk” Reporting System. The Probation Department and the General Division Computer Department embarked on the journey to create the new Reporting System in 2012. Kiosks are currently located in five (5) strategic locations throughout the county: the Stow Municipal Court lobby, the Barberton Police lobby, the Akron Police lobby, the Springfield Township Police lobby and the Urban Ounce of Prevention Office on South Hawkins Avenue.

Kiosk Reporting is designed for low-risk offenders and the program accommodates approximately 200 probationers. This tool provides a way that serves as a step down and/or incentive for an offender displaying a positive adjustment to supervision, and worthy of the considerations associated with being granted the ability to report to a Kiosk. Some of these considerations are: less frequent reporting, availability of alternative reporting hours, decreased waiting time in a traditional waiting room setting, as well as relieving the offender of the costs of parking.

Moreover, the more significant benefit of Kiosk Reporting is relative to the benefits realized by general supervision Officers and the Courts. By reassigning approximately 200 offenders to a Kiosk Reporting System, the balance of General Supervision Officers have been afforded the opportunity to spend more quality time with their offenders. This quality time is of ultimate benefit to the County as well as the State through a decrease in recidivism. The underlying philosophy is: If a General Supervision Officer can dedicate more time to the needs of offenders of *moderate* and *high risk* – these increased efforts, along with the department’s utilization of Evidence Based Practices, results in a decrease in recidivism.

From August 2012 through December 2014, the Probation Department processed 3,029 Kiosk reports.

## **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, the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) set up by the Akron Police Department 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 Courts have created a protocol to monitor the severely mentally ill offenders which, in part, can include regular court appearances for additional accountability. Lastly, said clients are being identified earlier in the court process and tracked throughout in order to better meet the needs of this population.

The Mental Health Unit consists primarily of two Probation Officers whose caseloads are determined by the functioning level of the individuals. This results in a smaller caseload for each Officer to deal with those requiring more intensive monitoring. In 2014, the specialized Officers supervised a total of 283 mental health cases with 157 new offenders assigned to this Unit in 2013. Furthermore, during 2014, this Unit had 112 terminations of which 77 cases were successfully released.

## **SEX OFFENDER UNIT**

The purpose of the Sex Offender Unit is to supervise individuals convicted of any sexually related offense, while assuring the compliance of the Adam Walsh Act and Megan's Law, as well as ensuring the safety of the victims and the community.

The Sex Offender Specialists work closely with local law enforcement agencies, such as the Adult Parole Authority, the United States Marshals Service, the Akron Police Department, and the Summit County Sheriff's Office, as well as treatment providers such as, Summit Psychological Associates Inc., Portage Path Behavioral Health and the Oriana House, to assure compliance. In 2014, the Sex Offender Unit assisted the Summit County Sheriff's Office in verifying the addresses of 100 sex offenders in their county-wide Sex Offender Address Verification Sweeps.

The intensive nature of the Sex Offender Unit requires frequent contacts with the offenders. In 2014, this Unit conducted 944 field visits to offenders' residences, to ensure that the offenders were living at their registered addresses and to ensure that they were in compliance with their Probation Conditions. In 2014, over 1,562 collateral contacts were made, which can include, but are not limited to, contact with the offender's families, employer, or treatment providers.

This Unit also monitors offenders' compliance via office and telephone contacts. Over 1,201 office contacts were conducted and over 566 telephone contacts were made with offenders. At the end of 2014, the Unit supervised approximately 100 offenders.

Continuing education is vital to the supervision of sex offenders, therefore, the Sex Offender Unit also completed numerous hours of sex offender specific training throughout the year and conducted a number of trainings for treatment providers and the public, on issues related to sex offender treatment, registration and supervision.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**379 new referrals** were accepted into the Community Service Program, interviewed by the Coordinator, placed in an appropriate agency and monitored through completion.

The statistics are as follows:

- Regular Probation Clients: 299
- Reentry Program Clients: 46
- Turning Point Program Clients: 8
- Clients under Courtesy Supervision (for other counties): 26
- Clients in Prison or on Parole, supervised by the Coordinator: 3

**Court Ordered Sanction:**

Regular Probation: 80 referrals / 55 completed successfully  
Reentry Program: 21 referrals / 14 completed successfully  
(Note: The court ordered 40 more offenders to work sanction requirements than in 2013)  
Total hours worked for sanctions; 8,926

**Community Service in Lieu of Paying Court Costs and/or Probation Fees:**

Regular Probation Clients: 219 / 157 were successful  
Reentry Program Clients: 25 / 15 were successful  
Turning Point Program Clients: 8 / 6 were successful  
Medical Termination Clients: 5  
Valor Court: 1 client who finished successfully

The total number of Community Service hours worked in lieu of paying Court Costs and Probation Fees totaled 16,559 hours. At a base rate of \$8.00 per hour, this figure is equivalent to \$132,472.

Clients who chose to pay off their Court Costs and Probation Fees: 6

In 2014, the number of **new agencies** that were recruited and agreed to accept Community Service workers totaled 16. That brings us to a total of 200 agencies that accept Community Service workers.

Since 2006, the hourly rate for Community Service hours (in lieu of paying costs and fees) has been \$8 an hour. Starting January 1, 2015, the hourly rate will be raised to \$10 an hour. This will be in keeping with Ohio / Federal minimum wage increases and is also the amount that other courts around our area are using. The increased dollar amount should provide greater incentive for our clients to complete their hours successfully.

**VALOR COURT**

In September 2013, The Summit County Court of Common Pleas, in conjunction with Akron Municipal Court, created [Valor Court](#), with [the Honorable Judge Amy Corrigall-Jones](#) presiding. This Specialized Docket addresses substance abuse and military related mental illnesses and collaborates with the local Veteran’s Administration and other community agencies, to provide services for veterans that have been honorably discharged from the military.

In 2014, Probation Officer Danielle Sampson supervised all Valor Court Participants. Potential applicants are identified early in the Court process with the help of the Pretrial Unit and subsequently complete a screening process to assist the Court in determining an offender’s appropriateness for participation. Once accepted into Valor Court, all participants report to Probation Officer Danielle Sampson on a weekly basis and work towards an individual Program Plan.

During 2014, Valor Court completed 49 screens and accepted 18 offenders. There were two (2) unsuccessful terminations. Valor Court received a final certification from the Ohio Supreme Court in 2014.

## THE TURNING POINT PROGRAM

[The Honorable Judge Thomas A. Teodosio](#) presides over [The Turning Point Program](#): Drug Court docket. The mission of the Summit County *Turning Point Program* is to improve the overall quality of life in our community by providing a court-supervised program for substance dependent offenders to enhance public safety, reduce crime, hold offenders accountable, reduce cost to the community and provide an opportunity for offenders to transform into positive, contributing community members. *The Turning Point Program* received final certification from the Ohio Supreme Court in November 2014.

*The Program* is comprised of two (2) Tracks. [Track 1](#) - Participants enter the *Program* after being identified as noncompliant with Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (IILC). These participants are eligible for a dismissal of the charges according to the IILC statute. [Track 2](#) - Participants are probationers. Both Track 1 and Track 2 participants have been identified as having a chemical dependency issue and meet a minimum Ohio Risk Assessment Score.

Defendants <u>Screened</u> for 'The Turning Point Program'					
Total Cases Screened	White Male	Black Male	White Female	Black Female	Other
304	156	35	97	13	1

Defendants <u>Entered</u> 'The Turning Point Program' - <u>Track 1</u>					
Total Cases Entered Track 1	White Male	Black Male	White Female	Black Female	Other
23	21	0	2	0	0

Defendants <u>Entered</u> 'The Turning Point Program' - <u>Track 2</u>					
Total Entered Track 2	White Male	Black Male	White Female	Black Female	Other
129	63	9	51	6	0

The Turning Point Program Track 1 Case <u>Completions</u>		
Successful	Unsuccessful	Administrative
5	6	1

The Turning Point Program Track 2 Case <u>Completions</u>		
Successful	Unsuccessful	Administrative
12	13	1

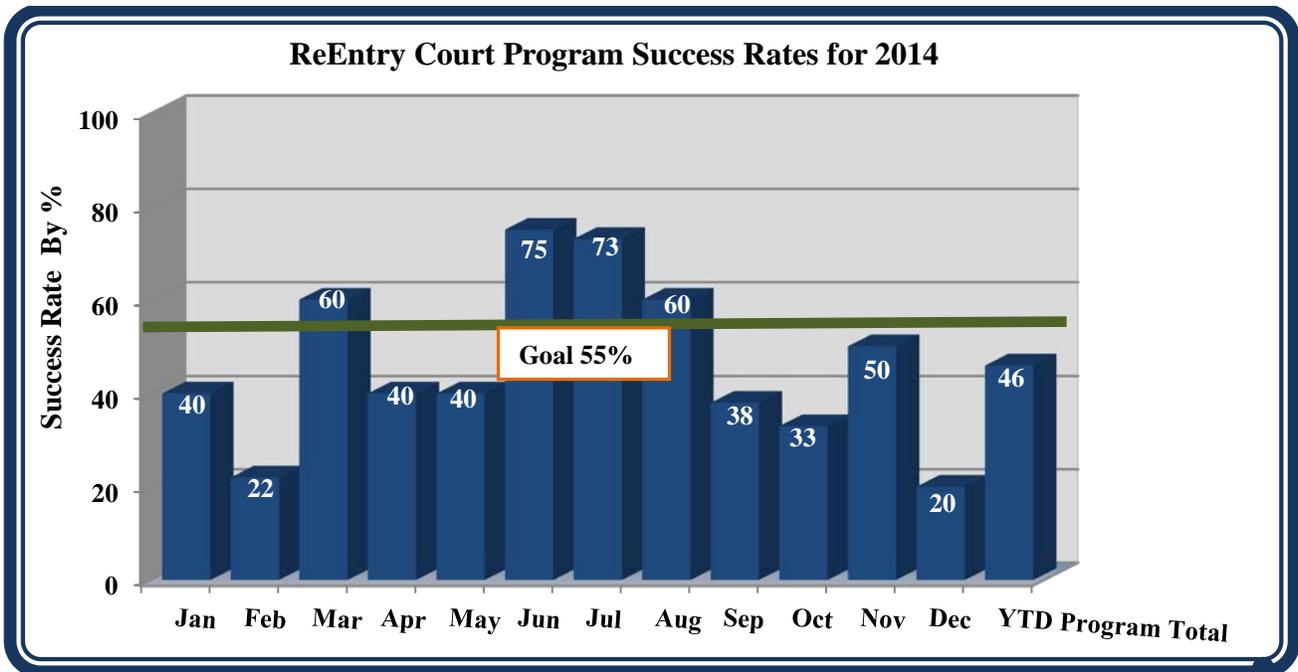
Reasons for Denying Entry into 'The Turning Point Program'	
ORAS Score did not meet minimum requirement	2
Chemical Dependency Level of Care did not meet minimum requirement	10
Did not meet legal criteria	34
Defendant declined opportunity to participate in Program	17
Judge denied placement based on recommendation of the Treatment Team	20
Assigned Court declined to place defendant into Program	7
Failed to appear for screening process	26

## REENTRY COURT

[The Re-Entry Court Program](#) is a collaborative effort between the Court of Common Pleas, the Adult Probation Department and Oriana House, Inc. To enter the Program, an offender, or his/her attorney, submits a letter/motion to the Court expressing a desire to be considered for the Re-Entry Court Program. The Court then makes a decision to bring the offender back for Judicial Release/Re-Entry Court consideration. Once the person is ordered to be returned, he/she is screened by a Probation Officer using the Ohio Risk Assessment System-Supplemental Reentry Tool (ORAS-SRT).

If granted Judicial Release into one of the three (3) Re-Entry Courts, the offender is either released from custody or transferred to a residential facility operated by the Oriana House, depending on their ORAS-SRT risk level. Clients are then assigned a Re-Entry Court caseworker through Oriana House who helps them throughout the Program. They meet with their caseworker on a regular basis and are required to submit random/frequent Alco-sensor tests and urine drug screens. Their caseworker initiates their programming and monitors compliance while they are in the Program. Clients appear in court on a regular basis for progress reviews and sanctions. A court appearance is also required when graduation from the Program is achieved. Clients can expect to graduate from the Re-Entry Court Program in one (1) year, unless they run into sanctions, which can prolong their placement.

The Summit County Re-Entry Court Program has a current retention rate of 78 percent. In 2014, there were 195 active clients in the Program and 42 successful graduations. The participating Re-Entry Court Judges were the [Honorable Lynne Callahan](#), the [Honorable Alison McCarty](#), and the [Honorable Mary Margaret Rowlands](#).



## LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM (L.E.A.D.S.)

- Per documentation from records compiled in Columbus (attached), LEADS operators using the terminal in room #221 made 16,094 request inquiries and received **34,694** criminal and BMV records back.
- Michelle Kocian, TAC (Terminal Agency Coordinator), using the LEADS terminal in room #206 made 12,996 request inquiries and received **26,912** records.
- Pretrial Officers at the Jail made 20,432 requests from their terminal, and received **40,627** records back.

All of the information was requested by and furnished to the Adult Probation Officers and supervisors, the Pretrial department, Court officials, [ReEntry](#) and [Turning Point](#) Courts, [Psycho Diagnostic Clinic](#), the [Magistrate's Court](#), [Valor Court](#), and [Probate Court](#).

- Kocian arranged for three (3) LEADS Operators to have their fingerprints taken and criminal background checks conducted, as required by BCI: Nate Enyedi, Tobin Crenshaw, and Diamond Hart.
- Kocian trained four (4) employees to be LEADS Operators by assisting them in obtaining their certification, giving them Security Awareness training, and providing follow up training as needed: Nate Enyedi, Tobin Crenshaw, Diamond Hart, and David Siko. Assistant TAC Karyn Rogers provided hands-on training experience in running LEADS requests, directly following certification.
- Seven (7) Operators passed their bi-annual recertification tests: Lee Runkle, Shiloh Geier, Michelle Kocian, Kelly Bowen, Brian Hawes, Paul Cieslinski, and Helga Keller. Michelle Kocian arranged the scheduling and was on hand to provide direction and answer questions.
- Kocian trained five (5) new employees to be LEADS Practitioners and gave them Security Awareness training: Matt Snyder, Nicole Lambert, Kiel Freeman, Bobbi Rosetta, and Dan Robinson.
- Chief Mike Rick was named the new LEADS Administrator for the Agency, and received training from M. Kocian, including Security Awareness.
- Michelle Kocian attended the annual mandatory TAC training in Richfield at the BCI building, on May 29.
- A department LASO was named (Local Agency Security Officer) as per LEADS rules: Jay Chapman. The LASO is directly responsible to the Agency Administrator (Mike Rick) for the security of LEADS. The LASO's main responsibility is to ensure that no unauthorized individuals have access to LEADS software and hardware, and to ensure that appropriate security measures are in place and working smoothly.
- Kocian trained the IT department in LEADS Security and Security Policy matters. The department was given updated manuals and training material.

## **SEALING SPECIALIST**

A Sealing Specialist is responsible for the processing of all Sealing Applications filed with the Clerk of Courts. These Specialists schedule and conduct all interviews with sealing applicants and perform all the required research before a written report is prepared for the Court. The guidelines and criteria associated with a Sealing Request are specifically outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. In 2014, there were 314 applications filed with the Clerk. The Departmental Sealing Specialists completed 403 reports.

## **OPIATE UNIT**

In 2014, the Probation Department was awarded the *SMART Grant* through the [Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction](#). This grant allowed for the creation of the Opiate Unit for low and moderate risk offenders. To combat the growing percentage of opiate addicted individuals that come through the Adult Probation Department, we have developed a specific unit within the department to address the specialized needs of the opiate user. The Opiate Unit consists of four distinct phases that provides intensive supervision services upfront and provides linkage and coordination to community treatment providers. As the individual progresses through their term of Community Control and maintains compliance their individual services decrease.

Probation Officers Matthew Snyder and Cynthia Schwarz developed this Unit from the ground up in early 2014. Officers Snyder and Schwarz have received training to work with individuals affected by opiate use. Specifically, in 2014 they attended the *Ohio Judicial Symposium for Opiate Addiction* and *Ohio's 2014 Opiate Conference: Don't Get Me Started*. In addition to the above trainings, Officers Snyder and Schwarz have been actively involved in the Summit County Opiate Task Force. In December 2014, Officer Schwarz retired and Probation Officer Bobbi Rosetta joined the Opiate Unit.

Since the creation of the Opiate Unit we have had 220 individuals active in the Opiate Unit. During 2014, the Opiate Unit provided a total of 1,726 office visits and 771 collateral contacts with treatment providers in Summit County. In addition to the 771 collateral contacts, the unit was active in working with the local treatment providers to maintain a working relationship to provide the best Evidence Based Services to the individuals in the Opiate Unit.

### **INTERVENTION IN LIEU OF CONVICTION (IILC) UNIT**

Offenders are granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (IILC) after being found in danger of being drug dependent, chronically mentally ill, or as otherwise defined in House Bill 86. These individuals are ordered by the Court to comply with mandated treatment and upon a successful completion, as defined by the Ohio Revised Code, the offenders are eligible for the dismissal of their pending charge.

The number of new placements in IILC increased 44% from 2013 to 2014. In 2014, there were 530 new cases. Due to the increase in the number of new placements in IILC, the Unit has expanded to include four (4) officers. There are currently 683 active IILC cases being supervised by this Department. In 2014, the Unit had 136 cases close successfully and 72 close unsuccessfully for technical / new felony violations.

### **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

The ORAS Risk Assessment is completed on all offenders who have a Pre-Sentence Investigation completed or are placed on Community Control as one of the steps to implement Evidenced Based Practices. This Tool enables the Officers to provide the appropriate level of supervision to an offender based on the Risk Score. At present, there are three (3) full time Assessment Officers who complete the Assessments on those offenders. New offenders placed on Community Control are scheduled to complete an Assessment. Once a Risk Score is determined, cases are assigned to a Probation Officer according to the Risk Level. This Department completed 1,576 full Assessments during the 2014 calendar year.

### **QUALITY AND OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **Goals of the Committee:**

To reduce recidivism and increase public safety, as well as improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the Adult Probation Department.

The Quality and Outcome Improvement Committee was formed in 2008 for the purpose of integrating the use of Evidence Based Practices to improve the quality of services provided to Probationers, the Court and community. In 2014, the Committee consisted of ten (10) volunteer members, including two (2) Co-chairs, Adult Probation Officers and Unit Supervisors, who formed five (5) Subcommittees: Motivational Interviewing (MI), Rewards, Programming, Officer Morale and Field Safety.

In 2014, the Committee kept up the progress it had in 2013 and added to it. At the end of 2013, several Officers were trained in implementing *Thinking For A Change*, which is a cognitive behavioral group designed to get offenders to *change*. In 2014, several of these groups were started with numerous probationers completing the groups. In 2014, additional Officers received certification to facilitate these groups.

The Committee continues its commitment to monitor the importance of Motivational Interviewing and the implementation of Evidence Based Programming. A “Rewards Policy”, implemented in 2013 by the Committee, continued to grow in 2014. Defendants are given tangible rewards recognizing the achievement of large milestones.

An Officer Morale Subcommittee was formed to focus on engagement, positive recognition and camaraderie within the Department. The Committee has proposed the implementation of addition tactical gear and continued field training to ensure the safety of our Officers and the community.

The members of the Committee at the end of 2014 were as follows:

**Co-chairs:** Paul Cieslinski and Katie Caprita

**Members:** Michael Rick, Danielle Sampson, David Siko, Laurie Fisher,  
Kimberly Humphrey, Robert Woods, Kerri Defibaugh and Traci Willard

In 2015, the Committee will be exploring more Evidence Based Practices that enhance the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Probation Department.



### **THE BRENDA BURNHAM UNRUH (BBU) EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM**

This program began in 2010 and was named in honor of the late Judge Brenda Burnham Unruh.

The BBU Program is now being offered three times a year to clients of the Adult Probation Department. Each Program targets a specific gender and, as deemed appropriate, a specific age group. The program consists of an orientation Session and on 2 ½ hour weekly class, held for eight to ten weeks. In accordance with Evidence Based Practices, “rewards” are utilized throughout the Program. Upon completion of the Program, a graduation luncheon and Certificates of Completion and Perfect Attendance are provided to participants.

**The Employment Readiness** portion of the Program has focused on knowing your skills, personal presentation, job searching, applications, resumes, interviewing, “answering the felony question” on applications and during interviews, and job retention. Sealing of the Record and Certificate of Qualification for Employment information was provided, as well as job leads and Job Fair information on a weekly basis. Speakers from local agencies and companies as well as the court’s Human Resources Department, provided presentations regarding training and educational opportunities, employment opportunities, the Federal Bonding Program, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and local employment assistance agencies. Mock interviews were conducted.

The Life Skills portion of the Program addressed such topics as basis banking skills, educational and training opportunities, child support, paternity testing, family services, substance abuse recovery, co-dependency, parenting, domestic violence, sexual offenders, healthy relationships and breast cancer awareness. Presentations were given by the Child Support Enforcement Agency, Planned Parenthood, the Department of Jobs and Family Services, Battered Women’s Shelter, Community Health Center, Akron University, Children’s Hospital, Fathers and Sons, Man to Man, PNC Bank and the Adult Probation Department. Free medical and dental service information was also provided.

### **SUPPORT STAFF AND DNA COLLECTION**

Lee Runkle retired and Christina Hartman resigned in November 2014. Sandy Zdelar, Support Staff Secretary, was hired in October 2014. Martha Beitel, Staci Board, Lee Runkle, and Jackie Shannon are Support Staff LEADS operators. Karyn Rogers is a LEADS operator as well as the LEADS TAC and Practitioner. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of January through the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 16,094 [LEADS Records](#) were requested and completed at the terminal in Room #221.

A total of 34,694 Criminal History and BMV records were then distributed to the Probations Officers, court officials, and to the Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic.

Between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Probation Support Staff helped to enter 13,499 Urine Drug Screens onto the Drug Test tab in the Summit County Online Record System (SCORS). Support Staff secretaries cleaned and processed 1,683 files for microfilming in 2014.

Ohio Law requires that all persons convicted of a felony and/or a qualifying misdemeanor, submit a sample of their DNA to the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI). Intake Personnel perform DNA tests Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., from all persons reporting to Intake for the first time, who meet the criteria, and have not previously submitted DNA. Intake Secretaries Chris Hartman and Jackie Shannon perform the majority of the DNA tests, with the help of Karyn Rogers and Staci Board. In 2014, Intake collected 338 DNA samples.

**SATURDAY REPORTING**

During the 2014 year, the number of offenders scheduled for Saturday Reporting totaled 217. The actual number that reported on Saturdays totaled 159. This figure consists of 159, or 73%, who reported as scheduled and fourteen (14) who reported and were not scheduled. The number of those scheduled but did not report totaled 71.

**INTERNS**

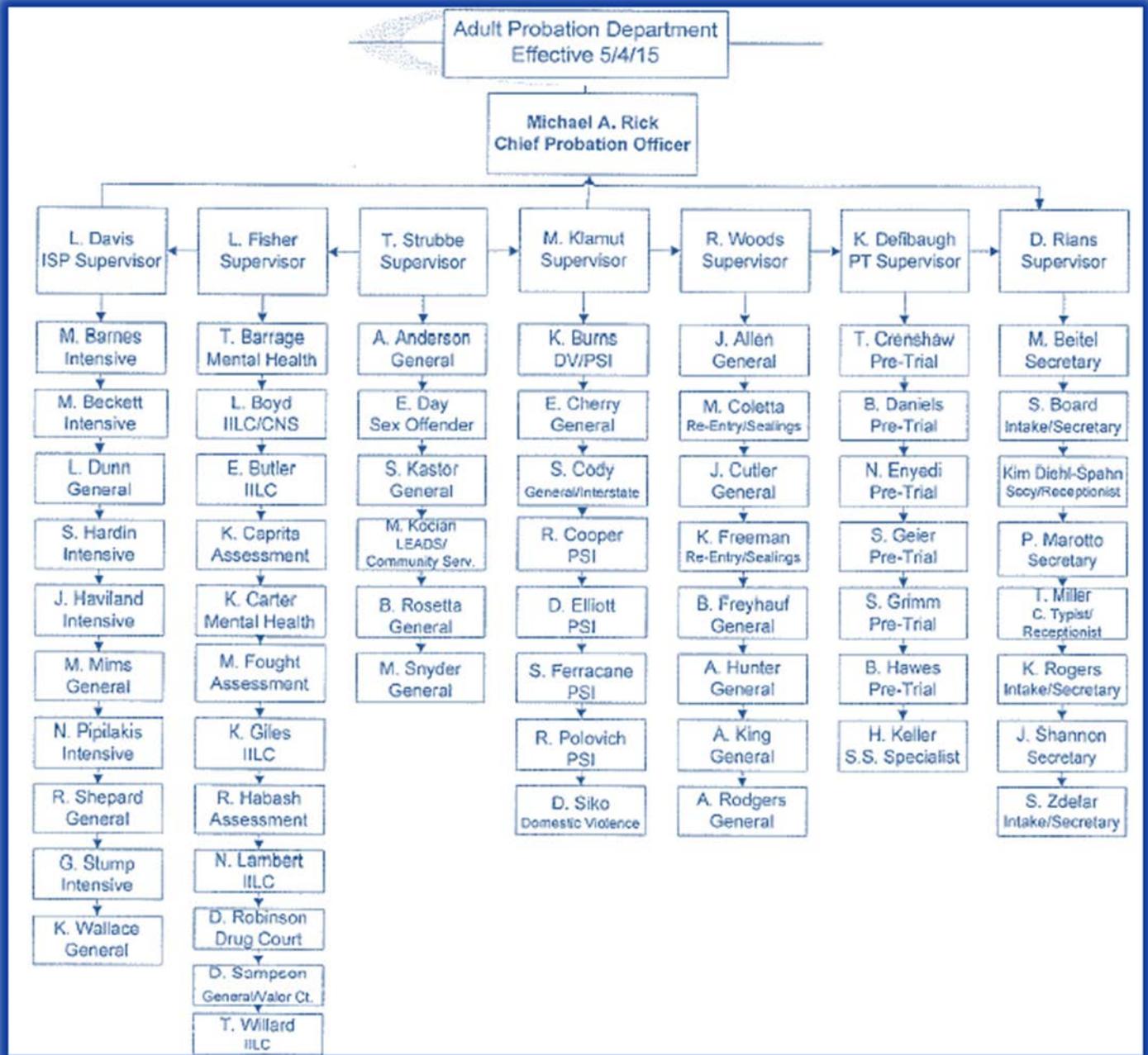
The Adult Probation Department makes regular use of College Interns. Students from The University of Akron, Stark State College, Cuyahoga Community College, Brown Mackie College, and Kent State University worked as interns with the Department in 2014. Probation supports and encourages college interns by exposing them to all aspects of Offender Supervision. Typically, there are two (2) to three (3) students in the Adult Probation Department each semester. Six (6) Officers in Probation were Interns through this program, prior to being hired by the Court of Common Pleas, and we have had a number of students who have contacted us when they have gone to work with other local corrections agencies. Officer Renee Cooper is the Intern Coordinator.

**SUMMIT COUNTY ADULT PROBATION PERSONNEL**

At the end of 2014, the Staff of the Adult Probation Department consisted of the following personnel:

◆	Director/Chief Probation Officer	1
◆	Probation Supervisors	5
◆	Probation Officers (ISP, IILC, PSI, General, Re-Entry, Assessment)	42
◆	Community Service Coordinator/L.E.A.D.S.	1
◆	Pretrial Supervisor	1
◆	Pretrial Officers	5
◆	Pretrial Support Staff Specialist	1
◆	Clerical Supervisor	1
◆	Clerical Specialist	8

# ADULT PROBATION ORGANIZATION CHART

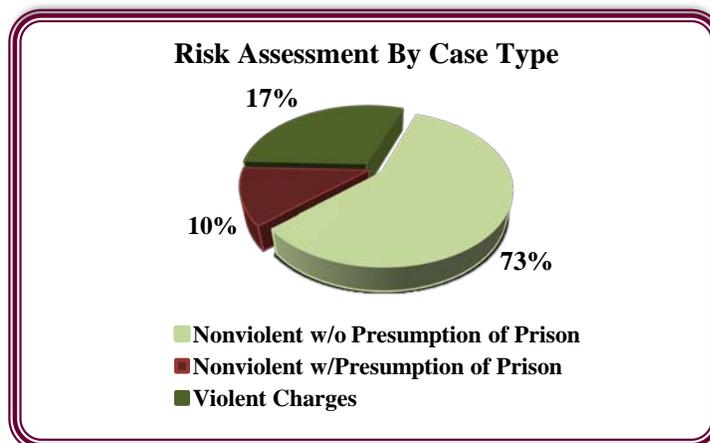
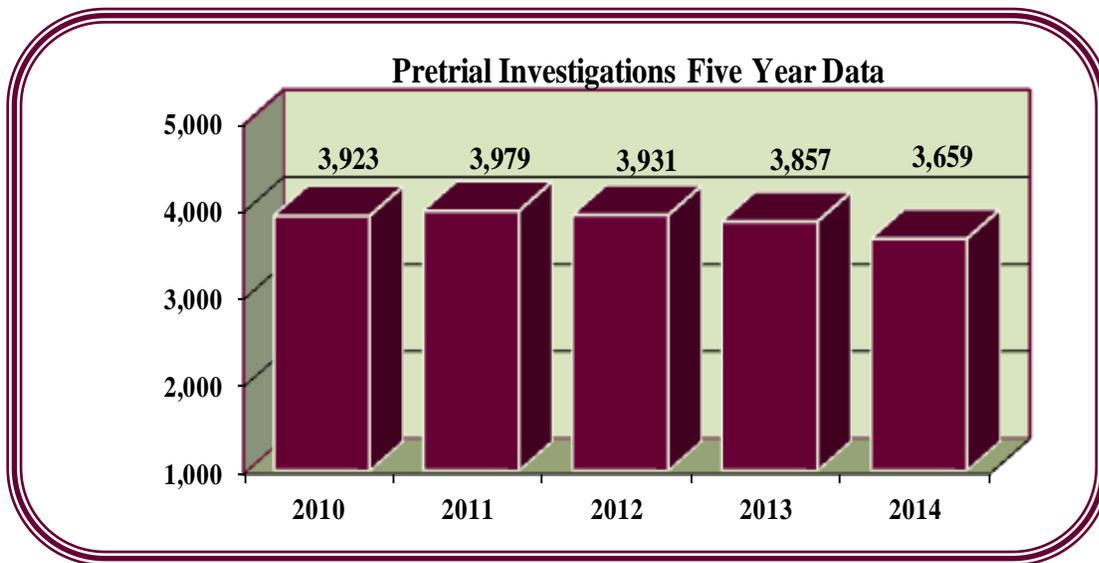


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## PRETRIAL SERVICES 2014

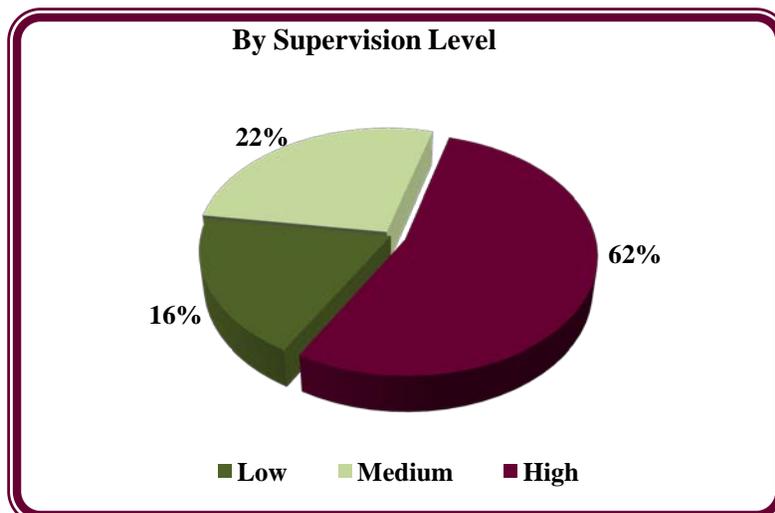
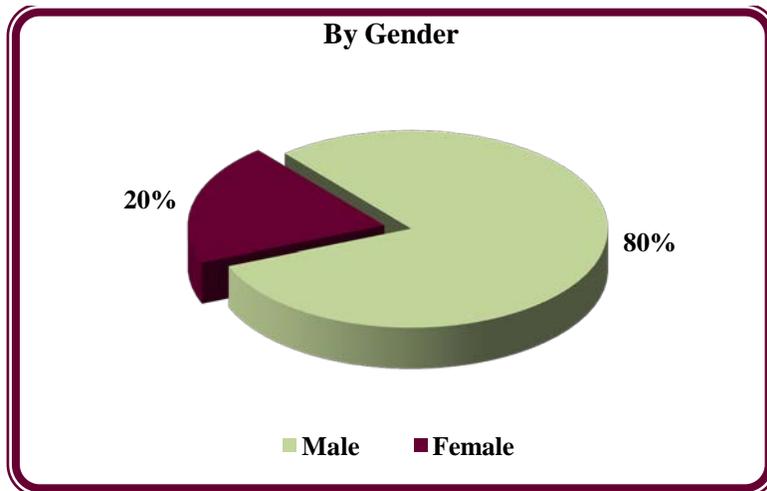
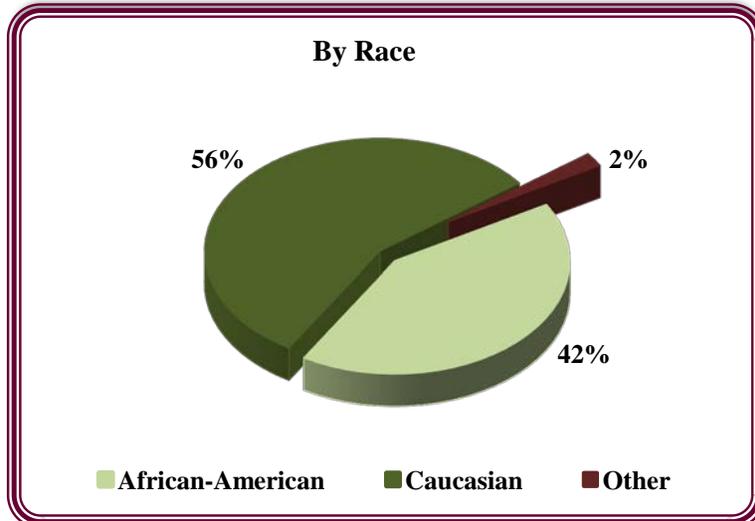
This year the Summit County Pretrial Services program continued to promote pretrial justice, and reduce jail overcrowding, through the utilization of a validated Risk Assessment that is based on a comprehensive investigation of nine indicators of risk and recommendation guidelines for bond.<sup>1</sup> 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 2014, Pretrial Services completed 3,659 Investigations and 124 Bond reviews. Approximately 24% (1,051) of the defendants investigated were placed on Pretrial Supervision as a condition of bond. The supervision component of bond is subcontracted to Oriana House Inc., under the Pretrial Supervision Program. The successful closure rate for those defendants released to the program was 81%, in 2014. For defendants that were on supervision, 7% were closed due to failure to appear, 3% due to technical violations and 6% due to new charges. In the remaining 2% of the population, Pretrial Supervision was removed as a condition of bond, bond was not posted, or the defendant was sentenced to prison on an unrelated case.



<sup>1</sup> 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.*

### Pretrial Investigations:



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## PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC 2014

The Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic has been providing quality forensic evaluations for nearly four decades. It is one of 10 certified forensic centers funded 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 evaluations to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas and to other courts in Summit County through limited funding by the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board. Evaluations are also provided to other courts in the five-county area on a fee-for-service basis.

A detailed list of all Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic staff, students, and consultants appears in [TABLE 1](#).

### COURT ORDERED EVALUATIONS

The Clinic conducted 1,077 court-ordered evaluations in 2014. This represented an 18% increase in the number of evaluations performed in 2013, a 35% increase in the number of evaluations performed in 2012, and a 54% increase in the number of evaluations performed in 2011. Eighty-one percent (81%) of these evaluations were provided for the Summit County Common Pleas Court. Twelve percent (12%) were ordered by Stark, Medina, Portage, and Geauga County Common Pleas Courts combined. Four percent (4%) of the Clinic evaluations were completed for Municipal Courts in Summit County. The remaining three percent (3%) of the evaluations were completed for other courts. Clinic referrals by referral source over the past four years are summarized in [TABLE 2](#).

[TABLE 3](#) contains a breakdown of referrals to the Clinic by referral type over the past four years. These evaluations include Competency to Stand Trial (19%), Sanity at the Time of the Act (11%), Commitment and Non-Secured Status of defendants found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or Incompetent-Nonrestorable committed under court jurisdiction (2%), and Mitigation of Penalty or Post-Sentence (Mentally Ill/Mentally Retarded Probationer) evaluations (4%) during 2014. In 2014, 684 Intervention in Lieu of Conviction evaluations were conducted by the Clinic, representing 64% of the total referrals.

### RESEARCH AND TRAINING

The Clinic continued to collaborate in research and training activities with Kent State University Department of Psychology, the Ohio Department of Mental Health, and Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), formerly known as the Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM). One doctoral student from the American Psychological Association (APA) approved training program in clinical psychology at Kent State University provided services under supervision in 2014.

In 2014, two journal articles were published by members of our staff from data collected at the Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic.

- Tarescavage, A. M., Luna-Jones, L., & Ben-Porath, Y. S. (2004). Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2-Restructured Form (MMPI-2-RF) Predictors of Violating Probation after Felonious Crimes. *Psychological Assessment*, 26(4), 1375.
- Tarescavage, A.M., Alosco, M. L., Ben-Porath, Y.S., Wood, A., & Luna-Jones, L. (2014). MMPI-2-RF Scores Generated from the MMPI-2 and MMPI-2-RF Test Booklets: Comparability in a Sample of Criminal Defendants. *Assessment*. 107319111453737.

Four psychiatry residents from NEOMED completed forensic rotations at the Clinic as part of their medical training. These future psychologists and psychiatrists provide service to the Clinic and the Courts while receiving valuable professional training.

**TABLE 1 – STAFF**

**PSYCHO – DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC STAFF AND CONSULTANTS**

<b>CLINICAL DIRECTOR</b>	Arcangela S. Wood, Psy. D., <i>Illinois School of Professional Psychology</i>
<b>CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST</b>	Lynn Luna Jones, Ph.D., ABPP (Forensic), <i>Temple University</i>
<b>CLINICAL STAFF</b>	Holly Trivett, B.A., <i>University of Akron</i>
	Randy Vipperman, LISW-S, <i>Case Western Reserve University</i>
<b>PSYCHOLOGY ASSISTANTS</b>	Ashley Holbert, Ph.D., <i>Kent State University</i>
	Jesica Rapier, M.A., <i>Kent State University</i>
<b>SUPPORT STAFF</b>	Michelle Longoria
<b>CONSULTANTS</b>	Galit Askenazi, Ph.D., ABPP (Forensic & Neuropsychology), <i>Case Western Reserve University</i>
	Michael Biscaro, Psy.D., ABPP (Forensic), <i>Xavier University</i>
	Andrea Loucaides, Ph.D., <i>University of Akron</i>
	Brian O’Reilly, Ph.D., <i>Kent State University</i>
	Gary Sales, M.D., J.D., <i>Wright State University</i> and <i>Ohio State University</i>
	Sara West, M.D., <i>University of Virginia</i>

**TABLE 2 – REFERRALS BY SOURCE**

Source	2014	2013	2012	2011
Summit Common Pleas Court	869	698	563	480
Stark Common Pleas Court	83	75	74	58
Medina Common Pleas Court	30	37	30	31
Portage Common Pleas Court	12	12	16	17
Geauga Common Pleas Court	8	7	5	7
Akron Municipal Court	34	35	36	42
Stow Municipal Court	5	2	4	3
Barberton Municipal Court	4	6	6	9
Medina County Municipal Courts	22	11	15	12
Stark County Municipal Courts	5	0	0	0
Portage County Municipal Courts	0	0	0	1
Geauga County Municipal Courts	0	2	0	1
Other Courts	5	5	7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>661</b>

**TABLE 3 - REFERRALS BY TYPE**

Referral Type	2014	2013	2012	2011
Competency to Stand Trial	204	194	192	203
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI)	122	127	97	95
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction	684	510	398	303
Mitigation of Penalty	41	26	42	34
Non-Secured Status	19	12	9	4
Commitment-NGRI	4	19	7	8
Mentally Ill/Mentally Retarded Probationer (Post-Sentence Evaluations)	3	2	9	12
Other Forensic Evaluations	0	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>661</b>

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## COUNTY OF SUMMIT COURTHOUSE SECURITY

### SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

In 2014, 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 Prisoner Transportation, Incident Reporting, and Security Screening Checkpoints.

PRISONER TRANSPORTATION BY COURT ORDER	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Convey To / From Prisons	1,821	1,562	1,646	1,557	1,510
Convey To Juvenile Facility/Prison	207	210	211	223	201
Convey To / From Common Pleas Courts	7,497	8,271	9,186	9,730	9,338
Convey To / From *Local Facilities/Other County Jails	1,084	460	260	399	149
New Prisoners From Court	1,037	885	592	724	699
Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)	1,805	1,906	2,627	2,306	1,872
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13,470</b>	<b>13,294</b>	<b>14,522</b>	<b>14,949</b>	<b>13,769</b>

\*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.

COURTHOUSE INCIDENT REPORT OVERVIEW	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Assaults	*9	*10	*5	*3	*2
Bomb Threat Or Suspicious Package	**1	**1	0	**1	**2
CPO w/ Weapons	14	0	0	0	0
Property Damaging	1	0	1	0	0
Disorderly / Menacing	***11	***11	***2	***1	0
Domestic	1	0	1	0	0
Drugs (Confiscated)	2	1	0	0	3
Fire Alarm	2	2	1	2	0
Medical / Illness/ Injury	9	14	12	20	13
Miscellaneous	6	7	18	24	19
Sex Offense	****1	0	0	0	0
Theft / Tampering with Records / Forgery	3	1	4	2	1
Warrant Arrest By Court Deputy	18	10	1	2	12
Counterfeit Money	0	1	0	0	0
Child Abuse	0	0	1	0	0
Arrests	0	0	5	0	0
Alarms	0	0	2	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>

\* Assaults at Juvenile Detention

\*\* Suspicious Package

\*\*\* Menacing at Juvenile Detention

\*\*\*\*Sex Offense – Dissemination of Matter Harmful to Juveniles - Juvenile Court Security

## SECURITY SCREENING CHECKPOINTS - METAL DETECTORS

Beginning in 2008, the security procedures for the screening checkpoints were changed and no unauthorized items were confiscated. Items must be secured by the owner or thrown away.

### 2014 BUILDING ATTENDANCE

MONTH	SAFETY BLDG. & PROBATION	COURTHOUSE	DOMESTIC COURT	JUVENILE COURT
JAN	6,774	24,518	22,201	9,975
FEB	6,854	32,164	22,855	8,978
MAR	6,648	23,844	23,725	8,914
APR	4,500	23,550	23,600	9,749
MAY	4,231	23,340	23,837	9,738
JUNE	4,315	33,720	22,681	9,544
JULY	4,125	33,625	21,656	9,257
AUG	2,811	24,237	24,240	9,674
SEPT	3,610	34,745	25,912	9,769
OCT	3,225	34,821	28,618	10,042
NOV	2,915	24,776	23,082	8,778
DEC	3,720	28,937	26,627	9,656
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,728</b>	<b>342,277</b>	<b>289,034</b>	<b>114,074</b>

The total number of persons entering the Common Pleas Court and Juvenile Court Buildings for 2014: **799,113**

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# FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2014

## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION

### GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS

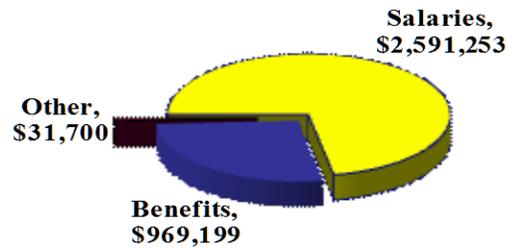
#### Court Administration

Employee Salaries	\$ 3,771,369
Benefits	1,371,187
Attorney Fees	2,888,269
Operational Expenses	601,008
<b>Total Administration</b> <b>\$ 8,631,833</b>	

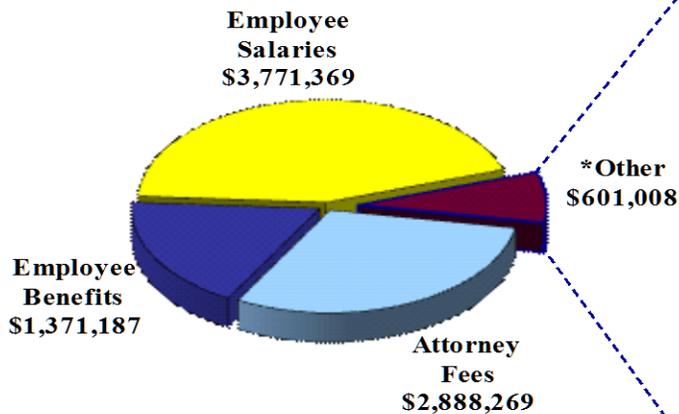
#### Adult Probation

Adult Probation Salaries	\$ 2,650,027
Benefits	990,667
Internal Expenses	31,700
<b>Total Adult Probation</b> <b>\$ 3,672,394</b>	

### ADULT PROBATION EXPENDITURES



### COURT ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES



#### OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries-Officials	\$ 140,000
Transcripts	169,401
Visiting Judges	13,689
Supplies & Other	-
Contract Services (Jury Expenses)	117,297
Internal Expenses	160,621
<b>TOTAL</b> <b>\$ 601,008</b>	

**TOTAL COMMON PLEAS COURT GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**    **\$12,905,235**

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS 2014

### Legal Research Fund

<b>Revenues</b>	\$	<b>85,753</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Equipment, Training, Services	\$	<b>78,285</b>

### Probation Service Fees

<b>Revenues</b>	\$	<b>257,463</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Equipment, Training, Services	\$	<b>246,351</b>

### Special Projects Fund

<b>Revenues</b>	\$	<b>929,733</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Salaries		351,235
Benefits		79,256
Equipment		61,075
Supplies		25,473
Contracts		169,671
Professional Education		47,572
Professional Services		135,269
Other Expense		12,486
Capital Outlay		0
	<b>\$</b>	<b>882,037</b>

<b>Revenues</b>	\$	<b>1,272,949</b>
<b>Expenditures from Revenue</b>	\$	<b>1,206,673</b>
<b>Surplus from Revenue</b>	\$	<b>66,276</b>

## GRANT FUND ACCOUNTS 2014

### Adult Probation

<b>Intensive Supervision</b>		
Salaries	\$	240,352
Benefits		99,236
<b>Total Grant Adult Probation</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>339,588</b>

### Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic

<b>ADM Board State Grant</b>		
Salaries	\$	256,735
Benefits		101,170
Consulting Services		39,092
Supplies		400
Travel		2,870
Contract Services		568
Equipment		-
<b>Total Grant Psycho-Diagnostic</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>400,835</b>

### \*P.I.I.G. Grant

Revenues	\$	128,185
Expenditures	\$	100,965

### Smart Ohio Grant

Revenues	\$	433,336
Expenditures	\$	90,877

### Domestic Violence Grant

Revenues	\$	39,352
Expenditures	\$	39,352

\*Probation Improvement & Incentives Program

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**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-GENERAL DIVISION**

**2014 ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL ROSTER**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE</b>
<b><u>-ADMINISTRATION-</u></b>		
Administrative Specialist	2	Kay Scaffidi Denna Steiner
Assistant Court Executive Officer	1	Robert Gainer
Assistant Chief Court Reporter	1	Terri Sims
Assistant Director of Department of Operations	1	Leann Backer
Chief Court Reporter	1	Margaret Wellemeyer Cora Dawkins
Civil Division Secretaries	2	Kary Speaks
Client Technologies Technician	1	Donna Simone
Court Executive Officer	1	Andrew Bauer
Court Executive Secretary	1	Debra Young
Court Reporter	10	Barbara Day Kristie Gowens Melissa Kaess Gary Maharidge Teresa Orlovsky LeAnn Orner Maxine Roberts Tracy Rowland Eric Smead Kelley Spears
Courtroom Bailiff	10	Joan Arshinkoff Jill Coleman Dorianne Denard Kimberly Guldeman Michelle Manchester Kenneth Masich Thomas McLaughlin Tiffany Morrison Brian Scheetz Maria Williams  Theresa Caprez Christina Dudich Julie Risk Marie Donofrio Kelly Krol
Criminal Support Specialist	11	Melissa Ludwig Polly McEndree-White Joan Mosley Theresa Vance Deborah Smith Lisa Tabet

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE</b>
Director of Information Technology	1	Jay Chapman
Director of Department of Operations	1	Patricia Carillon
Drug Court Liaison	1	Ashley Frank
Foreclosure Specialist	1	Suzanne Stephens
Human Resource Specialist	2	Monica Prexta-Siko Sue Roszkowski
Judicial Assistant	10	Shay Christopher Jaclyn Darrah Andrew DeLamatre Michelle Dimeff Shari Hower Tamara Keefer Cynthia Mitseff Jan Panella Christopher Piekarski Bridget Walters
Judicial Attorney	13	Jason Adams Jennifer Bouhall Matthew Dickinson Janet Dutt Patricia Himelrigh Martha Hom Dawn Humphrys Michelle Neiman Elizabeth Ann Nemes Kandi O'Connor Matthew Rich Carrie Roush William Wellemeyer
Jury Bailiff Assistant	1	Dianne Drummond
Jury Commissioner	2	Frances Brooks Joyce Stull
Jury Department Supervisor/Bailiff	1	Paula McAvinew
Magistrate	1	John Shoemaker
Magistrate Assistant	1	Sherri O'Brien
Mediation Secretary	1	Lynn Covert
Mediator	3	Frank Motz Cheryl Hollis Alison Pfeister
Special Projects Officer	1	Ruth Squires

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE</b>
<b><u>-PROBATION DEPARTMENT-</u></b>		
Chief Probation Officer/ Offender Service Director	1	Michael Rick
Clerk Typist II	1	Theresa Miller
Pretrial Services Supervisor	1	Kerry Defibaugh
Pretrial Release Officer	7	Kelly Bowen Katherine Caprita William Daniels Nathaniel Enyedi Ashley Frank Shiloh Geier Brian Hawes
Probation Officer	40	Kelli Anderson Maria Barnes Timothy Barrage Marshall Beckett Laurie Boyd Elaine Butler Elaine Cherry Paul Cieslinski Marc Coletta Renee Cooper Stephanie Crooms Jeffrey Cutler Erin Day Lorri Dunn Douglas Elliott Sandra Ferracane Michelle Fought Brian FreyhauF Kristen Giles Jennifer Haviland Kimberly Humphrey Antalene Hunter Shari Kastor Anthony King Lorette Long Michael Mims Patricia Pfander Nickie Pipilakis Rudolph Polovich Anthony Rodgers Danielle Sampson Cynthia Schwarz Scott Scislo Rebecca Shepard

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE</b>
Probation Officer (cont'd)		David Siko Tiffany Smith Matthew Snyder Shannon Vaughn Kecia Wallace Martha Yeager
Probation Secretary Supervisor	1	Debbie Rians
Probation Supervisor	5	Lisa Davis Michael Klamut Laurie Ruhman Terry Strubbe Robert Woods
Secretary II	7	Martha Beitel Staci Board Christina Hartman Patricia Marotto Karyn Rogers Lee Runkle Jackie Shannon
Support Staff Specialist	1	Helga Keller
Work Release Coordinator / L.E.A.D.S. Operator	1	Michelle Kocian

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE</b>
<b><u>-PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC-</u></b>		
Administrative Secretary	1	Michelle Longoria
Chief Psychologist	1	Lynn Luna Jones, Ph.D.
Director	1	Arcangela S. Wood, Psy.D.
Forensic Mental Health Specialist	1	Holly Trivett
IILC Assessment Officer	1	Randy Vipperman
Psychology Assistant	1	Jesica Rapier

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