

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 2015



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

GENERAL DIVISION

SUMMIT COUNTY OHIO

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ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

JUDGE THOMAS A. TEODOSIO
PRESIDING JUDGE

JUDGE LYNNE S. CALLAHAN
JUDGE CHRISTINE CROCE
JUDGE PAUL J. GALLAGHER
JUDGE AMY CORRIGALL JONES

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JUDGE TOM PARKER
JUDGE MARY MARGARET ROWLANDS

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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.

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THE HONORABLE JUDGE LYNNE S. CALLAHAN

Judge Lynne 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. In 1989 she joined the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney where she remained until she joined the law firm of Davis & Young in 1994.

Judge Callahan was appointed to the Akron Municipal Court on May 1, 1997, elected to the seat in November 1997 and re-elected to the seat in November 2003. While in the Akron Municipal Court, she was instrumental in the creation of the Akron Municipal Court’s Family Violence Court and presided over that court from April 1998 until she was elected to the Common Pleas Court in 2009. Family Violence Court was an innovative domestic violence diversion program, which targeted 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 and re-elected in November 2014. She participates in the Summit County Common Pleas Court’s [Re-Entry Court](#) Program and is a member of the Summit County Re-Entry Network Steering Committee. Judge Callahan serves on the Ohio Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence and the Ohio Judicial Conference Criminal Law and Procedure Committee. She has also served as a mentor to newly-appointed judges.

Judge Callahan has been active in the community and has been the recipient of several awards recognizing her community involvement, including the 2014 St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Father Thomas Maher Outstanding Alumni Award and the Urban Light Award. Judge Callahan was actively involved with the Ohio Student Mock Trial Program and coached middle school and high school mock trial teams for ten years. She has been a member of the County of Summit Criminal Justice Advisory Board for over fifteen years, and served two terms as president of the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Center Foundation. 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 four grandsons.



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

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 the 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. He was re-elected for a second term beginning January 1, 2013.

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 that 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, studying for a summer at Oxford University, England, in 1982, 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. She specialized in handling child physical and sexual abuse cases, as well as sexual assault cases. Her most notorious case was *State of Ohio v. Douglas Prade*, in which an Akron Police Captain was charged with the Aggravated Murder of his ex-wife, Dr. Margo Prade. Prade's conviction, in 1998, on all charges and the subsequent appeals have made national news and been the subject of numerous TV shows.

Judge McCarty was appointed Judge of 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 and 2013, 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. In 2016 Judge McCarty received a Leadership Award from the Akron Bar Association for her 15-year record as Chair of the Mock Trial Committee.

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 chaired the Akron Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Committee, a position she held for fifteen 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 and was re-elected in 2014. She presides over serious felony matters and major civil lawsuits. Judge McCarty presides over a [ReEntry 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 is a frequent lecturer, speaking on topics ranging from trial tactics, sexual assault cases, and 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. Judge McCarty also serves as a Mentor for the Ohio Supreme Court, mentoring new judges and new lawyers.

Judge McCarty has been married to Thomas McCarty for 28 years, and they have two daughters. The McCarty family has been pleased to host numerous foreign exchange students in their home.

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 AND STAFF

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

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THE HONORABLE JUDGE TODD M. MCKENNEY

Judge Todd McKenney was elected to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 2014.

A life-long resident of Summit County, Judge McKenney graduated from Manchester High School (1982), Hiram College, BA, Magna Cum Laude (1986) and earned his Juris Doctorate Degree from the Ohio State University College of Law (1989) and was thereafter admitted to the Ohio Bar. Judge McKenney is also licensed to practice in the Northern District of Ohio and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

From 1989 to 1991 and again from 2005 to 2007, Judge McKenney served as a Judicial Law Clerk in the United States District Court, for the Northern District of Ohio.

During his more than 25 years of legal experience, Judge McKenney has practiced law with the firms of Black McCuskey, Souers and Arbaugh and most recently with Leiby, Hanna, Rasnick, Towne, Evanchan, Palmisano & Hobson, LLC.

Judge McKenney has served the Summit County residents in the past as a New Franklin City Council member, State Representative for the 43rd District of Ohio, Barberton Municipal Court Judge, and Judge of the Summit County Common Pleas Court Probate Division.

Judge McKenney has been active in the community and formerly served on the Board of The Chapel, the International Institute of Akron, Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop (YEPAW) for African-American Teen Leadership, Akron Area YMCA Trustee, Green Family YMCA Advisory Board, Lake Anna YMCA Capital Campaign and Love Akron.

Judge McKenney currently serves as a Trustee for the Akron Bar Association, Akron Bar Foundation Fellow and a Board Member for Faithful Servants, free medical clinic.

Judge McKenney is married to Bethany and they have two children.



JUDGE MCKENNEY AND STAFF

Lisa Kayes, William Wellemeyer, Kimberly Guldeman

THE HONORABLE JUDGE TAMMY O'BRIEN

Judge Tammy O'Brien was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 2011, was then elected in 2012, and then re-elected in 2014. 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 was published annually by Thompson West for many years.

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. Judge Parker was re-elected to the court in November 2014 and commenced his second term of office on May 1, 2105. 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. He graduated from Miami University with his undergraduate degree in 1976 and from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1979. 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. She was elected Presiding Judge of the Court from 2013-2015 by her colleagues in the General, Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Probate Divisions. Judge Rowlands' [Re-entry Court Program](#) has been certified by the Ohio Supreme Court; she supervises approximately 60 ex-offenders who are recently released from prison, in addition to her assigned docket of civil and criminal cases.

Judge Rowlands graduated from Youngstown State University and received her law 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 The Civic Theatre, and the Gay Community Endowment Fund Advisory Board. She also enjoys her role as the Ohio Chair of the National Association of Women Judges, always finding tremendous joy in the company of intelligent, dedicated women.

She has served on the Board of Trustees of the Akron Bar Association, and 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 JUDGE THOMAS A. TEODOSIO

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

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, Judge Teodosio 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, Judge Teodosio 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 Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge. For the year 2016, Judge Teodosio will be serving as the Court's Administrative Judge.

He has been elected to serve as the Court's Presiding Judge for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015 by his colleagues in the General, Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Probate Divisions of the Court. Judge Teodosio also served 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 Summit County's 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 with random drug testing and 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 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. Judge Teodosio serves on the Akron Bar Association's Board of Trustees; the Ohio Judicial Conference's Specialized Dockets Committee and Criminal Law & Procedure Committee; the Supreme Court of Ohio's Advisory Committee on Interpreter Services and the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and the Summit County Opiate Task Force. 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; 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.

Judge Teodosio's service to the community has been recognized by the YMCA Western Reserve Paul C. Hutchison Service to Youth Award; the Bishop Cosgrove Justice Award from the Catholic Commission of Summit County; 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 Italian American Heritage Award from the Centro Italiano Heritage Committee of Festa Italiana; the "2008 Veterans Appreciation Award" from the Veteran Service Commission; and the East Akron Community House 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. The Judges remember their late daughter, Andrea, through the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation.



JUDGE TEODOSIO AND STAFF

From left: Christopher Piekarski, Jill Coleman, Matthew Rich

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MAGISTRATE KANDI S. O'CONNOR

Kandi S. O'Connor is the Chief Magistrate for the General Division of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. The Magistrate assists the General Division Judges by handling a variety of civil matters assigned to her via general or limited orders of reference. Under Civil Rule 53, the Magistrate can preside over bench or jury trials (appendix XIV-A), and can handle any matters preliminary to litigation.

Under Criminal Rule 19, the Magistrate can perform criminal tasks. The Magistrate conducts all arraignments for the General Division Judges. A Video Arraignment System/Program was implemented in 1998 and has been very successful. That system utilizes a closed-circuit television to arraign defendants who are incarcerated in the Summit County Jail.

Under Ohio Revised Code (ORC), 2903.214, persons are authorized to petition the Court for an anti-stalking civil protection order. The Magistrate has a general order of reference and hears all of the filed petitions (appendix XIV-B) to include *ex parte** and full hearings.

Below is a recap of the 2015 data for the Magistrate's Office.

CIVIL CASE ACTIVITIES	
Bench Trials	16
Jury Trials	0
Oral Hearings <i>Including Civil Protection Orders, *Ex Parte and Full</i>	596
Status Conferences	34
Total Activities	646

CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITIES	
Jailed Defendants Arraigned via Closed-Circuit Television	1,805
Defendants Arraigned in Courtroom	3,381
Total Defendants Arraigned	5,186

* An *ex parte* decision is one decided by a Judge without requiring all of the parties to the controversy to be present.

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VISITING JUDGES

In 2015, 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
John A. Enlow	Portage County	Common Pleas Court
Judith L. Hunter	Summit County	Common Pleas Court
H. F. Inderlied, Jr.	Geauga County	Common Pleas Court
James L. Kimbler	Medina County	Common Pleas Court
Richard M. Markus	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

COST OF VISITING JUDGES FOR 2015	
Payment by County *	\$14,077.00
Payment by State **	\$107,950.48
Total	\$122,027.48

* The County of Summit's fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.

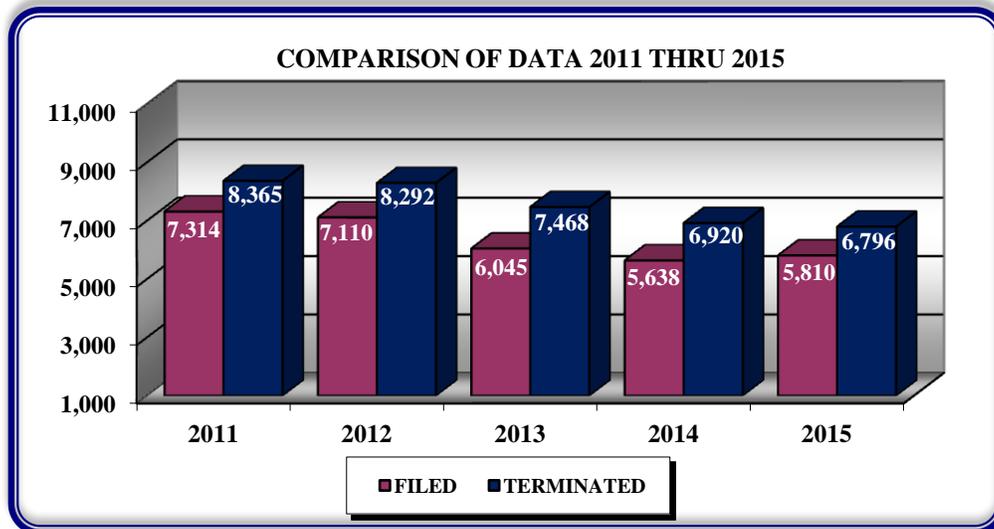
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CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY

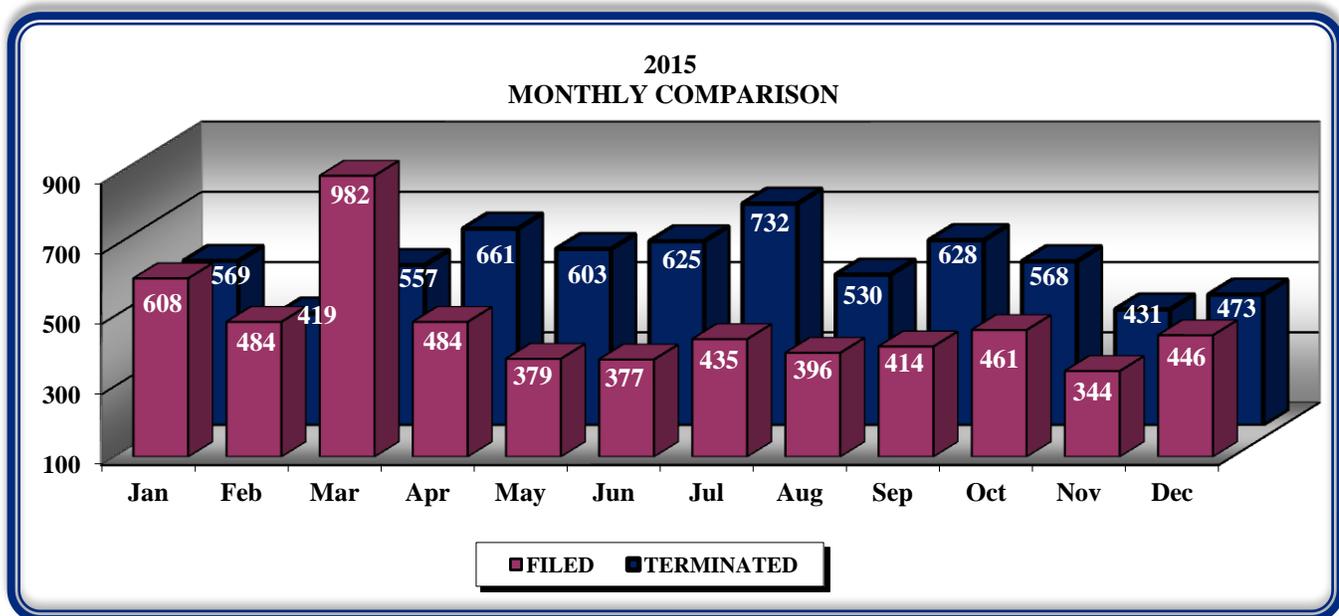
FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON - CIVIL CASES FILED AND TERMINATED

The total number of Civil Cases **Filed** in 2015 was 5,810. This reflects a five-year decrease of 1,504 cases from the 7,314 cases filed in 2011. The total number of Civil Cases **Terminated** in 2015 was 6,796, which indicates a five-year decrease of 1,569 cases from the 8,365 cases terminated in 2011.



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

The number of Civil Cases **Filed** in 2015 totaled 5,810. This reflects an increase of 172 cases from the 5,638 cases filed in 2014. The number of Civil Cases **Terminated** in 2015 totaled 6,796, which indicates a decrease of 124 cases from the 6,920 cases terminated in 2014. The average civil caseload per Judge on December 31, 2015 was 251.6 cases, compared to the average civil caseload per Judge on December 31, 2014 of 259.5 cases.



CIVIL / CRIMINAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 2015

TYPE OF CASE	Professional Tort	Product Liability	Other Torts	Workers Compensation	Foreclosures	Administrative Appeal	Complex Litigation	Other Civil	Criminal	<u>TOTAL</u>	Visiting Judge (Civil & Criminal)
Pending beginning of period	85	4	669	158	861	35	1	740	1,307	3,860	41
New cases filed	92	5	772	241	2,886	49	X	1,753	4,062	9,860	12
Cases Transferred in, Reactivated or Redesignated	29	10	81	49	585	3	0	121	1,312	2,190	42
TOTAL	206	19	1,522	448	4,332	87	1	2,614	6,681	15,910	95
TERMINATIONS BY:											
Jury trial	6	0	17	1	0	0	0	5	67	96	0
Court trial	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	10	21	34	0
Settled or dismissed prior to trial	18	1	518	127	61	2	0	290	114	1,131	14
Dismissal	57	2	162	81	618	20	0	497	7	1,444	13
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial(criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	3	0	17	3	113	3	0	95	0	234	1
Magistrate	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	239	X	242	0
Diversion or Arbitration	0	0	48	15	5	0	0	14	296	378	1
Guilty/no contest plea to orig. charge (criminal) or Default (civil)	0	0	29	0	1,598	0	0	380	1,273	3,280	0
Guilty/no contest plea to reduced charge (criminal)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2,190	2,190	5
Unavailability of accused for trial/sent	0	0	1	0	200	0	0	2	1,291	1,494	3
Transfer to another judge or court	30	6	81	45	439	1	0	138	189	929	18
Referral to private judge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	3	0	6	0	121	0	0	50	0	180	2
Other terminations	10	0	46	3	270	32	0	200	1	562	3
TOTAL	127	9	926	277	3,428	58	0	1,920	5,449	12,194	60
Pending end of period	79	10	596	171	904	29	1	694	1,232	3,716	35

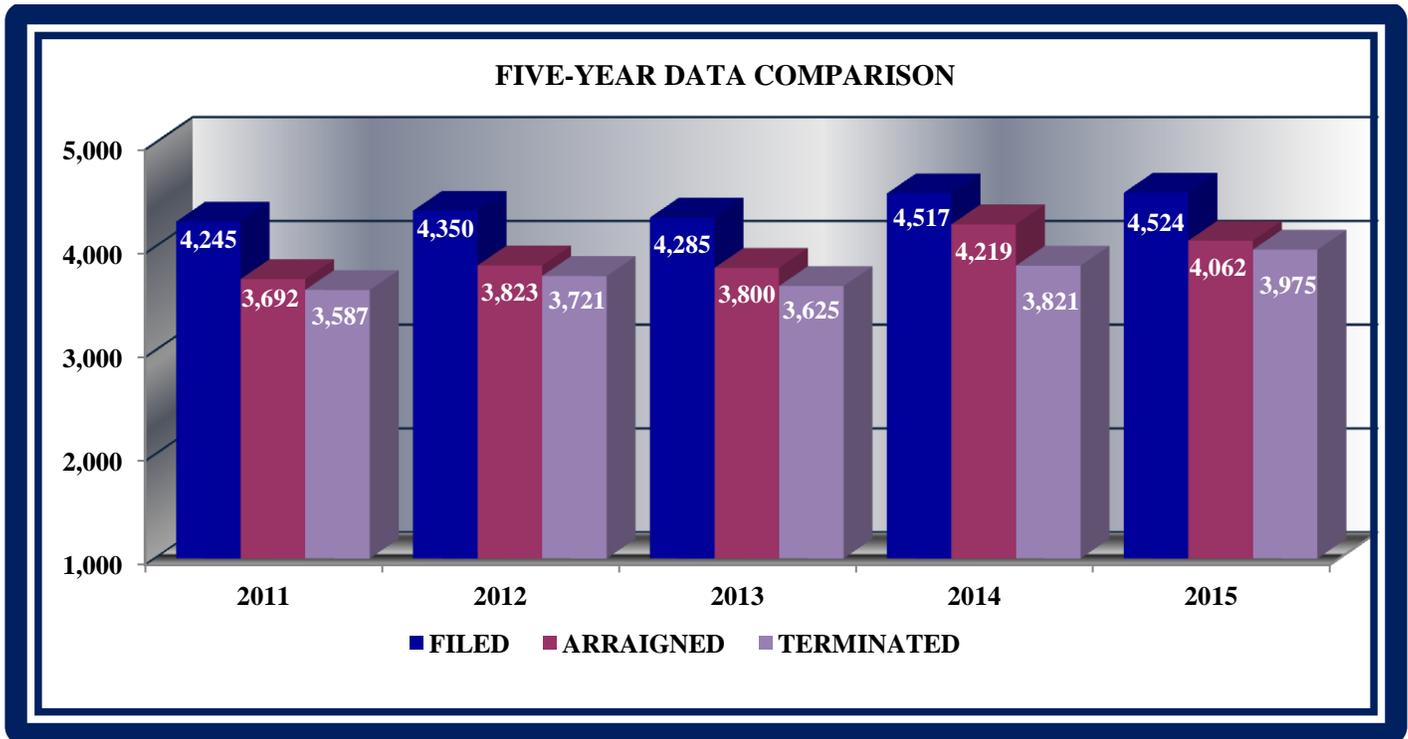
CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
CASES FILED	4,245	4,350	4,285	4,517	4,524
CASES ASSIGNED/ARRAIGNED	3,692	3,823	3,800	4,219	4,062
CASES TERMINATED	3,587	3,721	3,625	3,821	3,975
TRIALS:					
Jury	99	102	91	78	67
Court	20	16	15	19	21
FELONY CHARGES:					
Filed	8,070	6,614	6,944	7,322	7,562
Convictions	3,232	3,476	3,640	3,750	3,636
Dismissals	3,753	3,324	3,101	2,919	3,451
MISDEMEANOR CHARGES:					
Filed	3,329	1,385	2,326	3,008	3,613
Convictions	824	614	784	921	981
Dismissals	2,503	1,379	1,062	1,637	2,229
DISPOSITIONS:					
Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation	958	978	1,030	1,052	1,005
Ohio State Reform. For Women	114	120	141	146	111
Community Control	1,844	1,942	1,816	2,013	2,176
Probation	182	174	135	121	137
Summit County Jail	46	29	39	54	57
Glenwood Jail	1	5	6	5	0
Halfway House	0	0	0	0	0
Community Service	1	0	0	0	11
Suspended Sentence	31	28	11	8	117
Dismissals	127	173	132	124	32
Fine/Costs	25	17	19	24	0
Restitution	2	3	1	0	0
Transfer to Another County	0	0	0	0	229
IILC Completion	90	98	119	141	53
PDP Completion	73	45	65	38	14
Drug Court/Turning Point Completions	66	81	69	55	9
Not Guilty Verdicts (Jury Trials)	12	11	16	13	9
Not Guilty Verdicts (Court Trials)	3	6	4	5	5
NGRI	3	5	9	5	5
Death Penalty	0	0	1	0	1
Remanded (back to Muni Court)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	9	6	12	17	13
MOTIONS FOR JUDICIAL RELEASE	1,332	1,355	1,309	1,274	1,446

Criminal Case Activity - 2015 (cont'd)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
CHARGE/PLEA STATISTICS					
<i>Pled Guilty - Original Charge</i>					
Felonies	3,126	3,099	3,111	3,521	3,562
Misdemeanors	703	550	585	835	1,006
<i>Pled Guilty - Amended Charge</i>					
Felonies	873	970	789	782	848
Misdemeanors	20	10	7	14	20
<i>Pled No Contest</i>					
Felonies	29	58	46	34	49
Misdemeanors	13	14	10	8	20
<i>Merged Counts</i>					
Felonies	10	14	16	25	13
Misdemeanors	0	1	1	8	2
<i>Dismissals</i>					
Felonies	3,753	3,324	3,101	2,919	3,451
Misdemeanors	2,503	1,379	1,062	1,637	2,229
<i>Jury Verdict - Guilty</i>					
Felonies	178	171	171	377	244
Misdemeanors	29	29	19	28	15
<i>Jury Verdict - Guilty (Amended)</i>					
Felonies	6	9	4	8	15
Misdemeanors	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Jury Verdict - Not Guilty</i>					
Felonies	61	63	36	66	118
Misdemeanors	20	4	5	16	3
<i>Court Verdict - Guilty</i>					
Felonies	31	21	10	18	17
Misdemeanors	10	17	10	4	1
<i>Court Verdict - Guilty (Amended)</i>					
Felonies	3	1	5	2	5
Misdemeanors	0	1	0	0	0
<i>Court Verdict - Not Guilty</i>					
Felonies	11	24	16	8	14
Misdemeanors	6	5	0	1	2
<i>Court Verdict - NGRI</i>					
Felonies	7	16	17	6	14
Misdemeanors	1	1	3	4	2
<i>Rule 29</i>					
Felonies	2	4	1	4	1
Misdemeanors	0	2	2	1	0
<i>Remanded</i>					
Felonies	0	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanors	12	7	9	6	7

CRIMINAL DATA



MEDIATION

The Court offers court-sponsored Mediation to parties who have filed suit in Common Pleas Court, under the direction of Chief Magistrate/Mediation Supervisor, 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 2015, 458 cases were settled after referral to Mediation.

DATA FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS

CASE STATUS	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cases Pending Beginning of Year	640	431	421	409	230
Cases Referred	1,511	1,311	1,190	926	897
Returned to Court	571	418	364	262	220
Cases Settled	780	665	614	588	458
Removed prior to completion	336	238	224	179	137
Cases Pending End of Year	434	421	407	306	315

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, i.e., Common Pleas Court, and Akron, Barberton and Stow Municipal Courts. Furthermore, the Jury Commissioners also draw jurors for Grand Jury pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.06 et seq.

From the annual jury list, jurors are drawn for each of the four-month sessions of court within the jury year, pursuant to O.R.C. 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 that provides 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 2015, a new Jury Service Orientation DVD was produced for jurors to view as an introduction to Jury Duty.

Since June 6, 2006, jurors have had the convenience of using either our call-in system or our website 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 2014-2015 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 2011 thru 2015

	Total Paid	Total Jurors	Average Days	Muni Court Days	Reimbursed By Muni Courts
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
2015	\$ 5,580	8,612	1.50	1,532	\$ 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 ORC 1901.25.

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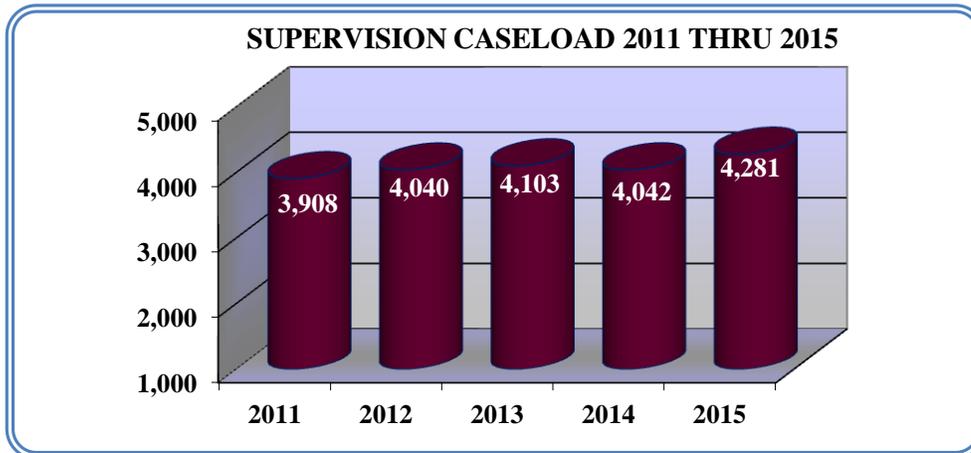
ADULT PROBATION YEARLY REPORT

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

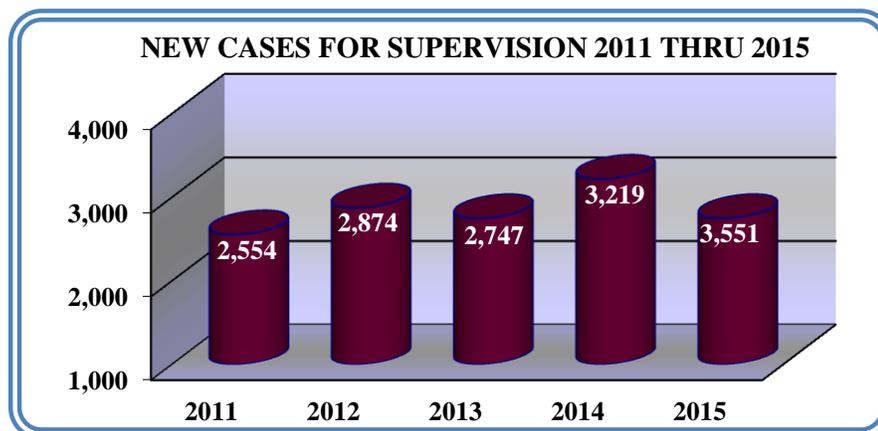
The number of offenders under supervision at the Adult Probation Department at the end of 2015 was 4,281 compared to 4,042 in 2014.



NEW PROBATION REFERRALS

The number of new cases in 2015 was 3,551 compared to 3,219 in 2014.

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

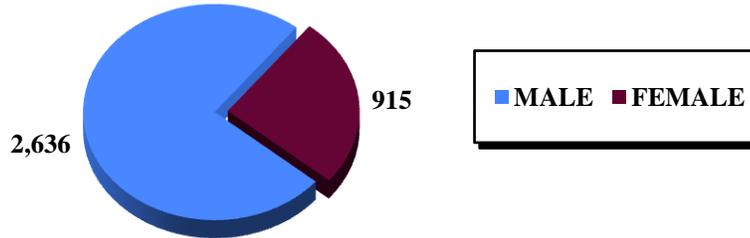


DEMOGRAPHICS FOR OFFENDER POPULATION

The demographic information for the new case placements in 2015 follows:

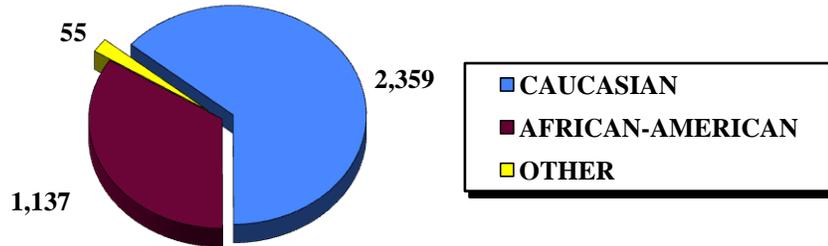
BY GENDER

In regard to Gender, there were 2,636 males placed on supervision in 2015. By contrast, the Court referred 915 females for supervision.



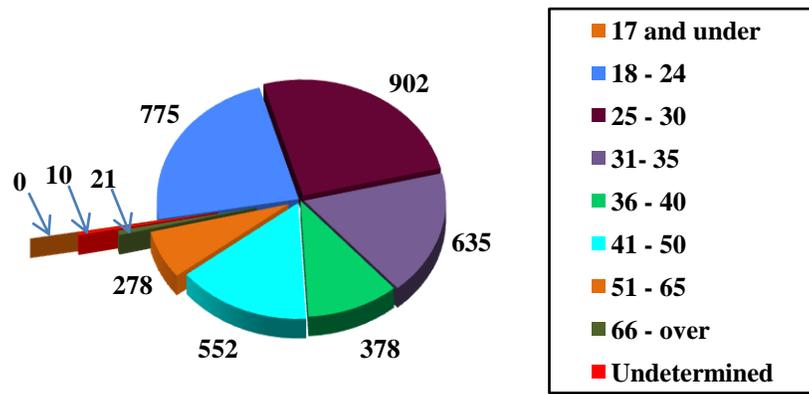
BY RACE

Caucasian referrals numbered 2,359 while African-Americans accounted for 1,137 of the offenders placed on supervision. There were 55 placements of various ethnicities, such as Hispanic or Asian descent.



OFFENDERS BY AGE

The following is a breakdown of Offenders by Age for 2015:



TERMINATION OF SUPERVISION AND SENTENCING STATISTICS

During 2015, there were 1,497 supervision cases that were closed successfully, due to expiration. An additional 371 cases were closed successfully due to early termination, 70 graduated from [Reentry Court](#) and 14 closed for other reasons. Of the 196 Administrative Closings by the Court, 82 were returned courtesy supervisions, 39 were closed due to death, 47 transferred to the [Turning Point Program](#) and 28 were closed for other reasons.

As a result of non-compliance with graduated sanctions, sometimes the end result for some offenders has been incarceration at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. In 2015, 487 cases were unsuccessfully terminated due to incarceration. Of those, 249 were due to new felonies, 234 for technical violations, and 4 for other reasons. The Department also had an additional 115 Supervision Cases unsuccessfully terminated that were not incarcerated in prison. Of these 115 cases, 42 were terminated due to new felonies, 54 for technical violations, and 19 due to other reasons.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM UNIT (ISP)

The Intensive Supervision Program Unit is a state funded program that was provided to the Adult Probation Department in 1990, as an alternative to prison incarceration. In 2015, 241 felony offenders were diverted to ISP. The ISP Unit continues to consist of one (1) supervisor and five (5) probation officers.

During 2015, there were 205 terminations from the ISP Unit. The following table contains the details of those Terminations.

Successful Terminations:	
Reduced to Basic Supervision (25)	
Released from Community Control (33)	58
Unsuccessful Technical Violations	62
Unsuccessful New Felonies	14
Unsuccessful New Misdemeanors	3
Administrative Releases	11
Terminations designated as Other	57
TOTAL	205

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 this Unit. These writers do not carry a caseload and concentrate solely on writing Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports. Within this Unit, there is one (1) Sex Offender Report Writer and one (1) Domestic Violence Report 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 the Program, are now part of the responsibilities of the Unit.

A PSI Report consists 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 2015, the PSI Unit completed 585 PSI Reports, with 323 Victim Impact Statements. There were 45 Domestic Violence Pre-Sentence Investigations and 40 Sex Offense Pre-Sentence Investigations included in those completed reports. The [Domestic Violence Court](#) Screens totaled 50.

FELONY OVI SUPERVISION (Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence)

In 2015, one (1) probation officer supervised the Felony OVI probationers. The purpose of the Unit is to ensure OVI Offenders are complying with all statutory requirements. This Unit also facilitates referrals to outside agencies which provide substance abuse programming to those required to follow through with treatment recommendations. Offenders must maintain weekly contact with their assigned officer, attend a minimum of two (2) 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 2015, the Felony OVI Unit supervised a total of 10 Offenders. Of these Offenders eight (8) were male and two (2) were female. There were four (4) successful releases. There were three (3) unsuccessful releases which included: one (1) Technical Violation and two (2) New Felony OVI 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. This particular supervision began through grant monies provided by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, through the Federal Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. Specialized supervision is accomplished through frequent contact with offenders, offender participation in a Batterer's Intervention Program and other appropriate counseling and treatment programs, as well as probation officer contact with victims. In 2015, Domestic Violence Unit Specialist Officers David Siko and Kelli Anderson had over 3,800 contacts with offenders within the office, via phone, and while in the field. In addition, Officer Anderson completed 71 specialized Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports on domestic offenders.

In October 2011, the Department began a new initiative under the direction of the [Judge 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 'Risk Tool' known as The Domestic Violence Risk Questionnaire. This 'Risk Tool' is subsequently completed on each defendant. These intimate partner domestic violence 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 in addition to maintaining 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 victims during this period of supervision. Summit Psychological Associates conducts a 52-week Domestic Violence Conflict Resolution Program, a mandated component in which all offenders are required to participate.

As of December 31, 2015, 463 evaluations were conducted and 211 participants were accepted into the Program.

The beginning of the Program, in 2014, saw the first group of participants who completed their three-year period of supervision. Of the offenders that completed the 52-week treatment group, six (6) were arrested on new domestic violence charges, with four (4) convictions. The Court assigned 56 new offenders to the Program. Twenty-six individuals successfully completed three (3) years of Supervision and 13 individuals received unsuccessful terminations. Two (2) offenders were administratively discharged, two (2) were terminated for new domestic violence offenses; one for a technical violation involving offensive conduct against the victim; four (4) for Program Rule Violations; four (4) for new non-domestic violence criminal behavior.

[Domestic Violence Court](#) Team members believe the Domestic Violence Court Probation Program is a successful Program while taking into consideration that there are still improvements to be made. Offenders report improvements in their lives and exhibit behavioral changes. The Domestic Violence Court Team has developed good relationships with victims and continues to respond to their needs with available resources. The Court is under regular internal review and continues to work to improve areas requiring attention. This Unit has provided technical and practical assistance to other Courts and Probation Departments as they strive to develop 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 a 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 Department lobby, the Akron Police Department lobby, the Springfield Township Police Department 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 250 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 by using 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 250 offenders to the 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 considered *Moderate* and *High-Risk* – these increased efforts, along with the department’s utilization of Evidence Based Practices, result in a decrease in recidivism.

From August 2012 through December 2015, the Probation Department processed 5,319 ‘Reports from Kiosks’.

MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

The purpose of this Unit is to supervise individuals diagnosed with a severe mental illness that hinders their ability to function on a daily basis. Collaborative efforts have continued to be maintained with the Summit County Jail Behavioral Health Unit, C.I.T. (**C**risis **I**ntervention **T**eam), 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, may 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 their needs.

The Mental Health Unit consists, primarily, of two (2) probation officers whose caseloads are determined by the functioning level of the individual. This results in a smaller caseload for each officer to deal with those requiring more intense monitoring. The specialized officers supervised a total of 266 mental health cases, with 149 new offenders assigned to their Unit, in 2015. Furthermore, this unit had 175 terminations of which 109 cases were successfully released.

SEX OFFENDER UNIT

In 2015, the Sex Offender Unit consisted of two (2) probation officers. The purpose of this 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 2015, the Sex Offender Unit assisted the Summit County Sheriff's Office in verifying the addresses of over 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 2015, this Unit conducted 449 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 2015, over 634 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 1,111 office contacts were conducted and over 440 telephone contacts were made with offenders. At the end of 2015, 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

New referrals accepted into the Community Service Program totaled 407, for the 2015 year. The individuals were interviewed by Community Service Coordinator, Michelle Kocian, then placed in an appropriate agency and monitored thru completion. Every client's probation officer, or caseworker, was updated throughout the process, and the Clerk's Office was notified in the instances that court costs and fees were to be credited.

The statistics are as follows:

- . Adult Probation Department: 343 clients
- . Re Entry Program: 27 clients
- . Turning Point Program: 14 clients
- . Courtesy Supervision: 16 clients
- . Valor Court: 1 client
- . Not on probation and supervised by M. Kocian: 6 clients

Court Ordered Sanctions:

- . Probation Department: 61 referrals / 43 completed successfully
- . Re Entry Program: 12 referrals / 9 completed successfully

Community Service In Lieu Of Paying Court Costs, Fines, and/or Probation Fees:

- . Probation Dept: 268 clients / 110 successful
- . Re Entry Program: 14 clients / 7 successful
- . Turning Point Program: 10 clients / all successful
- . Valor Court: 1 client / unsuccessful
- . Michelle Kocian: 6 clients / all successful

Total Community Service Hours Worked (in lieu of paying court costs and fees): 11,030

At a rate of \$10 per hour, this is equivalent to \$110,300. Clients that started in 2015 and are still in the process of completing their hours totaled 18. The number of Clients that were terminated from the Program, due to medical problems, came to four (4). Clients who chose to pay off their costs and fees, instead of working Community Service Hours totaled 13.

26 new Agencies were recruited and agreed to accept Community Service workers, for a total of about 220 Agencies.

VALOR COURT

In September 2013, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, in conjunction with Akron Municipal Court, created [Valor Court](#), with [Judge Amy Corrigan-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. Valor Court received a Final Certification from the Ohio Supreme Court in 2014.

In 2015, Probation Officer Danielle Sampson supervised all [Valor Court](#) participants. Potential applicants are identified early in the Court Process, with the help of the Pretrial Services 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 Sampson on a weekly basis and work towards an Individual Program Plan.

Forty-seven screens were completed and 21 offenders were accepted into the [Valor Court](#) during 2015. There were 13 successful completions, one (1) administrative termination and two (2) unsuccessful terminations.

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 costs 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 **Track 1** and **Track 2**:

- [Track 1](#) - Participants enter the Program after being identified as non-compliant 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 Screened for 'The Turning Point Program'					
Total Cases Screened	White Male	Black Male	White Female	Black Female	Other
303	182	22	91	6	2

Defendants Entered 'The Turning Point Program' - Track 1					
Total Cases Entered	White Male	Black Male	White Female	Black Female	Other
64	39	1	20	2	2

Defendants Entered 'The Turning Point Program' - Track 2					
Total Cases Entered	White Male	Black Male	White Female	Black Female	Other
80	49	6	24	1	0

The Turning Point Program Track 1 - Case Completions		
Successful	Unsuccessful	Administrative
17	13	1

The Turning Point Program Track 2 - Case Completions		
Successful	Unsuccessful	Administrative
31	26	4

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	2
Did not meet legal criteria	22
Defendant declined opportunity to participate in Program	11
Judge denied placement based on recommendation of the Treatment Team	11
Assigned Court declined to place defendant into Program	5
Failed to appear for screening process	62

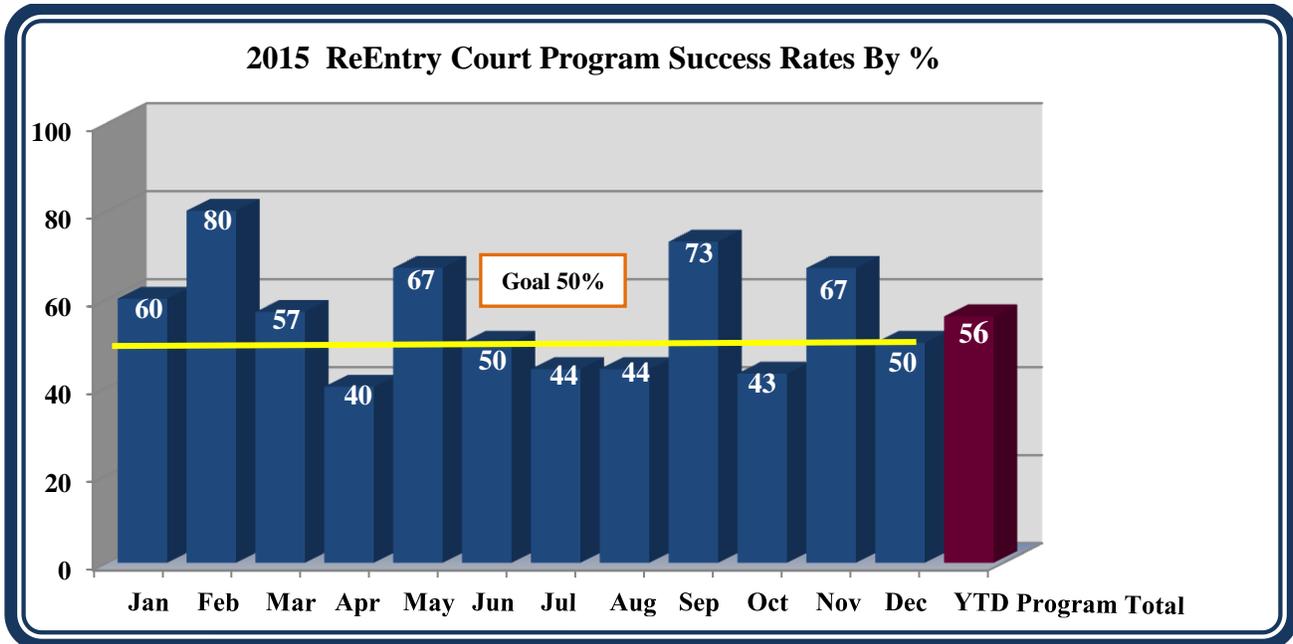
REENTRY COURT

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 their 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 (1) 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 their compliance while they are in the Program. Clients appear in court on a regular basis for progress reviews, sanctions, or when they graduate the program. 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.

In 2015, there were 201 active clients in the Program and 54 successful graduations. The participating [Re-Entry Court](#) Judges are [Judge Lynne Callahan](#), [Judge Alison McCarty](#), and [Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands](#). The graph below displays the percentages of the success rates on a monthly basis.



LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM (LEADS)

- Per documentation from records compiled in Columbus, LEADS Operators using the terminal in Room 221 (Probation Department Offices), made 13,372 request inquiries and received 28,199 Criminal and BMV records in return. This number reflects 6,000 less printouts than in 2014, possibly due to a reduction of operators.
- Michelle Kocian, TAC (Terminal Agency Coordinator), using the LEADS terminal in Room 206 (Probation Department Offices), made 16,648 request inquiries and received 34,770 records in return. This number is almost 8,000 more printouts when compared to 2014.
- Pretrial Officers, located at the Summit County Jail, made 23,131 requests from their terminal and received 46,791 records in return. This number reflects more than 6,000 printouts when compared to 2014.

All of the above information was requested by and provided to the Adult Probation Officers and Supervisors, the Pretrial Department, Court Officials, the ReEntry and Turning Point Courts, the Psycho- Diagnostic Clinic, the Magistrate’s Court, the Valor Court, and the Probate Court.

- Michelle Kocian trained seven (7) employees to be LEADS Operators, by assisting them in obtaining their Certification, instructing them in Security Awareness and Policy Training, and providing follow-up training, as needed. Assistant TAC, Karyn Rogers, provided hands-on training experience for running LEADS requests, directly following her Certification.
- Chief Probation Officer, Michael Rick, was named the new LEADS Administrator for the Agency, and received training from Michelle Kocian, including Security Awareness and Security Policies.

- Michelle Kocian attended the annual mandatory TAC Training in Richfield, OH, at the BCI building, on May 28th. The training information and notes were provided to all operators, and documented as a “Read & Signed” document - a mandatory requirement.
- The Spring and Autumn LEADS Newsletters were also provided to the operators for training, and documented as is required, per LEADS rules.
- On June 12th, our Agency was audited by a LEADS representative from Columbus. Audits now occur every three (3) years. Michelle Kocian prepared all necessary documentation and was in attendance for the review. The department was later reported to be in “100% compliance”.
- On August 21st, all practitioners and operators in our Agency were sent an e-copy of the LEADS Revised Administrative Rules, which was documented, as per mandatory rules.
- On September 9th, all practitioners and operators within our Agency were sent an electronic copy of the LEADS General Manual, which was documented, as per mandatory rules.
- On October 16th, Michelle Kocian updated and revised all LEADS binders and material for the Pretrial Department, at the Summit County Jail, and provided them with current training information.

As of the end of 2015, the Probation and Pretrial Departments had a total of 19 LEADS Operators.

SEALINGS

The Adult Probation Department has two (2) Sealing Specialists who are 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 2015, there were 264 applications filed with the Clerk. The Departmental Sealing Specialists completed 223 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 provide intensive supervision services upfront and provide linkage and coordination to community treatment providers. As the individual progresses through their term of Community Control and maintains compliance, their individual services decrease. This Unit has a collateral partnership with the Community Health Center which includes two (2) beds at RAMAR and funding for Medically Assisted Treatment.

Due to the growing opiate epidemic, the Opiate Unit has expanded to three (3) Probation Officers. These officers attend specialized training to work with this population and are members of the Summit County Opiate Task Force. During 2015, there were 316 cases placed in this Specialty Unit. In addition, 236 cases closed, which included 79 successful completions.

INTERVENTION IN LIEU OF CONVICTION (IILC) UNIT

Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (IILC) is a Diversionary Program that results in charges being dismissed upon successful completion of the Program Requirements. Individuals are eligible to be placed in the Program due to addiction or mental illness, as defined by the Ohio Revised Code. While participating in the Program, participants are required to undergo treatment, submit twelve consecutive months of negative urine screens, in addition to any other conditions the Court may order. Upon the successful completion of a treatment program, verification of ongoing sobriety, by means of regular random urinalysis testing, compliance with any additional conditions ordered by the Court and the commission of no new offenses, the offenders are eligible for the dismissal of their pending charge.

The number of new placements in IILC increased 13% from 2014 to 2015. In 2015, there were 629 new cases. Due to the increase in the number of new placements in IILC, the Unit has expanded to include five (5) Officers. At the end of 2015, there were 704 active IILC cases being supervised by this Unit. In 2015, the Unit had 226 cases close successfully and 121 closed unsuccessfully, due to 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 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 two full-time Assessment Officers who complete assessments on those offenders placed on Community Control. New offenders placed on Community Control are scheduled to complete an Assessment within five (5) working days of being placed on Supervision. Once a Risk Score is determined, cases are assigned to a probation officer according to the *Risk Level*. This Department completed 2,043 full assessments during 2015.

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 (2008) for the purpose of integrating the use of Evidence Based Practices to improve the quality of services provided to Probationers, the Court and the community. In 2015, the Committee consisted of 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.

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 2015. Defendants are given tangible rewards recognizing the achievement of reaching 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 additional tactical gear and continued field training to ensure the safety of our Officers and the community.

Members of the Committee at the close of 2015:

Co-chairs: Officers Erin Day and Katie Caprita

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

In 2016, 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 one 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

On March 9, 2015, Kimberly Diehl-Spahn was hired as a Secretary I in the Adult Probation Department.

The Support Staff Unit went through a reorganization in 2015, due to additional work required for the Intake Staff with the Specialty Courts, Assessments, etc. The Intake Department began with two (2) secretaries and a third was added to the Team. Since this reorganization, the secretarial duties were redistributed among the entire Support Staff. Some of their duties include call days, journal entries, capias sheets, ORAS, inquiries, closings, microfilming, filing, copying, receptionist coverage, mail runs, and helping the Community Service Coordinator and the Pre-Trial group.

Martha Beitel, Staci Board, Pat Marotto, Sandy Zdelar, and Jackie Shannon are Support Staff LEADS operators. Karyn Rogers is a LEADS operator as well as the LEADS TAC and Practitioner. From January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, LEADS Operators, using the terminal in Room 221 in the Adult Probation Offices, made 13,372 request inquiries and received 28,199 Criminal and BMV records back, which were then distributed to the Probations Officers, Court Officials, and to the [Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic](#) Department.

Between January 1st and December 31st, the Probation Support Staff helped to enter 14,222 Urine Drug Screens onto the Drug Test tab, in the **Summit County Online Record System (SCORS)**.

In 2015, Support Staff personnel cleaned and processed 1,419 Probation Files for microfilming.

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 all persons reporting to the Intake Department for the first time, who meet this criteria, and have not previously submitted their DNA. In 2015, the Intake Department collected 170 DNA samples.

SATURDAY REPORTING

During the 2015 year, the number of offenders scheduled for Saturday Reporting totaled 351. The actual number that reported on Saturdays totaled 246. This figure (246) shows that 70% reported as scheduled. Probationers who reported and were not scheduled totaled 33. The number of those scheduled and did not report totaled 105.

INTERNS

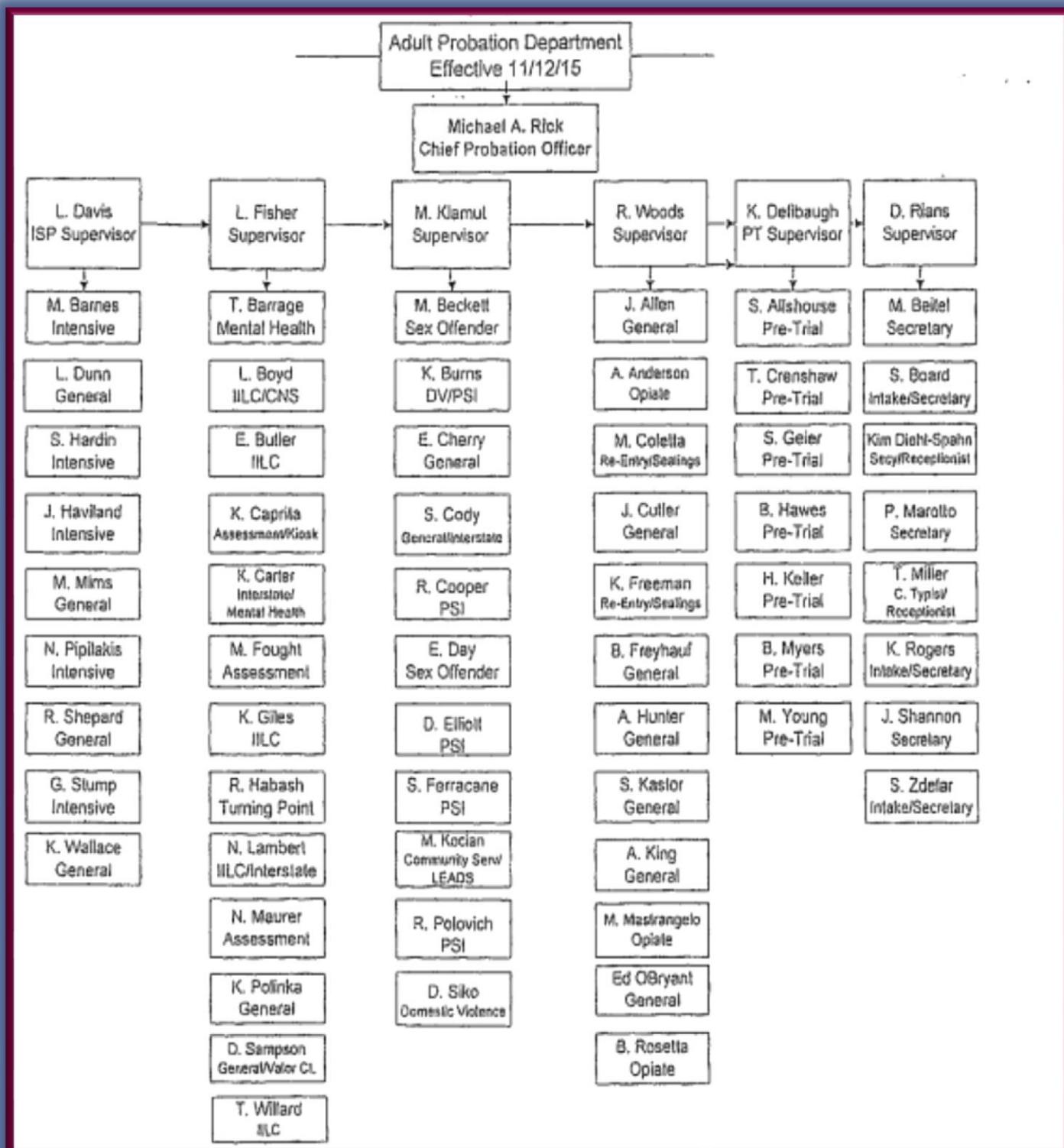
The Adult Probation Department makes regular use of college interns. Students from the University of Akron, Kent State University (Stark Campus), and Stark State College, worked as interns with the Department, in 2015. The Department supports and encourages these college interns by exposing them to all aspects of Offender Supervision. We generally have three (3) student interns working with Probation Officers each semester. Four (4) Officers in the Department were interns through this program before joining 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 2015, the Staff of the Adult Probation Department consisted of the following personnel:

◆	Director/Chief Probation Officer	1
◆	Probation Supervisors	4
◆	Probation Officers (ISP, IILC, PSI, General, Re-Entry, Assessment)	44
◆	Community Service Coordinator/L.E.A.D.S.	1
◆	Pretrial Supervisor	1
◆	Pretrial Officers	7
◆	Clerical Supervisor	1
◆	Clerical Specialists	8

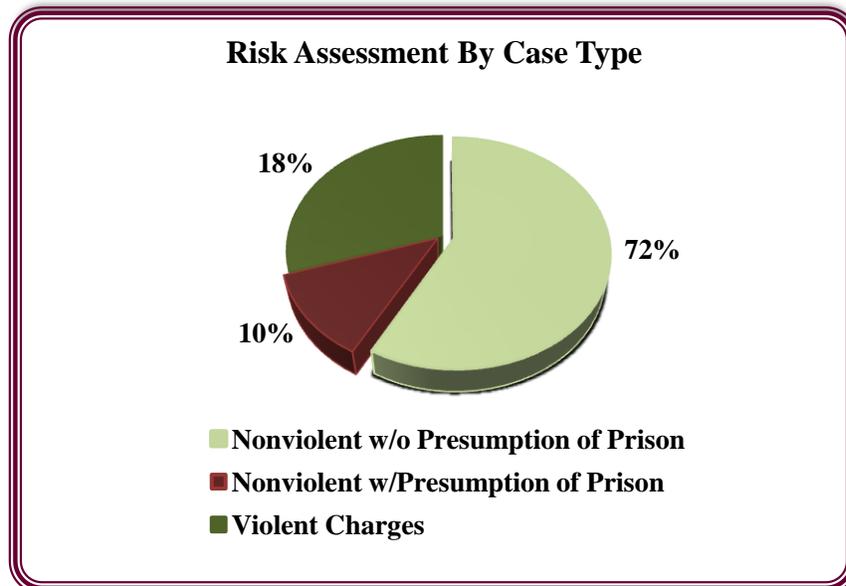
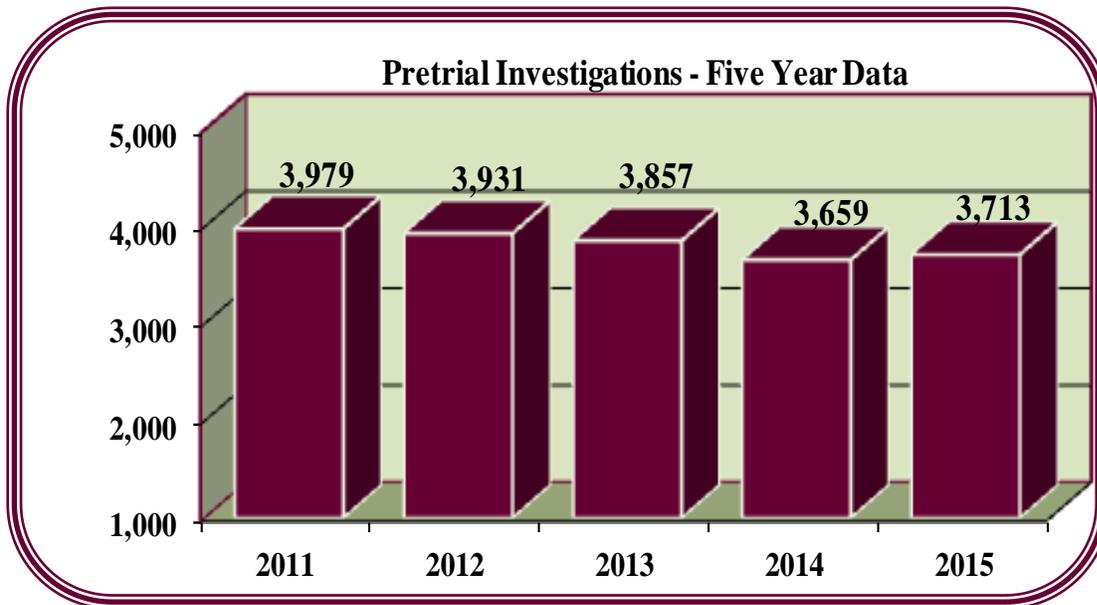
ADULT PROBATION ORGANIZATION CHART



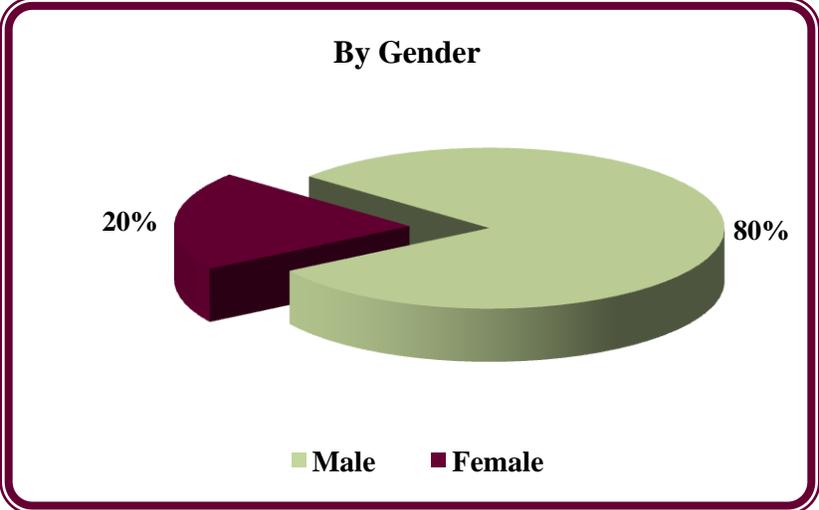
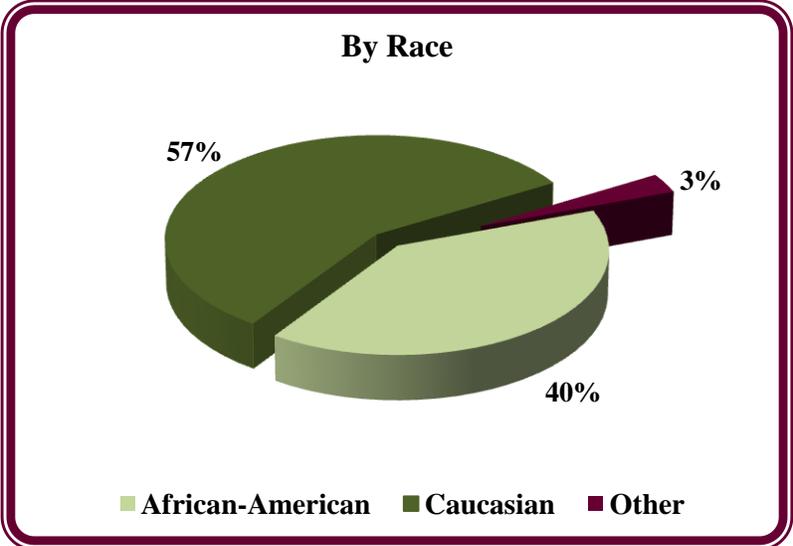
PRETRIAL SERVICES

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.¹ In the event a defendant is released to the community, the Summit County Pretrial [Risk Assessment](#) Instrument (SCPRAI) accurately predicts the likelihood that a defendant would fail to appear for court and/or be rearrested pending trial.

In 2015, Pretrial Services completed 3,713 Investigations and 132 Bond reviews.



¹ Pretrial Justice-The honoring of the presumption of innocence, the right to bail that is not excessive, and all other legal and constitutional rights afforded to accused persons awaiting trial while balancing these individual rights with the need to protect the community, maintain the integrity of the judicial process, and assure court appearance. *VanNostrand, Marie and Gena Keebler. "Our Journey Toward Pretrial Justice" in The Journal of Federal Probation, Volume 71, Number 2, (September 2007) pp. 20-25.*



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PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC REPORT

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 995 court-ordered evaluations in 2015. 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. Three percent (3%) of the Clinic evaluations were completed for Municipal Courts in Summit County. The remaining four percent (4%) 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 2015. In 2015, 633 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 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 2015.

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**PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC STAFF AND CONSULTANTS**

CLINICAL DIRECTOR	Arcangela S. Wood, Psy. D., <i>Illinois School of Professional Psychology</i>
CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST	Lynn Luna Jones, Ph.D., ABPP (Forensic), <i>Temple University</i>
CLINICAL STAFF	Holly Trivett, B.A., <i>University of Akron</i>
	Randy Vipperman, LISW-S, <i>Case Western Reserve University</i>
PSYCHOLOGY ASSISTANTS	Ashley Holbert, Ph.D., <i>Kent State University</i>
	Jesica Rapiere, M.A., <i>Kent State University</i>
SUPPORT STAFF	Michelle Longoria
CONSULTANTS	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 and Ohio State University</i>
	Sara West, M.D., <i>University of Virginia</i>

TABLE 2

REFERRALS BY SOURCE				
	2015	2014	2013	2012
SUMMIT COMMON PLEAS COURT	805	869	698	563
STARK COMMON PLEAS COURT	71	83	75	74
MEDINA COMMON PLEAS COURT	31	30	37	30
PORTAGE COMMON PLEAS COURT	15	12	12	16
GEAUGA COMMON PLEAS COURT	5	8	7	5
AKRON MUNICIPAL COURT	31	34	35	36
STOW MUNICIPAL COURT	2	5	2	4
BARBERTON MUNICIPAL COURT	4	4	6	6
MEDINA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURTS	23	22	11	15
STARK COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURTS	0	5	0	0
PORTAGE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURTS	1	0	0	0
GEAUGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURTS	0	0	2	0
OTHER COURTS	7	5	5	7
TOTAL	995	1,077	890	756

TABLE 3

REFERRALS BY TYPE				
	2015	2014	2013	2012
COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL	195	204	194	192
NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY (NGRI)	107	122	127	97
INTERVENTION IN LIEU OF CONVICTION	633	684	510	398
MITIGATION OF PENALTY	35	41	26	42
NON-SECURED STATUS	12	19	12	9
COMMITMENT-NGRI	11	4	19	7
MENTALLY ILL / MENTALLY RETARDED PROBATIONER (POST-SENTENCE EVALUATIONS)	2	3	2	9
OTHER FORENSIC EVALUATIONS	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	995	1,077	890	756



COUNTY OF SUMMIT COURTHOUSE SECURITY

SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

In 2015, 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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Convey To / From Prisons	1,562	1,646	1,557	1,510	1,453
Convey To Juvenile Facility/Prison	210	211	223	201	178
Convey To / From Common Pleas Courts	8,271	9,186	9,730	9,338	9,238
Convey To / From *Local Facilities/Other County Jails	460	260	399	149	97
New Prisoners From Court	885	592	724	699	1,087
Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)	1,906	2,627	2,306	1,872	1,838
TOTAL	13,294	14,522	14,949	13,769	13,891

*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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Assaults	*10	*5	*3	*2	*21
Bomb Threat Or Suspicious Package	**1	0	**1	**2	**2
Civil Protection Order w/ Weapons	0	0	0	0	1
Property Damaging	0	1	0	0	1
Disorderly / Menacing	***11	***2	***1	0	3
Domestic	0	1	0	0	3
Drugs (Confiscated)	1	0	0	3	5
Fire Alarm	2	1	2	0	3
Medical / Illness/ Injury	14	12	20	13	21
Miscellaneous	7	18	24	19	10
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	1
Theft / Tampering with Records / Forgery	1	4	2	1	2
Counterfeit Money	1	0	0	0	1
Child Abuse	0	1	0	0	0
Arrests	0	5	0	0	2
Alarms	0	2	0	0	5
TOTAL	58	53	55	52	81

* 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.

2015 BUILDING ATTENDANCE

MONTH	SAFETY BLDG. & PROBATION	COURTHOUSE	DOMESTIC COURT	JUVENILE COURT	TOTAL
JAN	18,590	19,778	14,145	9,008	61,521
FEB	14,042	15,878	13,863	11,527	55,310
MAR	11,068	23,971	12,923	8,695	56,657
APR	10,125	22,685	13,122	9,052	54,984
MAY	19,685	23,058	13,216	9,228	65,187
JUNE	10,740	22,925	13,523	10,435	57,623
JULY	10,561	22,096	16,360	9,636	58,653
AUG	10,784	22,652	13,155	8,750	55,341
SEPT	9,864	20,651	11,205	8,156	49,876
OCT	10,574	22,089	11,505	9,755	53,923
NOV	9,269	18,538	10,495	10,335	48,637
DEC	9,330	19,380	10,364	9,703	48,777
TOTAL	144,632	253,701	153,876	114,280	666,489

The total number of persons entering the Common Pleas Court and Juvenile Court Buildings for 2015: 367,981.

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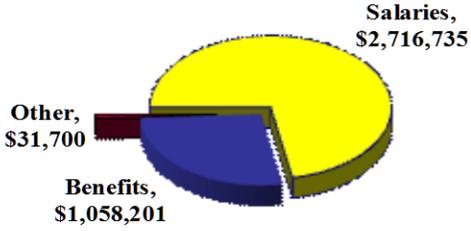
**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION
2015 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS

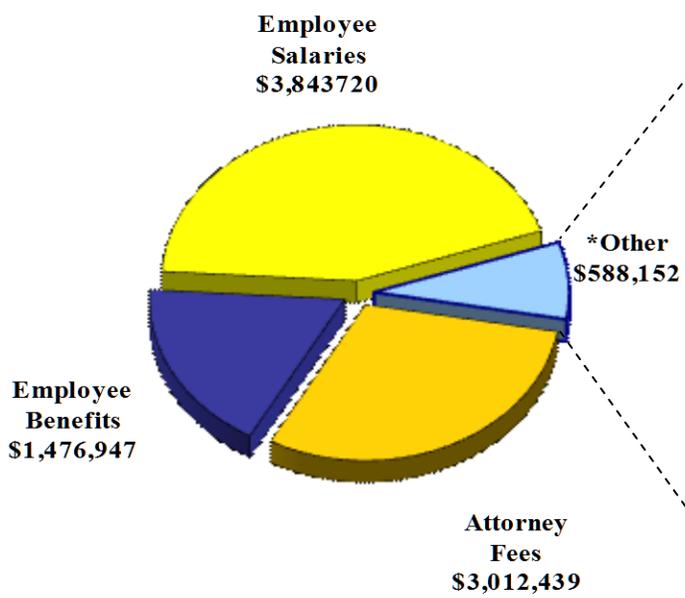
Court Administration	
Employee Salaries	\$ 3,843,720
Benefits	1,476,947
Attorney Fees	3,012,439
Operational Expenses	588,152
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Total Administration	\$ 8,921,258

Adult Probation	
Adult Probation Salaries	\$ 2,716,735
Benefits	1,058,201
Internal Expenses	31,700
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Total Adult Probation	\$ 3,806,636

ADULT PROBATION EXPENDITURES



COURT ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES



Operational Expenses	
Salaries-Officials	\$ 140,000
Transcripts	189,869
Visiting Judges	2,265
Supplies & Other	-
Contract Services (Jury Expenses)	96,018
Internal Expenses	160,000
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TOTAL	\$ 588,152

TOTAL COMMON PLEAS COURT GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES \$13,316,046

REVENUE ACCOUNTS 2015

Legal Research Fund

Revenues	\$ 88,025
Expenditures	
Equipment, Training, Services	\$ 38,838

Probation Service Fees

Revenues	\$ 328,687
Expenditures	
Equipment, Training, Services	\$ 261,378

Special Projects Fund

Revenues	\$ 1,079,008
Expenditures	
Salaries	\$ 261,810
Benefits	82,819
Equipment	46,672
Supplies	26,332
Contracts	156,504
Professional Education	57,467
Professional Services	86,031
Other Expense	19,457
Capital Outlay	284,635
	\$ 1,021,727

Revenues	\$ 1,495,720
Expenditures from Revenue	\$ 1,321,943
Surplus from Revenue	\$ 173,777

GRANT FUND ACCOUNTS 2015

Adult Probation

Intensive Supervision	
Salaries	\$ 306,107
Benefits	133,478
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Total Grant Adult Probation	\$ 439,585

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic

ADM Board State Grant	
Salaries	\$ 270,008
Benefits	93,251
Consulting Services	49,207
Supplies	2,234
Travel	3,577
Contract Services	651
Equipment	751
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Total Grant Psycho-Diagnostic	\$ 419,679

*P.I.I.G. Grant

Revenues	\$ 55,218
Expenditures	\$ 28,780

Smart Ohio Grant

Revenues	\$ 341,100
Expenditures	\$ 214,040

Domestic Violence Grant

Revenues	\$ 45,458
Expenditures	\$ 53,377

*Probation Improvement & Incentives Program

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-GENERAL DIVISION

2015 ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL ROSTER

TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EMPLOYEE
<u>- ADMINISTRATION -</u>		
Administrative Specialist	3	Carolyn Deckert 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	11	Shay Christopher Jill Coleman Dorianne Denard Kimberly Guldeman Sarah Kormushoff 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 Skinner Deborah Smith Lisa Tabet

TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EMPLOYEE
Director of Information Technology	1	Jay Chapman
Director of Department of Operations	1	Patricia Carillon
Drug Court Liaison	1	Ronya Habash
Foreclosure Specialist	1	Suzanne Stephens
Human Resource Specialist	2	Monica Siko Sue Roszkowski
Judicial Assistant	10	Amanda Bridenstine Jaclyn Darrah Andrew DeLamatre Michelle Dimeff Shari Hower Lisa Kayes Tamara Keefer Jan Panella Christopher Piekarski Bridget Walters
Judicial Attorney	13	Jason Adams Jennifer Bouhall Janet Dutt Patricia Himelrigh Martha Hom Dawn Humphrys Michelle Neiman Elizabeth Ann Nemes Kandi O'Connor Colleen Petrello 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		Cheryl Hollis Alison Pfeister
Network Administrator II	1	Jeffrey Grewell
Special Projects Officer	1	Ruth Squires

TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EMPLOYEE
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- PROBATION DEPARTMENT -

Chief Probation Officer/Offender Service Director	1	Michael Rick
Clerk Typist II	1	Theresa Miller
Pretrial Services Supervisor	1	Kerri Defibaugh
Pretrial Release Officer	6	Sandra Allshouse Tobin Crenshaw William Daniels Shiloh Geier Sarah Grim Brian Hawes
Probation Officer	44	Jennifer Allen Amber Anderson Kelli Anderson Maria Barnes Timothy Barrage Marshall Beckett Laurie Boyd Elaine Butler Katherine Caprita Elaine Cherry Marc Coletta Renee Cooper Stephanie Crooms Jeffrey Cutler Erin Day Lorri Dunn Douglas Elliott Sandra Ferracane Michelle Fought Kiel Freeman Brian Freyhauf Kristen Giles Ronya Habash Jennifer Haviland Kimberly Humphrey Antalene Hunter Shari Kastor Anthony King Nicole Lambert Nicholas Maurer Michael Mims Patricia Pfander Nickie Pipilakis Rudolph Polovich Anthony Rodgers Bobbi Rosetta

TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EMPLOYEE
Probation Officer (cont'd)		Danielle Sampson Rebecca Shepard David Siko Matthew Snyder Gina Stump Shannon Vaughn Kecia Wallace Traci Willard
Probation Secretary Supervisor	1	Debbie Rians
Probation Supervisor	5	Lisa Davis Michael Klamut Laurie Ruhman Terry Strubbe Robert Woods
Secretary I	2	Kimberly Diehl-Spahn Sandra Zdelar
Secretary II	5	Martha Beitel Staci Board Patricia Marotto Karyn Rogers Jackie Shannon
Support Staff Specialist	1	Helga Keller
Work Release Coordinator / L.E.A.D.S. Operator	1	Michelle Kocian

TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	EMPLOYEE
<u>- PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC -</u>		
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	Fawn Walter



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