

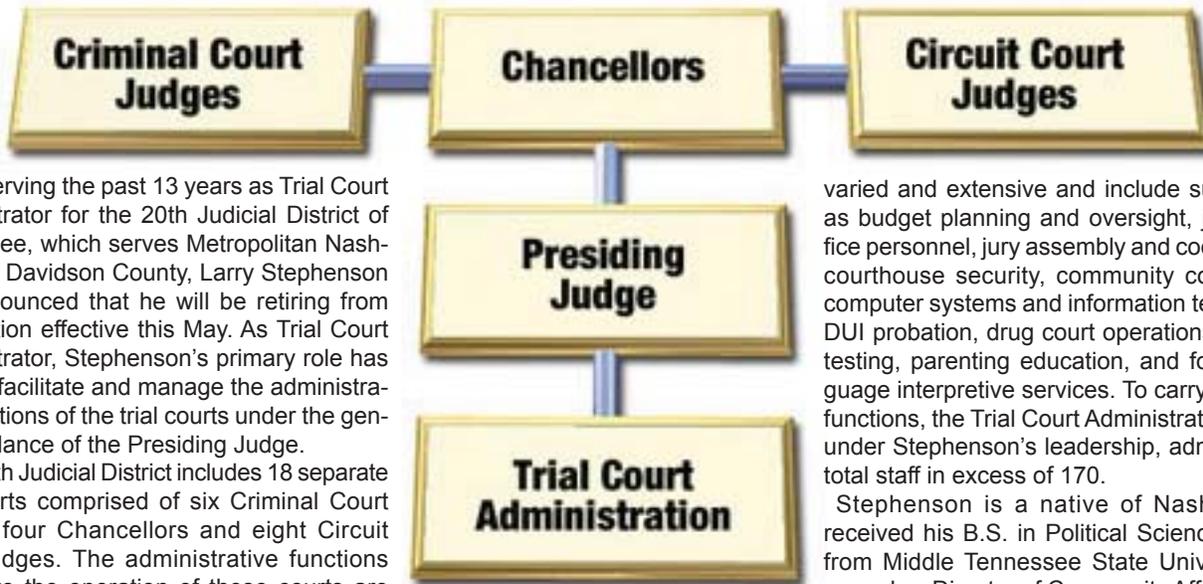
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TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



After serving the past 13 years as Trial Court Administrator for the 20th Judicial District of Tennessee, which serves Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, Larry Stephenson has announced that he will be retiring from his position effective this May. As Trial Court Administrator, Stephenson's primary role has been to facilitate and manage the administrative functions of the trial courts under the general guidance of the Presiding Judge.

The 20th Judicial District includes 18 separate trial courts comprised of six Criminal Court judges, four Chancellors and eight Circuit Court judges. The administrative functions related to the operation of these courts are

varied and extensive and include such things as budget planning and oversight, judicial office personnel, jury assembly and coordination, courthouse security, community corrections, computer systems and information technology, DUI probation, drug court operations, forensic testing, parenting education, and foreign language interpretive services. To carry out these functions, the Trial Court Administrator's office, under Stephenson's leadership, administers a total staff in excess of 170.

Stephenson is a native of Nashville and received his B.S. in Political Science in 1970 from Middle Tennessee State University. He served as Director of Community Affairs for the

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January Trial Verdicts

Non-Jury

Week of January 25

Circuit Court

Appeals

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
09C-428	NEGLIGENCE/DAMAGES	5		P-\$205,773			
08C-3701	NEGLIGENCE/DAMAGES	5		P-\$181,694			
08C-1194	BREACH OF CONTRACT/MISREP	2		P-\$308,117 + INTEREST			
09C-2210	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	5		P-\$49,746 + FUTURE MEDICAL			
07C-1694	CONTRACT/DEBT	1		P-\$8,000			
09C-2797	BREACH OF LOAN AGREEMENT	6		P-\$24,855 + COSTS			
09C-3686	GSA/METRO TRAFFIC CITATION	2		UNDER ADVISEMENT			DEFENDANT
09C-3007	GSA/FRAUD, MISREPRESENTATION	2		P-\$22,300 + Disc. Costs		DEFENDANT	PLAINTIFF
09C-3444	GSA/CONTRACT/DAMAGES	5		DEFENDANT		DEFENDANT	PLAINTIFF
09C-3164	GSA/DETAINER/BREACH OF LEASE	2		P-\$40,386 + POSSESSION		P-\$3,500 + Poss.	PLAINTIFF
09C-2351	GSA/BREACH OF LEASE	6		P-\$2,987 + COSTS		P-\$4,842	DEFENDANT
08C-1429	GSA/DEFECTIVE AUTO REPAIR	6		DEFENDANT		P-\$1,800	DEFENDANT

Jury

Week of January 11

Circuit Court

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
05C-1778	AUTOMOBILE	6	\$50,000	P-\$10,092			
04C-3176	BAR FIGHT	5		P-\$93,000			

STEPHENSON

(FROM PAGE 1)

Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce from 1974 to 1979 and later served as the Chamber's Director of Administration where he was a member of the Management Council and assistant to the CEO. His responsibilities included overseeing the activities of the Education, Aviation, and Central City Development Committees. He also administered all areas of general office operations, computer and telephone systems, accounting and management of finances with an annual budget of \$4 million. From 1991 to 1996, Stephenson served as one of three senior staff for the Davidson County Clerk's Office where his achievements included managing the development, installation and implementation of the clerk's conversion to a stand-alone computer system from a manual system.

In January 1997, Stephenson accepted the position of Trial Court Administrator for the 20th Judicial District. His tenure has seen the creation of the 7th and 8th Circuit Courts in 1998, the establishment of Criminal Court Division V & VI in 2003 as well as the expansion of Chancery Court to include Part IV in that same year.

Stephenson's tenure, however, may be most remembered for his tireless efforts and leadership in guiding the trial court system as it relocated in its entirety from downtown Nashville to Metro Center from April 2003 to February 2007 during the construction of the Justice A.A. Birch Building and the renovation of the Historic Courthouse.

Upon Stephenson's retirement, the trial court judges of Davidson County will commence their search for his replacement.

NEW CIVIL PROCEDURE RULE WILL ALLOW DISCOVERY OF LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES

The Tennessee Supreme Court has adopted an amendment to T.R.C.P. 26.02(2) which will permit a party to obtain discovery of any insurance agreement under which an insurance business may be liable to satisfy all or part of a possible judgment in the action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment. The new rule will take effect July 1, 2010, if ratified by the General Assembly.

DID YOU KNOW?

Interestingly, the position of "court administrator" is a fairly recent phenomenon in the storied history of American jurisprudence. In 1969, faced with a pending crisis of too many courts being unable to keep up with ever-swelling caseloads, the Chief Justice of the United States, Warren E. Burger observed, "The courts of this country need management which busy and overworked judges, with drastically increased caseloads, cannot give. We need a corps of trained administrators or managers to manage and direct the machinery so that judges can concentrate on their primary duty of judging. We must literally create a corps of court administrators or managers and do it at once." Today, as a result of Chief Justice Burger's efforts and those of other leaders in the field, court administrators serve in court systems at the federal, state, and local levels.



DATA BANK

January 2010

Case Information

Circuit Court

New Civil Cases Filed.....	172
Jury	73
Non-Jury	99
Civil Cases Concluded.....	241
Jury	169
Non-Jury	72
New Divorce Cases Filed	176
Divorce Cases Concluded.....	192
Domestic Petitions Filed	236
Domestic Petitions Concluded	420

General Sessions Civil

New Cases Filed.....	3,363
Executions Issued	4,227
Garnishment Payments	4,398
Judgments Collected.....	\$907,857
Orders of Protection Petitions	183

Probate Court

New Cases Filed.....	163
Cases Closed	145

Traffic Violations

Moving Citations	10,456
Total Violations.....	13,968
Parking Violations.....	3,512
Total Fines Collected	\$576,605
Nullifications	1,216
Nullification Fees Collected	\$14,592
Environmental Citations.....	341
*Credit Card Payments	3,866

*--Online and phone payments combined

Case Analyses

GENRE	JANUARY	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENTS	1	1
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	1
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
NONE	0	0
CONTRACTS	8	8
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	6	6
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	2	2
NONE	0	0
TOTAL AWARDS	\$406,645	*\$406,645
*REPRESENTS AMOUNTS DISCLOSED BY COURT		
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
PENDING	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	5	5
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	4	4
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
NONE/UNDER ADVISEMENT	1	1

Auto Accident Cases

	JANUARY	YTD
JURY TRIALS	1	1
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	1
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
NONE	0	0
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$10,092	\$10,092
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	JANUARY	YTD
JURY TRIALS	1	1
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	1
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0

General Sessions Auto Appeals

	JANUARY	YTD
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
NONE	0	0

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