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JANUARY 2013

REPORT

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW



CIRCUIT COURT

	2012	2011	2012 vs. 2011
Total Number of New Civil Cases Filed (Non-Domestic)	2,513	2,480	+ 33
Total Number of Civil Cases Concluded (Non-Domestic)	2,468	2,600	- 132
Total Number of New Divorce Cases Filed	2,303	2,286	+ 17
Total Number of Divorce Cases Concluded	2,356	2,435	- 79
Total Number of Domestic Petitions Filed	2,854	2,702	+ 152
Total Number of Domestic Petitions Concluded	2,852	2,734	+ 118

PROBATE

Total Number of New Cases Filed	1,946	1,902	+ 44
Total Number of Cases Concluded	1,976	1,802	+ 174
Number of Petitions to Probate a Will Filed	861	825	+ 36
Number of Petitions for Letters of Administration Filed	275	285	- 10
Number of Small Estate Cases Filed	303	288	+ 15
Number of Conservatorship Cases Filed	210	204	+ 6
Number of Guardianship of a Minor Cases Filed	28	37	- 9
Number of Name Change Cases Filed	101	114	- 13
Number of Trust and Other Matters Filed	83	82	+ 1

GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL

Total Number of New Cases Filed	49,226	48,368	+ 858
Number of Civil Warrants Filed	25,480	25,085	+ 395
Number of Detainer Warrants Filed	11,475	11,485	- 10
Number of Recovery Warrants Filed	221	339	- 118
Number of Petitions for an Order of Protection Filed	3,428	2,867	+ 561
Number of Emergency Committals	7,856	7,344	+ 512
Number of Other Miscellaneous Matters Filed	766	1,248	- 482
Number of Executions Issued	49,083	45,032	+ 4,051
Number of Garnishment Payments Received	54,597	53,123	+ 1,474
Total Dollar Amount of Judgments Collected	\$11,876,196	\$11,311,946	+\$564,250

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The mind of a bigot is like the pupil of the eye; the more light you pour upon it, the more it will contract.”



Oliver
Wendell
Holmes, Jr.
(1841 - 1935)

U.S. Supreme
Court Justice

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CIRCUIT COURT TRIAL VERDICTS

JANUARY 2013

JURY TRIALS

IF CASE WAS
APPEALED FROM
GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	GEN. SESSIONS JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
Week of January 14					
11C-1448	AUTOMOBILE	5	PLAINTIFF \$339,163	N/A	
11C-3935	AUTOMOBILE	8	PLAINTIFF \$143,451 + \$7,500 IN PUNITIVE DAMAGES	N/A	
Week of January 28					
10C-4951	AUTOMOBILE	5	PLAINTIFF \$10,001 (MINUS 20% FAULT)	N/A	
05C-1555	NEGLIGENCE / BREACH OF WARRANTY	6	DEFENDANT VERDICT ON 2-22-13 (TRIAL DURATION 1-28-13 THRU 2-21-13)	N/A	

NON-JURY TRIALS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	GEN. SESSIONS JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
Week of January 7					
12C-4528	DETAINER / DAMAGES	2	PLAINTIFF \$16,671	P - \$8,088 & Poss	DEFENDANT
09C-4432	MALICIOUS PROSECUTION	1	DEFENDANT (DISMISSED, COSTS TO PLTF)	N/A	
12C-1400	CONTRACT	5	PLAINTIFF \$1,945 + POST JUDG INT	DISMISSED	PLAINTIFF
12C-3371	TRAFFIC APPEAL	6	DEFENDANT / DISMISSED	N/A	
11C-5193	WORKERS' COMP	6	PLAINTIFF \$60,420 (25% PPD TO BODY)	N/A	
10C-3147	SWORN ACCOUNT	8	PLAINTIFF \$40,000 + COSTS	N/A	
11C-4527	BREACH OF CONTRACT	6	DEFENDANT (DISMISSED, COSTS TO PLTF)	N/A	
12C-4100	CONTRACT	2	DEFENDANT VERDICT	N/A	
10C-4417	DISCRIMINATION	5	PLAINTIFF \$134,190	N/A	

SPECIALLY SET TRIALS (JURY & NON-JURY)

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	DATE OF TRIAL	JURY OR NON-JURY
12C-3548	TRAFFIC TICKET APPEAL	8	MOTORIST NOT GUILTY	1-16-13	NON-JURY
12C-3445	BREACH OF CONTRACT	5	PLAINTIFF \$39,924 + COSTS	1-24-13	NON-JURY

USE CASELINK TO ACCESS MORE DETAILED INFORMATION
ABOUT THESE CASES AND OTHERS

DEPARTMENTS
BY THE NUMBER

January 2013

CIRCUIT COURT

	JAN	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed.....	217	217
Jury Demand.....	90	90
Non-Jury.....	127	127
New Divorce Cases Filed	182	182
Domestic Petitions Filed	322	322
New Adoption Petitions	7	7
Civil Cases Concluded.....	244	244
Jury Demand.....	154	154
Non-Jury	90	90
Divorce Cases Concluded	203	203
Domestic Petitions Concluded	195	195

**GENERAL SESSIONS
CIVIL**

	JAN	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	4,246	4,246
Civil Warrants	1,969	1,969
Detainer Warrants	1,162	1,162
Recovery Warrants.....	26	26
Pet for Order of Protection.....	288	288
Emergency Committals	788	788
Other.....	13	13
Executions Issued.....	4,284	4,284
Garnishment Payments	4,896	4,896
Judgments Collected.....	\$1,060,612	\$1,060,612

PROBATE COURT

	JAN	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	215	215
Total Cases Closed	173	173
Probate Will	111	111
Probate Will for Muniment of Title.....	6	6
Letters of Administration.....	38	38
Small Estate Affidavits.....	30	30
Conservatorship.....	20	20
Guardianship of Minor.....	1	1
Name Change	4	4
Trust Matters.....	1	1
Other Miscellaneous	4	4

**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS
BUREAU**

	JAN	YTD
Total Traffic Violations.....	10,768	10,768
Moving Citations	6,841	6,841
Parking Citations.....	3,927	3,927
Environmental Citations.....	179	179
Total Fines Collected	\$401,136	\$401,136
Nullifications.....	672	672
Nullification Fees Collected	\$8,059	\$8,059
*Credit Card Payments	3,852	3,852

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2012

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU

	2012	2011	2012 vs. 2011
Total Number of Traffic Citations Processed (Moving & Parking)	120,247	131,888	- 11,641
Number of Moving Citations Processed	81,484	86,258	- 4,774
Number of Parking Citations Processed	38,763	45,630	- 6,867
Number of Environmental Citations Processed	2,213	3,002	- 789
Total Amount of Fines Collected	\$4,597,842	\$5,302,228	- \$704,386
Total Number of Nullifications	8,208	11,449	- 3,241
Total Amount of Nullification Fees Collected	\$98,481	\$137,378	- \$38,897
Total Number of Credit Card Payments Processed	40,575	35,166	+ 5,409

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AUTO ACCIDENT

	JAN	YTD
Total Cases Tried	3	3
Plaintiff Verdicts	3	3
Defendant Verdicts	0	0
Other/Under Adv	0	0
Jury Trials	3	3
Non-Jury Trials	0	0
Appeal from G.S.	0	0
Plaintiff Verd.	0	0
Def. Verdict	0	0
Other/None	0	0

CONTRACT

	JAN	YTD
Total Cases Tried	5	5
Plaintiff Verdicts	3	3
Defendant Verdicts	2	2
Other/Under Adv	0	0

HEALTH CARE LIABILITY

	JAN	YTD
Total Cases Tried	0	0
Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0
Defendant Verdicts	0	0
Other/Under Adv/Hung	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS

	JAN	YTD
Total Cases Tried	7	7
Plaintiff Verdicts	4	4
Defendant Verdicts	3	3
Other/Under Adv	0	0

A REMINDER FOR THOSE WITH OPERATIONAL BURGLAR OR FIRE ALARMS

The Metro false alarm ordinance requires that Nashvillians in Davidson County with operational burglar or fire alarms in their homes or businesses must register their alarms with the Metropolitan Clerk's Office. Cost of an annual permit



for a home alarm system is \$20 and for a business or non-residential property is \$50. Permits expire annually and must be renewed on April 1st of each year. 2012 permit holders should have received a reminder in the mail this month to renew their permits by April 1, 2013. The only exemptions are motor vehicle alarms, self-contained smoke detectors, and medical-alert systems. If a citizen has never registered their alarm, they are encouraged to do so. They will not be penalized. The form to register alarms can be found on the Metropolitan Clerk's Office website. Not having a current permit could result in a fine and court costs totaling \$106.50.

In 2012, the MNPD responded to 3,888 false alarm calls resulting in the issuance of 562 citations (475 for no alarm permit). There was an increase of 536 false alarm calls from 2011 to 2012.

The Metro government alarm permit staff can be reached at 615-862-6779, email at alarms@nashville.gov, and website at <http://www.nashville.gov/Metro-Clerk/Alarm-Registration.aspx>.

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