



# ROOKER

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# REPORT

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## CIRCUIT COURT AND NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION TO HOST CLE CLASS

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Former Senator Douglas  
and  
Former Vice-Mayor West  
Passed Away

### Presenters

Richard R. Rooker,  
*Circuit Court Clerk*

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*Chief Deputy of  
Operations*

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*Chief Deputy of  
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Employee Development*

The upcoming E-Filing system will be robust and automate many functions. This system will allow cases to be electroically filed and reduce paper consumption. The CLE class is a great way to find out whats on the horizon with E-Filing as well as learn how to effectively use CaseLink and take advantage of enhanced features.

### Details

*Wednesday, April 26, 2017*

*1:00pm - 4:15pm 3.0 CLE Credits*

*Historic Metro Nashville Courthouse- Jury Assembly Room*

### Introduction to E-Filing in Circuit Court and How To Effectively Use CaseLink

### Overview

CaseLink is the Public Inquiry System for the Offices of the Circuit Court Clerk which provides convenient 24/7 access to cases and documents filed in the Circuit, Probate and General Sessions-Civil Courts. The CaseLink system has recently been upgraded to include new features including online payments, case alerts, and updated interface. The new system is now compatible with various platforms and browsers. Bring your laptop or mobile device and learn how to effectively use this valuable resource. Topics will include setting up user accounts, payment methods, case alerts, and enhanced reporting.

E-Filing is the new way to file legal documents with the Court System. The Circuit Court Clerk's Offices are in the process of implementing an E-Filing system in conjunction with Criminal and Juvenile Courts. This seminar will give you an introductory overview of how the E-Filing process will work.

EarlyBird Registration: \$139 NBA Members -- \$279 Non-Members

Add \$10 for registration after April 24, 2017

For more information or to register click the link below.

<https://www.nashvillebar.org/index.cfm?pg=events&evAction=showDetail&eid=41809&evSubAction=listAll>

# CIRCUIT COURT TRIAL VERDICTS

## JURY TRIALS

**IF CASE WAS  
APPEALED FROM  
GENERAL SESSIONS**

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	GEN. SESSIONS JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
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**Week of February 13**

15C-1778	AUTOMOBILE	8	DEFENDANT		
15C-648	SLANDER/LIABEL	5	DEFENDANT		
15C-2348	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY	1	DEFENDANT- DEFT DID NOT ACT WITHIN STANDARD OF CARE, BUT NO DAMAGES TO PLAINTIFF		

**Week of February 27**

13C-2894	AUTOMOBILE	8	PLAINTIFF- \$500		
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## NON-JURY TRIALS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	GEN. SESSIONS JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
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**Week of February 6**

16C-1512	GSA-DETAINDER	5	PLAINTIFF - POSSESSION & ATTY. FEES TOTAL \$32,294.53	PLAINTIFF -\$25,350.29	PLAINTIFF
16C-2751	METRO APPEAL	8	DEFENDANT - OFFENSE DISMISSED DAY OF TRIAL		
16C-2427	GSA -CONTRACT	6	PLAINTIFF - \$11,717.48	PLAINTIFF -\$4,315	
16C-1396	AUTOMOBILE	1	PLAINTIFF - \$30,000 + COURT COST		
16C-2579	CONTRACT	8	PLAINTIFF \$37,436.12 + PRE-JUDGMENT INT. TO DATE \$1,866.68 + REASONABLE ATTY. FEES OF \$5,000 + COURT COST TO DEFENDANT		
16C-2357	METRO APPEAL	5	PLAINTIFF -DEFT. TO ATTEND 8 HR. TRAFFIC SCHOOL WITHIN 30 DAYS AND SHOW PROOF OF COMPLETION TO METRO ATTY. BEFORE END OF 30 DAYS		
17C-138	GSA -DETAINDER	6	PLAINTIFF -POSSESSION + COSTS		
15C-2331	WORKERS' COMP.	6	DEFENDANT - INVOL. DIS. JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT		
16C-1610	GSA - BREACH OF CONTRACT	5	PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT - ORIG. COMPLAINT & COUNTER COMPLAINT DISM., NO PROOF OF DAMAGES BY EITHER PARTY, COSTS DIVIDED EQUALLY		
16C-2647	METRO APPEAL	8	PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT - DISM. 12/12/90; GUILTY OF VIOLATING 12.12.030, COURT COSTS TAXED TO DEFENDANT		
16C-2381	METRO APPEAL	8	PLAINTIFF -APPEAL DISMISSED COURT COST TO DEFENDANT		

**SPECIALLY SET TRIALS**  
(JURY & NON-JURY)

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	DATE OF TRIAL	JURY OR NON-JURY
13C-1860	MALICIOUS PROSECUTION	2	PLAINTIFF -COUNTER COMPLAINT DISM., JUDGEMENT FOR PLAINTIFF	2/1/17	NON-JURY
2016-C-1630	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2	DEFENDANT -NOT GUILTY ON DOMESTIC BODY INJURY. 3RD CT 1.	2/6/17-2/7/17	JURY
15CV-1008	SPECIALLY SET RUTHERFORD COUNTY	1	PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT -\$513,000 A&R LAND, \$116,000 TO LASCASSAS LAND. \$23,000 TO JIMMY ALLEN, \$25,000 ATTY. FEE AGAINST ALLEN FOR LASCASSAS	2/7/17-2/9/17	NON-JURY
2016-B-622	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2	DEFENDANT -NOT GUILTY	2/21/17	NON-JURY

**DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

	FEB	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed.....	230	449
Jury Demand.....	137	244
Non-Jury.....	93	205
New Divorce Cases Filed .....	153	309
Domestic Petitions Filed .....	105	183
Orders of Protection Filed.....	93	184
Orders of Prot. Granted.....	20	48
Orders of Prot. Dismissed.....	67	147
Judicial Committals Filed.....	25	52
New Adoption Petitions .....	11	21
Civil Cases Concluded.....	230	516
Jury Demand.....	167	342
Non-Jury .....	63	174
Divorce Cases Concluded .....	159	333
Domestic Petitions Concluded .....	63	110

**GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL**

	FEB	YTD
Total New Cases Filed .....	3,871	8,115
Civil Warrants .....	2,101	4,428
Detainer Warrants .....	709	1,438
Recovery Warrants.....	29	57
Pet for Order of Protection.....	338	717
Orders Granted.....	102	215
Orders Dismissed.....	259	450
Emergency Committals .....	670	1,437
Immediate Possession.....	1	2
Sue & Attach.....	0	1
Petitions to Interplead.....	1	2
Counterclaims.....	8	14
Distress Warrants.....	14	20
Executions Issued.....	4,328	7,478
Garnishment Payments .....	3,538	7,127
Judgments Collected.....	\$965,121	\$1,853,648

**PROBATE COURT**

	FEB	YTD
Total New Cases Filed .....	168	340
Total Cases Closed .....	171	355
Probate Will .....	69	131
Probate Will for Muniment of Title .....	7	13
Letters of Administration.....	31	54
Small Estate Affidavits.....	31	71
Conservatorship.....	17	43
Guardianship of Minor.....	0	4
Name Change .....	5	9
Trust Matters.....	71	12
Other Miscellaneous .....	1	3

**TRAFFIC VIOLATION BUREAU**

	FEB	YTD
Total Traffic Violations .....	7,491	15,142
Moving Citations .....	4,011	8,569
Parking Citations.....	3,480	6,573
Environmental Citations .....	237	530
Total Fines Collected .....	\$259,201	\$494,324
Nullifications.....	328	657
Nullification Fees Collected .....	\$3,933	\$7,889
*Credit Card Payments .....	4,515	8,755

### CIRCUIT COURT TRIAL BY CASE TYPE

AUTO ACCIDENT			CONTRACT			MISCELLANEOUS		
	FEB	YTD		FEB	YTD		FEB	YTD
Total Cases Tried	3	8	Total Cases Tried	3	9	Total Cases Tried	12	20
Plaintiff Verdicts	2	3	Plaintiff Verdicts	2	8	Plaintiff Verdicts	5	11
Defendant Verdicts	1	5	Defendant Verdicts	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	5	7
Other/Under Adv	0	0	Other/Under Adv	1	1	Other/Under Adv	2	2
Jury Trials	2	5						
Non-Jury Trials	1	3						
Appeal from G.S.	0	0						
Plaintiff Verd.	0	0						
Def. Verdict	0	0						
Other/None	0	0						

HEALTH CARE LIABILITY		
	FEB	YTD
Total Cases Tried	1	1
Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0
Defendant Verdicts	1	1
Other/Under Adv/Hung	0	0

### Former Senator Douglas Henry Dies at 90

Former Senator Douglas Henry, the longest serving state legislator in Tennessee history died on March 5, 2017. Henry was elected 11 consecutive times and served for 23 years until he retired in 2014.

### Former Vice Mayor Jay West Dies at 65

Former Vice Mayor and Metro Council member, Jay West died at age 65. West was elected to the Metro Council in 1983 and served three terms before being elected as Vice Mayor in 1995.

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<http://caselink.nashville.gov>

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
615-862-5181

**GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL**  
615-862-5195

**PROBATE**  
615-862-5980

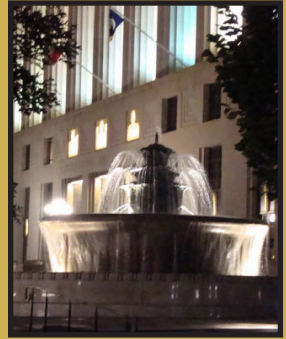
**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU**  
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