

# THE DAY TIMES

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## Service In Our Hearts!



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Dr. Mary McCleod Bethune once said the whole world opened up to me when I learned how to read. On February 11th, Clerk Day was the featured guest reader at the Nashville Public Library- Madison Branch during their *Story Time Friends* Black History Month event. Clerk Day read "*That's My Job!*", written by Jacquese Groves, a local African-American author who joined in the festivities along with her family.

# A NOTE FROM THE CLERK:



Good day and greetings from the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. We successfully relocated our Probate office across the hall to Suite 302. We are hard at work for you strengthening our team through cross-training to help realize our core values, as we strive to provide exceptional service for the Nashville community. Last month we revealed our updated mission statement and core values. This month we further define our core values. The Four Pillars of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office are:

**Service:** Provide exceptional service rooted in professionalism, diligence and courtesy.

**Integrity:** Project transparency and demand accountability in the actions of oneself and the organization as a whole.

**Experience:** Utilize institutional knowledge to train and equip each deputy clerk with comprehensive knowledge of the multifaceted innerworkings of each office.

**Innovation:** Modernize our processes as technology evolves. Innovation is critical in acquainting current systems with technological upgrades that can lead to automation in some areas and streamline others.

February is **Black History Month**. What is Black History Month? How did it begin?

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” which was conceived in 1925 by noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Negro Week was recognized beginning in February 1926 and encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first Black History Month. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.



# Templeton Academy Visit



A group of extraordinary 5th grade scholars of Templeton Academy Nashville and their teacher, Travis Batista, visited the Traffic Violation Bureau February 10th for a field trip. TVB Chief Clerk Bill Cartwright gave an overview of the organization, specifically highlighting the duties of the TVB. He then led the scholars on a tour of the TVB office, showing them docket books dating back to 1980's. During this time, Mr. Batista discussed basic traffic laws, emphasizing their need and sharing consequences for those who choose not to obey relating back to their current lesson of ancient law codes. The tour then led the eager scholars into courtroom 1B, where they witnessed the call of the civil docket and even got an opportunity to approach the bench and ask questions for the Honorable Rachel Bell, who presided over the docket.

## American Heart Month Donation Drive



Did you know heart disease is the leading cause of death in men and women in the US? The month of February is designated to American Heart Month and in an effort to bring awareness to heart disease, the Circuit Court Clerk's office raised over \$300 for the American Heart Association and participated in a social media campaign aiming to educate the community on the many causes of heart disease, symptoms and warning signs to be aware of, as well as provided activities that increase heart health.



# Black History Facts!

Joseph P. Day is the first African American Circuit Court Clerk of Nashville-Davidson County.

Dr. Olivia Hooker

was the first African American woman to join the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII.

Radio One

In 1999, Radio One, founded by Cathy Hughes, became the first company owned by a black woman to be traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1949, the first two women to graduate from veterinary medicine school and receive the doctorate in veterinary medicine were Jane Hinton and Alfreda Johnson Webb.

In 1939, Ethel Waters became the first African-American singer to appear on television and the first African-American to appear on her own television show, The Ethel Waters Show.

Samora Machel

In 1975, Samora Machel was elected the first President of Mozambique after it gained independence from 470 years of Portuguese colonial rule.

Frederick Douglass

"Fritz" Pollard & Bobby Marshall were the first African American players in the NFL in 1920.

In 1882, Leonard Medical School, established at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina became the South's first four year medical school for blacks

In 1964, Thomas Chester became the first and only black correspondent for a major daily newspaper, the Philadelphia Press.

Nell Cecilia Jackson became the first black person to coach an Olympic team when she became the head coach of the US women's track & field team.

The Amistad Revolt of 1839 was the first revolt at the sea that resulted in the legal freedom of the rebels.

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# Trial Verdicts



## Jury Trials

| WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2023 |   |    |       |                                    |         |             |    |
|--------------------------|---|----|-------|------------------------------------|---------|-------------|----|
| CASE NUMBER              | TYPE OF CASE                            | CT | π / Δ | CIRCUIT JUDGMENT                   | % FAULT | GS JUDGMENT | BY |
| 20C676                   | AUTO                                    | 6  | π     | \$111,120.00                       | 10%/90% |             |    |
| 21C1023                  | REPLEVIN & DAMAGES (DOG)                | 1  | Δ     | π NOT THE LAWFUL OWNER OF THE DOG. |         |             |    |
| WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2023 |   |    |       |                                    |         |             |    |
| CASE NUMBER              | TYPE OF CASE                            | CT | π / Δ | CIRCUIT JUDGMENT                   | % FAULT | GS JUDGMENT | BY |
| 19C1836                  | GSA - DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING, NEGLIGENCE | 6  | Δ     | DISMISSED.                         |         | DISMISSED.  | π  |

## Non-Jury Trials

| SPECIALLY SET TRIALS: |                              |    |       |  |         |   |    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----|-------|--|---------|---|----|
| CASE NUMBER           | TYPE OF CASE                 | CT | π / Δ | CIRCUIT JUDGMENT   | DATE OF | GS JUDGMENT   | BY |
| 21C2004               | GSA - UNPAID HOMEOWNERS DUES | 1  | Δ     | DIS. FTP.  | 1.11.23 | π (DEFAULT) \$646.76 + COSTS + POST -JUDG. INT.               | Δ  |
| 22C243                | GSA - SALE OF USED VEHICLE   | 8  | Δ     | APPEAL DIS. G.S. JUDGMENT IS MADE JUDGMENT OF 8TH CIR. CT. | 1.11.23 | DIS.; COUNTER CLAIM \$8643.75 FOR COUNTER Δ.                  | π  |
| 22C1124               | GSA - DETAINER               | 2  | π     | POSSESSION ONLY  | 1.11.23 | π POSSESSION + \$3,539.35 (BY AGREEMENT) + POST-JUDGMENT INT. | Δ  |
| 22C1898               | GSA - SWORN ACCT.            | 1  | Δ     | DISMISSED  | 1.17.23 | π \$1,547.85 (DEFAULT) + POST. JUDGMENT INT.                  | Δ  |
| 22C1878               | GSA - DETAINER               | 1  | π     | POSSESSION, DAMAGES RESET TO 5.2.23.                       | 1.9.23  | π POSSESSION (DEFAULT)  | Δ  |

# Department



# Numbers

| <b>Circuit Court</b>           | <b>Jan.</b> | <b>YTD</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| New Civil Cases                | 265         | 265        |
| Jury Demand                    | 132         | 132        |
| Non-Jury                       | 77          | 77         |
| New Divorce Cases Filed        | 130         | 130        |
| Domestic Petitions Filed       | 2           | 2          |
| Orders of Protection Filed     | 91          | 91         |
| Orders of Protection Granted   | 31          | 31         |
| Orders of Protection Dismissed | 69          | 69         |
| Judicial Committals Filed      | 22          | 22         |
| New Adoption Petitions         | 4           | 4          |
| Civil Cases Concluded          | 298         | 298        |
| Jury Demand                    | 189         | 189        |
| Non-Jury                       | 44          | 44         |
| Divorce Cases Concluded        | 185         | 185        |
| Domestic Petitions Concluded   | 5           | 5          |

| <b>Probate</b>                     | <b>Jan.</b> | <b>YTD</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Total New Cases Filed              | 218         | 218        |
| Total Closed Cases                 | 229         | 229        |
| Petitions to Probate Will          | 84          | 84         |
| Probate Will for Muniment of Title | 4           | 4          |
| Letters of Administration          | 35          | 35         |
| Small Estate Affidavits            | 36          | 36         |
| Conservatorship                    | 41          | 41         |
| Guardianship of Minor              | 4           | 4          |
| Name Change                        | 14          | 14         |
| Trust Matters                      | 0           | 0          |
| Other Miscellaneous                | 0           | 0          |

| <b>General Sessions</b>        | <b>Jan.</b>    | <b>YTD</b>     |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total New Cases Filed          | 3,604          | 3,604          |
| Civil Warrants                 | 1,920          | 1,920          |
| Detainer Warrants              | 1,322          | 1,322          |
| Recovery Warrants              | 12             | 12             |
| Orders of Protection Petitions | 271            | 271            |
| Orders of Protection Granted   | 57             | 57             |
| Orders of Protection Dismissed | 196            | 196            |
| Emergency Committals           | 636            | 636            |
| Immediate Possession           | 0              | 0              |
| Sue & Attach                   | 0              | 0              |
| Petitions to Interplead        | 0              | 0              |
| Counter-Claims                 | 1              | 1              |
| Distress Warrants              | 79             | 79             |
| Executions Issued              | 3,852          | 3,852          |
| Garnishment Payments           | 4,068          | 4,068          |
| Judgments Collected            | \$1,220,784.40 | \$1,220,784.40 |

| <b>Traffic Violations Bureau</b> | <b>Jan.</b>  | <b>YTD</b>   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Traffic Violations         | 6,202        | 6,202        |
| Moving Citations                 | 2,226        | 2,226        |
| Parking Citations                | 3,976        | 3,976        |
| Environmental Citations          | 345          | 345          |
| Civil Misdemeanor Citations      | 25           | 25           |
| Total Fines Collected            | \$153,119.28 | \$153,119.28 |
| Nullifications                   | 119          | 119          |
| Nullification Fees Collected     | \$1,436      | \$1,436      |



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Honorable Judge Stanley A. Kweller was officially sworn in as the Fourth Circuit Court Judge in the 20th Judicial District on Thursday, January 19, 2023. The following day, he presided over fifty cases on his first Circuit docket. Judge Kweller, we welcome you and look forward to serving the citizens of Nashville-Davidson County together.



# THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU!

## Employee Spotlight

MEET:  
SHELBY TAYLOR



Shelby has been with the organization for 10 years!

**Office:** General Sessions

**Birthday:** May 20th

**Hobbies:** Crafting, reading and watching movies

**Did you know:** Shelby was on the UDA National Dance Team and danced in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France?

## Employee Spotlight

MEET:  
LISA JONES



Lisa has been with the organization for 25 years.

**Office:** Traffic Violation Bureau

**Birthday:** March 24th

**Hobbies:** Shopping, family game nights, and painting

**Did you know:** Lisa has a kiln and enjoys painting and firing pottery ?

## Employee Spotlight

MEET:  
KIM JACKSON



Kim has been with the organization for 30 years!

**Office:** Probate

**Birthday:** May 17th

**Hobbies:** Shopping and decorating

**Did you know:** Kim likes to make things out of old denim?

## Employee Spotlight

MEET:  
BILL RIGGS



Bill has been with the organization for 33 years!

**Office:** Circuit

**Birthday:** November 11th

**Hobbies:** Music, video games, and my dogs

**Did you know:** Bill attended an Elvis Presley concert as a child, fostered racing greyhounds for years and adopted several?



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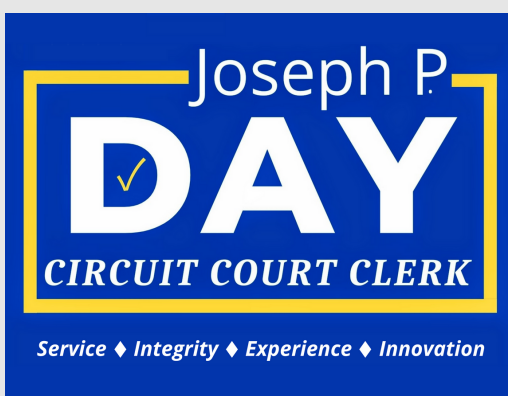
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