

# THE DAY TIMES

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## SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER ACROSS NASHVILLE - DAVIDSON COUNTY



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This holiday season, our team embraced the spirit of giving and community by participating in several festive events across Nashville. We kicked off the celebrations on December 7th, at the **2024 Give One, Get One** event, which provided free gifts for children aged 3-17 in Nashville and Davidson County.

The thought behind this event is to provide an opportunity for our children & youth to not only understand the feeling of *getting* a gift this holiday season but also to experience the joy of *giving* a gift to a loved one. In collaboration with Invocation, the Nashville Fire Department (NFD), and the BLAZE mentor program, we helped spread joy to local families. The day continued with festive energy as we joined the **Donelson-Hermitage Holiday Parade** and later the **Goodlettsville Holiday Parade**, sharing cheer with parade-goers.

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## Spreading Holiday Cheer Continued

On December 13th, we partnered again with the NFD BLAZE mentors for the **Target: Heroes and Helpers** event. This special initiative allowed selected youth to enjoy a guided shopping experience sponsored by Target. As mentors, we helped the participants navigate their \$125 budgets, teaching valuable lessons in decision-making and financial planning while ensuring they maximized their holiday joy.



Finally, on December 14th, we had the privilege of participating in the **Annual Metro Retiree Luncheon**, celebrating and honoring the contributions of Metro retirees.

These events were a meaningful way to connect with the community, spread holiday cheer, and make a positive impact during this festive season.





## **Celebrating One Year of Service:**

### **The Circuit Court Clerk's Resource Center**

The Circuit Court Clerk's Resource Center proudly celebrates its first anniversary, marking a year of dedicated service to the citizens of Davidson County. As a one-stop shop for all the services our offices provide, the Resource Center has become a cornerstone of support for individuals navigating the challenging process of civil litigation. While our office cannot offer legal



advice, we are committed to delivering an enhanced customer experience by providing court information, self-help resources, and valuable assistance from our partner Metro agencies and offices. Since its opening, the Resource Center has serviced over 4200 customers with dedicated hands on assistance, helping with an array of filings and inquiries. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our exceptional team, Deputy Clerks Kameelah Akbar, Sonyoung Victoria Choi, DeVonté Edwards, Joe Foster, Victor Prieto-Salomon, Clayton Townsend, and Sydnee Valentine and Resource Center Administrator Trey Collier.



Deputy Clerk Sydnee Valentine highlighted the international reach of the Resource Center, noting, “My most memorable experiences have been assisting customers from different countries. I enjoy the exchange because it’s a reminder that Nashville is a melting pot of cultures, and we have the opportunity to engage with different backgrounds while helping them navigate a new system and city. The Resource Center has served customers from Kazakhstan, Ethiopia, Bosnia, Nepal, and many more. We are international.”

Sonyoung Victoria Choi, another dedicated Deputy Clerk, remarked, “Since the Resource Center can provide more detailed assistance to Pro Se parties, I think that more and more people who stop by feel like they receive a level of clarity for the issues they come in with. Even though we cannot give legal advice, we may be able to provide resources that can guide them in the right direction. Because the RC can give a more hands-on experience, I believe that the RC assists in carrying the weight with the other offices.”

As we look back on an incredible first year, we are filled with gratitude for our hardworking team and the trust placed in us by the citizens of Davidson County. Here’s to continued growth and service as we strive to make a difference in the lives of our community members.



## Third Annual Deck the Halls Decorating Competition: A Festive Showdown!

The holiday spirit was in full swing as our departments showcased their creativity in the Third Annual Deck the Halls Decorating Competition! This beloved tradition brings our teams together to transform their office spaces into dazzling holiday worlds, filled with joy, lights, and imaginative themes.

This year, we had two incredible entries:

*"Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer &  
The Island of Misfit Toys"* - TVB

*"Santa's Clerkshop"* - Circuit/Probate



Both teams went above and beyond, captivating customers, court staff, and neighboring Metro offices with their attention to detail and holiday cheer.

After much excitement, the judges delivered a unanimous decision: *"Santa's Clerkshop"* by the Circuit/Probate Deputy Clerks earned the **First Place** in this year's competition!

The **2024 People's Choice Award** went to *"Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer & The Island of Misfit Toys"*, as voted by the community through our social media outlets.



Congratulations to our winners! We can't wait to see the creativity and holiday magic our teams bring to next year's competition. Happy holidays to all!



# Community Engagement

## Blessing Bags Supply Drive: Spreading Hope and Care

This season, our team came together to make a difference through the Blessing Bags Supply Drive, benefitting The Strobel House and the Nashville Rescue Mission. With incredible generosity, we collected essential items, including toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products, as well as clothing, hand warmers, baby toiletries, and household supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, sponges, hangers, and cleaning products.



The drive not only provided much-needed resources to these organizations but also fostered meaningful connections. During the donation delivery, a resident at The Strobel House recognized Clerk Day and expressed heartfelt gratitude for the work he and his team do beyond the courthouses, emphasizing the profound impact of these efforts on the community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this drive—your kindness and support are a testament to the power of collective care and compassion.





# Community Engagement Continued

## Clerk Day and Team Serve Up Gratitude at Shugga Hi Bakery's 8th Annual Free Harvest Meal

On November 21st, Clerk Joseph P. Day and the Community Engagement Team proudly participated in the **8th Annual Sandra E. Austin Free Harvest Community Meal and Celebration** hosted by Shugga Hi Bakery & Café. This cherished Thanksgiving tradition brought the community together to share a hearty meal, connect with neighbors, and celebrate the spirit of giving.

Clerk Day and his team were honored to contribute to this meaningful event, serving meals and spreading holiday cheer alongside Shugga Hi's dedicated staff and volunteers. The event not only provided nourishment but also reinforced the importance of unity and kindness during the holiday season.

A heartfelt thank-you to Shugga Hi Bakery & Café for organizing this impactful celebration and allowing us to be part of a beautiful community tradition.



## Clerk's Office Participates in Successful 2-Day Safe Surrender Event



The Clerk's Office proudly participated in the two-day **Safe Surrender** event on December 6th and 7th, working alongside other Metro justice system agencies and community leaders to provide a pathway for individuals with non-violent charges to resolve their legal matters. Held at a local church, the event offered a supportive environment where attendees could speak with attorneys and appear before judges from the Criminal or General Sessions Courts.

Safe Surrender allows individuals ready to accept responsibility the opportunity to receive favorable consideration, with many able to return home the same day. This year, the initiative was a tremendous success, processing over 300 participants and demonstrating the power of collaboration in fostering second chances and justice.

We are honored to have been part of this impactful event and remain committed to community-centered justice efforts.



# Trial Verdicts

## Jury Trials

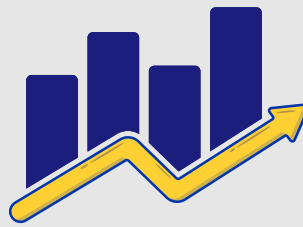
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2024							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	% FAULT	GS JUDGMENT	BY
23C81	AUTO	1	π	\$414,045.55			
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	% FAULT	GS JUDGMENT	BY
21C2053	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY	1	π	\$347,134.38			
21C631	AUTO	8	π	\$39,930.00			

## Non-Jury Trials

NOVEMBER, 2024 NON-JURY TRIALS:							
SPECIALLY SET NON-JURY TRIALS:							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	DATE OF TRIAL	GS JUDGMENT	BY
24C2023	GSA - DETAINER	8	π	\$7,782.00 + COSTS TO Δ	11.7.24	π POSSESSION + \$7,591.33 + COSTS & POST JUDGEMENT INT. (DEFAULT)	Δ
24C740	DEFAMATION	2	π	\$25,000.00 COMPENSATORY DAMAGES + \$50,000.00 PUNITIVE DAMAGES + COURT COSTS & INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.	11.8.24		
23C573	GSA - CONTRACT	6	Δ	DISMISSED	11.13.24	π \$15,659.22 + POST JUDG. INTEREST	Δ
24C1456	GSA - DETAINER	6	π	POSSESSION, WRIT OF RESTITUTION MAY ISSUE 12.9.24.	11.25.24	MOTION TO DISMISS WAS GRANTED	π
24C1057 CONSOL. W/ 24C1059	METRO APPEAL	6	π	COURT FOUND DOGS ARE VICIOUS AND ARE TO BE HUMANELY UTHANIZED.	11.26.24	π	Δ
24C149	GSA - DETAINER	1	π	\$12,242.57	9.30.24 - REC'D RULING FROM COURT ON 10.31.24	Δ \$2,350.00 ON COUNTER CLAIM + COURT COSTS	π



# Department



# Numbers

<b><u>Circuit Court</u></b>	<b><u>Nov.</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
New Civil Cases	262	3,214
Jury Demand	130	1,713
Non-Jury	62	755
New Divorce Cases Filed	128	1,571
Domestic Petitions Filed	7	77
Orders of Protection Filed	57	769
Orders of Protection Granted	17	322
Orders of Protection Dismissed	62	817
Judicial Committals Filed	12	174
New Adoption Petitions	6	63
Civil Cases Concluded	305	3,197
Jury Demand	194	1,929
Non-Jury	51	455
Divorce Cases Concluded	141	1,714
Domestic Petitions Concluded	8	99

<b><u>General Sessions</u></b>	<b><u>Nov.</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Total New Cases Filed	3,323	36,984
Civil Warrants	1,507	18,267
Detainer Warrants	1,159	13,107
Recovery Warrants	7	150
Orders of Protection Petitions	260	3,254
Orders of Protection Granted	44	702
Orders of Protection Dismissed	169	2,360
Emergency Committals	389	6,274
Immediate Possession	1	17
Sue & Attach	0	5
Petitions to Interplead	0	8
Counter-Claims	0	1
Distress Warrants	0	170
Executions Issued	2,861	38,638
Garnishment Payments	3,505	46,567
Judgments Collected	\$1,121,033.37	\$15,066,421.74

<b><u>Probate</u></b>	<b><u>Nov.</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Total New Cases Filed	200	2,443
Total Closed Cases	173	2,276
Petitions to Probate Will	54	755
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	9	87
Letters of Administration	31	452
Small Estate Affidavits	36	407
Conservatorship	58	519
Guardianship of Minor	4	43
Name Change	7	118
Trust Matters	1	36
Other Miscellaneous	0	26

<b><u>Traffic Violations Bureau</u></b>	<b><u>Nov.</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Total Traffic Violations	6,963	67,771
Moving Citations	2,828	23,438
Parking Citations	4,135	44,333
Environmental Citations	534	6,737
Civil Misdemeanor Citations	3	40
Total Fines Collected	\$185,550	\$1,796,814.27
Nullifications	145	1,513
Nullification Fees Collected	\$1,739	\$18,176



# THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU!



## *Employee Spotlight*



*Belinda "Bee" Collins*

**Bee** has been with the organization for **19** years!

**Office:** Circuit

**Birthday:** February 7th

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family

**Did you know:** Bee has 7 great-nieces, 3 great-nephews, and another great-nephew on the way?





COURTNEY GREENE - DEC. 1ST

CHANCE RAINEY - DEC. 3RD

ERIC JERRELL - DEC. 8TH

MORGAN TAYLOR - DEC. 8TH



TELENA STEVENS - DEC. 10TH

RENA SANDERS - DEC. 11TH

KIESHA BASS - DEC. 15TH

JOSEPH P. DAY - DEC. 27TH

## A LITTLE BIRTHDAY TOAST TO YOU!



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This app is designed to offer easy access to court information and enhance your experience with our Circuit, Probate, General Sessions-Civil and Traffic Violation Bureau offices.

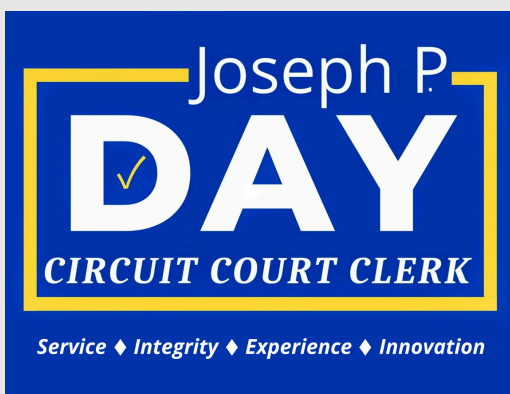
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