

# THE DAY TIMES

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## CLERK DAY "POPS BY" FOR A VISIT WITH JUDGES AND STAFF



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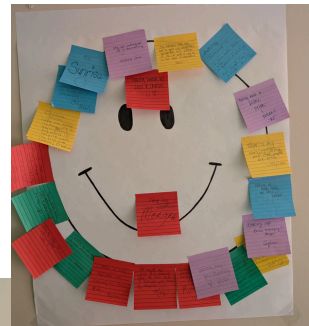
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Clerk Day recently brightened the day for judges and their staff by "popping by" with a special treat—fresh popcorn! This fun and informal visit was a great opportunity to connect, show appreciation, and share a few smiles over snacks. The gesture not only added a bit of joy to the workday but also helped foster a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among the staff. It's always great when Clerk Day takes time to connect in meaningful ways!

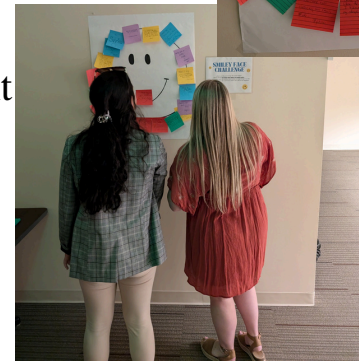
# Relax, Relate, Release Pt. II



In recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, team members came together on September 11th for Relax, Relate, Release Part II, a special event dedicated to mental well-being. During their lunch break, participants took time to unplug and engage in relaxing activities like puzzles and coloring. These simple tasks allowed team members to de-stress while fostering creativity and focus. A guided meditation session further encouraged everyone to step away from the daily grind and find a few moments of inner peace.



The highlight of the event was the *Smiley Face Challenge*, where each team member wrote down something that made them smile that day. These notes were then added to a larger smiley face, symbolizing the collective positivity of the group. This activity not only brought smiles but served as a powerful reminder to appreciate the little things that bring joy.



## Self-Care Tips for Mental Health

Taking time for self-care is vital to improving mental health, especially in today's fast-paced world. Here are a few simple routines to stimulate the brain and enhance well-being:

1. **Practice Mindfulness:** Regular meditation or deep breathing exercises help reduce anxiety and improve focus.
2. **Engage in Puzzles or Brain Games:** Activities like crosswords, Sudoku, or jigsaw puzzles stimulate the mind and promote cognitive function.
3. **Stay Active:** Physical activity, even a short walk, increases endorphins and helps reduce stress.
4. **Create Time for Hobbies:** Whether it's painting, reading, or knitting, doing something you love improves mood and provides a mental break from daily pressures.
5. **Connect with Nature:** Spending time outdoors has been shown to lower stress levels and improve overall mental well-being.

By incorporating these self-care practices into daily routines, we can all contribute to better mental health and a stronger sense of well-being.



# MMAD NFL Season Kickoff: Team Spirit in Full Swing

The excitement of football season was in the air during our recent Metro Makes A Difference (MMAD) NFL Season Kickoff event! Team members proudly showcased their team spirit by representing their favorite football teams, sporting jerseys, and gear from across the league. Whether cheering for local favorites or distant franchises, the event brought out the competitive energy and camaraderie of the office. It was a fun-filled day of team pride and friendly rivalry, celebrating both the start of the NFL season and a great opportunity to contribute to a cause that supports the community!



The Metro Makes A Difference Campaign is an annual charitable fundraising effort organized by Metro Nashville government employees. It encourages Metro employees to donate to local and national nonprofit organizations through payroll deductions, one-time contributions, or volunteer efforts. The campaign typically runs during a designated period each year and supports a wide range of causes, such as health services, education, poverty alleviation, and environmental initiatives. The goal is to foster community engagement and social responsibility among Metro Nashville employees, while also helping nonprofits achieve their missions.



# Community Engagement



## Clerk Day Attends Ribbon Cutting for Dr. Ernest Rip Patton, Jr. North Nashville Transit Center

Clerk Day had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting for the new Dr. Ernest Rip Patton, Jr. North Nashville Transit Center, named in honor of the civil rights icon.

Dr. Patton, Jr. was a key figure in the Nashville sit-ins and the Freedom Rides during the 1960s, advocating for racial equality and justice. His brave activism, particularly in desegregating public spaces and challenging unjust laws, left a lasting impact on the civil rights movement.

The new transit center stands as a tribute to his enduring legacy and commitment to freedom, equality, and the betterment of Nashville.

## Look Who Stopped By: A Visit from Rutherford County Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Harrell

Clerk Day was delighted to receive a special visit from fellow Circuit Court Clerk, Melissa Harrell, of Rutherford County. The two shared insights and discussed their experiences in serving their respective communities.

We always appreciate visits from our colleagues and the chance to learn from each other!





# Trial Verdicts

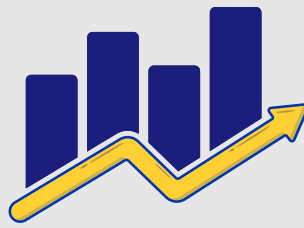
## Jury Trials

WEEK OF AUGUST 12, 2024 - NO TRIALS WENT FORWARD.							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	% FAULT	GS JUDGMENT	BY
WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2024							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	% FAULT	GS JUDGMENT	BY
19C1900 CONSOL. W/ 19C1902	CONDEMNATION PETITION	6	Δ	\$13,896,800.00			
20C358	BREACH OF CONTRACT	8	π	\$643,000.00			

## Non-Jury Trials

AUGUST, 2024 NON-JURY TRIALS:							
SPECIALLY SET TRIALS:							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	DATE OF TRIAL	GS JUDGMENT	BY
24C62	GSA - CONTRACT	6	π	\$5,153.30 WITH POST JUDG. INTEREST TO ACCRUE AT THE CONTRACTUAL RATE OF 24% PER ANNUM	8.1.24	π \$5,153.30 (DEFAULT) + POST JUDG. INT. 24% PER ANNUM	Δ
24C1236	GSA - CONTRACT	8	π	\$20,769.32 AND COSTS TO Δ	8.5.24	DISMISSED	π
19C1070	PETITION TO ESTABLISH AN IMPLIED PARTNERSHIP AND FOR PARTITION	1	Δ	VERDICT FOR Δ	8.5.24		
24C82	GSA - CONTRACT	6	π	RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSIT, PREJUDGMENT INT. FOR 90 DAYS @10% PER ANNUM TOTALING \$62.50	8.6.24	π \$2,500.00 (DEFAULT) + POST JUDG. INT.	π
20C941	AUTO - DAMAGES HEARING	8		UNDER ADVISEMENT	8.7.24		
24C1153	GSA - DETAINER WARRANT	2	π	POSSESSION + COSTS	8.20.24	π POSSESSION	Δ
24C773	GSA - DETAINER WARRANT	6	π	\$280.00 + COURT COSTS	8.26.24	π POSSESSION + \$4,810.00 + COSTS (DEFAULT)	Δ
24C1367	GSA - CONTRACT	1	π	D3 IS NOT ENTITLED TO RULE 60.02(3) RELIEF AND THE UNDERLYING JUDGMENT IS NOT VOID. GS ORDER GRANTING RELIEF IS SET ASIDE; COSTS TAXED TO APPELLEE	8.26.24	DEFAULT SET ASIDE AS TO D3	π
24C418	METRO APPEAL	2	Δ	DISMISSED, UNADVANCED COSTS TO π; REMANDED TO TVB	8.27.24	π \$209.50	Δ

# Department



# Numbers

<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
New Civil Cases	310	2,326
Jury Demand	155	1,276
Non-Jury	87	518
New Divorce Cases Filed	154	1,155
Domestic Petitions Filed	5	55
Orders of Protection Filed	85	590
Orders of Protection Granted	41	247
Orders of Protection Dismissed	72	619
Judicial Committals Filed	13	127
New Adoption Petitions	5	48
Civil Cases Concluded	314	2,337
Jury Demand	192	1,420
Non-Jury	35	319
Divorce Cases Concluded	188	1,290
Domestic Petitions Concluded	13	78

<u>Probate</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total New Cases Filed	229	1,805
Total Closed Cases	263	1,731
Petitions to Probate Will	67	565
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	10	70
Letters of Administration	41	332
Small Estate Affidavits	45	295
Conservatorship	46	376
Guardianship of Minor	4	28
Name Change	11	89
Trust Matters	1	30
Other Miscellaneous	4	20

<u>General Sessions</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total New Cases Filed	3,834	25,999
Civil Warrants	1,648	13,161
Detainer Warrants	1,264	9,498
Recovery Warrants	9	119
Orders of Protection Petitions	317	2,434
Orders of Protection Granted	90	536
Orders of Protection Dismissed	242	1,812
Emergency Committals	596	4,861
Immediate Possession	0	14
Sue & Attach	0	5
Petitions to Interplead	1	6
Counter-Claims	0	1
Distress Warrants	0	169
Executions Issued	3,697	29,733
Garnishment Payments	4,172	35,116
Judgments Collected	\$1,322,075.18	\$11,359,700.92

<u>Traffic Violations Bureau</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Traffic Violations	6,001	44,492
Moving Citations	1,663	15,963
Parking Citations	4,338	28,529
Environmental Citations	677	4,710
Civil Misdemeanor Citations	2	35
Total Fines Collected	\$161,978.44	\$1,239,807.85
Nullifications	151	965
Nullification Fees Collected	\$1,814	\$13,414



# THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU!



## *Employee Spotlight*



### *Kameelah Akbar*

**Kameelah** has been with the organization for **10** months!

**Offices:** Resource Center

**Birthday:** September 27th

**Hobbies:** Exercising, walking, and watching her TV shows

**Did you know:** Kameelah's favorite season is fall and she enjoys seafood and Mexican dishes?



## Farewell and Best Wishes to Tracy Cartwright



After an incredible 36 years of dedicated service, we bid a fond farewell to Tracy Cartwright. Tracy has been an invaluable part of our team, consistently demonstrating professionalism and a commitment to excellence throughout her career. As Tracy embarks on this new chapter, we extend our heartfelt thanks for her many years of service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Tracy, you will be greatly missed, and we hope this next adventure brings you joy and fulfillment!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Harris ~ Sep. 4th  
Bill Cartwright ~ Sep. 11th  
Katterria Dixon ~ Sep. 11th  
Matthew Bobo ~ Sep. 13th  
Debra Vaughn ~ Sep. 16th  
Kameelah Akbar ~ Sep. 27th

Wishing you much happiness on your special day.  
Have an unforgettable birthday!



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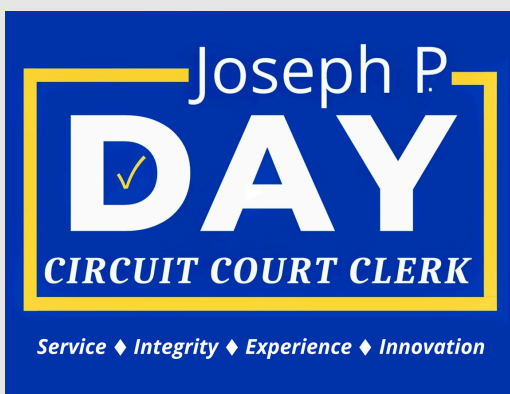


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