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At our Quarter 1 All Teams meeting, Ava from Cirkul reminded us that hydration is key to peak performance. She showcased the Cirkul water bottle and treated us to a sampling of two flavors from their lineup of 100+ options.

As we set our sights on rising higher in 2025, let's remember that staying hydrated helps us bring our best to the workplace. Together, we'll continue delivering outstanding service to the Nashville-Davidson County community!

A Note From The Clerk

Good day and warm greetings from the Circuit Court Clerk's Office!

As we step into an exciting new chapter in 2025, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a year filled with growth, opportunity, and success.

Reflecting on the past year, we are immensely proud of the milestones and accomplishments we achieved together. From a successful year at the Resource Center to impactful partnerships with the NFD BLAZE Mentoring Program, CourTNet, West Park Community Center, Pinnacle Bank (Dara Warren and Shane Bolinger) Pickleball and The Courts with Judge Hayes, The Strobel House, and the Nashville Rescue Mission. 2024 was a year of progress, collaboration, and service to our community.



Looking ahead, we are committed to building on this momentum. Our theme for 2025 is "*Continuing to Rise*" as we strive to deliver even greater value, innovation, and support to the citizens of Davidson County.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our Mission Statement:

To provide an *unparalleled* level of customer satisfaction through exceptional service and technological accessibilities, the Davidson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office is dedicated to maintaining records with accuracy, integrity, ingenuity, and transparency while also serving the needs of the judiciary, legal professionals, and community.

The coming year holds tremendous promise, and we are excited to share some key initiatives and advancements designed to enhance our service:

Expanded Resource Center Services: We are broadening the scope of support offered at our Resource Center to better meet the needs of our community.

"*Conversation With the Clerk*" Video Series: This new series, grounded in the pillars of our office— Service, Integrity, Experience, and Innovation—will feature special guests and community partners. Each episode will provide valuable insights into the resources and services available to the citizens of Nashville and Davidson County. Catch every episode on our YouTube channel, Circuit Court Clerk, and stay updated by liking and subscribing to our social media platforms.

As we continue to rise together in 2025, our commitment to serving you with excellence remains steadfast. We look forward to another remarkable year of progress, innovation, and connection.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a prosperous year ahead!

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



On January 20th, we pause to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a leader whose vision and tireless efforts continue to inspire the fight for equality and justice. Dr. King's leadership during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s played a pivotal role in transforming our nation, challenging racial discrimination, and advocating for nonviolent change.

Dr. King's historic "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered during the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, remains a powerful symbol of hope and determination. This landmark event contributed to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed racial segregation and discriminatory voting practices.

As we commemorate Dr. King's legacy, we are reminded of his words: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." His unwavering commitment to justice and equality continues to inspire individuals and communities to work toward a more inclusive and equitable society.

Let us all take a moment to reflect on Dr. King's enduring message and consider how we can contribute to advancing his vision of a fair and just world.



Jury Trials

WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2024							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	СТ	π/Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	% FAULT	GS JUDGMENT	BY
21C35 - WENT N/J	INVOICE SCHEMES	1		NO DISPOSITION YET			

Non-Jury Trials

	DECEMBER, 202	4 NON	I-JURY [·]	TRIALS:			
SPECIALLY	SET TRIALS:						
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	ст	π/Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	DATE OF TRIAL	GS JUDGMENT	BY
23C1109	AUTO	1	π	\$746,171.87	12.3.24		
21C35	DECEPTIVE COMMERCIAL BUSINESS PRACTICES	1	Δ	DIRECTED VERDICT ON ALL COUNTS IN FAVOR OF Δ .	12.9.24		
24C759	GSA - CONTRACT	1	Δ	π'S CLAIMS DIS.; Δ DENIED ANY RECOVERY FOR COSTS OF REMEDYING THE ALLEGED DEFECTIVE WORK OF THE π.	12.16.24	π \$9,393.00 (DEFAULT)	Δ
23C1804	GSA - CONVERSION, FRAUD, SLANDER OF TITLE, ETC.	1	Π	\$8,461.80	12.18.24	π \$33,333.32 + POST- JUDGMENT INT. + LIEN TO TITLE SHALL BE REMOVED/ CLEARED FROM THE	Δ
23C2930	AUTO (DAMAGES)	5	π	\$200,000.00	12.19.24		
24C1379	GS TRANSFER - BREACH OF CONTRACT	2	Δ	COMPLAINT & COUNTERCLAIM DIS.; COSTS TAXED EQUALLY.	12 11 24		



Circuit Court	Dec.	YTD
New Civil Cases	290	3,504
Jury Demand Non-Jury	143 86	1,856 841
New Divorce Cases Filed	85	1,656
Domestic Petitions Filed	7	84
Orders of Protection Filed	49	818
Orders of Protection Granted	23	345
Orders of Protection Dismissed	59	876
Judicial Committals Filed	12	186
New Adoption Petitions	12	75
Civil Cases Concluded	237	3,434
Jury Demand	141	2,070
Non-Jury	30	485
Divorce Cases Concluded	157	1,871
Domestic Petitions Concluded	10	109

General Sessions	Dec.	<u>YTD</u>
Total New Cases Filed	3,526	40,510
Civil Warrants	1,541	19,808
Detainer Warrants	1,239	14,346
Recovery Warrants	2	152
Orders of Protection Petitions	313	3,567
Orders of Protection Granted	42	744
Orders of Protection Dismissed	216	2,576
Emergency Committals	430	6,704
Immediate Possession	0	17
Sue & Attach	0	5
Petitions to Interplead	1	9
Counter-Claims	0	1
Distress Warrants	0	170
Executions Issued	2,806	41,444
Garnishment Payments	4,316	50,883
Judgments Collected	\$1,406,548.27	\$16,472,970.01

Probate Total New Cases Filed	<u>Dec.</u> 177	<u>YTD</u> 2,620
Total Closed Cases	183	2,459
Petitions to Probate Will	52	807
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	5	92
Letters of Administration	30	482
Small Estate Affidavits	33	440
Conservatorship	39	558
Guardianship of Minor	7	50
Name Change	8	126
Trust Matters	2	38
Other Miscellaneous	1	27

Traffic Violations Bureau	Dec.	<u>YTD</u>
Total Traffic Violations	4,414	72,185
Moving Citations	1,483	24,921
Parking Citations	2,931	47,264
Environmental Citations	536	7,273
Civil Misdemeanor Citations	1	41
Total Fines Collected	\$197,369	\$1,994,182.89
Nullifications	148	1,660
Nullification Fees Collected	\$1,771	\$19,948

Year End Review



Total Filings: '23 v. '24

Circuit Court	2023	2024	<u>23 v. 24</u>	General Sessions	2023	2024	<u>23 v. 24</u>
New Civil Cases	2,930 1,679	3,504 1,856	574	Total New Cases Filed	38,142	40,510	2,368
Jury Demand Non-Jury	740	841	101	Civil Warrants	20,397	19,808	-589
New Divorce Cases Filed	1,706	1,656	-50	Detainer Warrants	13,567	14,346	779
Domestic Petitions Filed	79	84	5				
Orders of Protection Filed	897	818	-79	Recovery Warrants	164	152	-12
Orders of Protection Granted	361	345	-16	Orders of Protection Petitions	3,020	3,567	547
Orders of Protection Dismissed	827	876	49	Orders of Protection Granted	797	744	-53
Judicial Committals Filed	211	186	-25	Orders of Protection Dismissed	2,333	2,576	243
				Emergency Committals	6,636	6,704	68
New Adoption Petitions	62	75	13	Immediate Possession	16	17	1
Civil Cases Concluded Jury Demand	2,984 1,952	3,434 2,070	450 118	Sue & Attach	4	5	1
Non-Jury Divorce Cases Concluded	426	485 1,871	59 -90	Petitions to Interplead	5	9	4
Domestic Petitions Concluded	106	109	3	Counter-Claims	2	1	- 1
				Distress Warrants	968	170	-798
				Executions Issued	40,203	41,444	1,241
Probate Total New Cases Filed	<u>2023</u> 2,451	<u>2024</u> 2,620	<u>23 v. 24</u> 169	Garnishment Payments	47,591	50,883	3,292
Total Closed Cases	2,331	2,459	128	Judgments Collected	\$15,369,795.51	\$16,472,970.01	\$1.103,174.50
Petitions to Probate Will	883	807	-76				
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	87	92	5	Traffic Violations Bureau	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>23 v. 24</u>
Letters of Administration	453	482	29	Total Traffic Violations	63,892	72,185	8,293
Small Estate Affidavits	398	440	42	Moving Citations	25,082	24,921	-161
				Parking Citations	38,810	47,264	8,454
Conservatorship	452	558	106	Environmental Citations	5,204	7,273	2,064
Guardianship of Minor	27	50	23	Civil Misdemeanor Citations	91	41	-50
Name Change	114	126	12	Total Fines Collected	\$1,741,956.52	\$1,994,182.89	\$252,226.37
Trust Matters	27	38	11	Nullifications	1,613	1,660	47
Other Miscellaneous	8	27	19	Nullification Fees Collected	\$19,375	\$19,948	\$573



Employee Spotlight



Dana Fredericks

Dana has been with the organization for <u>7</u> months! Office: General Sessions - Civil Birthday: April 1st

Hobbies: Working out at home and spending time with my family Did you know: Dana is Haitian-American born in Newark, NJ and Kreyol is her second language?

ANNOUNCEMENTS



With heartfelt gratitude, we celebrate **Will Cripps** and **Cindy Milligan** as they embark on their well-deserved retirements. **Will** leaves behind an incredible legacy of **40 years** of exceptional service, and **Cindy** has graced our organization with **28** ½ **years** of dedication and excellence. Thank you for your years of hard work and for being an inspiration to us all. Best wishes for a joyful and fulfilling next chapter!

Congratulations to **Bill Riggs** on his **35 years of service** this month. Your commitment and hard work have been instrumental in the success of the organization!





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