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MAY IS

MENTAL HEALTH

AWARENESS MONTH

Since 1949, May has been recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month—a time dedicated to raising awareness, breaking stigma, and encouraging open conversations about mental health. Founded by Mental Health America (formerly the National Association for Mental Health), this

month serves as a reminder that mental well-being is just as important as physical health.

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Over the years, Mental Health Awareness Month has grown into a national movement, with organizations, communities, and individuals coming together to promote understanding, share resources, and support one another. Whether through education, advocacy, or simple acts of kindness, we all play a role in fostering a culture of compassion and care.

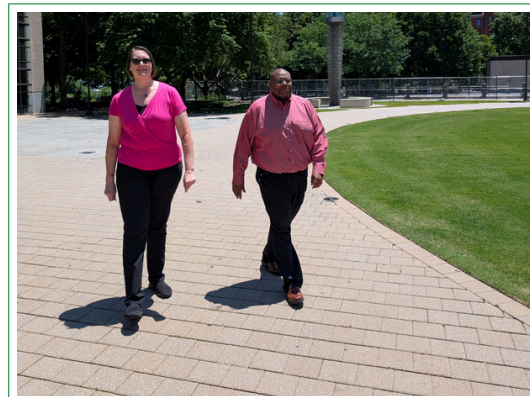
Let’s take this month to check in with ourselves and with those around us—and commit to prioritizing mental wellness, not just in May, but all year long.

Mindful Mondays: Starting the Week with Intention

As part of our observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, our office is proud to participate in Mindful Mondays—a wellness initiative designed to help team members begin each week with clarity, calm, and renewed energy.

Each Monday in May, we're focusing on a different mindfulness theme: breath awareness, gratitude, and full body awareness. The day begins with a guided meditation delivered to all team members, encouraging a few quiet moments of reflection and mental reset.

In the afternoon, team members are invited to take part in a mindful walk around the office plaza paying close attention to breathing, sensory surroundings, and performing a gentle body scan—checking in from head to toe. To support these practices, we've also shared affirmation cards, mints, and scented tea light candles, each accompanied by facts about their mental health benefits. These small tools serve as daily reminders to pause, reflect, and care for our well-being.



We also encourage everyone to explore mindfulness beyond May. Here are a few helpful, easy-to-use apps for ongoing support:

Insight Timer: Free guided meditations, music, and expert talks.

Smiling Mind: Beginner-friendly programs for stress and focus, suitable for all ages.

Calm: Features soothing visuals, sleep stories, breathing, and meditation tools.

Headspace: Science-based practices for focus, sleep, and stress relief.

Aura: Short, personalized meditations and mood tracking for daily mindfulness.



Mindful Mondays are more than a moment of calm—they're a commitment to ourselves and each other to prioritize mental health, one step and one breath at a time.

Connecting with Community at the Parkwood Resource Fair

On Friday, May 9, our Community Engagement team proudly participated in the Parkwood Resource Fair, hosted by the Parkwood Community Center in collaboration with Vanderbilt Nursing students and Rebuilding Together Nashville. This dynamic event brought together residents of the Parkwood and Bordeaux neighborhoods for an afternoon focused on resources, wellness, and community connection.



The fair provided a valuable opportunity for our team to engage directly with attendees, share information about the services our office provides, and answer questions from community members. From providing guidance on court-related resources to highlighting upcoming programs, our goal was to ensure residents felt informed, supported, and connected.

We're grateful to the event organizers for creating such a welcoming and impactful space, and we look forward to continuing our outreach throughout Davidson County. Building stronger communities starts with showing up, listening, and working together—and we're proud to be part of that effort.

Community Engagement Division Receives Chief's Organization Appreciation Award



On Thursday, May 15, the Circuit Court Clerk's Office Community Engagement Division was honored with the Chief's Organization Appreciation Award during the Nashville Fire Department's 2025 Commendation Ceremony. This distinguished recognition celebrates the Division's outstanding dedication and commitment to community service, with special emphasis on our impactful partnership with the BLAZE Mentoring Program.

The BLAZE Mentoring Program has become a vital part of our outreach efforts, connecting youth with mentors who inspire, guide, and empower the next generation. Our work with BLAZE exemplifies the kind of collaboration that builds stronger communities and fosters lasting change.

At the heart of our mission is service—the first pillar our organization stands on. The Community Engagement Division takes great pride in being a bridge between the courts and the community, striving every day to provide exceptional service beyond the courthouses. From educational programs and community partnerships to mentoring and outreach, we are committed to ensuring that justice and support are accessible to all.

We are deeply grateful to the Nashville Fire Department for this meaningful recognition and for acknowledging the importance of civic collaboration. This award reaffirms our dedication to serving with purpose, passion, and pride.

Trial Verdicts

Jury Trials

WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2025							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	% FAULT	GS JUDGMENT	BY
21C1515	PRODUCTS LIABILITY, NEGLIGENCE	2		C/S ON DAY 6 OF TRIAL 4.14.25			
WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2025							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	% FAULT	GS JUDGMENT	BY
19C583	AUTO	8	Δ	DEFENSE VERDICT			
23C951	AUTO	5	π	\$58,508.98			
23C842	AUTO	6	Δ	DEFENSE VERDICT	π 60% Δ 40%		

Non-Jury Trials

SPECIALLY SET TRIALS:							
CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	DATE OF TRIAL	GS JUDGMENT	BY
25C78	GSA - RENT	1	Δ	Δ'S MOTION TO DISMISS GRANTED	4.1.25	π \$2000.00 (DEFAULT)	Δ
24C2884	METRO APPEAL	2	π	Δ ORDERED TO ATTEND TRAFFIC SCHOOL W/IN 90 DAYS. UNADVANCED COSTS TAXED TO Δ. REMANDED TO TVB.	4.2.25	\$25.00 FINE	Δ
24C494	AUTO	8	π	\$2,000.00 + COSTS TO Δ.	4.9.25		
24C3080	GSA - DETAINER WARRANT	8	π	\$24,479.33 + POST JUDGMENT INT.	4.9.25	π POSSESSION	Δ
24C2480	GSA - BREACH OF CONTRACT	6	π	Δ'S REQ. TO SET ASIDE G.S. JUDGMENT DENIED, G.S. CT. JUDGMENT OF \$9,312.50 IS ADOPTED AS CIRCUIT JUDGMENT + COSTS TAXED TO Δ.	4.10.25	π \$9,312.40 (DEFAULT)	Δ
23C2498	GSA - DETAINER WARRANT	5	π	\$4,047.75	4.14.25 & 4.16.25	π POSSESSION & \$9,792.61 + COSTS AND POST-JUDG. INT.	Δ

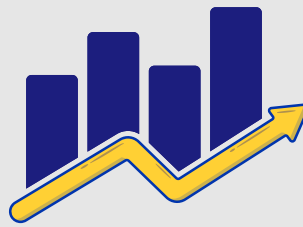
Trial Verdicts Continued



Non-Jury Trials

23C2126	INTENTIONAL INFLECTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, ETC.	5	Δ	ATTY. FEES + \$75.56 EXPENSES + POST. JUDGMENT INT. AT 9.5% RATE + COSTS TAXED TO π.	4.14.25		
23C2126	ATTORNEY FEES	5	Δ	ATTY. MARK HONEYCUTT JUDGMENT OF \$3,175.56 FROM π	4.14.25		
24C1702	NEGLIGENCE - DAMAGES	6	π	\$160,000.00 DAMAGES + COSTS	4.15.25		
25C656	GSA - DETAINER WARRANT	1	π	\$14,195.79	4.15.25	π POSSESSION	Δ
24C1702	NEGLIGENCE, ETC. DAMAGES	6	π	\$160,000.00 + COSTS	4.15.25		
17D1518	DOMESTIC PETITION - SHOW CAUSE FOR CONTEMPT	5	π	\$61,552.48 IN BACK CHILD SUPPORT; DEFAULT JUDG. GRANTED ON PETITION FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT OF COURT	4.16.25		
24C1277	GSA - BREACH OF CONTRACT	1	π	\$1,261.26	4.23.25	DISMISSED	π
24C1650	GSA - CONTRACT	2		UNDER ADVISEMENT	4.24.25	π \$1,300.00	Δ

Department



Numbers

<u>Circuit Court</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
New Civil Cases	320	1,353
Jury Demand	163	704
Non-Jury	108	417
New Divorce Cases Filed	146	621
Domestic Petitions Filed	8	34
Orders of Protection Filed	65	226
Orders of Protection Granted	22	102
Orders of Protection Dismissed	71	271
Judicial Committals Filed	10	54
New Adoption Petitions	7	19
Civil Cases Concluded	329	1,307
Jury Demand	203	765
Non-Jury	75	264
Divorce Cases Concluded	187	637
Domestic Petitions Concluded	15	136

<u>Probate</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total New Cases Filed	247	897
Total Closed Cases	226	820
Petitions to Probate Will	81	295
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	9	32
Letters of Administration	55	160
Small Estate Affidavits	44	146
Conservatorship	42	189
Guardianship of Minor	3	20
Name Change	12	43
Trust Matters	1	9
Other Miscellaneous	0	3

<u>General Sessions</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total New Cases Filed	3,609	15,098
Civil Warrants	1,844	7,097
Detainer Warrants	1,028	5,046
Recovery Warrants	6	31
Orders of Protection Petitions	322	1,135
Orders of Protection Granted	55	180
Orders of Protection Dismissed	229	848
Emergency Committals	409	1,714
Immediate Possession	0	0
Sue & Attach	0	2
Petitions to Interplead	0	0
Counter-Claims	0	1
Distress Warrants	0	75
Executions Issued	3,857	13,500
Garnishment Payments	4,509	16,337
Judgments Collected	\$1,451,012.66	\$5,466,145.06

<u>Traffic Violations Bureau</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Total Traffic Violations	7,738	26,643
Moving Citations	2,795	10,668
Parking Citations	4,943	15,975
Environmental Citations	483	2,716
Civil Misdemeanor Citations	3	10
Total Fines Collected	\$188,542.45	\$736,051
Nullifications	187	624
Nullification Fees Collected	\$2,246.40	\$7,484

THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON YOU!



Employee Spotlight



Kim Jackson

Kim has been with the organization for 32 years!

Office: Probate

Birthday: May 17th

Hobbies: Working out, recycling old denim jeans, and fashion



Congratulations **Candace Watkins** on reaching **30** years of service this month!

Your dedication, hard work, and commitment have played a vital role in our organization's success.

Thank you for being an invaluable part of our team!



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