

THE DAY TIMES

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WELCOME TO

2026

As we step into 2026, we’re welcomed by a fresh start and the promise of new possibilities. A new year offers us the opportunity to reflect on where we’ve been, celebrate how far we’ve come, and look ahead with optimism and intention. It’s a moment to reset, refocus, and recommit to the work that matters most.

The beginning of a new year is also a powerful time for goal-setting. Whether your goals are professional, personal, or somewhere in between, 2026 invites each of us to dream a little bigger, stretch a little further, and challenge ourselves to achieve more.

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Every goal—large or small—moves us forward and contributes to our collective success.

As an organization, we are strongest when we align our individual goals with our shared mission. Together, we have the ability to create meaningful impact, support one another, and continue building a workplace rooted in purpose, collaboration, and excellence.

Here’s to embracing new opportunities, celebrating progress, and making 2026 a year of growth, achievement, and continued success—for our organization and for each of us.

KICKING OFF 2026 TOGETHER: Q1 ALL-TEAMS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

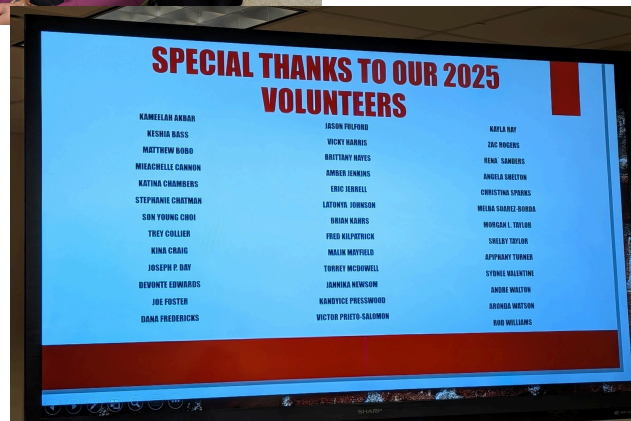


We officially launched the new year with our Q1 All-Teams Meeting on January 7, setting a strong and inspiring tone for 2026. During the meeting, Clerk Day introduced this year's guiding theme: ***T.E.A.M. in 2026*** — Together, Empowered, and Motivated.

The message was clear: our greatest strength lies not only in our individual talents, but in how we come together as a team. By staying connected to the purpose behind our work, we create momentum that carries us forward—even in the face of challenges. Team members were encouraged to think intentionally about their goals for the year and consider how their work contributes to lasting impact, whether

through improved documentation, stronger collaboration, or new processes that support long-term success.

A key highlight of the meeting was the emphasis on building a strong culture of recognition. Recognizing one another's efforts reinforces our values, strengthens morale, and reminds us that the work we do—and the way we do it—matters. This year, the organization introduced a new quarterly recognition initiative to complement Clerk Day's organizational awards. Each management team now has the opportunity to recognize an individual team member for extraordinary work within their office, ensuring appreciation is meaningful, timely, and close to the work itself.



Kicking Off 2026 Continued

This quarter's honorees included **Jessi Emens** (Circuit), **Judy Meadows** (General Sessions – Civil), **Penny Hubbell** (Probate), **DeVonte' Edwards** (Resource Center), and **David Farmer** (TVB). In addition, **Tommy King**, Chief Clerk of Special Projects and Operations, was presented with the *Organizational Impact Award* in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership.



The meeting concluded with a reminder of pride in this organization and the people who make it great. As we move forward into 2026, we do so energized, united, and committed to making our impact stick. Let's go be great—and get to work!



Trial Verdicts

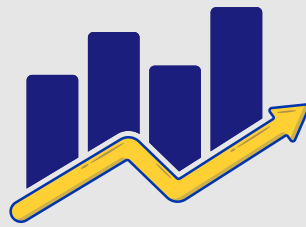
Jury Trials

| WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2025- NO TRIALS WENT FORWARD THIS WEEK | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|----|-------|------------------|---------|-------------|----|
| CASE NUMBER | TYPE OF CASE | CT | π / Δ | CIRCUIT JUDGMENT | % FAULT | GS JUDGMENT | BY |
| | | | | | | | |

Non-Jury Trials

| DECEMBER, 2025 NON-JURY TRIALS: | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----|-------|--|---------------|--------------------------------|----|
| SPECIALLY SET TRIALS: | | | | | | | |
| CASE NUMBER | TYPE OF CASE | CT | π / Δ | CIRCUIT JUDGMENT | DATE OF TRIAL | GS JUDGMENT | BY |
| 24C601 | Breach | 6 | π | \$17,442.38 plus pre- & post- judgment interest A/G Δ | 5/15/2025 | | |
| 25C896 | GSA- Eviction | 2 | π | \$11,351.37 A/G Δ | 10/29/2025 | | |
| 24C2459 | Assault | 5 | π | \$2,353,000.00 in favor of π | 12/3/2025 | | |
| 24C2158 | Auto | 6 | π | \$750,000.00 in favor of π | 12/3/2025 | | |
| 25C1624 | GSA- Misc. | 5 | Δ | Found in favor of Δ | 12/4/2025 | \$5,000.00 A/G Δ | Δ |
| 25C1834 & 25C1839 (Consolidated) | GSA- Property Damage | 6 | Δ | π claims are dismissed. Third-Party claims A/G π are dismissed. | 12/4/2025 | Dismissed | π |
| 25C2886 | GSA- Misc. | 5 | Δ | Found in favor of Δ | 12/8/2025 | Dismissed | π |
| 25C2922 | GSA- Misc. | 5 | π | \$970.09 plus court cost A/G Δ | 12/8/2025 | \$970.09 plus court cost A/G Δ | Δ |
| 25C2922 | GSA- Misc. | 5 | π | \$970.09 plus court cost A/G Δ | 12/8/2025 | \$970.09 plus court cost A/G Δ | Δ |
| 23C1055 | Auto | 2 | π | \$10,634,277.51 plus court cost A/G Δ | 12/12/2025 | | |
| 24C2579 | Repayment | 2 | π | \$32,266.98 plus post judgment interest and court cost A/G Δ | 12/12/2025 | | |
| 25C1857 | Reimbursement | 2 | π | \$31,315.86 plus post judgment interest and court cost A/G Δ | 12/12/2025 | | |
| 23C563 | Debt | 6 | π | \$100,000.00 plus pre-trial interest from date of complaint plus attorney's fees A/G Δ | 12/17/2025 | | |
| 25C1889 | GSA- Breach | 6 | π | \$13,361.18 A/G Δ | 12/18/2025 | \$15,021.22 A/G Δ | Δ |

Department



Numbers

| <u>Circuit Court</u> | <u>Dec.</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| New Civil Cases | 317 | 4,052 |
| Jury Demand | 156 | 1,976 |
| Non-Jury | 104 | 1,280 |
| New Divorce Cases Filed | 115 | 1,759 |
| Domestic Petitions Filed | 3 | 97 |
| Orders of Protection Filed | 78 | 805 |
| Orders of Protection Granted | 17 | 339 |
| Orders of Protection Dismissed | 11 | 808 |
| Judicial Committals Filed | 11 | 150 |
| New Adoption Petitions | 5 | 72 |
| Civil Cases Concluded | 344 | 3,834 |
| Jury Demand | 200 | 2,238 |
| Non-Jury | 59 | 720 |
| Divorce Cases Concluded | 152 | 2,721 |
| Domestic Petitions Concluded | 9 | 262 |

| <u>Probate</u> | <u>Dec.</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total New Cases Filed | 177 | 2,467 |
| Total Closed Cases | 150 | 2,478 |
| Petitions to Probate Will | 50 | 781 |
| Probate Will for Muniment of Title | 6 | 100 |
| Letters of Administration | 29 | 435 |
| Small Estate Affidavits | 35 | 431 |
| Conservatorship | 43 | 506 |
| Guardianship of Minor | 3 | 48 |
| Name Change | 9 | 122 |
| Trust Matters | 2 | 21 |
| Other Miscellaneous | 0 | 23 |

| <u>General Sessions</u> | <u>Dec.</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total New Cases Filed | 4,133 | 47,027 |
| Civil Warrants | 2,171 | 23,157 |
| Detainer Warrants | 1,174 | 14,661 |
| Recovery Warrants | 2 | 101 |
| Orders of Protection Petitions | 293 | 3,490 |
| Orders of Protection Granted | 66 | 621 |
| Orders of Protection Dismissed | 240 | 2,713 |
| Emergency Committals | 507 | 5,332 |
| Immediate Possession | 0 | 3 |
| Sue & Attach | 1 | 3 |
| Petitions to Interplead | 0 | 1 |
| Counter-Claims | 4 | 29 |
| Distress Warrants | 294 | 382 |
| Executions Issued | 3,009 | 37,497 |
| Garnishment Payments | 4,494 | 48,613 |
| Judgments Collected | \$1,578,562 | \$16,432,277.57 |

| <u>Traffic Violations Bureau</u> | <u>Dec.</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total Traffic Violations | 8,139 | 103,133 |
| Moving Citations | 1,891 | 28,952 |
| Parking Citations | 6,248 | 74,181 |
| Environmental Citations | 562 | 8,203 |
| Civil Misdemeanor Citations | 1 | 33 |
| Total Fines Collected | \$258,401.15 | \$2,620,443 |
| Nullifications | 249 | 2,360 |
| Nullification Fees Collected | \$2,991.60 | \$28,321 |

Year End Review



Total Filings '24 v. '25

| <u>Circuit Court</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>24 v. 25</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| New Civil Cases | 3,504 | 4,052 | 548 |
| Jury Demand | 1,856 | 1,976 | 120 |
| Non-Jury | 841 | 1,280 | 439 |
| New Divorce Cases Filed | 1,656 | 1,759 | 103 |
| Domestic Petitions Filed | 84 | 97 | 13 |
| Orders of Protection Filed | 818 | 805 | -13 |
| Orders of Protection Granted | 345 | 339 | -6 |
| Orders of Protection Dismissed | 876 | 808 | -68 |
| Judicial Committals Filed | 186 | 150 | -36 |
| New Adoption Petitions | 75 | 72 | -3 |
| Civil Cases Concluded | 3,434 | 3,834 | 400 |
| Jury Demand | 2,070 | 2,238 | 168 |
| Non-Jury | 485 | 720 | 235 |
| Divorce Cases Concluded | 1,871 | 2,721 | 850 |
| Domestic Petitions Concluded | 109 | 262 | 153 |
| <u>Probate</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>24 v. 25</u> |
| Total New Cases Filed | 2,620 | 2,467 | -153 |
| Total Closed Cases | 2,459 | 2,478 | 19 |
| Petitions to Probate Will | 807 | 781 | -26 |
| Probate Will for Muniment of Title | 92 | 100 | 8 |
| Letters of Administration | 482 | 435 | -47 |
| Small Estate Affidavits | 440 | 431 | -9 |
| Conservatorship | 558 | 506 | -52 |
| Guardianship of Minor | 50 | 48 | -2 |
| Name Change | 126 | 122 | -4 |
| Trust Matters | 38 | 21 | -17 |
| Other Miscellaneous | 27 | 23 | -4 |

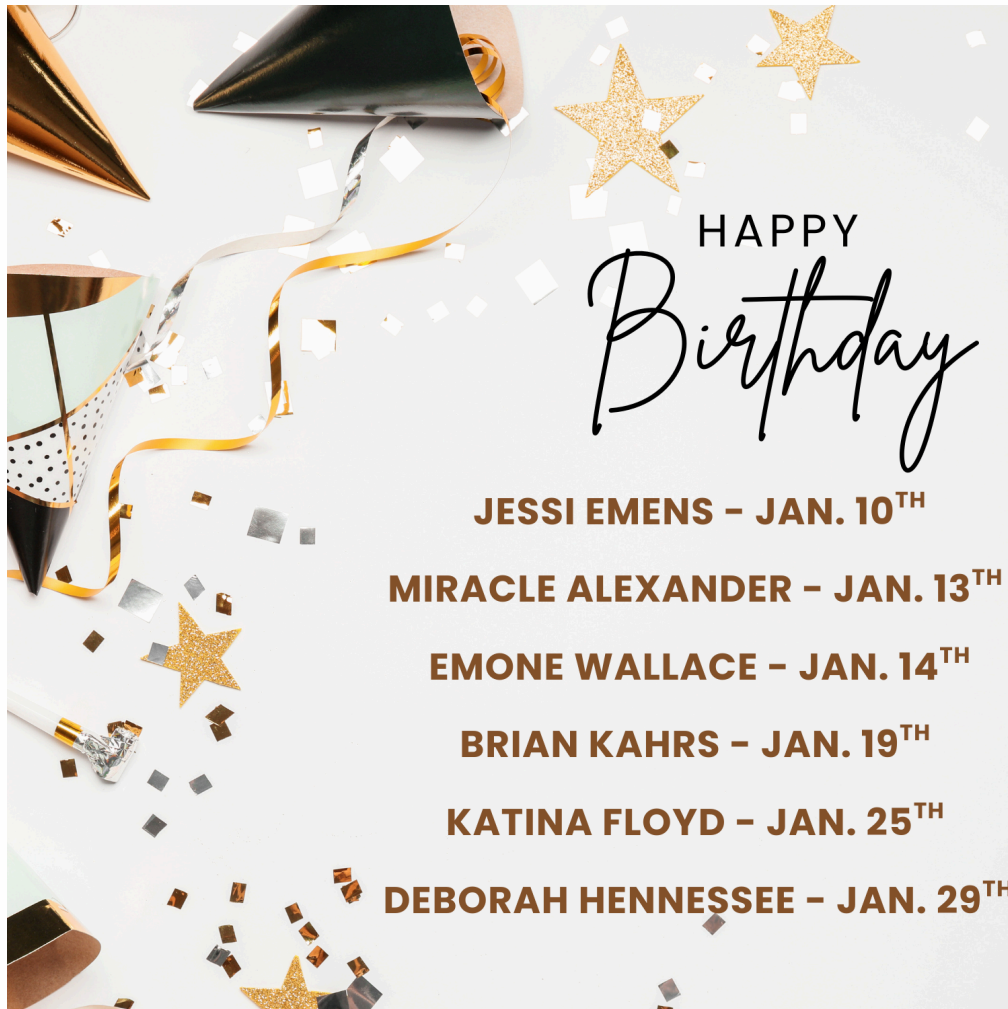
| <u>General Sessions</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>24 v. 25</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Total New Cases Filed | 40,510 | 47,027 | 6,517 |
| Civil Warrants | 19,808 | 23,157 | 3,349 |
| Detainer Warrants | 14,346 | 14,661 | 315 |
| Recovery Warrants | 152 | 101 | -51 |
| Orders of Protection Petitions | 3,567 | 3,490 | -77 |
| Orders of Protection Granted | 744 | 621 | -123 |
| Orders of Protection Dismissed | 2,576 | 2,713 | 137 |
| Emergency Committals | 6,704 | 5,332 | -1,372 |
| Immediate Possession | 17 | 3 | -14 |
| Sue & Attach | 5 | 3 | -2 |
| Petitions to Interplead | 9 | 1 | -8 |
| Counter-Claims | 1 | 29 | 28 |
| Distress Warrants | 170 | 382 | 212 |
| Executions Issued | 41,444 | 37,497 | -3,947 |
| Garnishment Payments | 50,883 | 48,613 | -2,270 |
| Judgments Collected | \$16,472,970.01 | \$16,432,277.57 | -\$40,692.44 |
| <u>Traffic Violations Bureau</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>24 v. 25</u> |
| Total Traffic Violations | 72,185 | 103,133 | 30,948 |
| Moving Citations | 24,921 | 28,952 | 4,031 |
| Parking Citations | 47,264 | 74,181 | 26,917 |
| Environmental Citations | 7,273 | 8,203 | 930 |
| Civil Misdemeanor Citations | 41 | 33 | -8 |
| Total Fines Collected | \$1,994,182.89 | \$2,620,443 | \$626,260.11 |
| Nullifications | 1,660 | 2,360 | 700 |
| Nullification Fees Collected | \$19,948 | \$28,321 | \$8,373 |



Congratulations

To **Antonio Lanier** on reaching **25** 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!





Happy Retirement Penny!

We thank you for your 32 years of commitment and dedication to our organization while effortlessly serving the citizens of Nashville-Davidson County.

WE WILL MISS YOU!



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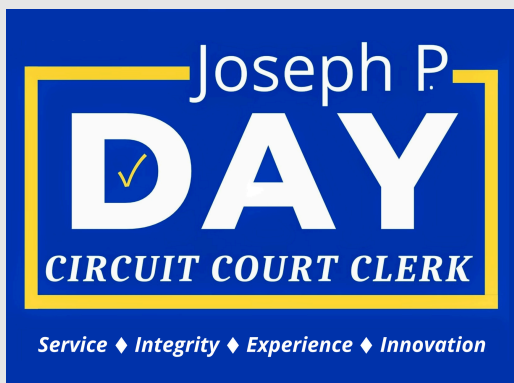


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