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PURPLE OUT TN: UNITED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S

Each year, the Circuit Court Clerk's Office proudly joins fellow court clerks across Tennessee for Purple Out TN, a statewide initiative dedicated to raising awareness about Alzheimer's disease. Under Clerk Joseph P. Day's leadership, this annual tradition has become an opportunity for our organization to come together, show support for a meaningful cause, and recognize the many families and loved ones impacted by this disease.



United in awareness. Together in the fight against Alzheimer's.

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The need for awareness continues to grow. According to the Alzheimer's Association's 2026 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report, an estimated 7.4 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia. Behind every statistic is a person, a family, and a story that deserves to be recognized.

By wearing purple, we stand in solidarity with those living with Alzheimer's, caregivers, families, and everyone working toward a future without this disease. We take pride in joining clerks from across our great state to spread awareness, honor those affected, and support the ongoing fight to end Alzheimer's. Together, every show of support makes a difference.



Walking Together for a World Without Alzheimer's

Continuing our commitment to Alzheimer's awareness, team members from the Circuit Court Clerk's Office gathered at Centennial Park for the inaugural Walk to End Alzheimer's in Davidson County! We were proud to take part in this first-time community event, joining others who share a common goal: supporting those affected by the disease and helping move the fight toward a cure.

The morning was filled with team spirit, fellowship, and purpose as employees representing all five of our offices came together for this important cause. One of the most meaningful moments was adding our flowers to the Alzheimer's Association's Promise Garden, each color representing a personal connection to the fight. Blue represents those living with Alzheimer's or another dementia; purple honors those who have lost someone to the disease; yellow recognizes those who support or care for someone living with the disease; and orange represents those who support the cause and the vision of a world without Alzheimer's.

Whether walking in honor of a loved one, remembering someone special, or simply showing support, every step carried meaning. We were grateful to be part of such a special inaugural event and look forward to continuing our support for this important cause.





A Visit of Distinction: Welcoming the Ambassador of Ghana



The Circuit Court Clerk's Office was honored to welcome Victor Emmanuel Smith, Ambassador of Ghana to the United States, and members of his delegation for a special visit to the Historic Courthouse. During their time with us, guests enjoyed a brief tour of our offices and an opportunity to learn more about the history, responsibilities, and daily operations of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

The visit offered an opportunity to share the many services available to the public, with special attention given to the work of our Resource Center and its role in helping residents navigate court-related services. Guests also learned about the significant advancements made under Clerk Joseph P. Day's leadership, including modernization efforts and initiatives designed to improve access, efficiency, and the overall customer experience.

We were proud to share our story, showcase the progress of our organization, and provide a closer look at the work happening within the Historic Courthouse. Visits like these are a meaningful reminder that the work we do extends beyond our offices, creating opportunities for connection, learning, and engagement.

A Little Halloween Fun in Our Community







Costumes, candy, laughter, and plenty of smiles made for a memorable Halloween season as the Community Engagement Team joined families for Sevier Park's Toddler Trunk-or-Treat and the 7th Annual West Park After Dark!

From the youngest trick-or-treaters to parents and neighbors, both events offered wonderful opportunities to connect with families, share in the excitement of the season, and bring a little extra fun to the communities we serve. Our team enjoyed seeing the creativity behind the costumes, handing out treats, and making memories with the children who brought so much energy to each celebration. We can't wait to see those smiling faces again next year!

TRIAL VERDICTS

JURY TRIALS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2026

CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	% FAULT	GS JUDGMENT	BY
24C1219	Auto	1		Hung Jury			

NON-JURY TRIALS

OCTOBER, 2026 NON-JURY TRIALS

SPECIALLY SET TRIALS

CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	CT	π / Δ	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	DATE OF TRIAL	GS JUDGMENT	BY
25C1765	Misc.	6	π	$8,000.00 A/G Δ	10.05.26		
25C1224	GSA-Eviction	6	π	$25,026.67 A/G Δ	10.06.26	Poss. + $22,845.33 A/G Δ	Δ
26C1850	GSA- Misc.	8		Under Advisement	10.06.26	Dismissed after trial	π
26C1382	GSA-Eviction	2	π	$32,161.42 A/G Δs	10.07.26	Poss. + $85,137.56 A/G Δs	Δs
26C928	Metro Appeal	1	π	π Motion to Dismiss granted	10.19.26	$10 Fine	Δ

DEPARTMENT NUMBERS

Circuit Court	Oct	YTD
New Civil Cases	379	3,832
New Civil Cases - Jury Demand	202	1,862
New Civil Cases - Non-Jury	111	1,152
New Divorce Cases Filed	160	1,499
Domestic Petitions Filed	18	105
Orders of Protection Filed	61	648
Orders of Protection Granted	32	278
Orders of Protection Dismissed	63	701
Judicial Committals Filed	13	138
New Adoption Petitions	22	102
Civil Cases Concluded	318	3,394
Civil Cases Concluded - Jury Demand	178	1,861
Civil Cases Concluded - Non-Jury	67	728
Divorce Cases Concluded	145	1,819
Domestic Petitions Concluded	13	123

Probate	Oct	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	189	2,006
Total Closed Cases	185	2,014
Petitions to Probate Will	50	646
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	13	87
Letters of Administration	35	369
Small Estate Affidavits	38	321
Conservatorship	40	446
Guardianship of Minor	1	29
Name Change	6	67
Trust Matters	5	30
Other Miscellaneous	2	12

DEPARTMENT NUMBERS (continued)

General Sessions	October	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	4,952	48,147
Civil Warrants	2,844	24,612
Detainer Warrants	1,224	12,542
Recovery Warrants	19	139
Orders of Protection Petitions	317	3,295
Orders of Protection Granted	86	713
Orders of Protection Dismissed	248	2,451
Emergency Committals	545	4,874
Immediate Possession	0	4
Sue & Attach	0	4
Petitions to Interplead	0	2
Counter-Claims	11	126
Distress Warrants	3	2,675
Executions Issued	1,537	24,246
Garnishment Payments	4,389	53,452
Judgments Collected	$1,527,424.38	$18,772,892.28

Traffic Violation Bureau	October	YTD
Total Traffic Violations	8,150	83,228
Moving Citations	2,429	27,958
Parking Citations	5,721	55,271
Environmental Citations	475	5,246
Civil Misdemeanor Citations	0	27
Total Fines Collected	$196,211.11	$2,196,989.86
Nullifications	239	2,388
Nullification Fees Collected	$2,872.80	28,663

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Rose Patton ~ Nov. 5th
Kenia Gutierrez ~ Nov. 9th
Bill Riggs ~ Nov. 11th
Gigi Hester ~ Nov. 12th
Victoria Choi ~ Nov. 15th



Latrice Baxter ~ Nov. 16th
Chelsia Follett ~ Nov. 17th
Amber Jenkins ~ Nov. 18th
Mieachelle Cannon ~ Nov. 21st
Hava slater ~ Nov. 24th

Nick Lane ~ Nov. 26th

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be advised of the upcoming filing fee changes for both the Circuit Court Clerk's Office and the Probate Court Clerk's Office, detailed on the following page.

Effective JANUARY 1, 2027

[PER T.C.A. 8-21-401]

FILING FEE INCREASE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Circuit Court Filing Fees
Effective January 1, 2027

[Unless otherwise specified by statute, fees in a civil case should be paid in advance.]
[Fees for initiation of new case include $25.75 State litigation tax and $33.75 County litigation tax.]

CIVIL ACTIONS (service of process fees NOT included)	Filing Fee
Category One Cases: Contracts, torts, personal injury, property damage, malpractice, wrongful death, employment discrimination, civil rights suits, tax disputes, special remedies, workers comp cases, other Court-approved settlements and cases not otherwise specified	$359.50
Category Two Cases: Appeals to Circuit from General Sessions, City Courts and other Courts or hearings, transfers from foreign jurisdictions or enforcement of foreign judgments; *Writs of Mandamus*, condemnation/inverse condemnation; *quo warranto* actions; and *Writs of Certiorari*	284.50
Category Two.1 Cases: Restoration of Citizenship	234.50
Category Three Cases: Petition for Certificate of Employability, legitimations, name changes, and minor settlements.	159.50
Petition for Contempt (on existing cases)	100.00
Petition to Encroach Funds	25.00

DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS (see additional service fees below*)	Without Service Fee	With DCSO Fee
Divorce (with minor children)	$334.50	$386.50
Divorce (without minor children)	259.50	311.50
Petitions (on existing cases for contempt and modification)	100.00	152.00
Category Three Cases: Adoptions (add $30 for each child as Birth Certificate Application fee payable to *Circuit Court Clerk*)	133.75	185.75
Termination of Parental Rights; Registration and/or Enforcement of foreign Decree; Paternity cases; and other domestic relations matters not otherwise designated	159.50	211.50

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER CHARGES AND FEES	
Service of Process Fee*	
Sheriff	52.00
Secretary of State (includes Clerk's seal)	25.00
Commissioner of Insurance (which includes service by Sheriff to Commissioner of Insurance)	67.00
Post-Judgment Requests: Applies to each requested post-judgment interrogatory, motions to set installment payments, motions to quash garnishment, claims of exemption, and post-judgment orders and other pleadings	25.00
Subpoenas – Foreign Court and Personal (*Clerk fee*) See above for additional service fee information (if applicable)	10.00
Body Attachment	42.00
Certification and Seal	5.00
Continuances	10.00
Copies	50/page
Cross-filings and Counter-Complaints (same fee as original *Complaint* minus $59.50 litigation tax)	
Execution (*paper-filed*)	25.00
Expungements	100.00
Fax Filing	$5 + $1/page
Intervening Complaints (*civil*) (**same fee as original *Complaint* minus $59.50 litigation tax**)	
Intervening Complaints (*domestic*) (**same fee as original *Complaint* minus $59.50 litigation tax**)	
Mailing (*certified or registered mail*)	Actual Costs
Preparing a Record on Appeal from Circuit Court to an Appellate Court	300.00
Processing of Funds Paid Through Clerk	50.00
Publications (check made payable to ***requested publication***)	Varies (See form)
Scire Facias	52.00
Third Party Complaints (**same fee as original *Complaint* minus $59.50 litigation tax**)	
Writ of Attachment	102.00
Writ of Possession/Restitution	77.00

Probate Court Filing Fees
Effective January 1, 2027

PETITIONS	FEE
Petition to Probate Will	$359.50
Petition for Letter of Administration	359.50
* Small Estate Affidavit **with Will**	359.50
* Small Estate Affidavit **without Will**	359.50
Petition to Probate for Muniment of Title **only**	359.50
Petition for Conservatorship or Guardianship	359.50
* Petition for Name Change	159.50
Petition for Emancipation, Legitimation	159.50
Petition to Correct a Birth Certificate	234.50
Petition to Sell Real Property; Year's Support, Exempt Property, or Homestead; Insolvency; or Interpretation	200.00
Petition to Re-open	75.00
Trust Matters or any other case not otherwise provided for	359.50

* **No Personal Checks or Money Orders**

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES AND FEES	
Filing Interim Accountings or Settlements in any case	75.00
Filing a Claim Against an Estate	50.00
Filing an Exception to a Claim	100.00
Additional Certified Letters (*1st Letter included in filing fee*)	(each) 5.00
Filing Unprobated Will or Will of Living Person	5.00
Petitions or Requests in an existing case (*other than Request to close and Petitions listed above*)	25.00
Filing any document not otherwise provided for (***see 2nd page for list of documents***)	7.00
Certified copy of any document or pleading	(+ 50/page) 5.00
Acts of Congress Certification	(+ 50/page) 10.00
Preparing Record on Appeal	300.00
Initial Service of *Summons* or *Notice* by:	
Sheriff (*upon issuance per defendant/witness*)	52.00
Secretary of State (includes Clerk's seal) (*upon issuance per defendant/witness*)	25.00
Commissioner of Insurance (*upon issuance per defendant/witness*)	15.00
Certified Mail (includes Clerk's seal)	5.00

Existing Case Service of *Summons, Subpoena* or *Notice* by:	Clerk	Service	TOTAL
Sheriff (*upon issuance per defendant/witness*)	$ 10.00	$52.00	$62.00
Secretary of State (includes Clerk's seal) (*upon issuance per deft/witness*)	15.00	20.00	35.00
Commissioner of Insurance (*upon issuance per defendant/witness*)	10.00	15.00	25.00
Certified Mail (includes Clerk's seal)	15.00		15.00
Personal Service	10.00		10.00

FILINGS – NO FEE REQUIRED	FEE
Affidavit – Notice to Beneficiaries	NO FEE
Affidavit – Notifying TennCare	NO FEE
Attachment / Exhibit (to Initiating Petition)	NO FEE
Consent	NO FEE
Cost Bond	NO FEE
Declination	NO FEE
Inventory	NO FEE
Notice of Hearing / Court Date	NO FEE
Oath	NO FEE
Release of Claim	NO FEE
Report of Physician	NO FEE
Receipt for Specific Bequest	NO FEE
Receipt and Waiver	NO FEE
Statement in Lieu	NO FEE
Tax Release / Affidavit Waiving Inheritance Tax	NO FEE
TennCare Release	NO FEE
Waiver	NO FEE

ACCOUNTING DOCUMENTS	
Accounting – Interim / Annual	$75.00
Corporate Surety Statement	7.00
Status Report	7.00
Tax Return	7.00
Final Accounting / Settlement	75.00
Property Management Plan Certification	NO FEE
Notice – No Tax Return	NO FEE

ORDERS	
Orders	20.00
Except for the following:	
Appointing/Closing Orders	NO FEE
Orders to Continue	30.00

PLEADING / DOCUMENT	FEE
Abstract of Judgment	$ 7.00
Affidavit	7.00
Amended Petition	25.00
Answer	7.00
Annual Status Report	7.00
Application	7.00
Attorney Fee Request	7.00
Brief	7.00
Claim	50.00
Counter-Complaint (same fee as original Complaint **minus $59.50 lit tax**)	
Complaint	25.00
Deposition	7.00
Disclaimer	7.00
Exhibit ($7 per exhibit)	7.00
Exception (to Claim)	100.00
Exception (to other)	7.00
Freeze Agreement	7.00
HUD Statement	7.00
Interrogatories	7.00
Lien Lis Pendens	7.00
Motion	25.00
Memorandum	7.00
Notice	7.00
Notice of Appearance	7.00
Notice of Insolvency	200.00
Notice to Continue	10.00
Petition	25.00
Property Management Plan	7.00
Proposed Plan of Distribution	7.00
Reply	7.00
Report	7.00
Response	7.00
Statement	7.00

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