

# ROOKER REPORT

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## NEW SERVICE ASSISTS CASE SCHEDULING FOR ATTORNEYS

# CIRCUIT TRIAL CALENDARS JOIN WEBSITE

Attorneys with internet service now have immediate access to trial calendars in the circuit courts -- a new convenience provided by expansion of the Circuit Court Clerk's web site.

By merely logging on to the clerk's main menu at [www.nashville.org/cir](http://www.nashville.org/cir), one can link up to a comprehensive schedule of the civil trial courts through the year 2000.

The new web service, added to the site last month, is designed to assist lawyers in scheduling their agendas by specifying dates allocated for certain types of cases. Such information heretofore has been obtainable only by telephoning the clerk's office, a time-consuming procedure for all parties.

By accessing the new internet site, attorneys get a visual overview of the courts' calendar -- day by day and month by month -- color-coded for quick reference to specific interests.

For example, dates assigned to jury trials appear in bright yellow while

dates reserved for non-jury trials appear in brown. A matching reference guide at the top of the page eliminates guesswork for the user.

Other color matches provide information as to when the courts are closed for holidays and judicial conferences, as well as open dates reserved for later scheduling at the discretion of the judges.

Even weekend dates have been blocked off in gray to prevent possible confusion by the user.

The two-year calendar was prepared by the courts and made available for internet access by Circuit Judge Tom Brothers. It becomes the first major expansion to the clerk's website since its origination, although many other additions are currently in the works for introduction in the near future.

Upcoming additions will include individual formats for the Probate Court system, complete local rules governing General Sessions Court, selected judicial forms for downloading and others to be announced.

## Nullification Fees Growing.

### Six-Year Tally Hits \$1.2 Million

The Metro Council decided in 1993 that a service fee was needed to cover the expense of nullifying traffic citations for correctable offenses, such as burned out tail lights, expired registrations and a series of other minor infractions not deemed hazardous to the driving public.

Six years later (well, lacking only three months) that decision has proven to be a wise and economical one. During that period of time, a total of 138,305 Davidson County motorists have coughed up the \$9 fee in lieu of ignoring citations that otherwise would have cost much more in fines.

We'll save you the time of getting out your calculator; that adds up to \$1,244,745 in revenue previously lost to the cause of improving the county's road system.

Because of stricter enforcement and a continuously growing traffic count, the fee revenue has grown each year, reaching a high of \$251,379 in 1998. And the first quarter of the current year is off to a record pace.

The chart at right provides a year-by-year breakdown on the number of tickets that were nullified by the Traffic Violations Bureau and the amount of revenue produced. The fee went into effect on July 1, 1993.



## Scorecard

YEAR	TICKETS	REVENUE
*1993	11,033	\$99,297
1994	18,777	168,993
1995	19,644	176,796
1996	21,100	189,900
1997	27,931	251,379
1998	31,333	281,997
*1999	8,487	76,383
TOTALS	138,305	\$1,244,745

\*PARTIAL YEAR

### JIMMY HAWKINS: 1938-1999

## REMEMBERING A FRIEND

In the office where Jimmy Hawkins conducted business for General Services, he surrounded himself with living plants, most of which he had nursed back to health from anemic sprigs he had transplanted.

Had it not been for his determination and faith, the sprigs would have surely died. Instead, they flourished, symbolizing the character of their benefactor.

Jimmy Hawkins administered that same philosophy to every phase of his life. He was a believer in the positive and chose to ignore the negative.

Even in his darkest final days, after months of debilitating chemotherapy treatments had taken a heavy toll on his physical being, he remained mentally upbeat--refusing to give credit to the cancer that had finally brought him down. Although he had put up a good fight for several months, his weakened condition would prove no match for the pneumonia that accompanied his illness.

On March 3, just two months shy of his 61st birthday, surrender came from the man who dedicated much of his life to public service and all of his life to earning the respect of family and friends.

Mr. Hawkins' public service career was expansive, from being a railway mail clerk for the U. S. Postal Service to director of Urban and Federal Affairs under former Gov. Lamar Alexander to key committee chairmanships over an eight-year period as a Metro councilman. He spent his last 14 years as Building Operations Division Manager of Metro's General Services Department where he created the Public Service Program.

"He was one of the best council members I ever met, one of the best administrators I ever worked with, and the kind of friend who always had an encouraging word and supported you in anything you needed to do," recalls Sam McPherson, director of General Services.

No one could argue with that.



# Cheers...

After giving everyone a major scare, internal auditor **Jan Yearwood** is doing fine following open heart surgery on April 8 at Centennial Medical Center. Doctors replaced a faulty valve that had contributed to protracted health problems and eventually a heart attack. A lengthy recovery period is anticipated. In the interim, her professional contribution and wry sense of humor will be sorely missed by all staffers who benefit from both.

◆ Meanwhile, **Carolyn Davis** underwent successful thyroid surgery on April 9 and will return to her desk in the Circuit Court Clerk's office following a reasonable recovery period.

◆ Veteran deputy clerk **Faye Coleman** ended 10.5 years of service in the General Sessions Civil Division office and was given a nice sendoff by co-workers on Feb. 26, her last day.

◆ Cupid has been working overtime in our Circuit Court Clerk's office, bringing marital bliss to one employee and pending wedding bells for three others.

Cashier **Kim Burns** is preparing invitations for her June 20 wedding to professional wrestler **Warren Wolfe, Jr.** The couple plan a poolside wedding in South Nashville.

Deputy Clerk **Monica Stewart** has been doing patchwork on her name plate since exchanging vows with contract lineman **Steve England**. The couple were married on March 20 in Dickson. Her new name plate has been ordered.



COOK



GARRETT

Another will be needed in the fall when Deputy Clerk **Cathy Cook** becomes Cathy Garrett following her wedding to our chief computer technician **Mike Garrett**. The impressive engagement ring presently being sported by Cathy will be joined by a wedding band on September 11. Details to follow.

◆ Bravo to Chancellor **Carol McCoy** upon being named recipient of this year's **Athena Award** for her years of work in promoting women's issues. The award was presented on March 25 by CABLE, the women's networking organization of the YWCA. She was selected for her accomplishments during 20 years of working on causes important to women. The award is named for Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom and skill.

◆ Hats off to members of the **Nashville Bar Association** who have helped ease the pain of Clarksville attorneys displaced by the tornado there in January. Answering a call by the Nashville bar group, lawyers chipped in to help purchase furnishings, office equipment and supplies for some 60 fellow attorneys who were victims of the devastating storm. The collection drive was spearheaded by attorney **Roger May**.

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## Fishburn Gets Presiding Judge Nod

Mark Fishburn has been selected by his fellow judges to be the next presiding judge of the General Sessions Court.

He will succeed current presiding judge Mike Mondelli, whose one-year term expires August 31.

Fishburn, serving his first term on the bench following a successful private law practice, says he will seek input from all branches of government and community leaders before deciding on an agenda. One goal, he said, is to request the hiring of a full-time Spanish-speaking translator for the court, which now relies on part-time personnel to accommodate a growing number of foreign language litigants.



FISHBURN

## May Birthdays

### General Sessions

13 Delana Sullivan

### Circuit Court Clerk

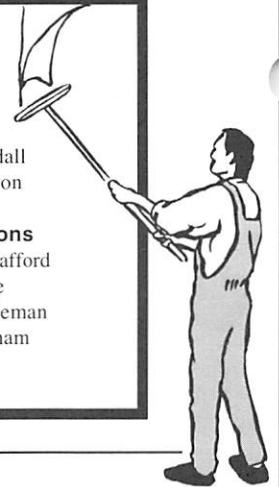
7 Michelle Sawyer  
10 Suzanne Parker  
25 Temesia Harris  
27 Brenda Parks  
28 Mike Smith  
29 Bobbie Eden  
30 Ricky Rooker

### Probate

16 Lynn Randall  
17 Kim Jackson

### Traffic Violations

2 Beverly Swafford  
6 Vickie Slate  
8 Robert Coleman  
25 Felice Graham  
30 Ray Fuller



◆ Following our February announcement in this section that the state supreme court had effectively abolished the need for special prosecutors in domestic contempt cases, attorney **Sidney Bennett** phoned to dispute our assumption that her appointment to such a post here had come to an end.

It seems that the state court ruling did not bring closure to the issue because complaining litigants immediately filed for a writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court. Therefore, Bennett's job remains intact pending disposition by the high court.

Should the court decide not to review the matter, the Tennessee Supreme Court ruling would stand, overriding a state appellate court's determination that domestic contempt petitions should not be prosecuted by private attorneys representing opposing parties.

Bennett was appointed to the prosecutor's position in November when attorney **Scott Rosenberg** vacated the job to become a full-time referee in Juvenile Court. She accepted the position with the knowledge that it could be short-lived based on the pending appeal to the state supreme court. It was for that reason that we expressed praise earlier. We now extend it to include whatever period she serves.

◆ Since we mentioned the position of Juvenile Court referee, what better time to offer congratulations to attorney **Bill Griffin**, who has become that court's newest member. Griffin was sworn in during ceremonies on March 19.

# ...Tears

Since our last full report in February a number of employees and colleagues have lost family members, including Sixth Circuit Court clerk **Lori Stratton**, daughter of the late Jimmy Hawkins, whose untimely death is eulogized elsewhere in this issue. Our sympathy goes out to Lori and to the following associates who also lost loved ones:

◆ General Sessions Civil Division bookkeeper **Janice Johnson** in the death of her father **Dennis R. Register**, who passed away at St. Thomas Hospital. Mr. Register was 69.

◆ Rooker Report Editor **Gene Baker**, whose father **Clarence Olin Baker** succumbed to cancer at a hospital in Paducah, Ky. in February. He was 80. ◆ Attorney **Dennis Wright** in the death of his mother **Mildred Wright** in early March.

◆ Attorney **Richard Pigue** in the recent passing of his mother **Janie Bell Pigue**.

◆ Chief Criminal Court Clerk **Charlie Ware**, whose mother **Kathryn Ware** passed away in Florida.

◆ General Sessions Court administrative assistant **Angie Von Mann** in the March 11 death of her father **Joseph E. O'Malley**, 68, at St. Thomas Hospital.

# DISORDER IN THE COURT



A collection of actual trial transcripts that prove things aren't always so dull in the courtroom

A group of Nashville students confessed to being bored when they were allowed to sit in on an actual trial during a recent field trip to the courthouse.

It wasn't at all like what they had seen on television -- no confessions from the witness stand, no dramatics, no funny stuff, no entertainment value whatsoever.

Truth is, what they witnessed is the norm for the vast majority of courtroom trials across the country. But there *are* exceptions.

We have gathered some actual published trial dialogue that was transcribed during cases at various judicial venues across the country (none from Nashville) and we share excerpts as proof that courtroom trials have their moments.

**Q--What is your date of birth?**  
 A--July fifteenth.

**Q--What year?**  
 A--Every year.

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**Q--What gear were you in at the moment of impact?**  
 A--Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

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**Q--This myasthenia gravis--does it affect your memory?**  
 A--Yes.

**Q--And in what ways does it affect your memory?**  
 A--I forget.

**Q--You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?**

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**Q--All your responses must be oral, Okay? What school did you go to?**  
 A--Oral.

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**Q--How old is your son--the one living with you?**  
 A--Thirty-eight or thirty-five; I can't remember which.

**Q--How long has he lived with you?**  
 A--Forty-five years.

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**Q--And where was the location of the accident?**  
 A--Approximately mile post 499.

**Q--And where is mile post 499?**  
 A--Probably between mile post 498 and mile post 500.

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**Q--Sir, what is your IQ?**  
 A--Well, I can see pretty well, I think

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**Q--Did you blow your horn or anything?**  
 A--After the accident?

**Q--Before the accident.**  
 A--Sure, I played for ten years. I even went to school for it.

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**Q--What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?**  
 A--He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

**Q--And why did that upset you?**  
 A--My name is Susan.

Recently reported in the Massachusetts Bar Association lawyers journal, the following are questions actually asked of witnesses during trials, followed by cases in which responses were given by insightful witnesses.

**Q--Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?**

**Q--The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?**

**Q--Were you present when your picture was taken?**

**Q--Was it you or your youngest brother who was killed in the war?**

**Q--Did he kill you?**

**Q--How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?**

**Q--You were there until the time you left, is that true?**

**Q--How many times have you committed suicide?**

**Q--Are you qualified to give a urine sample?**

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**Q--Mr. Slatery, you went on a rather elaborate honeymoon, didn't you?**  
 A--I went to Europe, sir.

**Q--And you took your new wife?**

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**Q--Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?**  
 A--No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

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**Judge: The charge here is theft of frozen chickens. Are you the defendant?**  
 Defendant: No, sir. I'm the guy who stole the chickens.

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**Lawyer: How do you feel about defense attorneys?**  
 Juror: I think they should all be drowned at birth.

**Lawyer: Well, then, you are obviously biased for the prosecution.**  
 Juror: That's not true. I think prosecutors should be drowned at birth too.

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**Judge: Is there any reason you can't serve as a juror in this case?**  
 Juror: I don't want to be away from my job that long.

**Judge: Can't they do without you at work?**  
 Juror: Yes, but I don't want them to know it.

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Defendant: Judge, I want you to appoint me another lawyer.

**Judge: And why is that?**  
 Defendant: Because the Public Defender isn't interested in my case.

**Judge (to Public Defender): Do you have any comments on the defendant's motion?**  
 Public Defender: I'm sorry, Your Honor, I wasn't listening.

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**Judge: You are charged with habitual drunkenness. Have you anything to say in your defense?**  
 Defendant: Habitual thirstiness?

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...to be continued



# AN OFFICIAL LOOK AT THE NEW GENERAL SESSIONS COURT

Shortly after swearing-in ceremonies last September, members of the General Sessions Court posed for the official portrait shown here.

It is the largest group picture ever taken of the court, which expanded from nine to 11 divisions. It also has historical value, considering the fact that these judges comprise what will become the first General Sessions Court of the 21st Century.

We are able to offer the picture only in black and white. If you prefer the color version, pick up a copy of the court's 1998 annual report at any of the General Sessions administrative offices. It's free and offers a complete overview of the court's operations.

The official portrait graces the cover and, once unfolded, other key affiliated personnel are featured throughout the 17x22 full-color publication.

What you won't find in the rather expansive report is a listing, nor



**OFFICIAL PORTRAIT**--Pictured (L-R) Judges Bill Higgins, Gale Robinson, Leon Ruben, John Brown, William Faimon, Presiding Judge Mike Mondelli, John Aaron Holt, Casey Moreland, Gloria Dumas, Mark Fishburn, Sue McKnight Evans.  
--Photo by Gary Layda

photographs, of the 22 court officers who directly serve the judges on a daily basis. Not a deliberate omission, but one created by space limitations.

Since court officers maintain a high profile presence in the courtrooms while ensuring decorum and carry-

ing out directives of their respective judges, their faces are commonly familiar to the public.

This is particularly true for court officers who have been retained by those judges who have served multiple terms. But with court expansion and the emergence of new judges

has come new faces and names yet to become recognizable, both to the general public and to those working with the courts on a daily basis.

Sorry we don't have photos, but here is a listing, by court, of their names:

Division I (Gale Robinson)--**Paul Capps** and **Greg Estes**;

Division II (Mark Fishburn)--**Irene Dady** and **Julianne Smith**;

Division III (William Faimon)--**Opie Sory** and **Marvin Thompson**;

Division IV (Gloria Dumas)--**Rhonda Yaeger** and **Richard Norris**;

Division V (John Brown)--**Carol Crews** and **Tony Carroll**;

Division VI (Michael Mondelli)--**Jack London** and **David Thompson**;

Division VII (William Higgins)--**Don Corn** and **Bob McClain**;

Division VIII (Leon Ruben)--**Mary Carter** and **Forrest Garrett**;

Division IX (Sue McKnight Evans)--**Greg Jett** and **Chris McGee**;

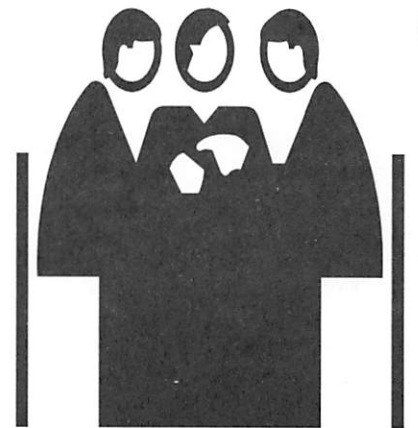
Division X (Casey Moreland)--**Ronnie Crow** and **David Smith**;

Division XI (John Aaron Holt)--**Marie Cardwell** and **Hoil Crowe**.

## JURY TRIAL VERDICTS

CIRCUIT COURT				APPEALS	
Week of March 1				GENERAL SESSIONS	
CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
96C-2154	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	1ST (P)	\$44,000		
97C-1650	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	2ND (P)	\$3,500		
98C-1428	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	6TH (P)	\$452	P-\$6,000	(D)
97C-1081	AUTO ACCIDENT	3RD* (P)	\$7,558		
97C-1269	T.C.P.A.	5TH (P)	\$65,300		
98C-1859	CRIMINAL	5TH	GUILTY		
*WAIVED JURY					
Week of March 15					
CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT		
94C-2266/2512	CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT	6TH (P)	\$71,750		
98C-1147	PREMISES LIABILITY	1ST	DEFENDANT		
96C-4433	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	2ND (P)	NO AWARD		
95C-4328	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	2ND (P)	NO AWARD		
97D-2652	CRIMINAL	5TH	MISTRIAL		
Week of March 22					
CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT		
95C-3216	TOXIC CHEMICAL	1ST	DEFENDANT		
96C-2598	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	6TH (P)	\$2.5 MILLION		
98C-1193-1194	GSA AUTO ACCIDENT	2ND (P)	\$10,620	P-\$5,920	(D)
96C-974	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	3RD	HUNG JURY		
98C-1721	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	8TH (P)	NO AWARD	P-\$6,000	(D)
97D-2767	CRIMINAL	5TH	GUILTY		

NON-JURY TRIAL RESULTS ON NEXT PAGE.



SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

### MARCH

TOTAL CASES CONSIDERED .....	13
Auto Accidents .....	8
Contract Dispute .....	2
Breach of Contract .....	2
Medical Malpractice .....	1

### DISPOSITIONS

Settled .....	9
Did Not Settle .....	2
Continued .....	2

(Source: Megan Gregory, case coordinator)

### ABBREVIATIONS:

- P-PLAINTIFF    D-DEFENDANT    CP-COUNTER PLAINTIFF    CD-COUNTER DEFENDANT    REC-RECOVERY
- ST-SOFT TISSUE    GSA-GENERAL SESSIONS APPEAL    TCPA-TENN. CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

## OPEN HOUSE CROWD TOASTS NEW STAHLMAN FACILITIES

Attorneys, judges, councilmen and court patrons received the VIP treatment this month when Circuit Court Clerk Richard Rooker and General Sessions Judges co-hosted an open house event to show off the new civil court facilities in the Stahlman Building.

More than 150 invited guests were accorded carte blanche touring privileges of courtrooms, judicial offices and the new civil division clerk's office located directly across the hallway.

The catered affair provided plenty of food and refreshments to sustain the three-hour gathering of guests, captured on film by Metro Photographer Gary Layda.

Presiding Judge Mike Mondelli termed the showcase event a success, an opinion supported by the photos at right.



JUDGES GLORIA DUMAS AND MARK FISHBURN SHARE A LIGHT MOMENT TO THE AMUSEMENT OF (L-R) ATTORNEY WES HALL, PRESIDING JUDGE MIKE MONDELLI AND COURT ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT GINA FOX.

## NON-JURY TRIAL RESULTS

Week of March 8

CIRCUIT COURT

APPEALS

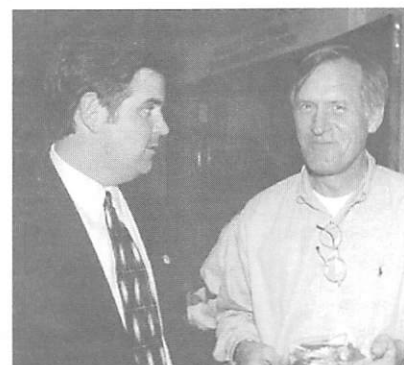
GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
97C-3950	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	1ST* (P)	\$4,000	DISMISSED	(P)
98C-2747	GSA/NEGLIGENCE	6TH (D)	DIRECTED	DISMISSED	(P)
98C-3130	GSA/DETAINER	1ST* (P)	POSSESSION	POSSESSION	(D)
98C-1779	DAMAGES	1ST* (P)	\$12,000		
97C-3283	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST* (P)	\$6,163	P-\$6,163	(D)
98C-3213	WORKERS COMP	6TH (P)	\$3,326		
98C-776	DAMAGES	1ST* (P)	\$45,000		
98C-3296	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	1ST* (P)	\$3,500	P-\$3,500	(D)
98C-755	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST* (P)	\$7,900	P-\$8,875	(D)
98C-1648	GSA/PROPERTY DAMAGE	6TH (P)	\$5,000	P-\$6,309	(D)
98C-2707	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST (P)	\$6,000	P-\$14,999	(D)
98C-2424	GSA/CONTRACT	6TH (P)	\$23,465	P-\$14,999	(D)
96C-3753	AUTO ACCIDENT	6TH (P)	\$85,000		
97C-2602	CONTRACT DEBT	3RD (P)	\$28,000		
98C-2792	DAMAGES	3RD (P)	\$350,000		
98C-2793	DAMAGES	3RD (P)	\$48,403		

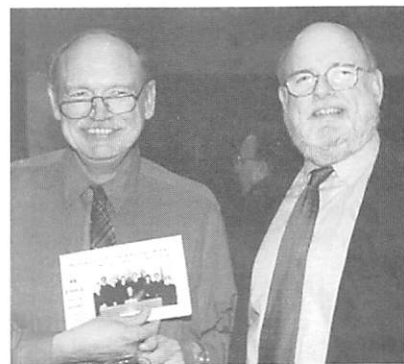
Week of March 29

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
98C-2606	GSA/CONTRACT	8TH* (P)	\$7,277	P-\$7,572	(D)
98C-1723	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST (P)	\$12,300	P-\$11,466	(D)
97C-1462	GSA/CONTRACT	6TH (P)	\$5,600	DEFAULT	(D)
98C-3550	GSA/DETAINER	3RD (P)	POSSESSION	P-POSSESSION	(D)
98C-2101	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	1ST (P)	\$7,500	TRANSFERRED	P/D
98C-2955	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	1ST (P)	\$696	NONE	(P)
96C-1113	AUTO ACCIDENT	6TH	DEFENDANT		
97C-3138	DAMAGES	3RD (P)	\$25,000		
98C-3555	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST (P)	\$840	DISMISSED	(P)
98C-2292	GSA/CONTRACT	2ND (P)	\$1,500	P-\$1,300	(D)
99C-65	METRO APPEAL	1ST	DISMISSED	P-\$10	(D)
98C-3548	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST (P)	\$964	P-\$2,964	(D)
98C-1220	GSA/DETAINER	8TH* (P)	\$3,985	P-\$1,717	(D)
98C-3447-3448	GSA/AUTO	1ST (P)	\$17,000	P-\$29,998	(D)
98C-3125	GSA/CONTRACT	3RD (P)	\$1,025	P-\$1,025	(D)
98C-3180	METRO APPEAL	3RD (P)	\$500	P-\$500	(D)
98C-2570	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	8TH* (P)	\$2,090	DISMISSED	(P)
98C-1653	GSA/CONTRACT	2ND	DISMISSED	P-\$8,748	(D)
97C-1597	DAMAGES	3RD (P)	\$75,000		

\*HEARD BY SPECIAL MASTER MARSH NICHOLS



CIRCUIT COURT CLERK RICHARD ROOKER WELCOMES ATTORNEY MICHAEL VAN ZANT



TOM BROWN SHOWS OFF THE COURT'S NEW ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DELIGHT OF BROTHER JUDGE JOHN BROWN.

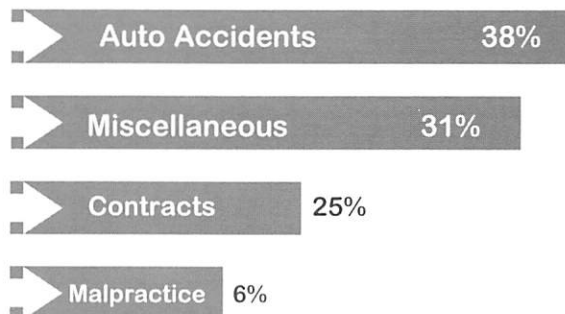


METRO PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BILLY LYNCH (LEFT) AND COURT ADMINISTRATOR WARNER HASSELL

# TRENDS



## Jury Trials By Classification



### CASE ANALYSES



#### AUTO ACCIDENTS

PLAINTIFFS 26  
DEFENDANTS 6

RATIO: PLAINTIFFS 4.2-1

#### MONTH-BY-MONTH

MONTH	TOTALS	JURY	NON-JURY	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY	7	6	1	4	3	0
FEBRUARY	10	9	1	7	2	1
MARCH	17	9	8	15	1	1
YEAR-TO-DATE	34	24	10	26	6	2

#### JURY AWARDS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	31,763	681-18,000	13,082
FEBRUARY	48,554	1,000-15,000	8,126
MARCH	66,130	0-44,000	5,532

#### NON-JURY AWARDS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	3,724	N/A	N/A
FEBRUARY	830	N/A	N/A
MARCH	120,286	500-85,000	5,797

#### SOFT TISSUE CASES

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	31,763	681-18,000	13,082
FEBRUARY	31,404	1,000-15,000	7,707
MARCH	47,952	452-44,000	3,500

#### \*GENERAL SESSIONS APPEALS

MONTH	TOTALS	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY	1	0	1	0
FEBRUARY	3	3	0	0
MARCH	9	8	0	1
YEAR-TO-DATE	13	11	1	1

\*INCLUDED IN ABOVE TRIAL TOTALS

## THE OTHERS:



**CONTRACTS** TOTAL PLAINTIFFS DEFENDANTS NO VERDICT  
22 20 2 1  
RATIO: PLAINTIFFS 10-1 TOTAL AWARDS TO DATE: \$205,059  
MARCH DOLLAR RANGE: \$840-71,750



**MISCELLANEOUS**  
28  
PLAINTIFFS 20  
DEFENDANTS 4  
NO VERDICT 4



**MALPRACTICE**  
5  
PLAINTIFFS 2  
DEFENDANTS 2  
NO VERDICT 1



## DATA BANK

Statistics compiled for the month of March

### CASE INFORMATION

#### Circuit Court

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED .....	277
CIVIL CASES CONCLUDED .....	294
NEW DIVORCE CASES FILED .....	344
DIVORCE CASES CONCLUDED .....	296

#### General Sessions Civil

NEW CASES FILED .....	3,099
EXECUTIONS ISSUED .....	3,106
GARNISHMENT PAYMENTS .....	3,953
JUDGMENTS COLLECTED .....	\$620,888
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS .....	192

#### Probate Court

NEW CASES FILED .....	203
CASES CLOSED .....	120

#### Traffic Violations

MOVING CITATIONS .....	25,556
PARKING VIOLATIONS .....	4,632
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED .....	\$368,834
NULLIFICATIONS .....	2,893
NULLIFICATION FEES COLLECTED .....	\$26,037

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