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JURY TRIAL VERDICTS

ABBREVIATIONS:

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

APPEALS

Week of November 1

CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT		VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
98C-3018	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	3RD	(P)	\$7,000	(D-100)		
97C-3839	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	1ST	(P)	\$65,500	(D-100)		
98C-1709	DOG BITE	5TH	(P)	\$50,000			
99C-603-604	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	2ND		DEFENDANT			
97C-278	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	8TH	(P)	\$10,000	(D-100)		
97C-274	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	3RD	(P)	\$8,500	ADMITTED		
96C-4352	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	2ND	(P)	\$5,750	(D-100)		

Week of November 8

CASE	TYPE	COURT		VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
98C-2936	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	8TH	(P)	\$7,366,000	(P-30 D-70)		
98C-2692	AUTO ACCIDENT	3RD*		UNDER ADVISEMENT			
98C-2553	SLIP/FALL	6TH		DEFENDANT			
95C-3020	CONVERSION	5TH		DEFENDANT			
99C-1600	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	2ND	(P)	\$3,700		P-\$10,744	DEFENDANT

Week of November 15

CASE	TYPE	COURT		VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
98C-954	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	5TH	(P)	\$550	ADMITTED		
98C-338/349	AUTO ACCIDENT	3RD*		UNDER ADVISEMENT			
98C-2685	PERSONAL INJURY	3RD		DEFENDANT			
96C-4429	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	6TH		DEFENDANT			
98C-2037	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	1ST	(P)	\$1,155	ADMITTED		
98C-2294	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	5TH	(P)	\$47,500			

*JURY WAIVED

NON-JURY TRIAL RESULTS

Week of November 22

CASE	TYPE	COURT		VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
97C-2447	DECLARATORY JUDGMENT	8TH		P-LIABLE			
98C-2784	DAMAGES	1ST	(P)	\$12,800			
98C-3131	GSA DETAINER	1ST	(P)	DISMISSED		P-POSSESSION	DEFENDANT
97C-2224	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1ST		DISMISSED			
98C-2931	WORKERS COMPENSATION	8TH	(D)	(45% VOC.DIS)			
98C-3033	WORKERS COMPENSATION	6TH	(P)	(20% DISABILITY)			
99C-886	GSA/CONTRACT	8TH	(P)	\$2,786		P-\$5,868	DEFENDANT
98C-3063	POSSESSION WARRANT	6TH	(P)	POSSESSION			
98C-2773	DECLARATORY JUDGMENT	6TH		DEFENDANT			
99C-2250	GSA/CONTRACT	8TH	(P)	\$1,200		DEFENDANT	PLAINTIFF
99C-2090	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST	(P)	\$14,785		P-\$11,825	DEFENDANT
99C-2246	GSA/POSSESSION WARRANT	8TH	(P)	POSSESSION		P-POSSESSION	DEFENDANT
99C-1590	GSA/CONTRACT	6TH		PENDING		P-\$2,633	DEFENDANT

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NOVEMBER SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

CASES CONSIDERED	11	BY CLASSIFICATION	
DISPOSITIONS		<i>Medical Malpractice</i>	2
<i>Settled</i>	6	<i>Torts</i>	2
<i>Did not settle</i>	4	<i>Auto Accidents</i>	4
<i>Settled in advance</i>	1	<i>Negligence</i>	1
Source:		<i>Slip & Fall</i>	1
<i>Megan Gregory, case coordinator</i>		<i>Breach of Contract</i>	1



CASE ANALYSES

AUTO ACCIDENTS

PLAINTIFFS 78
DEFENDANTS 14

RATIO: PLAINTIFFS 6.6-1

MONTH-BY-MONTH

MONTH	TOTALS	JURY	NON-JURY	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY-JUNE	64	49	15	48	11	5
JULY-OCTOBER	38	28	7	30	3	5
NOVEMBER	13	11	2	9	2	2
YEAR-TO-DATE	115	88	24	87	16	12

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
APRIL	41,266	180-15,000	5,217
MAY	295,961	2,800-198,000	23,990
JUNE	27,122	0-10,000	5,707
JULY	17,343	785-10,000	3,279
AUGUST	90,562	0-27,495	7,882
SEPTEMBER	13,251	1,800-5,789	2,830
OCTOBER	147,771	10,000-120,597	17,1174
NOVEMBER	149,655	550-65,500	11,943

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
APRIL	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAY	28,019	3,634-18,000	6,385
JUNE	N/A	N/A	N/A
JULY	N/A	N/A	N/A
AUGUST	3,200	N/A	N/A
SEPTEMBER	45,489	1,489-23,000	10,500
OCTOBER	650	N/A	N/A
NOVEMBER	N/A	N/A	N/A

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
APRIL	25,133	0-8,000	5,711
MAY	228,161	4,000-198,000	13,080
JUNE	13,800	0-10,000	6,900
JULY	6,558	1,500-5058	3,279
AUGUST	75,567	500-15,000	8,581
SEPTEMBER	7,462	1,800-3,200	2,462
OCTOBER	27,174	10,000-17,174	N/A
NOVEMBER	145,955	550-65,500	13,317

*GENERAL SESSIONS APPEALS

MONTH	TOTALS	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY-JUNE	17	15	1	1
JULY-OCTOBER	10	8	0	2
NOVEMBER	3	2	1	0
YEAR-TO-DATE	30	25	2	3

*INCLUDED IN ABOVE TRIAL TOTALS



Civil Trials by Classification

Auto Accidents 39%

Miscellaneous 32%

Contracts 25%

Malpractice 4%



DATA BANK

Statistics compiled for the month of November

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED	225
CIVIL CASES CONCLUDED	290
NEW DIVORCE CASES FILED	247
DIVORCE CASES CONCLUDED	301

General Sessions Civil

NEW CASES FILED	3,210
EXECUTIONS ISSUED	2,558
GARNISHMENT PAYMENTS	3,518
JUDGMENTS COLLECTED	\$564,452
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS	176

Probate Court

NEW CASES FILED	1549
CASES CLOSED	154

Traffic Violations

MOVING CITATIONS	21,618
PARKING VIOLATIONS	8,632
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED	\$363,305
NULLIFICATIONS	1,901
NULLIFICATION FEES COLLECTED	\$22,593

OTHER TRIALS BY CLASSIFICATION



CONTRACTS YTD PLAINTIFFS DEFENDANTS NO VERDICT
73 57 9 7

RATIO: PLAINTIFFS 6.3-1 TOTAL AWARDS TO DATE: \$1,690,691
NOVEMBER AWARDS: \$18,771



MISCELLANEOUS 95

PLAINTIFFS 57
DEFENDANTS 21
NO VERDICT 17

MALPRACTICE 13

PLAINTIFFS 5
DEFENDANTS 5
NO VERDICT 3





January Birthdays

Traffic Violations

2 Bessie Fox
Richard Arnold
7 Phil York
15 Ron Gibson

General Sessions

7 Kandace Kalp
16 Cindy Fleming
30 Connie Colley

Circuit Court Clerk

19 Brian Kahrs
27 Christy Allen
29 Deborah Hennessee

Probate
none

CHEERS...

Jason Kane has joined the staff of Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier as a law clerk, effective Dec. 16. Kane, a deputy clerk in the General Sessions Civil Division office since March 16, 1997, also attends the Nashville School of Law where he will graduate in May, 2001.

◆ Lee Millsap, who dispenses information to visitors in the Ben West Building, is to be commended for her initiative in learning basic Spanish to help her better communicate with the growing number of Hispanics doing business in the building's General Sessions courtrooms. At her own expense, Millsap completed a 10-week class in Spanish I at the East Literature School. She is now better able to understand and provide more intelligent responses to inquiries spoken in the Spanish language.

◆ General Sessions Judge Leon Ruben, along with wife Myra, will be on duty on Christmas Day for the 29th straight year. Ruben is the only member of the 11-division court who is of the Jewish faith. So fellow judges can observe the holy day with their families, he and his wife handle any business that comes through the court between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. They even hand out candy canes.

...TEARS

We are saddened by the tragic Nov. 28 death of Christopher Robinson Ramsey, nephew of General Sessions Judge Gale Robinson and Trial Court Security Director Norman Robinson. He was the 19-year-old son of Laura Robinson Ramsey, a court officer for Criminal Court Judge Seth Norman. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sympathy also to Brenda Osborne, a deputy clerk in our General Sessions Civil Division office, in the Nov. 23 loss of her cousin, 23-year-old Terry White.

Happy Holidays

TO THOSE WHO HAVE USED THE SERVICES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL DIVISION, PROBATE CLERK'S OFFICE AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU DURING THE PAST YEAR, WE EXTEND OUR WARMEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN THE NEW MILLENIUM.



RICHARD ROOKER & STAFF

- BRIAN KAHRS CHRISTY ALLEN DEBORAH HENNESSEE TRACY CARTWRIGHT LORI STRATTON PENNY HUBBELL
 DEANNA ALEXANDER BETTY MURRAY CHERYL KENNEDY MIKE SMITH BARBARA EDDINGS BEVERLY RAWLS KELLI OLIN
 CATHY GARRETT HOLLY RUSSELL MIKE GARRETT MICHELLE SAWYER SUZANNE PARKER TEMESIA HARRIS BRENDA PARKS
 BOBBIE EDEN GENE BAKER ASHLEY ROOKS DAN VINCENT SKYLA CARNAHAN MARY STEPHENS VIRGINIA LAARZ
 RONNELL GRIFFIN DAREN PHILLIPS KAREN ROOKER LINDA JACKSON JEFF PARKINSON MARK HERRING KIM WOLFE
 ANNECIA DONIGAN TREY EVERETT CANDY RUCKER BETTY THOMPSON TERRY CAMPION CAROLYN DAVIS SANDY ADAMS
 MONICA ENGLAND BILL RIGGS KELLY BALTZ BECKY DYE KANDACE KALP CINDY FLEMING CONNIE COLLEY DIANA REED
 JAN YEARWOOD JUDY CHRISTOPHER DELANA SULLIVAN SANDRA PERRYMAN MELISSA MCKEE MARGARET BLAIR
 JASON KANE MOLLY TRAVIS RONNY NOLLNER JANICE JOHNSON CAROLINE SOBEL CAROLE GARRETT JACKIE KNIGHT
 MARGARET LAROBARDIERE STEPHANIE PHILLIPS BRENDA OSBORNE ROSS BARTON BOB BRADSHAW MARIE ANDERSON
 DEB MIX WILL CRIPPS DENISE DILL LYNN RANDALL KIM JACKSON KIM CLARY GAY PARKER RICKY DEATHERAGE
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