

ROOKER REPORT

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Courtin' MetroCenter

New Temporary Facilities Greet Court Litigants

The long anticipated relocation of state and local courts to the Metro Center became a historical reality this month.

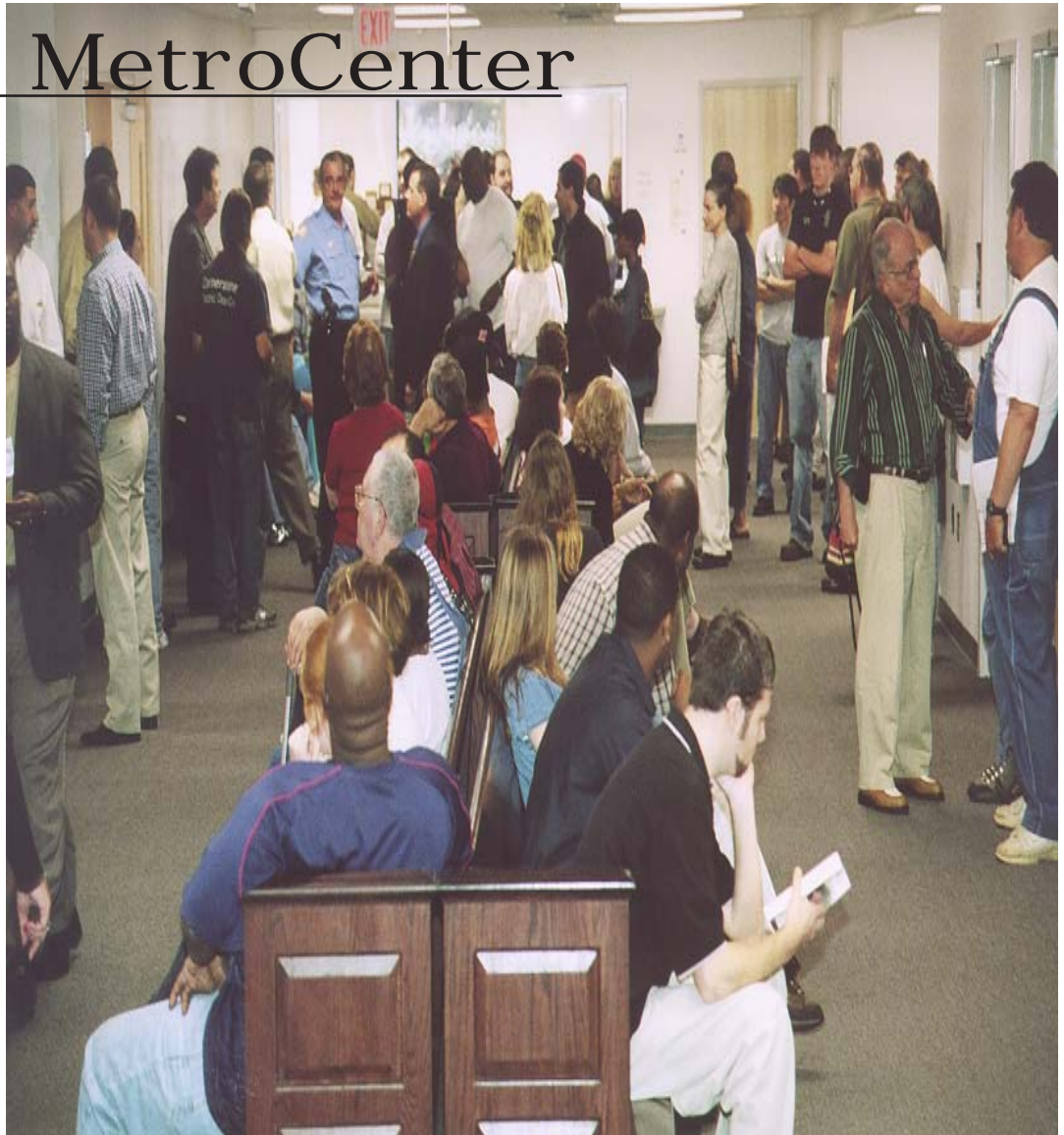
Following months of preparation and a hectic physical moving experience, courts and administrative offices were open for business in three different locations on Monday, April 21.

Initial confusion by the public over locating specific courts and clerks, due to the early absence of directional signs, waned somewhat as the opening week drew to a close.

Because most courts had been in a recess to accommodate the move, dockets were unusually large in civil courts.

Metro Photographer Gary Layda was on hand to document a portion of the opening day activities. In addition to the pictures shown here, he submitted a photo essay of moving day and openings of civil offices.

We are pleased to dedicate this edition to the relocation. Some regular features not appearing will return next month.



TRAFFIC RUSH--Driving Class Enrollment Drew Long Lines



Servicing Customer in General Sessions



New Circuit Court Clerk's Office

April 4: Moving Day for Civil Offices



April 21: Clerks Offices in Full Swing





JURY TRIAL VERDICTS

ABBREVIATIONS:

P	PLAINTIFF	CP	COUNTER PLAINTIFF
D	DEFENDANT	CD	COUNTER DEFENDANT
PPD	PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY	GSA	GENERAL SESSIONS APPEAL
ST	SOFT TISSUE	PUN	PUNITIVE

APPEALS

Week of March 3

CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-3858	TCPA	1ST	\$28,500			
02C-881	AUTO ACCIDENT	8TH	\$165,382			

Week of March 10

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-2195	ASSAULT	2ND	DEFENDANT			

Week of March 31

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
02C-1768	GSA/CONTRACT	6TH	DEFENDANT		DISMISSED	PLAINTIFF
01C-3059	AUTO ACCIDENT	3RD	\$13,717		PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT
02C-2587	GSA/DETAINER	1ST	\$6,033			
02C-3401	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	2ND	\$2,952	(D-51) (P-49)	P-\$8,000	DEFENDANT
01C-1152	PERSONAL INJURY	5TH	DEFENDANT			
00C-2096	LABOR	6TH	D-DIRECTED			

GENERAL SESSIONS

Soft Tissue

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-3060	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	3RD*	\$90,000	P-\$11,545			
01C-3173	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	6TH	\$150,000	P-\$20,050	(D-90) (P-10)		
00C-3496	AUTO ACCIDENT-ST	6TH	NONE	P-\$26,155			

*--JURY WAIVED

NON-JURY TRIAL RESULTS

Week of March 24

CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
02C-1831	GSA/PROPERTY DAMAGE	6TH	\$1,500		DEFENDANT	PLAINTIFF
02C-3328	GSA/ASSAULT	5TH	DEFENDANT		DISMISSED	PLAINTIFF
02C-2957	GSA/AUTO	8TH	\$800		P-\$1,200	DEFENDANT
02C-2953	GSA/CONTRACT	5TH	\$4,000		P-\$3,861	DEFENDANT
99C-1898	CONTRACT	1ST	UNDER ADVISEMENT			
00C-3050	WRIT OF CERTIORARI	6TH	PLAINTIFF			
02C-376	DAMAGES	8TH	\$32,250			
02C-1525	GSA/CONTRACT	5TH	\$8,778		P-\$14,238	DEFENDANT
02C-331	GSA/CONTRACT	6TH	DEFENDANT		P-\$3,743	DEFENDANT
02C-3092	GSA/CONTRACT	1ST	DISMISSED		P-\$6,719	DEFENDANT

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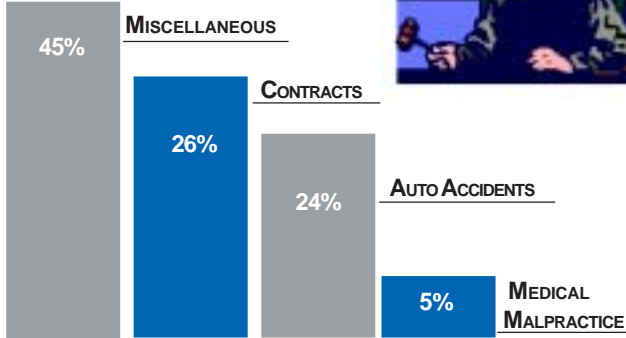
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TRENDS

CIVIL TRIALS BY CLASS



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Statistics compiled for the month of March

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court*

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED	
JURY	
NON-JURY	
CIVIL CASES CONCLUDED	
JURY	
NON-JURY	
NEW DIVORCE CASES FILED	
DIVORCE CASES CONCLUDED	

*--Because of technical delays associated with relocation, Circuit Court statistics were unavailable at press time.

General Sessions Civil

NEW CASES FILED	2,944
EXECUTIONS ISSUED	3,513
GARNISHMENT PAYMENTS	3,371
JUDGMENTS COLLECTED	\$634,646
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS	236

Probate Court

NEW CASES FILED	201
CASES CLOSED	177

Traffic Violations

MOVING CITATIONS	25,481
PARKING VIOLATIONS	6,176
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED	\$333,604
NULLIFICATIONS	2,359
NULLIFICATION FEES COLLECTED	\$28,308

...Tears

EDITOR'S NOTE: 'Cheers' will return next month.

We are saddened by the death of **Johnny W. Holt**, father of General Sessions Judge **John Aaron Holt**, who passed away April 9 after a long battle with cancer. He was 74 and a successful West Nashville businessman. He will be missed.

Courthouse luminaries said goodbye this month to another public servant of the past when **Virginia F. Fryer** passed away on April 1. Ms. Fryer, who was 83, was secretary to four criminal court clerks during a government career that spanned 22 years from 1962-1984 when she retired. The end came following a six-month battle with cancer.

Our thoughts are with **Ada Hawks**, who operated a restaurant in the Stahlman Building for two decades, in the death of her husband **John Ralph Hawks Jr.**, who passed away on April 22 following a lengthy illness. He shared ownership of the Stahlman restaurant and was a previous coowner of another East Nashville restaurant.

CASE ANALYSES



AUTO ACCIDENTS

PLAINTIFFS 11
DEFENDANTS 1

RATIO: PLAINTIFFS 11-1

MONTH-BY-MONTH

MONTH	TOTALS	JURY	NON-JURY	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY	3	2	1	3	0	0
FEBRUARY	4	3	1	2	1	1
MARCH	7	6	1	6	0	1

JURY AWARDS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	19,098	9,098-10,000	N/A
FEBRUARY	14,291	2,000-12,291	N/A
MARCH	239,801	2,952-165,382	17,866

NON-JURY AWARDS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	5,770	N/A	N/A
FEBRUARY	NONE	N/A	N/A
MARCH	800	N/A	N/A

SOFT TISSUE CASES

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY	NONE	N/A	N/A
FEBRUARY	14,291	2,000-12,291	N/A
MARCH	67,597	9,847-26,155	15,797

*GENERAL SESSIONS APPEALS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY	24,798	3	0	0
FEBRUARY	NONE	0	0	1
MARCH	3,752	2	0	0

Other Classes



CONTRACTS YTD 15 PLAINTIFFS 10 DEFENDANTS 3 NO VERDICT 2

MARCH AWARDS: \$12,778--TOTAL AWARDS TO DATE: \$252,727



MISCELLANEOUS

25

PLAINTIFFS 13
DEFENDANTS 7
NO VERDICT 5

MALPRACTICE

3

PLAINTIFFS 1
DEFENDANTS 2
NO VERDICT 0



BIRTHDAYS

MAY

Circuit Court Clerk

7 Michelle Sawyer
9 Brad Jenkins
10 Suzanne Parker
27 Brenda Parks
29 Bobbie Eden
30 Ricky Rooker

Probate Clerk

17 Kim Jackson

General Sessions

6 Dawn Martin
24 Jennifer Borntrager
29 Sue Burgett

Traffic Violations

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