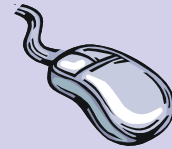
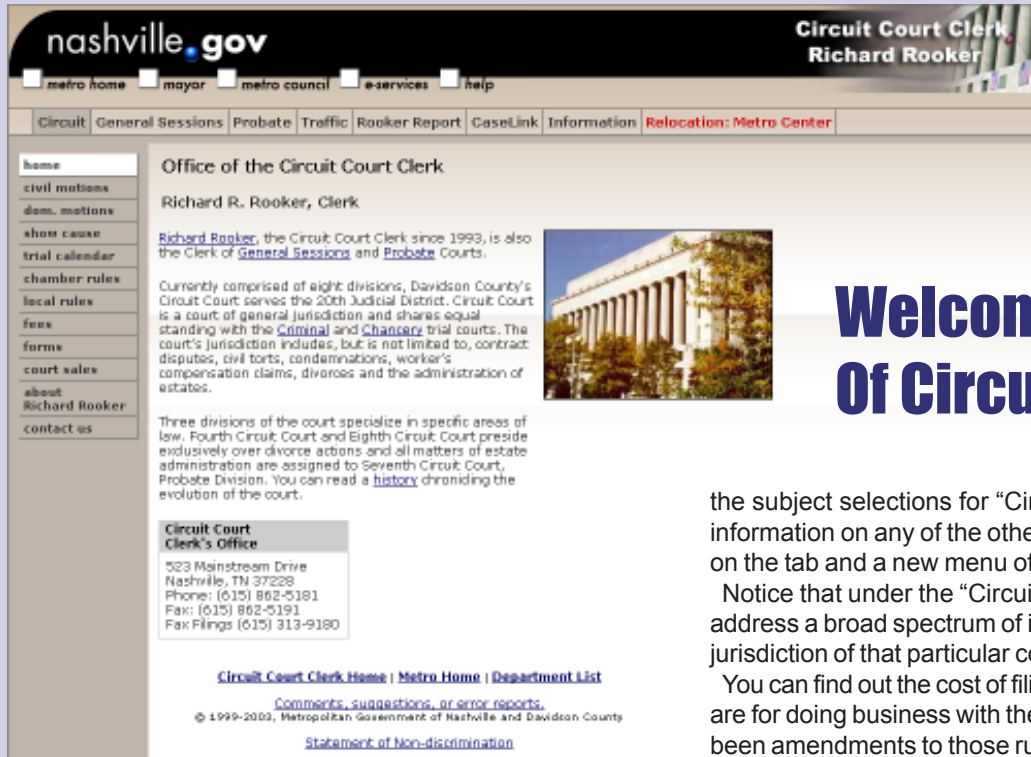


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Welcome to a Tour Of Circuit Web Site

Those who frequent our web site will recognize the graphic shown here as being the home page of the Circuit Court Clerk.

It is from here that one can navigate to a full complement of subjects relative to the operations of the Circuit, Probate and General Sessions Civil Division courts.

The web site was constructed as a tool to assist litigants, attorneys and the general public alike in obtaining information that will be helpful in their civil court experience. It also provides an insight into the innerworkings of each court level, thereby making it a valuable instrument of educational reference.

Unlike many internet sites, the Circuit Court Clerk home page is designed in simple format, making it easy to directly access the particular area of your inquiry.

The site is updated on a daily basis to ensure the latest possible updates in all reporting fields.

Log on with us at www.nashville.gov/circuit as we take you through the various features of the site.

At the top of the home page, you will notice a number of subject tabs. These are designed to link you directly with the particular category of your interest. Simply click on your choice and you will get a drop-down sub-directory of the information available.

For example, the home page is automatically set to show

the subject selections for "Circuit" court. Should you desire information on any of the other tabbed subjects, simply click on the tab and a new menu of choices will appear.

Notice that under the "Circuit" selection there are links that address a broad spectrum of information available within the jurisdiction of that particular court.

You can find out the cost of filing initial actions, what the rules are for doing business with the court and whether there have been amendments to those rules.

There is a full one-year calendar, showing the dates both jury and non-jury cases are to be heard, as well as holidays and judicial conference dates when the court will be closed.

Actual dockets appear on screen for both civil and domestic motion hearings. One click will take you to the court of your assignment and another click there brings up the cases to be heard on that date and time.

You might also want to learn more personal information about Circuit Court Clerk Richard Rooker. There is a link that will transfer you to a biographical history of his service and his affiliations at both civic and professional levels.

Law firms make good use of the on-screen, electronic legal forms that are available for all three courts. The forms can be completed on screen and also are available in Word format for downloading to a printer.

Here are some of the other web site services associated with the courts:

GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL DIVISION

Dockets-Reproductions of the actual dockets for each of the three civil courts, providing names and attorneys of both parties. Listings are updated in three-day cycles.

By keying in your court date and the courtroom to which your case has been assigned, you will get an overview of the number of cases set on your docket. You also can learn the name

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CHEERS...

On August 1, **Beverly Rawls** will celebrate her 10th anniversary with the Circuit Court Clerk's office in a most unusual way--by retiring. Strangely enough, it will be Beverly's last day in the office she began serving on August 1, 1995. The coincidence might not be as coincidental as it seems, however. It sort of coincides with her recently acquired status of "grandmother" and the fact that her husband **Lanier Rawls** is also retiring from UPS. "We are just going to spend a lot of time with the grandbaby and our children, do a little traveling and involve ourselves in home and church projects," said Beverly.



BEVERLY RAWLS



KELLY BALTZ

Best wishes to **Kelly Baltz** as she prepares to make a career move after six years of service as a judicial law clerk and deputy clerk under Circuit Court Judge **Barbara Haynes**. Kelly will join the firm of **Boult Cummings** on Aug. 1 as legal recruiting manager. She goes with a law degree she earned while working for the courts.

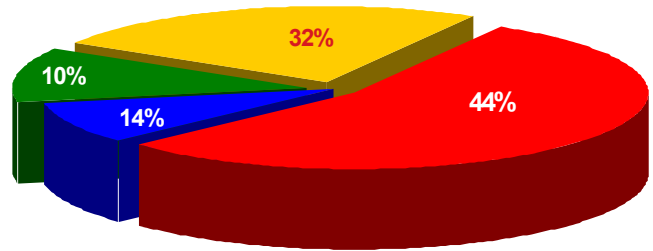
Cathy Garrett has left her position with the Probate Court Clerk's Office following the job transfer of her husband **Mike Garrett** to Lexington, Ky. During her almost-nine years of service, Cathy served as a deputy in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office before being assigned to the Probate office last year. Her last day on the job was June 23.

...TEARS

JOSEPH KENT MORELAND JR., better known as "Mr. Joe" to courthouse personnel who befriended him during his years as a security doorman, passed away on July 5, just weeks after suffering a stroke. His last security assignment was at the Corners Building in Metro Center where he was less visible than on his previous tour of duty at the back door of the Metro Courthouse where he would always encourage employees and patrons to "have a nice day." He leaves behind four children.

AVON N. WILLIAMS III, an attorney and son of the late state legislator and civil rights attorney Avon Williams Jr., passed away suddenly on July 9 at the age of 45 while vacationing with his family in East Tennessee. He was perhaps best known as a media political analyst after serving as counsel for the U.S. Department of the Army and later the Tennessee Department of Safety. He leaves a wife and seven children.

DWIGHT EUGENE REECE, 54, uncle of deputy Circuit Court Clerk Ronnell Griffin, succumbed to a heart attack on July 14 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville where he had been a patient.



By Department	
CIRCUIT	\$14,980,624
SESSIONS CIVIL	\$11,373,735
PROBATE	\$3,632,133
TRAFFIC	\$5,037,568
TOTAL CASH FLOW	\$35,024,060

Fiscal 2004-05

Reporting the Cash Flow

Circuit Court Clerk **Richard Rooker** reported cash flow of \$35 million for the fiscal year ending June 30.

The figure represents funds collected and distributed in the form of jury awards, judgment collections, civil penalties and other monetary conveyances from activity in Circuit, General Sessions Civil, Probate and Traffic courts.

As clerk, Rooker has fiduciary responsibility for all transactions made through the four departments.

Two of Rooker's departments showed increases over the previous fiscal year. General Sessions Civil Division handled \$11.3 million, compared with \$11.2 million in 2003-04; and the Traffic Violations Bureau's \$5 million cash flow was almost \$200,000 higher than the year before.

Judgment and interest payments continued to sputter in Circuit Court, reducing the clerk's cash flow there by \$3.2 million. Probate was down \$2.6 million.

The chart above reflects cash flow amounts generated by each of the four departments.

Rooker explained that the figures do not reflect revenue for the clerk's operations, but are the amounts of money approved by the courts for distribution to litigants.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHSTONE: **SARDONYX**

Circuit Court Clerk
21 Mark Herring
22 Kevin Stanfield

General Sessions
4 Judy Meadows
18 Janice Johnson

29 Kim Wolfe
Probate Clerk
18 Ricky Deatherage

Traffic Violations
15 Sandra Ford
23 Billye Barnard
25 Delores Oglesby
27 Lizzy Moore

Warrant Office
2 Sarah McClain
3 Joe Foster
25 Pat Trimble

Koch, Turnbull, Clark In Running For Drowota Seat on High Court

Tennessee Court of Appeals Judge William Koch Jr., Circuit Judge John Turnbull of Livingston, and Cornelia Clark, administrative director of the courts, have been selected for top consideration to replace retiring Justice Frank Drowota on the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The three are among a short list of candidates submitted to Gov. Phil Bredesen by a 17-member Judicial Selection Committee.

Gov. Bredesen must make a selection before Sept. 2, the official date of Justice Drowota's retirement.

JUNE JURY TRIALS

APPEALS

GENERAL SESSIONS

Week of June 20

CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
01C-3501	ASSAULT	2ND		\$27,084			
03C-2778	AUTO ACCIDENT*	1ST		DEFENDANT			

Week of June 27

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
04C-1190	WRONGFUL DEATH*	3RD		SETTLED			

*--JURY WAIVED

Soft Tissue

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
04C-1367	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	5TH	\$125,000	\$7,504			

NON-JURY TRIAL RESULTS

Week of June 6

CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
03C-3502	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	2ND	\$6,800		P-\$8,540	DEFENDANT
03C-1599	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1ST	24% TOTAL IMPAIRMENT			
05C-208	GSA/CONTRACT	7TH	\$10,087		P-\$11,362	DEFENDANT
04C-3477	WORKERS COMPENSATION	5TH	UNDER ADVISEMENT			
05C-206	GSA/CONTRACT*	6TH	\$7,230		P-\$7,065	
03C-1315	WORKERS COMPENSATION	6TH	60% PPD			
04C-591	GSA/CONTRACT	7TH	\$10,154		P-\$7,500	DEFENDANT
05C-884	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	1ST	DEFENDANT	(P-50)(D-50)	DISMISSED	PLAINTIFF
05C-951	GSA/CONTRACT	2ND	\$1,500		P-\$1,500	DEFENDANT
05C-270	GSA/CONVERSION	6TH	\$435		P-\$4,000	DEFENDANT
04C-3509	GSA/ASSAULT	5TH	DISMISSED			
05C-905	TRAFFIC APPEAL	5TH	SCHOOL ORDERED FOR DEFENDANT			
03C-2736	DAMAGES	2ND	\$93,841			
04C-3435	DAMAGES	5TH	\$38,278			

*--HEARD BY MARSH NICHOLS

Continuing the Tour of Circuit Court Clerk's Web Site

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of the judge assigned to your docket by clicking on "judges schedule" from the sub-directory and matching the corresponding date with the courtroom assignment.

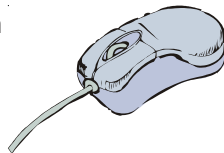
The judges schedule covers the full calendar year and can be printed for future reference.

Fees--This service is invaluable for determining your court costs for filing a lawsuit. The schedule breaks down the cost for obtaining service for each type of pleading, including litigation taxes.

PROBATE

Motions--Weekly Friday motion docket assignments, including style of cases and names of attorneys who will be arguing them.

Local Rules--A printed version of local court rules applying to matters related to probate law.



Fees--The schedule of charges applicable to petitions and other pleadings filed in the Probate Court Clerk's office.

In addition to information directly related to court cases, you will find a number of other services, such as sign-up information of CaseLink, the clerk's on-line subscription plan that allows access to individual case

viewing; current and past issues of the Rooker Report; a complete history of Davidson County's court system; and the answers to the most frequently asked questions, including directions to traffic court and other judicial buildings in the temporary Metro Center courts complex.

You also will find quick links to connect you with web sites of other judicial and governmental offices.

The Circuit Court Clerk web site is truly a window to everything you will need to know in making your civil court experience one of greater understanding.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

2005 CASE ANALYSES

PLAINTIFFS 19
DEFENDANTS 10

RATIO: PLAINTIFFS 2-1

PERIODICAL OVERVIEW

	TOTALS	JURY	NON-JURY	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY '05	4	4	0	2	2	0
FEBRUARY	6	6	0	4	2	0
MARCH	8	8	0	7	0	1
APRIL	6	4	2	3	3	0
MAY	2	2	0	1	1	0
JUNE	4	2	2	2	2	0

JURY AWARDS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY '05	24,631	7,131-17,500	N/A
FEBRUARY	65,118	1,386-48,000	7,866
MARCH	431,049	5,997-243,500	36,310
APRIL	111,645	1,133-108,262	2,250
MAY	39,000	N/A	N/A
JUNE	7,504	N/A	N/A

NON-JURY AWARDS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY '05	N/A	N/A	N/A
FEBRUARY	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARCH	N/A	N/A	N/A
APRIL	2,500	N/A	N/A
MAY	N/A	N/A	N/A
JUNE	6,800	N/A	N/A

SOFT TISSUE CASES

MONTH	\$TOTALS	DOLLAR RANGE	\$MEAN
JANUARY '05	24,631	7,131-17,500	N/A
FEBRUARY	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARCH	338,232	5,997-243,500	47,158
APRIL	109,395	1,133-108,262	N/A
MAY	39,000	N/A	N/A
JUNE	7,504	N/A	N/A

GENERAL SESSIONS AUTO CASE APPEALS

MONTH	\$TOTALS	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	NONE
JANUARY '05	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARCH	0	0	0	0
MAY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
JUNE	6,800	1	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS

YTD	PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS	NO VERDICT
31	22	4	5

CONTRACTS

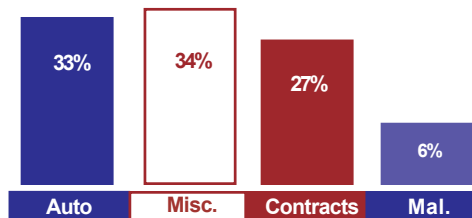
YTD	PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS	NO VERDICT
24	17	1	6

June Cash Awards--\$28,971. Year to Date*--\$109,074

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

YTD	PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS	NO VERDICT
5	2	3	0

Civil Trials By Class



DATA BANK

Statistics compiled for the month of June

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED	265
JURY	120
NON-JURY	145
CIVIL CASES CONCLUDED	337
JURY	171
NON-JURY	166
NEW DIVORCE CASES FILED	210
DIVORCE CASES CONCLUDED	212
DOMESTIC PETITIONS FILED	293
DOMESTIC PETITIONS CONCLUDED	297

General Sessions Civil

NEW CASES FILED	3,994
EXECUTIONS ISSUED	3,684
GARNISHMENT PAYMENTS	3,368
JUDGMENTS COLLECTED	\$659,371
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS	293

Probate Court

NEW CASES FILED	185
CASES CLOSED	156

Traffic Violations

MOVING CITATIONS	41,221
PARKING VIOLATIONS	6,519
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED	\$469,410
NULLIFICATIONS	4,424
NULLIFICATION FEES COLLECTED	\$53,088

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