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Interim Service Earns Her Permanent Position

Nathalie Stiers Named Director of JIS Operations



NATHALIE STIERS

Nathalie Stiers has been named director of Justice Integration Services (JIS), the entity that provides computer information technology to the county's state and local court systems.

Stiers, a six-year member of the JIS team, had been serving as interim director since last July following the departure of then-director Nikki Meyer. Her appointment as permanent director was effective on March 2.

The selection of Stiers for the top post was announced by General Sessions Judge Mike Mondelli, chairman of the JIS Policy Committee.

JIS employs a staff of 23 who support and develop computer software for the courts. In that capacity, they also provide Help Desk assistance,

server support and e-mail service to all court-related entities.

Stiers said the agency's long-range goal is to convert to a new base suite to replace CJIS, which has been in service since 1999. The new suite, she said, will be known as OJIES (Open Justice Integration Exchange System), a fully enabled suite of applications written in Java.

"The new technology will afford the advantage of new functionality and a higher level of integration," she said.

Stiers is married and the mother of a nine-year-old son and a six-year-old daughter.

She holds a masters degree in Management Information Systems from Barry University in Miami where she also earned her bachelor's degree.

Before joining JIS, she held a similar position with Integration Justice Information Systems and also worked with the mass transit system, both in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

FEBRUARY JURY TRIALS

CIRCUIT COURT

Week of February 26

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT
03C-1529	AUTO ACCIDENT	3		\$120,000
04C-3593	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1		HUNG JURY/MISTRIAL
05C-2538	AUTO ACCIDENT	6		\$4,500
05C-1810	AUTO ACCIDENT	5		HUNG JURY/MISTRIAL
05C-1384	ASSAULT	2		D-\$7,322
04C-1135	AUTO ACCIDENT	5		\$16,689 D-100
*95C-1918	MURDER/ROBBERY	5		GUILTY

*--CRIMINAL TRIAL HELD FEBRUARY 5-9.

Elizabeth (Granny) Harris Having Cancer Treatments

Elizabeth Harris, who retired in 2003 after serving for more than 42 years in the Traffic Violations Bureau, is undergoing treatment for cancer at NHC's Richland Place in West Nashville. She was diagnosed with cancer last October. To the many employees who had the privilege of working with her over the years, she was affectionately known as "Granny." She is in Room 307 at the treatment center, according to a grandson who contacted us with the information.

NON-JURY TRIAL RESULTS

Week of February 5

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
04C-242	WRONGFUL DEATH	6	\$750,000			
05C-1855	WORKERS COMPENSATION	2	\$109,698			
06C-1414	WRIT OF CERTORARI	7	PENDING			
06C-2954	GSA/CONTRACT	7	PENDING		P-\$6,196	DEFENDANT
06C-2109	TRAFFIC	2	PENDING			
06C-2313	GSA/CONTRACT	2	\$2,019		P-\$4,496	DEFENDANT
05C-3596	GSA/CONTRACT	2	PENDING		DISMISSED	PLAINTIFF
96C-2748	GSA/DETAINER	1	\$12,250		DISMISSED	PLAINTIFF

APPEALS

GENERAL SESSIONS

Night Court Commissioner Burkett Awarded Spanish Diploma



BURKETT

General Sessions Night Court Commissioner Gerald Burkett was recently awarded the Diploma de Espanol como Lengua Extranjera (Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language) by the Cervantes Institute of Madrid, Spain, which operates as an arm of the Spanish Ministry of Culture in cooperation with King Juan Carlos.

The Instituto Cervantes is a worldwide non-profit organization created by the Spanish government in 1991 and dedicated to the teaching of Spanish as a second language, plus the promotion of Spanish and Hispanic American culture throughout non-Spanish-speaking countries.

The DELEs (Diplomas of Spanish as a Foreign Language) are the official accreditation of the degree of fluency of the Spanish Language, issued and

recognized worldwide by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. The DELE exam covers grammar, reading, writing, listening and speaking Spanish.

Burkett sat for the exam at the Spanish Department of the University of Indiana/ Purdue University, Indianapolis branch, in the fall of 2006.

For Burkett, it was another step in his unrelenting goal of achieving affluence as a recognized Spanish interpreter. We have asked him to detail his experience for a future issue of this report.

Mother of Judge Walter Kurtz Passes Away

Marian Kurtz, 94, mother of Circuit Court Judge Walter Kurtz, passed away on February 27 in Elmira, New York where she resided. She lived an active and independent life until illness struck about two months before her death.

CASE ANALYSES

GENRE	FEBRUARY	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENTS	4	7
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	3	6
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
•NONE	1	1
CONTRACTS	3	4
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	2
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
•NONE	2	2
TOTAL AWARDS	\$2,019	\$28,019
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1	2
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	1
•MISTRIALS	1	1
MISCELLANEOUS	6	14
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	3	7
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	3
•NONE	2	4

Auto Accident Cases

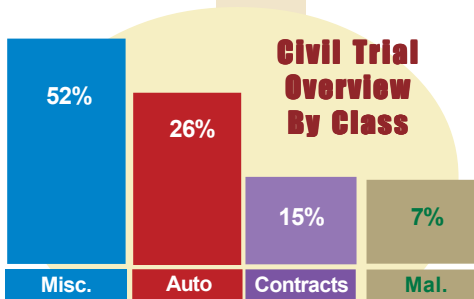
	FEBRUARY	YTD
JURY TRIALS	4	7
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	3	6
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
NONE	1	1
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$20,000	\$80,000
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	\$4,500	N/A

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	FEBRUARY	YTD
JURY TRIALS	0	3
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	3
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
PENDING	0	0
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	N/A	\$80,000
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A

General Sessions Auto Appeals

	FEBRUARY	YTD
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	1
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
NONE	0	0



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Statistics compiled for the month of February

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court (February)

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED	167
JURY	83
NON-JURY	84
CIVIL CASES CONCLUDED	205
JURY	148
NON-JURY	57
NEW DIVORCE CASES FILED	210
DIVORCE CASES CONCLUDED	134
DOMESTIC PETITIONS FILED	159
DOMESTIC PETITIONS CONCLUDED	153
ORDERS OF PROTECTION FILED	66

Circuit Court (January)

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED	227
JURY	90
NON-JURY	137
CIVIL CASES CONCLUDED	246
JURY	158
NON-JURY	88
NEW DIVORCE CASES FILED	212
DIVORCE CASES CONCLUDED	134
DOMESTIC PETITIONS FILED	255
DOMESTIC PETITIONS CONCLUDED	412
ORDERS OF PROTECTION FILED	81

General Sessions Civil

NEW CASES FILED	3,658
EXECUTIONS ISSUED	3,233
GARNISHMENT PAYMENTS	3,692
JUDGMENTS COLLECTED	\$752,036
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS	116

Probate Court

NEW CASES FILED	165
CASES CLOSED	135

Traffic Violations

MOVING CITATIONS	11,945
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	20,459
PARKING VIOLATIONS	4,459
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED	\$792,326
NULLIFICATIONS	4,408
NULLIFICATION FEES COLLECTED	\$52,896

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