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May Marriage Scheduled

Chancellor McCoy, Jackson Judge to Wed

Davidson County Chancellor Carol McCoy has announced her forthcoming marriage to Roger Page of Jackson, a circuit court judge in the 26th Judicial District.

The wedding will take place May 26 on the veranda of the Hermitage Hotel with Gov. Phil Bredesen performing the ceremony before a small gathering of friends and family members.



CAROL MCCOY

The nuptials will culminate a one-year courtship for the two judges, who will

continue to maintain residences in their respective judicial districts.

"We will be driving more than most couples," said the future bride, "but we are looking forward to seeing each other like newlyweds for a long time."

McCoy is currently serving her second eight-year term on the bench.

Page was elected to the bench in 1998 and presides in Madison, Chester and Henderson counties. He is a graduate of the UT-Memphis School of Law and holds a pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis. Prior to becoming a judge, he served as a clerk for the Honorable Julia Gibbons, then of the U. S. District Court and now of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Next Holiday
Memorial Day
Monday, May 28
Offices Will be Closed

RE-DEDICATION

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Set May 3 For Historic Courthouse



The newly restored Historic Davidson County Courthouse will get the full attention of the legal community on Thursday, May 3, when it is officially re-dedicated in ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

The general public is invited to witness the 2 p.m. celebration from the manicured landscaping of the new Public Square Plaza, a modern day companion to the overall restoration of the majestic 69-year-old structure.

Dignitaries from various areas of government and the judiciary will be on hand for the ceremony, hosted by the Mayor's Office, State Trial Courts and the Metro Council.

Program for Re-Dedication Ceremony

OPENING OF COURT

Circuit Court Clerk Richard R. Rooker

INTRODUCTION & RECOGNITION

- ◆ Circuit Court Judge Randy Kennedy, *Presiding Judge, 20th Judicial District*
- ◆ Current & Former State and Elected Officials
- ◆ State Supreme Court and Appellate Judges
- ◆ State Trial Court Judges
- ◆ General Sessions and Juvenile Court Judges
- ◆ Criminal Court Judges
- ◆ Metropolitan Council Members
- ◆ Lela Hollabaugh, Nashville Bar Association
- ◆ Andrea Perry, Napier Looby Bar Association
- ◆ Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon
- ◆ Hardaway Construction

- ◆ PSA Dewberry Architects
- ◆ Justice Planning Associates
- ◆ Heery International

OPENING PRAYER

- ◆ Charles Strobel, Founding Director, *Room In The Inn's Campus for Human Development*

WELCOMING REMARKS

- ◆ Mayor Bill Purcell

GUEST SPEAKERS

- ◆ Vice Mayor Howard Gentry
- ◆ Lela Hollabaugh, President, NBA
- ◆ Ann Roberts, Executive Director, Metro Historical Commission

Closing Remarks

- ◆ Circuit Court Judge Randy Kennedy

Workers' Comp Data Form Revised; Strict Adherence Required

The Tennessee Department of Labor has reminded all parties in workers' compensation matters that a recently revised Statistical Data Form (SD-1) must be filed, whether cases are tried in court or approved by either the court or the State Department of Labor & Workforce Development.

In a written advisory issued by the department, it was noted that "the form must be filed with the clerk of the court at the same

time as the filing of the order approving settlement or at the same time the final order is submitted to the trial court."

"Likewise," the advisory continued, "the completed SD-1 must also be submitted at the time of a settlement approval with the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Benefit Review Specialist."

The form must be "complete, accurate and legible," the notice advised. "The department

may assess a monetary penalty of \$100 if it is determined that the self-insured employer or insurance carrier failed to complete and file the SD-1 form more than five times within a 90-day period. Such a penalty includes not only the failure to file the SD-1, but also the failure to file a 'completed' form."

The form, revised in October, is available online at www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/wcomp.html.

MARCH JURY TRIALS

Week of March 5

CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
06C-3151	GSA/AUTO ACCIDENT	6	DEFENDANT		NON-SUITED	PLAINTIFF
05C-2755	AUTO ACCIDENT	6	\$19,491			

Week of March 26

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT
05C-2406	AUTO ACCIDENT	3	\$1,344	(D-100)

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

CASE	PRAYER	COURT	VERDICT
05C-1587	\$400,000	3	\$22,500

APPEALS GENERAL SESSIONS

Cheers...

Congratulations to **Jennifer Bortrager** of our General Sessions Civil Division office upon giving birth to a baby girl. **Emma Bortrager** arrived on April 4 at Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro, weighing in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces over a 19-inch frame. The proud father is **Truman Bortrager**.

Barbara Hinch, a deputy in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, is thrilled over becoming a grandparent for the first time. She achieved that status on March 13 when her daughter **Kathleen Henry** gave birth to **Isabella Marie Henry** in Portsmouth, Ohio where she and husband **J'son Henry** reside. The newborn weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 18.5 inches upon her arrival. She was the couple's first child.

General Sessions Civil Division Cashier **Connie Colley** welcomed her third granddaughter into the world on April 9 when daughter **Emily Meyer** delivered **Madyx Riley** in Round Rock, Texas. The newborn weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19 inches. The happy father is **Jeff Meyer**, who shared the joy with two other daughters, five-year-old **Madison** and two-year-old **McKenna**.

Wedding bells rang out on April 14 for **Samantha Robinson**, a deputy clerk in the Traffic Violations Bureau, who exchanged vows with longtime beau **Paul Anglin**. Following the wedding, performed by the bride's uncle, General Sessions Judge **Gale Robinson**, the couple was off to Italy for a week-long honeymoon. The new Mrs. Anglin is the daughter of **Norman Robinson**, director of court security.

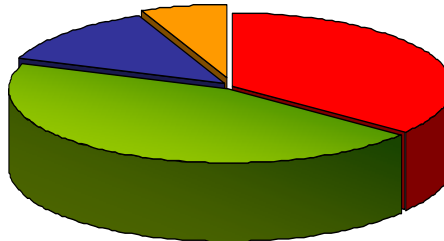
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Civil Trial Overview By Class



Miscellaneous	46%
Auto	35%
Contracts	13%
Medical Malpractice	6%



DATA BANK

March, 2007

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court

New Civil Cases Filed	225
Jury	103
Non-Jury	122
Civil Cases Concluded	221
Jury	145
Non-Jury	76
New Divorce Cases Filed	240
Divorce Cases Concluded	190
Domestic Petitions Filed	178
Domestic Petitions Concluded	190

General Sessions Civil

New Cases Filed	4,637
Executions Issued	4,144
Garnishment Payments	3,881
Judgments Collected	\$819,325
Orders of Protection Petitions	192

Probate Court

New Cases Filed	180
Cases Closed	141

Traffic Violations

Moving Citations	13,865
Total Violations	23,177
Parking Violations	4,437
Total Fines Collected	\$706,161
Nullifications	4,171
Nullification Fees Collected	\$50,046
Environmental Citations	977

CASE ANALYSES

GENRE	MARCH	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENTS	4	11
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	3	9
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
•NONE	0	1
CONTRACTS	0	4
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	2
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
•NONE	0	2
TOTAL AWARDS	N/A	\$28,019
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	0	2
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	1
•MISTRIALS	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS	0	14
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	7
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	3
•NONE	0	4

Auto Accident Cases

	MARCH	YTD
JURY TRIALS	4	11
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	3	9
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
NONE	0	1
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$22,500	\$80,000
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	\$1,344	N/A

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	MARCH	YTD
JURY TRIALS	1	4
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	4
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	0
PENDING	0	0
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$22,500	\$80,000

General Sessions Auto Appeals

	MARCH	YTD
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	1
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
NONE	0	0