

Rooker Report

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THE BEN WEST CONNECTION



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NEW AND OLD COME TOGETHER AT JUDICIAL CENTER

September Trial Verdicts

Jury

Week of September 17

CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
04C-566	INSURANCE	2		DEFENDANT			
06C-1594	LEGAL MALPRACTICE	6		DEFENDANT			
06C-2640	GSA/CONTRACT	6		DEFENDANT		P-\$8,500	DEFENDANT
06C-2639	GSA/CONTRACT	6	DEFENDANT			P-\$16,000	DEFENDANT

Week of September 24

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT
05C-1770	AUTO ACCIDENT	2		DEFENDANT	

Soft Tissue

Week of September 17

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
05C-633	AUTO ACCIDENT/ST	1	\$250,000	D-\$3,000			

Non-Jury

Week of September 10

CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL SESSIONS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
06C-2900	PROPERTY DAMAGE	6		\$21,807			
07C-1407	AUTO ACCIDENT	5		\$1,000			
07C-684	DAMAGES/FRAUD	2		\$618,599			
07C-738	DEBT	2		\$29,735		P-\$700	DEFENDANT
07C-1443	GSA/CONTRACT	5		\$7,922		P-\$7,922	DEFENDANT
05C-467	CONTRACT	6		PLAINTIFF			
06C-888	DEBT	6		PLAINTIFF			

Four More National Awards For Sessions Traffic School

Davidson County's General Sessions Traffic School, repeatedly recognized for its performance excellence, continues to be a model for the National Safety Council.

The school picked up four "Best Performance" awards at the council's annual awards banquet in Chicago this month, including one for its Defensive Driving Course On-Line program in its first year of operation.

Two veteran class instructors--Barrett Battle and William Jordan--each was named "Instructor of the Year" in their respective areas of expertise. It was the first time the school had nominated instructors for recognition on the national level.

"I feel good about their long overdue recognition," said school Director John Slate. "They are the heart of the program."

The school also won top honors for its "Alive at 25" program.

The General Sessions school provides traffic safety education to more than 3,000 persons each month, Slate noted.



Circuit Court Judge Randy Kennedy (right) admires encased gavel recognizing his service as presiding judge of the state trial courts. The honor was transferred to Criminal Court Judge Mark Fishburn (left), who succeeded Kennedy on September 1.

Office Holiday Closings in November

- November 12..... Veterans Day
- November 22..... Thanksgiving Day
- November 23..... Thanksgiving Holiday

Cheers...

Congratulations to **Kristen Massey** of the Traffic Violations Bureau, who gave birth to a daughter on September 24. **Brynlee Aiken Massey** weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Teresa Covington, a court officer for Circuit Judge **Randy Kennedy**, became a first-time grandmother when daughter **Emily Waltenbaugh** delivered a baby boy on September 26. **Graham Allen Waltenbaugh** weighed a whopping 9 pounds, 11 ounces and stretched the measuring tape to 21 3/4 inches. The proud father is **Seth Waltenbaugh**.

Kiesha Bass, a deputy in our Circuit Court Clerk's Office, is doing well after giving birth to a son on October 21. The newborn is **Dominic Cotton**, who weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce, much to the delight of father **Damon Cotton**.

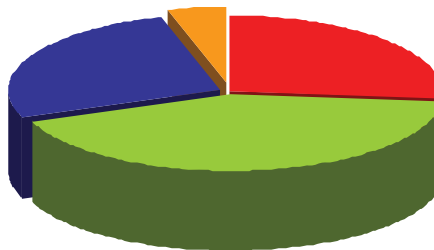
...Tears

Mary Price, 89, grandmother of Circuit Court Clerk Bookkeeper Mary Stephens, passed away from natural causes on September 27.

BOGGS E. HUFF, father of Attorney David Huff, passed away on October 6.

RUBY WORDLAW, grandmother of Ronnell Griffin, judicial assistant to Circuit Judge Carol Soloman, passed away on October 15 in the hospice unit at St. Thomas Hospital.

Civil Trial Recap By Class



Miscellaneous	48%
Auto	26%
Contracts	22%
Medical Malpractice	4%



DATA BANK

September 2007

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court

New Civil Cases Filed	176
Jury	85
Non-Jury	91
Civil Cases Concluded	235
Jury	151
Non-Jury	84
New Divorce Cases Filed	202
Divorce Cases Concluded	153
Domestic Petitions Filed	210
Domestic Petitions Concluded	147

General Sessions Civil

New Cases Filed	3,715
Executions Issued	3,191
Garnishment Payments	3,597
Judgments Collected	\$715,188
Orders of Protection Petitions	162

Probate Court

New Cases Filed	156
Cases Closed	148

Traffic Violations

Moving Citations	12,166
Total Violations	18,874
Parking Violations	6,408
Total Fines Collected	\$580,532
Nullifications	2,829
Nullification Fees Collected	\$33,949
Environmental Citations	814
*Credit Card Payments	2,995

*--Online and phone payments combined

Case Analyses

GENRE	SEPTEMBER	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENTS	3	29
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	23
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	2	5
NONE	0	1
CONTRACTS	3	24
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	19
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	2	3
NONE	0	2
TOTAL AWARDS	\$7,922	\$279,259
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	0	4
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	3
MISTRIALS	0	1
MISCELLANEOUS	6	53
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	4	32
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	2	13
NONE	0	8

Auto Accident Cases

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
JURY TRIALS	2	24
NON-JURY TRIALS	1	5
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	23
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	2	5
NONE	0	1
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$3,000	\$80,000
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
JURY TRIALS	1	7
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	5
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	1
PENDING	\$3,000	\$80,000

General Sessions Auto Appeals

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	5
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	1
NONE	0	0

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DOT Closing Foster Avenue Office on October 31

Effective November 1, the Tennessee Department of Transportation office on Foster Avenue will be permanently closed.

On that date, satellite offices on the east and west sides will be open for processing releases and counter transactions involving payment of reinstatement fees.

The office addresses are:

624 Hart Lane, Nashville, TN 37216

6604 Centennial Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37209



Judicial Offices, Food Court Occupy Space as Ben West Links With Birch Building

While no official dedication date has been announced, the historic Ben West Building opened its doors to the public this month, showing off a pristine interior that embraces a large number of judicial offices, a food facility and direct access to the Justice A. A. Birch Building.

The reopening comes after a major renovation of the landmark building, which has served Nashville government and the judicial community for decades since its original coronation as a farmer’s market.

Completion of the renovation brings together, under one roof, many court-related administrative departments that had been displaced while the overhaul was taking place, among them the General Sessions Court Probation Department that now occupies the entire basement level with instant access to the adjacent Birch Building which houses the courts it serves.

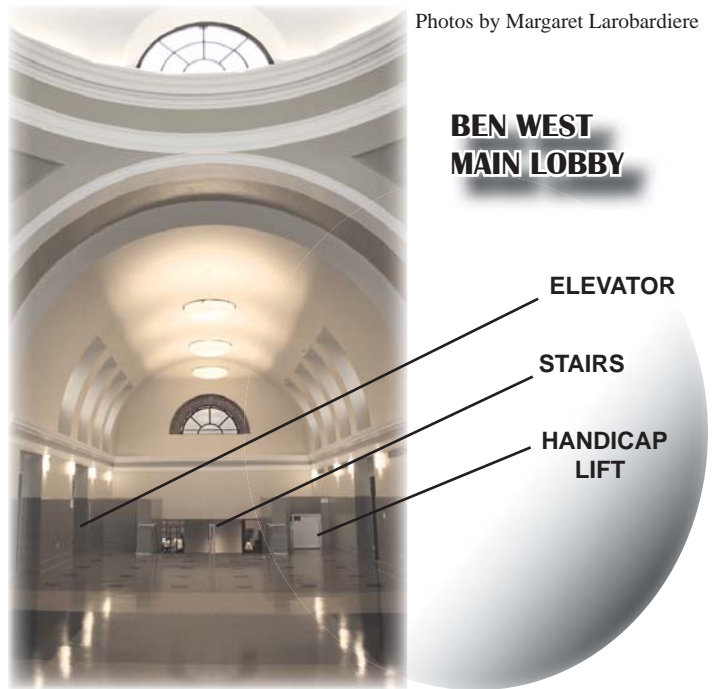
A boon for the general public is a food facility called “Order in the Court Cafe” featuring vending machines for snacks and drinks, plus booths to accommodate some 50 diners when hot meals are offered in early November. Previously, no refreshments were available to the general public.



‘Order in the Court Cafe’

With vending machine service already being offered, the food service facility will begin serving hot meals in early November, says Manager Ryan Smith, agent of Tennessee Business Enterprises, Division of Blind Services. Full meals will be served from 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday with seating for upwards of 50 people.

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BEN WEST BUILDING TENANTS		
WEST	MAIN LEVEL	EAST
Mental Health/ Treatment Court Staff Sheriff’s Pretrial Services Media Room Security Work Room	Food Service Area Private Attorney Work Room Public Defender Work Room Criminal Justice Planning	
BASEMENT LEVEL		
General Sessions Probation Department		