

Rooker Report

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Seasons Greetings



Richard Rooker & Staff

Employees of Circuit Court Clerk wish you...

Happy Holidays

Circuit Court Clerk

Christy Allen
Glenn Balletto
Kiesha Bass
Mickey Brissette
Tom Brown
Randy Bryant
Tracy Cartwright
Stephanie Chatman
Trey Clary
Belinda Collins
Carolyn Davis
Jim Davis
Annecia Donigan
Bobbie Eden
Candy Finch
Brad Frakes
Christenah Haefner
Jean Harris
Mark Herring
Deborah Hennessee
Barbara Hinch
John Holmes
Brian Kahrs
Randall Ladd
Karen Mallory
John Manson
Kristen Meulpolder
Kelli Olin
Jill Oliverius
Polly Owens
Suzanne Parker
Chance Rainey
Tim Ray
Bill Riggs
Michelle Sawyer
Charles Settle
Matt Settle
Cyndi Snuggs
Mary Stephens
Rhonda Thomas
Brittany Travis
Jennifer Wilee
Jeff Williams

General Sessions Civil

Marie Anderson
Gene Baker
Jennifer Borntrager
Karen Brown
Sue Burgett
Debi Butzler
Anita Carter
Judy Christopher
Kim Clary
Connie Colley
Denise Dill
Veronica Edmondson
Dawn Gorham
Tom Hudson
Samantha Hutton
Janice Johnson
Brett Jordan
Karin Kelley
Leann LaRose
Tiffany Long
Ginny McKee
Judy Meadows
Cindy Milligan
Sandra Perryman
Stephanie Phillips
Diana Reed
Lori Tyson
Kim Wolfe

Probate Court Clerk

Deanna Alexander
Bob Bradshaw
Ricky Deatherage
Becky Dye
Penny Hubbell
Kim Jackson
Tommy King
Margaret Larobardiere
Ruth Lester
Kyle Sowell



Traffic Violations

Sheree Alexander
Samantha Anglin
Billye Barnard
Denise Beverly
Rhonda Bright
Nancy Capps
Bill Cartwright
Monica England
Sandy Ford
Bessie Fox
Ashley Gerald
Shannon Gift
Susan Grannis
Peggy Griffin
Macy Hill
Elaine Howell
Bethany Hulan
Patsy Jackson
Teresa Johnson
Jacquelyn Jones
Lisa Jones
Nick Lane
Kristen Massey
Melissa McKee
Pat Nichols
Delores Oglesby
Brandi Overby
Amanda Overstreet
David Patterson
Faith Peach
Stacey Plummer
Marie Roberts
Tammy Sampson
Hava Slater
Krista Stanberry
Melba Suarez-Borda
Beverly Swafford
Samantha Taylor
Debra Vaughn
Candace Watkins

Traffic Warrant Office

Noah Alderman
Alex Ashworth
Roy Bohannon
Joseph Day
Tony Eden
David Farmer
Joe Foster
Ray Fuller
Felice Graham
Hayden Guest
Ryan Hager
Kim Head
Joe Hurt, Jr.
Antonio Lanier
Sarah McClain
Leslie Preston
Steve Rose
Romaine Scalf
Joey Torrence
Jessie Woodard
Joanie Young

November Trial Verdicts

Jury

Week of November 5

CIRCUIT COURT

| CASE | TYPE | COURT | PRAYER | VERDICT | PCT. FAULT | JUDGMENT | APPELLANT |
|----------|-------------|-------|--------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 04C-2304 | SHOPLIFTING | 2 | | DEFENDANT | | | |

Soft Tissue

| CASE | TYPE | COURT | PRAYER | VERDICT | PCT. FAULT | JUDGMENT | APPELLANT |
|----------|------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 05C-3779 | AUTO ACCIDENT/ST | 1 | \$100,000 | \$150,000 | | | |

Non-Jury

Week of November 26

CIRCUIT COURT

| CASE | TYPE | COURT | PRAYER | VERDICT | PCT. FAULT | JUDGMENT | APPELLANT |
|----------|--------------------|-------|--------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| 07C-1228 | TRAFFIC | 7 | | PENDING | | | |
| 07C-1921 | GSA/DETAINDER | 5 | | DISMISSED | | P-POSSESSION | DEFENDANT |
| 07C-441 | GSA/CONTRACT | 6 | | DEFENDANT | | P-\$22,118 | DEFENDANT |
| 07C-439 | GSA/CONTRACT | 6 | | DEFENDANT | | P-\$10,331 | DEFENDANT |
| 06C-3315 | WRIT OF CERTIORARI | 6 | | \$13,000 | | | |
| 07C-1298 | GSA/DETAINDER | 5 | | \$152,173 | | P-\$78,659 | DEFENDANT |
| 07C-1128 | GSA/CONTRACT | 6 | | \$8,103 | | P-\$5,594 | DEFENDANT |
| 07C-2281 | GSA/CONTRACT | 5 | | \$12,571 | | P-\$26,888 | DEFENDANT |

Appeals

GENERAL SESSIONS

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Marie Anderson Ends 20-Year Career as Deputy

After 20 years of service as a docket clerk in the General Sessions Civil Division, Marie Anderson turned to a life of leisure this month.

"I have absolutely nothing planned," said the pleasant and easy going Anderson as she enjoyed the company of well-wishers during a retirement reception in her honor on December 5. "I probably will spend time working in the yard and garden."

For sure, she knows what she "won't" be doing. "I won't be setting the alarm clock," she said with a smile.

Circuit Court Clerk Richard Rooker was on hand, not necessarily to celebrate Anderson's departure, but to thank her for 20 years of dedicated service to the office. He praised her work ethic, calling her someone who quietly went about doing her job with efficiency and professionalism.

Co-workers presented Anderson with gifts and joined judges, court personnel and friends during a two-hour reception in the Jury Assembly Room of the Justice A. A. Birch Building.

Anderson's longevity placed her in a group of Rooker employees who have accumulated 20 years or more service to his four departments.

The honor of having the most years of service is Ruth Lester, the deputy Probate Court clerk who celebrated her 80th birthday on November 1. She continues in her daily role as the court's docket clerk after 34 years on the job.

Following Lester in seniority is Karen Brown, chief clerk of the General Sessions Civil Division, with 31 years, including more than 25 years with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

At right is a departmental listing of Rooker employees who have acquired 20 years of service or more. Some have served assignments in other departments. The list identifies their current assignments.



Veteran General Sessions Civil Division Deputy Clerk Marie Anderson (center) at retirement reception with Circuit Court Clerk Richard Rooker and Chief Clerk Karen Brown

Employees With 20 Years or More Service

Circuit Court Clerk

Randy Bryant (28) December 10, 1979
Michelle Sawyer (27) January 1, 1980

General Sessions Civil Division

Karen Brown (31) September 1, 1976
Janice Johnson (22) June 19, 1985
Anita Carter (21) September 1, 1986
Marie Anderson (20) April 16, 1987

Probate Court Clerk

Ruth Lester (34) November 1, 1973
Becky Dye (27) November 16, 1980
Margaret Larobardiere (22) Jan. 28, 1985
Ricky Deatherage (21) October 13, 1986

Traffic Violations Bureau

Pat Nichols (29) March 6, 1978
Beverly Swafford (28) January 1, 1979
Roy Bohannon (28) September 24, 1979
Ray Fuller (27) October 1, 1980
Steve Rose (26) July 16, 1981
Nancy Capps (26) December 16, 1981
Leslie Preston (25) August 19, 1982
Joe Foster (25) September 13, 1982
Susan Grannis (21) October 1, 1986
Rhonda Bright (20) January 1, 1987
Patsy Jackson (20) March 16, 1987
Nick Lane (20) May 14, 1987
Marie Roberts (20) October 16, 1987

Personal Information Guard Among Local Rule Changes

In a move to protect the privacy of parties involved in civil litigation, the State Trial Courts have amended their local rules to give an option to parties to preclude certain personal information from documents accessible to the general public via computer access.

Effective January 1, parties will have the option of redacting specified information from original documents that are scanned and made available to subscribers of the Circuit Court Clerk's CaseLink internet service. It would also apply to any similar internet services that may subsequently be offered by clerks of the Chancery and Criminal Courts.

The redacted information, however, must be provided to the courts on a separate statistical sheet for safekeeping by the clerk.

Unless otherwise ordered by the court or required by statute, the following information may be redacted from any document filed:

1. Social Security numbers: If an individual's social security number is included in a document, only the last four digits are required.
2. Names of minor children: If the involvement of a minor child is mentioned, only the initials of the child are required.
3. Dates of birth: If an individual's date of birth is included in a document, only the year is required.
4. Financial account numbers: If financial account numbers are relevant, only the last four digits of the numbers are required.
5. Home addresses: If home addresses are included in a document, only the city and state are required.

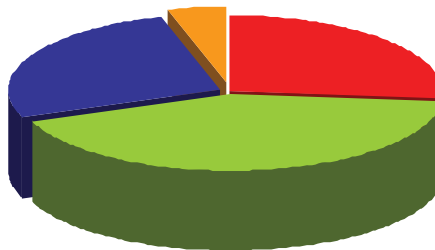
When a statute, rule or other law requires a party to file this personal information, a separate statistical sheet will be included in the case file and made available for on-site public inspection. The information will not be made available electronically to the general public.

In another change applicable to divorce and domestic relations cases, judges established the deadline for filing notices of motion hearings at seven days.

Cheers...

Congratulations to Traffic Violations Bureau Business Manager **David Patterson** and wife **Karen** upon becoming grandparents for the first time. Daughter **Brandi Denton** delivered an 8 pound, 8.5 ounce daughter named **Carlie Elizabeth Denton** on December 5 at Baptist Hospital. The new arrival stretched the tape to 21 inches. The proud father is **Jonathan Denton**. It was the couple's first child.

Civil Trial Recap By Class



| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Miscellaneous | 49% |
| Auto | 24% |
| Contracts..... | 24% |
| Medical Malpractice..... | 3% |



DATA BANK

November 2007

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| New Civil Cases Filed..... | 227 |
| Jury | 100 |
| Non-Jury..... | 127 |
| Civil Cases Concluded..... | 195 |
| Jury..... | 95 |
| Non-Jury | 100 |
| New Divorce Cases Filed | 167 |
| Divorce Cases Concluded..... | 168 |
| Domestic Petitions Filed | 214 |
| Domestic Petitions Concluded | 166 |

General Sessions Civil

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| New Cases Filed..... | 4,011 |
| Executions Issued | 3,289 |
| Garnishment Payments..... | 3,981 |
| Judgments Collected..... | \$808,807 |
| Orders of Protection Petitions..... | 144 |

Probate Court

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| New Cases Filed..... | 141 |
| Cases Closed | 114 |

Traffic Violations

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Moving Citations | 9,838 |
| Total Violations..... | 15,251 |
| Parking Violations..... | 4,968 |
| Total Fines Collected | \$526,475 |
| Nullifications | 2,565 |
| Nullification Fees Collected | \$30,780 |
| Environmental Citations..... | 522 |
| *Credit Card Payments | 2,744 |

COVER PHOTO BY
MARGARET LAROBARDIERE

Congratulations to General Sessions Court Security Coordinator **Donnie Dixon** and wife **Shannon** on the birth of their second child. The couple welcomed daughter **Briley Jade Dixon** on November 2. The newborn weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20 inches in length. Big sister is **Brooklyn Dixon**.

Case Analyses

| GENRE | NOVEMBER | YTD |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| AUTO ACCIDENTS | 1 | 32 |
| PLAINTIFF VERDICTS | 1 | 26 |
| DEFENDANT VERDICTS | 0 | 5 |
| NONE | 0 | 1 |
| CONTRACTS | 4 | 33 |
| PLAINTIFF VERDICTS | 2 | 25 |
| DEFENDANT VERDICTS | 2 | 6 |
| NONE | 0 | 2 |
| TOTAL AWARDS | \$20,673 | \$349,137 |
| MEDICAL MALPRACTICE | 0 | 4 |
| PLAINTIFF VERDICTS | 0 | 0 |
| DEFENDANT VERDICTS | 0 | 3 |
| MISTRIALS | 0 | 1 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 5 | 67 |
| PLAINTIFF VERDICTS | 2 | 38 |
| DEFENDANT VERDICTS | 1 | 18 |
| NONE | 2 | 11 |

Auto Accident Cases

| | NOVEMBER | YTD |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| JURY TRIALS | 0 | 26 |
| NON-JURY TRIALS | 1 | 6 |
| PLAINTIFF VERDICTS | 1 | 26 |
| DEFENDANT VERDICTS | 0 | 5 |
| NONE | 0 | 1 |
| HIGHEST JUDGMENT | \$150,000 | \$150,000 |
| AVERAGE JUDGMENT | N/A | N/A |

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

| | NOVEMBER | YTD |
|--------------------|----------|-----|
| JURY TRIALS | 0 | 7 |
| NON-JURY TRIALS | 1 | 1 |
| PLAINTIFF VERDICTS | 1 | 6 |
| DEFENDANT VERDICTS | 0 | 1 |

General Sessions Auto Appeals

| | NOVEMBER | YTD |
|--------------------|----------|-----|
| PLAINTIFF VERDICTS | 0 | 5 |
| DEFENDANT VERDICTS | 0 | 1 |
| NONE | 0 | 0 |

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