

# Rooker Report

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## Report Going Online Exclusively

*Effective with the July, 2009 issue, this report will no longer be offered in printed version; it will only be offered online on the Circuit Court Clerk's web site at [www.nashville.gov/circuit](http://www.nashville.gov/circuit).*

*The June issue will be available in both printed and online versions.*



## Docket Times to Change in Fourth Circuit

Judge Philip Smith will implement new starting times for morning dockets in Fourth Circuit Court, beginning on June 1.

The Order of Protection docket, which is heard on Monday only, will move from 10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Other hearings, including divorces, contempt and show cause, adoptions and motions, will begin at 9 a.m.--one hour earlier than the present start time.

The court will continue to hear the child support services docket at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

## Postage Rate Increases for Detainers, Certified Mail in Sessions Civil Cases

The cost for mailing detainer warrants and certified mail increased this month in response to the recent two-cent hike in postage stamps from 42 cents to 44 cents.

The new cost for posting and mailing detainer warrants is now \$1.59 and certified mail service is now \$10.04.

All postage checks must be made out to the Postmaster.

## April Trial Verdicts

### Jury

Week of April 27

### CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
07C-3132	AUTO ACCIDENT/ <b>SOFT TISSUE</b>	6	\$50,000	\$9,900	P-20%, D-80%		
08C-326	AUTO ACCIDENT/ <b>SOFT TISSUE</b>	2	\$75,000	DEFENDANT			

### Non-Jury

Week of April 13

### CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
08C-960	TRAFFIC	5		PLAINTIFF			
08C-927	GSA/MISCELLANEOUS	1		\$1,620		P-\$1,820	DEFENDANT
08C-4266	DETAINDER	2		P-POSSESSION		P-VERDICT	DEFENDANT
08C-3845	GSA/DEBT	5		\$12,009		P-\$14,623	DEFENDANT
08C-3994	GSA/DEBT	2		\$10,874		P-\$11,962	DEFENDANT

## Appeals GENERAL SESSIONS

## Cheers...

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Pittenger**, a deputy clerk in the General Sessions Civil Division, upon her recent engagement to longtime beau **Adam Lemons**.

The couple, who met more than two years ago during homecoming festivities at Middle Tennessee State University where they recently graduated, became engaged during the Nashville Steeplechase on May 9.

A rainy day turned bright when Adam proposed and Elizabeth happily accepted an engagement ring. Adam is employed by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development Unemployment Division. The couple are planning to wed next spring.

**Ryan Hager**, a deputy clerk in the Traffic Warrant Office, and wife **Courts** welcomed their first child on May 24. It was a boy. **Hite Hager** weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces upon his arrival at 2:40 a.m. Congratulations to the new parents.

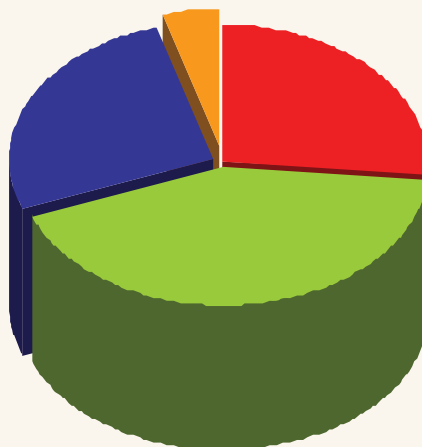
## ...Tears

**CHARLES ROBERT TERRY**, grandfather of Jacquelyn Jones, a deputy clerk in the Traffic Violations Bureau, passed away on May 4 after a brief illness.

**WALTER L. "WALT" OLSON**, 63, a Nashville family law practitioner since his graduation from the Nashville School of Law in 1988, passed away on April 25 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. He also served as a teacher and football coach at both Page High School and Brentwood High School before becoming an attorney.

**MILTON BLACKSHEAR**, father of General Sessions Court Judge Angelita Blackshear Dalton, passed away on April 25.

### Civil Trial Recap By Class



Miscellaneous	54%
Auto	23%
Contracts	21%
Medical Malpractice	2%



### DATA BANK

April 2009

**Case Information**

#### Circuit Court

New Civil Cases Filed	206
Jury	89
Non-Jury	117
Civil Cases Concluded	231
Jury	149
Non-Jury	82
New Divorce Cases Filed	220
Divorce Cases Concluded	143
Domestic Petitions Filed	269
Domestic Petitions Concluded	250

#### General Sessions Civil

New Cases Filed	4,426
Executions Issued	3,784
Garnishment Payments	4,544
Judgments Collected	\$969,155
Orders of Protection Petitions	256

#### Probate Court

New Cases Filed	170
Cases Closed	149

#### Traffic Violations

Moving Citations	12,566
Total Violations	18,598
Parking Violations	5,934
Total Fines Collected	\$544,970
Nullifications	1,621
Nullification Fees Collected	\$19,448
Environmental Citations	389
*Credit Card Payments	4,633

\*--Online and phone payments combined

### Case Analyses

GENRE	APRIL	YTD
<b>AUTO ACCIDENTS</b>	2	44
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	28
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	12
NONE	0	4
<b>CONTRACTS</b>	0	40
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	29
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	11
NONE	0	0
TOTAL AWARDS	N/A	*\$523,121
*REPRESENTS AMOUNTS DISCLOSED BY COURT		
<b>MEDICAL MALPRACTICE</b>	0	4
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	2
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	2
PENDING	0	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	5	106
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	5	77
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	23
NONE	0	6

### Auto Accident Cases

	APRIL	YTD
JURY TRIALS	2	26
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	18
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	28
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	12
NONE	0	4
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$9,900	\$2,500,000
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A

### Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	APRIL	YTD
JURY TRIALS	2	10
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	7
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	3

### General Sessions Auto Appeals

	APRIL	YTD
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	7
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	5
NONE	0	0

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