

Rooker Report

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CHANCELLOR McCOY NEW PRESIDENT OF TENNESSEE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

This past June, trial and appellate judges from across the state gathered in Memphis for the annual summer meeting of the Tennessee Judicial Conference. During the meeting, Chancellor Carol McCoy of the 20th Judicial District was elected as the new president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference replacing outgoing president Bill Acree, Circuit Court judge of the 27th Judicial District. In assuming her new post, McCoy becomes the first female president of this venerable organization.

The Tennessee Judicial Conference is comprised of the approximately 189 state court judges who sit either as trial court judges of record or as members of the appellate bench. "The Conference provides an organization for judges to coordinate and exchange information amongst themselves," McCoy said, "and it



CHANCELLOR CAROL L. MCCOY

promotes increased efficiency and uniformity in the administration of justice as well as promoting collegiality among members of the bench." The Conference meets as a whole three times a year to conduct business and provide continuing legal education for judges.

In addition, the Conference relies on a committee structure, comprised of approximately 20 committees, to carry out its mission of improving the judiciary and the practice of law. For example, the Legislative Committee reviews proposed legislation as it relates to the judiciary, and the Conference may even initiate legislation to address specific concerns. The continuing development and advancement of technology in the courtroom is another major focus according to McCoy. The Conference also serves as a source of manpower for the

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June Trial Verdicts

Jury

Week of June 1

Circuit Court

Appeals

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
04C-2121	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1		\$4,258,455			

Week of June 8

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
06C-2612	AUTOMOBILE	3		MISTRIAL			
05C-2251	AUTOMOBILE (SOFT TISSUE)	5	\$350,000	\$75,000			
06C-3325	AUTOMOBILE (SOFT TISSUE)	2	\$300,000	\$5,925	P-60%, D-40%		

Non-Jury

Week of June 22

Circuit Court

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
08C-2554	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1		\$7,655			
08C-2526	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1		D-\$11,012.50			
08C-1532	GSA/CONTRACT	1		P-\$2,400		P-\$4,333	DEFENDANT
09C-225	GSA/PERSONAL PROPERTY	1		P-\$1,500		P-\$1,000	PLAINTIFF
09C-1031	GSA/CONTRACT	5		D-VERDICT		P-\$2,925	DEFENDANT
08C-2863	DETAINER	3		\$1,100 (POSSESSION)		P-\$2,275	DEFENDANT
08C-749	DETAINER	5		P-\$31,899		TRANSFER	
08C-3688	GSA/CONTRACT	1		P-\$10,000		P-\$9,500	DEFENDANT
08C-2226	GSA/CONTRACT	3		P-\$1,736		P-\$4,236	DEFENDANT
08C-2312	GSA/DEBT	5		P-\$10,528		DISMISSED	PLAINTIFF

McCOY

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Supreme Court when searching for jurists to serve on special commissions such as the Board of Professional Responsibility or the Judicial Evaluation Commission.

Chancellor McCoy was awarded a B.A. degree with honors from the University of South Florida in 1969 and a J.D. from the Vanderbilt School of Law in 1973.

First elected to the bench in August, 1996, McCoy was re-elected in 1998 and 2006. Prior to her elevation to the bench, she was a partner in the firm of Davies, Cantrell, Humphreys and McCoy for fourteen years. From 1975 to 1982, she was a partner in the firm of Farrell and McCoy. Prior to this, she served as a staff attorney for the Tennessee Department of Revenue in 1975, and served as a Staff/Managing Attorney for Legal Services of Nashville from 1973 to 1975. She has four sons - - Dwight & Davis Chambers and Justin & Ethan Page.

An active member of numerous civic, business and professional organizations, McCoy is married to the Honorable Roger Page, Circuit Judge for Madison, Chester and Henderson Counties.

McCoy will serve as President of the Tennessee Judicial Conference until her successor is elected at next June's summer meeting.

In the News

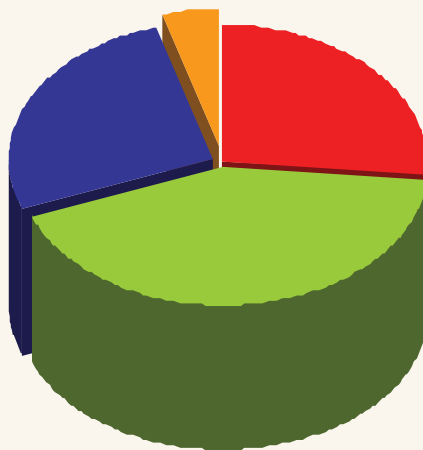
The Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers has honored Davidson County Assessor George L. Rooker Jr. as "Tennessee Assessor of the Year" during his first year in the office.

Although Rooker has worked in the office for three decades, he only took office 10 months ago as Assessor, succeeding long-time assessor Jo Ann North. TnAAO veterans say it's the first time the association has honored a "rookie" assessor with its highest award.

"Assessor Rooker distinguished himself with his handling of the 2009 reappraisal," TnAAO Executive Director Will Denami said. "Assessing in the current economic climate was a difficult challenge, but he led his professional staff through a unique approach to ensure that late 2008's falling housing values were recognized in appraising the county's 232,000 parcels.

He previously had been honored in 2001 by the TnAAO as the state's "Chief Deputy Assessor of the Year."

Civil Trial Recap By Class



Miscellaneous	55%
Auto	22%
Contracts	21%
Medical Malpractice	2%



DATA BANK

June 2009

Case Information

Circuit Court	
New Civil Cases Filed.....	224
Jury	124
Non-Jury	100
Civil Cases Concluded.....	220
Jury	141
Non-Jury	79
New Divorce Cases Filed	218
Divorce Cases Concluded.....	193
Domestic Petitions Filed	345
Domestic Petitions Concluded	182

General Sessions Civil

New Cases Filed.....	4,420
Executions Issued	4,491
Garnishment Payments.....	4,484
Judgments Collected.....	\$901,160
Orders of Protection Petitions	249

Probate Court

New Cases Filed.....	189
Cases Closed	163

Traffic Violations

Moving Citations	11,871
Total Violations.....	15,570
Parking Violations.....	4,831
Total Fines Collected	\$598,949
Nullifications	1,895
Nullification Fees Collected	\$22,743
Environmental Citations.....	369
*Credit Card Payments	4,363

*--Online and phone payments combined

Case Analyses

GENRE	JUNE	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENTS	3	47
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	2	30
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	12
NONE	1	5
CONTRACTS	4	46
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	3	33
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	12
NONE	0	1
TOTAL AWARDS	\$14,136	*\$539,257
*REPRESENTS AMOUNTS DISCLOSED BY COURT		
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1	5
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	1	3
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	2
PENDING	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	6	116
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	5	85
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	25
NONE	0	6

Auto Accident Cases

	JUNE	YTD
JURY TRIALS	3	29
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	18
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	2	30
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	12
NONE	1	5
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	\$75,000	\$2,500,000
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	JUNE	YTD
JURY TRIALS	2	12
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	0
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	2	9
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	3

General Sessions Auto Appeals

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

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