



## Probate Office Enhances Probate Tracking System



Pursuant to new [Public Chapter No. 435](#), the Davidson County Probate Office is adhering to changes made in probate legislation related to tracking systems.

The new legislation mandates that interim/annual conservatorship accountings or status reports must be filed six months from date of the fiduciary's appointment and thereafter-annual filings. Due to the new filing timeline, the Probate Office can no longer accept prematurely filed accountings or status reports. Additionally, the Probate Office cannot accept incomplete accountings and does not have the authority to extend the filing deadline.

To keep fiduciaries/attorneys apprised of their accounting period and filing deadline, the Probate Office has enhanced its tracking system to monitor each probate case around an established accounting timeline and will issue an email and notices to each fiduciary/attorney that lays out a specific accounting timeline.

A courtesy email notification outlining accounting/status reporting deadlines will be sent to each fiduciary/attorney and provide a link to accounting packets and instructions required for proper filing. **Each fiduciary/attorney is required to provide an email address to the Probate Office to carry out this effort.**

To review an updated list of probate forms and packets, [click here](#).

Other new changes to be carried out are as follows:

- Beginning Jan. 1, the Probate Office will serve citations via Certified Mail instead of Regular Mail pursuant to TCA 34-1-111.
- Show cause orders will now be served pursuant to TCA 30-2-602. The parties will be served either by the sheriff or Certified Mail.

In addition, the Probate Office's enhanced case tracking system also extends to required bond and inventory notifications.



*More than 122,000 pounds of food were raised for Second Harvest Food Bank during the fifth annual Metro Government-wide food drive*

## Circuit Court Clerk's Office Competes in Metro Food Fight

The Davidson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office joined Metro government in the Fifth Annual Metro Food Fight, a citywide food drive competition to help Middle Tennessee's Second Harvest Food Bank.

This month, Circuit Court Clerk employees collected a total of 4,965 pounds of food and canned good donations, including monetary donations, toward department competition totals. This year, Metro collected 122,000 pounds of food, which will provide 101,000 meals.

Congratulations to the following Metro department winners recently announced at a press conference with Mayor Karl Dean at Second Harvest Food Bank:

- **General competition winner:** Metro Arts Commission
- **Public safety contest winner:** Metro Fire Department
- **Public participation:** Metro Transit Authority

For more information about the Metro Food Fight, [click here](#).

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## Judge Binkley Among 2014 Nashville Bar Association Board of Directors Nominees Announced

The Nashville Bar Association (NBA) announced its 2014 Board of Director nominees earlier this month.

Judge Joe Binkley Jr., currently the judge for the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, was among the 15 nominees in the running to be elected to the leadership board.



Other nominees include:

- [Mark A. Baugh](#)
- [John Park](#)
- [Chris S. Hofstetter](#)
- [James A. Crumlin, Jr.](#)
- [Richard W. Littlehale](#)
- [Nathan H. Ridley](#)
- [David P. Cañas](#)
- [Irwin J. Kuhn](#)

- [Sara F. Reynolds](#)
- [Claudia V. Levy](#)
- [Mary Taylor Gallagher](#)
- [Camille W. Steward](#)
- [Catherine A. Caster](#)
- [M. Bernadette Welch](#)

The election began Nov. 8 and the results will be announced Dec. 5 at the NBA Annual Meeting and Banquet. For more information, visit the [NBA website](#).

## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 5-6:** Judge Phillip Robinson, currently the judge for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, is among the list of faculty who will speak at the 2013 Family Law Conference for Tennessee Practitioners in Nashville. More information is available [here](#).



**Dec. 6:** Join Mayor Karl Dean at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Square Park. Following the ceremony, the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Nashville Christmas Parade begins at 7 p.m. Read more details [here](#).

## October 2013 Circuit Court Trial Report

[Click here](#) to access Oct. 2013 departments by the number, trials by case type and trial verdict results.

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DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBER FOR OCTOBER 2013					
<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL</b>			
OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD		
New Civil Cases Filed	203 1,983	Total New Cases Filed	3,903 38,291		
Jury Demand	87 883	Civil Warrants	2,148 18,445		
Non-Jury	116 1,100	Default Warrants	776 8,672		
New Domestic Cases Filed	174 1,504	Recovery Warrants	27 225		
Domestic Petitions Filed	190 2,197	Fid for Order of Protection	277 2,386		
New Adoption Petitions	13 124	Emergency Conservatls	658 7,021		
		Other	17 232		
Civil Cases Concluded	226 2,324	Executions Issued	4,262 34,344		
Jury Demand	143 1,444	Garnishment Payments	4,587 44,331		
Non-Jury	83 880	Judgments Collected	\$1,038,297 \$10,012,950		
Domestic Cases Concluded	188 2,229				
Domestic Petitions Concluded	193 2,874				
<b>PROBATE COURT</b>		<b>TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU</b>			
OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD		
Total New Cases Filed	182 1,793	Total Traffic Violations	12,805 118,025		
Total Cases Closed	133 1,550	Moving Citations	6,909 65,113		
Probate Will	72 818	Parking Citations	5,996 42,922		
Probate Will for Amendment of Title	11 50	Environmental Citations	151 1,198		
Letters of Administration	28 261	Total Fines Collected	\$412,118 \$4,169,450		
Small Estate Affidavits	34 292	Multifunctions	655 6,192		
Conservatorship	24 187	Notification Fees Collected	\$7,660 \$73,810		
Guardianship of Minor	0 25	*Credit Card Payments	5,551 49,836		
Name Change	4 38				
Trust Matters	5 24				
Other Miscellaneous	0 45				
<b>CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY TYPE OF CASE</b>					
<b>AUTO ACCIDENT</b>		<b>CONTRACT</b>		<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD
Total Cases Tried	5 37	Total Cases Tried	1 30	Total Cases Tried	4 59
Plaintiff Verdicts	1 29	Default Verdicts	0 30	Plaintiff Verdicts	1 27
Defendant Verdicts	1 7	Default Verdicts	0 0	Defendant Verdicts	1 10
Settlements	3 24	Other/Unk Advs	0 0	Other/Unk Advs	2 3
Jury Trials	0 0				
Non-Jury Trials	0 0				
Appeal from U.S.	0 0	<b>HEALTH CARE LIABILITY</b>		OCT	YTD
Remittitur	0 0	Total Cases Tried	0 4	Total Cases Tried	0 1
Oct Verdict	0 0	Plaintiff Verdicts	0 1	Plaintiff Verdicts	0 1
Overturn	0 0	Defendant Verdicts	0 2	Defendant Verdicts	0 2
		Other/Unk Advs	0 0	Other/Unk Advs	0 0