



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](#).

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 5th Circuit for the 20th 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 3rd Circuit for the 20th 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 61st 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					
CIRCUIT COURT		GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL			
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 Conservatals.....	658 7,021		
Civil Cases Concluded.....	226 2,324	Other.....	17 232		
Jury Demand.....	143 1,444	Executions Issued.....	4,262 34,344		
Non-Jury.....	83 880	Garnishment Payments.....	4,587 44,331		
Divorce Cases Concluded.....	188 2,229	Judgments Collected.....	\$1,038,297 \$10,012,950		
Domestic Petitions Concluded.....	193 2,874				
PROBATE COURT		TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU			
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 48				
Trust Matters.....	5 24				
Other Miscellaneous.....	0 45				
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY TYPE OF CASE					
AUTO ACCIDENT		CONTRACT		MISCELLANEOUS	
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'd Verdicts.....	0 0	Other/Unk'd Verdicts.....	2 3
Jury Trials.....	0 0				
Non-Jury Trials.....	0 0				
Appeal from U.S. District Court.....	0 0				
Dec Verdict.....	0 0				
Overstays.....	0 0				
HEALTH CARE LIABILITY		HEALTH CARE LIABILITY		HEALTH CARE LIABILITY	
OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD	OCT	YTD
Total Cases Tried.....	0 4	Total Cases Tried.....	0 4	Total Cases Tried.....	0 4
Plaintiff Verdicts.....	0 1	Plaintiff Verdicts.....	0 1	Plaintiff Verdicts.....	0 1
Defendant Verdicts.....	0 2	Defendant Verdicts.....	0 2	Defendant Verdicts.....	0 2
Other/Unk'd Verdicts.....	0 0	Other/Unk'd Verdicts.....	0 0	Other/Unk'd Verdicts.....	0 0