



## AOC Updates Advisory Commission, BPR Rosters

On Jan. 14, the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) released updates to the Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure and Board of Professional Responsibility rosters.

Current revisions include updated member contact information and the addition of a term limit, carried out as a result of a recent rule change.

The revised rosters are available on the [Tennessee Bar Association's website](#).

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## Tennessee Plan Draws Support from Haslam, Bredesen

This month, both Gov. Bill Haslam and Former Gov. Phil Bredesen announced support for passage of the "Tennessee Plan," a constitutional amendment set to appear on state ballots this fall that will keep selections of state appellate judges in the hands of governors and out of reach from political donors.



According to The Tennessean coverage, Haslam "supports the measure and will advocate for it," and Bredesen reasoned that without passage of the Tennessee Plan "...judges could be accountable to special interests with big pockets if voters were to decide who sits on the bench." He added further "low-profile judicial races would be particularly vulnerable to outside financial influences."

Those who oppose the plan argue that the state constitution clearly requires contested elections, and it allows the state's Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals to operate with no accountability to voters.

To read the entire Tennessean story, [click here](#).

# Upcoming Event

## "Ask the Judges" Session

The Nashville Bar Association (NBA) and Young Lawyers Division are hosting an "Ask the Judges" panel session on Feb. 6 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the NBA offices. Members of the bar may ask judges questions during the moderated session or submit questions in advance to:

[askanashvillejudge@gmail.com](mailto:askanashvillejudge@gmail.com).

For more information contact, Traci Hollandsworth at [traci.hollandsworth@nashvillebar.org](mailto:traci.hollandsworth@nashvillebar.org).

## December 2013 Circuit Court Trial Report

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

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DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS								
November 2013								
CIRCUIT COURT			GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL					
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD			
New Civil Cases Filed	214	2,197	Total New Cases Filed	3,600	41,891			
Jury Demand	99	862	Civil Warrants	1,911	20,176			
Non-Jury	115	1,215	Detainer Warrants	739	10,211			
New Divorce Cases Filed	128	2,032	Recovery Warrants	11	236			
Domestic Petitions Filed	184	2,281	Fee for Order of Protection	245	3,141			
New Adoption Petitions	6	130	Emergency Commitals	640	7,661			
			Other	14	266			
Civil Cases Concluded	192	2,516						
Jury Demand	128	1,572	Executions Issued	2,707	41,071			
Non-Jury	64	944	Garnishment Payments	3,581	47,932			
Divorce Cases Concluded	185	2,414	Judgments Collected	\$768,023	\$10,780,973			
Domestic Petitions Concluded	173	3,047						
PROBATE COURT			TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU					
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD			
Total New Cases Filed	132	1,925	Total Traffic Violations	8,539	116,574			
Total Cases Closed	220	2,170	Moving Citations	5,362	70,475			
Probate Will	61	879	Parking Citations	5,177	46,099			
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	6	75	Environmental Citations	111	1,219			
Letters of Administration	21	282						
Small Estate Affidavits	20	312	Total Fines Collected	\$326,065	\$4,435,535			
Conservatorship	9	196	Notifications	548	6,700			
Guardianship of Minor	1	26	Notification Fees Collected	\$6,570	\$60,380			
Name Change	7	75	Credit Card Payments	4,853	\$4,689			
Trust Matters	5	29						
Other Miscellaneous	2	47						
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE								
AUTO ACCIDENT	Curr	YTD	CONTRACT	Curr	YTD	MISCELLANEOUS	Curr	YTD
Total Cases Tried	2	39	Total Cases Tried	3	42	Total Cases Tried	8	67
Plaintiff Verdicts	2	31	Plaintiff Verdicts	2	32	Plaintiff Verdicts	4	41
Defendant Verdicts	0	7	Defendant Verdicts	0	9	Defendant Verdicts	3	23
Other/Under Adv	0	1	Other/Under Adv	1	1	Other/Under Adv	1	4
Jury Trials	2	31						
Non-Jury Trials	0	8	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY					
Appeal from G.S.	0	5	Total Cases Tried	1	5	Published by the Davidson County Circuit Court Clerk's Office		
Plaintiff Verdict	0	5	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	1	1 Public Square, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203		
Defendant Verdict	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	0	2	Internet: <a href="http://circuitclerk.nashville.gov">circuitclerk.nashville.gov</a>		
Other/None	0	0	Other/Under Adv/Jung	1	2			