



New Docket Number Series Announced

Effective April 1, Order of Protection “OP” cases filed in Circuit Court will be assigned under a new Docket Number Series that will include an “X” rather than a “D” in the docket number, beginning with 14X1, 14X2, 14X3, etc. General Sessions-Civil will continue to use the OP Docket Number Series as the new X Docket Number Series will only affect Orders of Protection filed in Circuit Court.

The new X Docket Number Series was created to improve the immediate recognition of OP files and increase the efficiency in all aspects of processing protection documents.

CaseLink will not allow the public and attorneys access to OP files with an X docket number. However, government agencies who can currently view Sessions-Civil OP files will have access to Circuit’s X files.

Update on Order of Protection Letters

In collaboration with the judges, Circuit Court Clerk and Metro Police Department, the Circuit and Sessions-Civil Order of Protection Clerks will distribute letters from the Metro Police Department to respondents when an OP is granted.

The first letter will be given to the respondent with the granting of an OP in court. A follow-up letter will then be sent by mail seven days after the hearing to advise the respondent that the police department will be monitoring his/her compliance with the OP.

Judge Philip Smith Featured in Nashville Bar Journal

discussing significant changes made for handling both orders of protection and DUI cases.

His article "Changes in Trial Courts Caseloads" discusses how these cases have been reassigned to promote judicial economy.

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



180 Candidates Agree to Campaign Code

The TBA Today, a publication of the Tennessee Bar Association, reports nearly 180 judges and judicial candidates have signed the Fair Judicial Campaign Code of Conduct.

This pledge promotes not commenting during judicial campaign on legal issues that might come before them as a judge, and if elected, conducting themselves in a fair and impartial manner and recuse themselves from issues on which they already have announced how they would rule.

To see who has signed the pledge, [click here](#) or [visit the 2014 Tennessee Judicial Selection Information Center](#).

Davidson County Judges Bonnyman, Eisenstein & Smith to Speak at Access to Justice Program

Today, the Access to Justice Commission will host a program exploring initiatives and issues challenging the legal community. Sponsored by the National Judicial College and Tennessee Supreme Court the event includes speakers:

- Hon. Claudia Bonnyman of the Davidson County Chancery Court
- Hon. Phil Smith of the Davidson County Circuit Court
- Hon. Dan Eisenstein of the Davidson County General Sessions Court
- Justice Janice Holder and Connie Clark of the Tennessee Supreme Court
- Penny White of the University of Tennessee College of Law
- Senior Judge Don Ash
- George T. "Buck" Lewis, chair of the Access to Justice Commission
- Martha Lafferty of the Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee

- and Colin Calhoun of Sobel, Poss & Moore

February 2014 Circuit Court Trial Report

[Click here](#) to access February 2014 departments by the number, trials by case type and trial verdict results.

For more detailed access about these cases and thousands more, [subscribe to CaseLink](#) by emailing caselink@nashville.gov.

DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS					
February 2014					
CIRCUIT COURT			GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed	187	390	Total New Cases Filed	5,528	7,574
Jury Demand	86	181	Civil Warrants	1,699	3,502
Non-Jury	101	209	Outlaw Warrants	856	1,088
New Divorce Cases Filed	178	358	Recovery Warrants	16	34
Domestic Petitions Filed	309	670	Pat for Order of Protection	266	535
New Adoption Petitions	12	23	Emergency Commitments	735	1,526
			Other	36	79
Civil Cases Concluded	194	431	Executions Issued	2,868	7,129
Jury Demand	117	291	Garmentment Payments	3,820	8,120
Non-Jury	47	240	Judgments Collected	593,735	\$1,934,160
Divorce Cases Concluded	159	321			
Domestic Petitions Concluded	195	433			
PROBATE COURT			TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	167	354	Total Traffic Violations	9,854	20,404
Total Cases Closed	198	854	Moving Citations	5,596	11,843
Probate Will	70	175	Parking Citations	4,258	8,561
Probate Will for Munitment of Title	11	28	Environmental Citations	15	195
Letters of Administration	27	50	Total Fines Collected	\$481,717	\$854,903
Small Estate Affidavits	25	51	Nullification	515	1,133
Conservatorship	22	39	Nullification Fees Collected	\$6,190	\$13,610
Guardianship of Minor	0	3	Credit Card Payments	5,126	9,937
Name Change	6	13			
Trust Matters	3	5			
Other Miscellaneous	2	7			
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE					
AUTO ACCIDENT	Curr	YTD	CONTRACT	Curr	YTD
Total Cases Tried	1	2	Total Cases Tried	4	7
Plaintiff Verdicts	1	2	Plaintiff Verdicts	3	5
Defendant Verdicts	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	0	1
Other/Under Adv	0	0	Other/Under Adv	1	1
Jury Trials	1	2			
Non-Jury Trials	0	0	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY		
Appeal from U.S.	0	0	Total Cases Tried	0	0
Plaintiff Verdict	0	0	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0
Defendant Verdict	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	0	0
Other/None	0	0	Other/Under Adv/Hung	0	0

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