



Kahrs and Chatman Complete Public Administration Certification Program

Brian Kahrs, Chief Deputy Clerk in the Probate Court Clerk's Office, and Stephanie Chatman, Team Leader in the Circuit Court Clerk's office, earned their certification as public administrators. Both received their certificate on May 23 following completion of an 80-hour course administered by the University of Tennessee's County Official Training Program. Kahrs and Chatman bring the number to 10 of Circuit Court Clerk Richard Rooker's staff to complete the program, in addition to Mr. Rooker who has also earned the designation.



8 Judges Named to New Workers' Comp Court

On May 13, eight judges were appointed to the [recently formed Workers' Compensation Court](#).

created by the comprehensive workers' compensation law passed by the General Assembly in 2013. Brian Addington of Kingsport, Joshua Baker of Nashville, Lisa Knott of Knoxville, Pamela Johnson of Knoxville, Allen Phillips of Jackson, Jim Umstead of Memphis, Thomas Wyatt of Chattanooga and Ken Switzer of Nashville will begin work prior to July 1, when the law goes into effect. Switzer will be the court's chief judge, the Nashville Business Journal reports.

Nominations Accepted for Access to Justice Awards

The Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TALS) is [accepting nominations](#) for the B. Riney Green Award and the New Advocate of the Year Award. The awards will be presented September 10 during the Equal Justice University Conference at the group's Access to Justice Dinner. Submit nominations to TALS Operating Director [Samantha Sanchez](#) by June 27.

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Cecil Branstetter

Influential lawyer Cecil Branstetter passed away May 8 at the age of 93. Branstetter is remembered for his tireless representation of downtrodden clients, selfless service to the poor, and longstanding contributions of Nashville's metro charter. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, along with four children and 10 grandchildren.

April 2014 Circuit Court Trial Report

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DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS											
April 2014											
CIRCUIT COURT				GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL							
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD	Current	YTD	Current	YTD	Current	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed	303	766	Total New Cases Filed	4,387	15,457	Civil Warrants	2,357	7,595	Defender Warrants	906	3,481
Jury Demand	99	367				Recovery Warrants	9	56	Pre for Order of Protection	307	1,136
Non-Jury	104	399				Emergency Commitments	770	3,046	Other	98	153
New Divorce Cases Filed	209	793				Executions Issued	3,784	14,989			
Domestic Petitions Filed	153	5,061				Sanctionment Payments	4,453	16,822			
Orders of Protection Filed	99	99				Judgments Collected	\$1,000,896	\$4,063,408			
Judicial Commitments Filed	24	24									
New Adoption Petitions	9	44									
Civil Cases Concluded	211	833									
Jury Demand	138	550									
Non-Jury	73	283									
Divorce Cases Concluded	167	650									
Domestic Petitions Concluded	250	833									
PROBATE COURT				TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU							
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD	Current	YTD	Current	YTD	Current	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	213	741	Total Traffic Violations	11,933	44,377	Moving Citations	7,534	26,694	Parking Citations	4,299	17,683
Total Cases Closed	172	700				Environmental Citations	85	402			
Probate Will	94	343				Total Fines Collected	\$390,163	\$1,690,659			
Probate Will for Munitment of Title	8	35				Nullifications	467	2,130			
Letters of Administration	31	107				Nullification Fees Collected	\$5,602	\$25,576			
Small Estate Affidavits	42	124				Credit Card Payments	5,695	21,706			
Conservatorship	19	72									
Guardianship of Minor	0	3									
Name Change	12	32									
Trust Matters	3	9									
Other Miscellaneous	2	13									
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE											
AUTO ACCIDENT	Curr	YTD	CONTRACT	Curr	YTD	MISCELLANEOUS	Curr	YTD			
Total Cases Tried	7	15	Total Cases Tried	2	17	Total Cases Tried	5	27			
Plaintiff Verdicts	5	9	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	11	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	15			
Defendant Verdicts	2	2	Defendant Verdicts	0	4	Defendant Verdicts	3	7			
Other/Under Adv	0	0	Other/Under Adv	1	2	Other/Under Adv	2	5			
Jury Trials	6	9									
Non-Jury Trials	1	2									
Appeal from G.S.	0	0	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY	0	0	Total Cases Tried	0	0			
Plaintiff Verdict	0	0	Total Cases Tried	0	0	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0			
Defendant Verdict	0	0	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	0	0			
Other/None	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	0	0	Other/Under Adv/Phng	0	0			

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