



More than 60 percent of vulnerable Tennesseans facing significant legal need

The Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice (ATJ) Commission and the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TALS), along with the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA), has done a study and found that 60 percent of low-income Tennesseans face civil legal problems. For the full article, click [here](#).

Orders of Protection Opinion No. 14-101 Now Available

The State of Tennessee Office of the Attorney General has released Opinion No. 14-101 on the Enforcement of Out-of-State and Ex Parte Orders of Protection. You can view this document [here](#).

Grant Requests now being taken by Nashville Bar Foundation

The Nashville Bar Foundation is accepting applications for grants from now until Jan. 15, 2015 at 4 p.m. CST. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply. Applicants should support the provision of law-related educational and charitable programs, as well as services promoting knowledge, understanding and respect for the law among students, the general public and legal community. [Here are the eligibility and application guidelines](#).

Two Ceremonies Held in Nashville to Welcome New Attorneys

Memorial Auditorium in Nashville to welcome several hundred new attorneys to the law practice. In the break between the two ceremonies, many of the new attorneys and families went to the Tennessee Bar Center open house. Visit TBA.org for photos from that event.

\$1.5 Million Federal Grant Awarded to Veterans Court

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is using a \$1.5 million federal grant to provide increased funding to the veterans' courts in Shelby, Montgomery and Davidson counties. The grant will allow these courts to expand their services over a three-year period, giving hundreds more service members in Tennessee the opportunity to explore treatment and recovery programs in place of incarceration.

Lawyers Have Been Selected for 2015 Leadership Law Class 37

The Tennessee Bar Association has chosen 37 lawyers from across Tennessee to participate in the 2015 Leadership Law class. The Leadership Law program has been running for 12 years and is designed to assist Tennessee lawyers by enhancing their knowledge and skill sets, allowing them to go and serve as leaders in their profession and local communities. The class will begin in January and run for six months. The participating lawyers will learn about leadership in the legal profession, issues in the courts, policymaking in state government and the importance of community service. [You can see the class list here.](#)

Tennessee Ranked 10th in the Nation for State Court System

Each year, the National Center for Access to Justice in New York City [releases its rankings](#) of all the state court systems across the country and how well each serves their respective publics. This year, Tennessee State Courts were ranked number 10 with a score of 64. The only states to come in ahead were Washington, D.C., Connecticut, Hawaii, Minnesota, New York, Delaware, Washington, Colorado and Wisconsin.

Tennessee Nonprofit Laws are Changing with the New Year

Beginning Jan. 1, the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporations Act will be changing drastically. Three online CLE video courses are available for viewing now and showcase the changes that will be taking place. Choose from the following courses: disclosure and conflict of interest rules; charter and bylaw provisions; or entity conversions, membership exchanges, charitable assets and public benefit transactions.

October 2014 Circuit Court Trial Report

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

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DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS					
October 2014					
CIRCUIT COURT		Current		YTD	
New Civil Cases Filed	214	2,201	Total New Cases Filed	3,865	38,744
Jury Demand	104	991	Civil Warrants	1,618	18,094
Non-Jury	110	1,210	Detainer Warrants	921	9,207
New Divorce Cases Filed	189	1,842	Recovery Warrants	17	157
Domestic Petitions Filed	139	2,213	Pet for Order of Protection	326	3,166
Orders of Protection Filed	112	1,041*	Emergency Commitals	771	7,365
Judicial Commitals Filed	31	235*	Other	33	355
New Adoption Petitions	10	120	Executions Issued	4,275	37,672
Civil Cases Concluded	209	2,071	Garnishment Payments	4,392	42,411
Jury Demand	144	1,365	Judgments Collected	596,129	59,886,842
Non-Jury	65	706			
Divorce Cases Concluded	170	1,734			
Domestic Petitions Concluded	94	1,762			
*YTD numbers revised to include January-March					
PROBATE COURT		Current		YTD	
Total New Cases Filed	179	1,839	Total Traffic Violations	10,189	107,289
Total Cases Closed	365	2,053	Moving Citations	6,128	65,618
Probate Will	58	775	Parking Citations	4,061	41,874
Probate Will for Maimment of Title	9	94	Environmental Citations	214	1,367
Letters of Administration	28	269	Total Fines Collected	\$368,414	\$4,003,638
Small Estate Affidavits	20	323	Qualifications	488	4,826
Conservatorship	24	195	Qualification Fees Collected	\$5,854	\$52,946
Guardianship of Minor	9	26	Credit Card Payments	5,552	55,690
Name Change	5	65			
Trust Matters	5	29			
Other Miscellaneous	11	41			
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE					
AUTO ACCIDENT	Cur	YTD	CONTRACT	Cur	YTD
Total Cases Tried	3	22	Total Cases Tried	0	41
Plaintiff Verdicts	1	14	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	29
Defendant Verdicts	2	7	Defendant Verdicts	0	8
Other/Under Adv.	0	1	Other/Under Adv.	0	4
Jury Trials	2	19			
Non-Jury Trials	1	3			
Appeal From O.S.	0	1	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY	Cur	YTD
Plaintiff Verdict	0	0	Total Cases Tried	1	8
Defendant Verdict	0	1	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	1
Other/None	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	1	6
			Other/Under Adv./hung	0	1

