



## **Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate To Lead Administrative Office of the Courts**

The Tennessee Supreme Court named Nashville attorney and former Federal Communications Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate the new Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Her predecessor, Bill Young, was appointed as Associate Chief Deputy Attorney General at the end of last year. Tate has served as assistant legal counsel and senior policy advisor to two former Tennessee governors and was nominated twice by President George W. Bush to the FCC. You can read more on Tate [here](#).

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## **New Board Members at NBA**

The 2015 Nashville Bar Association board members are Robb Bigelow of Dickinson Wright, Davidson County Juvenile Court Judge Sheila Calloway, Margaret Huff of Margaret Huff Mediation, former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice and Nashville School of Law Dean Bill Koch, Erin Palmer Polly of Walker Tipps & Malone, and David Raybin of Hollins Raybin & Weissman.

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## **U.S. Supreme Court Bar Admits Tennessee Lawyers**

13 Tennessee lawyers were admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court in December. This occurred on the motion of TBA President Jonathan Steen. The lawyers heard arguments in the UPS pregnancy case, listened to a talk on the Supreme Court building and took a tour of the U.S. Capitol as part of the annual TBA Academy program. You can see more photos of the lawyers [here](#).

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## **2014 Pro Bono Leadership Award Presented by Volunteer Lawyers Program**

At the Nashville Bar Association's Annual Banquet in December, the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland's Volunteer Lawyers program presented its annual Pro Bono Leadership Award to the NBA's Young Lawyers Division (NBA/YLD). The award recognizes the NBA/YLD's continued support of the legal clinic at Casa Azafrán, which aids Nashville's immigrant and refugee communities in free legal assistance. There have been 20 NBA/YLD lawyers working with the Volunteer Lawyers Program since May.

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## **February Will Bring Vote on New Sumner Judge**

An 11-member committee selected Thomas Boyers V, Mike Carter and M. Allen Ehmling as candidates for the Sumner County General Sessions Judge position. These three were chosen out of nine applicants based on resumes, cover letters, interview and a poll from the Sumner County Bar Association. These names will be added to the slate of candidates. Based on how quickly the process moves, the members of the Sumner County Commission could vote in February and the newly appointed judge would take office in April and June.

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# November 2014 Circuit Court Trial Report

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

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DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS					
November 2014					
CIRCUIT COURT			GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed	172	2,173	Total New Cases Filed	3,353	42,097
Jury Demand	78	1,050	Civil Warrants	1,609	12,703
Non-Jury	94	1,123	Detainer Warrants	814	10,021
New Divorce Cases Filed	142	1,584	Recovery Warrants	22	179
Domestic Petitions Filed	162	2,375	Pet for Order of Protection	239	3,405
Orders of Protection Filed	88	1,122	Emergency Commitments	648	8,413
Judicial Commitments Filed	20	251	Other	23	376
New Adoption Petitions	10	120	Executions Issued	2,880	40,552
Civil Cases Concluded	166	2,237	Garnishment Payments	3,705	46,116
Jury Demand	112	1,477	Judgments Collected	\$855,968	\$10,722,810
Non-Jury	54	760			
Divorce Cases Concluded	148	1,882			
Domestic Petitions Concluded	101	1,803			
PROBATE COURT			TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	151	1,961	Total Traffic Violations	8,159	116,448
Total Cases Closed	169	2,138	Moving Citations	5,346	71,664
Probate Will	54	829	Parking Citations	2,913	44,784
Probate Will for Mument of Title	7	101	Environmental Citations	146	1,513
Letters of Administration	13	289	Total Fines Collected	\$296,277	\$4,299,915
Small Estate Affidavits	29	352	Nullifications	397	5,223
Conservatorship	25	229	Qualification Fees Collected	\$4,759	\$62,707
Guardianship of Minor	6	82	Credit Card Payments	4,759	60,449
Name Change	6	71			
Trust Matters	1	26			
Other Miscellaneous	0	41			
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE					
	Curr	YTD		Curr	YTD
<b>AUTO ACCIDENT</b>			<b>CONTRACT</b>		
Total Cases Tried	0	21	Total Cases Tried	4	65
Plaintiff Verdicts	0	14	Plaintiff Verdicts	3	32
Defendant Verdicts	0	8	Defendant Verdicts	0	8
Other/Under Adv	0	1	Other/Under Adv	1	5
Jury Trials	0	20			
Non-Jury Trials	0	3			
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Plaintiff Verdict	0	0	Total Cases Tried	0	8
Defendant Verdict	0	1	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	1
Other/None	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	0	6
			Other/Under Adv/None	0	1

