



11 Members Named to Governor’s Council for Judicial Appointments

Gov. Bill Haslam announced 11 members to the Governor’s Council for Judicial Appointments who will be responsible for recommending candidates to fill vacancies in Tennessee trial and appellate courts. The council was established via executive order after a recently passed constitutional amendment created a method for selecting judges of the Supreme Court or intermediate appellate courts in Tennessee. The council members are from all throughout the state. Click [here](#) for the full list of names.

New Fellows Recognized at Tennessee Bar Foundation Reception



The Tennessee Bar Foundation held its annual reception and dinner Jan. 9, 2015. As part of the program, the organization welcomed its newest class of Fellows, a group of 29 people. The class includes a Tennessee Supreme Court justice, circuit court judge, assistant U.S. attorney and former U.S. attorney general. You can see the full list of fellows [here](#).

Selection Process for New Magistrate Judge Has Been

The U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee at Nashville has been given authorization for the appointment of a full-time magistrate judge by the Judicial Conference of the United States. Applications are being accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 17. All applications must be submitted in person. The new magistrate will replace Judge Juliet Griffin. For more information, click [here](#).

Online TN Justice Program Being Recognized and Replicated

The [ABA Pro Bono Year in Review](#) featured Tennessee's innovative [Online TN Justice](#) pro bono platform. This platform is a joint project by the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services and the Tennessee Bar Association. Private attorneys volunteer their time to answer legal questions from qualified clients through this system. Bill Jones of the ABA Center for Pro Bono recognized how other states, including Alabama, Indiana, Minnesota and South Carolina, have adopted similar programs.



NBJ '40 Under 40' List Includes 5 Lawyers

The Nashville Business Journal's '40 Under 40' list of young professionals included five lawyers this year:



Josie Beets, Public Policy Coordinator for TBA, Pro Bono Director and Board Member for the Military Spouse JD Network



Laura Baker, Law Offices of John Day



Miranda Christy, Stites & Harbison



Casey Summar, Executive Director of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville

Brigitte Tubbs-Jones, Director of Legal Services for the Tennessee Department of Human Resources



Click [here](#) for photos and the full list.

Hockey and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Combined

On Feb. 24, the Bridgestone Arena will host a two-hour Predators CLE event. Nashville Predators attorney Sean Marshall will discuss legal issue facing players as well as other sports law issues. Along with this discussion, there will be a pregame social hour and attendees will receive tickets to the Nashville Predators vs. Colorado Avalanche game that evening. Additional tickets can be purchased for friends and family. Visit [TBA CLE](#) for more information about registration.

2015 Women of Influence Lawyers Honored

On Jan. 8, the 2015 Women of Influence Awards recipients were announced in the Nashville Business Journal. The recipients will be honored at a Feb. 25 luncheon at the Omni Nashville Hotel. Attorneys were awarded under the Community Supporter, Company Executive, Inspiration/Mentor, Public Policy and Trailblazer categories. To see the full list of categories and winners, view the article [here](#).

December 2014 Circuit Court Trial Report and 2014 Year End Review

[Click here](#) to access 2014 year end review statistics, December 2014 departments by the number, trials by case type and trial verdict results.

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2014 YEAR END REVIEW			
CIRCUIT COURT	2014	2013	2014 vs 2013
New Civil Cases Filed	2,366	2,370	-4
Jury Demand	1,157	1,062	+95
Non Jury	1,209	1,328	-119
New Domestic Cases Filed	2,441	2,497	-56
Domestic Petitions Filed	2,529	2,716	-187
Orders of Protection Filed	3,225	3,161	+65
Judicial Commitments Filed	289	239	+41
New Adoption Petitions	125	131	-6
Civil Cases Concluded	2,450	2,704	-254
Jury Demand	1,615	1,685	-70
Non Jury	835	1,029	-194
Divorce Cases Concluded	2,060	2,567	-507
Domestic Restraints Concluded	2,095	3,175	-1,080
GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL			
Total New Cases Filed	45,292	45,374	-82
Civil Warrants	21,133	21,137	-4
Detainer Warrants	10,615	10,880	-265
Recovery Warrants	231	249	-18
Petitions for Order of Protection	3,098	3,172	-75
Emergency Commitments	9,223	8,428	+795
Other	392	388	+4
Executions Issued	44,239	44,008	+231
Commitment Payments	50,796	52,223	-1,427
Judgments Collected	\$11,784,919	\$11,706,297	+\$78,622
PROBATE			
Total New Cases Filed	2,108	2,058	+50
Total Cases Closed	2,296	2,263	+33
Probate Will	892	937	-45
Probate Will for Management of Estate	392	29	+363
Letters of Administration	316	290	+26
Small Estate Affidavits	374	343	+31
Conservatorship	241	215	+26
Guardianship of Minor	42	27	+15
Name Change	72	76	-4
Trust Matters	28	30	-2
Other Miscellaneous	41	57	-16
TRAFFIC			
Total Traffic Violations	123,190	123,938	-748
Moving Citations	75,681	75,328	+353
Parking Citations	47,509	48,610	-1,101
Environmental Citations	1,642	1,347	+295
Total Fines Collected	\$4,648,873	\$4,703,261	-\$54,388
Notifications	5,761	7,262	-1,501
Notification Fees Collected	\$69,327	\$67,128	+\$2,199
Credit Card Payments	65,879	59,424	+6,455