



New County Lit Tax for General Sessions Civil and Traffic

Effective July 1, 2015, the county lit tax will increase \$2.00 for civil cases and citations filed in General Sessions – Civil Division and the Traffic Violations Bureau. T.C.A. §16-15-5006 authorizes a county legislative body to impose a local litigation tax in any amount up to \$6.00 to defray the county’s cost of paying salaries to the general sessions judges. The Metro Council passed Ordinance BL2015-1126 on third reading, June 16, 2015, which sets an additional tax of \$2.00 to be collected as part of the county’s litigation tax. The filing fees for cases in General Sessions – Civil Division beginning July 1, 2015, will be as follows:

(Metro Ordinance BL2015-1126)

	OLD FEE	NEW FEE
CIVIL WARRANT		
Private Process	\$83.75	\$85.75
Service by Sheriff	\$111.75	\$113.75
DETAINER WARRANT		
Private Process	\$83.75	\$85.75
Service by Sheriff	\$111.75	\$113.75
RECOVERY WARRANT		
Private Process	\$83.75	\$85.75
Service by Sheriff	\$111.75	\$113.75
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION	\$151.75	\$153.75

(Each Additional Defendant \$26.00)

Trauger, Sitgreaves Honored by Nashville LAW

During the Lawyers' Association for Women (LAW) Marion Griffin Chapter's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, Judge Aleta Trauger received the inaugural Martha Craig Daughtrey Award, and Elizabeth Sitgreaves was presented the Rising Star Award. Judge Daughtrey was on hand to honor Judge Trauger, who was presented the award by Chancellor Claudia Bonnyman. Sitgreaves was honored for her work championing the coalition for fair courts during last summer's judicial elections.



From left: Ann Pruitt, executive director of the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TALS); Steve Scudder, counsel for ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service; TBA Past President Buck Lewis; and Samantha Sanchez, TALS Director of Training, Compliance and Technology.

National Pro Bono Tool to be Based on OnlineTNJustice

A national interactive pro bono website based on Tennessee's OnlineTNJustice will be implemented by the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service. "We got this far because of a great team effort, and we now need help from Tennessee attorneys with the work of funding the national site and signing up the

remaining states," said George T. "Buck" Lewis, former TBA president and Baker Donelson lawyer. Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Connie Clark also applauded the move. OnlineTNJustice is a joint project of the TBA, the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services and Baker Donelson.

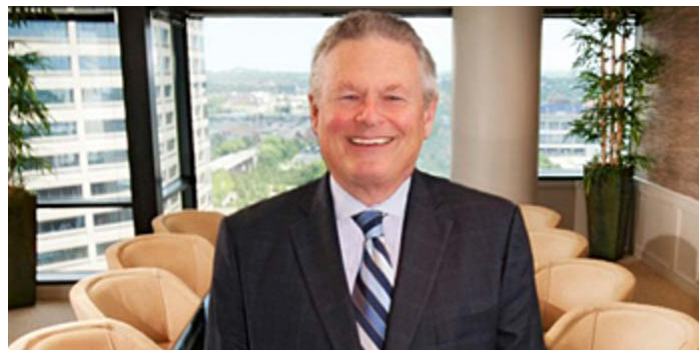
Bob Cooper Rejoins Bass Berry

Bob Cooper, Tennessee's former attorney general, is rejoining Nashville's largest law firm, Bass Berry & Sims PLC, according to the Nashville Business Journal. He is returning as a partner in the compliance and government investigations practice group. Prior to his eight years as state attorney general, Cooper was legal counsel to Gov. Phil Bredesen and an attorney practicing business and regulatory litigation at Bass Berry & Sims.



Legal Aid to Launch New Elder Law Program

A new Elder Law Program will be launched by The Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlandands to help senior citizens in Cheatham, Davidson, Robertson and Sumner counties obtain free legal and educational services. The program is made possible by a \$40,000 grant from the Memorial Foundation. The Legal Aid staff will conduct seminars to educate seniors and their caretakers about their rights and address common legal issues faced by older citizens.



Charles W. Bone Receives Legal Aid Award

The first ever Gallatin Community Award from The Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlandands has been awarded to Charles W. Bone, founder and chairman of Bone McAllester Norton PLLC. Bone has championed the non-profit law firm in the community, and his firm has been a financial and pro bono supporter of the Gallatin and Nashville offices.

April 2015 Circuit Court Trial Report

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DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS April 2015

CIRCUIT COURT			GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed	198	765	Total New Cases Filed	3,930	14,202
Jury Demand	103	374	Civil Warrants	2,015	6,532
Non-Jury	95	391	Detainer Warrants	779	3,209
New Divorce Cases Filed	190	765	Recovery Warrants.....	55	139
Domestic Petitions Filed	132	485	Pet for Order of Protection.....	309	1,219
Orders of Protection Filed	128	425	Emergency Commitments	758	3,047
Judicial Commitments Filed	23	93	Immediate Possession.....	4	8
New Adoption Petitions	21	48	Sue & Attach.....	0	2
Civil Cases Concluded	171	716	Petitions to Interplead.....	0	0
Jury Demand	120	479	Counterclaims.....	10	42
Non-Jury	51	237	Distress Warrants.....	0	4
Divorce Cases Concluded	131	597	Executions Issued	3,896	14,354
Domestic Petitions Concluded	167	395	Garnishment Payments	4,102	15,881
			Judgments Collected	\$1,005,309	\$3,930,687

PROBATE COURT			TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	204	750	Total Traffic Violations	10,286	36,100
Total Cases Closed	187	699	Moving Citations	6,427	21,436
Probate Will	77	323	Parking Citations	3,859	14,654
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	5	23	Environmental Citations	60	447
Letters of Administration	28	108	Total Fines Collected	\$313,250	\$1,429,970
Small Estate Affidavits	41	130	Nullifications	357	1,559
Conservatorship	22	82	Nullification Fees Collected	\$4,286	\$18,714
Guardianship of Minor	8	21	Credit Card Payments	4,868	20,380
Name Change	16	39			
Trust Matters	3	7			
Other Miscellaneous	4	17			

CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE								
AUTO ACCIDENT	Curr	YTD	CONTRACT	Curr	YTD	MISCELLANEOUS	Curr	YTD
Total Cases Tried	0	7	Total Cases Tried	0	12	Total Cases Tried	5	17
Plaintiff Verdicts	0	5	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	8	Plaintiff Verdicts	3	13
Defendant Verdicts	0	2	Defendant Verdicts	0	2	Defendant Verdicts	2	4
Other/Under Adv	0	0	Other/Under Adv	0	2	Other/Under Advisement	0	0
Jury Trials	0	7						
Non-Jury Trials	0	0	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY					
Appeal from G.S.	0	1	Total Cases Tried	0	1	Published by the Davidson County		
Plaintiff Verdict	0	0	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0	Circuit Court Clerk's Office		
Defendant Verdict	0	1	Defendant Verdicts	0	1	1 Public Square, Suite 302, Nashville, TN 37201		
Other/None	0	0	Other/Under Adv/Hung	0	0	Internet: http://circuitclerk.nashville.gov		