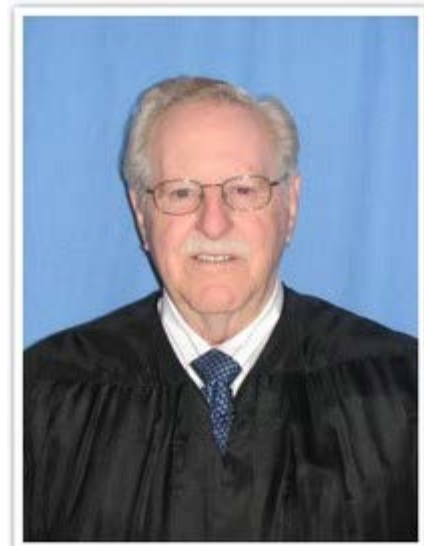




Judge Eblen to Retire After Nearly 50 Years on Bench

Ninth Judicial District Criminal Court Judge E. Eugene Eblen will retire at the end of 2015, having served almost 49 years on the bench, according to the Knoxville News Sentinel. Eblen, who will be 80-years-old when retiring, says his retirement plans are still to be determined. Gov. Bill Haslam will appoint his replacement, who will serve at least until August 2016 when a special election will be held to fill the remaining six years of Eblen's term.



3 Nashville Law Firms Nominated as Healthiest Employers

Baker Donelson, Burr & Forman and Butler Snow are among 19 finalists for the Nashville Business Journal's Healthiest Employers Award. Indianapolis-based Healthiest Employers LLC selected the finalists. Winners will be announced during a health fair and luncheon on August 18.

Veteran Civil Rights Attorney Speaks at



Lipscomb University

On June 11, Fred Gray spoke at [Lipscomb University](#) as a part of the 2015 Law Camp.

Gray represented Rosa Parks in her fight for equality in Montgomery, Alabama, and was Dr. Martin Luther King's first lawyer. During his speech, Gray encouraged the campers to stand up for what they believe is right, regardless of their age. The 2015 Law Camp brought high school students from across the country to Nashville for a week of programs on legal issues and is sponsored by the TBA and Lipscomb's Institute for Law. This year's camp was focused on the development of key freedoms and the concept of equality under the law, with a focus on the Civil Rights Movement.

7 Lawyers Named Finalists for Emerging Leader Award

On June 8, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and YP Nashville announced the finalists for the 2015 Nashville Emerging Leader Awards, according to [The Tennessean](#). Lawyers among the group include Christopher W. Hayes with Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis and Michelle B. Walker with the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation, who were named in the Environment & Sustainability category, and five in the Legal Services category: Sarah Hannah, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings; Gabe Roberts, Tennessee Division of Health Care Finance and Administration; Joycelyn Stevenson, Littler Mendelson; Casey Gill Summar, Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville; and Todd A. Tressler II, Tressler & Associates.

Matt Sweeney to Chair National Judicial College

Former judge Matt Sweeney was named chair of the [National Judicial College](#) (NJC) board of trustees. Sweeney is currently a shareholder in the Nashville office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC.

Bill Harbison Named Tennessee Bar Association President

Nashville lawyer Bill Harbison was named TBA's president on June 19 at the Lawyers Luncheon during the TBA's 134th annual convention in Memphis. Justice Jeffrey Bivins administered the oath of office. Also at the lunch, Harbison laid out his vision for the coming year. He spoke on the challenges facing the profession and concluded by noting "one thing that will not change is that the TBA will continue to serve as a clear and measured voice for the lawyers and judges in our state."



Justice Jeffrey Bivins administers the oath of office to new TBA President Bill Harbison.

May 2015 Circuit Court Trial Report

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DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS May 2015								
CIRCUIT COURT				GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL				
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD			
New Civil Cases Filed	181	946	Total New Cases Filed	3,625	17,827			
Jury Demand	99	473	Civil Warrants	3,608	8,140			
Non-Jury	82	473	Detainer Warrants	853	4,062			
New Divorce Cases Filed	188	953	Recovery Warrants	47	186			
Domestic Petitions Filed	148	633	Pet for Order of Protection	319	1,538			
Orders of Protection Filed	129	554	Emergency Commitments	774	3,621			
Judicial Commitments Filed	94	127	Immediate Possession	8	36			
New Adoption Petitions	12	60	Sue & Attach	0	2			
Civil Cases Concluded	156	872	Petitions to Interplead	0	0			
Jury Demand	106	585	Counterclaims	15	57			
Non-Jury	50	287	Distress Warrants	1	5			
Divorce Cases Concluded	201	798	Executions Issued	3,497	17,851			
Domestic Petitions Concluded	102	497	Garnishment Payments	4,024	19,905			
			Judgments Collected	5979,356	\$4,920,043			
PROBATE COURT				TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU				
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD			
Total New Cases Filed	163	913	Total Traffic Violations	9,392	45,492			
Total Cases Closed	201	900	Moving Citations	5,824	27,260			
Probate Will	69	352	Parking Citations	3,568	18,232			
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	8	31	Environmental Citations	38	485			
Letters of Administration	21	129	Total Fines Collected	\$303,557	\$1,733,527			
Small Estate Affidavits	27	157	Nullifications	976	3,935			
Conservatorship	24	106	Nullification Fees Collected	\$4,511	\$23,225			
Guardianship of Minor	3	24	Credit Card Payments	5,277	25,657			
Name Change	7	46						
Trust Matters	3	10						
Other Miscellaneous	1	18						
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE								
AUTO ACCIDENT	Curr	YTD	CONTRACT	Curr	YTD	MISCELLANEOUS	Curr	YTD
Total Cases Tried	5	12	Total Cases Tried	0	12	Total Cases Tried	5	22
Plaintiff Verdicts	2	7	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	8	Plaintiff Verdicts	2	15
Defendant Verdicts	3	5	Defendant Verdicts	0	2	Defendant Verdicts	3	7
Other/Under Adv	0	0	Other/Under Adv	0	2	Other/Under Adv	0	0
Jury Trials	5	12						
Non-Jury Trials	0	0	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY					
Appeal from G.S.	0	1	Total Cases Tried	0	1			
Plaintiff Verdict	0	0	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0			
Defendant Verdict	0	1	Defendant Verdicts	0	1			
Other/None	0	0	Other/Under Adv/Hung	0	0			

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