



Mayor Karl Dean to Join Belmont University as Visiting Professor

Nashville Mayor Karl Dean will become a distinguished visiting professor at Belmont University in late September 2015. He has no specifics set in terms of the coursework he will teach, but said it will most likely focus on American politics, city government and current events, according to the [Nashville Business Journal](#). Dean previously served as a law professor at Vanderbilt University School of Law.



Nashville Veterans Court Lends a Hand to Soldiers' Recovery

Across the U.S., judges and law enforcement grapple with the most efficient way to help war veterans adjust to civilian life after returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. One solution is to create special Veterans Courts that work specifically with ex-troops. In July, Nashville's Veterans Court held a graduation ceremony for four men who completed its rehab program. Since 2008, approximately 150 Veterans Courts have been organized nationwide. The [Nashville Public Radio](#) has more.

Nashville Lawyer Kenny Byrd



Receives Paladin Award

Kenny Byrd of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein received the Tennessee Association for Justice's (TAJ) 2015 Paladin Award. Byrd was recognized for the role he played in successful litigation against cigarette manufacturers R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Philip Morris USA Inc. and Lorillard Tobacco Company. The Paladin Award is the TAJ's highest honor—it is given to an attorney who has demonstrated superior skills as a trial advocate, has achieved an outstanding result for clients and has worked to improve the civil justice system.

U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee Approves \$181M for New Nashville Courthouse

On July 23, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$181.5 million in funding for a new federal courthouse in Nashville, according to Sen. Lamar Alexander. The funding was passed by a vote of 16-14.

Justice Gary R. Wade to Retire from Supreme Court

Supreme Court Justice Gary R. Wade announced that he will retire in September 2015. Wade has served the Tennessee judiciary for 28 years as a judge, justice and chief justice. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by Gov. Phil Bredesen in 2006 and was elected by his fellow justices to serve a two-year term as chief justice in September 2012.



Access to Justice Award Winners Announced

On July 30, The Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services announced the recipients of its 2015 Access to Justice Awards. The recipients will be honored in conjunction with the Equal Justice University Conference on September 2. See the full list of this year's

award winners [here](#).



Attorney Joycelyn A. Stevenson Named Nashville's Emerging Legal Leader

Joycelyn A. Stevenson, a shareholder at Littler Mendelson, was named an Emerging Leader in the legal services category at the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and YP Nashville's annual Nashville Emerging Leader Awards ceremony in July. Stevenson practices labor and employment and business immigration law. For the full list of award winners, view [The Tennessean](#) article.

June 2015 Circuit Court Trial Report

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| DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS June 2015 | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------|------|-----|
| CIRCUIT COURT | | | GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL | | | | | |
| | Current | YTD | | Current | YTD | | | |
| New Civil Cases Filed | 218 | 1,164 | Total New Cases Filed | 4,758 | 22,085 | | | |
| Jury Demand | 118 | 591 | Civil Warrants | 1,970 | 10,130 | | | |
| Non-jury | 100 | 573 | Detainer Warrants | 986 | 5,048 | | | |
| New Divorce Cases Filed | 198 | 1,151 | Recovery Warrants | 103 | 789 | | | |
| Domestic Petitions Filed | 115 | 748 | Pet for Order of Protection | 404 | 1,942 | | | |
| Orders of Protection Filed | 108 | 662 | Emergency Commitments | 769 | 4,590 | | | |
| Judicial Commitments Filed | 20 | 147 | Immediate Possession | 6 | 22 | | | |
| New Adoption Petitions | 10 | 70 | Sue & Attach | 0 | 2 | | | |
| Civil Cases Concluded | 234 | 1,106 | Petitions to Interplead | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Jury Demand | 147 | 782 | Counterclaims | 13 | 70 | | | |
| Non-jury | 87 | 374 | Distress Warrants | 7 | 12 | | | |
| Divorce Cases Concluded | 407 | 1,205 | Executions Issued | 4,238 | 22,089 | | | |
| Domestic Petitions Concluded | 213 | 710 | Garnishment Payments | 4,072 | 23,977 | | | |
| | | | Judgments Collected | 5,992,062 | 55,902,105 | | | |
| PROBATE COURT | | | TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU | | | | | |
| | Current | YTD | | Current | YTD | | | |
| Total New Cases Filed | 194 | 1,107 | Total Traffic Violations | 9,283 | 52,410 | | | |
| Total Cases Closed | 190 | 3,090 | Moving Citations | 6,325 | 33,585 | | | |
| Probate Will | 89 | 461 | Parking Citations | 2,958 | 18,825 | | | |
| Probate Will for Marjument of Title | 8 | 39 | Environmental Citations | 132 | 617 | | | |
| Letters of Administration | 21 | 150 | Total Fines Collected | \$340,435 | \$2,073,561 | | | |
| Small Estate Affidavits | 43 | 200 | Nullifications | 394 | 2,329 | | | |
| Conservatorship | 32 | 138 | Nullification Fees Collected | \$4,724 | \$27,949 | | | |
| Guardianship of Minor | 10 | 34 | Credit Card Payments | 5,687 | 31,344 | | | |
| Name Change | 6 | 52 | | | | | | |
| Trust Matters | 2 | 12 | | | | | | |
| Other Miscellaneous | 3 | 21 | | | | | | |
| CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE | | | | | | | | |
| | Curr | YTD | | Curr | YTD | | Curr | YTD |
| AUTO ACCIDENT | | | CONTRACT | | | MISCELLANEOUS | | |
| Total Cases Tried | 2 | 14 | Total Cases Tried | 2 | 14 | Total Cases Tried | 15 | 37 |
| Plaintiff Verdicts | 2 | 9 | Plaintiff Verdicts | 0 | 8 | Plaintiff Verdicts | 11 | 26 |
| Defendant Verdicts | 0 | 3 | Defendant Verdicts | 2 | 4 | Defendant Verdicts | 4 | 11 |
| Other/Under Adv | 0 | 0 | Other/Under Adv | 0 | 2 | Other/Under Adv | 0 | 0 |
| Jury Trials | 2 | 14 | | | | | | |
| Non-jury Trials | 0 | 0 | HEALTH CARE LIABILITY | | | | | |
| Appeal from G.S. | 1 | 2 | Total Cases Tried | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Plaintiff Verdict | 1 | 1 | Plaintiff Verdicts | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Defendant Verdict | 0 | 1 | Defendant Verdicts | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Other/None | 0 | 0 | Other/Under Adv/Jury | 0 | 0 | | | |

