



## Former Circuit Court Judge William Acree Named Senior Judge

The Tennessee Supreme Court selected former Judge William Acree as the state's Senior Judge on Oct. 2, 2015. Acree replaces retired Senior Judge Jon Kerry Blackwood. Acree will serve a two-year term and preside over cases across Tennessee. He previously served as the president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference for one year and served on the 27th Judicial District Circuit Court from 1994 to 2014.



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## Judge Jerry Smith Joins Belmont College of Law Faculty

Former Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Jerry Smith will teach appellate practice at the Belmont University College of Law starting in October 2016. Smith, who retired from the bench in 2014, has instructed at the Nashville School of Law, where he will continue to teach as well, since 2002.

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## Attorney Jean Crowe's Legacy in Helping Domestic Violence Victims Carries On



Long-time attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee, Jean Crowe – who passed away in the summer of 2015 – played an essential role in creating the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The Tennessean featured Jean’s story as a part of October’s National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, calling her the “mother of Nashville’s domestic violence movement.”

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## Three Tennessee Law Schools Ranked in Princeton Review

Vanderbilt University Law School, The University of Tennessee College of Law and The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law were included in “The Best 173 Law Schools: 2016 Edition” by The Princeton Review.

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## Baker Donelson Included in Fortune's 100 Best Workplaces for Women

Baker Donelson has been named one of Fortune’s 100 Best Workplaces for Women. It is one of only two law firms on the list and is ranked number 66.

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## Tennessee Supreme Court Recognizes Pro Bono Attorneys

On Oct. 28, 2015, members of the Tennessee Supreme Court and the Access to Justice Commission honored the pro bono work of more than 40 attorneys, law students and law firms in a ceremony at Belmont College of Law. Justices Connie Clark and Jeffrey



Bivins presented certificates to honorees.

## Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Named to 10 Most Charitable Law Firms List

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings was recognized by Law360 as one of the country's 10 Most Charitable Law Firms, making donations of more than \$1.15 million in 2014.

### September 2015 Circuit Court Trial Report

[Click here](#) to access August 2015 departments by the numbers, trials by case type and trial verdict results.

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DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS September 2015								
CIRCUIT COURT			GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL					
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD			
New Civil Cases Filed	201	1,709	Total New Cases Filed	3,527	33,626			
Jury Demand	91	895	Civil Warrants	1,621	15,135			
Non-Jury	112	874	Detainer Warrants	711	7,944			
New Divorce Cases Filed	185	1,738	Recovery Warrants	31	386			
Domestic Petitions Filed	127	1,092	Pet For Order of Protection	364	3,142			
Orders of Protection Filed	92	953	Orders of Prot. Granted	132	1,112			
Orders of Protection Granted	28	28	Orders of Prot. Dismissed	308	308			
Orders of Protection Dismissed	53	53	Emergency Commitments	737	6,820			
Judicial Commitments Filed	23	214	Immediate Possession	9	85			
New Adoption Petitions	14	103	Sue & Attach	0	2			
Civil Cases Concluded	180	1,661	Petitions to Interplead	0	2			
Jury Demand	141	1,135	Counterclaims	12	107			
Non-Jury	39	526	Distress Warrants	22	53			
Divorce Cases Concluded	177	1,747	Executions Issued	4,049	34,378			
Domestic Petitions Concluded	90	997	Garnishment Payments	4,144	35,482			
			Judgments Collected	\$3,040,809	\$8,651,091			
PROBATE COURT			TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU					
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD			
Total New Cases Filed	179	1,622	Total Traffic Violations	9,124	81,840			
Total Cases Closed	170	1,592	Moving Citations	5,581	50,019			
Probate Will	67	683	Parking Citations	1,543	11,821			
Probate Will for Murniment of Title	10	46	Environmental Citations	128	1,026			
Letters of Administration	21	235	Total Fines Collected	\$273,526	\$2,934,771			
Small Estate Affidavits	45	296	Notifications	280	1,407			
Conservatorship	19	192	Notification Fees Collected	\$3,363	\$40,899			
Guardianship of Minor	4	46	Credit Card Payments	4,713	46,188			
Name Change	7	72						
Trust Matters	3	25						
Other Miscellaneous	3	22						
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE								
	Curr	YTD		Curr	YTD		Curr	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENT			CONTRACT			MISCELLANEOUS		
Total Cases Tried	3	25	Total Cases Tried	3	24	Total Cases Tried	6	60
Plaintiff Verdicts	2	17	Plaintiff Verdicts	1	14	Plaintiff Verdicts	4	38
Defendant Verdicts	1	8	Defendant Verdicts	2	8	Defendant Verdicts	2	19
Other/Under Adv.	0	0	Other/Under Adv.	0	2	Other/Under Adv.	0	3
Jury Trials	2	22						
Non Jury Trials	1	4	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY					
Appeal from G.S.	0	3	Total Cases Tried	1	2			
Plaintiff Verdict	0	2	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0			
Defendant Verdict	0	1	Defendant Verdicts	1	2			
Other/None	0	0	Other/Under Adv./Jury	0	0			

