



## Tennessee Supreme Court to Alter Attorney Licensing

For experienced lawyers moving to Tennessee, good things are ahead for practicing law in the state quickly, according to the [Nashville Business Journal](#). On December 21, the Tennessee Supreme Court mentioned it would “ease practicing restrictions on experienced attorneys moving to Tennessee from other states,” decreasing the wait time. The Court made this change as a part of a series of changes to rules regulating the licensing of lawyers.

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## Congress Agrees to Fund New Nashville Courthouse

The [Nashville Business Journal](#) reported that 23 years after deeming the Nashville federal courthouse “inadequate,” the U.S. Congress has agreed to fund the construction of a new building. \$181.5 million will cover the project, all of which will be allotted in one fiscal year. Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander said, “This is a rare move because it funds the courthouse all at once, instead of creating uncertainty and waste by spreading the project out over several years.” The new building will be located downtown near the Renaissance Hotel and the Nashville Public Library.





## John Jay Hooker: ‘Tennessean of the Year’

In recognition of more than 60 years of political service and an extraordinary dedication to fighting for the constitutional rights of Tennesseans, the Tennessean named John Jay Hooker Tennessean of the Year. Best known for fighting for the right to “death with dignity,” Hooker also campaigned to reform the Judicial Selection and Retention System and to uphold the Tennessee constitution.

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## Free Legal Help Available in Tennessee

A statewide legal helpline operated by Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services is available for people in poverty seeking free legal assistance. Helpline attorneys can be reached at 1-844-HELP4TN, and they can provide advice and referrals to free legal services. The Tennessean reported that a recent study by The Resource for Great Programs shows an \$11 return on investment for every one dollar spent on legal assistance programs in Tennessee.

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## LAET Award honors David Yoder

Just before his retirement as Executive Director of Legal Aid of East Tennessee, David Yoder will accept the Ashley T. Wiltshire Public Service Attorney of the Year Award. Yoder is recognized for 40 years of service in four legal aid programs and his commitment to providing equal access to justice. The Cleveland Banner announced that the Tennessee Bar Association will present the award in Nashville at the War Memorial Auditorium.

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## November 2015 Circuit Court Trial Report

# DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS

November 2015

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CIRCUIT COURT			GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed	198	2,201	Total New Cases Filed	3,634	41,086
Jury Demand	103	1,112	Civil Warrants	1,729	18,639
Non-Jury	95	1,089	Detainer Warrants	790	9,576
New Divorce Cases Filed	177	2,097	Recovery Warrants	41	442
Domestic Petitions Filed	70	1,298	Pet for Order of Protection	316	3,823
Orders of Protection Filed	95	1,143	Orders of Prot. Granted	127	383
Orders of Protection Granted	41	108	Orders of Prot. Dismissed	231	759
Orders of Protection Dismissed	62	221	Emergency Commitments	715	8,333
Judicial Commitments Filed	31	267	Immediate Possession	1	42
New Adoption Petitions	4	118	Sue & Attach	0	3
Civil Cases Concluded	206	2,058	Petitions to Interplead	2	6
Jury Demand	134	1,392	Counterclaims	10	124
Non-Jury	72	666	Children Warrants	30	99
Divorce Cases Concluded	144	2,048	Executions Issued	3,377	41,549
Domestic Petitions Concluded	67	1,140	Earnishment Payments	3,465	42,742
			Judgments Collected	5823,645	510,349,412

  

PROBATE COURT			TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	155	1,952	Total Traffic Violations	7,417	97,915
Total Cases Closed	161	1,920	Moving Citations	4,078	59,371
Probate Will	58	820	Parking Citations	3,339	38,544
Probate Will for Murniment of Title	8	81	Environmental Citations	188	1,445
Letters of Administration	21	261	Total Fines Collected	\$248,920	\$3,471,024
Small Estate Affidavits	25	354	Nuiffications	307	4,052
Conservatorship	28	235	Nuiffication Fees Collected	\$3,684	\$48,629
Guardianship of Minor	2	50	Credit Card Payments	4,351	55,798
Name Change	6	84			
Trust Matters	6	37			
Other Miscellaneous	1	30			

  

CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE								
	Case	YTD	Case	YTD	Case	YTD		
<b>AUTO ACCIDENT</b>			<b>CONTRACT</b>		<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Total Cases Tried	2	29	Total Cases Tried	5	32	Total Cases Tried	4	71
Plaintiff Verdicts	2	21	Plaintiff Verdicts	2	19	Plaintiff Verdicts	2	46
Defendant Verdicts	0	8	Defendant Verdicts	3	11	Defendant Verdicts	2	24
Other/Under Adv	0	0	Other/Under Adv	0	2	Other/Under Adviseement	0	3
Jury Trials	1	24						
Non-Jury Trials	1	6	<b>HEALTH CARE LIABILITY</b>					
Appeal from U.S.	0	3	Total Cases Tried	2	4			
Plaintiff Verdict	0	2	Plaintiff Verdicts	1	1			
Defendant Verdict	0	1	Defendant Verdicts	1	3			
Other/None	0	0	Other/Under Adv/None	0	0			

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