



## **Celebrating 24 Years of the Rooker Report**

February 2016 marks our 24th year of publishing the Rooker Report to deliver relevant news about the Nashville legal and judicial systems. We hope you enjoy the reports, which are archived and accessible on our [website](#). We look forward to continual improvement of our communication and our service to Davidson County.



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## **ABA Family Law Pro Bono Award Honors Nashville Attorney**

The ABA Section of Family Law Jean Crowe Pro Bono Award Committee is [accepting nominations](#) for attorneys who have made significant contributions to family law clients on a pro bono basis in their communities. The winner will receive \$1,500 and a trip to San Francisco for the Family Law Section's award luncheon. The nomination deadline is May 20.

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## **Harwell to be Honored by T.J. Martell Foundation**

The T.J. Martell Foundation honored Aubrey Harwell of Nashville's Neal & Harwell at a gala on Feb. 29. The



foundation funds innovative medical research for diseases including leukemia, cancer and AIDS. [The Tennessean](#) published a story about Harwell's involvement with the cause.

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## Bass Berry Acquires H3GM Group in Nashville

Bass, Berry & Sims, Nashville's largest law firm, has merged with Harwell Howard Hyne Gabbert & Manner (H3GM). The acquisition includes ten H3GM shareholders, five associates and additional staff members. The [Nashville Post](#) reported on the merger and ensuing dissolution of HG3M, where 26 attorneys were employed.

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## Pannu to Lead TBA in 2018-2019

[Jason Pannu](#), an attorney from Nashville law firm Lewis Thomason, will lead the Tennessee Bar Association in 2018-2019.

He will serve as vice president this summer, and because no other candidate filed for the vice president position, he will become president elect in 2017-2018 before taking office as president in June 2018.



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## Court Outlines Programs, Future Plans in Annual Report

The Tennessee Judiciary released its [2015 Annual Report](#), outlining a new business court, initiatives for the coming year, a review of case management practice and the state's e-filing system.

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## Rubinfeld Receives ABA's 2016 Stonewall Award

Abby Rubinfeld received the American Bar Association's 2016 Stonewall Award at the ACA LGBT Caucus in San Diego on Feb. 6. The Nashville attorney was honored for her work as co-counsel for plaintiffs in the landmark Supreme Court ruling that overturned the ban on

same-sex marriage. Rubinfeld was named Nashvillian of the Year by Scene Magazine in December after the ruling.

## Legal Aid Society Adds Two Board Members

The Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland announced Hallye Fetterolf and Alysa Medina have joined its Board of Directors. Fetterolf, a sales/customer service agent, will represent the client population of Legal Aid Society's Oak Ridge service area. Medina, a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representative and case coordinator for the Office of Immigrant Services, will represent the Cookeville service area.

## January 2016 Circuit Court Trial Report

[Click here](#) to access the year in review and January 2016 departments by the numbers, trials by case type and trial verdict results.

For more detailed access about these cases and thousands more, [subscribe to CaseLink](#) by emailing [caselink@nashville.gov](mailto:caselink@nashville.gov).

DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS					
January 2016					
CIRCUIT COURT			GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed	213	213	Total New Cases Filed	3,180	3,180
Jury Demand	103	103	Civil Warrants	1,389	1,389
Non-Jury	110	110	Detainer Warrants	682	682
New Divorce Cases Filed	154	154	Recovery Warrants	26	26
Domestic Petitions Filed	102	102	Pet for Order of Protection	322	322
Orders of Protection Filed	90	90	Orders of Prot. Granted	116	116
Orders of Protection Granted	41	41	Orders of Prot. Dismissed	185	185
Orders of Protection Dismissed	127	127	Emergency Commitments	712	712
Judicial Commitments Filed	29	29	Immediate Possession	0	0
New Adoption Petitions	4	4	Sue & Attach	1	1
Civil Cases Concluded	178	178	Petitions to Interplead	0	0
Jury Demand	113	113	Counterclaims	7	7
Non-Jury	65	65	Detour Warrants	42	42
Divorce Cases Concluded	210	210	Executions Issued	3,690	3,690
Domestic Petitions Concluded	109	109	Guarishment Payments	3,143	3,143
			Judgments Collected	573,016	573,016
PROBATE COURT			TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	182	182	Total Traffic Violations	6,885	6,885
Total Cases Closed	184	184	Moving Citations	4,124	4,124
Probate Will	66	66	Parking Citations	2,761	2,761
Probate Will for Appointment of Title	10	10	Environmental Citations	182	182
Letters of Administration	30	30	Total Fines Collected	\$229,911	\$229,911
Small Estate Affidavits	35	35	Multifunctions	275	275
Conservatorship	25	25	Multifunction Fees Collected	\$3,295	\$3,295
Guardianship of Minor	3	3	Credit Card Payments	4,200	4,200
Name Change	10	10			
Trust Matters	1	1			
Other Miscellaneous	3	3			
CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE					
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENT	6	6	CONTRACT	3	3
Total Cases Tried	5	5	Total Cases Tried	6	6
Plaintiff Verdicts	1	1	Plaintiff Verdicts	4	4
Defendant Verdicts	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	2	2
Other/Under Adv.	0	0	Other/Under Adv.	0	0
Jury Trials	1	1	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY	0	0
Non-Jury Trials	0	0	Total Cases Tried	0	0
Appeal from G.S.	0	0	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0
Plaintiff Verdict	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	0	0
Defendant Verdict	0	0	Other/Under Adv./Hung	0	0
Other/None	0	0			

