



Randall L. Kinnard Joins Prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers

Randall L. Kinnard of Kinnard Clayton & Beveridge, Nashville, TN, has been inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, which limits membership to 500 Fellows in the United States. The Academy invites only lawyers who have attained the highest level of advocacy demonstrated by skill and ability in jury trials, trials before the court and appellate practice. Randall Kinnard was screened by means of both peer and judicial review and each recommended him as possessing the qualifications and characteristics required for members of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers to include standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession.



Randall L. Kinnard Hatcher & Fell Photography

New Nashville Courthouse Approved

WKRN reported that approval for the new Nashville federal courthouse has passed through the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper, D- Tenn., says Nashville has needed a newer and safer courthouse for more than 20 years.



Historical Society Throws Annual Reception

The annual Tennessee Supreme Court Historical Society reception was held last month at the Nashville Supreme Court building. The event marked the opening of two new Tennessee Judiciary Museum alcoves dedicated to the roles of women and African-Americans in Tennessee's legal history.

Lawless Named Chairman of Trial Court Vacancy Commission

Speaker of the House Beth Harwell, R-Nashville, joined Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey in appointing Nashville lawyer, Tom Lawless, as chair of the newly created Trial Court Vacancy Commission. The commission will screen candidates to fill vacancies in the state's trial courts and send three nominees to Governor Bill Haslam for final selection. Ramsey has named five appointees of the commission, and Harwell selected the remaining five members, the Nashville Post reports.

Nashville Lawyers Raise Funds to Promote Equal Access to Justice

Lawyers who attended the Corporate Counsel Pro Bono Initiative Gala on March 5 in

Nashville raised more than \$45,000 to support Tennessee legal aid programs. Over ten years, the gala has raised more than half a million dollars to support pro bono efforts. This year's event, hosted by Bass, Berry & Sims, honored Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz and International Paper Company for their ongoing commitment to providing equal access to justice. Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Sharon Lee provided the keynote address.



NBA Honors 2016 Class of Fellows

The Nashville Bar Association honored its [2016 Class of Fellows](#) on March 12. The event also honored Ashley T. Wiltshire Jr., former director of the Legal Aid Society, with the David Rutherford award.



Legal Aid Society Launches 2016 Campaign at Luncheon

The Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland Mountains launched its [2016 Campaign for Equal Justice](#) at a luncheon in Nashville. [Campaign Chair Trey Harwell](#) of Neal and Harwell PLC

announced that the campaign will seek to raise \$827,000 to support free legal assistance across the region. The luncheon included a panel featuring Margaret Behm, principal at Dodson, Parker, Behm & Capparella; Judy Bond-McKissack, executive director of the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Education; Judge Juliet Griffin, retired from the U.S. District Court, Middle District; and Chancellor Carol McCoy, 20th Judicial District, Part II. Forty-seven law firms are already supporting the campaign.

Waverly Crenshaw Nominated for Federal Judgeship

The Senate confirmed attorney [Waverly Crenshaw](#)'s nomination to become a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. Crenshaw has served at Waller Lansden law firm for 26 years and is the second African-American federal judge on active status in Tennessee.

February 2016 Circuit Court Trial Report

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

For more detailed access about these cases and

DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS

February 2016

CIRCUIT COURT			GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed	223	436	Total New Cases Filed	4,057	7,237
Jury Demand	112	215	Civil Warrants	1,901	3,290
Non-Jury	111	221	Outset Warrants	907	1,959
New Divorce Cases Filed	221	375	Recovery Warrants	32	58
Domestic Petitions Filed	86	186	Prot for Order of Protection	226	648
Orders of Protection Filed	123	218	Orders of Prot. Granted	138	254
Orders of Protection Granted	57	98	Orders of Prot. Dismissed	230	415
Orders of Protection Dismissed	88	215	Emergency Commitments	855	1,567
Judicial Commitments Filed	19	48	Immediate Possession	3	3
New Adoption Petitions	8	12	Suit & Attach.	0	1
Civil Cases Concluded	178	356	Petitions to Interplead	0	0
Jury Demand	114	227	Counterclaims	10	17
Non-Jury	64	129	Outset Warrants	23	64
Divorce Cases Concluded	229	439	Executions Issued	4,280	7,970
Domestic Petitions Concluded	129	238	Commitment Payments	3,057	6,942
			Judgments Collected	\$998,774	\$1,730,790

PROBATE COURT			TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU		
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	202	384	Total Traffic Violations	7,220	14,105
Total Cases Closed	192	376	Moving Citations	5,392	9,316
Probate Will	77	143	Parking Citations	2,038	4,789
Probate Will for Murniment of Title	13	23	Environmental Citations	239	421
Letters of Administration	25	55	Total Fines Collected	\$307,793	\$537,704
Small Estate Affidavits	48	81	Nuifications	383	658
Conservatorship	25	50	Nuification Fees Collected	\$4,194	\$7,889
Guardianship of Minor	0	0	Credit Card Payments	4,481	6,681
Name Change	10	20			
Trust Matters	4	5			
Other Miscellaneous	0	2			

CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS BY CASE TYPE					
	Current	YTD		Current	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENT			CONTRACT		
Total Cases Tried	3	9	Total Cases Tried	10	13
Plaintiff Verdicts	2	7	Plaintiff Verdicts	8	11
Defendant Verdicts	1	2	Defendant Verdicts	2	2
Other/Under Adv.	0	0	Other/Under Adv.	0	0
Jury Trials	2	7			
Non-Jury Trials	1	2	HEALTH CARE LIABILITY		
Appeal from U.S.	0	0	Total Cases Tried	0	0
Plaintiff Verdict	0	0	Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0
Defendant Verdict	0	0	Defendant Verdicts	0	0
Other/None	0	0	Other/Under Adv./Hung	0	0

Published by the DeKalb County
 Circuit Court Clerk's Office
 1 Public Square, Suite 301, Nashville, TN 37203
 Internet: <http://www.caselink.nashville.gov>

thousands more, **subscribe to CaseLink** by emailing
caselink@nashville.gov.