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CASELINK SYSTEM GETS MAJOR UPGRADE

Subscription Rate Reduced to \$25, New Case Alert Function

CaseLink is the Public Inquiry System for the Offices of the Circuit Court Clerk which provides convenient 24/7 access to cases filed in the Circuit, Probate and General Sessions-Civil Courts. The upgraded CaseLink application is more user friendly and sign-up can now be completed online at <http://caselink.nashville.gov/> "This is a great tool that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week," said Rooker. "Many of the enhancements to CaseLink were implemented from requests and suggestions received from the legal community."

CaseLink subscriptions are purchased on a monthly basis; however users will also have the option of subscribing annually. The new subscription rate is reduced to \$25.00 per month. The accounts are geared toward individual use, which brings many advanced features such as:

- Case Alerts (Automatic notification of case filings through email)
- Combined Office Search Engine
- View/Print Documents in PDF Format
- Online Billing/Payments

If you would like a guided tour of the CaseLink upgrades or have any questions, please contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office at circuitclerkpr@nashville.gov.

FAREWELL TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER



The Criminal Justice Center was built in 1982 and has served Nashville over the last 34 years. The building was long overdue for an update and the demolition of the Criminal Justice Center is almost complete. The new construction project will include two new facilities. A behavioral health care center will be built as a separate facility alongside the jail. The behavior health center will include 64 treatment rooms and will be for people who commit misdemeanor crimes and also suffer from mental illness. The center is the first of its kind in the nation. Construction of the buildings will take place over the next three years.

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CIRCUIT COURT TRIAL VERDICTS

JURY TRIALS

**IF CASE WAS
APPEALED FROM
GENERAL SESSIONS**

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	GEN. SESSIONS JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
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Week of December 5

15C-260	AUTOMOBILE	1	PLAINTIFF- \$35,743		
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NON-JURY TRIALS

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	GEN. SESSIONS JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
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Week of December 12

16C2471	METRO APPEAL	1	DEFENDANT - DISMISSED		
16C2646	METRO APPEAL	1	DEFENDANT - DISMISSED		
16C98	WORKER'S COMP	5	DEFENDANT - \$116,064		
16C1038	GSA -CONTRACT	8	PLAINTIFF - \$850 + (COURT COST TO DEFT.)	PLAINTIFF -\$348	PLAINTIFF
14C4731	WORKER'S COMP	8	PLAINTIFF 9% IMPAIRMENT TO BODY AS A WHOLE, 36% PPT DISABILITY		

SPECIALLY SET TRIALS (JURY & NON-JURY)

CASE	TYPE	COURT	CIRCUIT JUDGMENT	DATE OF TRIAL	JURY OR NON-JURY
2016-B-576	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & VANDELISM UNDER \$500	2	PLAINTIFF - PLEAD GUILTY TO VANDALISM UNDER \$500, COUNTS 1 AND 2 ASSAULT BODILY INJURY DISMISSED	12/5/16	JURY
2015-C-1698	DUI	2	PLAINTIFF - PLEAD GUILTY TO REDUCED CHARGE OF RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT	12/5/16	JURY
2015-C-1860	DUI	2	PLAINTIFF - DUI COUNT 1 AND DUI PER SE COUNT 2 WERE MERGED, PLEAD GUILTY	12/5/16	JURY
16C732 CONSOL. W/24 OTHER CASES	METRO APPEAL- ANIMAL CRUELTY, HOARDING, AND RABIES VACCINATION	1	PLAINTIFF - \$250 FINE SUSPENDED, DEFT. CAN KEEP 5 OUT OF 14 DOGS. MUST COMPLY WITHIN 2 WEEKS FOR VACCINES SHELTER, FOOD	12/15/16- 12/16/16	NON-JURY

**SIGN UP FOR A CASELINK ACCOUNT AND GET 24/7 ACCESS TO CASES FILED
IN THE CIRCUIT, PROBATE AND GENERAL SESSIONS-CIVIL COURTS**

DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS**CIRCUIT COURT**

	DEC	YTD
New Civil Cases Filed.....	213	2,661
Jury Demand.....	127	1,396
Non-Jury.....	86	1,265
New Divorce Cases Filed	135	2,150
Domestic Petitions Filed	69	1,134
Orders of Protection Filed.....	90	1,246
Orders of Prot. Granted.....	21	396
Orders of Prot. Dismissed.....	53	991
Judicial Committals Filed.....	34	280
New Adoption Petitions	8	109
Civil Cases Concluded.....	171	2,451
Jury Demand.....	121	1,703
Non-Jury	50	748
Divorce Cases Concluded	110	2,176
Domestic Petitions Concluded	49	909

GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL

	DEC	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	4,203	47,279
Civil Warrants	2,168	23,108
Detainer Warrants	941	10,250
Recovery Warrants.....	23	218
Pet for Order of Protection.....	310	4,017
Orders Granted.....	93	1,288
Orders Dismissed.....	203	2,768
Emergency Committals	788	788
Immediate Possession.....	1	16
Sue & Attach.....	0	1
Petitions to Interplead.....	1	5
Counterclaims.....	7	100
Distress Warrants.....	20	266
Executions Issued.....	3,404	46,147
Garnishment Payments	4,183	44,307
Judgments Collected.....	\$1,032,841	\$10,881,294

PROBATE COURT

	DEC	YTD
Total New Cases Filed	147	2,157
Total Cases Closed	139	2,149
Probate Will	45	850
Probate Will for Muniment of Title.....	2	90
Letters of Administration.....	26	331
Small Estate Affidavits.....	30	434
Conservatorship.....	20	240
Guardianship of Minor.....	7	32
Name Change	9	98
Trust Matters.....	4	47
Other Miscellaneous	4	35

**TRAFFIC VIOLATION
BUREAU**

	DEC	YTD
Total Traffic Violations	6,582	97,200
Moving Citations	4,141	56,903
Parking Citations.....	2,441	40,297
Environmental Citations.....	324	2,843
Total Fines Collected	\$221,851	\$3,113,597
Nullifications.....	277	3,960
Nullification Fees Collected	\$3,329	\$47,511
*Credit Card Payments	4,126	56,234

**CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS
BY CASE TYPE**

AUTO ACCIDENT			CONTRACT			MISCELLANEOUS		
	DEC	YTD		DEC	YTD		DEC	YTD
Total Cases Tried	1	40	Total Cases Tried	1	35	Total Cases Tried	8	92
Plaintiff Verdicts	1	25	Plaintiff Verdicts	1	28	Plaintiff Verdicts	5	62
Defendant Verdicts	0	14	Defendant Verdicts	0	7	Defendant Verdicts	3	19
Other/Under Adv	0	2	Other/Under Adv	0	0	Other/Under Adv	0	11
Jury Trials	1	28						
Non-Jury Trials	0	12						
Appeal from G.S.	0	5						
Plaintiff Verd.	0	3						
Def. Verdict	0	2						
Other/None	0	0						
			HEALTH CARE LIABILITY					
				DEC	YTD			
			Total Cases Tried	0	0			
			Plaintiff Verdicts	0	0			
			Defendant Verdicts	0	0			
			Other/Under Adv/Hung	0	0			

2016 YEAR END REVIEW

CIRCUIT COURT	2016	2015	2016 vs 2015
New Civil Cases Filed	2,661	2,369	292
Jury Demand	1,396	1,210	186
Non-Jury	1,265	1,159	106
New Divorce Cases Filed	2,150	2,280	-130
Domestic Petitions Filed	1,134	1,389	-255
Orders of Protection Filed	1,246	1,253	-7
Orders of Prot. Granted	396	139	257
Orders of Prot. Dismissed	991	276	715
Judicial Committals Filed	280	307	-27
New Adoption Petitions	109	129	-20
Civil Cases Concluded	2,451	2,226	-58
Jury Demand	1,703	1,498	205
Non-Jury	748	728	20
Divorce Cases Concluded	2,176	2,234	-58
Domestic Petitions Concluded	909	1,324	-415

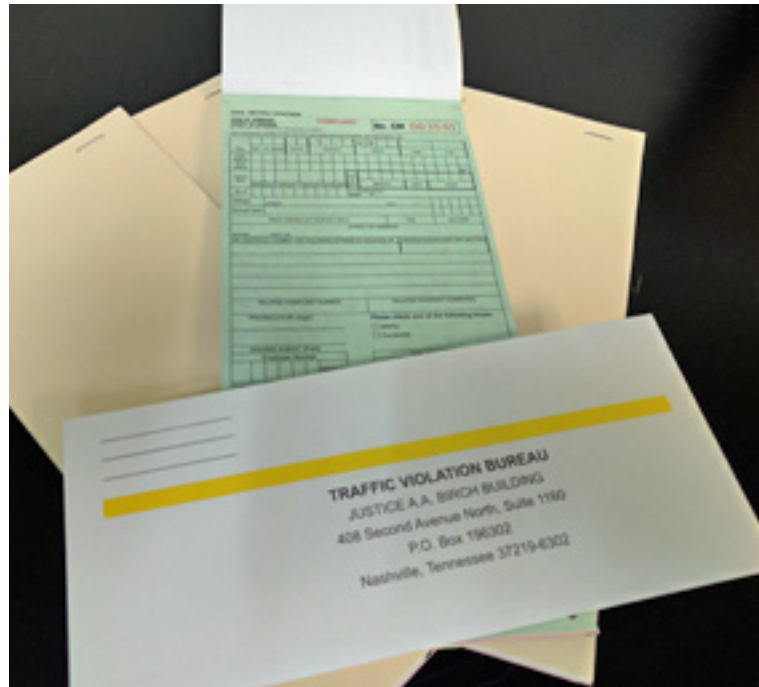
GENERAL SESSIONS CIVIL	2016	2015	2016 vs 2015
Total New Cases Filed	47,279	45,088	2,191
Civil Warrants	23,108	20,425	2,683
Detainer Warrants	10,250	10,587	-337
Recovery Warrants	218	476	-258
Petitions for Order of Protection	4,017	4,153	-136
Orders of Prot. Granted	1,288	501	787
Orders of Prot. Dismissed	2,768	977	1,791
Emergency Committals	9,298	9,114	184
Immediate Possession	16	42	-26
Sue & Attach	1	3	-2
Petitions to Interplead	5	8	-3
Counterclaims	100	134	-34
Distress Warrants	266	146	120
Executions Issued	46,147	44,765	1,382
Garnishment Payments	44,307	47,108	-2,801
Judgments Collected	\$10,881,294	\$11,429,908	-\$548,614

PROBATE	2016	2015	2016 vs 2015
Total New Cases Filed	2,157	2,114	43
Total Cases Closed	2,149	2,111	38
Probate Will	850	896	-46
Probate Will for Muniment of Title	90	87	3
Letters of Administration	331	279	52
Small Estate Affidavits	434	389	45
Conservatorship	240	251	-11
Guardianship of Minor	32	51	-19
Name Change	98	91	7
Trust Matters	47	38	9
Other Miscellaneous	35	32	5

TRAFFIC VIOLATION BUREAU	2016	2015	2016 vs 2015
Total Traffic Violations	97,200	104,532	-7,332
Moving Citations	56,903	63,240	-6,337
Parking Citations	40,297	41,292	-995
Environmental Citations	2,843	1,656	1,187
Total Fines Collected	\$3,113,597	\$3,723,268	-\$609,671
Nullifications	3,960	4,368	-408
Nullification Fees Collected	\$47,511	\$52,425	-\$4,914
Credit Card Payments	56,234	59,976	-3,742

NEW CIVIL MISDEMEANOR CITATION CREATED AFTER PASSING OF MARIJUANA RESOLUTION

The passing of new marijuana legislation by the Metro Council ushers in a New Civil Misdemeanor Citation. The new citations are processed by the Traffic Violation Bureau and are handled in a way similar to traffic and parking citations. When a defendant is cited, they have 45 days to choose 1 of 2 options to satisfy the complaint: a) pay the fine amount of \$106.50 or b) request a court hearing. If a defendant is found guilty or fails to appear for the court hearing, litigation tax and court cost will be added to the fine amount. Defendants also have the option to complete community service. If community service is granted, the defendant must show proof of community service and pay a \$56.00 dismissal fee to the clerk's office. The new citations were distributed to officers at the end of December and should be more efficient for officers coming to court, as court hearings are held in the same place as traffic court.



JUDGES HONORED BY THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Several Tennessee judges were honored at the Nashville Bar Association's 2016 Annual Meeting and Banquet on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Judge Joe Binkley received the President's Award for his outstanding contributions to the Nashville Bar Association. Judge Philip Smith and Judge Phillip Robinson received the CLE Excellence Award, for their exceptional service and dedication to provide quality continuing legal education to improve the knowledge and practice skills of lawyers.

In addition, Judge Robert S. Brandt, Judge Ben H. Cantrell, Judge Bill E. Higgins and Judge J. Randall Wyatt received the Emeritus Award honoring their more than 50 years of law practice as a member of the Bar.

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PROBATE
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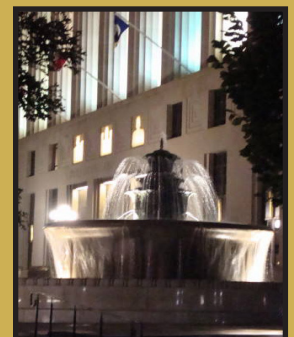
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