

3B DISTRICT COURT

2014

ANNUAL REPORT

**Judges: Jeffrey C. Middleton
Robert K. Pattison**

Ct Administrator/Magistrate: Tabitha Wedge

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ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
2014

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3B DISTRICT COURT

Judges: Jeffrey C. Middleton & Robert K. Pattison

The District Court is often called the people's court. It is through the District Court that most individuals come into contact with the judicial system as a defendant, witness or juror. It is from these experiences that most individuals base their conclusions regarding the quality of justice received.

District Court's Purpose: *It is critical for those who we serve to keep focus on the court's true purpose:*

- *To provide individual justice to individual cases.*
- *To provide speedy, equal resolution of conflict litigation.*
- *To ensure protection of individuals from harm of others.*
- *To enforce penalties for not complying with the laws.*
- *To interpret the meaning of laws.*
- *To provide an impartial forum for the accused, the litigants and all individuals who need our service.*

District Court Authority:

- ❖ District Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. We have exclusive jurisdiction of:
 - Misdemeanors where potential punishment does not exceed one year in jail arraignment, setting and acceptance of bail, and conducting of preliminary examinations in felony cases.
 - Traffic offenses
 - Civil litigation up to \$25,000
 - Garnishments
 - Eviction proceedings, land contract and mortgage foreclosures
 - Small claims for civil cases up to \$5,000-litigants must waive their right to a jury, representation by a lawyer, rules of evidence, and the right to appeal the judge's decision
 - District Court decisions may be appealed to Circuit Court
- ❖ District Court has four (4) main divisions:
 - Criminal Division: Cases handled in this division include major traffic and misdemeanor offenses, felony offenses, liquor, conservation, watercraft, and animal violations. Municipal civil infractions and township ordinance violations are also included. Most of these violations require a personal appearance before a Judge or Magistrate.
 - Traffic Division: Traffic civil infractions and minor traffic misdemeanor offenses are handled here. Magistrates conduct informal hearings on contested traffic violations or individuals can pay their traffic fines daily.
 - Probation Division: Select criminal violations may result in a sentence where the individual receives a specific period of time they are placed on a supervised probation. They report to an assigned Probation Officer who assists them to complete several programs and testing requirements as part of the probation.
 - Civil Division: Processes civil suits, small claims, landlord tenant disputes and land contract cases. The court handles civil suits up to \$25,000 while Small Claims will provide an inexpensive forum for resolving money disputes up to \$5,000.
- ❖ No deputy clerk is permitted to give legal advice however may assist with policy and procedure directions.
- ❖ Payments are accepted in the form of personal checks, cash, money order and credit cards.
- ❖ Court hours have been set to provide convenient access for court patrons.

2014 3B DISTRICT COURT STAFF

Jeffrey C. Middleton-Chief Judge Pro Tem
(Elected: 2003-2015)

Robert K. Pattison-Judge
(Elected 2013-2019)

Tabitha Wedge-Ct Administrator/Magistrate
(Hired September 1, 1987; "27 service years")

Mark Books-Magistrate/Judicial Associate
(Hired January 20, 2009; "5 service year")

Judicial Secretaries/Court Recorders:

Sue Eickhoff
(Hired January 13, 2003; "11 service years")

Lori Rumsey
(Hired January 2, 1991; "23 service years")

Criminal Department:

Patricia Ellis-Clerk
(Hired October 6, 1997; "17 service years")

Sally Hippen-Clerk
(Hired December 17, 2001; "13 service years")

Cynthia Custard-Clerk
(Hired January 18, 2005; "9 service years")

Probation Department:

Cindi Labencki-Clerk
(Hired December 23, 1992; "22 service years")

Gina Wagner-Probation Officer
(Hired September 8, 2009; "5 service years")

Ryan Smith-Probation Officer/Magistrate
(Hired October 6, 2009; "5 service years")

Jon Marcus-Probation Officer
(Hired Sept. 16, 2011; Resigned Sept. 4, 2014;
"2 service year")

Autumne Keifer-Probation Officer
(Hired September 30, 2014)

Accounting & Traffic Department:

Dorine Channey-Clerk
(Hired May 9, 2005; "9 service years")

Cynthia Mostrom-Clerk
(Hired January 29, 2013; "2 service year")

Civil Department:

Vilma Taylor-Clerk
(Hired January 2, 2002; "12 service years")

Michelle Baker-Clerk
(Hired January 15, 2013; "2 service year")

Lori Miller-Clerk
(Hired November 5, 2013; "1 service year")



3B DISTRICT COURT 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

The Unexpected:

Cunningham Supreme Court Decision-Costs	All courts in Michigan received an unexpected revenue drop beginning in June and not resolving until late October. This was a result of a Supreme Court Decision which ruled the courts could not award court costs on cases. This caused a State wide concern and various Associations began to lobby for a decision change due to the impact it would have for funding units/court's operations across the State.
Resignation-Probation Officer	The court was informed in August-September that Probation Officer, Jon Marcus, had accepted a position elsewhere and was tendering his resignation after two years of service.
Newly Hired Probation Officer	At the end of September, the court hired Autumnne Keifer to begin as a Probation Officer filling the recent vacancy.
Judicial Election	In November, Judge Middleton was on the ballot for another term in the judiciary election.
Probation Client Incident	In November, the court unfortunately had a client who created a serious disturbance in the lower area of the court's building. No court employees were physically hurt; however, a security officer did receive serious injuries.

New Practices/Miscellaneous:

Sobriety Court Home Visits	In January, occasional home visits began with Sobriety Court Clients without having a uniformed officer present.
Compensation Study	In March the court was presented with copies of new job descriptions for employees along with the results of the 2013 re-classification compensation study conducted by the County.
Attorney Lounge Make-Over	In August Judge Pattison made purchases through the county to provide a long needed "make over" to one of the attorney lounges. This change provided a more professional appearance and offered an additional area where victims could be met with removing the office intimidation fears.
Public Customer Survey	In October, the courts once again participated in conducting the annual customer survey. The purpose of the satisfaction survey is to allow court users to rate the court's accessibility along with its treatment of customers in terms of fairness, equality and respect. Positive perceptions of court experiences are shaped by the court users' perceptions of how they are treated in court and whether the courts process of making decisions seems fair. As the courts are a public body it is important they provide the users an opportunity to provide feedback. SCAO compiled the data from the surveys and a copy of District Court's results is attached.
Jail Diversion Program	The courts were introduced to the plan for a jail diversion program for mental health individuals.

3B District Court
Public Satisfaction Survey

Section 1: Access to the Court

1) Finding the courthouse was easy.

5 - Strongly Agree	48	79 %
4 - Agree	12	20 %
3 - Neutral	1	2 %

No NA Responses

2) The forms I needed were clear and easy to understand.

5 - Strongly Agree	32	54%
4 - Agree	19	32%
3 - Neutral	6	10%
2 - Disagree	2	3%

1 NA Response(s)

3) I felt safe in the courthouse.

5 - Strongly Agree	44	72%
4 - Agree	12	20%
3 - Neutral	5	8%

No NA Responses

4) I was able to get my court business done in a reasonable amount of time today.

5 - Strongly Agree	42	71%
4 - Agree	14	24%
3 - Neutral	2	3%
2 - Disagree	1	2%

1 NA Response(s)

5) I was treated with courtesy and respect by court staff.

5 - Strongly Agree	48	79%
4 - Agree	11	18%
3 - Neutral	1	2%
2 - Disagree	1	2%

No NA Responses

6) I easily found the courtroom or office I needed.

5 - Strongly Agree	45	76 %
4 - Agree	11	19 %
3 - Neutral	3	5 %

No NA Responses

7) The court's website was useful.

5 - Strongly Agree	15	43 %
4 - Agree	4	11 %
3 - Neutral	13	37 %
2 - Disagree	2	6 %
1 - Strongly Disagree	1	3 %

23 NA Response(s)

8) The court's hours of operation made it easy for me to do my business.

5 - Strongly Agree	34	57 %
4 - Agree	16	27 %
3 - Neutral	9	15 %
1 - Strongly Disagree	1	2 %

1 NA Response(s)

3B District Court
Public Satisfaction Survey

Section 2: Fairness

9) The way the case was handled was fair.

5 - Strongly Agree	13	43 %
4 - Agree	9	30 %
3 - Neutral	6	20 %
2 - Disagree	2	7 %

7 NA Response(s)

11) The judge/magistrate/referee had the information necessary to make informed decisions about the case.

5 - Strongly Agree	11	41 %
4 - Agree	10	37 %
3 - Neutral	4	15 %
2 - Disagree	2	7 %

10 NA Response(s)

13) The judge/magistrate/referee told the parties what would happen next in the case.

5 - Strongly Agree	12	44 %
4 - Agree	9	33 %
3 - Neutral	3	11 %
2 - Disagree	2	7 %
1 - Strongly Disagr	1	4 %

11 NA Response(s)

15) As I leave the court, I understand what happened in my case.

5 - Strongly Agree	16	62 %
4 - Agree	7	27 %
3 - Neutral	2	8 %
2 - Disagree	1	4 %

12 NA Response(s)

10) The judge/magistrate/referee listened to both sides of the story before making a decision.

5 - Strongly Agree	8	29 %
4 - Agree	10	36 %
3 - Neutral	8	29 %
2 - Disagree	1	4 %
1 - Strongly Disagree	1	4 %

10 NA Response(s)

12) The judge/magistrate/referee treated everyone with courtesy and respect.

5 - Strongly Agree	12	41 %
4 - Agree	11	38 %
3 - Neutral	3	10 %
2 - Disagree	2	7 %
1 - Strongly Disagree	1	3 %

9 NA Response(s)

14) The outcome in my case was favorable to me.

5 - Strongly Agree	11	50 %
4 - Agree	5	23 %
3 - Neutral	4	18 %
2 - Disagree	2	9 %

14 NA Response(s)

**3B District Court
Public Satisfaction Survey**

Section 3: Background Information

16) Who are you?

Attorney/prosecutor	2	4 %
Family/friend of party to case	11	19 %
Interpreter	1	2 %
Juror	0	
Party	19	33 %
Witness	1	2 %
Other	23	40 %

18) What type of case brought you to the courthouse today?

Child protective	0	
Civil matter	5	9 %
Criminal/probation	11	20 %
Divorce/custody/support	1	2 %
Drug/sobriety court	0	
Estate/trust	0	
Guardianship/conservatorship	0	
Juvenile delinquency	1	2 %
PPOs	0	
Small claims	2	4 %
Traffic	24	43 %
Other	12	21 %

21) How often are you typically in the courthouse?

First time	12	24 %
Once a year or less	23	45 %
Several times a year	8	16 %
Regularly	8	16 %

17) What did you do at court today?

Appear as witness	0	
Attend hearing or trial	15	27 %
File papers	6	11 %
Get information	8	14 %
Jury duty	0	
Meet probation/pretrial staff	3	5 %
Search records/obtain docs.	1	2 %
Other	23	41 %

19) What is your gender?

Female	21	45 %
Male	26	55 %

20) How do you identify yourself?

Am. Indian/Alaska Native	1	2 %
Asian	0	
Multiracial/biracial	0	
Black/African American	2	4 %
Hispanic/Latino	2	4 %
White/Caucasian	49	91 %
Other	0	

22) What court did you visit today?

Circuit Court	0	
District Court	61	100 %
Family Division	0	
Probate Court	0	

SOS Reporting & Interpreter Services:

Secretary of State Conviction Reporting	The District Court remains between a 93-98% compliance with timely reporting of caseload documents.
Interpreter Services	District Court employee, Vilma Taylor, continues to provide regular service as a Spanish interpreter for the court. She offers assistance to a variety of other County offices and proves to be a valuable representative for the court.

Meetings & Trainings:

The District Court Judges, Court Management and District Court Staff continue to seek additional education and knowledge to be used in their daily job responsibilities.

Regional Meetings	Judge Middleton, Judge Pattison and Tabitha Wedge have regular participation in the Region V meetings. For the Judges this is normally done on an alternate attendance basis in order to provide continued court coverage. These meetings provide regular updates on upcoming law changes and areas of operations the court needs to be focused on.
Judicial Assignments	Both Judge Middleton and Judge Pattison's services were assigned to other courts upon disqualification requests through SCAO. Assignments included: Branch, Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties. The four (4) St. Joseph County Judges are also cross-assigned. In addition to these types of assignments, Judge Middleton receives assignments accepting other court's Specialty Court Clients to be supervised through our Probation Department.
St. Joseph County Judge Meetings	The four (4) judges regularly continue to meet and discuss various issues and procedures.
MCAA Board	Tabitha Wedge-President for the Michigan Court Administrators Association (MCAA) Board attends the meetings regularly. These meetings provide regular updates on upcoming law changes, and operations where the court should remain focused. MCAA's Board also is primarily responsible for the planning of the Court Managers Conference each May opened to all court administration branches. <i>In 2014 she received and was presented the 2014 Court Administrator of the Year Award.</i>
Community Corrections Advisory Board	Judge Middleton and Judge Pattison are active participants with this Board. Gina Wagner-Probation Officer is also on the Board, representing the Probation Dept.
Conference Opportunities	Tabitha Wedge-Court Administrator/Magistrate, Mark Books-Magistrate/Judicial Associate and Probation Officers-Gina Wagner, Ryan Smith and Jon Marcus, attended the annual Association conferences to meet with other colleagues. The conferences provide training updates and education on proposed law changes along with other necessary and valuable information.
Cross Training	The District Court continues to be an avid supporter of cross-training. It provides for more efficient operations due to unexpected leaves and retirements.

Technology Changes:

The District Court continues to support the concept of streamlining work tasks and procedures in a continued effort to reduce the work load experienced by all; striving to maintain the efficient operations we are accustomed to in providing services per allowed SCAO Guidelines.

Continually-Mark Books, Magistrate, works with Dustin Bainbridge, County IT Dept, to update District Court's County webpage with the focus being user friendly. Links of interest, along with PDF forms to allow individuals easier access to the court are constantly being added and updated.

January-February the court's building received WIFI access. This proves to be valuable to the attorneys and clients in updating their personal calendars with court appearances and reminders.

April the court upgraded to SOS Direct Access with the Secretary of State's office. This access allows the court to immediately clear an individual's license suspension upon paying their outstanding violation with the court. This proves to be more efficient as clients do not have to carry additional paperwork with them for a limited term of six weeks waiting for the violation to clear on their driving records.

Late Summer several court staff received ultra books and other staff began receiving new PC work stations with the updated Windows operating system.

October the court began to use the BS&A time sheet program purchased and implemented through County Finance Dept.

2014	3B DISTRICT COURT	REVENUE
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ACCT #	NAME OF ACCT	AMOUNT TO COUNTY TREASURER
544.100	Case flow Assistance-OWI	\$12,967.23
545.000	Case flow Assistance-Drug	\$1,463.34
570.040	Victim Rights Program-DC	\$11,188.67
602.000	P51796 Court Costs	\$292,559.35
604.000	Reimbursed Ct Appt Atty	\$45,804.50
609.000	Civil Fees (Various)	\$80,640.00
609.010	Civil Fees (Filing)	\$55,227.82
610.020	Contempt Charges	\$1,336.00
696.00	NSF Fees	\$0.00
610.030	Oversight Fees	\$95,390.28
610.040	Screening Fees	\$8,900.00
656.000	Bond Forfeitures	\$6,395.00
657.000	Ordinance Fines	\$84,796.92
665.000	Interest CD & Investments	\$88.99
695.000	Cash Short/Over	\$9.00
265.229	District Court Drug Costs	\$9,032.00
264.351	County Booking Fee	\$434.00
701.351	State Booking Fee	\$108.00
608.020	DC Jury Fees	\$120.00
	YRLY TOTAL TO COUNTY TREASURER	\$706,461.10

* Indicates money collected is different then figure reflected here; as a portion of what is collected is not retained at the county.
 **Note: Court revenue figures may differ slightly from the County records as they are generated yearly from January-December and may reflect credits and/or necessary adjustments.

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED BY DISTRICT COURT FOR JAN-DEC 2014	\$1,468,377.51
BOND RECEIVED	\$336,396.50
WITNESS/JURY RECEIVED	\$2,942.10
2014 Total Monies handled through Court	\$1,807,716.11

**Corrected; 6/15/15 tmw

2014	EXPENDITURES	
	<i>AMENDED 2014 BUDGET: \$1,002,204.00</i>	
<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>EXPENDED</i>	<i>UNEXPENDED</i>
Total Expenditures	\$980,565.92	\$21,638.08

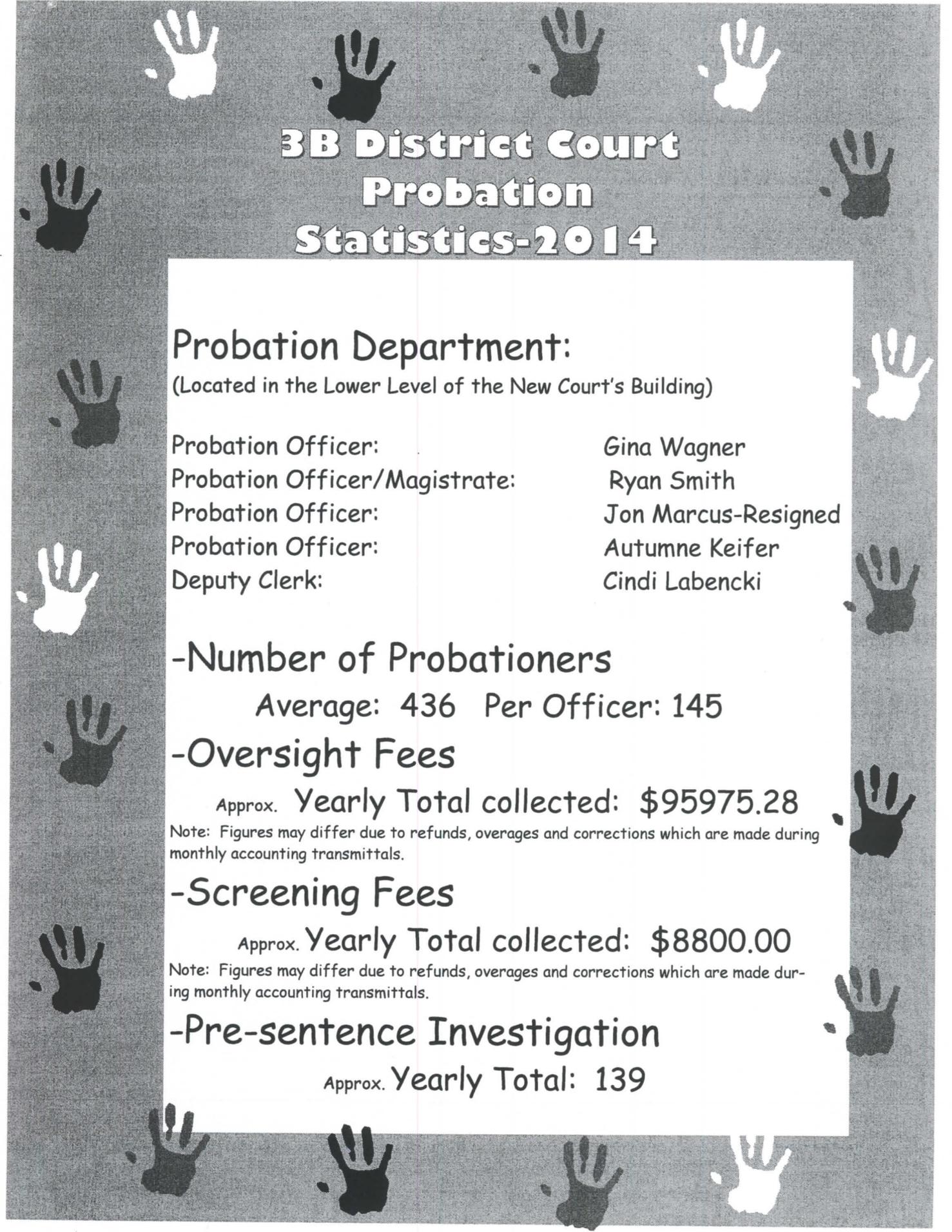
3B DISTRICT COURT CREDIT CARD REVENUE

The court currently uses Government Payment Services to accept credit card payments. Payments can be made via telephone to an 800 number, on-line or at the court counter. While a service fee is required, many of our clients find this to be a more efficient and faster method to handle their court business and are not deterred by the small service fee.

2014		Payments
January		\$17,941.70
February		\$26,231.66
March		\$31,568.25
April		\$26,975.40
May		\$26,662.00
June		\$24,655.75
July		\$24,940.55
August		\$22,409.35
September		\$27,973.09
October		\$30,180.50
November		\$21,278.20
December		\$28,031.03
TOTAL		\$308,847.48
Total Transactions		2911

2013		Payments
January		\$19,139.40
February		\$31,506.00
March		\$22,981.72
April		\$25,188.41
May		\$23,313.00
June		\$20,403.00
July		\$23,186.60
August		\$23,333.25
September		\$22,139.25
October		\$24,641.92
November		\$20,107.73
December		\$20,017.25
TOTAL		\$275,957.53
Total Transactions		2573

2012		Payments
January		\$19,211.22
February		\$35,753.88
March		\$26,340.26
April		\$24,138.93
May		\$25,439.10
June		\$24,535.90
July		\$24,437.70
August		\$26,370.42
September		\$24,891.50
October		\$26,481.40
November		\$20,112.90
December		\$18,170.60
TOTAL		\$295,883.81
Total Transactions		2791



3B District Court Probation Statistics-2014

Probation Department:

(Located in the Lower Level of the New Court's Building)

Probation Officer:	Gina Wagner
Probation Officer/Magistrate:	Ryan Smith
Probation Officer:	Jon Marcus-Resigned
Probation Officer:	Autumne Keifer
Deputy Clerk:	Cindi Labencki

-Number of Probationers

Average: 436 Per Officer: 145

-Oversight Fees

Approx. Yearly Total collected: \$95975.28

Note: Figures may differ due to refunds, overages and corrections which are made during monthly accounting transmittals.

-Screening Fees

Approx. Yearly Total collected: \$8800.00

Note: Figures may differ due to refunds, overages and corrections which are made during monthly accounting transmittals.

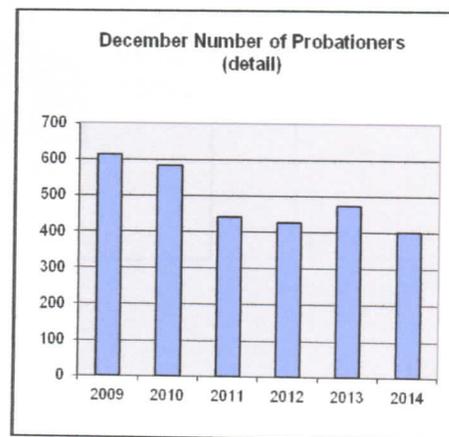
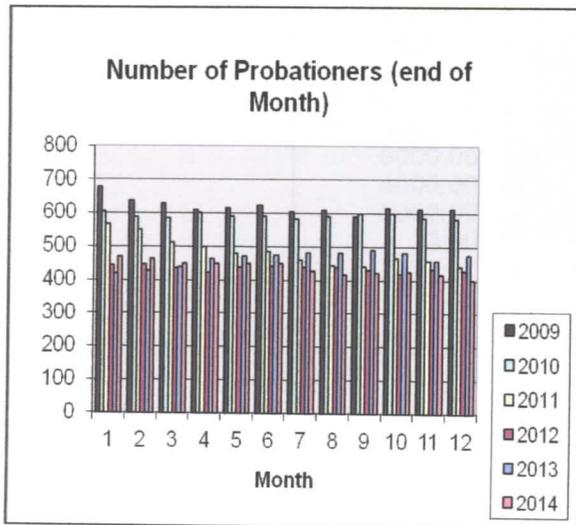
-Pre-sentence Investigation

Approx. Yearly Total: 139

Number of 3B District Court Probationers - End of the Month 2014

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average	Per PO
2009	677	636	629	609	616	623	603	609	590	614	613	613	619	206
2010	603	588	586	601	592	591	583	591	598	600	585	583	592	197
2011	565	551	511	498	479	484	459	444	442	466	456	441	483	161
2012	443	447	436	422	438	440	437	437	429	418	433	427	434	145
2013	420	428	438	462	471	474	483	481	489	482	458	473	463	154
2014	469	462	448	450	448	448	426	417	423	425	415	401	436	145

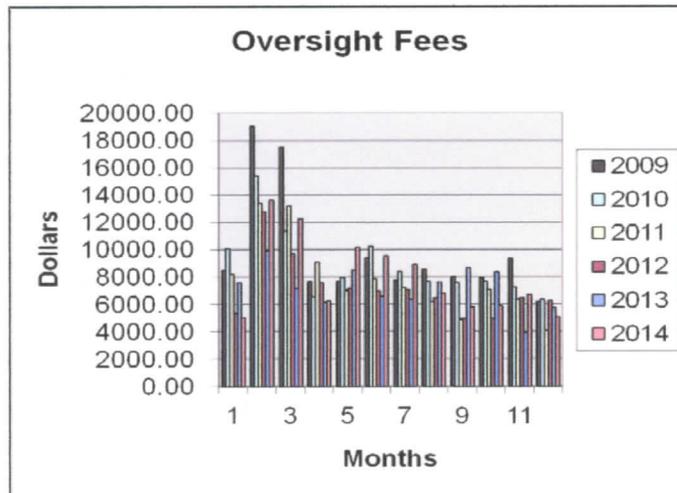
Each of the District Court Probation Officers is assigned individual clients resulting in direct supervision responsibilities. They assist the probationer in meeting their sentencing requirements. They also supervise the Alcohol/Drug testing ordered; fees being paid, work history and meet with the probationers on a regular basis until they have advanced and are allowed to report by mail.



3B DISTRICT COURT: PROBATION OVERSIGHT FEES Collected 2014

Oversight fees are the fees charged for the Probation Department to monitor a defendant placed on a probation term. This fee is not subject to a State Breakdown and is 100% payable to the County Funding Unit. The fee is collected on a monthly basis. Some defendants have the advantage of a lesser fee if they are discharged from probation by complying with their sentencing guidelines in a reduced amount of time.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009	8464.82	19017.50	17551.15	7660.00	7652.00	9367.00	7774.75	8559.00	7976.13	7901.52	9323.65	6196.90	\$117,444.42
2010	10042.90	15420.90	11372.25	6512.35	7927.77	10233.20	8391.00	7655.00	7584.00	7668.93	7252.80	6326.23	\$106,387.33
2011	8189.75	13375.26	13184.50	9089.00	7013.00	7858.62	7196.87	6180.00	4945.00	7074.00	6352.00	4092.01	\$94,550.01
2012	5384.00	12741.00	9648.00	7540.44	7153.06	6968.00	7075.50	6464.00	4965.00	4967.00	6503.00	6228.85	\$85,637.85
2013	7563.00	9885.15	7155.50	6128.72	8496.50	6563.00	6328.5	7619.00	8644.50	8344.00	3934.00	5748.50	\$86,410.37
2014	5039.50	13598.00	12273.00	6233.30	10170.30	9511.30	8899.30	6765.30	5803.50	5890.00	6703.37	5088.30	\$95,975.28

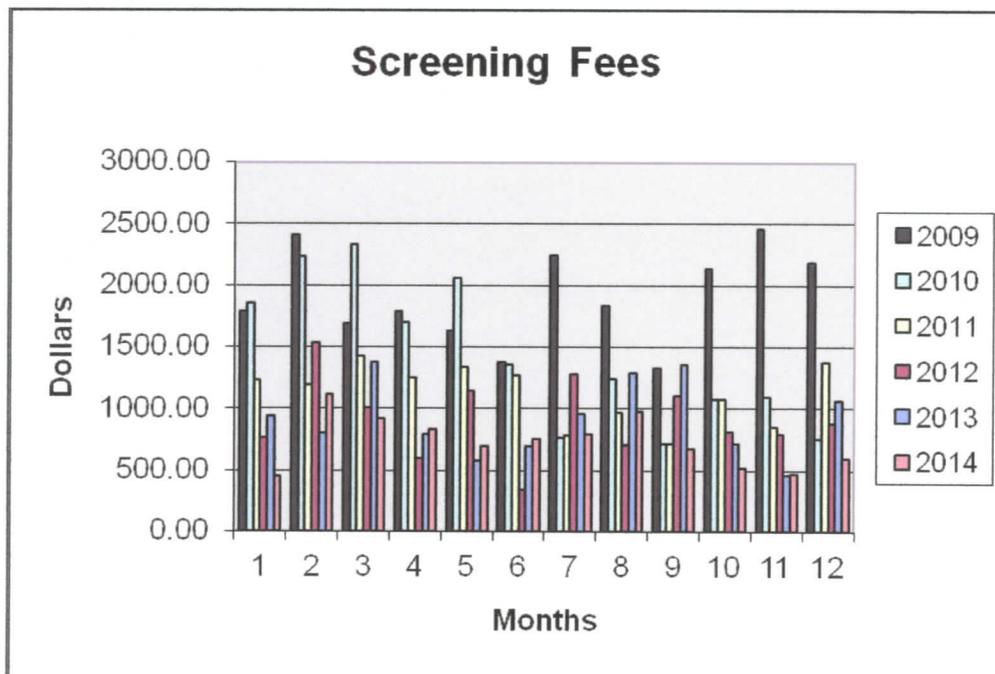


3B DISTRICT COURT: SCREENING FEES Collected 2014

The Screening is a requirement for various Alcohol and Drug convictions. This assessment is handled by the Probation Officer and is used to assist the Judge to determine the sentencing outcome.

The fee is not subject to a State Breakdown and is 100% payable to the County Funding Unit.

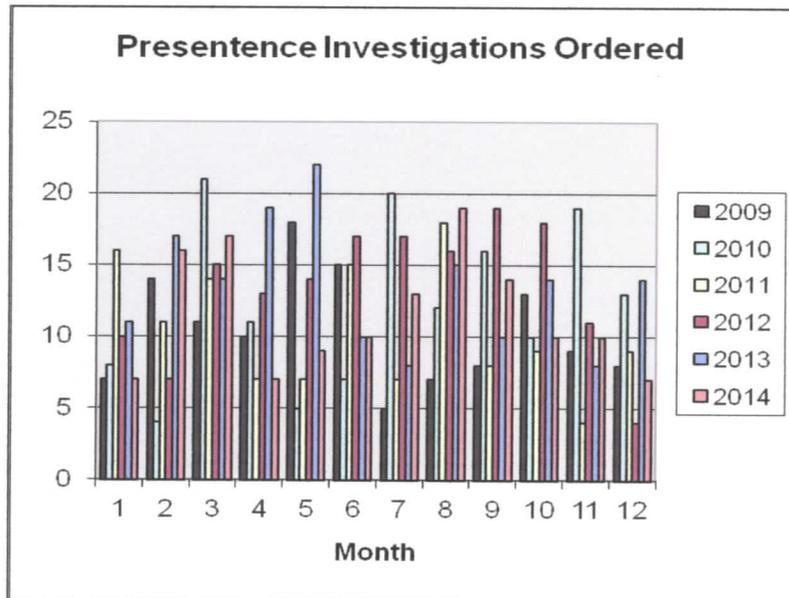
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009	1785.00	2408.80	1688.00	1791.00	1629.00	1380.34	2241.20	1836.00	1329.00	2142.00	2455.00	2184.00	\$22,869.34
2010	1857.05	2237.00	2332.95	1698.00	2064.00	1354.00	765.00	1240.00	720.00	1072.00	1091.00	757.00	\$17,188.00
2011	1229.00	1191.00	1431.00	1254.00	1335.00	1267.00	786.00	966.00	720.00	1073.00	854.00	1382.00	\$13,488.00
2012	761.00	1530.00	1008.00	600.00	1141.00	343.50	1278.50	706.00	1103.00	810.00	795.00	879.00	\$10,955.00
2013	935.00	802.00	1381.00	792.00	580.00	700.00	960.00	1295.00	1357.00	715.00	458.00	1070.00	\$11,045.00
2014	455.00	1110.00	915.00	833.00	694.00	750.00	793.00	975.00	675.00	525.00	475.00	600.00	\$8800.00



3B DISTRICT COURT: PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS for 2014

A presentence investigation is conducted within our Probation Department by a Probation Officer. It is a meeting where the defendant provides information concerning the case at hand. The Prosecutor, victim and officers are given the opportunity to also provide information in writing. The assigned Probation Officer must review all the facts provided concerning the violation against the defendant, and make an honest recommendation to the Judge in areas concerning the sentencing outcome.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Total
2009	7	14	11	10	18	15	5	7	8	13	9	8	125
2010	8	4	21	11	5	7	20	12	16	10	19	13	146
2011	16	11	14	7	7	15	7	18	8	9	4	9	125
2012	10	7	15	13	14	17	17	16	19	18	11	4	161
2013	11	17	14	19	22	10	8	15	10	14	8	14	162
2014	7	16	17	7	9	10	13	19	14	10	10	7	139





3B DISTRICT COURT-SPECIALTY (SOBRIETY) COURT:

Panel consists of:

- Jeffrey C. Middleton, District Judge
- Gina Wagner-District Court Probation Officer
- Ryan Smith-District Court Probation Officer/Magistrate
- Autumne Kiefer-District Court Probation Officer
- Joshua Robare-Assistant Prosecutor
- Mark Lillywhite-UnderSheriff
- Tony Calloway-Day Reporting
- Spencer Price-Community Mental Health
- Nancy Price-Community Corrections Representative-*retired Feb 2015*
- Erin Goff-Community Corrections Representative-*hired Jan 2015*

“One of the most successful types of specialty courts is the Sobriety Court”...the most recent studies and literature would indicate that there is a better way known as “the judicial therapeutic approach.”

The Sobriety Court was created to reduce the incidence of repeat drinking and driving offenses. Its main purpose is to reduce recidivism among repeat drunk drivers using court and community resources. The tools include: intensive supervision, individualized treatment, personal accountability, and frequent judicial review. The goals include: improved public safety and substance-free, sober lives for participants.

Upon entering the 24 month program, the offender is placed on an intensive probation track structured in four phases. Each phase has a built-in incentive.

2014	Year to Date Enrolled	Newly Enrolled	Total Active	Successful Termination	Unsuccessful Termination	% Success
January	1	1	29	3	1	75%
February	3	2	27	4	0	100%
March	3	0	23	0	0	N/A
April	4	1	24	1	0	100%
May	6	2	25	1	0	100%
June	13	7	31	4	1	80%
July	14	1	27	1	0	100%
August	18	4	30	2	0	100%
September	21	3	31	5	1	83.33%
October	21	0	25	1	0	100%
November	22	1	25	2	1	66.67%
December	23	1	23	0	1	0%
TOTAL	23	23		24	5	82.76%

Status as of December 31, 2014: PLEASE NOTE: The phase items are intended to provide a general description and guidelines for completion of Sobriety Court. The time required to complete a phase is often more than three months.

Phase Level	Phase Description	# Enrolled
Phase One	Stabilization & Treatment	5
Phase Two	Healthy Living	10
Phase Three	Maintenance of Recovery	5
Phase Four	Sobriety Recovery and Giving Back	3

3B DISTRICT COURT

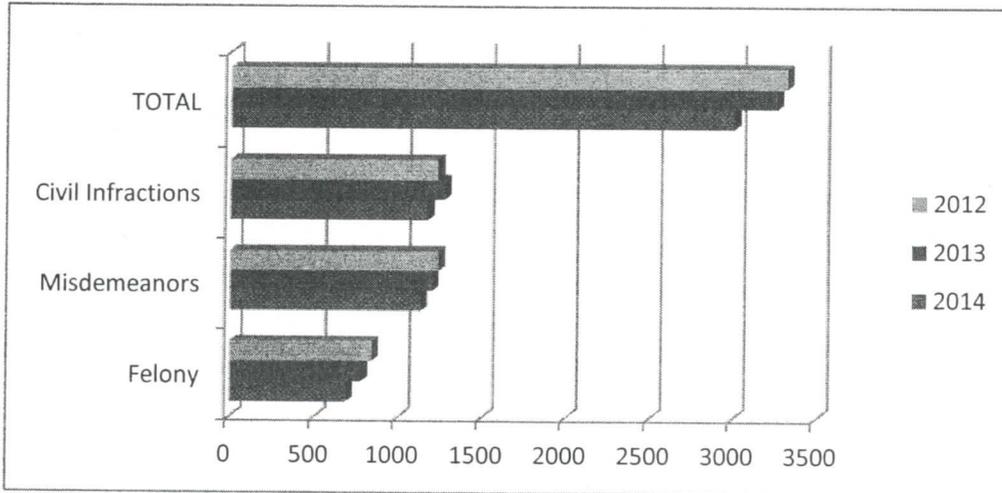
CASE ACTIVITY

YEAR: 2014

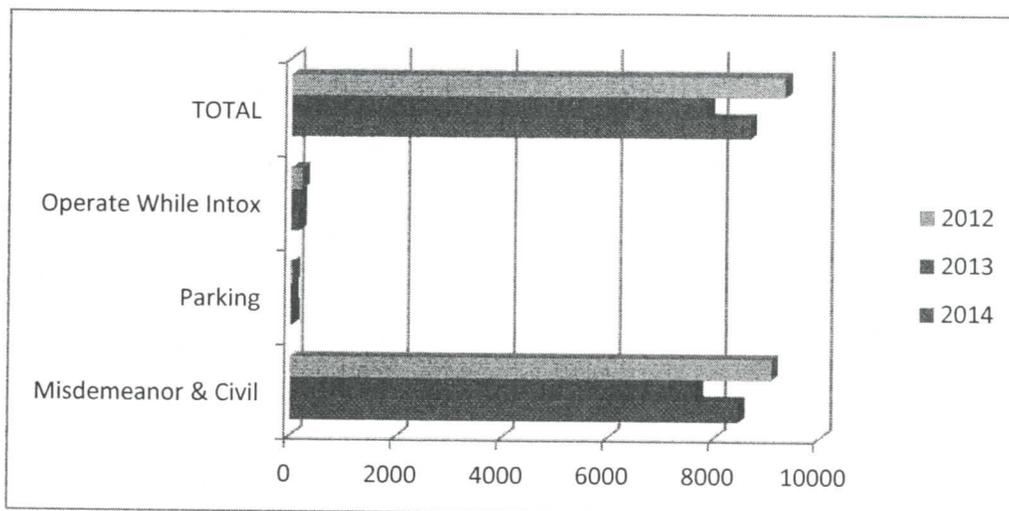


3B DISTRICT COURT CASE ACTIVITY

NEW CASES FILED:			
CRIMINAL	2014	2013	2012
Felony	691	781	843
Misdemeanors	1136	1204	1241
Civil Infractions	1177	1275	1235
TOTAL	3004	3260	3320

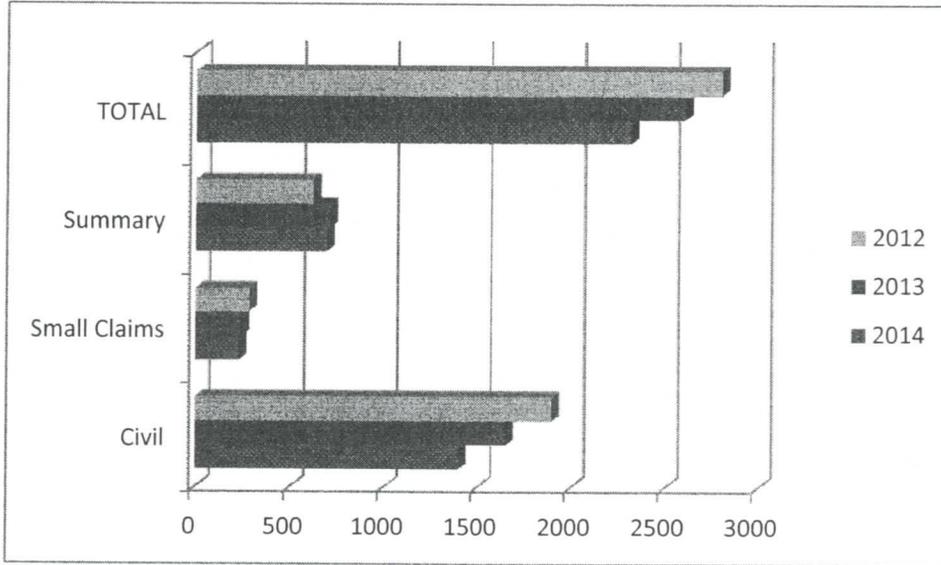


NEW CASES FILED:			
TRAFFIC	2014	2013	2012
Misdemeanor & Civil	8472	7671	9086
Parking	36	18	37
Operate While Intox	150	163	203
TOTAL	8658	7852	9325

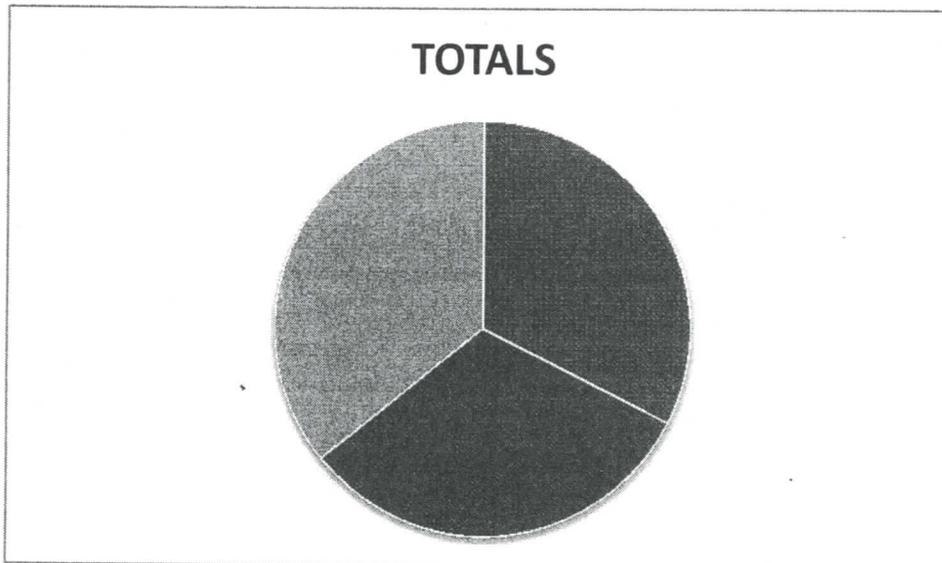


3B DISTRICT COURT CASE ACTIVITY

NEW CASES FILED:			
CIVIL	2014	2013	2012
Civil	1402	1655	1900
Small Claims	227	241	283
Summary	690	709	620
TOTAL	2319	2605	2803

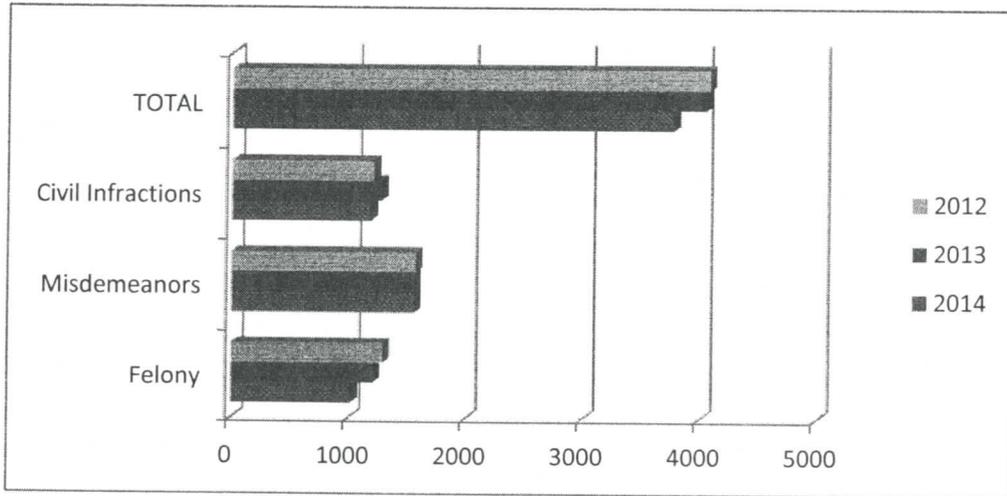


YEARLY NEW FILING	2014	2013	2012
TOTALS	13981	13717	15448

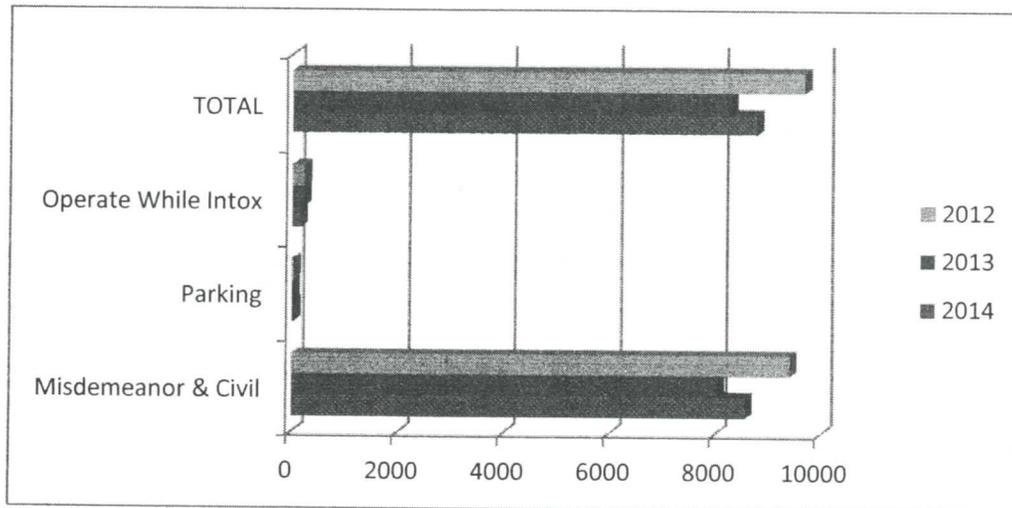


3B DISTRICT COURT CASE ACTIVITY

CASE DISPOSITIONS:			
CRIMINAL	2014	2013	2012
Felony	1023	1211	1296
Misdemeanors	1562	1561	1572
Civil Infractions	1187	1277	1213
TOTAL	3772	4049	4081

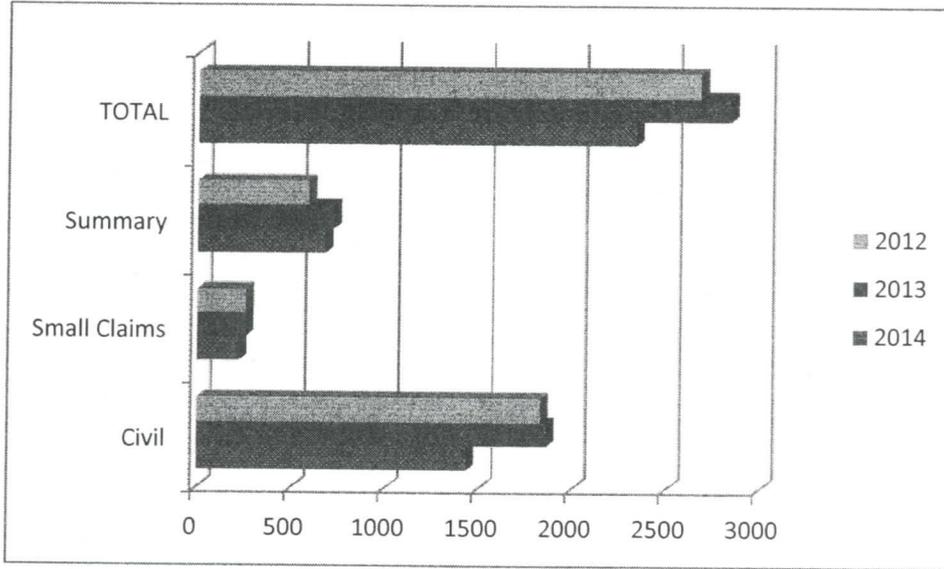


CASE DISPOSITIONS:			
TRAFFIC	2014	2013	2012
Misdemeanor & Civil	8590	8059	9425
Parking	35	25	35
Operate While Intox	160	218	234
TOTAL	8785	8302	9694

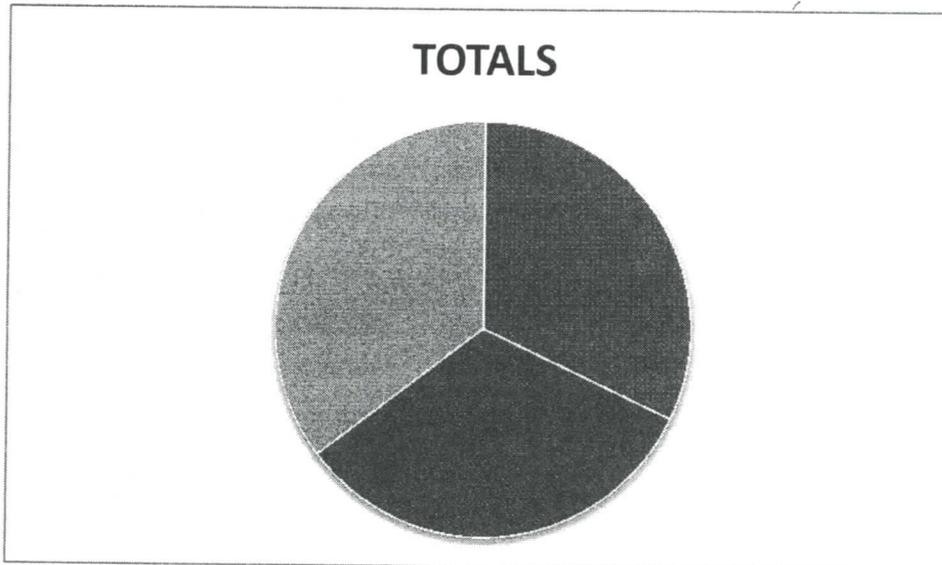


3B DISTRICT COURT CASE ACTIVITY

CASE DISPOSITIONS:			
CIVIL	2014	2013	2012
Civil	1437	1864	1832
Small Claims	222	257	260
Summary	677	721	587
TOTAL	2336	2842	2679



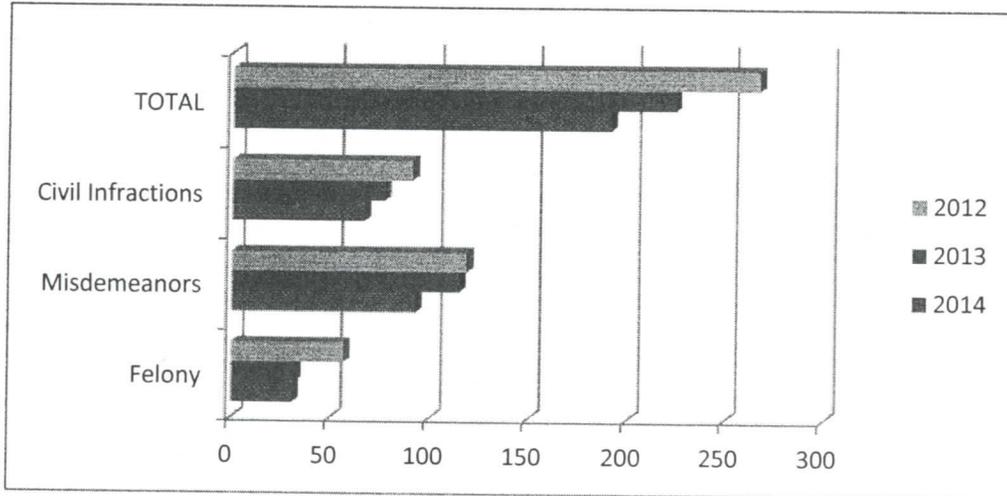
YEARLY DISPOSITIONS	2014	2013	2012
TOTALS	14893	15193	16454



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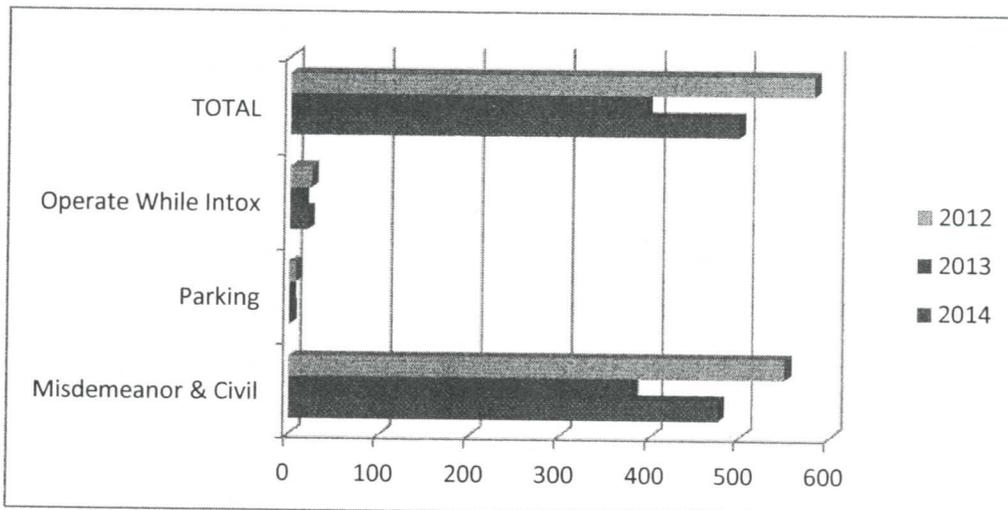
CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

CRIMINAL	2014	2013	2012
Felony	31	32	57
Misdemeanors	93	115	119
Civil Infractions	67	77	91
TOTAL	191	224	267



CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

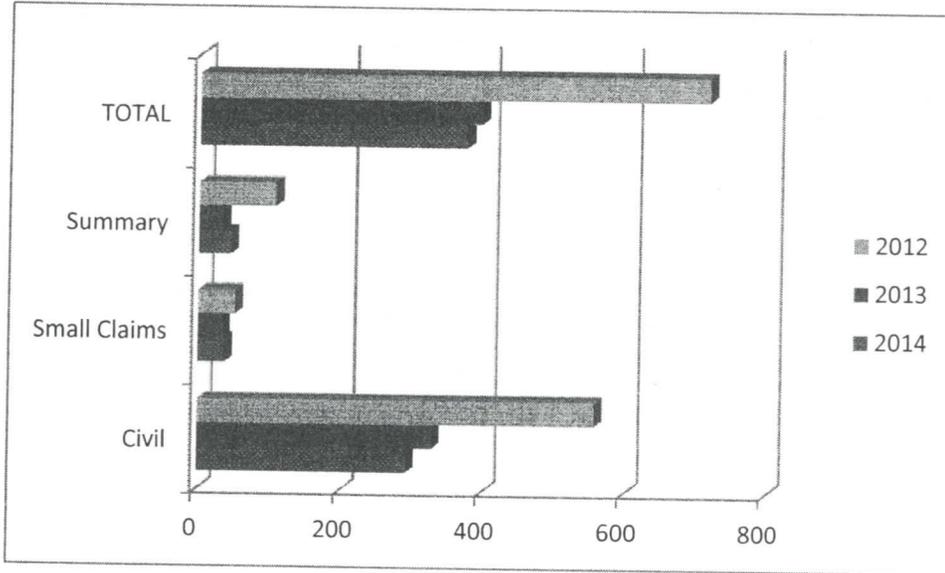
TRAFFIC	2014	2013	2012
Misdemeanor & Civil	476	379	550
Parking	1	0	7
Operate While Intox	20	13	24
TOTAL	497	392	581



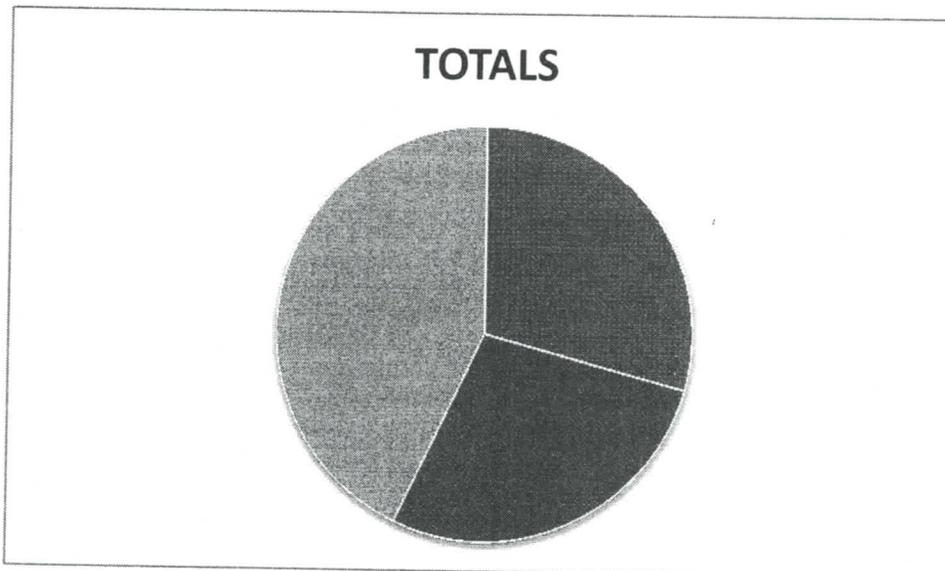
3B DISTRICT COURT CASE ACTIVITY

CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

CIVIL	2014	2013	2012
Civil	293	329	558
Small Claims	37	34	52
Summary	45	33	107
TOTAL	375	396	717



YEARLY PENDING	2014	2013	2012
TOTALS	1063	1012	1565



	Non-Traffic			Traffic			Civil			Total
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Civil Infractions	Misdemeanor and Civil	OWI/OWVI	Civil	Small Claims	Summary	Parking	
Beginning Pending	31	114	77	374	14	326	32	32	0	1,000
New Filings	691	1,136	1,177	8,472	150	1,402	227	690	36	13,981
Reopened	332	405	0	220	16	2	0	0	0	975
Total Caseload	1,054	1,655	1,254	9,066	180	1,730	259	722	36	15,956
Jury Verdict	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
Bench Verdict	0	5	19	187	0	9	45	213	2	480
Guilty Plea/Admis/Waiver	166	859	107	6,046	121	0	0	0	10	7,309
Uncontested/Dflt/Settled	0	0	0	0	0	1,036	115	314	0	1,465
Bindover/Transfer	485	0	0	0	13	0	2	0	0	500
Dismissed by Party	100	228	364	921	10	172	38	143	0	1,976
Dismissed by Court	6	61	5	122	4	153	21	5	2	379
Default	0	0	692	1,071	0	0	0	0	21	1,784
Inactive Status	266	408	0	241	11	62	1	2	0	991
Other Disposition	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	1,023	1,562	1,187	8,590	160	1,437	222	677	35	14,893
Ending Pending	31	93	67	476	20	293	37	45	1	1,063

NOTE: This is a Caseload Summary Report which lists the total cases filed by a variety of case categories.

3B DISTRICT COURT ALCOHOL AUDIT STATISTICAL REPORT BREAKDOWN

Note: Information comes from the Statistical information reported on the Abstract to Secretary of State.

YEAR 2014			
JUDGE	# CASES	JAIL DAYS	F/C AMT
JM	96	2046	\$55,560.00
RKP	78	1246	\$56,125.00
YEAR TOTALS	174	3292	\$111,685.00

2014 Case Breakdown to present:	
Current Sobriety Court:	15
Sobriety Courts on Assignment	7
Closed Sobriety Court:	2
Probation:	25
Time Payment Status:	13
Other/B.W./etc	7
Closed:	105
Total Cases:	174

YEAR 2013			
JUDGE	# CASES	JAIL DAYS	F/C AMT
JM	151	3092	\$86,015.00
RKP	69	1944	\$51,560.00
YEAR TOTALS	220	5036	\$137,575.00

2013 Case Breakdown to present:	
Current Sobriety Court:	15
Closed Sobriety Court:	4
Probation:	27
Time Payment Status:	16
Other/B.W./etc	16
Closed:	142
Total Cases:	220

YEAR 2012			
JUDGE	# CASES	JAIL DAYS	F/C AMT
JM	171	3308	\$104,109.00
WDW	114	1384	\$48,733.00
YEAR TOTALS	285	4692	\$152,842.00

YEAR 2011			
JUDGE	# CASES	JAIL DAYS	F/C AMT
JM	158	2489	\$96,032.00
WDW	118	2142	\$68,922.00
YEAR TOTALS	276	4631	\$164,954.00

YEAR 2010			
JUDGE	# CASES	JAIL DAYS	F/C AMT
JM	172	2502	\$127,982.00
WDW	121	1521	\$90,415.00
YEAR TOTALS	293	4023	\$218,397.00

YEAR 2009			
JUDGE	# CASES	JAIL DAYS	F/C AMT
JM	182	2349	\$122,269.00
WDW	120	1964	\$83,686.00
YEAR TOTALS	302	4313	\$205,955.00

3B DISTRICT COURT WARRANT COMPARISON

SEARCH WARRANTS:

The purpose of a search warrant is to offer the protections mandated by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution against unreasonable search and seizures. The District Court Magistrate(s) review search warrants for the purpose of property searches and blood samples in the onset of a criminal investigation.

Year	Amount
2014	201
2013	256
2012	248
2011	180

CRIMINAL WARRANTS:

The purpose of an arrest warrant is to bring the defendant before the court on an accusation charged in a complaint. An arrest warrant is the order by the court to arrest a defendant and bring them before the court to answer the charge alleged in the complaint filed by the Prosecution.

Year	Amount
2014	700
Felony Warrants	254
Misdemeanor Warrants	446
2013	772
Felony Warrants	308
Misdemeanor Warrants	464
2012	769
Felony Warrants	355
Misdemeanor Warrants	414
2011	686
Felony Warrants	308
Misdemeanor Warrants	378

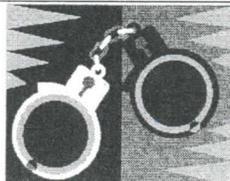
BENCH WARRANTS:

A bench warrant is issued by the District Court Judge after a defendant has failed to appear, comply with the judgment entered or conditions of bond. The defendant can face contempt penalties based upon the bench warrant arrest in addition to their original case status.

Year	Amount
2014	649
Outstanding	192
2013	679
Outstanding	86
2012	574
Outstanding	45
2011	691
Outstanding	31

TOTAL WARRANTS ISSUED FOR 2014: 1550

Total for 2013: 1707



DISTRICT COURT JUDGES PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER INFORMATION

The District Court Judges are cross-assigned with the Circuit Court to assist with various job tasks. This has proven most effective in cases where a conflict may arise causing a disqualification or case re-assignment.

In Michigan, a civil protection order mainly used against domestic abuse is known as a "personal protection order" or "PPO". PPO's are available to restrain domestic and non-domestic abuse and to restrain a broad range of abusive behavior. The PPO's are one of the regular job tasks shared by all four (4) St. Joseph County Judges.

Jeffrey C. Middleton:

PPO'S: MONTH	ISSUED		DENIED
	YEAR: 2014	YEAR: 2013	YEAR: 2014
January	3	4	1
February	4	7	1
March	4	3	1
April	2	2	0
May	3	0	4
June	5	0	5
July	1	2	1
August	1	4	2
September	0	3	0
October	1	1	1
November	0	0	0
December	3	1	4
TOTAL YEARLY AMOUNTS:	27	27	20

Robert K. Pattison:

PPO'S: MONTH	ISSUED		DENIED
	YEAR: 2014	YEAR: 2013	YEAR: 2014
January	2	5	1
February	3	2	2
March	3	4	1
April	3	2	0
May	4	3	4
June	4	2	4
July	2	8	0
August	3	4	1
September	4	6	2
October	7	1	2
November	4	2	0
December	4	4	3
TOTAL YEARLY AMOUNTS:	43	43	20

PPO HEARINGS:

Judge	PPO Hearings/Case Actions Held
Judge Middleton	36
Judge Pattison	35

Note: Hearings/Other Case Actions refers to additional case handling by the judge on PPO's after they have been granted. This can include a hearing, request to terminate a PPO, violation, arraignment on a violation, trial, etc. which all involve additional courtroom or handling time from the judge.



3B DISTRICT COURT
WEDDING LOG COMPARISON

The District Court Magistrate is authorized to perform marriages within the District the Magistrate serves. At 3B District Court we perform marriages on one afternoon a week during the winter months and two afternoons a week during the summer months. The court will also accommodate a walk-in request if we have the availability.

Language barriers sometimes play a role in our marriage ceremonies. While the parties are provided a hand-out explaining the need to bring an interpreter for their ceremony, it is not uncommon for individuals to appear for their appointment with an unreliable interpreter. For 3B District Court we are fortunate to have employed Vilma Taylor, who has been able to interpret for the individuals on a last minute basis. The court created a separate Spanish wedding ceremony as a more convenient tool in these circumstances.

By statute the Court charges a \$10.00 fee for each marriage performed. This fee is deposited in the county's treasury making it a source of revenue generated at the District Court Office.

YEAR	TOTAL WEDDINGS PERFORMED
2014	119
2013	95
2012	118
2011	119
2010	141

