

Cuyahoga County



Common Pleas Court General Division

2006

ANNUAL REPORT

Nancy R. McDonnell

Administrative and Presiding Judge



THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

JUSTICE CENTER

1200 ONTARIO STREET

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113



NANCY R. MCDONNELL

Presiding Judge

443-8756

Greetings to the Citizens of Cuyahoga County:

The Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas had a busy and successful year in 2006. Our Court is responsible for the adjudication of both criminal and civil cases.

The Court disposed of a total of 48,310 cases. The Court conducted a total of 751 jury trials and 398 bench trials. Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court is by far the busiest court in the entire State of Ohio.

A study by the Justice Management Institute (JMI) was conducted at the request of the County Commissioners. This study has resulted in a number of changes in the manner in which the criminal docket is managed. A tremendous collaborative effort was undertaken on the part of the 34 judges, the county prosecutor, the clerk of courts, the sheriff and the Lakewood and Shaker Heights Municipal Courts. Pilot programs have been instituted to facilitate the early disposition of the less serious cases so that more time and resources can be focused on the more violent cases which have the greatest impact on the safety of our community. It is intended that the pilot program will be expanded to encompass the entire county in the future. Another goal of this collaboration is to dramatically reduce the number of days a defendant is housed in our county jail. This will save thousands of tax dollars. The Court is ever mindful of our duty to the citizens of Cuyahoga County to be fiscally responsible.

Our county has been besieged by an overwhelming increase in foreclosure filings due in large part to a regional economic downturn and predatory lending practices. A dedicated group of our judges formed a committee to address the problem. A case management order was established to expeditiously dispose of the cases. An astounding 16,351 foreclosure cases were disposed of by our Court in 2006.

Our Court has expanded its use of videoconferencing to provide testimony in both civil and criminal cases. The videoconferencing room is located on the 12th floor of the Justice Center. The Court can conduct proceedings with defendants who are housed in outlying suburban jails, state prisons and mental health treatment facilities. The county public defender provides legal counsel to the majority of these individuals. This results in a significant savings for transportation, housing and assigned counsel fees for the county. This also addresses a safety concern which arises in transferring an individual to and from our facility. It also benefits the inmate as treatment and rehabilitative instruction is not interrupted. The videoconferencing room has also been used in civil cases to bring the testimony of witnesses to court who are unable to appear in person due to distance or physical limitations. All of our judges have used our videoconferencing capabilities to improve the administration of justice.

The year 2006 has been successful due to the collaborative efforts of each of our 34 judges and the more than 450 employees who serve the public. We have joined together to work on improvements to the benefit of our community. I am grateful for the contribution of each judge and employee of our Court. I am particularly grateful to Judge Richard J. McMonagle who had previously served as the presiding/administrative judge for nine years. He has been a great source of guidance and assistance in my first year in this same position.

The citizens of Cuyahoga County can be assured of the continued fair and impartial administration of justice by our Court of Common Pleas.

Very truly yours,

Nancy R. McDonnell
Presiding/Administrative Judge

JUDGES OF THE COMMON PLEAS COURT
GENERAL DIVISION
CUYAHOGA COUNTY – 2006

Nancy R. McDonnell, Presiding and Administrative Judge

Judge Dick Ambrose

Judge Ann T. Mannen

Judge Mary Jane Boyle

Judge David T. Matia

Judge Janet R. Burnside

Judge Bridget M. McCafferty

Judge Kenneth R. Callahan

Judge Timothy McCormick

Judge Brian J. Corrigan

Judge Timothy J. McGinty

Judge Peter J. Corrigan

Judge Richard J. McMonagle

Judge William J. Coyne

Judge Timothy E. McMonagle

Judge Michael P. Donnelly

Judge John J. Russo

Judge Carolyn B. Friedland

Judge Joseph D. Russo

Judge Stuart A. Friedman

Judge Michael J. Russo

Judge Nancy A. Fuerst

Judge Nancy Margaret Russo

Judge Eileen A. Gallagher

Judge Shirley Strickland Saffold

Judge Eileen T. Gallagher

Judge Ronald Suster

Judge Daniel Gaul

Judge John D. Sutula

Judge Lillian J. Greene

Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula

Judge Jeffrey P. Hastings

Judge José A. Villanueva

Judge Judith Kilbane Koch

Thomas J. Pokorny, Court Administrator

SUMMARY FOR THE COURT

January - December 2006

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T	V	
	Professional Tort	Product Liability	Other Torts	Workers Compensation	Foreclosures	Administrative Appeal	Complex Litigation	Other Civil	Criminal	Total	Visiting Judge	
Pending beginning of period	1	545	457	4317	997	300	117	11	4955	5133	16832	395
New cases filed	2	440	101	5044	1653	13618	160	X	9292	17057	47365	0
Cases transferred in, reactivated or redesignated	3	134	12	783	348	7047	10	2	543	2697	11576	175
TOTAL (Add lines 1-3)	4	1119	570	10144	2998	20965	287	13	14790	24887	75773	570
TERMINATIONS BY:												
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T	V	
Jury Trial	5	37	2	180	14	0	0	0	34	484	751	98
Court Trial	6	2	0	7	3	1	0	0	27	358	398	5
Settled or dismissed prior to trial	7	0	0	10	3	3	0	2	30	8	56	107
Dismissal	8	442	68	4208	1279	702	75	4	3940	1260	11978	185
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Magistrate	10	0	0	3	0	8105	0	0	7	X	8115	0
Diversion or arbitration	11	0	0	147	0	3	0	0	43	992	1185	0
Guilty or no contest plea to original charge (criminal); Default (civil)	12	2	1	331	2	366	1	0	3004	10038	13745	0
Guilty or no contest plea to reduced charge	13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3875	3875	0
Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2020	2020	0
Transfer to another judge or court	15	119	410	910	463	4	11	1	1178	620	3716	15
Referral to private judge	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	17	11	0	55	4	134	2	0	209	1	416	0
Other terminations	18	57	13	367	71	155	60	1	1315	16	2055	43
TOTAL (Add lines 5-18)	19	670	494	6218	1839	9473	149	8	9787	19672	48310	458
Pending end of period (Subtract line 19 from line 4)	20	449	76	3926	1159	11492	138	5	5003	5215	27463	112
		24	24	24	12	12	9	36	24	6	X	X
Cases pending beyond time guideline	21	40	8	143	113	2148	48	1	147	919	3567	0
Number of months oldest case is beyond time guideline	22	81	10	59	96	125	36	115	96	98	X	0
Cases submitted awaiting sentencing or judgement beyond time guideline	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T	V	

ADMINISTRATION

THOMAS J. POKORNY

Court Administrator

JAMES W. GINLEY

Deputy Court Administrator/Director of Fiscal Operations

GREGORY M. POPOVICH

Director of Training and Development

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Court Administrator
- 1 Deputy Court Administrator/Director of Fiscal Operations
- 1 Director of Training and Development
- 2 Administrative Assistants
- 2 Administrative Aides

DOCKET MANAGEMENT

Each year the Court examines trends and productivity relative to criminal and civil dockets in order to prepare for the future.

The most telling statistic of 2006 relates to criminal and foreclosure case filings. Cases arraigned in 2006 totaled 17,057; an increase of 5.5% from 2005. Foreclosure filings and reinstatements totaled 14,872, a 17% increase from 2005. The foreclosure case filings have increased in eight (8) of the last nine (9) years. Regrettably, 44.9% of all civil case filings were foreclosure actions.

Criminal jury trials were up 8.6% to 484 while court trials totaled 358, down 8.2% from 2005. Civil case filings were up slightly from 2005 (3.6%) to 30,308.

In all, the Court began 2006 with 5,133 criminal cases pending and completed the year with 5,215 pending. A total of 17,057 criminal arraignments were conducted in 2006, while the Court disposed of 19,672 cases, a clearance rate of 115%.

FORECLOSURE

The Court's pending Foreclosure docket remained an important priority in 2006. The Magistrate Department added four additional magistrates to bring the total to 13. As a result of the Department's efforts, and Foreclosure Chair Judge Eileen T. Gallagher, 1,479 cases were eliminated from the court's backlog.

This was accomplished despite a 17% increase in new filings and reinstatements from 2005.

The Department continued to closely monitor vacant and abandoned properties. A "fasttrack" system designed to expedite the processing of these cases has been established.

Plans to relocate the Department were finalized in 2006. The entire Department will move to Courthouse Square, 6th Floor by the end of 2007.

JUSTICE MANAGEMENT REFORM

Pursuant to the Justice Management Institute Report and Recommendations published in 2005, the Court embarked upon a sweeping reform project aimed at improving the efficiency of the criminal justice system in 2006.

Pilot projects were initiated in Lakewood and Shaker Heights Municipal Courts to decrease delays in processing indictments and assign defense counsel within days of arrest. Through coordinated efforts with the Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk of Courts and Municipal Courts, the project has shown progress in shortening the time period between date of arrest and disposition.

Plans were initiated to expand the project to Parma Municipal Court and Cleveland Fourth District. The project goals include the establishment of a centralized booking system for all charging entities within Cuyahoga County.

Judge Nancy R. McDonnell co-chairs the Governing Board with Commissioner Tim Hagan.

REENTRY COURT

Plans to establish a Reentry Court in Cuyahoga County were underway near the end of 2006. A proposal to partner with the United States Attorney's Office and Gang Initiative were being discussed by the Court. The Court would supervise formerly incarcerated persons released on shock probation, lend assistance for housing and employment as well as provide necessary mental health/substance abuse services.

The Reentry Court would combine efforts with established Cuyahoga County Reentry Program through the Board of County Commissioners.

COMMUNITY – BASED CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Plans for the construction of a community-based correctional facility in Cuyahoga County were undertaken through coordinated efforts of the Common Pleas Court Sheriff, and City of Cleveland, Office of the Mayor.

The Court plans included the establishment of a site within the City of Cleveland, appointment of judicial and facility boards as well as acceptance of grant funds through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Cuyahoga County currently does not have access to a CBCF, or alternative placement to a state penal institution for lower degree felons. A CBCF would provide supervision, including employment, housing, and treatment services as an alternative to incarceration.

FISCAL

JAMES W. GINLEY

Deputy Court Administrator / Director of Fiscal Operations

The 2006 actual General Fund Expenses at **\$43,324,842** represent funding for the **Judicial Administration, Magistrates, Court Services, Probation/Psychiatric Clinic, Law Library, and Legal Research Budgets**. The General Fund for Cuyahoga County supports the majority of the Court's operations. The Court is constitutionally entitled to reasonable allocation for its operations. The 2006 expenditures listed by individual budget are as follows:

Judicial Administration Budget \$22,268,262 - This included funding for the following departments: *Judicial, Administration, Bailiffs, Jury Bailiffs, Jury Commission, Judicial Staff Attorneys, and Judges' Secretaries*.

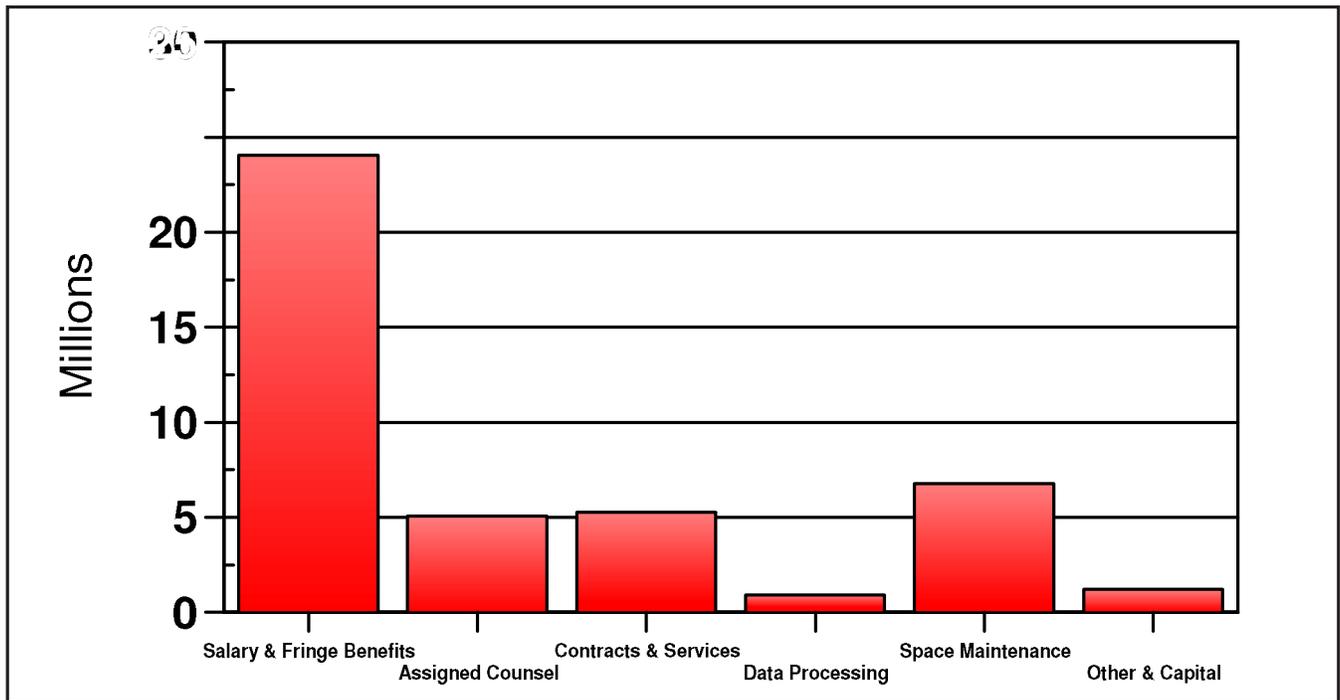
Magistrates Budget \$1,380,645 - This included funding for the following departments: *Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) / Mediation, and Foreclosure*.

Court Services Budget \$8,155,339 - This includes funding for the following departments: *Central Scheduling, Court Systems, Data Entry, Court Reporters, Criminal Records, and Information Systems*.

Probation/Psychiatric Budget \$11,209,372 - This includes funding for the following departments: *Probation, Corrections Planning Board, and the Court Psychiatric Clinic*.

The Law Library at \$221,592 and the Legal Research Budget's expenses at \$89,632 complete the cost of the General Fund operational requirements for 2006.

COMMON PLEAS COURT 2006 - GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



Salary & Fringe Benefits	24,070,713
Assigned Counsel	5,073,519
Contracts & Services	5,283,727
Data Processing	915,784
Space Maintenance	6,774,378
Other & Capital	1,206,721
TOTAL	\$43,324,842

The Stacked Bar Chart above summarizes the Court's General Fund Expenditures for 2006. This analysis is comprised of actual expenses from the Judicial Administration, Magistrates, Court Services, Probation/ Psychiatric Clinic, Legal Research, and Law Library budgets. Salary and Fringe Benefits is the largest expense category representing compensation to approximately 470 employees and 34 elected judges. The fourth largest category, Assigned Counsel, includes costs for Court appointed legal representation for indigent defendants in criminal cases. In 2006 the total number of arraigned indigent defendants was 13,625, of that total, 5,037 were, at the time of Arraignment, then assigned to the Public Defender's Office. The Assigned Counsel expense listed above is not adjusted for the reimbursement by the State to the General Fund for these costs, estimated at approximately 30% of the total expenditure.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ASBESTOS DOCKET

JUDGE HARRY A. HANNA
JUDGE LEO M. SPELLACY
JUSTICE FRANCIS E. SWEENEY
WALTER F. CAMPBELL, NOREEN A. HEALEY, ROBERT H. MOONEY, *Bailiffs*

Asbestos Docket Activity December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2006

Pending Cases:

Active cases pending 12-31-2005	42,118
Cases filed and transferred in	+ <u>443</u>
Total pending and t/i during the period:	42,561

Final Dispositions:	- <u>5,184</u>
Active cases pending 12-31-2006	37,37

<u>Partial dispositions:</u>	<u>39,851</u>
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Case Management:

Since 1999, the Court has implemented an electronic docket system, Lexis Nexis File and Serve (formerly called CLAD) to manage the asbestos docket.

With three judges now overseeing the asbestos docket, for efficiency purposes the Court utilizes a three-tiered approach to scheduling trials as in 2005. During the pretrial period groups are assigned to a specific courtroom only for supervision purposes – and not exclusively. If a motion is filed, or a problem needing the Court's attention arises, the parties are first directed to that courtroom to obtain a hearing. If the judge in the assigned courtroom is unavailable, then any of the three judges who are assigned to the asbestos docket may be consulted. The cases are tried in any available courtroom on the assigned trial date.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

REBECCA B. WETZEL ADR
Administrator

ELIZABETH A . HICKEY
Mediator

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 ADR Administrator
- 1 Court Mediator
- 2 Administrative Assistants

The ADR Department is located on the fourth floor of the Justice Center across from the Cafeteria. The Department provides four methods of alternative dispute resolution for the Court; arbitration, mediation, mediation after arbitration and business mediation under Local Rule 21.2(E).

ADR experienced a change of personnel in 2006 with the retirement of mediator James Tyminski in April 2006. Jim was replaced as Court mediator by Elizabeth A. Hickey (Lise) in May.

In 2006 ADR held three settlement days and one arbitrator training seminar. Both programs were very successful and well received. The settlement days were so successful that three are planned for 2007.

The total number of cases referred to the ADR Department in 2006 was 1,555 of which 837 were disposed for a 54% disposition ratio.

Arbitration

The original method of ADR is arbitration. Cases involving claims that are \$50,000 or less per claimant are amenable to arbitration. Judges refer cases to the ADR Department where a panel of three arbitrators is assigned. The chairperson of the panel notifies all concerned of the hearing date which is to take place within 90 days of the date of referral. The Department receives and files the Report and Awards from the arbitrators and if no appeal is taken from the award within 30 days, the department prepares a final judgment entry reflecting the arbitration award.

MANDATORY ARBITRATION

statistics & analysis for 2006

	2006	Since Inception (May 1970)
Total Cases Referred	471	76,498
Arbitration Referral Vacated	31	3,104
Net Total Arbitration Referrals	440	73,284
Report & Awards Filed	370	51,556
Total Appeal de Novo Filed	159	14,685

FINAL ENTRIES

	2006	Since Inception (May 1970)
Arbitration Cases settled via Mediation	14	N/A
Arbitration Cases Settled (no fees paid)	12	20,013
Awards Reduced to Judgment	227	N/A
Bankruptcy	0	N/A
Appeals Disposed	132	12,788
TOTAL FINAL ENTRIES	385	

PERCENTAGES 2006

(based on 440 net referrals)

Arbitration Cases Resolved via Mediation	3%
Arbitration Cases Settled before Hearing	33%
Arbitration Cases Appealed	34%
Arbitration Awards Appealed	36%
Arbitration Awards Reduced to Judgment	52%
Arbitration Appeals Resolved via Settlement	83%
Arbitration Appeals Resolved via Jury Trial	13%

Mediation

Mediation is the most widely used method of ADR. It is a non-binding process for the resolution of a dispute where a person who is not a party to the dispute assists the parties in negotiating the resolution of contested issues. Mediations are set up on a voluntary basis by opposing counsel who are contacted by the Court Mediator. Mediated cases are chosen from arbitration cases or referred directly by the Judges. In addition, the department began mediating Arbitration Appeals in 1998.

Statistics & Analysis for 2006

Total Cases Referred to Court Mediation	1002
Total Cases Mediated	852
Total Cases Settled by Mediation	380
Percentage of Settlements	45%
Total Appeals Mediated	10
Appeals Settled in Mediation	5
Percentage of Mediated Appeals Settled	50%

Business Mediation

Business mediations are conducted pursuant to Local Rule 21.2. Judges may refer any business case to the ADR Department for mediation. The Department notifies the parties of the referral and provides them with three names of mediators from the List of Eligible Mediators. The parties rank their choice and return the ranking sheet to the Department. The ADR Administrator then Designates the Mediator and notifies all parties of the Mediator. The Business mediator must conduct the mediation within 30 days of the Notice of Designation of Mediator and file a report within ten days of the hearing.

Statistics & Analysis for 2006

Total Cases Referred to Mediation	113
Total Completed Mediations	115
Total Settlements	68
Percentage of Settlements	59%

CENTRAL SCHEDULING DEPARTMENT

RICHARD SUNYAK

Director of Operations

ROBERT ODON

Supervisor of Central Scheduling

Total Staff:

- 1 Director
- 1 Supervisor
- 17 Schedulers
- 6 Visiting Judge Bailiffs
- 2 Jail Population Control Liaisons
- 2 Receptionists
- 1 Assigned Counsel Voucher Coordinator

The Central Scheduling Office is located on the 11th floor of the Justice Center Tower. This department assists the judges in docket management, record keeping, scheduling of cases and the preparation of criminal and civil journal entries. This department consists of a staff of 30 employees.

CENTRAL SCHEDULING DEPARTMENT

The year 2006 has brought continuing changes to the operation of the Court of Common Pleas. Our implementation of safety & security measures has included additional training of staff in emergency evacuation procedures and the distribution and update of emergency evacuation material to courtrooms and other departments as well as the usual duties performed by this department.

SCHEDULERS

The schedulers' duties include the responsibility for the scheduling of criminal and civil hearings, the distribution of various court pleadings & forms to the appropriate departments and the assisting in the preparation of the annual physical inventory of pending civil and criminal cases for each of their judges. As schedulers are now able to create criminal as well as civil journal entries for their bailiffs, judges & staff attorneys, they continue to be a necessary part of the courtroom team while helping to relieve the load from other departments.

Each scheduler is normally assigned two courtrooms but is often called upon to assume additional duties in order to cover for absent employees.

The court schedulers are an integral part of each courtroom team as they are often called upon to substitute in the absence of the court bailiff due to unscheduled illness or scheduled vacation. In these instances, the scheduler is required to fulfill all the duties of the regular court bailiff as well as keep abreast of their own duties until the return of the regular bailiff, be it a day, a week or occasionally longer. Also, because a scheduler may be asked to assist in a courtroom to which they are not regularly assigned, they must be well versed in all facets of courtroom operation in order to adequately assist the bailiff or judge to which they have been temporarily assigned.

The budget cuts and assignment of an additional courtroom to many schedulers has placed a greater load on the department as additional coverage must be found when a scheduler covering his or her assigned courtrooms is called upon to fill in for an absent scheduler or for more than one absent bailiff on any given day.

RECEPTIONISTS

Our receptionists are multi-functional employees. In addition to assisting the general public and attorneys, in person at the reception desk or via telephone with specific questions relating to criminal and civil cases, they also assist in the preparation of assigned counsel vouchers as well as a variety of other tasks such as filing, assisting schedulers in their duties and filling in for other absent employees on the floor.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL VOUCHERS

One coordinator is responsible for preparing assigned counsel vouchers or fee bills. These vouchers are forwarded to the Auditor's Office for payment to the attorneys who were assigned by the Court to represent indigent defendants. In 2006, **13,033** vouchers were prepared, examined for errors and submitted for distribution of funds. This figure represents an increase from 2005 and indicates an increasing pattern over the last several years

JAIL POPULATION CONTROL

In 2005, our department was supplemented with two clerks from the Data Entry Department. These jail population control liaisons are responsible for working with the bailiffs, judges, Probation and Sheriff's Departments in helping to maintain the appropriate number of prisoners held in the Cuyahoga County Jail, as required by state law. In 2006, through their continued efforts and the efforts of the Director of Operations, our jail population has seen a significant reduction and costs to the county have been decreased.



VISITING JUDGE PROGRAM

The Visiting Judge Program is managed by the Supervisor of Central Scheduling and consists of 16 retired Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judges and two retired out-of-county judges. Robert Odon, Supervisor of Central Scheduling, maintains records and prepares monthly and annual reports on this program for submission to the Administrative Judge and Court Administrator. In 2006, in addition to the specialized Asbestosis/Workers' Compensation and Asbestos/Beryllium dockets, the Visiting Judge Program disposed of 186 civil cases and 3 criminal cases. Of those, 61 cases were disposed of by settlement, which results in a 30% settlement rate for this year. Collectively, the judges were in trial a total of 392 days.

JUDGE	CASES DISPOSED	CASES SETTLED
Curran, Thomas *	16	6
Feighan, Robert	13	3
George, Joyce	9	2
Griffin, Burt	17	8
Hanna, Harry *	-	-
Jones, Peggy	11	2
Kainrad, Joseph	2	2
Lawther, Robert	14	3
Markus, Richard	8	3
McAllister, Ralph	33	12
Milligan, John	1	1
Nahra, Joseph	21	6
Patton, John	4	0
Porter, James	10	3
Schneiderman, Ted	8	0
Spellacy, Leo *	5	4
Sweeney, Francis *	-	-
Sweeney, James D.	17	6

* In addition to the Asbestos Docket

We welcomed the Honorable Burt W. Griffin to the ranks of our visiting judges this year. Judge Griffin is a valuable asset to our program, having served for 30 years on the bench of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. We hope that he will continue to add his wisdom & expertise to our program.

The Asbestosis/Workers' Compensation Docket disposed of a total of 110 cases through a combination of trials, settlements and summary judgments. In general, two cases are set for trial each week with back-up cases waiting in case of prior disposition of the regularly set cases. As this sometimes results in no cases being ready for trial on a certain day, the plan is to schedule more than two cases each week during the coming year. In addition, if no asbestos cases are available for trial, and a civil spin is requested from our Court, the judge sitting for the week is given a regular civil case set for trial.

The specialized dockets, presided over by Visiting Judges Harry A. Hanna, Leo M. Spellacy and Francis E. Sweeney, disposed of a total of 5,184 cases during the past year although there were an additional 443 cases filed & transferred to those dockets. This leaves a total of 37,377 cases pending at the end of 2006. With three judges overseeing these dockets, for efficiency purposes, the Court has implemented a three-tiered approach to scheduling trials. During the pretrial period, groups are assigned to a specific courtroom only for supervision purposes. In these cases, if a motion is filed or if a problem arises, the parties are first directed to that courtroom in order to schedule a hearing. If the assigned judge is unavailable, another judge on the docket is consulted and, in addition, the cases are then tried on the scheduled trial date by any of the three judges available.

COURT REPORTERS

BRUCE J. BISHILANY
Chief Official Court Reporter

PAMELA BENN-HILL
Assistant Chief Court Reporter

ROBERT P. LLOYD
Assistant Chief Court Reporter

TOTAL STAFF

- 1 Chief Reporter
- 2 Assistant Chief Reporters
- 42 Court Reporters
- 1 Receptionist
- 1 IT Support Staff

Court Reporters serve the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the Justice Center, visiting judges sitting by assignment in the Lakeside Courthouse, the Arraignment Room, and all Grand Jury proceedings. As guardians of the record, the members of the Court Reporters Department make a verbatim record of the proceedings for later use by the judges, attorneys, litigants, Court of Appeals or any interested party. All assignments are coordinated by the Chief Court Reporter.

In 2006, 38,000 job cards were filed representing court reporter attendance at trials, pleas, sentencings, motions, hearings, and other related matters in both civil and criminal cases. In addition, the Court Reporters Department reported nearly 17,000 arraignments and a similar number of cases in the Grand Jury.

The average number of Court Reporter assignments to court per day in 2006 was fifty-four (54). This included Arraignments, Grand Jury, trials, and requests for court reporters in the morning, lunch, and afternoon sessions. Each reporter, on average, reported the proceedings in one thousand six hundred and thirty three (1,633) different matters.

In order that Cuyahoga County does comply with the American With Disabilities Act, the Court Reporters Department provides realtime reporting to the hearing impaired. Realtime reporting, the instantaneous translation from the court reporter's steno machine to a computer terminal, is coordinated with the Chief Court Reporter.

The Court Reporters Department has provided realtime reporting numerous times throughout the year for hearing-impaired jurors as well as hearing-impaired attorneys and litigants so they were able to fully participate in the judicial process. The Court Reporters Department has also provided realtime reporting for Domestic Relations Court as well as the Foreclosure Department in order that hearing-impaired individuals/parties were able to actively participate in their respective proceedings.

CRIMINAL RECORDS

ROBERT J. KOZUB

Bond Commissioner

JACQUELINE A. COSTELLO

Deputy Bond Commissioner

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Bond Commissioner
- 1 Deputy Bond Commissioner
- 2 Clerical
- 1 Office Manager
- 5 Bond Investigators
- 1 Post-Arrestment Clerks
- 2 Grand Jury Bailiffs
- 2 Arrestment Room Clerks
- (9 of the above employees are also C.R.I.S. Operators

The Criminal Records Department located on the 12th floor of the Justice Center is primarily responsible for bond investigations, Grand Jury bailiffs, Arrestment Room proceedings and defendant criminal history maintenance.

BOND INVESTIGATION

The bond investigators monitor the Sheriff Department's daily booking list for incoming inmates who have not yet been indicted and/or arraigned and need to have their bond continued, set or lowered. The investigators interview the defendants, verify accuracy of information obtained from the interview, run an extensive criminal background check and review the felony charges filed against the defendant to determine the amount to recommend for a reasonable bond. Bond investigators will also provide information to the courtrooms where there has been a motion for bond reduction. The department's bond investigators conducted 5,067 bail investigations during 2006.

ARRAIGNMENTS

The arraignment clerks assemble and summarize the criminal history of each defendant scheduled for arraignment, along with determining if the case needs to be assigned randomly or to a specific trial judge based on local rules. During the arraignment hearing the Bond Commissioner presents these materials, along with a bond recommendation to the Arrestment Room Judge, so that a defendant may be properly arraigned. The Judge proceeds with the Arrestment, which includes the setting of the bond, instructions on any conditions of a bond, assignment of the trial judge and appointment of an attorney, if the defendant needs one to be appointed. The Arrestment Judge also issues *capias* for defendants who fail to appear at the scheduled arraignment.

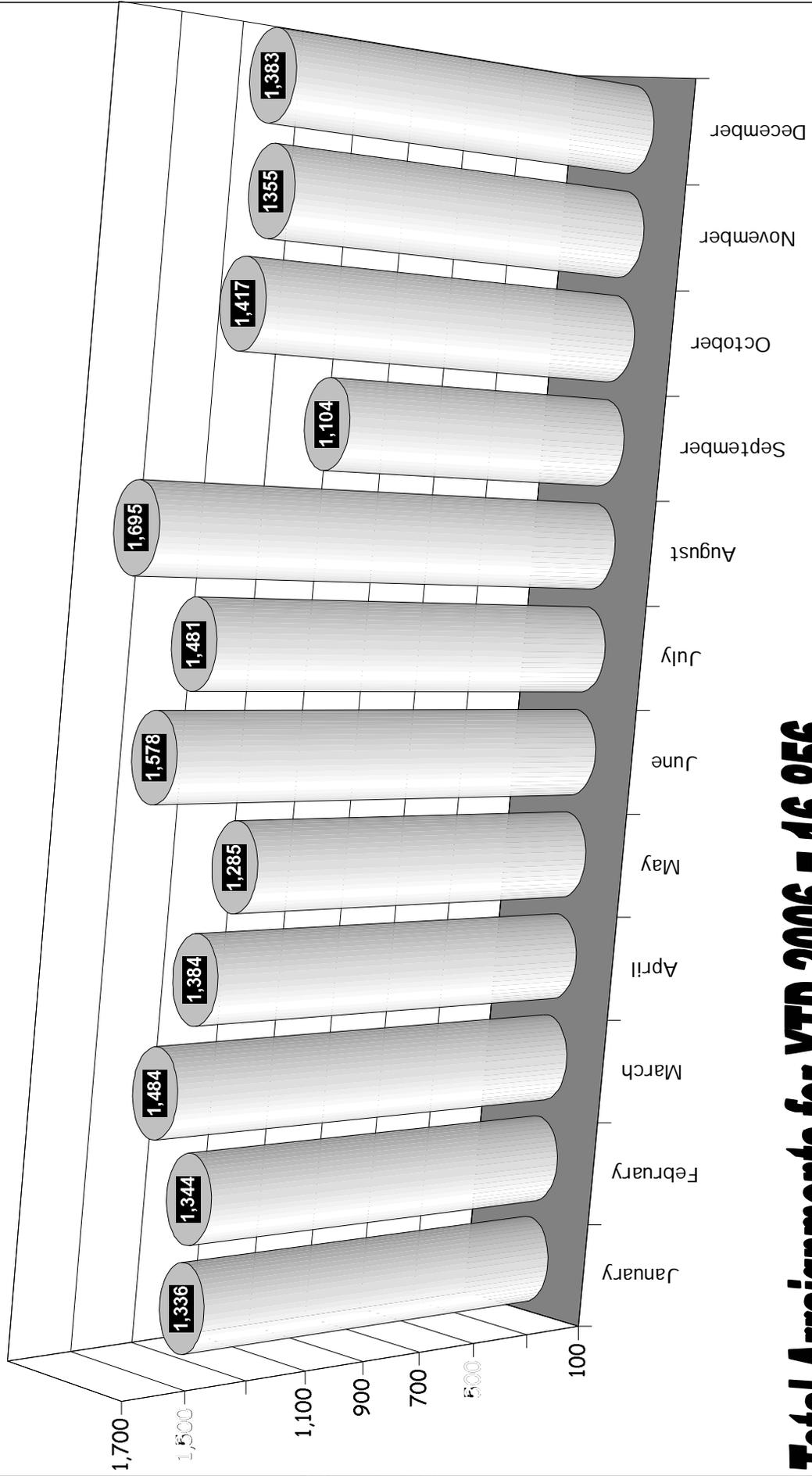
At the conclusion of the arraignments, the staff updates the case files, notifies the attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants and forwards the files to the trial judge assigned. During 2006 there were 24,618

scheduled arraignments. The staff maintains detailed statistics on the defendants who are scheduled for and appear at arraignment, capiases issued and assignments to private counsel and the Public Defender.

GRAND JURY

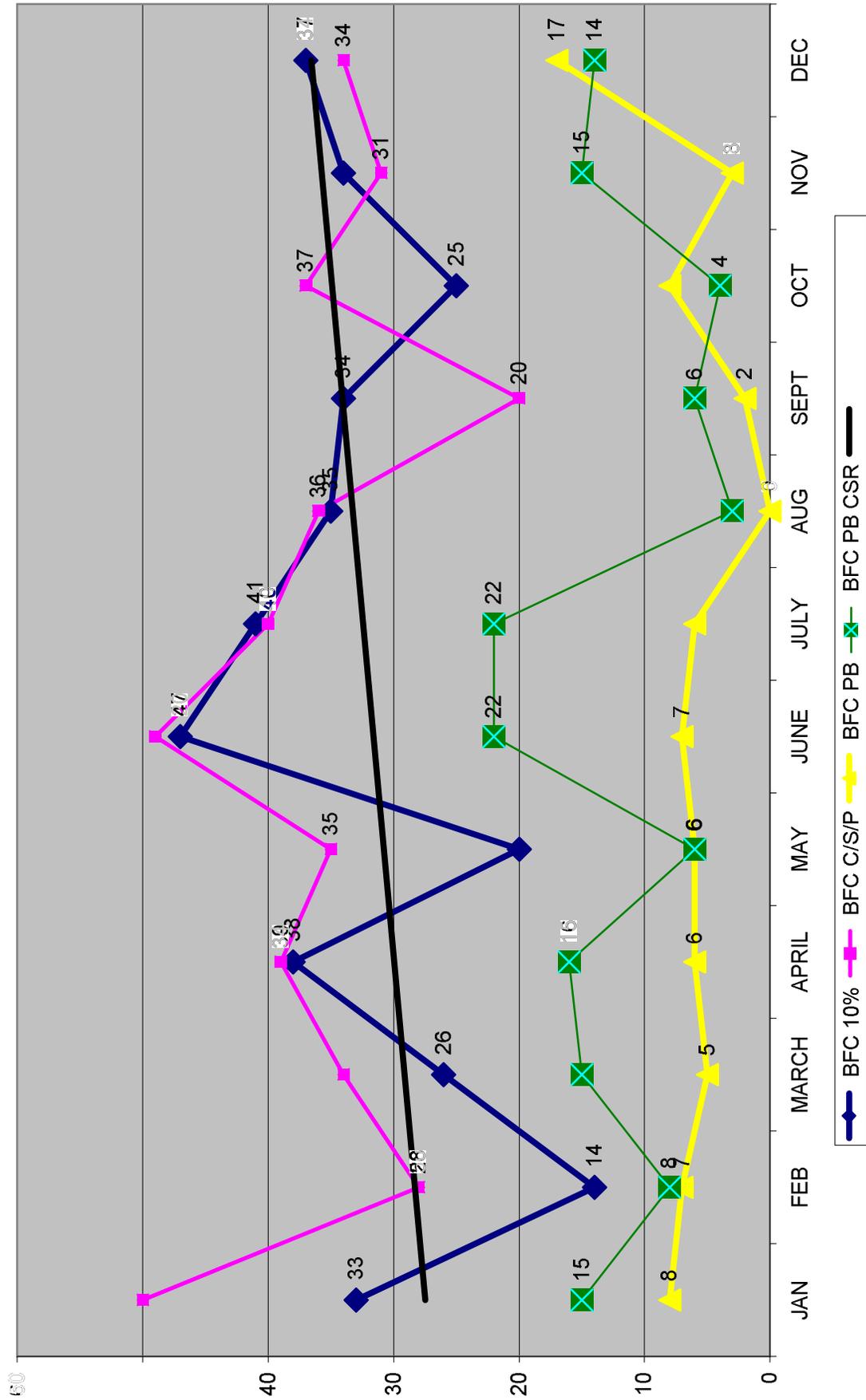
In January, May and September prospective jurors' names are drawn for service on a Grand Jury. There are four Grand Juries per term and each Grand Juror serves two days a week for four months. The Grand Jury Bailiffs are the liaison between the Prosecutor and the Grand Jurors and Grand Jury witnesses.

The staff of the Criminal Records Department works closely with other departments but most specifically with the Sheriff's, Clerk's and Prosecutor's Offices to assure correct identification of defendants, timely scheduling of arraignments and accurate indictment information for the Arraignment process. The Bond Commissioner and his staff are often assigned special projects at the request of various Judicial Committees.



Total Arraignments for YTD 2006 = 16,856

Cleveland Bond Forfeitures 2006



ARRAIGNMENT STATISTICS DECEMBER 2006

DATE	DECEMBER 2006	ARR. SCHED	ARR.	ARR.	CAPIAS	CAPIAS	CONT	CONT	%	DVS/N	DVS/N	%	NOLLE	NOLLE	%	RETAINED W/ ATT.	ARR% RETAINED	INDIGENT W/O ATT.	ARR % W/O ATT.	PD ASSIGNED	%	
																						TOTALS YTD -
JUDGE																						
1	FUERST	108	79	73.1%	28	25.9%	1	0.93%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	22	27.8%	57	72.2%	20	35.1%
WEEK 1		108	79	73.1%	28	25.9%	1	0.93%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	22	27.8%	57	72.2%	20	35.1%
YTD		22673	15542	68.5%	6133	27.0%	869	3.83%	120	0.53%	9	0.04%	2950	19.0%	12592	81.0%	4671	37.1%				
4	FUERST	109	77	70.6%	30	27.5%	2	1.83%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	19	24.7%	58	75.3%	24	41.4%
5	FUERST	118	74	62.7%	38	32.2%	6	5.08%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	12	16.2%	62	83.8%	25	40.3%
6	FUERST	81	65	80.2%	13	16.0%	3	3.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	13	20.0%	52	80.0%	22	42.3%
7	FUERST	113	66	58.4%	43	38.1%	3	2.65%	1	0.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	13	19.7%	53	80.3%	17	32.1%
8	FUERST	113	84	74.3%	26	23.0%	3	2.65%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	21	25.0%	63	75.0%	25	39.7%
WEEK 2		534	366	68.5%	150	28.1%	17	3.18%	1	0.19%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	78	21.3%	288	78.7%	113	39.2%
YTD		23207	15908	68.5%	6283	27.1%	886	3.82%	121	0.52%	9	0.04%	3028	19.0%	12880	81.0%	4784	37.1%				
11	MCDONNELL	99	68	68.7%	26	26.3%	5	5.05%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	13	19.1%	55	80.9%	14	25.5%
12	BURNSIDE	109	78	71.6%	26	23.9%	4	3.67%	0	0.00%	1	0.92%	13	16.7%	65	83.3%	26	40.0%				
13	BURNSIDE	120	87	72.5%	29	24.2%	4	3.33%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	19	21.8%	68	78.2%	19	27.9%				
14	BURNSIDE	97	58	59.8%	33	34.0%	4	4.12%	2	2.06%	0	0.00%	14	24.1%	44	75.9%	15	34.1%				
15	BURNSIDE	84	70	83.3%	11	13.1%	3	3.57%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	12	17.1%	58	82.9%	20	34.5%				
WEEK 3		509	361	70.9%	125	24.6%	20	3.93%	2	0.39%	1	0.20%	71	19.7%	290	80.3%	94	32.4%				
YTD		23716	16269	68.6%	6408	27.0%	906	3.82%	123	0.52%	10	0.04%	3099	19.0%	13170	81.0%	4878	37.0%				
18	BURNSIDE	94	59	62.8%	31	33.0%	4	4.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	13	22.0%	46	78.0%	17	37.0%				
19	BURNSIDE	123	77	62.6%	40	32.5%	6	4.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	12	15.6%	65	84.4%	21	32.3%				
20	BURNSIDE	103	67	65.0%	27	26.2%	9	8.74%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	17	25.4%	50	74.6%	18	36.0%				
21	BURNSIDE	64	47	73.4%	12	18.8%	3	4.69%	2	3.13%	0	0.00%	8	17.0%	39	83.0%	15	38.5%				
22	MCDONNELL	100	68	68.0%	26	26.0%	6	6.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	16	23.5%	52	8.0%	20	38.5%				
WEEK 4		484	318	65.7%	136	28.1%	28	5.79%	2	0.41%	0	0.00%	66	20.8%	252	79.2%	91	36.1%				
YTD		24200	16587	68.5%	6544	27.0%	934	3.86%	125	0.52%	10	0.04%	3165	19.1%	13422	80.9%	4969	37.0%				
25	Holiday																					
26	SPELLACY	80	55	68.8%	18	22.5%	7	8.75%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	5.5%	52	94.5%	20	38.5%				
27	SPELLACY	128	89	69.5%	31	24.2%	8	6.25%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	22	24.7%	67	75.3%	29	43.3%				
28	SPELLACY	95	55	57.9%	30	31.6%	10	10.53%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	22	40.0%	33	60.0%	8	24.2%				
29	HANNA	115	70	60.9%	35	30.4%	10	8.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	19	27.1%	51	72.9%	11	21.6%				
WEEK 5		418	269	64.4%	114	27.3%	35	8.37%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	66	24.5%	203	75.5%	68	33.5%				
MONTH TOTAL		2053	1393	67.9%	553	26.9%	101	4.92%	5	0.24%	1	0.05%	303	21.8%	1090	78.2%	386	35.4%				
YEAR TO DATE		24618	16856	68.5%	6658	27.0%	969	3.94%	125	0.51%	10	0.04%	3231	19.2%	13625	80.8%	5037	37.0%				

FORECLOSURE MAGISTRATES

STEPHEN M. BUCHA III
Foreclosure Magistrate Director

KEVIN C. AUGUSTYN
Assistant Director

Total Staff:

- 1 Director
- 1 Asst. Director
- 1 Office Manager
- 1 Asst. Office Manager
- 12 Foreclosure Magistrates
- 9 Support Staff

All cases concerning foreclosure, quiet title and partition are handled by the Court's magistrates. In March 2006, the department added an additional four magistrates bringing the total number of magistrates to thirteen. This additional capacity is part of the Court's ongoing improvements to the department, which were initiated as part of a countywide initiative to combat the problems created by vacant and abandoned properties.

This increase in the department's capacity has resulted in a tremendous increase in output of the department. The magistrates disposed of a record 16,351 cases in 2006, 10,412 of which resulted in decrees of foreclosure. This amount of decree of foreclosure represents an 88.8% increase over 2005.

Unfortunately, the increase in productivity was accompanied by an increase in cases referred to the magistrates. In 2006, 14,872 cases were either newly referred to the magistrates or reinstated from a bankruptcy stay. This represents an increase of 17.0% over 2005. Of these cases, 13,276 were newly referred cases. This represents an increase of 19.9% over 2005.

For the first time in nine years, the department disposed of more cases than it took in, eliminating 1,479 cases from the department's backlog.

For 2007, it is hoped the remarkable productivity displayed in 2006 will continue as new magistrates and staff become more experienced. It is also anticipated that referrals to the magistrates will keep pace with or surpass the number of referrals in 2006.

In order to place the numbers related above in their proper context, below is a sixteen year summary of the Magistrates' Departments' statistics. [see file titled "stasrev"]

Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division
Magistrates' Department Statistics Summary
1990-2006

<u>Year</u>	<u>Referrals¹</u>	<u>% Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Reinstates²</u>	<u>%Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Referrals & Reinstates Combined</u>	<u>%Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Supplementals³</u>	<u>%Change From Previous Yr.</u>
1990	4796	n/a	45	n/a	4841	n/a	1564	n/a
1991	4247	-11.4%	66	46.7%	4133	-14.6%	1320	-15.6%
1992	3895	-8.2%	60	-9.1%	3955	-4.3%	1430	8.3%
1993	3564	-8.4%	39	-35.0%	3603	-8.9%	1821	27.3%
1994	3366	-5.6%	77	97.4%	3443	-4.4%	2569	41.1%
1995	2582	-23.3%	230	198.7%	2812	-18.3%	4611	79.4%
1996	4065	57.4%	245	6.5%	4310	53.3%	4364	-5.3%
1997	3867	-4.9%	411	67.8%	4278	-0.7%	5121	17.3%
1998	5133	32.7%	538	30.9%	5671	32.6%	6431	25.6%
1999	5446	6.1%	628	16.7%	6074	7.1%	7097	10.4%
2000	5915	8.6%	835	32.9%	6750	11.1%	10083	42.1%
2001	7161	21.1%	928	11.1%	8089	19.8%	17438	72.9%
2002	9609	34.2%	1101	18.6%	10710	32.4%	19753	13.3%
2003	8724	-9.2%	1421	29.1%	10145	-5.3%	26591	34.6%
2004	9739	11.6%	1470	3.4%	11209	10.4%	29539	11.1%
2005	11075	13.7%	1634	11.2%	12709	13.4%	33100	12.1%
2006	13276	19.9%	1584	-3.1%	14872	17.0%	67972	105.4%

¹ This column represents all cases referred to the Magistrates which includes all of the Court's Foreclosure, Quiet Title and Partition cases. Foreclosures represent approximately 90% to 95% of all cases referred to the Magistrates' Department

² This column represents all cases reinstated after a final judgment has been entered or from bankruptcy stays, contract stays, and the Court of Appeals

³ After 1992, this column represents all proposed rulings by the Magistrates Department on miscellaneous motions and all magistrate's orders. 1992 and earlier, this column represents all proposed rulings by the Magistrates Department on motions to distribute funds generated by sheriff's sales.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Decreets⁴</u>	<u>%Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Dispositions⁵</u>	<u>%Change From Previous Yr.</u>	<u>Net Case Gain/(Loss)⁶</u>
1990	2854	n/a	4512	n/a	329
1991	3678	28.9%	4535	0.5%	(402)
1992	3060	-16.8%	3933	-13.3%	22
1993	2875	-6.0%	3656	-7.0%	(53)
1994	2463	-14.3%	4271	16.8%	(828)
1995	2199	-10.7%	3974	-7.0%	(1162)
1996	2174	-1.1%	3960	-0.3%	350
1997	2608	20.0%	4597	16.0%	(319)
1998	3043	16.7%	5583	21.4%	88
1999	2823	-7.2%	5795	3.7%	279
2000	3073	8.8%	6265	8.1%	485
2001	3048	-0.8%	6843	9.2%	1246
2002	3261	7.0%	7315	6.5%	3395
2003	3510	7.6%	8544	16.8%	1601
2004	4988	42.1%	10394	21.6%	815
2005	5515	10.6%	11852	14.0%	857
2006	10412	88.8%	16351	38.0%	(1479)

⁴ This column represents all decrees of foreclosure, decrees for quiet title, and decrees of partition entered by the Magistrates.

⁵ This column represents all cases disposed by the Magistrates Department including disposition by decree, dismissal, vacated reference, real estate tax contract stays and bankruptcy stays.

⁶ This column is the difference between Referrals and Reinstates Combined and Dispositions.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS/COURT SYSTEMS

THOMAS P. ARNAUT

Director

MICHAEL STANIC

Assistant Director – Network Engineering

PAUL R. LEY

Assistant Director – Programming

RICHARD E. PIEKARSKI

Certified Network Administrator

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Administrative Assistant	1 Court Technology Specialist
1 Assistant Director – Network Engineering	3 Computer Programmers
1 Assistant Director – Programming	1 Court Systems Supervisor
1 Certified Network Administrator	1 Court Systems Assistant Supervisor
2 Network Technicians	5 Data Entry Staff

Information Systems

Located on the 11th floor of the Justice Center, the Information Systems Department is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining all of the systems and applications that are used throughout the Court. There are approximately 500 workstations, 9 network servers, 3 local area networks, all connected through the county wide area network. Applications range from the primary case management system running on Unix, web applications running on Windows 2003 and Windows XP, file and print services running on Novell Netware. The Information Systems Department also supports the interaction of the Court with other County and Municipal agencies where information sharing is required.

In 2006, the Information Systems Department continued developing and implementing new features in the Court's Case Management System. The department will continue to analyze and evaluate opportunities to increase efficiencies through the use of technology. Additionally the Information Systems Department was involved with Clerk of Courts and the Sheriff's Department to provide enhanced technology and automation to allow more efficient processing of foreclosure cases.

The Information Systems Department continues to work diligently on upgrading and enhancing the computer systems used by the Court, the legal community, and the public so that they may have reliable, accurate access to the information that they require.

Court Systems

The primary function of the Court Systems Department is to create criminal journal entries and prepare them to be signed by the judges. A form is provided to the Court System Department by the judges, which contains the information to be included in the journal entry. Using this form the Court Systems Department will create a completed journal entry. The entry will be proof read for accuracy, then delivered to the judges for their signature. The Court Systems Department prepared more than 56,000 entries in 2006.

JUDICIAL SECRETARIES

MARY-ANN ROBERTS

Chief Judicial Secretary

JANET CHARNEY

Assistant Chief Secretary

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Chief Judicial Secretary

1 Assistant Chief Secretary

6 Secretaries

The secretarial department of the Court serves the thirty-four sitting judges, as well as the visiting judges, judicial staff attorneys and other court personnel. Their responsibilities include the following: taking and transcribing dictation as well as typing various documents including letters, speeches, opinions, jury instructions, verdicts, journal entries, jury interrogatories and various reports.

The secretaries also serve as support staff for other departments in the Court when the need arises.

Training classes to upgrade their skills in the use of software continue with the installation of new programs.

JUDICIAL STAFF ATTORNEYS

Michael Heffernan

Chief Judicial Staff Attorney

Laura W. Creed

Assistant Chief Judicial Staff Attorney

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Chief Judicial Staff Attorney

1 Assistant Chief Judicial Staff Attorney

35 Judicial Staff Attorneys

The Staff Attorneys continued their role within the General Division by managing Case Management Conferences, Settlement Conferences and other hearings where needed, and also assisted our Judges in criminal and civil motion practice through research and writing.

Perhaps more than any other year, this Department focused its talents and creativity on time: donating time to others in need on Saturdays at one of the Legal Aid Society's Brief Advice Clinics; serving as tutors in the hugely successful 3 Rs Program sponsored by the Cleveland Bar Association; and in offering procedural advice to pro se party litigants. In fact the Staff Attorneys' Department was privileged to receive a Distinguished Service Award from the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland for its work in 2006.

A collegial group, the Department boasts a menagerie of former professional athletes, as well as athletic and academic all-americans, teachers, social workers, engineers and even a former rock-band member. In addition, one Staff Attorney was honored in law school for writing the Best Appellate Brief in the country by the National Moot Court Board of Governors.

As a group, they continue the template set by Stanley Kent, Patricia Rogo and William Danko of intellectual competence and a desire for public service. Our Staff Attorneys further their careers with internationally prestigious firms, local and regional businesses, non-profit corporations, and even ascend to the bench.

JURY BAILIFF/JURY COMMISSION

EILEEN GALLAGHER

Jury Bailiff Director

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Jury Bailiff Director/ Assistant Jury Commissioner
- 2 Jury Bailiff
- 2 Assistant Jury Commissioners
- 2 Jury Commissioners

JURY BAILIFFS

JUROR UTILIZATION - CRIMINAL 2006

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Panels	78	68	86	73	76	73	71	77	58	89	66	36	851
Trials	53	45	56	45	50	39	35	49	40	51	37	21	521

JUROR UTILIZATION - CIVIL 2006

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Panels	31	21	32	20	35	24	26	25	26	35	23	16	314
Trials	27	16	27	15	31	24	24	21	21	30	18	14	268

CAPITAL CASE JURY TRIAL	6
NUMBER OF JURORS	12,465
NUMBER OF JUROR DAYS OVER 5	2,300
TOTAL NUMBER OF JUROR DAYS	59,830

Our goal remains the same and that is to reduce the cost of jurors and gain more effective utilization of jurors

In comparison to 2005 there was a significant increase in the number of jurors that were called in, and also in the number of juror days. The number of jurors who spent more than the 5 day minimum increased dramatically which caused our budget to run out of money by the end of October/beginning of November. Our goal this year is to try and utilize the Monday/Wednesday jurors in a way that if possible we can get them out at their 5 day term, so we can stay within our budget. Our budget for 2006 was approximately \$113,000 short because of the increase of business.

JURY COMMISSION

JURY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2006

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Drawn	2744	2802	3669	3245	3230	2772	3107	3246	2679	3310	2349	2147	35300
Report	1041	814	1069	1003	1263	962	1082	1059	986	1209	1078	899	12465

PETIT JURORS DRAWN	35300
GRAND JURORS DRAWN	2100
SPECIAL JURORS DRAWN	0
TOTAL	37400

ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT

VINCENT M. POLITO

Chief Probation Officer

WILLIAM D. KROMAN

Deputy Chief Probation Officer

TOTAL STAFF:

1 Chief Probation Officer	1 Clerical Supervisor
1 Deputy Chief Probation Officer	18 Clerical & Support Staff
4 Managers	1 Executive Secretary
16 Supervisors	5 Administrative Assistants
1 Supervisor of Information Services	1 Senior Office Assistant
1 Polygraph Examiner	1 Laboratory Supervisor
1 Substance Abuse Case Manager	3 Senior Lab Technicians
1 Training Specialist	2 Lab Assistants
129 Probation Officers	3 Cashier-Bookkeepers

The facts and figures in the following pages document the activity of the many varied programs and services of the Probation Department in the year 2006.

INVESTIGATIONS

Presentence Reports	8,867
Expungement Reports	<u>1,534</u>
Total Investigations (assigned)	10,401

Distribution of Presentence Reports (assigned)

State Probation	3,129	35.29%
County Probation	<u>5,738</u>	<u>64.71%</u>
Totals	8,867	100.0%

Distribution of Jail and Bail Presentence Reports (assigned)

Jail Presentence Reports	2,497	28.16%
Bail Presentence Reports	<u>6,370</u>	<u>71.84%</u>
Totals	8,867	100.0%

SUPERVISION

INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUPERVISION

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2006.....	7,556
INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON PROBATION IN 2006.....	8,331
TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVICED IN 2006.....	15,887

INDIVIDUALS REMOVED FROM PROBATION IN 2006:

Probation Expired.....	2,026
Early Terminations.....	1,194
Abated by Death.....	40
Capias Issued.....	2,251
Probation Violation – Sentenced to State Prison or County Jail	1,713
Probation Violation – Probation Terminated	701
TOTAL.....	7,925

INDIVIDUALS UNDER SUPERVISION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007.....7,962

Date as of:	Number of Individuals on Probation for a Felony Conviction	Per Cent	Number of Individuals on Probation for a Misdemeanor Conviction	Per Cent	Total Number on Probation
12/31/2006	7,361	92.45%	601	7.55%	7,962
12/31/2005	6,928	91.69%	628	8.31%	7,556
12/31/2004	7,246	91.39%	683	8.61%	7,929
12/31/2003	7,471	89.830%	846	10.17%	8,317
12/31/2002	7,663	89.26%	922	10.74%	8,585
12/31/2001	7,688	89.00%	950	11.00%	8,638
12/31/2000	7,076	88.07%	958	11.93%	8,034
12/31/1999	6,881	84.60%	1,252	15.40%	8,133
12/31/1998	6,920	86.31%	1,098	13.69%	8,018
12/31/1997	7,169	85.18%	1,247	14.82%	8,416
12/31/1996	7,732	89.33%	924	10.67%	8,656
12/31/1995	7,602	88.93%	946	11.07%	8,548
12/31/1994	7,267	88.40%	954	11.60%	8,221
12/31/1993	7,384	87.72%	1,034	12.28%	8,418
12/31/1992	7,468	86.69%	1,147	13.31%	8,615
12/31/1991	7,683	86.36%	1,213	13.64%	8,896
12/31/1990	8,681	95.12%	445	4.88%	9,126
12/31/1989	8,102	94.97%	429	5.03%	8,531

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF SUPERVISION CASES - 2006

AGE GROUP	per cent
Under 18 years	0.00
18 through 22	15.71
23 through 27	19.30
28 through 32	14.56
33 through 37	13.28
38 through 42	10.47
43 through 46	9.40
47 through 51	8.86
52 through 56	4.75
57 and over	3.67
Total	100.00

SEX	per cent
Male	73.57
Female	26.43
Total	100.00
RACE	per cent
Asian	0.09
Black	60.30
Caucasian	35.18
Hispanic	0.82
Other	3.61
Total	100.00

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS BY THE
ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Restitution Payments.....	\$ 2,292,211.66
Home Detention Fees.....	98,623.80
Donations.....	343.00
Probation Supervision Fees.....	232,459.23
Court Costs.....	2,324.41
Total.....	\$2,625,962.10

RESTITUTION COLLECTED 1987 - 2006

2006	\$2,292,211.66
2005	\$1,881,129.50
2004	\$2,091,077.34
2003	\$2,270,172.24
2002	\$2,035,221.79
2001	\$2,129,402.58
2000	\$1,914,258.41
1999	\$1,655,514.80
1998	\$1,632,064.06
1997	\$1,657,107.97
1996	\$1,329,637.32
1995	\$1,312,193.55
1994	\$1,043,653.06
1993	\$913,645.12
1992	\$740,280.73
1991	\$652,527.94
1990	\$594,248.18
1989	\$618,028.52
1988	\$523,206.05
1987	\$503,054.79

DRUG TESTING

The Probation Department Laboratory performs drug of abuse testing and currently has a five year (2002 to 2007) contract with Microgenics, Inc. to provide reagents, instrumentation and some supplies to perform the drug tests. A laboratory information system is supplied by Antek, Inc. They provide the software to produce bar code labels for the specimens, print test results and compile various statistical reports and provide for the export of result into PROWARE.

LABORATORY STATISTICS

	2003	2004**	2005	2006
Total individuals tested	35,813	n/a	35,334	34,501
Total specimens tested	120,686	128,304	121,837	122,214
Specimens positive for one or more drugs	19,030	19,312	17,538	17,618
Percent of specimens positive for one or more drugs	15.8%	5.1%	14.1%	14.4%

**Unable to provide accurate number of subjects in 2004 due to changes in computer software and archiving of data.

Percent Positive by Drug	2003	2004	2005	2006
Cocaine	6.0%	5.6%	5.4%	5.8%
Marijuana	9.6%	9.6%	9.1%	9.5%
Opiates	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
Phencyclidine (PCP)	2.7%	1.5%	1.1%	0.9%
Amphetamines	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%
Alcohol	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	n/a
6 Acetylmorphine (heroin)		18.4%	14.1%	11.9%

NOTE: 6Acetylmorphine % positive rate will be higher than others because it is only run on specimens already testing positive for opiates.

Specimens are tested for 2 to 5 drugs and may be positive for more than one drug. In addition, Validity Testing (urine creatinine) is performed on each specimen (122,214). All positive amphetamine specimens continue to be sent for confirmation by GC/MS. This testing continues to identify a large percentage of positive amphetamines due to ecstasy (MDMA) and the other amphetamine variants/designer drugs-MDA, etc)

The total number of specimens tested in 2006 increased by less than 1% and the number of drug tests performed decreased by 7% when compared to the previous year.

Testing is funded by Community Corrections Act grant funds from the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Court of Common Pleas, and user fees paid by other agencies using the laboratory. Outside agencies paying for Laboratory Services include; Adult Parole Authority, Batterer's Intervention Program, Cleveland Municipal Court Probation Department, Euclid Municipal Court Probation Department, Garfield Heights Municipal Court Probation Department, Juvenile Court Probation Department, Early Intervention Program, Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC), and the Youth Development Center.

NUMBER OF URINE SAMPLES AND TESTS PERFORMED

1988 - 2006

Year	SPECIMENS	CHANGE	TESTS	CHANGE
2006	122,214	(<1%)	415,137	-3.70%
2005	121,837	-5.00%	431,178	-7.00%
2004	128,304	6.30%	463,424	5.20%
2003	120,686	-0.60%	440,591	-4.70%
2002	121,409	7.60%	462,886	10.00%
2001	112,793	15.20%	422,184	24.10%
2000	97,891	7.50%	340,114	9.80%
1999	91,042	1.70%	309,848	18.00%
1998	89,549	15.70%	262,464	28.80%
1997	77,373	4.40%	203,777	11.00%
1996	74,127	10.40%	183,512	21.00%
1995	67,073	13.40%	151,666	
1994	59,149	3.70%		
1993	57,028	4.95%		
1992	54,339	5.55%		
1991	51,477	48.85%		
1990	34,582	32.20%		
1989	26,158	96.54%		
1988	13,309			

The Probation Department Laboratory continues to subscribe to proficiency testing from the American Association of Bioanalysts and has scored 100 percent (%) in testing accuracy.

REFERENCE LABORATORY TESTING

Specimens requiring confirmation or further testing of dilute samples by GC/MS (Gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy) are being sent to Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc. (STL) in Richmond, VA. STL is a SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration-formerly NIDA) certified laboratory.

	2005	2006
SPECIMENS TESTED	1,313	1,587
Total Tests	1,868	2,214
Positive Tests	509	720
% Positive tests	27.20%	32.50%
Dilutes Specimens	947	968
% Dilute Specimens	72.10%	61.00%

HAIR TESTING

Hair specimens are sent to Iomega Laboratories Inc., in Mogadore, Ohio, an accredited reference laboratory (CAP - College of America Pathologists Laboratory Accreditation Program).

	2003	2004	2005	2006
SUBJECTS	25	48	52	95
SPECIMENS	39	60	60	112
Negative	22	44	433	79
Not tested*	4	0	1	0
Positive	13	16	15	33
Cocaine	9	12	14	27
Marijuana	0	3	2	5
Amphetamines	0	0	0	0
MDMA (Ecstasy)	1	1	1	1
Methamphetamine	0	0	1	0
Opiates				
Morphine	3	1	1	0
Codeine	1	4	1	0
6AM	2	2	1	1

** 6-acetylmorphine-heroin metabolite

*Not tested= insufficient quantity

ORAL FLUID TESTING

The Laboratory tested oral fluids on a limited basis this past year. They are performed on those who are unable to produce urine specimens due to medical conditions (ie. dialysis) and those who continue to submit dilute urine specimens. The procedure being used is an on-site device from American Bio Medica Corporation (ABMC). This procedure did not allow for confirmation of positives by GC/MS and was replaced in 2007 by another collection method that permits confirmation of all positive results. Approximately 3% of all urine specimens are considered unacceptable due to low concentration (dilute).

TOTAL SPECIMENS 114
 POSITIVE SPECIMENS..... 11
 Cocaine..... 5
 Amphetamine..... 4
 Methamphetamine ... 2
 NO RESULTS..... 3

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE

Court Community Service (CCS) is a not for profit agency that places individuals into community service work assignments when it is ordered as a condition of probation. CCS works with more than 400 area not-for-profit /governmental agency work sites. In addition, they operate five supervised community service work crews that clean public roads and properties throughout the county.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of individuals referred to CCS	3,905	4,029	4,218	4,060	4,082
Number of individuals placed in work assignments	3,234	3,251	3,415	3,372	3,368
Number of hours of community work service assigned	322,884	362,595	388,923	372,163	366,403
Number of hours of community work service completed	152,642	150,396	163,820	170,404	162,269

When computed at \$6.00 per hour, individuals on probation completed 162,269 hours or \$ 973,614.00 of work service to the Cuyahoga County Community in 2006.

* Number of community work service hours worked by all referral sources at agencies located in Cuyahoga County	328,992
* Percentage of hours worked at agencies located in Cuyahoga County	97%
* Number of participating agency work sites in Cuyahoga County	237
* Administrative Fees collected in 2005 from offenders referred by the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.	\$ 63,533.50
<u>Court Community Service Work Crew Statistics</u>	55
* Communities served in Cuyahoga County	71,903
* Total number of hours worked by work crews	48,559
* Total bags of trash collected	15,873
* Total number of tires collected	15,873
* Total number of cubic yards of debris collected	738

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Number of Alcohol and Drug Assessments completed by the Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (T.A.S.C.) Program.	1,308
Number of Individuals placed into Residential Treatment through Probation Department Centralized Case Management Program.	716

The Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (T.A.S.C.) Program provides Alcohol and Drug Assessments through funds from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. TASC also provided case management services, including referral to treatment and case management services to 1,717 Common Pleas Court offenders in 2006. TASC works in conjunction with the Probation Department Case Manager.

The Centralized Case Management Program is operated by the Probation Department and is funded through the Community Corrections Act Subsidy. One case manager coordinates and manages all substance abuse treatment and assessment placements.

The Corrections Planning Board and the Common Pleas Court funded Drug Treatment beds in 2006 at the following agencies; Catholic Charities (Matt Talbot Inn & Matt Talbot for Women) and Fresh Start.

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON PROGRAM

The Carrying Concealed Weapon (CCW) Program is administered by Court Community Service (CCS), a not-for profit agency, and is funded by client fees. Ten (10) workshops were held in 2006 on Saturday mornings at the Justice Center.

In 2006, one hundred ninety-six (196) individuals were referred to the CCW Program as a condition of probation/community control. The purpose of these three (3) hour workshops is to reduce recidivism through education.

Workshops consist of group discussions that examine the consequences of carrying a gun, and the effects - emotional, physical and financial of an arrest and conviction. An attorney presents the legal ramifications of this conviction and of any future CCW arrests and also acts as facilitator for the workshops.

PRETRIAL UNIT'S COURT SUPERVISED RELEASE (C.S.R.) PROGRAM

Court Supervised Release involves the bail investigation and supervision of defendants charged with felonies, who prior to disposition, are released into the community under supervision with a personal or financial bond.

The following represents defendant's released under Court Supervised Release as well as defendants receiving additional or specialized pretrial supervision services including; the Domestic Violence Program, Early Intervention Program, Greater Cleveland Drug Court candidates, as well as Mentally Disordered and Retarded Offenders.

	2005	2006	PERCENT CHANGE
Number of individuals released from jail under Court Supervised Release supervision as a condition of a bond	2,124	2,088	- 02%
Number of individuals under C.S.R. supervision as of December 31, 2006	835	649	-22%
Total bond Investigations by C.S.R. staff	3,007	3,603	+20%
Total releases from County Jail as a result of Bond Investigations	1,991	1,102	-45%

DISTRIBUTION OF INDIVIDUALS RELEASED UNDER C.S.R. SUPERVISION

	2005	2006	PERCENT CHANGE
Cleveland Municipal Court	786	639	-19%
Common Pleas Court	1,315	1,435	+09%
Transferred from Diversion	23	37	+61%
TOTALS	2,124	2,111	-01%

**TOTAL RELEASES GRANTED C.S.R. SUPERVISION
AS A CONDITION OF PERSONAL BOND**

Year	Total	Percentage (+/- prev. year)	Average Per Month
2006	2,088	-2%	174.00
2005	2,124	-8%	177.00
2004	2,327	+10%	193.91
2003	2,118	-1%	176.05
2002	2,145	+3%	178.75
2001	2,087	+62%	173.92
2000	1,292	+9%	107.67
1999	1,118	-16%	98.06
1998	1,402	+36%	116.83
1997	1,029	-28%	85.75
1996	1,420	+6%	118.33
1995	1,335	-3%	111.25
1994	1,377	+2%	114.75

DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office began the Pretrial Diversion Program in conjunction with the Court of Common Pleas in March 1993.

The program was established pursuant to Revised Code 2935.36. It is designed for persons charged with non-violent and non-drug related crimes, who have no previous felony convictions or patterns of adult or juvenile criminal behavior.

The program had been divided into two types, welfare cases and non-welfare cases. However, in January 2000, the Pretrial Unit began supervision of all newly granted welfare diversion cases.

The Pretrial Unit provides services to the County Prosecutor's Pretrial Diversion Program. Services currently consist of:

1. Completing extensive criminal record checks on both welfare and non-welfare felony diversion candidates.
2. Conducting investigations including interviews, determining restitution amounts and recipients and evaluations of eligibility.
3. Supervision of all diversion cases (supervision activities include urinalysis, community work service, restitution, court costs, supervision fees, etc..)

In 2006, the Court Supervised Release Unit has performed the following activities.

Record Checks	2005	2006	Percent Change
1. Total number of welfare record checks completed	46	42	-09%
2. Total number of non-welfare record checks completed	859	846	-02%
3. Total number of record checks	932	888	-05%
Total found eligible	809	692	-14%
Total found non-eligible	212	196	-08%
Total number of non-welfare investigations and interviews conducted	433	502	+16%
Supervision activities of diversion defendants:	2005	2006	Percent Change
1. Number placed on diversion	497	562	-13%
2. Number of urine samples taken:	1,420	1,591	+12%
Number positive	209	240	
Percent positive	15%	15%	
3. Number of referrals to Court Community Service	558	687	+23%
Total placements	518	628	+21%
Total hours assigned:	27,024	32,687	+23 %
Total hours completed:	20,442	23,896	+17%
4. Defendants removed from Diversion Program			
Total removed:	529	742	+40%
Successful completions:	387	444	Percent of Total Removed (60% of total)
Unsuccessful completions:	142	298	Percent of Total Removed (40% of total)

JAIL REDUCTION PROGRAM

The fastest growing population in the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center is the misdemeanor sentenced population. In an effort to reduce overall jail overcrowding, the Court began The Jail Reduction Program in July 1999. The Probation Department's Pretrial Unit identifies eligible inmates sentenced to the County Jail for sentences exceeding thirty (30) days for who electronic monitoring (Home Detention) or substance abuse/mental health treatment may be a more appropriate sentence/sanction. Those recommendations are forwarded to the original Judge for their consideration.

- * 1,150 offenders were sentenced to the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center from suburban municipal courts (a 15.99% increase over 2005)
- * 617 (53.65% of misd./sentences) defendants received sentences of 30 days or greater (a 18.70% decrease from 2005)
- * 34 (5.51% of misd./sentences > 30 days) defendants were released from jail and placed on Home Detention (a 47.83% increase over 2005)

- * 49 (5.51% of misd./sentences > 30 days) defendants were released from jail and placed under the supervision of Court Supervised Release officers for treatment purposes (a 63.33 % increase over 2005)
- * 17 (2.75% of misd./sentences > 30 days) defendants were released to the community without supervision from jail after initiating an investigation of possible early release (a 54.55% increase over 2005)
- * A total of 100 defendants were released from jail early due to the Jail Reduction Program (a 56.25% increase over 2005)
- * A total of 12 (12% of those released) defendants were returned to the county jail for program violations.

In 2006, ten (10) Courts utilized the services offered by the Jail Reduction Program. They are:

Bedford Municipal Court	Berea Municipal Court
Euclid Municipal Court	Garfield Heights Municipal Court
Lakewood Municipal Court	Lyndhurst Municipal Court
Parma Municipal Court	Rocky River Municipal Court
Shaker Heights Municipal Court	
Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court – Civil Division	

After adjusting for those returned to the county jail, a total of 9,672 jail days were saved for the year by Home Detention, supervision by the Court Supervised Release Unit, and by straight releases. Based on the average county jail per diem rate of \$ 79.69 per jail day, a total savings of \$ 770,761.68 was achieved for the year through the Jail Reduction Program (a 10.07% increase over 2005).

HALFWAY HOUSE USAGE

In 2006, the Probation Department utilized the services of five agencies for Halfway House placements. The agencies utilized were Alternative Agency Inc. (Self Center), Community Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS), Fresh Start Inc., ARCA (formerly Goodwill), and Oriana House.

In 2006, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) - Division of Parole and Community Services provided a total of **36,978** bed-days for Halfway House use to the Court and the Probation Department. This is a 18.6% increase over usage in 2005. This represents a total expenditure of \$ **2,223,641.78** in 2006 by ODRC for the Court's and the Probation Department's usage of this valuable community correction sanctions alternative. This represents a 18.2% increase in spending this year.

Of the 36,978 bed-days provided, 23,467 (63.5%) were for males and 13,511 (36.5%) were for females. This translates into an average of 101.31 individuals (64.29 males and 37.02 females) benefiting from these services each day at the average daily cost of \$ 60.13 per person. The total daily average expenditure was \$ 6,092.17.

POLYGRAPH SERVICES

Margaret Murphy completed 12 weeks of polygraph school along with one week of specialized sex offender polygraph training and began doing sex offender polygraphs in 2005. During 2006, eighty (80) polygraph examinations were completed on sex offenders under supervision. These included both Specific and Maintenance examinations.

WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

Since July 1, 2001, the Probation Department's Work Release Program is housed at the Alternatives Agency Inc. (Self Center) located at 1804 East 55th Street. Individuals in the Work Release Program are granted release from the facility only for verified purposes (i.e. work, education, vocational training, substance abuse treatment). Individuals can be placed in the Work Release Program as a condition of being placed in the Court Supervised Release Unit, at the time of sentencing, or at the time of Probation Violation/Community Control Violation Hearing. The Work Release Program is supported by Community Corrections Act Subsidy Funds and by the Court of Common Pleas.

Total number of individuals (New intakes) in the Work Release Program			253*
(*2006 figure represents a 1.60% increase from the 2005 figure)			
Average number of offenders in the Work Release Program at any time			41
Successful Terminations	172	60.14%	
Unsuccessful Terminations	<u>114</u>	<u>39.86%</u>	
Totals	286	100.00%	
Work Release Residents' Reimbursement to Cuyahoga County			\$25,407.93
Amount of Court Costs Paid by Work Release Residents			\$6,599.43
Amount of Restitution and Probation Supervision Fees Paid by Work Release Residents			\$6,711.45
Average Length of Stay per Offender in the Work Release Program			54 days
Number of Hours of Community Work Service Hours Completed by Work Release and Home Detention Offenders			254 Referrals 20,881 Hours

HOME DETENTION PROGRAM

(Electronic Monitoring)

The purpose of the Home Detention Program is to restrict the offender to his/her residence except for verified releases, such as employment, education, training, outpatient treatment for substance abuse, court community service or other verified activity ordered by the court as a condition of probation, community control, or personal bond (Court Supervised Release). Offenders ordered to participate in this program are monitored by electronic devices, which include a transmitter worn on the ankle, which sends a continuous signal to an installed monitor attached to the participant's telephone. The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department provides the electronic monitoring equipment, monitoring services and surveillance. Offenders are charged \$7.00 per day to defray cost of indigent offenders and other costs. The Home Detention Program is supported by the Court of Common Pleas.

Total Number of Individuals(new installs) in the Home Detention Program			291*
(* 2006 figure represents a 4.68% increase over the 2005 figure)			
Average number of offenders in the Home Detention Program at any time			80
Successful Terminations	257	71.59%	
Unsuccessful Terminations	<u>102</u>	<u>28.41%</u>	
Totals	359	100.00%	

Home Detention Fees Paid by Offenders	\$ 98,623.80
Average Length of Stay Per Offender in the Home Detention Program	70 Days
Number of Hours of Community Work Service Hours Completed by Work Release and Home Detention Offenders	254 Referrals 20,881 Hours

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

The Probation Department provides specialized program services to the Court to protect the community, rehabilitate the offender, focus on criminogenic needs of the offender, and meet other needs of the criminal justice system. The major principles that define criminogenic needs are as follows: (1) assessing the risk and need of the offender, (2) enhancing the motivation of the offender, (3) targeting interventions to the offender's needs, (4) providing a skilled training staff, (5) increasing positive reinforcement, (6) engaging ongoing support in natural communities, (7) measuring relevant processes and practices, and (8) providing measurement feedback. Specialized programming is co-funded by the Court and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Specialized programming is administered through the Intensive Probation Program and includes the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit, the Mentally Disordered Offender Unit, the Sex Offender Unit and the Mentally Retarded Offender Unit. Listed below is a brief description of each program.

The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) was designed to divert non-violent felony offenders from the prison setting by providing a more intense degree of supervision within the community. ISP was designed as a one year program with three levels of supervision, requiring a variety of office and field contact standards, varying urinalysis schedules, and commitment to a case plan designed for most effective habilitation of the offender. Also, offenders are administratively assigned to the Intensive Supervision Program if they are released from prison on Judicial Release as a way to give closer supervision to those offenders.

The Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO) is designed to provide monitoring, counseling, treatment and services to offenders placed on probation/community control who are clinically diagnosed by the Court Psychiatric Clinic as psychotic. The major psychotic illnesses are as follows: Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, and other disorders with psychotic features. The MDO project contracts directly with the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board for services for the mentally disordered offenders project. Recovery Resources is the primary service provider for case management, counseling, psychiatric services, medication management, and substance abuse treatment.

Program staff meets regularly with the major health care agency's jail liaison staff. Recovery Resource and jail liaison staff meet regularly with their clients at our agency. The program has also aggressively pursued linking with the housing liaison staff at these agencies. Further, the Department has also developed a procedure that includes the ability to transport low risk mentally ill offenders to hospitals when needed. In 2003, the Court initiated a Mental Health Court Docket with specially trained judges, prosecutors and defense counsel, as well as liaisons trained to provide screening and assessment for early identification of special needs offenders. Many offenders in the MDO program will benefit from the increased collaboration and streamlined services characteristic of the new MH court docket.

The Mentally Retarded Offender Program (MRO) is a specialized unit within the Probation Department.

The Mentally Retarded Offenders Project contracts directly with the Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities for services. The officers assigned to this unit supervise caseloads of offenders diagnosed as mentally retarded or borderline normal by the Court Psychiatric Clinic. The probation officers, in cooperation with various community agencies, coordinate specialized services. In addition, a team consisting of representatives from Court Psychiatric Clinic, Public Defender’s Office, County Board of Mental Retardation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Cuyahoga County Jail, meets once a month to staff individual cases and recommend treatment plans. In 2003, the Court initiated a Mental Health Court Docket with specially trained judges, prosecutors and defense counsel, as well as liaisons trained to provide screening and assessment for early identification of special needs offenders. Many offenders in the MRO program will benefit from the increased collaboration and streamlined services characteristic of the new MH court docket.

The Sex Offender Program, which began in 1994, is designed to provide assessment, intensive probation supervision and treatment to sex offenders who have been convicted of a sex offense or an offense whose elements include a sex offending behavior. The program specializes in offenders with juvenile victims. The program includes an intensive supervision component and is staffed by three probation officers located in the Justice Center, as well as a treatment component located at Bridgeway, Inc., 2103 Clark Ave., Cleveland, OH. A clinical assessment is provided for all offenders placed in the program. This assessment includes a polygraph examination for those in denial of their offense. The assessment is to provide the Court and Probation Department with information related to the defendant’s offending behavior, risk of re-offending, amenability for treatment and a supervision plan for the offender should they be granted probation/ community control. Offenders ordered into this program as a condition of probation/ community control and accepted into treatment, will be expected to comply with treatment program requirements, including further polygraph examinations. The Unit also monitors compliance with sex offender registration and associated state laws.

	No. placed in Specialized Programs in 2004	No. placed in Specialized Programs in 2005	No. placed in Specialized Programs in 2006
Intensive Supervision	1,361	1,358	1,349
Mentally Disordered Offender	285	282	386
Mentally Retarded Offender	96	102	93
Sex Offender Program	82	86	69

APPREHENSION UNIT

The Apprehension Unit has been in operation since April 1994. The unit was established with funding from Community Corrections Act Subsidy Funds from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and it is now also funded by the County Commissioners. This unit now consists of five (5) Sheriff’s Deputies. The deputies have been assigned to arrest offenders under the jurisdiction of programs within the Probation Department. The cases submitted to the Apprehension Unit are for alleged Probation/Community Control violators, who have departmental warrants and/or capiases issued for their arrest.

Apprehension Unit deputies have accompanied Probation Officers on field visits to verify offender residences

and investigate allegations of suspected illegal and/or dangerous activities impacting Probation/ Community Control conditions or the community. Deputies are also routinely dispatched to treatment facilities to transport offenders who are unsuccessfully discharged from programs.

In 2006, the Probation Department submitted the names of 126 offenders to the Apprehension Unit for arrest. CCA programs submitted 99 requests for arrest and general supervision submitted 27 requests. The total number of arrests for CCA generated Probation Capiases and Warrants was 90, representing a 90.90% arrest rate. The total number of arrests for regular supervision was 22, representing a 81.48% arrest rate. In addition to the offenders arrested at the request of the Probation Department, the Apprehension Unit cleared 140 Probation Violation Capiases and Probation Violation Warrants. The Apprehension Unit also arrested 518 offenders for; felonies, misdemeanors, parole violations, juvenile, and civil citations. In addition, the deputies of the Apprehension Unit confiscated the following items; a Taurus .22 caliber revolver, a Ruger .22 caliber revolver, a Beretta .380 handgun, a Lorcin .380 handgun, a Titan .38 caliber revolver, a 12 gauge pump shotgun, a 12 gauge Stephens shotgun, a Taurus .44 caliber revolver, a hunting knife, 8 syringes, 12 bags of crack cocaine, 16 rocks of crack cocaine, 52 bags of marijuana, and \$ 1,203.05 in cash.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT TRAINING

In 2002, a structured Training function was established for the Adult Probation Department. It was staffed with one full-time Training Specialist. The Training Specialist conducted a formal Needs Assessment in 2002. It included 9 individual interviews, 8 group interviews involving 29 staff, and 1 management group interview. The final report yielded a Training Plan.

In 2006, thirty-four (34) training events were arranged by the Training Specialist. The 34 training events provided staff that attended with 136.00 contact hours of training.

In 2006, the training specialist conducted thirty-six (36) training events. The 36 training events provided staff that attended with 72.00 contact hours of training.

In 2006, the Training Specialist organized transfer training (3.00 contact hours) for five (5) staff who accepted new positions in the Probation Department. The Training Specialist conducted new student intern (27.00 contact hours) orientation training, new employee (72.00 contact hours) orientation training, new employee follow-up training (3.00 contact hours), and remedial training (5.00 contact hours) for ten (10) existing staff members.

The Training Specialist is also responsible for monitoring staff compliance with Community Corrections Act (CCA) Training Standards, and for assisting staff to meet those standards. The Ohio Community Corrections Act funds 66 positions in the Department. One of the standards that must be met in order to receive those monies is that each line staff person, who work directly with offenders, must participate in 40 hours of training annually. Corrections Planning Board Research/Planner Loretta Ryland conducted one (1) training session on the DRC Bureau of Community Sanctions Community Corrections Information System (CCIS) (1.00 contact hour).

In 2006, Probation Department employees were offered the opportunity to attend a wide variety of work related outside workshops and seminars (over fifty) that offered a total of 481.50 contact hours of training.

In 2005, a training program was created for the Supervisory Staff. Two (2) management-training sessions on Conducting Effective Performance Reviews and on Disciplinary Action were offered in 2006, In addition, three (3) New Supervisor Orientation sessions were held in 2006.

In 2006, a tour of a state prison, a tour of homeless shelters, and a tour of treatment facilities were offered

to the Common Pleas Court Judges.

In 2006, a survey was designed to assess staff attitudes about offenders was created, distributed, and analyzed. It was then used in small group staff meetings to explore appropriate treatment of offenders.

A Community Resource Workgroup was created to organize periodic Resource Fairs and to create and maintain a resource manual. The Community Resource Workgroup was staffed and managed thru 12 meetings. The first Helping Hands Community Resource Fair was held on October 3, 2006. The next Helping Hands Community Resource Fair is scheduled for May 2007.

Lastly, the Training Specialist has coordinated the efforts of various staff in order to maximize the quantity and quality of the Department's training activities. In this capacity, the Training Specialist chaired the Training Committee, which held eight (8) meetings. The CPR/First Aid Trainers held seven (7) meetings and they provided CPR Re-Certification for 5 staff and provided CPR/First Aid Training to 13 staff. The Diversity Training Workgroup held ten (10) meetings and planned and held 7 training events in 2006. The Newsletter Workgroup held nine (9) meeting and published 3 editions of the department's newsletter.

STUDENT INTERNS IN 2006

The following students provided service to the Probation Department in 2006. Internships are performed in conjunction with colleges and universities. Students earn credit toward their undergraduate and graduate degree in social work, corrections, criminology and other related disciplines.

STUDENT

Arona Erez
Michael Long
Elizabeth Ross
Christina Stribling
Arleesha Wilson

UNIVERSITY

Oberlin College
University of Toledo
University of Cincinnati
Cleveland State University
Bowling Green State University

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY
COMMON PLEAS COURT**

DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Presentence Investigation	8,037	8,095	7,922	8,741	8,867
New Cases	6,797	6,838	6,961	7,726	8,331
Total Population	8,585	8,317	7,929	7,556	7,962
Court Supervised Release	2,145	2,118	2,327	2,124	2,088
Number of Urine Samples Tested	121,409	120,686	128,304	121,837	122,214
Number of Drug Tests Performed	462,886	440,591	463,424	431,178	415,137
Restitution	\$2,035,221	\$2,270,172	\$2,091,077	\$1,881,130	\$ 2,292,211.66

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Number of Individuals placed into treatment through Probation Department Centralized Case Management Program.	1,133
Residential treatment	818
Outpatient treatment	315

The Cuyahoga County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (T.A.S.C.) Program provides Alcohol and Drug Assessments through funds from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. TASC also provided case management services, including referral to treatment and case management services to 1,547 Common Pleas Court offenders in 2005. TASC works in conjunction with the Probation Department Case Manager.

The Centralized Case Management Program is operated by the Probation Department and is funded through the Community Corrections Act Subsidy. One case manager coordinates and manages all substance abuse treatment and assessment placements.

The Corrections Planning Board and the Common Pleas Court funded Drug Treatment beds in 2005 at the following agencies; Community Assessment Treatment Services, Matt Talbot for Women, Fresh Start, and Alternatives Agency Incorporated.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD

MARIA NEMEC

Corrections Planning Board Administrator

VINCENT D. HOLLAND

Program Director - 407 Prison Diversion

DANIEL E. PETERCA

Program Director - 408 Jail Diversion

TOTAL STAFF

- 1 Board Administrator
- 1 Substance Abuse Case Manager
- 2 Senior Level Probation Department Managers
- 1 Training Specialist
- 1 Fiscal Officer
- 1 Research Assistant - vacant
- 1 Research Planner
- 3 Administrative Aides

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Mission Statement

Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board exists to create an environment to improve the coordination of community corrections at all levels of the criminal justice system.

Toward this end, the Corrections Planning Board members and staff will work to:

- Provide effective alternatives to incarceration
- Enhance public safety and protection of victims
- Seek and secure funding and resources
- Develop and maintain partnerships with stakeholders

The Corrections Planning Board, comprised of fifteen members, administers Community Corrections Act (CCA) grant funds from the State of Ohio's Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for community jail and prison diversion programs. The Chair of the Board is the Presiding Judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Cuyahoga County established its Corrections Planning Board in 1984. Most of the Board's local community sanction programs are administered through the Court's Adult Probation Department.

During FY2006, the Board administered a CCA grant of approximately \$3.7 Million Dollars to fund and staff local community corrections programs. These programs are designed to divert eligible criminal offenders from the Cuyahoga County Jail or the state prison system, while maintaining public safety. Over 4,300 criminal offenders were diverted into local community sanction alternatives during 2006. The percentage of funding received by Cuyahoga County for the 407 Prison/Felony Project has remained at approximately 18.2% of the total Community Corrections Act (CCA) 407 funding available statewide over the last few fiscal years. Cuyahoga County has contributed an average of close to 22% of the statewide total of prison diversions in Ohio during the same time period.

The Cuyahoga County CCA programs through the Corrections Planning Board have been the recipients of numerous awards. In July 2004, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections' Cliff Skeen Award for "**Excellence in Community Corrections**" was awarded to the 407 Prison Diversion Program. Cuyahoga County's 408 Jail Diversion Program was also a past recipient of the Cliff Skeen Award. In addition, the Chief Probation Officer, during his term as the interim CCA Board Administrator, was recognized for his contributions to community corrections in the state of Ohio. In the past, the CCA Program Directors were honored with an award recognizing their contributions to community corrections by their willingness to assist other Ohio counties and their active participation in the CCA Directors organization. In 2001, the 408 Director was awarded the Dr. Simon Dinitz Award by the Ohio Community Corrections Organization (OCCO) for contributions to the improvement of community corrections in Ohio.

The Board funds several of the projects listed below jointly with other Cuyahoga County agencies such as the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County, the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. This allows all concerned agencies to maximize the resources available to the community. In addition, the Board participates in the planning and coordination of a number of collaborative projects (e.g., Mental Health Advisory Committee, Cuyahoga County Council on Sex Offender Issues). The Corrections Planning Board also provides fiscal and administrative oversight, as needed, on other grants on behalf of the Adult Probation Department that are separate from CCA.

The Corrections Planning Board also serves as the facilitator and coordinator of various criminal justice initiatives between the Court, the Sheriff's Department, the County Prosecutor, and the Cleveland Police Department, as well as with the Cleveland Municipal Court, the City Prosecutor and other concerned agencies. This is done primarily under the auspices of the 408 Jail Diversion Program.

**ROSTER OF MEMBERS as of December 31, 2006
CUYAHOGA COUNTY CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD**

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Board of County Commissioners

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Shaker Heights Municipal Court

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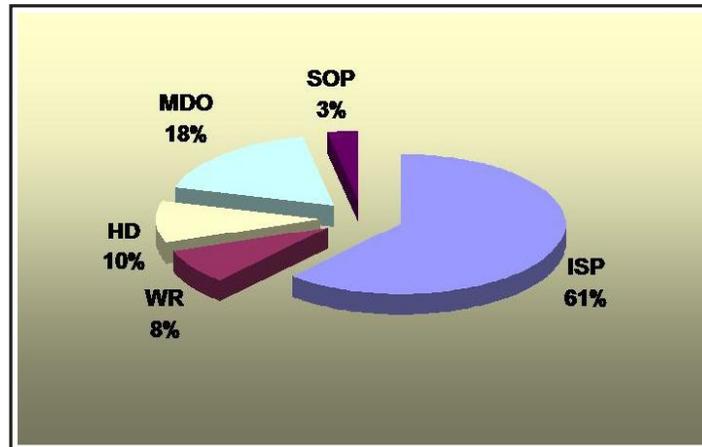
Regina Daniel, Court Administrator
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Jacqueline Discenza
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Paul Jurcisin
Retired CPD

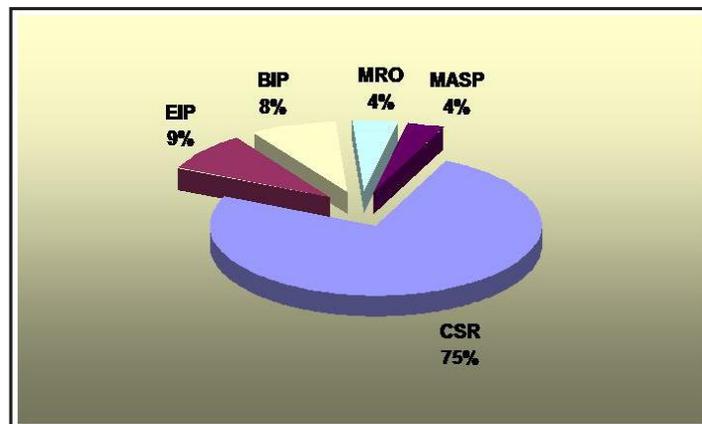
**DIVERSIONS ACHIEVED IN 2006 (January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006)
FELONY DIVERSION PROJECTS:**

1,349	Intensive Supervision Probation (ISP)
174	Work Release/Treatment Release (WR)
217	Home Detention (Electronic Monitoring) (HD)
386	Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO)
69	Sex Offender Program (SOP)
2,195	TOTAL



JAIL DIVERSION PROJECTS:

1,593	Court Supervised Release (CSR)
187	Early Intervention Program (EIP)
78	Misdemeanor Alternative Sentencing (MASP)
93	Mentally Retarded Offender (MRO)
180	Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP)
2,131	TOTAL



407 PRISON / FELONY DIVERSION PROGRAM

- Work Release and Home Detention (Electronic Monitoring)
- Intensive Supervision Project
 - ♦ Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)
 - ♦ Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO)
 - ♦ Sex Offender Program
 - ♦ Apprehension Unit
- Staff Training and Development Project
- Substance Abuse Project
 - ♦ Substance Abuse Case Management
 - ♦ Drug Testing

WORK RELEASE and HOME DETENTION: Community Corrections Act funding provides for five full-time supervision officers and a supervisor to staff the Home Detention (Electronic Monitoring) and Work Release Programs. All program and service costs are funded by the Court of Common Pleas. This program is fully utilized and often has a waiting list. For the Work Release Program, a two-year agreement for calendar years 2006 and 2007 was secured with Alternative Agency, Inc. by the Court of Common Pleas. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2006 figures).

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROJECT: Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salary costs to staff the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP), the Mentally Disordered Offender Program (MDO) and the Sex Offender Program. All program costs are funded by the Court of Common Pleas. Currently, all programs are filled to capacity. For offenders in the MDO Program, a treatment provider (currently Recovery Resources) selected in cooperation with the local mental health board, which co-funds the project with Court, provides mental health counseling, psychiatric services, medication management and support services.

The Apprehension Unit has been in operation since April 1994, having been established with funding from Community Corrections Act Subsidy Funds from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. This unit consists of four Sheriff's Deputies, two funded with CCA dollars and two funded by the County Commissioners since September 1997. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2006 figures).

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT: In FY 2002, a training specialist position was created to ensure compliance with training requirements. CCA funding reimburses salary and a portion of fringe benefit costs for the Training Specialist. The Staff Development and Training Program's most important task is to provide training and enhance professional standards for probation staff in the CCA grant programs. It strives to meet all CCA program standards in regard to training. Staff have regularly met grant requirements for training hours with innovative training events utilizing in-house facilities and offering a variety of pertinent topics even with a lack of adequate funding within the CCA grants to support the required training hours.

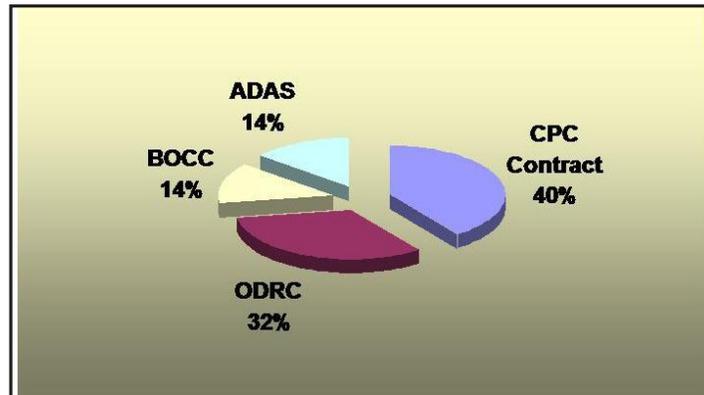
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM: The Substance Abuse program targets offenders with drug and alcohol problems. Various activities are utilized as a coordinated system process to deal with substance abusing offenders including centralized case management for referring and managing offenders placed in various residential drug/alcohol treatment and drug urinalysis testing.

With CCA funding, the Adult Probation Department continues to provide centralized case management, staffed by a Centralized Case Manager and an Administrative Aide, for both assessment and treatment referrals. One case manager coordinates all offender referrals for substance abuse assessment and treatment services, and manages offenders throughout treatment. Defendants and probationers are selected to participate in the program based on an evaluation of Bail Bond Investigation reports, Pre-sentence Investigation reports, Risk/Needs Assessment, and Alcohol and Drug Assessment. They may be referred as a condition of probation. Drug dependent persons requesting Intervention in Lieu of Conviction under O.R.C. 2951.041 may also be referred for treatment.

The Corrections Planning Board also manages treatment contracts not funded by CCA dollars: Common Pleas Court treatment contract, the Halfway House Initiative and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board Jail Reduction contracts. As of 2005 the local Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board and the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners had dedicated funding for jail reduction efforts. Prior to the availability of these dollars the average length of stay in jail for offenders waiting admission to treatment was approximately 45 days. As a direct result of additional funding, the average length of time spent by offenders waiting for a placement is 14 days. The most difficult clients to place continue to be those dually diagnosed with a mental illness, which complicates treatment, or those with a prior sex offense or arson conviction.

In 2006:

- The Common Pleas Court continued to fund 26 contract treatment beds serving 312 offenders at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Catholic Charities (Matt Talbot Inn & Matt Talbot for Women)
 - ♦ Fresh Start
- The BOCC funded Halfway House Initiative served 107 offenders at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Alternative Agency
 - ♦ ARCA
 - ♦ Community Assessment Treatment Services
 - ♦ Fresh Start
 - ♦ Oriana House
 - ♦ Salvation Army
- The ADAS funded Jail Reduction served 107 at the following agencies:
 - ♦ Catholic Charities
 - ♦ Fresh Start
 - ♦ Community Assessment Treatment Services
 - ♦ ORCA
 - ♦ Hitchcock House
 - ♦ East Side Catholic Center & Shelter (IWOSAN)
- In addition to above funding streams, the Centralized Case Management Program utilizes funding made available by: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. ODRC dollars funded 205 halfway house placements and 47 Community Based Corrections Facility placement at:
 - ♦ Oriana House
 - ♦ Northwest Community Corrections Center
 - ♦ Lorain/Medina
 - ♦ Mon-Day Program



- **817** offenders were placed into treatment through the Probation Department Centralized Case Management program:
 - ♦ **716** offenders were placed into residential drug/alcohol treatment programs
 - ♦ **101** offenders were placed into outpatient substance abuse services
- To comply with court orders, the Centralized Case Manager referred 1717 offenders to Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) for assessments, case management and referral to treatment.
- TASC completed 1308 chemical dependency assessments:
 - ♦ **675** Jail Reductions
 - ♦ **197** Presentence Investigations assessment
 - ♦ **436** Post Sentence (Referrals for Assessment & Case Management and Assessment Only)

TASC admitted **302** offenders into Case Management

The Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Drug Testing Laboratory operates under Community Corrections funding for its staff and provides drug of abuse testing for CCA and other probation programs. Laboratory staff that collect, test and report drug of abuse test results, has been increased from six individuals in 1995 to a staff of 10 full-time and one part-time staff in 2006. A five-year contract for instrumentation and reagents was awarded to ThermoFisher Scientific, Inc. (formerly Microgenics).

408 JAIL / MISDEMEANOR DIVERSION GRANT

Jail Population Reduction Project

- Court Supervised Release (CSR) Unit
- Offenders with Mental Retardation (MRO) Program
- Early Intervention Program (EIP)
- Misdemeanor Alternative Sentencing Program
- Batterer’s Intervention Program (BIP)

The Jail Population Reduction Project began as a Community Corrections Act project in 1994. The project’s overall goal is to reduce jail overcrowding by reducing unnecessary pretrial detention and case processing delay and by better utilization of limited local jail space for appropriate offenders. First, through a number of collaborative criminal justice initiatives and activities in Cuyahoga County, case processing procedures are examined to identify and resolve difficulties and delays. Second, the project gears its activities to developing and operating community control programs described below to reduce commitments and the average length of stay in local jails.

COURT SUPERVISED RELEASE PROGRAM: The Court Supervised Release Program became part of the Community Corrections Plan in FY1995. CSR is implemented by the Adult Probation Department whereby close to 2,000 felony cases a year are released from pretrial detention in the County Jail to the supervision of a pretrial officer as a condition of a bond. Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salaries and a portion of fringe benefits for CSR staff including 7 supervision officers, two who specialize in the supervision of mentally disordered or mentally disabled offenders. All program costs are funded by the Court of Common Pleas. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2006 figures).

OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION (MRO) PROBATION UNIT: MR/DD offenders are often sentenced to probation in the specialized MRO Unit. The unit officers, specially trained to work with MR/DD offenders, work closely with the MR/DD case manager. Together the team provides services and information; treatment planning; referral and community placement; determination of offender compliance with case plans, supervision enforcement of treatment plan and other court orders. Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salary and a portion of fringe benefits for the two supervision officers that staff the unit. CCA funding also provides the cash match for a contract with the local MR/DD Board. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2006 figures).

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (EIP): The goal of the Early Intervention Program (EIP) is to identify and intervene early in the criminal justice process for those offenders who are in need of substance abuse, and/or mental health services. The program is modeled, in part, on the Greater Cleveland Drug Court, and targets first-time, non-violent felony offenders. Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salary and a portion of fringe benefits for the 2 supervision officers that staff the program. CCA funding also funds a TASC case manager as well as a contract with the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board for an IOP treatment provider, currently Community Assessment Treatment Services (CATS). (Please see Probation Department Report for 2006 figures).

MISDEMEANOR ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING/JAIL REDUCTION: The Misdemeanor Alternative Sentencing Program (MASP) identifies, recommends, and provides limited community-based sanctions (e.g., electronic monitoring), supervision, and substance abuse and mental health treatment to eligible misdemeanant offenders sentenced to the County Jail. The program began as an informal agreement with Garfield Heights Municipal Court in 1997. By FY2000, with the assistance of CCA funding, it was expanded as a pilot project that included 12 municipal courts. Community Corrections Act funding reimburses salary and fringe benefits for the supervision / investigation officer that staffs the program. Program costs are funded by the Court of Common Pleas. (Please see Probation Department Report for 2006 figures).

BATTERERS' INTERVENTION PROJECT (BIP): In June 2006, the Cuyahoga County Department of Justice Affairs closed its Batterer's Intervention Program. From January to June 2006, 67 clients completed the intake process and were assigned to group treatment. Approximately 88% completed the program successfully.

DOMESTIC INTERVENTION EDUCATION TRAINING (D.I.E.T.): In September 2006, the Cleveland Municipal Court commenced the D.I.E.T. program to provide domestic violence education for offenders charged with misdemeanor and felony domestic violence offenses in Cleveland Municipal Court, Common Pleas Court, or the suburban municipal courts. The program is 16 weeks long and is held at two different locations, downtown and at the Cleveland Probation Department's West Office. The D.I.E.T. program fills a void left when the Batterers' Intervention Project (BIP) closed in June of 2006. The D.I.E.T. program is funded with Community Corrections Act dollars through a yearly contract with the Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board. From September to December 2006, the program admitted 113 offenders to the program.

COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

PHILLIP J. RESNICK

M.D., Director

GEORGE W. SCHMEDLEN, PhD., J.D.

Associate Director

TOTAL STAFF:

- 1 Director
- 1 Associate Director
- 1 Chief of Psychology
- 1 Chief Social Worker
- 2 Social Workers
- 7 Part-time Psychiatrists
- 7 Part-time Psychologists
- 1 Office Manager
- 5 Clerical

Court Clinic Referrals Increased in 2006:

During the calendar year 2006, the Court Psychiatric Clinic received a total of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy six (2,876) referrals. This number represents a fifteen and four-tenths (15.4) percent increase in referrals over 2005 (2,492) and a ninety two and five-tenths (92.5) percent increase over the number of referrals received six years ago in 2000 (1,494).

Professional Staff Composition:

The Court Psychiatric Clinic professional administrative staff is composed of the Director, Associate Director, Chief of Psychology, and Chief Social Worker. The Director serves part time, twelve (12) hours per week. The rest of the professional administrative staff are full time employees. All professional administrative staff provide direct clinical service. The remaining professional staff is composed of two full time social workers, one full time psychologist, eleven part time psychiatrists (three of whom are forensic psychiatry fellows), three part time psychologists, and one part time neuropsychologist.

There were some personnel changes in the professional staff during 2006. Peter Barach, Ph.D., formerly a part time psychologist, was hired into a new, full time psychology position in August. Dr. Jennifer Franklin, a psychologist, was hired to fill Dr. Barach's part time slot. Dr. Sherif Soliman replaced Dr. Andrea Stolar who left the clinic to become head of the Psychiatry Residency Program at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Margaret Lahner retired in November. Dr. Normal Cofresi resigned in December to accept a position in New York City.

Secretarial Staff:

Ms. Kathleen Barrett completed her second full year as the Office Manager. There were several changes in the Secretarial Staff during 2006. Ms. Pamela Krickler was hired to replace Ms. Judith Thacker who moved with her family to Georgia. Ms. Maureen Broestl was hired to replace Ms. Ruth Thompson when she resigned to pursue a position in private industry. The new personnel joined our full time secretarial and support staff

composed of Sherry Halasy, Cheryl Russell and Ronald Borchert. Ms. Jennifer Vargics continues to work in the Department two and three-quarters hours per day, five days per week.

The secretarial staff has worked very hard to keep pace with the increasing volume of referrals. The efficient work of the secretarial staff has allowed time for the scanning of completed files and the electronic entry of Ohio Department of Mental Health mandated statistical reporting forms. Because of the efficiency of the secretarial staff, the Court Clinic has not had to rely on Judges' secretaries to help transcribe reports during periods of backlog.

Continuation of House Bill 285 "Second Opinion" Funding:

For the tenth year, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) funded the Court Psychiatric Clinic to perform House Bill 285 "Second Opinion" evaluations. Professional staff travel to Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare - Northfield Campus to examine forensic patients who have a Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity or Incompetent to Stand Trial -Unrestorable status and have been recommended by their Treatment Team for "Movement to Nonsecured Status". The funding, approximately Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000), is administered through the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB).

House Bill 180 Sexual Predator Evaluations:

The Court Clinic received Two Hundred Forty-Six (246) Sexual Predator (House Bill 180) referrals in 2006. This represents a thirty-three and six-tenths percent (33.6%) increase over the over One Hundred Eighty-four (184) Sexual Predator (House Bill 180) referrals in 2005. Drs. Aronoff, Barach, Schmedlen and Chief Clinical Social Worker, Michael Caso, perform the vast majority of the Sexual Predator evaluations.

Sexual Predator evaluations often require administration of the Abel Assessment for Sexual Interest (when the victim was a child) in addition to a thorough clinical interview and more frequent professional staff testimony at Sexual Predator hearings. House Bill 180 evaluations continue to be the most labor-intensive examinations performed at the Court Psychiatric Clinic.

Continued High Volume of Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Reports:

The year 2006 was the fourth year in a row in which there was a significant number of Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu of Conviction referrals. The Court Clinic received Four Hundred six (406) Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu referrals in 2006. This represents a five percent (5%) decrease in the number of Drug Dependency /Intervention in Lieu of Conviction referrals received in 2005 (427).

Court Clinic Training Functions:

The Court Psychiatric Clinic maintained its affiliation with the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Two groups of three forensic psychiatry fellows pursuing fellowship training under the supervision of the Clinic Director, Phillip J. Resnick, M.D., rotated through the Court Psychiatric Clinic during the July 1 - June 30 training cycle.

A Cleveland Veteran's Administration predoctoral intern participated in an eight hour per week supervised forensic rotation over a three-month period in 2006.

A second year student from the Cleveland State University Masters Program in Clinical-Community Psychology participated in a nine month, August through April, twenty hour per week internship.

We maintained our association with the Mandel School of Applied Social Science (MSASS) at Case Western Reserve University and have had a twenty-four hour per week social work student placed at our facility during the latter part of the 2006 training year.

The Court Psychiatric Clinic continued its mission to provide education and training experiences to numerous undergraduate behavioral science students, law students, advanced medical students, psychiatry residents, and a number of mental health professionals.

Participation in the Mental Health Court:

Dr. Schmedlen continues to be active in the Mental Health Court. He works closely with personnel from the Court Supervised Release unit of the Cuyahoga County Probation Department to recommend the transfer of qualified defendants to the Mental Health Docket at the pre-arraignment stage. In addition, he reviewed prior psychiatric care documentation to determine whether post-arraignment defendants were eligible for transfer to the Mental Health Court docket. He was active in several ongoing Mental Health Court committees. The professional staff of the Court Clinic continues to perform a number of assessments to determine individual defendant’s eligibility for transfer to the Mental Health Court docket.

Participation in the Association of Ohio Forensic Psychiatric Center Directors:

Dr. Schmedlen was active during 2006 in the Association of Ohio Forensic Psychiatric Center Directors (Association). Dr. Schmedlen regularly attended the Association’s monthly meetings. He was the Chairperson of the Education Committee and was instrumental in planning and implemented a successful two-day continuing education workshop in Columbus attended by over one hundred thirty-five Community Forensic Psychiatric Centers’ staff from all over the state.

The Court Psychiatric Clinic Remains Focused on Its Core Mission:

During 2006, the Court Psychiatric Clinic continued to focus its resources on discharging its primary mission to prepare thorough, timely, useful, clinical assessments of defendants referred by the Common Pleas Court Judges and Probation Officers. Additional professional staff will be required in 2007 to keep pace with the increased number of referrals.

COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC (1/1/06 - 12/31/06)
NUMBER OF REFERRALS

Competency to Stand Trial (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	660
Sanity at the Time of the Act (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	583
Mitigation of Penalty (O.R.C. § 2947.06(B))	746
Civil Commitment (O.R.C. § 2945.40 & 5122.01)	20
Movement to Nonsecurred Status (Senate Bill 285)	21
Sexual Predator Evaluation (HB 180, O.R.C. § 2950.09)	246

Drug Dependency/Intervention in Lieu (O.R.C. § 2945.041)	406
Reports for Probation (O.R.C. § 2951.03)	194
Total	2,876

**COURT PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC
COMPARISON NUMBER OF REFERRALS 2005 - 2006**

	2005	2006	change +/- %
Competency to Stand Trial (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	563	660	17% +
Sanity at the Time of the Act (O.R.C. § 2945.371(A))	462	583	26% +
Mitigation of Penalty (O.R.C. § 2947.06(B))	620	746	20% +
Civil Commitment - (O.R.C. § 2945.40 & § 5122.01)	38	20	47% -
Movement to Nonsecurred Status (Senate Bill 285)	13	21	62% +
Sexual Predator Evaluation (HB 180, O.R.C. § 2950.09)	184	246	34% +
Drug Depen/Intervention in Lieu (O.R.C. § 2945.041)	427	406	5% -
Reports for Probation (O.R.C. § 2951.03)	185	194	5% +
Total	2492	2876	15.4% +

2006 HONOR ROLL OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COURT

with 25 or more years of service with the Court:

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William Birce.....	Asst. Bond Commissioner
Douglas Buford.....	Probation Officer
Dianne A. Burkhart.....	Office Manager
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Daniel Kaleal	Probation Officer
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Betsey Stein Manager, Administrative Services
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Deborah A. Maddox..... Administrative Aide I
Margaret Murphy Polygraph Examiner
Janna Phillips Probation Officer Supervisor
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Sheila Walters..... Assistant Shorthand Reporter

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Andrienne H. Fetterman Cashier/Bookkeeper
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Joanne Gibbons Support Staff
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Andrea M. Gorman Training Specialist
Winston L. Grays Probation Officer
Mary Ann Griffin Bailiff
Sertarian Hall Lab Assistant
Richard N. Hamski Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Vermell Y. Harden Assistant Jury Bailiff

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Bruce E. Hill.....	Probation Officer
Lisa M. Hrovat.....	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Toni R. Hunter	Support Staff
James M. Jeffers	Probation Officer
Michael J. Jenovic	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Otto Kausch	Psychiatrist
Donna M. Kelleher	Extra Bailiff
Karl Kimbrough.....	Probation Officer
Angela R. Kitinoja.....	Probation Officer
Sandra Kormos.....	Bailiff
Michelle L. Kozak	Cashier/Bookkeeper
Deborah L. Kracht	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Deborah Kreski-Bonanno	Bailiff
Christine J. Krist	Scheduler
Rita A. Kucera.....	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
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Doreasa R. Mack.....	Bailiff
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Steve McGinty	Probation Officer
Timothy J. McNally	Probation Officer
Denise J. McNea	Probation Officer
Timothy Meinke	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Monique Moore	Probation Officer
John A. Murray.....	Arraignment Clerk
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Stephen Noffsinger.....	Psychatrist
Nancy A. Nunes	Assistant Shorthand Reporter
Floyd B. Oliver	Probation Officer
John E. O'Malley	Scheduler
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