



**FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
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ANNUAL REPORT
2015**

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Welcome to the 100th Annual Report of the Franklin County Municipal Court and Clerk's Office. As Clerk, my commitment is to strategically improve daily operations, effectively collect debt owed the court and vigilantly monitor applicable legislative changes. My Office works diligently to cultivate cooperation with other agencies of the criminal justice system and the community. This report reflects the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the staff of the Clerk's Office and the Court.

New case filings for 2015 totaled 179,559 compared to 190,765 in 2014 for a decrease of 5.87% (See graph on page 47). Costs, fines and fees collected equaled \$39,537,747.72 compared to \$39,927,406.01 in 2014 for a decrease of 0.98%. The total dollar amount sent to three collection agencies decreased less than .05%. Collection of court-ordered fines and costs decreased 3.5%. The collection of court-ordered bond forfeiture judgments increased approximately 15%.

Changes in state legislation and local court rules continued to affect processes and procedures into 2015. New dockets codes were added to CourtView for expungements of human trafficking victims. Our retention schedule was modified and updated for sealed search warrants. A new process was applied to citizens' compliant filings in the Criminal/Traffic Division and a "Notice of Court Order" was implemented in the Civil Division to comply with a 2015 Ohio Supreme Court ruling.

The annual audit performed by Plante & Moran, PLLC was completed in May. Auditors performed inspections of accounting and financial transactions, file integrity, checks and balances of duties performed by accounting staff and all personnel records including time sheets. Zero infractions were incurred. Thank you to the Accounting/Finance staff and Internal Controls and Auditing Division for their tireless effort.

A new Restitution Collection Program was employed by the Clerk's Office in February 2015. Upon collection of restitution, if a victim is unable to be located, the funds are deposited with the City of Columbus and transferred to Ohio Unclaimed Funds. The number of payments received and forwarded totaled 1,388 for a total of \$178,838.

Due to the closure of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Reinstatement Office at Alum Creek, the Clerk's Office Civil Division realized an increase in foot traffic. A "BMV desk" was created to improve customer service regarding issues such as limited driving privileges, 12-point suspensions and out-of-state suspension issues.

Ensuring the growth and development of staff is an essential part of my vision for the Clerk's Office. Managers and staff received exceptional training opportunities in 2015. Chief Deputy, Obie Lucas and Director of Criminal/Traffic Division, Matt Pendy, received Fellows Certifications from the National Center of State Courts, Institute of Court Management. Four staff members graduated from the Franklin County Sheriff's Citizens Academy program. All Staff participated in Civilian Response for Active Shooter Event (CRASE I) training offered by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Training and certification opportunities were also provided to Office of Information Services staff to assist in technology upgrades for the Court and Clerk's Office.

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2015 Annual Report.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT

The Clerk's Office is entrusted with the responsibility of processing and archiving all Court records in accordance with file retention requirements established by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Additionally, the Clerk's Office calculates and fully details all financial transactions involving the Court. The Clerk's Office compiles and publishes an *Annual Report* each year that details the various categories of Court case filings and all financial transactions connected with all Court cases and statistically reports all relevant data regarding the same.



Lori M. Tyack, Clerk

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Franklin County Municipal Court, Clerk of Court's Office is to accurately maintain, safeguard and store all Court documents as well as collect and disburse all monies as directed by legal mandates.

VISION STATEMENT

To achieve our Mission by establishing and sustaining a knowledgeable and diverse staff that will strive to serve all who use this office through competent customer service, communications and community outreach.

HISTORY OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

In 1916, the General Assembly of the State of Ohio created the Columbus Municipal Court. Prior to this time, the court operated under the Justice of the Peace System. On July 5, 1955, the Columbus Municipal Court was given countywide jurisdiction and, in 1968, the State Legislature changed the name of the court to the Franklin County Municipal Court.

The court has two (2) judicial divisions. The General Division operates with fourteen (14) judges, and six (6) magistrates. The Environmental Division, which began operations in 1992, has one (1) judge. In addition to performing all of the duties within the general division, the Environmental Division also has exclusive jurisdiction over criminal and civil actions to enforce building, housing, health, or safety codes applicable to premises intended for use as a place of human habitation. The Clerk of Court, serving both divisions, has a myriad of both financial and case management duties, as prescribed by law. The terms for the judges and the clerk are for a period of six (6) years.

The Court's administrative functions are overseen by Court Administration. Among these services are the Office of the Jury Commissioner, the Office of the Assignment Commissioner, Probation Services, the Small Claims Division, the Court Reporters, Court Security, the Service Bailiffs, the Courtroom Bailiffs, the Language Interpretation program, the Vehicle Immobilization Program, Legal Research, the Appointed Counsel/Volunteer Coordinator's Office, and Specialized Dockets.

In 1979, the court moved from its facilities in City Hall to the Franklin County Municipal Court building, located at 375 South High Street. Currently, the court has two (2) traffic-arraignment courtrooms, two (2) criminal-arraignment courtrooms, two (2) record hearing courtrooms, one duty courtroom and sixteen (16) jury courtrooms in the General Division. The Environmental Division operates with one (1) courtroom for its arraignment sessions, as well as its record and jury trials.

The Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office is divided into several divisions. The divisions occupying the first four floors of the Municipal Court Building are: Clerk Administration, Accounting/Finance, Audit and Internal Controls, Civil, Collections, Criminal/Traffic, and the Traffic Violations Bureau/Communications. The Office of Information Services is located of the 16th floor.

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

The Franklin County Municipal Court has jurisdiction over traffic citations, criminal misdemeanor charges and civil case filings regarding disputes that range up to an amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), as well as actions regarding building, health, housing or safety codes.

The Franklin County Municipal Court has county and city jurisdiction (reaching into Delaware and Fairfield County) and is divided into two (2) Divisions. The General Division is served by fourteen (14) Municipal Judges and the Environmental Division is served by one (1) Municipal Judge. Six (6) Magistrates also serve the Franklin County Municipal Court. Judges serve for a term of six (6) years.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Administrative and Presiding Judge

Honorable Michael T. Brandt

General Division Judges

Honorable Ted Barrows
 Honorable Carrie E. Glaeden
 Honorable James E. Green
 Honorable Paul M. Herbert
 Honorable Mark A. Hummer
 Honorable James P. O'Grady
 Honorable Andrea C. Peeples

Honorable H. William Pollitt, Jr.
 Honorable Amy Salerno
 Honorable Anne Taylor
 Honorable David B. Tyack
 Honorable Scott D. VanDerKarr
 Honorable David C. Young

Environmental Division Judge

Honorable Daniel R. Hawkins

Magistrates

Honorable Kathleen E. Graham
 Honorable David S. Jump
 Honorable Danielle Sparks

Honorable Kirk Lindsey
 Honorable Denise Waddy
 Honorable Antonio Paat

Clerk of Court

Honorable Lori M. Tyack

Court Administrator

Emily Shaw

**FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
CLERK OF COURT MANAGEMENT STAFF 12.31.2015**

Lori M. Tyack	Clerk of Court
Obie Lucas	Chief Deputy Clerk
Jamie Bryan	Director, Human Resources
Marilynn Stephens	Executive Director, Public Relations
Michelle LaMarr	Administrator, Payroll and Benefits
Crystal Ross	Executive Director, Fiscal Administration
Ken Euman	Administrator, Procurement
Susan Johnson	Administrative Assistant
Mellissia Fuhrmann	Manager, Civil Division
Mike Cherry	Administrator, Collections Program
Rhonda Ferguson	Director, Accounting/Finance Division; Treasurer
LeeAnne Sheppard	Manager, Audit and Internal Controls
Ahmed Kasheer	Director, Office of Information Services
James Brad Laver	Deputy Director, Office of Information Services
Matt Pendy	Director, Criminal/Traffic Division
Laura Ricker	Deputy Director, Criminal/Traffic & Courtroom Services Group
Sancha Young	Manager, Traffic Violations Bureau/Communications
Debra Jones	Assistant Manager, Traffic Violations Bureau
Mike VanGundy	Supervisor, Civil Division until 07.13.15
Jessica Clinger	Supervisor, Civil Division 07.13.15
Mindy Varga	Supervisor, Civil Division until 11.30.15
Cynthia Kiener	Supervisor, Civil Division 11.30.15
James "Pete" Brim	Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Jerome Kemp	Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division, Telephones
Rick Kramer	Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division, File Room
Mike Pizzurro	Supervisor, 2nd Shift Criminal/Traffic Division
Robyn Johnson	Supervisor, 3rd Shift Criminal/Traffic Division
Jeff Dever	Supervisor, Accounting/Finance Division, Civil
Heather Kean	Supervisor, Accounting/Finance Division

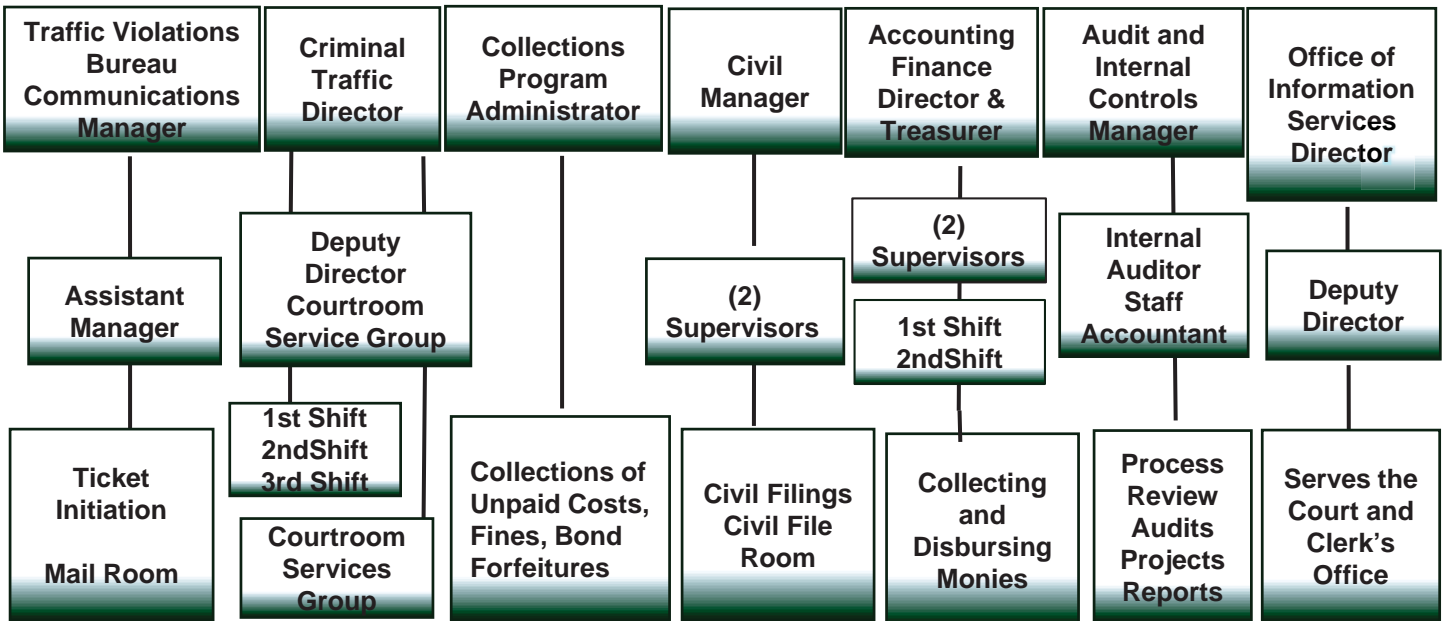
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MUNICIPAL CLERK OF COURT

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Administrative Division

Director, Human Resources
Executive Director, Public Relations
Executive Director, Fiscal Administration
Administrator, Payroll & Benefits
Administrator, Procurement
Administrative Assistant



Funding of the Franklin County Clerk's Office

Municipal Court Clerk's Office 2015 General Fund

Personnel Services	\$10,601,920
Materials and Supplies	127,301
Services for Operations and Maintenance	<u>788,241</u>
 Total	 \$11,517,462

Municipal Court Clerk's Office 2015 Special Revenue Fund

Personnel Services	\$ 352,216
Materials and Supplies	45,958
Services for Operations and Maintenance	727,212
Debt Principal Payments	260,000
Interest on City Debt	14,975
Transfer Out-Operating	<u>14,975</u>
 Total	 \$ 1,415,336

Clerk Administration Division

The Administrative Division of the Clerk's Office is comprised of the Office of the Clerk, Chief Deputy Clerk, Executive Director Public Relations, Executive Director Fiscal Administration, Director Human Resources, Administrator Payroll & Benefits, Administrator Procurement, and Administrative Assistant. This Division oversees the day to day operations of the Clerk's Office and is governed by directives as set forth in the Annual Budget and the Ohio Revised Code. Additionally, all new programs, contracts, projects, and grants are established and implemented within the Division. It conducts all public relations and internal communications for the Clerk's Office. Accomplishments for the Administration Division in 2015 are as follows:

- **Tracked and Expended 99.42% of 2015 budget**
- **Prepared and submitted \$1,081,419 in Ordinances with the City of Columbus**
- **Processed 176 Contracts**
- **Prepared Proposed 2016 City and County Budget**
- **Processed 26 New Hires and 27 departures**
- **Began implementation of Electronic Filing**
- **Secured Capital Improvement Funding for Technology Needs – City of Columbus**
- **Participated in educational opportunities provided by the National Center for State Courts**
- **Continued professional development for leadership through the Ohio Supreme Court**
- **Amended/updated Employee Handbook**
- **Held Mayor's Court Workgroup Meeting to Create Uniform Transfer Process**

Clerk Administration Division

Participated in Community Outreach Programs

- **Purchased 104 toys for the St. Vincent Family Center Children's Holiday Party**
- **Participated in the 2015 Franklin County Justice Exposition and Health/Wellness Fair. The Clerk's Office facilitated two (2) Red Cross Blood Drives**
- **Provided career path tours and internships for local high school and college students**
- **Participated in the 2015 African-American Male Wellness Walk**
- **Operation Feed Volleyball Tournament – FCMC Champs
Clerk's Office donated 764 pounds of food which provides 675-700 meals to those in need**
- **Christmas in July – Deputy Clerks Creating A Better World By Serving People In Need. 660 items were donated to Faith Mission**
- **Participated in the 2015 Central Ohio Homeless Veteran's Stand-Down Program serving 538 Veterans**
- **Participated in the Franklin County Environmental Court's 3rd Open House**
- **Bringing the Courthouse to the Community - Marion Franklin County Community Recreation Center**

Office of Information Services

IT Mission Statement

The Office of Information Services provides services related to information technology to the Franklin County Municipal Court and Clerk's Office staff. This Division's responsibilities include: Maintaining a stable electronic work environment, collaborating with other staff to use information technology to better serve the Franklin County Municipal Court, identifying emerging technologies for the Court's investment in technology, and providing training to staff on the proper use of software programs and equipment. Accomplishments for OIS in 2015 are as follows:

- E-filing project (mapping our business process, configuration, working with vendor to stream line e-filing process including installation of E-Filing portal and latest version of E-Filing)
- CourtView upgrade to the latest version in preparation for E-Filing and E-Tickets
- Began Server Refresh project to upgrade server pool
- Initiated Jury Plus web solution and web gen solution for Jury department (Courtside)
- Began process for upgrading Neopost software from print machine to docutransfer
- Added link for probation officers (Courtside) in jail intake area County main jail) for new project
- Worked with City and County on upgrading of apps at FCMC facility (DAX, Munis, etc)
- Added area within FCMC for relocation 'swing-space'
- Assisted in the creation of a new process to collect money owed on partial payment cases
- Began publishing arraignment dockets on our website

Office of Information Services

Accomplishments for Office of Information Services in 2015 continued

- **Expanded our secure online services to offer select external users access to view case file images online**
- **Created an extranet server to help facilitate better access to our imaged case files for other Franklin County agencies**
- **Over 5100 help desk tickets completed (not counting emails, phone calls, in person requests)**

Audit and Internal Controls Division

The Audit and Internal Controls Division is responsible for minimizing erroneous data through a system of real time process assurance and monitoring, audit reporting and quality management. The objective is to achieve operational effectiveness and efficiency, assure reliable and accurate financial reporting in compliance with state and local laws, regulations and policies.

The main purpose of the division is to help direct and protect resources of the office while improving internal processes and services that the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office provides to its customer base, the Court, law enforcement, all external partners and most importantly, the public.

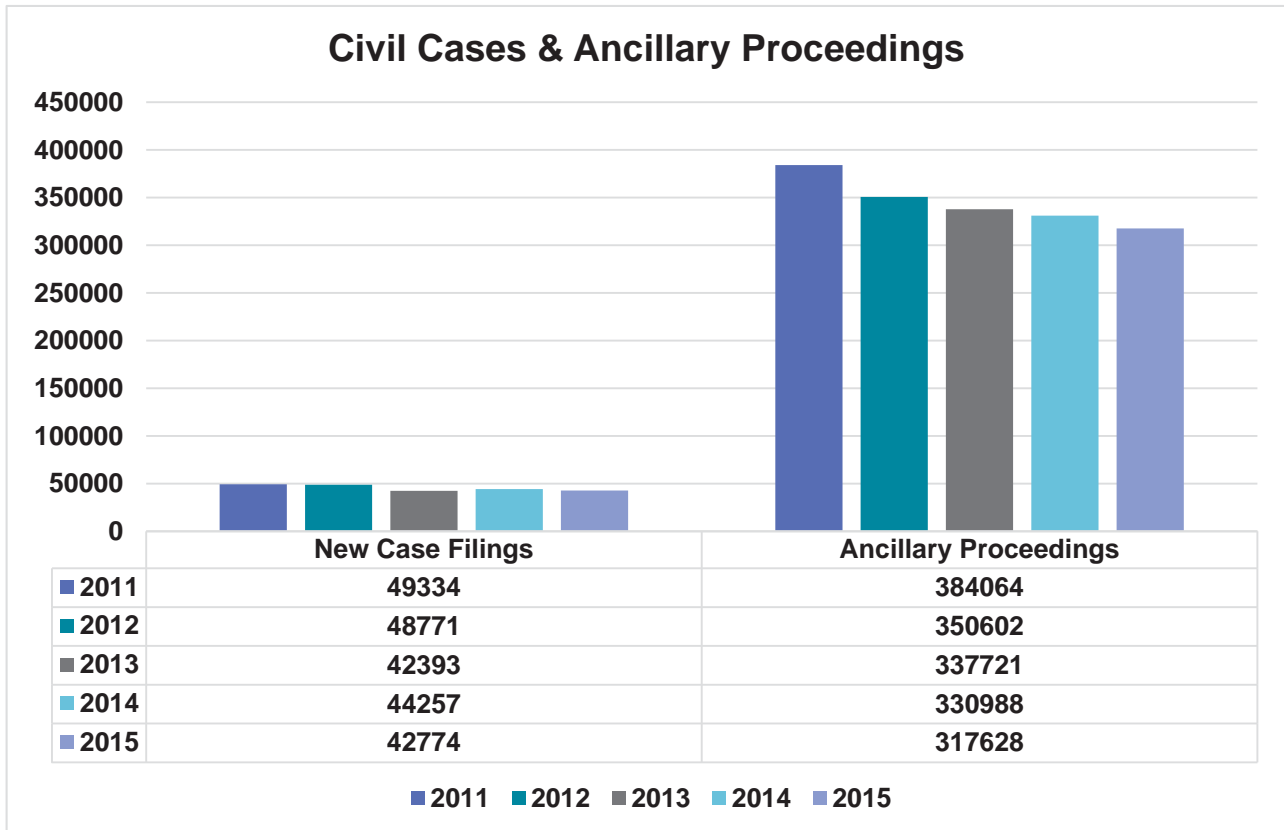
Accomplishments for Audit and Internal Controls for 2015 are as follows:

- Directed and collaborated with Accounting/Finance for annual audit process conducted by Plante Moran, (5th year zero infractions)**
- Assisted Criminal/Traffic with end-of-year case file control**
- Accomplished PCI Compliancy (mandatory compliance within the payment card industry for merchants).**
- Changed division name from Quality Control to Audit and Internal Controls**
- Audited more than 19,000 case files the Criminal/Traffic Division. These audits include Expungements, CSG, TVB and Accounting/Finance for Criminal/Traffic**
- Worked with Civil Division to examine procedures and make appropriate changes when needed in the Case Management module. Currently tracking the process from case initiation to final disposition and collection of costs. This project will continue in 2016**
- Internal Auditor and Staff Accountant conducted numerous audits for Accounting/Finance division. All cashier and cash office audits, verification logs and statistical reporting audits completed, fulfilling the separation of duties standard**

Civil Division

The Civil Division is responsible for accepting, filing, issuing service, docketing, processing, and maintaining records for Civil cases. Civil cases include: contract disputes, personal injury, property damage, evictions, small claims, certificates of judgment, cognovits, declaratory judgments, and housing/safety code issues. The Civil Division also processes applications for driving privileges. Accomplishments for the Civil Division in 2015 are as follows:

- Created a BMV desk to better serve members of the public seeking driving privileges
- Implemented a new “notice of court order” procedure to reflect mailing addresses on the docket in order to comply with a 2015 Ohio Supreme Court ruling
- Began tracking costs on environmental cases for collection efforts and began planning for tracking civil costs on all other cases for collection efforts



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New Civil Case Filings	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Personal Injury/Property Damage	233	202	195	211	841
Contracts, Notes and Accounts	4,260	3,772	4,315	3,639	15,986
Forcible Entry & Detainer (Evictions)	4,078	4,742	5,136	4,485	18,441
Small Claims	1,624	1,561	1,517	1,293	5,995
Other Civil	317	254	240	218	1,029
Administrative Appeals	12	28	12	17	113
Civil Parking Appeal	3	1	2	3	9
Civil Environmental	126	76	74	84	360
TOTAL					42,778

	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Civil Ancillary Proceedings					
Certified Mail Service Issued	14,801	13,030	7,182	6,484	41,497
Ordinary Mail Service Issued	8,933	9,567	9,753	8,799	37,052
Bailiff Service Issued	5,536	6,264	6,700	6,056	24,556
Process Server Service Issued	144	124	93	133	494
Sheriff Service Issued	3	2	1	3	9
Service by Publication Issued	11	7	5	7	30
Registered Mail	3	0	6	0	9
Express Mail	0	3	0	0	3
Garnishments Issued	3,970	3,615	4,382	3,678	15,645
Garnishments Released	659	860	665	747	2,931
Writs of Restitution Issued	2,329	2,581	3,142	2,668	10,720
Requests for Set Outs Processed	1,390	1,514	2,026	1,578	6,508
Writs of Replevin Issued	13	3	22	3	41
Writs of Execution Issued	10	8	15	8	18
Judgments Certified to the BMV	12	5	5	4	17
Certificates of Judgment Issued	2,640	2,460	2,583	2,572	10,255
Transfers to Common Pleas Court	32	12	11	11	66
Civil Appeals Processed	9	5	13	8	35
Notice of Final Order Issued	6,781	55	93	278	7,207
Notice of Failed Service Issued	3,778	4,295	3,965	3,987	16,025
Exemplified Copies	10	25	30	37	35
Revivers of Judgment	549	359	348	427	1,683
Judgment Debtors	300	439	389	363	1,491
Civil Capias Warrants	16	23	26	15	80
Motion and Order for Show Cause	27	20	22	26	95
Motion for Contempt Orders	14	15	20	12	61
Mail Payments Processed	22,171	21,755	22,051	23,069	89,046
Court Order Issued by Ordinary	0	17,402	18,105	16,512	52,019
Total	80,151	84,448	81,653	77,485	141,187

Collection Division

The Collection Division oversees and coordinates the collection of debts owed to the Court, with the primary objective of seeking monies due to the City of Columbus taxpayers. The Collection Division did operate in conjunction with three (3) outside agencies in 2015. Additionally, the Collection Division is responsible for securing surety bond agent registration, monitoring compliance of State and Local Statutes, and processing monthly billing statements. Accomplishments for Collections in 2015 are as follows:

- Collected \$955,282.89
- Continued generating past due notices in-house for payable tickets
- Generate notices when a partial payment is received on a payable ticket
- Bond money forfeited by the Court for 2015 - \$51,046.00
- Bond Forfeiture Judgments paid for 2015 - \$20,345.65
- Managed billings and compliance for twenty nine (29) active bond companies and over one hundred (100) surety agents.

AGENCIES	TOTAL AMOUNT SENT IN 2015	TOTAL COLLECTED 2015	COMMISSION PAID 2015
LINEBARGER	\$1,260,459.00	\$ 304,143.17	\$ 70,277.07
APELLES	\$1,286,342.00	\$ 312,578.91	\$ 72,139.05
CAPITAL RECOVERY Bond Forfeitures	\$ 207,956.75	\$ 12,244.05	\$ 2,448.80
CAPITAL RECOVERY Enforcement Cases	\$1,220,654.00	\$ 326,316.76	\$ 75,650.09
TOTALS	\$3,975,411.75	\$ 955,282.89	\$ 218,151.01

Criminal/Traffic Division

The Criminal Traffic Division processes and maintains Criminal, Traffic, and Environmental cases. The Criminal/Traffic Division provides a multitude of services to the general public, law enforcement, and the Court. This Division plays an integral role in the promotion of public safety by providing support twenty-four (24) hours per day to law enforcement agencies throughout the County. The Criminal/Traffic Division is also responsible for collection and disbursement of bail/bond monies for defendants who are in custody. This process includes providing documentation to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office so that defendants may be released from custody. The Criminal/Traffic Division is responsible for electronically reporting several types of Traffic violations to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The Division also processes applications for the expungement of case records as well as maintaining and securing records which have been ordered by the Court to be sealed. Other examples of service include administering oaths, accepting criminal and traffic charges, filing motions, filing search warrants, providing information about court cases, dispositions, future court dates, as well as assisting in the courtroom. Accomplishments for Criminal/Traffic in 2015 are as follows:

- **Developed a new docket code for the human trafficking expungements**
- **Developed and implemented a human trafficking denied/granted code**
- **Identified and addressed the top three (3) issues in the Criminal/Traffic division for continuous improvement**
- **Developed and implemented a new process for imaging continuance entries from the assigned courtrooms**
- **Began discussions with the National Center for State Courts for pilot project regarding CDL data that will be collected and reported to the Ohio BMV**
- **Updated retention schedule for sealed search warrants and imaged/shredded old search warrants**

Accomplishments for Criminal/Traffic in 2015 continued

- **Updated the reportable misdemeanor's list for Bureau of Investigation reporting**
- **Developed a new procedure regarding citizen filings with the Prosecutor's Office**
- **Provided onsite support to law enforcement during home OSU football games**
- **Implemented a new restitution entry that is used in the courtrooms for Probation**
- **Four staff members graduated from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy**
- **Answered an average of 17,615 calls in the phone center per month**
- **Assisted Columbus Division of Police in capturing 4500 fingerprints at time of Arraignment**
- **Met with BCI&I and Columbus Division of Police to discuss adding new fingerprint equipment**

Criminal Cases 2015	
Type A-Felony	6,173
Type B-Criminal	23,789
Total	29,962
Traffic Cases 2015	
Type C-OVI	6,005
Type D-All Other	93,771
Total	99,776

Five Year Comparative Review of Charges Filed					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Environmental	7,960	8,274	8,512	7,052	8,545
Criminal	56,691	53,845	43,765	42,806	40,488
Traffic	127,964	151,708	157,259	161,212	148,006
Total	192,615	213,827	209,536	211,070	197,039
Five Year Comparative Review of Cases Filed					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Environmental	4,358	4,892	4,453	4,061	4,814
Criminal	29,523	31,595	32,338	32,854	29,962
Traffic	91,441	109,856	106,456	107,602	99,776
Total	125,322	146,343	143,247	144,517	134,552

COURT SERVICES GROUP

The Courtroom Service Group (“CSG”) is a select group of highly skilled Deputy Clerks in the Criminal/Traffic Division responsible for the daily processing and updating of all cases on the Criminal/Traffic dockets. A CSG Deputy Clerk is assigned to each of the Fifteen (15) Judges as well as the Arraignment courtrooms (4C, 4D, 1A, 1B, 15C). On a daily basis, CSG Deputy Clerks docket subpoenas and motions, process unpaid fines and costs, enter sentencing information, issue warrants, process continuances, enter limited driving privileges, add Temporary Protection Orders, update bond information, and update all entries on CourtView. Additionally, CSG Deputy Clerks are responsible for routing files to the Assignment Office, Probation Department, Accounting/Finance Department, Expungement Department, Prosecutor’s Office, and to the Vehicle Immobilization Coordinator. They also time-stamp, docket, pull and route Statement of Violations filed by the Probation Department. In addition, CSG Deputy Clerks run and process case management reports.

Each CSG member acts as a liaison between the Court personnel and the Clerk’s Office. After court, CSG Deputy Clerks provide assistance to other Divisions of the Clerk’s Office. In 2015 the Courtroom Services Group accomplished the following:

- Developed a policy to scan all sentencing/judgment entries in all courtrooms
- Began assisting the imaging department in breaking down files

Expungements & Sealing of Cases in 2015

Number of Applicatons Received For Expungement Proceedings	3,481
Number of Cases That Were Ordered Expunged By The Court	2,891
Number of Applicatons Denied For Expungement	403
Number of Expungement Applications Withdrawn	187
Number of Cases Expunged By Order Of The Common Pleas Court	1

Environmental Division

The Environmental Division of the Court began operations in 1992. This Division has exclusive jurisdiction over criminal and civil actions to enforce building, housing, health, or safety codes applicable to premises intended for the use as a place of human habitation.

Environmental Cases 2015	
Type A-Felony	5
Type B-Criminal	3,598
Type C-OVI	10
Type D-All Other	1,201
Total	4,814

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARGES FILED IN 2015	CITY OF COLUMBUS ORDINANCE	OHIO REVISED CODE	OTHER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES
DOG VIOLATIONS			
DOG REGISTRATION		2,488	
DOG CONFINEMENT		916	
CONFINE VICIOUS DOG		657	4
VICIOUS DOG INSURANCE			
RABIES QUARANTINE/IMMUNIZATION		1,346	
ABANDONING OR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	13	12	1
DISPLAY DOG TAG		80	
DOG RUNNING AT LARGE	1		3
PROHIBITIONS CONCERNING ANIMALS		272	2
TOTAL	14	5,771	10
CODE VIOLATIONS/PERMITS			
BUILDING CODE	155		19
ZONING CODE	94		2
NUISANCE ABATEMENT CODE	149	1	1
FIRE CODE	9		
HEALTH CODE	73		
TOTAL	480	1	22

NATURAL RESOURCES / WILDLIFE	CITY OF COLUMBUS ORDINANCE	OHIO REVISED CODE	OTHER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES
WILDLIFE VIOLATION	4	19	2
LITTERING	118	101	1
NO HUNTING LICENSE		2	
NO FISHING LICENSE		47	
UNLAWFUL SPITTING	6		
DISTURBING THE QUIET	6	1	
POLLUTING WATERS/AIR POLLUTION		3	
PARK RESTRICTIONS	12	9	
TOTAL	146	182	3
FAILURE TO HAVE LICENSE			
NO MASSAGE LICENSE	2		
NO PEDDLERS LICENSE/RESTRICTIONS	6	35	2
COMMERCIAL SALES		27	
VEHICLE FOR HIRE		10	
ALARM USER LICENSE	27		
TOTAL	35	72	2

FIRE VIOLATIONS	CITY OF COLUMBUS ORDINANCE	OHIO REVISED CODE	OTHER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES
ARSON		2	
OPEN BURNING/DUMPING		5	7
FIREWORKS	1		
TOTAL	1	7	7
COMMERCIAL TRUCKING OFFENSES			
LOAD DRIPPING/DROPPING	69	76	
EXCEEDING MAXIMUM		56	
WIDTH/ HEIGHT/ AND WEIGHT	4	514	
MAXIMUM WHEEL LOAD		367	
WHEEL PROTECTORS		53	
TRANSPORT HAZARD WASTE	521	5	
TOWING VIOLATIONS / RESTRICTIONS	3	3	
TOTAL	597	1071	0
OTHER			
LOUD SOUND	118		
GRAFFITI	6		
TOTAL	124	0	0

CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED IN 2015	CITY OF COLUMBUS ORDINANCE	OHIO REVISED CODE	OTHER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES
MURDER/ASSAULT			
AGGRAVATED MURDER		6	
MURDER		62	
INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER DURING FELONY		2	
VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER	1	8	
AGGRAVATED/VEHICULAR HOMICIDE		8	1
NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE		1	
ATTEMPTED MURDER		0	
AGGRAVATED/FELONY VEHICLE ASSAULT		6	
FELONIOUS ASSAULT		397	
FELONY ASSAULT		37	
ASSAULT, NEGLIGENT ASSAULT, & AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	311	3913	52
MENACING AND AGGRAVATED MENACING	223	1193	23
MENACING BY STALKING		12	
FELONY AGGRAVATED MENACING		3	
FELONY MENACING BY STALKING		7	
TOTAL	535	5655	76
KIDNAPPING & ENTICEMENT			
KIDNAPPING		107	
ABDUCTION		30	
UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT	25	42	
CHILD ENTICEMENT			
TOTAL	25	179	0

SEX OFFENSES	CITY OF COLUMBUS ORDINANCE	OHIO REVISED CODE	OTHER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES
RAPE		72	
RAPE-UNDER 13 YEARS OLD		45	
UNLAWFUL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR		5	
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION		16	
GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION-UNDER 13 YEARS OLD		23	
SEXUAL IMPOSITION	2	17	1
SEXUAL BATTERY		12	
FELONY IMPORTUNING		2	
IMPORTUNING		7	1
VOYEURISM	2	8	
PUBLIC INDECENCY	41	56	1
SOLICITATION / PROCURING	1044	32	2
COMPELL/PROMOTE PROSTITUTION		4	
PROSTITUTION			
LOITERING FOR PROSTITUTION / SOLICITING		181	
PANDERING OBSCENITY		4	
PANDERING / DISSEMINATING / DISPLAYING HARMFUL MATTER TO JUV		30	
FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER		8	
FAILURE TO CHANGE OR RE-VERIFY ADDRESS AS SEX OFFENDER		75	
ABUSE OF A CORPSE		2	
TOTAL	1089	599	5

ARSON, VANDALISM & CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	CITY OF COLUMBUS ORDINANCE	OHIO REVISED CODE	OTHER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES
FELONY AGGRAVATED ARSON		3	
FELONY ARSON		5	
AGGRAVATED ARSON		13	
ARSON OFFENDER REGISTRATION		5	
VANDALISM		7	
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	44	31	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ENDANGERMENT	169	179	25
TOTAL	213	243	25
DRUG ABUSE			
TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS		121	
FELONY DRUG ABUSE/POSSESS		1,395	
MISDEMEANOR DRUG ABUSE/POSSESS/HARMFUL INTOXICANTS/DANGEROUS DRUGS		2,210	140
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA		1552	171
DECEPTION TO OBTAIN DANGEROUS DRUGS		40	
ILLEGAL PROCUREMENT OF DRUG DOCUMENTS		38	
MANUFACTURE OF DRUGS		20	
POSSESS/SELL FAKE DRUGS		291	
POSSESSION OF DRUG INSTRUMENTS		775	75
PERMIT DRUG ABUSE/CORRUPT OTHERS		22	
LOITER-DRUG OFFENSES			
TOTAL	0	6464	386
ROBBERY, BURGLARY & TRESPASSING			
AGGRAVATED ROBBERY		258	
ROBBERY		156	
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY		103	
BURGLARY		326	
BREAKING & ENTERING		157	
SAFECRACKING & TAMPERING WITH A COIN MACHINE		5	
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING	391	762	35
AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL TRESPASSING		23	
TOTAL	391	1790	35

WEAPONS			
CCW/FELONY			
CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS	2	200	4
IMPROPER HANDLING OF FIREARM/MV		10	
CCW LICENSE VIOLATION/FALSIFICATION			
WEAPONS UNDER DISABILITY		303	
WEAPON USE WHILE INTOXICATED	1	21	3
DISCHARGING WEAPONS	28	9	2
IMPROPER HANDLING / DISCHARGING/ POSSESSION FIREARM (FELONY)		269	
FAIL TO INFORM OFFICER (CCW / FIREARM)		15	
POSSESSION OF CRIMINAL TOOLS/DEFACING		8	6
POSSESION OF CRIMINAL TOOLS (FELONY)		255	
POSSESION/UNSECURED OF DANGEROUS ORDINANCE		3	
FURNISH/POSSESS WEAPON/FIREARM TO MINOR			
ATTEMPT/FELONY		29	
ATTEMPT	1	33	5
COMPLICITY	13	123	15
TOTAL	45	1278	35
THEFT & FRAUD			
GRAND THEFT		1	
FELONY THEFT		23	
THEFT/PETTY THEFT/ATTEMPTED	908	5,615	455
FELONY THEFT BY DECEPTION			
THEFT BY DECEPTION	17	102	
THEFT IN OFFICE			
EXTORTION			
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES		71	3
FELONY UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES-48 HOURS			
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PROPERTY		7	
FELONY UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PROPERTY			
FORGERY & UTTERING		524	
PASSING BAD CHECKS		446	3
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	92	824	22
MISUSE OF CREDIT CARD MIS.		3	2
MISUSE OF CREDIT CARD FELONY		5	
DEFRAUD, COUNTERFEIT & TAMPER WITH RECORDS	2	3	
TAMPERING WITH RECORDS		10	
CRIMINAL SIMULATION		7	1
FELONY CRIMINAL SIMULATION			
MEDICAID FRAUD		2	
IDENTITY FRAUD		87	
WORKERS COMP FRAUD		9	
TRAFFICKING IN FOOD STAMPS		6	
TOTAL	1019	7745	486

OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS			
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	801	421	38
RESISTING ARREST	239	208	8
FALSIFICATION/CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED/I.D.	236	248	31
FAILURE TO COMPLY/ ELUDE	1	51	
MISCONDUCT AT EMERGENCY	11	7	1
INDUCING PANIC	2	12	3
MAKING FALSE ALARMS		11	1
IMPROPER USE OF 911	38	3	4
RIOT/ENTICING VIOLENCE/TERROR THREATS			
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS/JUSTICE	318	338	23
OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS FELONY			
FALSE INFORMATION TO MISLEAD / FALSE REPORT / FALSE ALLEGATION	51	44	3
IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER/OFFICIAL		3	
ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICER			
FLEEING AND ELUDING/FELONY		39	
FLEEING AND ELUDING		57	13
ESCAPE		36	
FELONY ESCAPE			
TOTAL	1697	1478	125
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY			
ENDANGERING CHILDREN		385	17
ENDANGERING CHILDREN /OVI		57	
FELONY ENDANGERING CHILDREN		2	
ENDANGERING MRDD/DISABLED			
INTERFERING WITH CUSTODY/NON-SUPPORT		25	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (FELONY)		7	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE		4,324	
FELONY VIOLATION TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER		4	
VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER		738	
PROTECTION ORDER FOR STALKING			
CONTRIBUTE, INFLUENCE WITH MINOR	3	39	5
TOTAL	3	5581	22

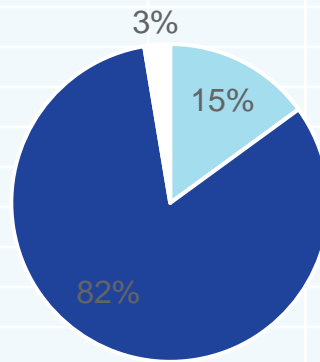
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION			
CONTEMPT OF COURT		20	
WITNESS INTIMIDATION / RETALIATION	2	25	
FELONY FORCE OR THREATEN WITNESS INTIMIDATION			
ETHNIC INTIMIDATION	1		
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE		118	
PUBLIC URINATION/DEFECATION	98		
CONVEY ILLEGAL CONTRABAND TO JAIL		59	
HARRASSMENT BY INMATE		39	
TELEPHONE / TELECOMMUNICATIONS HARRASSMENT	1	107	6
DISRUPT PUBLIC SERVICES / MISCONDUCT		9	
ETHICS VIOLATIONS/DERELICTION OF DUTY			
NOTARY VIOLATION			
MISCONDUCT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	67		
TOTAL	169	377	6
ALCOHOL OFFENSES			
PROHIBITED ALCOHOL UNDER 21 YEARS OLD	3	833	8
MINOR PURCHASING		1	16
OPEN CONTAINER	35	61	11
OPEN CONTAINER IN PUBLIC PLACE	386	56	2
OPEN CONTAINER IN MOTOR VEHICLE	239	51	1
KEEPER OF PLACE	16	8	
LIQUOR PROHIBITIONS	53	29	
TOTAL	732	1010	38
GAMBLING			
PUBLIC GAMING		5	
GAMING			
GAMBLING		8	
CASINO RELATED OFFENSES		6	
TOTAL	0	5	0

MISC CRIMINAL VIOLATION			
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE		114	
HOLD FOREIGN JURISDICTION		352	
FELONY CONSPIRACY			
UNLAWFUL SPITTING	5		
AIRCRAFT INTERFERENCE		1	
CIVIL CAPIAS		36	
ILLEGAL TOBACCO DISTRIBUTION/PERMITTING MINOR/REPORT INVIN		49	2
VENDOR/SALES DIST/LICENSE/TAX/REPORT VIOLATIONS	2	259	2
FAILURE TO COLLECT SALES TAX/WITHHOLD TAX		4	
AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING	17		
EXPOSING OTHERS-CONTAGION		8	
PATIENT ABUSE OR NEGLECT		1	
PATIENT ENDANGERMENT		2	
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS		2	
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR AN ACT OF TERRORISM		1	
MISREPRESENTATION REGARDING CHILD CARE PROVISIONS		1	
DESECRATION		1	
ILLEGAL BAIL BOND AGENT PRACTICES		1	
PEACE WARRANT		2	
ILLEGAL TRANSPORT TIRES		1	
PEDESTRIAN VEHICLE INTERFERENCE	2		
FIRE CODE VIOLATION	1		
FIRE CODE VIOLATION			
MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER VIOLA.		9	
TOTAL	27	844	4
OVI			
OVI (FELONY)		52	
TOTAL	0	52	0

Summary of Cases

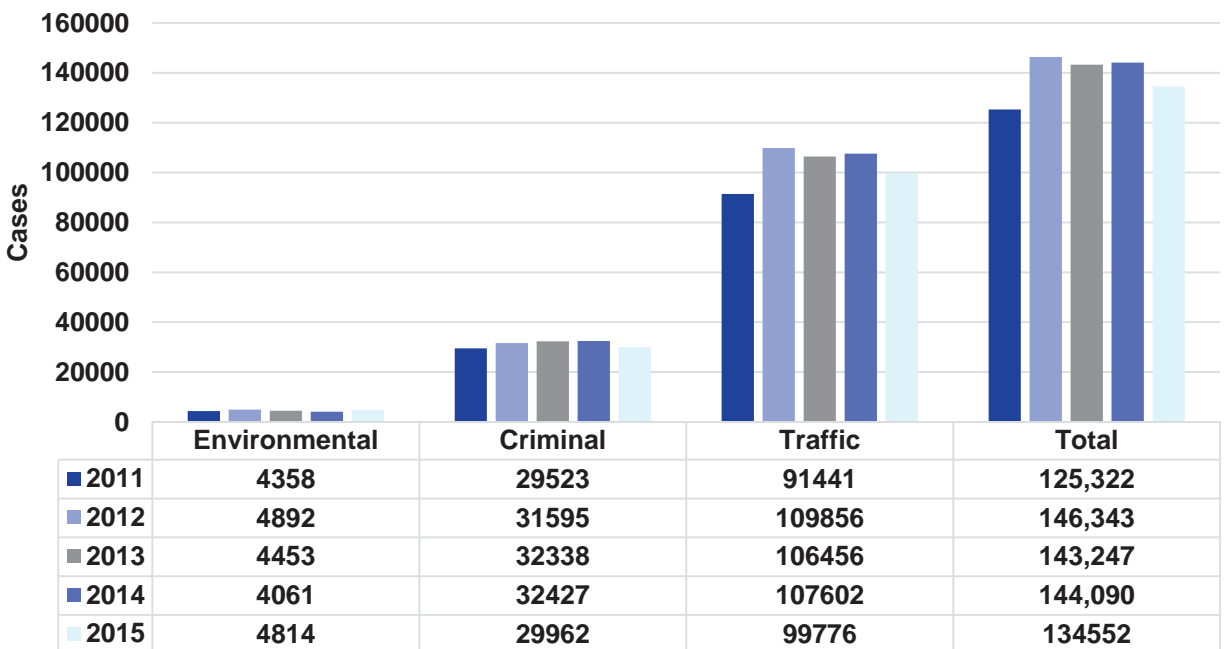
	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinance
Environmental	1,397	7,104	44
Criminal	5,945	33,300	1,243
Total	7,342	40,404	1,287

Charges By Ordinance & Ohio Revised Code



■ City of Columbus Ordinance ■ Ohio Revised Code ■ Other Municipal Ordinance

Environmental/Criminal/Traffic Case Filed



Traffic Violations Bureau

The Traffic Violations Bureau manages all tickets and complaints issued by twenty-one (21) Municipal Law Enforcement agencies and eight (8) Townships within Franklin County which includes: Columbus Division of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Franklin County Sheriff, Ohio State University Police, Port Columbus Police. Our office has jurisdiction in three (3) counties: Franklin, Delaware and Fairfield.

Within the Traffic Violations Bureau, is the Communications Department. The function of the Communications Department is to further promote ongoing communications and the delivery of excellent public service to the general public, law enforcement agencies, attorneys, court personnel, other courts and governmental agencies.

The responsibilities of The Traffic Violations Bureau and Communications Department include the following:

- **Initiating payable and mandatory offenses; this includes traffic, criminal, and environmental cases**
- **Scanning all original tickets, complaints, confidential identifiers and affidavits of support**
- **Sending out notices for new court dates on traffic, criminal and environmental cases**
- **Sending out summons by certified mail for traffic, criminal and environmental cases**
- **Housing payable traffic cases with future court dates and payable traffic cases 30 days after the original court date**
- **Preparing cases to be processed for the Judge signing session**
- **Opening, logging and processing mail for all divisions**
- **Processing payments to ensure accuracy prior to being receipted**
- **Sending out letters for invalid car insurance and payments for traffic, criminal and or environmental cases**
- **Processing cases transferred from Mayor's Courts, which may include bond money and slated defendants**

Responsibilities of The Traffic Violations Bureau and Communications Department continued

- **Assisting the public, employers, City, County and State Agencies by providing case dispositions pertaining to public record requests**
- **Assisting defendants effectively, through telephone communications, with questions regarding their cases and payments**
- **Preparing the daily traffic court docket sheets**
- **Entering Identification Tracking Numbers (ITN's) into CourtView**

In 2015, the Traffic Violations Bureau accomplished the following:

- **Continued effective communication with Police Agencies, Prosecutors, Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Court, Mayor Court Clerks and Courtroom Clerks to ensure quality work**
- **Worked with the City Attorney's Office to ensure referred cases were being processed orderly and timely**
- **Modified insurance letters to reflect the change regarding the BMV Reinstatement Office**
- **Assisted the Criminal/Traffic Department with the end-of-the year file control**



CITY OF COLUMBUS TRAFFIC CASES FILED IN 2015

ACDA	6,476	Failure to Comply	250
Appr Pub Safety Veh w/Lts Dis	66	Failure to Comply w/Officer	3
Backing from Alley/Priv Dr/Bldg	54	Failure to Control	3,168
Backing on Freeway	9	Failure to Display	23
Backing Without Safety	383	Failure to Display Headlights	351
Bicycle Bell Required	7	Failure to Display Two Plates	211
Bicycle Brake Required	1	Failure to Register	6
Bicycle Lamps/Refl Req at Night	107	Failure to Reinstate License	1,718
Bicycle Oper w/o Two Hands Proh	7	Failure to Signal	1,877
Bicycle Oper w/o Control Proh	1	Failure to Stop-Accident	628
Bicycle Oper w/o Safety Proh	17	Failure to Stop-School Bus	40
Bicycle Oper Weaving Proh	5	Failure to Yield Private Drive	694
Bicycle Parking on Sidewlk Restr	2	Failure to Yield Pub Safety Veh	79
Bicycle Ride on Right Side of Rd	20	Failure to Yield Right on Red	15
Bicycle Ride on Sidewalk Proh	87	Fail-Yield Ped in Crswlk/Sdwlk	75
Bicycle Yield Right of Way Xing	3	False Info to Issue Officer	28
Bicycle Signal Device	35	Flashing Lights Prohibited	1
Blue Light Prohibited	38	Flashing Red Signal	1
Board/Alight in Motion Prohibited	4	Flashing Red/Blue Lghts Proh	1
Brake Equipment Requirements	13	Flashing Traffic Signal	19
Certain Acts Proh-False Display	2	Fleeing	32
Certain Acts Proh-Fict ID	68	Focus and Aim of Headlights	2
Chg Course w/o Safety	397	Following Emrg Vehicle	5
Counterfeit Plates	3	Following Too Closely	92
Cycle-Helmet/Glasses	1	FTY "T" Intersection	19
Dealer Sale of Veh w/Proh Tint	2	FTY Stop Sign Bicycle	4
Drive Across Grade Crossing	3	Hand/Arm Signals	2
Drive on Closed Highway	34	Hazardous or No Passing Zone	137
Drive on Curb/Sidewalk	60	Hit Skip-Pers/Propty	5
Drive over Fire Hose	2	Hit Skip-Pub Street	247
Drive through Safety Zone	3	Horn/Siren/Alarm Signal	1
Drive w/o Reinstatement Fee	1	Improper Left Turn	117
Driving Left of Center-Four Ln Rd	53	Improper Passing	95
Driving on Right Side	235	Improper Right Turn	572
Driving Outside License Restr	44	Inadequate Brakes	2
Driving u/FRA Suspension	2,651	Install of Proh Window Tint	8
Driving u/OVI Suspension	226	Inter w/Non-Wrking Traff Cntrl	31
Driving Under Suspension	5,040	Invalid License Plates	1
Driving Unsafe Vehicle	95	Let Unlicensed Driver Drive	1
Driving w/in Lanes	248	License Plate Violation	1
Duties/Non-Working Signal	1	Load Extension Limitation	2
Emrg Vehicle-Fail to Slow Down	3	Manner of Signal	1
Expired Tags	276	Marked Lanes	1,917



CITY OF COLUMBUS TRAFFIC CASES FILED IN 2015

Maximum Number of Headlights	3	Pedestrian u/Influence Proh	71
Mirror Unobstructed View	1	Pedestrian Use of Crswlk Req	232
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Noise	31	Pedestrian Use of Shldr Req	54
Muffler, Excessive Gas or Smoke	68	Pedestrian Use of Sdwlk Req	415
No Motorcycle Endorsement	37	Ped Fail to Yield Emrg Veh	1
No Operator's License	4,614	Poster Sign Window	1
No Ops License-Valid Ops	82	Proh Attaching to Vehicle	3
No Ops License Exp < Six Months	205	Proh Number of Headlights	72
Non-Trans Mat on Window Proh	4	Proh Use Mobil Comm Device	45
Obscured Lights	3	Proh/Slow-Moving Veh	4
Obscured Windshield Proh	11	Proh Start/Backing	14
Obstructed View-Driver	4	Prohibited Bus Load/Unload	1
Obstructing Intersection RR Xing	30	Prohibited Left of Center	4
One Way Bicycle	6	Prohibited Riding in/on Vehicle	1
One Way Highway/Rotary	466	Prohibited Right Turn	53
Open Door in Traffic	19	Prohibited Turn	59
Open Door w/o Safety	6	Prohibition/Highway	7
Operate MV w/o Title	1	Rear License Plate Light	7
Operate w/Tag from Prev Owner	8	Rear View Mirror Clear View	24
Operate w/Foreign Tag	7	Red Reflectors Req on MV	10
Operating w/Outside Rider Proh	7	Reflectorized Mat on Window	4
Operation of MV/MC on Sidewalk	1	Registration Violation	8
Operation of Moped Requirements	1	Repeat Offender Suspension	43
Operation w/Proh Window Tint	1,766	Req: Distr of Headlight Beams	70
Other Lights-Intensity/Direction	1	Resist Traffic Enf Official	3
Park-Crosswalk	1	Riding Bicycle/MC Abreast	6
Park-Obstruct Street/Crosswalk	1	Riding Bicycle/MC Restrictions	9
Park-Parallel/Angle Parking	3	Riding on Outside Prohibited	4
Passing Left of Center	107	Right of Way: Intersection	44
Passing on the Left	16	Right of Way: Pedestrian	5
Passing on the Right	50	Rt of Way Turning Left	1,716
Passing on the Right-Cars Opp Dir	8	Rt of Way/Stop/Yield	35
Passing Veh Stopped Crswlk Proh	1	Safety Light on Comm Veh Req	2
Pedestrian Control Signal	10	Signal Terms/Lights	81
Pedestrian Crossing Prohibited	23	Signal/Stopping	1
Pedestrian Crossing w/o Safety	44	Skates, Coaster, Toy in Rdway	6
Pedestrian Diagonal Crossing Restr	27	Slow Moving Veh on Rght Side	5
Pedestrian on the Roadway	183	Slow Speed	668
Pedestrian Outside Crswlk to Yield	19	Slugs, Deface, Tamper w/Meter	1
Pedestrian Solicit from Rdwy Proh	1,092	Speed	15,359
Pedestrian Solicit Ride Proh	25	Speed School Zone < 35 MPH	1,615
Pedestrian to Face Traffic	15	Speed School Zone > 35 MPH	205
Pedestrian to Yld Rgt of Way-Veh	1	Speed-Unreasonable for Cond	16



CITY OF COLUMBUS TRAFFIC CASES FILED IN 2015

Squealing Tires	73		
Stop Lights Required	107		
Stop Sign	2,219		
Stop-Sidewalk Area	166		
Street Racing	3		
Tag Violations	2,432		
Tail/License Plate Light Req	429		
Tamper w/Traffic Traf Cntrl Dev	4		
Temp Permit/MC Violation	11		
Temp Permit w/o License Driver	7		
Temp Plate Display	13		
Temporary Permit Violation	459		
Title/Violation	9		
Traffic Control Device	3,673		
Traffic Control Device-Pedestrian	58		
Traffic Dir Emerg/Xng	1		
Transfer Registration	2		
Turn into Private Dr, Alley, Bldg	18		
Turn on Red	196		
Turn from One Way Street	7		
Turn Stop Signal	43		
Turning at Intersections	1,145		
Two Lights Required	273		
Unauthorized Signs and Signals	1		
Unnecessary Horn	22		
Use Fictitious Plates	69		
Use of Headphones	41		
Use Tag to Another Vehicle	383		
U-Turn	676		
Valid Ops/Exp Ops	7		
Vehicle Stop/Grade Crossing	1		
Windshield Required	1		
Wrong Side Divided Road	19		
Wrongful Entrustment	56		
Yield Sign	41		



STATE OF OHIO TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED 2015

ACDA	1,586	Failure to Stop-Accident	154
Apply Registration	222	Failure to Transfer Registration	41
Appr Stationary Pub Safety Veh	161	Failure to Yield Private Drive	124
Bicycle Lamps/Ref Req at Night	5	Failure to Yield-Funeral Proc	1
BMV 12 Point Suspension	156	False Info to Issuing Officer	48
Brake Equipment for Vehicles	11	False Statements	6
Certain Acts Proh-False Display	1	Flashing Lights Prohibited	1
Certain Acts Proh-Fict ID	5	Flashing Traffic Cntrl Signals	1
Child Restraint	689	Flee/Elude Off-Fail to Comply	31
Consumption in MV	3	Focus and Aim of Headlights	8
Display of Driver's License	113	Following Too Close	445
Display of Warn Dev-Flam Load	2	FTY Pub Safety Vehicle	54
Display Plac Issued to Manf/Deal	4	FTY to Ped in Crswlk/Sidewlk	5
Drag Racing/Street Racing	4	Handicapped Parking	84
Drive on Curb/Sidewalk	10	Historical Tags Violation	1
Drive u/Susp or Viol of Lic Restr	679	Hit Skip-Pub Street	96
Drive u/Susp-FTP Child Sup/Fines	683	Horns, Sirens and Warn Devices	3
Driving Left of Center Proh	54	Imp Alertness-Driv Comm Veh	1
Driving Left of Center/Suff Dist	48	Improper Bumper	8
Driving on Closed Roadway	39	Improper Passing	67
Driving Outside License Restr	55	Inter w/Non-Wrking Traff Cntrl	6
Driving Through Safety Zone	2	Issuance of Reg/Lic Plates	4
Driving u/FRA Susp or Cancel	2,778	Lights Obscured on Vehicles	2
Driving u/Non-Payment Judgment	24	Lights Req on Prkd/Stopped Veh	1
Driving w/OVI Suspension	303	Lights Req on Slow Move Veh	1
Driving u/Specific Lifetime Susp	1	Malfunction Traff Cntrl Signal	7
Driving under Suspension	3,128	Marked Lanes	2,165
Driving Unsafe Vehicle	112	Max Number of Headlights	4
Driving w/o Valid License	26	MC Temp Permit Violation	3
Driving w/o Valid License-Exp	25	MC Temp Permit w/o Helmet	8
Emerg Veh Proceed w/Caution	2	MC-Improp Sitting/Numbr Pass	34
Emerg Veh-FT Slow Down	1	Misuse of Non-Comm MV	8
Fail to Stop/Yield at Stop Sign	568	Muffler, Excess Gas or Smoke	102
Fail to Stop-School Bus	14	No Motorcycle Endorsement	31
Failure to Comply-Traffic	19	No Operators Lic Exp < 6 Mths	127
Failure to Control	1,084	No Operators License	2,345
Failure to Display	16	Non-Resident Violator Compact	1
Failure to Display Headlights	361	Non-Trans Mat on Window	3
Failure to Display-Two Plates	9	Obstructed View-Driver	5
Failure to Obey Traff Cntrl Dev	1	Obstructing Intersec/RR Xing	16
Failure to Register-Expired Tags	1,711	Occupying Space on Frwy-Ped	4
Failure to Reinstate License	1,381	One Way-Highway/Rotary	39
Failure to Signal	989	Open Container-Traffic	30



STATE OF OHIO TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED 2015

Open Door in Traffic	2	Riding Bicycle/MC Restriction	2
Oper-Allow Person to Ride/Hang	1	Right Half Roadway Exceptions	222
Oper MV w/o Valid License	2,997	Right of Way Intersection	379
Oper Veh w/o Proof of Fin Resp	21	Rules for Pass Left on Cntrlane	34
Operate MV w/o Title	4	Rules for Pass on the Right	40
Operate MV w/Prev Owner Plates	29	Safety Glass	4
Operate w/Foreign Tag	3	Safety Lighting on Comm Veh	6
Operating MV Bearing Invalid Lic	510	Seatbelt-Allow Passenger	163
Other Lghts-Intensity and Direction	1	Seatbelt-Operator	8,333
Parking Near Curb	11	Seatbelt-Passenger	395
Parking Wrong Direction	5	Seatbelt-Taxicab	1
Parking-Private Rules	26	Side Cowl,Fender,Back-up Light	37
Passing in Mrkd Hazardous Zone	75	Slow Moving Veh Dr on Rt Side	6
Passing on Left Side of Street Car	1	Slow Speed	63
Passing on the Right	6	Slow Vehicle Headlight Req	1
Ped on Bridge/RR Xing	1	Solid Tire Requirements	1
Pedestrian Control Signal	3	Speed	20,117
Pedestrian Crossing Prohibited	2	Speed-Private Rdwy/Driveway	1
Pedestrian on Sidewalk-Rt of Way	1	Speed-School Zone > 20 MPH	97
Pedestrian Outside Crosswalk	26	Speed-School Zone > 35 MPH	57
Pedestrian Soliciting from Rdwy	293	Speed-Unreasonable for Cond	4
Pedestrian Under Influence Proh	6	Starting and Backing Vehicles	134
Pedestrian Walk Along Highway	3	Stop Lights Required	136
Pedestrian Walk in Roadway	45	Stop Signs Private Rdwy/Drwy	3
Permit Oper by Unlic Dr-Surrender	1	Stop-Sidewalk Area	5
Permit Operation w/o Valid Lic	11	Susp of Lic Fail to Appear/Pay	52
Point Sys MV Violation	1	Susp upon Drug/OVI Off Conv	4
Proh Acts Involving Cert of Title	1	Tags Violation	2,306
Proh Against Dr on Left Side Rd	18	Tail/License Plate Light Req	417
Proh Against Parking on Highway	25	Temp Permit/MC Violation	184
Proh Riding In/On Vehicle	1	Temp Plate-Registrar	8
Proh Snowmobile Off Highway	3	Texting While Driving	36
Proh Solicit By Ped-Solicit a Ride	18	Traffic Control Device	1,385
Prohibited Number of Headlights	348	Traffic Device-Pedestrian	2
Purchase/Possession/Sale of Sign	1	Traffic Signal Lights	232
Rear View Mirror-Clear View	19	Traffic Signals-Red Light	280
Red Light/Flag Req on Extnd Load	1	Turning at Intersections	254
Red Reflector Req on MV	21	Turning in Roadway	104
Regulation of Veh/Engine Noise	3	Two Headlights Displayed	227
Replacement of Lost ID Card	1	Unattended Motor Vehicle	10
Req: Distribution of Headlights	139	Unauthorized Signs and Signals	1
Resisting Traffic Enf Official	4	Use of Headphones	21
Riding Bicycle Near Rt Side of Rd	2	Vehicle Equipped w/Turn Signal	7



STATE OF OHIO TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED 2015

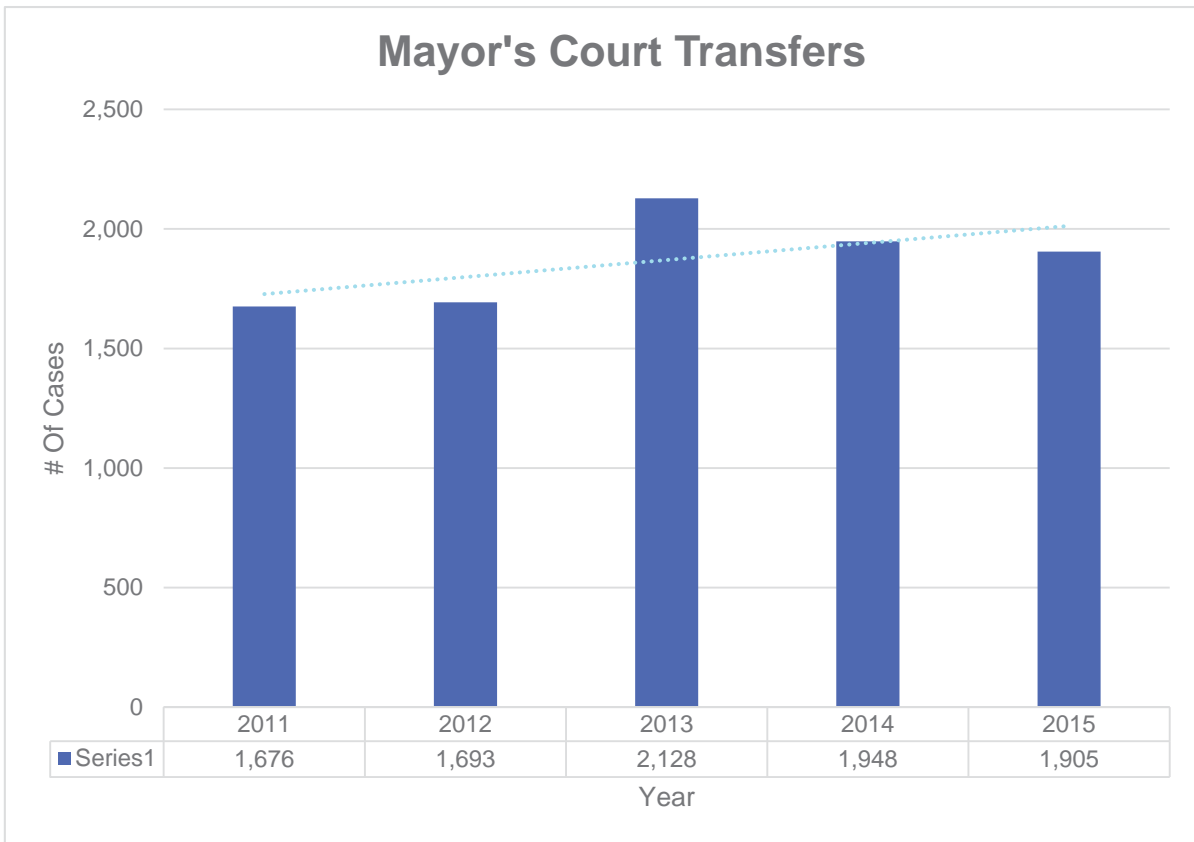
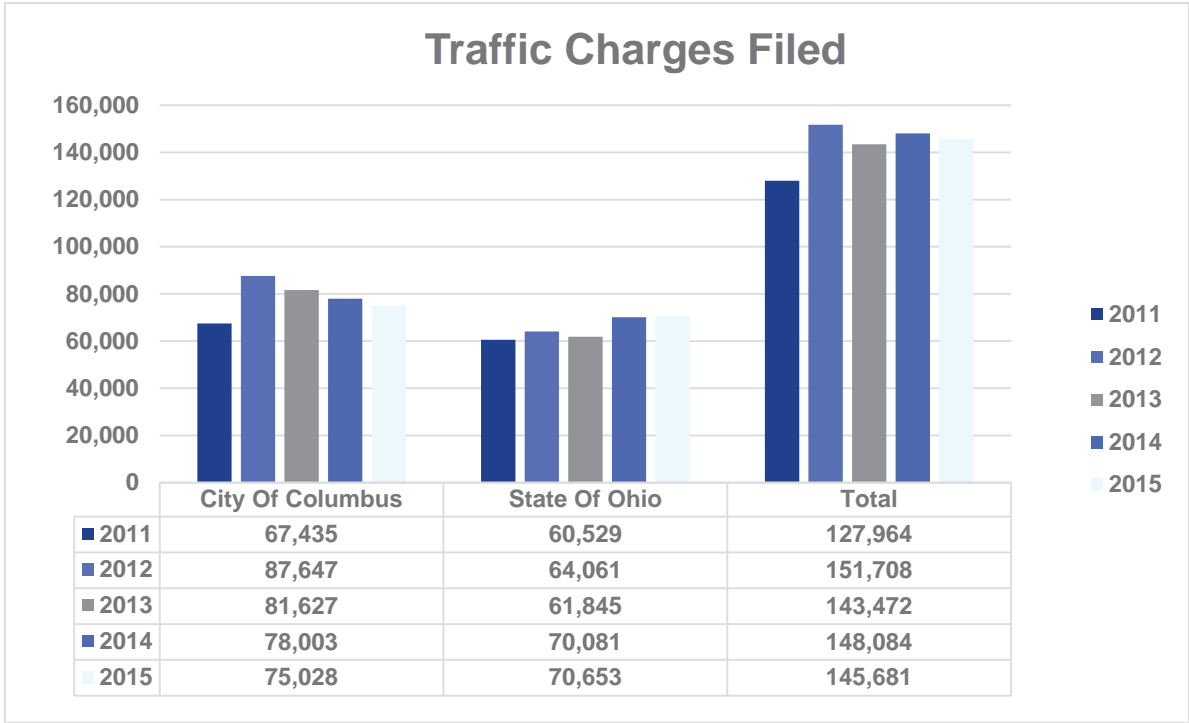
Vehicle Standing or Parking	173		
Violation Railroad Crossings	2		
Window Tint Restrictions	110		
Windshield Placard Violation Parking	1		
Windshield Required	28		
Wrong Side-Divided Road	58		
Wrongful Entrustment	79		

MAYOR COURT TRANSFERS 2015

AGENCY	TOTAL
BEXLEY	31
CANAL WINCHESTER	57
DUBLIN	92
GAHANNA	242
GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS	48
GROVE CITY	644
GROVEPORT	7
HILLIARD	208
MARBLE CLIFF	20
MINERVA PARK	23
NEW ALBANY	49
OBETZ	8
REYNOLDSBURG	97
UPPER ARLINGTON	61
VALLEYVIEW	7
WESTERVILLE	106
WHITEHALL	121
WORTHINGTON	75

TOTAL CASES FILED:

1,896



Accounting/Finance Division

The Accounting/Finance Division oversees the collection of and accounting for all fines, court costs, fees, bail, garnishments, and judgments issued by the Court. The Division oversees the disbursement of collected funds to the appropriate parties, and releases funds in satisfactions, judgments, attachments, garnishments, and executions. The Accounting Division also has three internal payment programs in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code and Local Court Rules. The programs are as follows:

Time Payment Program

This program under authorization by the sentencing Judge allows a defendant to make monthly payments on court fines and costs up to twelve months or until balance is paid in full.

Total number of sign-ups in 2015: 2490

Rent Escrow Program

This program allows tenants with complaints regarding their residential housing conditions to deposit rent due into an escrow account until the matter has been resolved.

Cases filed in 2015: 295

Trusteeship Program

This program allows a debtor to deposit a portion of the personal earnings with the Clerk of Courts to avoid legal proceedings by creditors. The funds collected are disbursed to creditors equally until all debt is paid in full.

Cases filed in 2015: 29

EPAY Online Payment Service

This is an online payment convenience that is offered by the Clerks Office for payments of payable citations, and also payment of fines and costs incurred once adjudicated.

Total cases paid in 2015: 39,057

Amount collected in 2015: \$7,088,988.81

Accounting/Finance Division

Restitution Program

This program was implemented February 1, 2015. It is under the authorization of the sentencing Judge and allows the defendant to make monthly payments for the set restitution amount. The Clerks office ensures the payments are then forwarded to the victim. No extra fees are charged for this process.

New payment sign-ups in 2015: 522

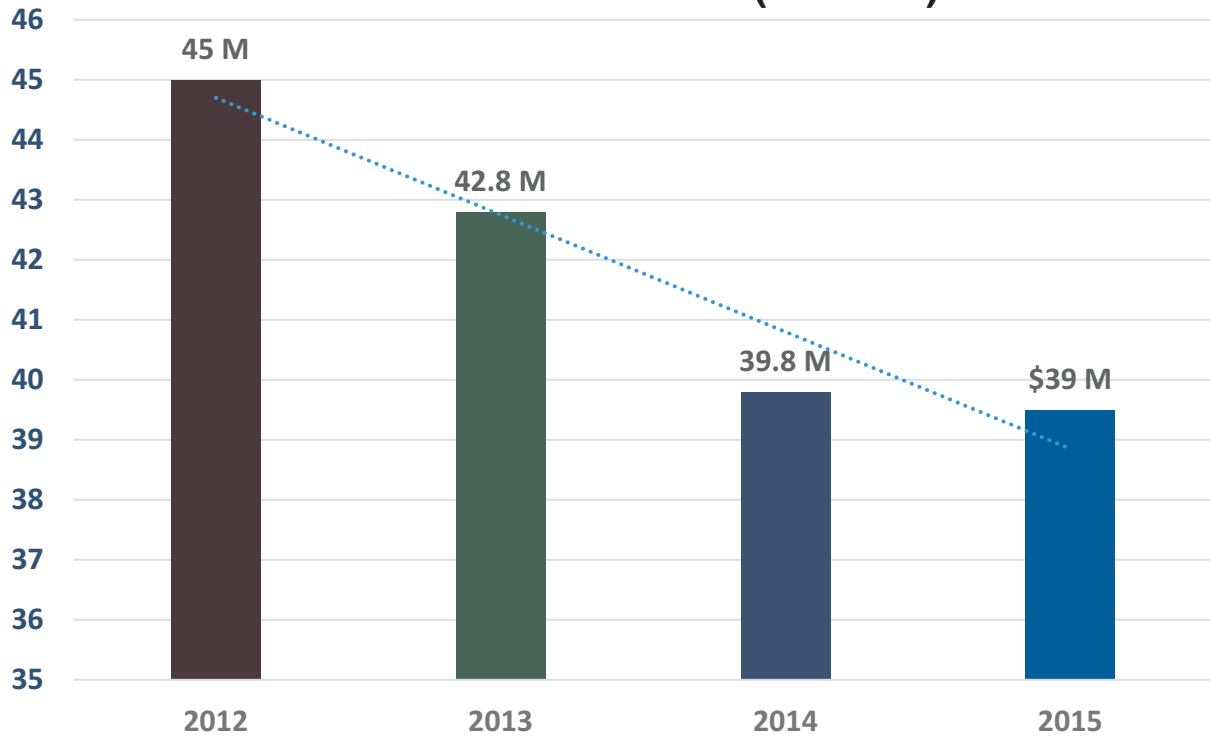
Payments forwarded to victims in 2015: 1388 Totaling: \$178,838.01

Cases with restitution paid in full in 2015: 270

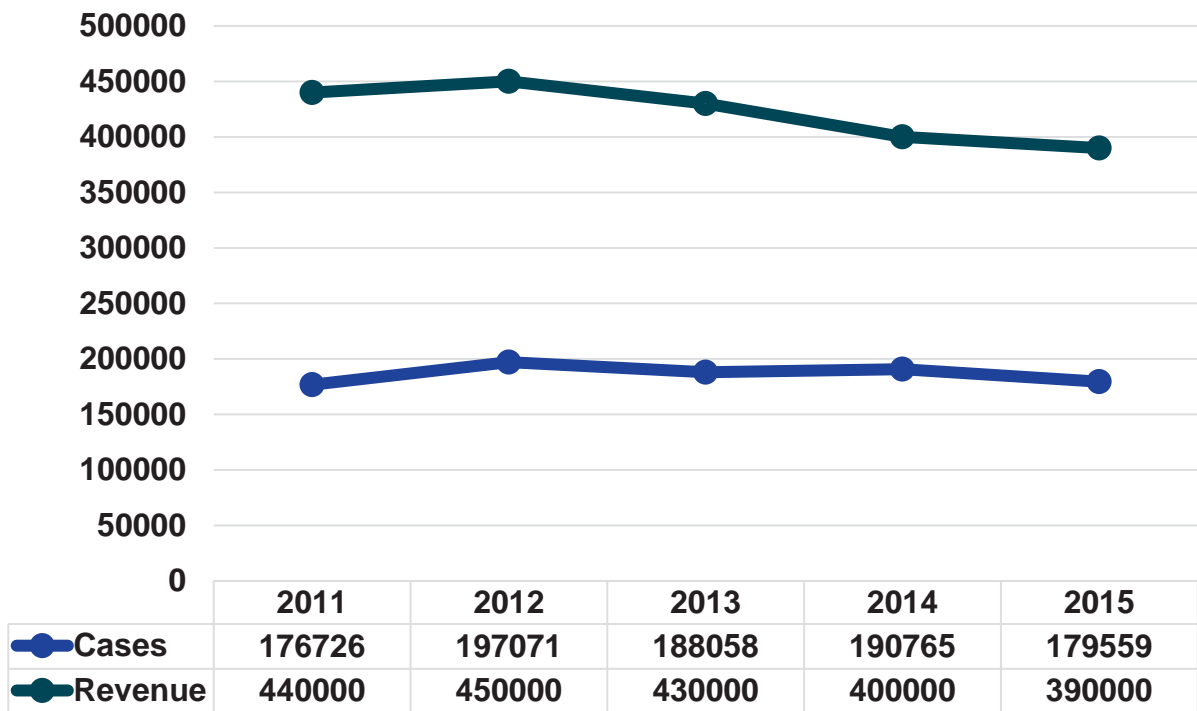
The Accounting/Finance Division is responsible for preparing a monthly general accounting for all funds received and disbursed by the Clerk's Office. These records are audited annually by a licensed certified public accounting firm and approved by the State Auditor's Office. Accomplishments for Accounting/Finance in 2015 are as follows:

- **Zero infractions on annual audit, performed by Plante & Moran, PLLC**
- **New Restitution Payment Program implemented. Successfully forwarded 1388 payments that were due to victims**
- **Expanded information available on the website for the Rent Escrow and Trusteeship Programs**
- **Expanded the Bond Depositor Information Sheet to also be available in Spanish**
- **Worked with Civil Division to map a formal procedure and process for initiating Civil Restitution cases**
- **Incorporated a new partial payment process directed by Court Administration**
- **Initiated the upgrade of the credit card devices to meet the EMV chip-enabled card reader requirements to aide in reducing counterfeit, lost or stolen, bankcard fraud. To be completed in 2016**

Funds Received (Millions)



Case & Revenue Comparison



\$100,000 = 10,000,000

**2015 Franklin County Municipal Court
Financial Statements**

Financial Statements	
Balance Sheet	
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015	
Assets	
Cash Civil	\$1,013,668.63
Cash Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	\$1,611,374.33
Cash Rent Escrow Fund	\$130,421.95
Cash Trusteeship Fund	\$6,167.04
Total Assets	\$2,761,631.95
Liabilities	
Due to Payee Civil Fund	\$1,013,668.63
Due to Payee Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	\$1,611,374.33
Due to Payee Rest Escrow Fund	\$130,421.95
Due to Payee Trusteeship Fund	\$6,167.04
Total Liabilities	\$2,761,631.95
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements	
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015	
Receipts	
Receipts Civil Fund	\$18,988,330.03
Receipts Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	\$20,048,917.64
Receipts Rent Escrow Fund	\$357,668.97
Receipts Trusteeship Fund	\$142,831.08
Total Receipts	\$39,537,747.72
Disbursements	
Disbursements Civil Fund	\$19,178,899.51
Disbursements Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	\$19,965,061.22
Disbursements Rent Escrow Fund	\$356,823.05
Disbursements Trusteeship Fund	\$142,421.46
Total Disbursements	\$39,643,205.24



Statement of Civil Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

City of Columbus

Administrative 1% Legal Aid Fees	\$9,708.45
Assist Self Help for Indigent Person CV OCA 226005	\$39,697.00
Civil Contempt Fine	\$0.00
Civil Court Cost	\$4,502,830.27
Civil Environmental Fines	\$6,388.00
Civil Home Incarceration Program Fee	\$0.00
Civil Home Incarceration Equipment Cost	\$0.00
Civil Security Facilities Fees	\$404,307.56
Civil Specialty Docket Programs	\$119,725.74
Copier Debit Cards	\$3,344.00
Municipal Clerk Computer Fees	\$405,373.39
Municipal Court Computer Fees	\$121,614.00
Return Check Fees	\$350.00
Small Claims Dispute Resolution Sub-Fund	\$510.00

Total City of Columbus

\$5,613,848.41

State of Ohio

State Legal Aid Fees	\$960,847.14
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Daily Reporter

Publication Fees	\$350,427.33
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Other Entities

Civil Bond Deposits	\$24,426.00
Civil Deposits	\$4,530.18
Civil Judgment Deposits	\$11,952,850.72
Civil Jury Deposits	\$46,000.00
Civil Overpayment Deposits	\$27,927.49
Civil Sheriff Deposits	\$2,380.00
Civil Towing Deposits	\$3,200.00
Civil Witness Deposits	\$1,892.76
Environmental Appraisal	\$0.00
Environmental Injunctive	\$0.00
Environmental Mortgage	\$0.00
Environmental Sheriff	\$0.00

Total Other Entities

\$12,063,207.15

Total Civil Fund Receipts

\$18,988,330.03

**Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

City of Columbus

Appearance Bond Costs	\$103,233.45
Assist Self Help for Indigent Person TR OCA 226105	\$81,137.55
City Jury Fees	\$6,159.06
Collection Account 14450	\$223,039.00
Columbus City Code Fines	\$2,903,368.21
Columbus Health Department Fines	\$0.00
Court Costs	\$4,125,381.11
CR/TR Clerk Computerization Fund	\$890,487.70
CR/TR Collection Fee	\$221,534.36
CR/TR Court Computerization Fund	\$267,122.50
CR/TR Environmental Fines	\$74,965.50
CR/TR Probation Scram	\$39.00
CR/TR Probation Services	\$473,534.00
CR/TR Security Facilities Fee	\$879,590.06
CR/TR Specialty Docket Program	\$248,876.50
Criminal Diversion Fee	\$25.00
DUI Education Fund	\$24,446.75
ENV Probation Services	\$23,988.07
Home Incarceration Equipment Cost	\$6,975.00
Home Incarceration Program	\$6,170.00
Indigent DR ALC Fund DUS	\$64.50
Immobilizing/Disabling Devices Fine	\$78,595.83
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund DUI	\$171,847.59
Local Expungements City Share	\$6,440.00
Local Witness Fees	\$30,411.55
Ohio Highway Patrol Fines 14050	\$593,523.24
Prosecutor's Check Resolution Program	\$15,781.50
Returned Check Fees	\$1,075.00

Total City of Columbus

\$11,457,812.03

State of Ohio

Bail Surcharge-Indigent Defense Support	\$172,193.50
Child Restraint Law State Fund	\$11,119.00
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$263,463.50
Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$2,279,769.69
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund	\$0.00
Justice Program Services Fund	\$7,721.80
Local Expungements State Share	\$9,660.00
Ohio Highway Patrol Fines State Share	\$677,193.03
Public Defender-Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$5,920.50
State Expungements State Share	\$22,590.00
State Highway Safety Fund	\$235.00
State Liquor Fines State Share	\$52,618.00
State Seatbelt Fines	\$1,627.00
Trauma and EMT Fund	\$234,062.50
Victims of Crime	\$782,584.77

Statement of Criminal Traffic Fund Receipts Continued
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

State of Ohio-BMV				
BMV License Suspension/Reinstatement Fee				\$230.00
BMV Warrant Block Reinstatement Fee				\$300.00
State of Ohio-DUI				
Ohio Highway Patrol DUI Education Fund				\$10,691.50
State of Ohio-ODNR				
State Watercraft Fund				\$440.00
State Wildlife Fund				\$4,972.50
Total State of Ohio				\$4,537,392.29
Franklin County				
	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic Violations	Other State Violations	
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$4,535.00	\$4,635.00
Capital Area Humane Society	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Chessie Sea Board Corp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Columbus Development Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Columbus Regulation Division	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Columbus State University	\$5,985.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$6,120.00
County Road & Bridge Fund	\$149,435.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$149,435.50
Department of Animal Control	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,325.44	\$80,325.44
Franklin County Development Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,426.00	\$8,426.00
Municipal Police	\$205,639.90	\$44,952.00	\$129,480.49	\$380,072.39
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohio Department of Public Safety	\$0.00	\$3,656.00	\$150.00	\$3,806.00
Ohio Department of Taxation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,158.00	\$11,158.00
Ohio Ethics Commission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Ohio Highway Patrol	\$150,196.43	\$202.90	\$88.00	\$150,487.33
Ohio State Agencies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$808.00	\$808.00
Ohio State University	\$11,882.00	\$2,339.00	\$3,257.00	\$17,478.00
Otterbein College	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Port Columbus Airport	\$20,829.50	\$4,735.00	(\$350.00)	\$25,214.50
	\$544,118.33	\$56,119.90	\$238,577.93	
Indigent Application Fee				\$105,854.69
Law Library Resources Fund				\$148,111.50
State Expungements-County Share				\$15,060.00
State Jury Fees				\$7,808.79
State Liquor Fines-County Share				\$52,617.99
State Witness Fees				\$15,496.51



Statement Of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts Continued
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Townships County Share	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic Violations	Other State Violations	
Blendon	\$22,890.75	\$5,725.00	\$940.50	\$29,556.25
Clinton	\$22,540.98	\$6,939.00	\$557.50	\$30,037.48
Franklin	\$7,003.51	\$2,491.00	\$495.46	\$9,989.97
Madison	\$14,676.02	\$3,838.07	\$808.50	\$19,322.59
Mifflin	\$10,021.50	\$4,142.25	\$262.50	\$14,426.25
Perry	\$39,298.50	\$13,189.25	\$75.00	\$52,562.75
Sharon	\$11,523.00	\$1,265.00	\$250.00	\$13,038.00
	\$127,954.26	\$37,589.57	\$3,389.46	
Total Township County Share				\$168,933.29
Franklin County Sheriff	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic Violations	Other State Violations	
Sheriff Blendon	\$32,521.00	\$895.00	\$3,100.00	\$36,516.00
Sheriff Brown	\$3,333.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$3,498.00
Sheriff Clinton	\$2,513.00	\$0.00	\$2,384.00	\$4,897.00
Sheriff Franklin	\$27,116.00	\$0.00	\$15,839.00	\$42,955.00
Sheriff Hamilton	\$52.50	\$20,765.50	\$0.00	\$20,818.00
Sheriff Jackson	\$35,087.00	\$4,863.00	\$35.00	\$39,985.00
Sheriff Jefferson	\$19,543.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,543.00
Sheriff Madison	\$14,089.00	\$0.00	\$3,603.00	\$17,692.00
Sheriff Mifflin	\$15,620.00	\$1,070.00	\$1,827.00	\$18,517.00
Sheriff Non-Township	\$44,797.97	\$51,285.62	\$6,749.94	\$102,833.53
Sheriff Norwich	\$4,358.50	\$319.50	\$0.00	\$4,678.00
Sheriff Perry	\$940.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,040.00
Sheriff Plain	\$6,541.00	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$6,976.00
Sheriff Pleasant	\$11,471.74	\$1,743.00	\$0.00	\$13,214.74
Sheriff Prairie	\$25,380.21	\$12,967.00	\$0.00	\$38,347.21
Sheriff Sharon	\$1,845.00	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$2,075.00
Sheriff Truro	\$17,048.00	\$7,614.50	\$0.00	\$24,662.50
Sheriff Washington	\$1,736.50	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$1,991.50
	\$263,993.42	\$102,378.12	\$33,867.94	
Total Franklin County Sheriff				\$400,239.48
Total Franklin County Receipts				\$1,752,938.41



Statement Of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts Continued
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Municipalities	DUI Education	Fines	Mayors Court	
Bexley	\$554.50	\$2,817.00	\$0.00	\$3,371.50
Brice	\$25.00	\$409.00	\$3,862.00	\$4,296.00
Canal Winchester	\$457.00	\$155.00	\$50.00	\$662.00
Dublin	\$618.00	\$11,526.94	\$3,693.00	\$15,837.94
Gahanna	\$1,968.50	\$22,624.87	\$8,066.00	\$32,659.37
Grandview Heights	\$356.00	\$7,473.88	\$35.00	\$7,864.88
Grove City	\$700.00	\$16,515.50	\$2,415.50	\$19,631.00
Groveport	\$175.00	\$806.00	\$0.00	\$981.00
Harrisburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hilliard	\$598.00	\$16,239.78	\$4,038.00	\$20,875.78
Minerva Park	\$50.00	\$1,585.00	\$160.00	\$1,795.00
New Albany	\$300.00	\$7,216.03	\$3,044.97	\$10,561.00
Obetz	\$125.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$310.00
Reynoldsburg	\$714.00	\$6,781.81	\$1,120.00	\$8,615.81
Upper Arlington	\$200.00	\$23,187.50	\$1,842.00	\$25,229.50
Urbancrest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valleyview	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Westerville	\$1,048.00	\$21,361.50	\$3,235.74	\$25,645.24
Whitehall	\$989.00	\$5,118.88	\$736.00	\$6,843.88
Worthington	\$950.00	\$6,587.00	\$2,705.00	\$10,242.00
	\$9,828.00	\$150,840.69	\$35,003.21	
Total Municipalities				\$195,671.90
Townships	DUI Education	Fines		
Blendon	\$1,228.00	\$29,556.25		\$30,784.25
Clinton	\$325.00	\$30,037.48		\$30,362.48
Franklin	\$216.00	\$9,884.95		\$10,100.95
Hamilton	\$0.00	\$20,818.00		\$20,818.00
Madison	\$400.00	\$19,322.58		\$19,722.58
Mifflin	\$300.00	\$14,426.25		\$14,726.25
Norwich	\$0.00	\$4,678.00		\$4,678.00
Perry	\$1,068.00	\$52,562.75		\$53,630.75
Prairie	\$0.00	\$38,347.21		\$38,347.21
Sharon	\$150.00	\$13,038.00		\$13,188.00
Washington	\$0.00	\$1,991.50		\$1,991.50
	\$3,687.00	\$234,662.97		
Total Townships				\$238,349.97



Statement Of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts Continued
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Other Entities	
Central Ohio Crime Stoppers	
CR/TR Crime Stoppers Fee	\$6,831.32
Columbus Airport Authority	
Port Columbus PD DUI Education Fund	\$525.00
Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks	
Metro Parks Police Fines	\$1,065.00
Columbus Development Center	
Col Develop Center DUI Education Fund	\$0.00
Franklin County Sheriff	
Sheriff DUI Education Fund	\$4,963.00
DUI Offender Housing Fund	\$113,904.95
Ohio Department of Agriculture	
Ohio Department of Agriculture	\$0.00
Ohio Department of Public Safety	
ODPS Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$231.00
The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy	
State Drug/Pharmacy Fund	\$45,730.50
The Ohio State University	
Ohio State University DUI Education Fund	\$525.00
Overpayments	
Criminal/Traffic Overpayment Deposits	\$36,776.90
Criminal/Traffic Applied Overpayment Deposits	(\$160.00)
Time Payments	
Time Payment Receipts	\$714,548.67
Applied Time Payments	(\$715,282.17)
Restitution	
Restitution Deposit Receipts	\$196,475.29
Applied Distributions	(\$195,882.15)
Restitution Receipts	\$195,922.15
Total Other Entities	\$406,174.46



Statement of Bail Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Appearance Bonds		
Appearance Bond Receipts		\$993,856.68
Applied Appearance Bonds		(\$168,476.43)
		\$825,380.25
Bond Costs		
Bond Cost Receipts		\$110,428.52
Applied Bond Costs		(\$103,515.45)
		\$6,913.07
Bond Surcharge		
Bond Surcharge Receipts		\$296,575.00
Applied Bond Surcharge		(\$172,642.00)
		\$123,933.00
Cash Bonds		
Cash Bond Receipts		\$346,594.92
Applied Cash Bonds		(\$55,943.66)
		\$290,651.26
Moving Violations		
Moving Violation Receipts		\$52,680.00
Applied Moving Violations		(\$40,050.00)
		\$12,630.00
Non-Moving Violations		
Non-Moving Violation Receipts		\$1,300.00
Applied Non-Moving Violations		(\$830.00)
		\$470.00
Public Defender		
Public Defender Receipts		\$254,340.00
Applied Public Defender		(\$136,898.00)
		\$117,442.00
Victims-Of-Crime		
Victims-Of-Crime Receipts		\$145,308.00
Applied Victims-Of-Crime		(\$62,149.00)
		\$83,159.00
Total Bail Fund Receipts		\$1,460,578.58
Total Receipts Crim/Traf/Bail		\$20,048,917.64



**Statement of Rent Escrow Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Court Costs	\$3,648.77
Deposits	\$354,020.20
Overpayment Deposits	\$0.00
Total	\$357,668.97

**Statement of Trusteeship Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Court Costs	\$1,884.00
Deposits	\$139,614.57
Applied Deposits	(\$139,127.61)
Disbursement	\$139,218.17
Overpayment Deposits	\$1,241.95
Applied Overpayment Deposits	\$0.00
Total	\$142,831.08

**Statement of Disbursements Treasurer City Of Columbus
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Civil Fund

Administrative 1% Legal Aid Fees	\$9,765.62
Assist Self Help for Indigent Person CV OCA 226005	\$39,930.00
Civil Contempt Fine	\$0.00
Civil Court Costs	\$4,518,426.47
Civil Environmental Fines	\$6,388.00
Civil Home Incarceration Program Fee	\$0.00
Civil Home Incarceration Equipment Cost	\$0.00
Civil Security Facilities Fees	\$406,616.01
Civil Specialty Docket Programs	\$120,422.00
Copier Debit Cards	\$3,319.00
Municipal Clerk Computer Fees	\$407,684.31
Municipal Court Computer Fees	\$122,310.00
Return Check Fees	\$350.00
Small Claims Dispute Resolution Sub-Fund	\$510.00

Total Civil Fund

\$5,635,721.41

Criminal/Traffic Fund

Appearance Bond Costs	\$105,240.45
Assist Self Help for Indigent Person TR OCA 226105	\$80,749.55
City Jury Fees	\$6,161.06
Collection Account 14450	\$222,544.50
Columbus City Code Fines	\$2,892,734.37
Columbus Health Department	\$0.00
Court Costs	\$4,129,745.63
CR/TR Clerk Computerization Fund	\$890,993.70
CR/TR Collection Fee	\$220,577.76
CR/TR Court Computerization Fund	\$267,263.50
CR/TR Environmental Fines	\$72,263.50
CR/TR Probation Scram	\$39.00
CR/TR Probation Services	\$474,600.88
CR/TR Security Facilities Fee	\$880,209.56
CR/TR Specialty Docket Program	\$248,009.00
Criminal Diversion Fee	\$25.00
DUI Education Fund	\$24,639.84
ENV Probation Services	\$24,090.07
Home Incarceration Equipment Cost	\$7,145.00
Home Incarceration Program	\$6,575.00
Immobilizing/Disabling Devices Fine	\$78,810.73
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund	\$63.00
Indigent DR ALC Fund DUS	\$0.00
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund DUI	\$172,379.81
Local Expungements City Share	\$6,720.00
Local Witness Fees	\$30,246.59
Ohio Highway Patrol Fines 14050	\$584,699.44
Prosecutor's Check Resolution Program	\$16,141.50
Returned Check Fees	\$1,075.00

Total Criminal Traffic Fund

\$11,443,743.44

Rent Escrow Fund

Court Costs	\$3,726.17
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Trusteeship Fund

Court Costs	\$1,878.00
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Disbursements Treasurer City Of Columbus

\$17,085,069.02



**Statement Of Disbursements Treasurer State Of Ohio
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Civil Fund	
State Legal Aid Fees	\$966,544.30
Criminal Traffic Fund	
Bail Surcharge-Indigent Defense Support	\$173,186.50
Child Restraint Law State Share	\$10,824.00
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$263,700.40
Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$2,282,224.87
Justice Program Services Fund	\$7,727.60
Local Expungements State Share	\$10,080.00
Ohio Highway Patrol Fines State Share	\$667,286.50
Public Defender Indigent Support Fund	\$5,982.50
State Expungements State Share	\$22,710.00
State Highway Safety Fund	\$242.50
State Liquor Fines State Share	\$51,603.50
State Seatbelt Fines	\$1,657.00
Trauma and EMT Fund	\$231,867.78
Victims of Crime	\$783,154.67
Total Criminal Traffic Fund	\$4,512,247.82
Total Treasurer State Of Ohio	\$5,478,792.12

**Statement Of Disbursements Franklin County Treasurer
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

CriminalTraffic Fund	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic Violations	Other State Violations	
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$4,314.00	\$4,414.00
Captial Area Humane Society	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Chessie Sea Board Corp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Columbus Development Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Columbus Regulations Division	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Columbus State University	\$5,735.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$5,870.00
County Road & Bridge Fund	\$147,628.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$147,628.50
Department of Animal Control	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,438.44	\$80,438.44
Franklin County Development Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,444.00	\$8,444.00
Municipal Police	\$207,850.47	\$44,990.00	\$129,618.54	\$382,459.01
Ohio Department of Natural Resouces	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohio Department of Public Safety	\$0.00	\$3,756.00	\$150.00	\$3,906.00
Ohio Department of Taxation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,933.00	\$11,933.00
Ohio Ethics Commission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Ohio Highway Patrol	\$147,977.68	\$205.40	\$102.80	\$148,285.88
Ohio State Agencies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$458.00	\$458.00
Ohio State University	\$11,593.00	\$2,294.00	\$3,357.00	\$17,244.00
Otterbein College	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Port Columbus Airport	\$21,264.50	\$4,567.00	(\$350.00)	\$25,481.50
	\$542,199.15	\$56,047.40	\$239,165.78	
Indigent Application Fee				\$107,162.51
State Expungements-County Share				\$15,140.00
State Jury Fees				\$7,728.79
State Liquor Fines-County Share				\$51,603.49
State Witness Fees				\$15,257.46

**Statement Of Disbursements Franklin County Treasurer Continued
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Townships County Share	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic Violations	Other State Violations	
Blendon	\$22,944.75	\$5,774.50	\$940.50	\$29,659.75
Clinton	\$22,520.48	\$6,862.50	\$467.50	\$29,850.48
Franklin	\$7,034.51	\$2,530.50	\$481.46	\$10,046.47
Madison	\$14,935.02	\$3,693.07	\$908.50	\$19,536.59
Mifflin	\$10,061.50	\$4,094.75	\$262.50	\$14,418.75
Perry	\$38,936.00	\$13,123.25	\$75.00	\$52,134.25
Sharon	\$11,329.00	\$1,505.00	\$250.00	\$13,084.00
	\$127,761.26	\$37,583.57	\$3,385.46	

Total Township County Share **\$168,730.29**

Franklin County Sheriff	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic Violations	Other State Violations	
Sheriff Blendon	\$31,861.00	\$895.00	\$3,100.00	\$35,856.00
Sheriff Brown	\$3,498.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$3,663.00
Sheriff Clinton	\$2,448.00	\$0.00	\$2,319.00	\$4,767.00
Sheriff Franklin	\$26,778.00	\$0.00	\$15,997.00	\$42,775.00
Sheriff Hamilton	\$52.50	\$20,192.00	\$0.00	\$20,244.50
Sheriff Jackson	\$34,357.00	\$4,863.00	\$35.00	\$39,255.00
Sheriff Jefferson	\$18,916.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,916.00
Sheriff Madison	\$13,169.00	\$0.00	\$2,942.00	\$16,111.00
Sheriff Mifflin	\$15,640.00	\$820.00	\$1,852.00	\$18,312.00
Sheriff Non-Township	\$44,627.97	\$51,122.62	\$6,499.94	\$102,250.53
Sheriff Norwich	\$4,355.50	\$319.50	\$0.00	\$4,675.00
Sheriff Perry	\$940.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,040.00
Sheriff Plain	\$6,456.00	\$415.00	\$0.00	\$6,871.00
Sheriff Pleasant	\$11,728.74	\$1,703.00	\$0.00	\$13,431.74
Sheriff Prairie	\$25,205.21	\$13,168.00	\$0.00	\$38,373.21
Sheriff Sharon	\$1,975.00	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$2,205.00
Sheriff Truro	\$16,653.00	\$7,804.50	\$0.00	\$24,457.50
Sheriff Washington	\$1,689.00	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$1,944.00
	\$260,349.92	\$101,722.62	\$33,074.94	

Total Franklin County Sheriff **\$395,147.48**

Total Franklin County Treasurer **\$1,598,182.35**

**Statement Of Disbursements Municipalities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Criminal Traffic Fund	DUI Education	Fines	Mayors Court	
Bexley	\$554.50	\$3,172.00	\$0.00	\$3,726.50
Brice	\$25.00	\$559.00	\$4,137.00	\$4,721.00
Canal Winchester	\$482.00	\$216.00	\$50.00	\$748.00
Dublin	\$643.00	\$11,944.94	\$3,830.00	\$16,417.94
Gahanna	\$1,874.50	\$22,055.87	\$8,051.00	\$31,981.37
Grandview Heights	\$331.00	\$7,288.88	\$35.00	\$7,654.88
Grove City	\$700.00	\$16,765.50	\$2,418.50	\$19,884.00
Groveport	\$225.00	\$1,306.00	\$0.00	\$1,531.00
Harrisburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hilliard	\$598.00	\$16,156.60	\$4,084.18	\$20,838.78
Minerva Park	\$50.00	\$1,210.00	\$160.00	\$1,420.00
New Albany	\$325.00	\$7,066.03	\$3,092.97	\$10,484.00
Obetz	\$125.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$310.00
Reynoldsburg	\$701.00	\$6,799.81	\$1,090.00	\$8,590.81
Upper Arlington	\$200.00	\$22,642.00	\$1,834.00	\$24,676.00
Urban Crest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valleyview	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Westerville	\$1,023.00	\$21,057.50	\$3,176.37	\$25,256.87
Whitehall	\$964.00	\$5,118.88	\$791.00	\$6,873.88
Worthington	\$950.00	\$6,496.00	\$2,664.00	\$10,110.00
	\$9,771.00	\$150,290.01	\$35,414.02	

Total Municipalities **\$195,475.03**

**Statement Of Disbursements Townships
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Criminal Traffic Fund	DUI Education	Fines	
Blendon	\$1,275.00	\$29,659.75	\$30,934.75
Clinton	\$325.00	\$29,850.48	\$30,175.48
Franklin	\$216.00	\$9,941.45	\$10,157.45
Hamilton	\$0.00	\$20,244.50	\$20,244.50
Madison	\$425.00	\$19,536.58	\$19,961.58
Mifflin	\$300.00	\$14,418.75	\$14,718.75
Norwich	\$0.00	\$4,675.00	\$4,675.00
Perry	\$1,043.00	\$52,134.25	\$53,177.25
Prairie	\$0.00	\$38,373.21	\$38,373.21
Sharon	\$150.00	\$13,084.00	\$13,234.00
Washington	\$0.00	\$1,944.00	\$1,944.00
	\$3,734.00	\$233,861.97	
Total Townships			\$237,595.97

**Statement Of Disbursements Other Entities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Civil Fund		
Daily Reporter		
Publication Fees		\$352,546.00
Other Entities		
Civil Bond Deposits		\$17,604.27
Civil Deposits		\$4,491.71
Civil Judgment Deposits		\$12,075,357.53
		\$88,100.00
Civil Sheriff Deposits		\$2,370.13
Civil Towing Deposits		\$800.00
Civil Witness Deposits		\$4,749.03
Environmental Appraisal		\$0.00
Environmental Injunctive		\$0.00
Environmental Mortgage		\$0.00
Environmental Sheriff		\$0.00
Criminal Traffic Fund		
Central Ohio Crime Stoppers		
CR/TR Crime Stoppers Fee		\$6,817.32
Columbus Airport Authority		
Port Columbus PD DUI Education Fund		\$550.00
Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks		
Metro Parks Police Fines		\$1,122.00
Columbus Development Center		
Col Develop Center DUI Education Fund		\$0.00
Franklin County Sheriff		
Sheriff DUI Education Fund		\$4,953.00
DUI Offender Housing Fund		\$114,879.12

Statement Of Disbursements Other Entities Continued
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Franklin County Law Library	
Law Library Fund	\$145,913.50
Ohio Department of Agriculture	
Ohio Department of Agriculture	\$0.00
Ohio Department of Public Safety	
ODPS Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$231.00
The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy	
State Drug/Pharmacy Fund	\$47,548.50
The Ohio State University	
Ohio State University DUI Education Fund	\$550.00
State of Ohio-BMV	
BMV License Suspension/Reinstatement Fee	\$230.00
BMV Warrant Block Reinstatement Fee	\$300.00
State of Ohio-DUI	
Ohio Highway Patrol DUI Education Fund	\$10,839.50
State of Ohio-ODNR	
State Watercraft Fund	\$440.00
State Wildlife Fund	\$5,094.50
Rent Escrow Fund	
Rent Deposit Payments	\$353,096.88
Trusteeship Fund	
Trust Deposit Payments	\$0.00
Trust Disbursements	\$139,303.51
Restitution	
Restitution Checks	\$178,524.01
Total Other Entities	\$13,556,411.51

Statement Of Bail Fund Disbursements
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Appearance Bonds	\$778,878.37
Bond Costs	\$1,946.10
Bond Surcharge	\$119,620.00
Cash Bonds	\$306,754.12
Moving Violations	\$10,730.00
Non-Moving Violations	\$370.00
Public Defender	\$118,922.00
Victims-Of-Crime	\$86,980.00
Total Bail Fund Disbursements	\$1,424,200.59

Statement Of Overpayment Refunds
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Civil Refunds	\$30,615.13
Criminal/Traffic Refunds	\$35,623.57
Rent Escrow Refunds	\$0.00
Trusteeship Refunds	\$1,239.95
Total Overpayment Refunds	\$67,478.65

Statement Of Unclaimed Funds Disbursements City Of Columbus
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Civil Unclaimed Funds	\$110,547.28
Criminal/Traffic Unclaimed Funds	\$31,182.80
Rent Escrow Unclaimed Funds	\$702.90
Trusteeship Unclaimed Funds	\$380.64
Total Unclaimed Funds	\$142,813.62

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The Franklin County Municipal Court (the court) was created and operates under the authority of Section 1901.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. Under the present law, the Court operates with 15 elected Judges and an elected Clerk of Court, each whom serves a six year term. The court has been granted jurisdictions for the entire area of Franklin County.

For financial reporting purposes, the Court is an agency fund group which consists of the agency fund of the five divisions of the Court: Criminal/Traffic, Bail, Civil, Trusteeship and Rent Escrow. The operating expenses of the Court are funded by the City of Columbus and Franklin County and are not; therefore, part of the reporting entity.

Basis of Accounting

The Court prepares its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

Note B - Civil Fund Receipts

In addition to the Civil Fund total receipts and disbursements, cases are processed for the City of Columbus, State of Ohio and Franklin County agencies at not cost at the time of filing.

Additional Amount Breakdowns

See statements for summary totals of this information

Note C - Statement of Disbursements to Municipalities

The DUI Education Fund fine amounts are included in the totals for each municipality and township.



**FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
Columbus, Ohio
One Hundredth
ANNUAL REPORT
2015**



FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

375 South High Street
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Chambers of
Judge Michael T. Brandt
Administrative & Presiding Judge
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March 31, 2016

Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk
Citizens of Franklin County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with section 1901.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is my pleasure to provide you with the 2015 Annual Report of the Franklin County Municipal Court.

From all indications, the Franklin County Municipal Court remains the largest and busiest municipal court in Ohio. We continually strive to improve our services to every citizen who appears in this Court and to be wise and efficient stewards of taxpayer resources. We appreciate the financial support that we receive in these difficult economic times and hope that this continued support is a reflection of your trust in the way we conduct our operations and expend taxpayer dollars.

The increasing complexity of the laws, and the desire to meet the needs of every citizen who appears in this Court all present substantial challenges to our judges and staff. As you will see from the details in the report that follows, our judges and staff remain fully committed to meeting the needs of our citizens and our community. As the largest and busiest municipal court in Ohio, we continually strive to improve our services and fulfill our obligation to fairly interpret the laws of Ohio.

Please feel free to contact me or Court Administrator Emily Shaw at (614) 645-8214 if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Yours truly,
/s/ Michael T. Brandt
Michael T. Brandt
Administrative and Presiding Judge

Enclosure

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The Franklin County Municipal Court traces its origin to the creation of the Columbus Municipal Court in 1916. Now, the geographic jurisdiction of the Court is all of Franklin County and those portions of the City of Columbus that extend beyond the boundaries of Franklin County. The Court has 14 judges in the General Division and one judge in the Environmental Division. Judges serve six-year terms, unless appointed or elected to fill a vacancy. Annually, they elect one of their peers to serve as the Administrative and Presiding Judge.

The judges who served the Franklin County Municipal Court during the year 2015 were Judge Michael T. Brandt who served as Administrative and Presiding Judge, and Judges Anne Taylor, Scott D. VanDerKarr, H. William Pollitt, Jr., James Green, Ted Barrows, Paul M. Herbert, Carrie E. Glaeden, Amy Salerno, Andrea C. Peeples, David B. Tyack, Mark A. Hummer, David Young (elected to Common Pleas Court in November, replaced by Cindi Morehart), James P. O'Grady and Environmental Court Judge Daniel Hawkins.

Judges preside over civil, criminal, and traffic cases and conduct both jury and non-jury or court trials. In jury trials, judges interpret the law and the jury determines the facts. Court trials are the most common trials in this Court. In these trials, judges have the dual role of interpreting the law and determining the facts. The judges also conduct criminal arraignments and preliminary hearings on felony cases; set bond on criminal charges; issue search warrants; and impose sentence when a defendant is found guilty of a traffic or criminal charge. The judges hear civil cases with an amount in controversy of \$15,000 or less, and cases that are transferred from the Small Claims Division to the General Division of the Court. Other civil disputes resolved in this Court included evictions, rent escrow proceedings, and proceedings to aid in the collection of judgments.

The Environmental Division has exclusive jurisdiction to enforce local codes and regulations affecting real property, such as fire and building codes. The Environmental Division has injunctive powers, and there is no monetary limit on those cases that fall within the Division's exclusive jurisdiction.

Each week a different judge is assigned to the Duty Session to handle a variety of responsibilities, such as applications from law enforcement officers for search warrants, probable cause hearings, and civil wedding ceremonies.

MAGISTRATES

The Court employs an Administrative Magistrate, five full-time General Division magistrates, one Environmental Division magistrate and one part-time magistrate who preside over traffic arraignments, landlord-tenant actions, wage garnishments, small claims cases, and other civil matters. Judges may refer a specific case to a magistrate to take testimony, make legal rulings, and render a decision that is subject to final approval by the judge. Magistrates have the authority in misdemeanor cases to accept guilty and no contest pleas. If the parties agree, they may also hear contested criminal cases and preside over civil cases heard by a jury. Consent is not required from either party for a magistrate to hear a minor misdemeanor criminal case.

BAILIFFS

Bailiffs coordinate activities in the courtrooms, schedule cases, provide docket management, provide information to the public about the status of cases, and act as liaisons between their assigned judge or magistrate and attorneys, court personnel, and the general public. Each judge has an assigned courtroom bailiff, there is an unassigned or "floater" bailiff who rotates among the judges when a judge's bailiff is absent, and there is a Duty Room Bailiff. Each magistrate also has a bailiff.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Court Administration oversees the administrative and operational functions of the Court. It carries out the non-judicial policies of the Court. In addition to providing overall support and direction to the Court's nearly 200 employees, some of its specific functions include personnel management, budgeting and fiscal management, purchasing, liaison with other courts and agencies, public information, appointment of counsel, court support services, court security, interpreter services, vehicle immobilization, and volunteer services. The Court Administrator is the chief non-judicial officer.

The Court's General Fund Operating budget for 2015 was \$17,119,315 with an additional \$1,646,877 Secure Facilities Fund budget and \$350,064 Computer Fund budget.

Breakdown of General Fund Operating Budget 2015

Personal services	\$15,291,641
Materials and supplies	41,906
Services	1,445,768
Other expenditures	340,000
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$16,119,315

COURT SUPPORT SERVICES

Court Support Services is a two-person unit that helps defendants resolve matters such as extensions of time to pay fines and court costs, delaying the start of court-ordered incarceration, issuance of or change in limited driving privileges, withdrawal of warrant or order-in that has been issued, assistance with impounded vehicle, assistance with Bureau of Motor Vehicle problems, and continuance of a court date. In 2015, Court Investigation assisted approximately 5,926 individuals with an average of 25 people per day. 40% of the defendants who requested an extension for fines and court cost were able to receive an extension of time to pay.

COURT SECURITY PROGRAM

The Court Security Program was established to maintain a safe environment in the courthouse for elected officials, Court employees, and all others having business in the courthouse. The staff consists of a Security Director, Security Supervisor, Administrative Assistant, Control Room Operator, and 18 Security Officers on the first shift, plus a control room operator on the second and third shifts. In addition, the Court contracts with a private security company that provides evening, weekend, and holiday coverage. During 2015 approximately 1.079 million visitors to the Court were screened at the Court's entry points by Security Officers.

INTERPRETER SERVICES

During 2015, the Court employed two full-time Spanish language interpreters and one full-time Somali language interpreter and contracted for one part-time Spanish language interpreter. Together they completed an estimated 5,064 requests for service (4,237 in Spanish and 827 in Somali). The Court has multiple contracts with outside vendors to provide foreign language and ASL interpreters. There were 1,016 requests for interpreters in 31 other languages, 938 requests were filled by onsite interpreters and 78 requests in languages of lesser diffusion like Fulani, Burmese, Hakha Chin, Oromo, and Krio were covered through telephonic interpretation. The foreign languages for which interpreters were most requested were Spanish, Somali, Arabic, Nepali, ASL, Tigrinya, French, Russian, Mandarin, and Amharic. Additionally, the Court filled 145 requests for American Sign Language interpretation. The Interpreter Services department continues to offer training opportunities and a mentoring program for judiciary interpreters, to assist them in the process to become certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

VEHICLE SANCTIONS PROGRAM

State law mandates the immobilization or forfeiture of vehicles operated by defendants who are convicted of the following offenses: repeat OVI offenses (operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs) and driving under certain court or BMV related suspensions. Immobilization or forfeiture of vehicles involved in suspension cases related to the Financial Responsibility Act or wrongful entrustment of a vehicle are at the Court's discretion.

In 2015, the Court processed 7,614 driving under suspension cases and 8,472 OVI cases. The driving under suspension case filings are down 8.8% from 2014, and the OVI case filings experienced an 8.9% decrease.

The program's two employees act as a liaison and are responsible for the communications to and from the courts, law enforcement and defendants to ensure compliance with the court's orders involving the defendant's vehicle.

ASSIGNMENT OFFICE

The Assignment Office is responsible for the assignment of Judges to criminal, traffic, and civil cases. The Ohio Rules of Superintendence, promulgated by the Supreme Court of Ohio, require that cases be assigned to Judges in a random manner. Random assignment occurs at the time a defendant enters a "not guilty" plea in criminal and traffic cases, and upon the filing of a motion or an answer in civil cases. Local Rules are also used to define the assignment of cases (Local Rules 1 and 8), including use of a "single assignment system." This means that when a person is charged with a criminal or traffic offense and already has a pending criminal or traffic case, or the person is on probation to this Court, the new charge(s) will be assigned to the Judge who presided over the previous case.

Once a case is assigned to a Judge, the Assignment Office is responsible for the management of the case as it proceeds through the Court system. The Assignment Office generates the daily Court dockets for the Judges and distributes case listing reports throughout the Court System. In 2015, the Assignment Office processed 2,491 new or reactivated civil cases, 3,479 environmental cases, and 43,521 new or reactivated criminal or traffic cases. Other than initial appearances and other pre-sentence hearings, the Assignment Office scheduled approximately 115,000 court proceedings and mailed a minimum of 500,000 Court appearance notices.

The Assignment Office is also responsible for completing the monthly Individual Judges' report for the Ohio Supreme Court, preparing other necessary reports to manage cases, the monitoring of cases assigned to Visiting Judges when needed, scheduling and managing of sealing of records cases, and for the monitoring of assigned specialized docket cases. Currently, four of the Court's 15 Judges preside over specialized dockets. The Assignment Office employs the Assignment Commissioner, seven Case Coordinators, one Unassigned Case Coordinator, four full-time Assignment Clerks, and two part-time Assignment Clerks.

COURT REPORTERS

Court Reporters make a verbatim record of court proceedings, prepare a transcript from the record of court proceedings upon request, and maintain records of exhibits introduced at court proceedings. The Court has an obligation to provide a transcript of all proceedings upon request of a party, and there must be a court record of all pleas and waivers. In 2015 there were 12 full-time Court Reporters and 2 part-time Court Reporters and they produced 240 requested transcripts.

JURY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

It is the duty of the Jury Commissioner's Office to summon, orient and assign prospective trial jurors to courtrooms when needed. The Jury Commission tracks *voir dire* (a preliminary examination of prospective jurors to determine their qualifications and suitability to serve on a jury, in order to ensure the selection of fair and impartial jury) results and trial verdicts, and collects demographic data to ensure the jury venire (those summoned for jury service) is a true sampling of all cognizable groups in Franklin County's qualified population.

Jury service is limited to two weeks, except in those cases for which additional days are required to reach a verdict. In certain instances, jurors will serve for one week only. Several different reporting times are offered to accommodate parking issues and work schedules. The Franklin County Municipal Court provides vouchers for parking in two local garages and passes for Cota. The number of jurors summoned in 2015 was 3,731. The reporting percentage for 2015 was 89.53 (adjusted yield from expected) while the failure to appear rate was 5.25%, which is below national averages. Jurors are paid \$15.00 per day as well as travel expenses for each day they are in attendance.

LEGAL RESEARCH

The Court employs a Legal Research Supervisor who provides legal research, supervises the work of part-time law clerks, and serves as a part-time magistrate. The Supervisor and Law Clerks research and prepare memoranda on issues pending before the Court, maintain research and reference materials, review new case law to ensure the Court's compliance with the decisions, review pending legislation that may affect the Court, and advise the Judges and Employees regarding new legal developments and applications of current law to court procedures.

DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION SERVICES

The Department of Probation Services (DOPS) serves the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges under the immediate direction of the Court Administrator. The largest division of the Court, the staff of the DOPS's vision is *excellence in rehabilitation through evidence based practices* and its mission is to *promote community safety by reducing recidivism, changing offender behavior, and fostering accountability through effective use of evidence based practices*. The DOPS works with those under its supervision to gain compliance with court-ordered conditions that are aimed at addressing assessed risk factors. These conditions can include any combination of behavioral health assessments, educational programs, counseling for mental health or substance abuse issues, and random urinalysis.

During 2015 the Department supervised 10,608 total cases, including 6,000 new probation placements. At year's end 16,333 cases remained assigned or on warrant to the Probation Department.

In 2015, the DOPS was staffed by 46 probation officers who reported to four probation officer supervisors. Caseload assignments include General Supervision, Domestic Violence Unit, Multiple OVI Program, Mental Health Specialist, Electronic Monitoring/Home Incarceration, Work Release and the Investigation Unit. Officers are also assigned to the Court's innovative specialized docket programs, including the Mental Health Program, Military and Veteran Service (MAVS), Changing Actions to Change Habits (CATCH), Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program (ADAP), and the Opiate Extension Program (OEP). Each of these caseloads is monitored by highly trained professional staff, many of whom have specialized training, certifications and licensures in their areas of specialty.

In 2015, the DOPS developed a Vivitrol Program that utilizes specialized and intensive supervision and treatment of opiate dependent individuals. This program is a unique partnership that allows for the identification, screening, assessment and medication assisted treatment phase to begin prior to the individual's release from custody, thus supporting the participant's transition to the community.

During 2015, the DOPS received grant funding to develop and implement a pretrial services program. The pretrial program brought an additional five (5) pretrial officers and one (1) pretrial supervisor to the department. The goals of the pretrial services program are to: reduce the length of pretrial detention for appropriately assessed defendants, particularly those diagnosed with a severe mental illness, who are charged with criminal misdemeanors (minus domestic violence offenses) and operating a motor vehicle intoxicated offenses. Additional goals include reducing pretrial failure to appear rates and promoting public safety during the pretrial phase.

The department also boasts an electronic monitoring/home incarceration (EMHI) and work release program that allow defendants to serve their sentences in the community. These programs represent significant savings to the public. The Work Release Program provided the opportunity for employed defendants to retain their jobs while serving their jail sentences. A total of 6,080 jail days were served in this fashion, and \$82,440 was collected from participants toward funding of the program. The EMHI program monitored 204 offenders via GPS, monitoring their movements within the community as ordered by the court. Officers assigned to the Work Release and EMHI caseloads are on call and respond to program violations 24 hours per day, facilitating warrants and alerting victims to violations as appropriate.

The Community Sanctions Unit, comprised of four (4) staff and one (1) supervisor, monitored 2,287 individuals who were sentenced to Provided No Convictions status for new charges. This unit also schedules and monitors court-ordered community service and restitution collection. In 2015, 21,931 hours of community service were ordered, and 17,390 were successfully completed. A total of \$271,235 in restitution was ordered in 386 cases last year, and \$204,126 was collected and disbursed, with 293 victims fully paid. The remaining cases are still paying, revoked, or on order-in status.

The DOPS has one (1) Evaluation Specialist on staff who assesses potential referrals for inpatient substance abuse treatment to ensure they are clinically appropriate for subsidized services. This individual also conducts general assessments for the court and probation officers to identify and provide treatment needs and options. These requests come from both the court and at the request of probation officers. This individual conducts assessments in the office, as well as, within the jail setting as needed. This position assists the court in the management of reporting requirements related to the Suzanne Hopper Act, which requires that courts identify offenders with specific mental health diagnoses and convictions and report their sentence to law enforcement. Additionally, the Evaluation Specialist serves as a member of the Franklin County Hoarder Project team along with staff members from Environmental Court, ADAMH Board, mental health treatment agencies and code enforcement departments.

The DOPS support unit, which includes twelve (12) support staff and one (1) supervisor, provides essential support for the department's many operations. This staff provides both out-of-custody and in-custody intake services, reception services and department support services such as, scanning and imaging, running computerized criminal history reports, and file management. Additionally, the department's 2 Victim Assistants have pursued and maintain credentials as registered advocates, providing critical support and guidance to victims of probation cases. Their close collaboration with the Domestic Violence Unit staff assists in addressing the critical needs and issues involved with these cases.

The Chief Probation Officer is responsible for the overall operation of the Department of Probation Services, and is supported by the Deputy Chief Probation Officer and Supervisors in facilitating all of the department's programs. Probationers paid \$555,653.93 in probation user fees in 2015, holding down probation-related costs to taxpayers. Careful management and utilization of this budget is essential to provide the much needed services and programs to those under the department's supervision and includes services such as: substance abuse treatment, drug and alcohol testing, subsidized domestic violence programming, staff training and equipment.

The DOPS has continues to work toward the digitalization of probation caseloads in effort to streamline workflow, increase data collection capabilities and streamline processes within the department. This project will continue to be advanced in 2016.

SERVICE BAILIFFS

Service Bailiffs assist litigants, attorneys, and the Court by delivering court documents to parties and enforcing both pre-judgment and post-judgment remedies. Responsibilities include service of complaints, summonses, criminal and civil subpoenas, garnishments, juror letters, and probation revocation hearing notices. Writs of replevin are enforced through seizure of property to be returned to the rightful owners, and writs of execution through levy and sale of personal property for the purpose of satisfying judgments. Additionally, Service Bailiffs supervise the set-out of tenants' property during evictions.

The Service Bailiffs' Department processed or served in excess of 42,345 legal documents in 2015 and supervised over 1,356 set-outs. The Department currently employs 17 full-time individuals: a Chief Service Bailiff, 2 Deputy Chief Service Bailiffs, 12 Service Bailiffs, and a Secretary/Receptionist.

SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEPARTMENT

The **Small Claims Division (Division)** helps individuals and businesses file claims for money damages up to \$3,000. Small Claims Court is less formal than the General Division of the Court and individuals do not need an attorney. The Small Claims Court and its processes are governed by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1925.

The Division provides information, forms, and instructions for small claims cases. The Division maintains a user-friendly website that contains all of the information required to initiate and complete a small claims case (smallclaims.fmcclerk.com). In 2015, the Division added videos to better explain small claims processes. **More than 28,000 users accessed the Division's website and videos.**

The Division has six full-time employees that support the Court and its magistrates. Division staff initiate, assign, and schedule small claims cases for trial. Staff also set new hearing dates based on continuance requests and the need to re-issue service. In addition to managing and processing cases for the small claims docket, Division staff answer questions about small claims court and other municipal court services. **Division staff managed 5,953 small claims cases in 2015.**

The Court's **Dispute Resolution Department (Department)** coordinates and facilitates mediations for the General and Small Claims Divisions. The Department maintains six mediation programs. **In 2015, the Department facilitated a total of 1,818 mediations.**

769 General Division Docket

274 Rent Escrow

93 Eviction (1st Cause of Action)

97 Small Claims Day-Of-Trial

585 Pre-Filing Mediation/Check and Account Resolution

The Department uses a combination of volunteer, contract, and staff mediators. Mediators come from the community at large, Nationwide Insurance Company, Capital University Law School and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Each mediator receives extensive mediation training prior to serving as a court mediator. **Volunteer mediators contributed more than 10,000 hours to the Court's dispute resolution services.**

The Small Claims Division and Dispute Resolution Department continue to work with the legal community to enhance access to court information and services. The Division collaborated with the Legal Aid Society of Columbus to develop informative videos for individuals interested in rent escrow processes. The Division also is working closely with the Court's Assisted Self-Help Center and the Moritz College of Law to expand information available to self-represented parties.

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS

The mission of the Specialized Docket Department is to enhance public safety, rebuild lives, and reduce recidivism through restorative justice. The vision of the Specialized Docket Department is to maintain accountability for criminal actions while linking participants to behavioral health treatment providers, encouraging independent recovery, providing trauma competent services, and directing participants to engage with appropriate service providers. Our goal is to become a model for the state and to advance the mission of restorative justice.

In 2015, specialized dockets served six hundred forty six participants and became a formal department in the courthouse. The department has expanded both the number of citizens served and the number of employees and judges needed to serve the participants.

As a result of Court Order No. 05-2014, which increased the Specialized Dockets Fee from \$1.00 to \$3.00, effective September 1, 2014, the court revenue increased the specialized docket fund by \$200,000. This enabled the department to grow to ten full-time employees. In 2015, four new employees were hired and one new position was created. Each staff member has a separate office to ensure confidentiality. The 12th floor now houses all ten employees and three of the four specialized docket judges.

Paige Allen, LISW, LICDC-CS, was hired as the Specialized Docket Manager in March 2015. With the establishment of a department manager, staff supervision has become more structured and consistent. Each staff member collaborates with the supervisor to establish an annual supervision contract with goals for the year. Staff receive monthly, documented, individual supervision and attend a monthly department staff meeting on the first Friday of each month.

Federal confidentiality and documentation ethics are now standard in the department. The diagnostic assessment tool has been expanded to include additional information to screen for human trafficking and military service. The Release of Information form now meets clinical standards. Defendants provide written agreement to be assessed. All confidential documents are scanned into a protected computer file and the originals destroyed.

The qualifications of the staff have increased to reflect the growing evidence-based practice approach to restorative justice. Eight of the ten staff members are licensed in behavioral health, and five staff members hold an advanced degree in behavioral health or criminal justice.

With the increase in staff education and licensure, the department has established a student internship program. Licensed staff provided field instruction and internship supervision for five students in 2015. This contributes to generating highly skilled future professionals. Terry Sims, a master of social work student, developed a participant satisfaction survey pilot project that is now being reviewed by the Supreme Court of Ohio as a potential model for the state.

The specialized docket bench increased from two judges to four judges. Three of the five dockets were either certified or recertified by the Supreme Court of Ohio. All four of the judges are deeply committed to the populations they serve.

Judges and staff have provided approximately thirty local, state and national trainings on the topics of trauma, human trafficking, opiate use, and restorative justice. In addition to providing community education, media coverage of the specialized dockets has ranged from local 10TV, to the national program, 60 Minutes.

Judge Paul Herbert received a national award from the U.S. Department of Justice in recognition of his efforts in combating the human trafficking cycle. He is the only judge in the nation to have received the Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services.

Programs

Opiate Extension Program (OEP)

The mission of OEP is to address the needs of the target population to establish effective treatment as an alternative to incarceration, to improve the quality of life, and to increase the safety of the community by providing Court oversight and linking defendants to appropriate treatment and service providers.

OEP evolved out of ADAP long-term with the increase in opiate addiction. 66% of referrals are felony offenders from the County Prosecutor's office. OEP utilizes Vivitrol, Suboxone, and Methadone via the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) project to medically assist those dependent on opiates.

2015 Accomplishments

- OEP served 66 participants in 2015.
- Of the 170 referrals to OEP, 68% came from the prosecutor's office and represent felony referrals.
- Shanequah Gaiter, LCDC III, transitioned from CATCH Coordinator to OEP Coordinator.
- Jessica Rathkopf, MSW, LSW, was hired to the newly created position of OEP Community Support Coordinator. Jessica holds a Master of Social Work degree and a Social Work license which gives her a mental health and addictive illness scope of practice.
- The Medication-Assisted Treatment Drug Court Program (ATP) has moved from a pilot project to a two-year cycle with funding provided by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. This grant funds medically assisted treatment for opiate users who have no other means to pay for medication. The web-based data collection system, TRI-CEP, is being utilized to collect information for the ongoing research portion of the grant.

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program (ADAP)

ADAP addresses the needs of defendants, whose primary dependency on alcohol or drugs, other than opiates, results in criminal charges, including low-level felonies. The mission of ADAP is to address the needs of the high risk/high need target population to establish effective treatment as an alternative to incarceration, to improve the quality of life by addressing underlying addictive illness and requiring compliance with treatment and monitoring.

2015 Accomplishments

- ADAP served fifty four participants in 2015.
- Ashley Schmidt obtained her Chemical Dependency license and was given a raise to add the responsibility of ADAP Community Support Coordinator to her job description.
- Dan Spatholt voluntarily initiated the Student Internship Program and served as the 2015 Student Coordinator.

Mental Health Program

The Mental Health Program is a court program. If a case is accepted into the Mental Health Program, the defendant will have to enter a guilty plea to their charge(s), be sentenced, and follow all the rules of the Mental Health Program as a term of their community control. In some circumstances, successful completion of the program may result in the charges being dismissed.

The Mental Health Program has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with many successful community service agencies including Southeast Mental Health, North Central Mental Health, North Community, Access Ohio, and Concord Counseling.

2015 Accomplishments

- The Mental Health Program served seventy participants in 2015.
- Judge David Tyack has the judicial responsibility of the Mental Health Program.
- The program was re-certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Military and Veteran Services (MAVS)

The mission of MAVS is to promote effective treatment as an alternative to incarceration, to improve the quality of life, and to increase the safety of the community by providing court oversight and linking participants with appropriate treatment and service providers. Qualified defendants have been charged with misdemeanor offenses and exhibit symptoms of mental health and substance abuse disorders following active duty in any branch of the United States Armed Services. MAVS emphasize motivation, desire to change, and desire to engage in treatment with VA or Vet Center. Participants are assigned a mentor to use as a resource.

A strong team that understands the issues that a veteran may be struggling with, such as substance addiction, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Military Sexual Trauma supports the MAVS participants. MAVS is familiar with the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefit Administration, State Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Service Organizations, and volunteer Veteran Mentors.

2015 Accomplishments

- MAVS served forty one participants in 2015.
- Judge Ted Barrow has judicial responsibility for the MAVS program.
- Kristen Kelly, Coordinator, obtained her LPCC license which provides an independent mental health scope of practice.
- The program was certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio.
- The Military Mentorship program was established, and there are currently three mentors.
- Mikel Ryuho Monnett is the volunteer mentor coordinator. He and the MAVS team attended the V2V military culture and mentorship training.
- Mike Brown shifted his Community Support Coordinator responsibilities from ADAP to MAVS. As a veteran, he is a perfect fit for the military service court.
- Laura Parsons became the full-time probation officer for MAVS.

CATCH (Changing Actions to Change Habits)

CATCH will address the needs of defendants who have been charged in the Franklin County Municipal Court with prostitution, solicitation, loitering to solicit, or other offenses if the defendant has a history of being a victim of human trafficking. The mission of the CATCH program is to establish an integrated approach to meet the treatment, health, and behavioral medication needs of those defendants. CATCH emphasizes community. Participants often refer to each other as “sisters” and the “CATCH family”.

Freedom a la Cart is a local anti-trafficking non-profit. It provides auxiliary services to CATCH Participants. These services include volunteer mentors that provide emergency items like toiletries and clothing, a weekly lunch before Court, social outing the last Thursday of the month, and seasonal celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and an annual graduate retreat.

2015 Progress

- CATCH served thirty six participants in 2015.
- Hannah Estabrook, LPCC-S, was hired as the Coordinator. She is a trauma specialized with professional expertise in human sex trafficking.
- Keturah Schroder was hired as the Community Support Coordinator. Before becoming part of the CATCH team, Keturah was the executive director of Freedom a la Cart, the anti-trafficking non-profit that supports the CATCH participants through mentorship and supported job training and employment.
- Gwen England was hired as the full-time probation officer for CATCH participants. This represents an increase from twenty hours a week to a full-time probation position.

CATCH 101 was established to serve the broader courthouse and to provide education on human sex trafficking, community resources, and specialized dockets to defendants who may have been exposed to sex trafficking.

Hannah has been certified to provide continuing education credits for trauma trainings. She has provided several free community trainings.

CHAT House, an ADAMH funded sober house, dedicated to CATCH participants, increased census to twelve women and increased retention rates of residents.

CATCH 101

Established in 2015, CATCH 101 is a 3-day introduction to Human Trafficking. It is held the second Tuesday of each month, from 1:00pm-3:30 pm, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Courtroom 12C. The program includes education, community resources, and an observation of CATCH's status review hearing.

The education component focuses on human trafficking, addictive illness, trauma bonding, and recovery opportunities. Representatives from community partners such as Salvation Army, Amethyst, and law enforcement will present on current community resources available to defendants including case management and hotline numbers.

Judges and attorneys refer defendants who are not interested in the 2-yr CATCH commitment to CATCH 101. CATCH staff track attendance and report back to the referral source.

ADAP 101/201

ADAP 101/201 served Three hundred and seventeen participants in 2015. ADAP-101/201 is an educational program that provides expedited Court arraignments and prosecution, as well as a reduction in jail time. Participants who have 4th and 5th degree felony drug possession charges are identified by the County Prosecutor's Office and referred to the program. The felony charges are reduced to a first degree misdemeanor in exchange for the defendant's guilty plea. The majority of referrals are from the County Prosecutor; admission is also open to defendants charged with misdemeanors. ADAP-101 or ADAP-201 is ordered at the time of sentencing.

Forensic Services

Chris Boyd, with help from Ashley Schmidt, manages the logistics for all competency screenings, assessments, probate commitments, and restorations for the entire municipal court. Chris estimates that 75% of his 40 hour work week is spent addressing some aspect of competency.

The Court ordered forensic evaluations on 200 defendants in 2015.

The Court referred 15 defendants to Twin Valley Behavioral Health for inpatient restoration in 2015.

The Court referred 5 defendants to CSN for out-patient restoration in 2015.

The Court referred 38 defendants to Probate Court for involuntary commitment in 2015.

2015 Statistics

In 2015, the five certified specialized dockets and two educational programs served a total of 646 participants. The specialized docket participants who were discharged between July 1, 2016, and December 31, 2015, had recidivism rates of 0-25% depending on the program.

Program (Five Specialized Dockets & Two Education Programs)	2015 Total Participants Served	*No New Charges
Mental Health	70	75%
CATCH- Human Trafficking	36	77%
Military and Veterans	41	100%
ADAP-Alcohol and Drugs	54	84%
Opiate Extended	66	90%
ADAP 101/201 - EDUCATION	317	N/A (Educational)
CATCH 101 - EDUCATION	62 (NEW in 2015)	N/A (Educational)
Total	646	-----

*Percentage of participants, who were discharged (successful, neutral or unsuccessful) between 7/1/15-12/31/15, who did NOT recidivate (received no new charges) during the entire time they were enrolled in the specialized docket (up to two years).

2016 GOALS

- Re-Certify OEP, ADAP and Mental Health dockets judges and programs. Judge David Tyack now presides over OEP and ADAP. Judge Cindi Morehart now presides over the Mental Health Program.
- Review specialized docket programs and adhere to the judicial structure of a specialized docket as outlined by the Supreme Court of Ohio.
- Implement feasible evidence-based practices from the NADCP Best Practices II document.
- Pilot promising practices as appropriate.
- Establish a data collection system, operational definitions for statistics, and generate meaningful statistical reports for staff, judges, funders, and education and research purposes.
- Continue the Student Internship Program with Chris Boyd serving as the Student Coordinator.
- Mobilize the Advisory Board to broaden community support of the specialized dockets.
- Explore funding opportunities to expand the department and the programming.
- Explore the scope to advocate for restorative justice on a state and national level using the work of the FCMC Specialized Docket Department as a model of support for other communities.
- The MAVS team will attend the Veteran's Treatment Court Domestic Violence Program sponsored by the Veteran's Administration.
- Judge Paul Herbert and Michele Worobiec will present on trauma and human trafficking at the national NADCP 2016 conference.
- Manage OEP interview with CNN.
- Develop a specialized docket website.
- Explore consultant support for department branding and strategic planning.
- Continue to build strong community relationships with Franklin County Commissioners, Columbus City Council, County Prosecutor, OhioMHAS, ADAMH, Stepping Up project, the Attorney General's Office, and Supreme Court. Continue to collaborate with community treatment and housing providers.

Special Projects Funds

Dispute Resolution & CARS Fund – 2015 - Revised Code section 1901.262

2014 Beginning balance	\$99,404,248
Revenue	+ 12,083.58
Total funds	111,487.82
Expenses	- 150.00
Ending balance	\$111,337.82

Computerized Legal Research Fund – 2015 - Revised Code section 1901.261(A)

2014 Beginning balance	\$434,118.53
Revenue	+ 389,573.50
Total funds	823,692.08
Expenses	- 350,063.57
Ending balance	\$473,628.46

Secure Facilities Fund – 2015 - Revised Code section 1901.26(B)(1)

2014 Beginning balance	\$638,832.20
Revenue	+ 1,319,129.79
Total funds	1,957,961.99
Expenses	- 1,646,877.13
Ending balance	\$311,084.86

Cost Savings and Efficiency Initiatives:

The Franklin County Municipal Court continually strives to improve its programs and operating procedures to increase efficiency and save valuable public dollars. Over the last several years, the following have been undertaken in pursuit of those objectives.

Assignment Office

- The modification of the mailing of notices to suburban prosecutors' law firms. We have a number of suburban prosecutors that either pick up their notices or have the assignment office fax them in an effort to save postage and the time elapsed between scheduling and notification of the court date. We are also asking large law firms to pick up their Court notices instead of mailing them.

Jury Commissioner

- Official letterhead and envelopes are printed on desktop printers instead of purchasing print-quality stationery.
- Several years ago we lowered the total summons mailed and the number of days jurors were required to be in attendance, thereby reducing the per diem allocation by \$39,000.00. This action had the same cost savings effect on postage, juror badges, stationery, and envelopes.
- The jury program is a "mixed" program, which means that a percentage of the jurors can report at 1:30 pm instead of 10:30 am which is the start of the morning court session. Jurors will report earlier to cover special jury requests and earlier jury trials if needed but only the amount needed to start the trial. This helps all sectors of private business as well as government to save due to the fact they do not have to cover their employee's absence for a full day.
- Juror badge covers are reused.

Magistrates Department

- The Magistrates Department continue to work with the Franklin County Public Defender, the Columbus City Prosecutor and the Clerk's office to use the arraignment courtrooms to reduce the number of traffic cases being individually assigned to the judges. Savings is related to taking the time to resolve cases in the arraignment courts instead of referring them through a not-guilty plea to the judges' assigned dockets. The costs saved include overtime for law enforcement officers called for pre-trials or trials.

Interpreter Services

- The Interpreter Services Program from Franklin County Municipal Court would like to recognize the initiative of the Supreme Court of Ohio to provide remote interpreting for languages which are less commonly used and for which it is often very difficult to find a qualified on-site interpreter. We are working to develop guidelines and are acquiring better equipment to make this a more manageable alternative for special language situations.
- Interpreter Services strives to improve its programs and operating procedures, streamlining the requesting and scheduling processes to save valuable public dollars while providing the most qualified interpreters. This department continues to promote effective communication throughout the courthouse to better assist the prompt and organized scheduling of interpreters, which is a large part of this Department's work.
- Training and supervising interpreters who are sub-contracted to work at the Court is a passion of this department. Having interpreters provide uniform, consistent and professional services is an important part of this office's mission. A mentoring program is available through this office in which new interpreters are able to shadow the full-time interpreting staff and the results have been very positive. Several interpreters who took advantage of this hands-on learning opportunity have attained their Supreme Court Certification for legal interpreting in this past year.
- The Court's lead interpreter collaborated with Community and Court Interpreters of Ohio (CCIO) and the Supreme Court of Ohio to develop and organize numerous trainings for beginning and advanced interpreters in central Ohio.
- The Interpreter Services Program works with Court staff, the Public Defender's Office and with the Prosecutor's Office to gather feedback in order to implement improvements in all areas of interpreting services, from scheduling, to assuring excellent, trustworthy interpreter performance, to the gathering of better statistics.

Court-Appointed Counsel Program

- Improved the tracking system for extraordinary fee requests that has improved accessibility to information and has reduced the incidences of lost bills.
- Added the requirement that attorneys turn in affidavits of indigency for defendants that have not already fully completed an affidavit, which allows us to ensure compliance with all state and county indigency standards.
- Increased the use of electronic communications to allow for decreased time in obtaining reconciliation of monthly Ohio Public Defender reports. Usually reconciled by the coordinator and received by the County budget office within one day instead of one week.
- Increased use of electronic storage of paid bills via spreadsheets to allow searching on one database to find payments when inquiries are made from attorneys or the Court. This increases the confidence of service providers (attorney) in our system of payment
- Reviewing and re-establishing the Volunteer Program. The application and release forms have been revised and the Court started six new volunteers in 2015.
- Began scanning and digitally archiving appointed counsel conflict entries. This allows for quicker and easier searching when inquiries are made by attorneys or the Court, and also reduces printing and paper usage.

Service Bailiffs

- Bailiwicks have been redesigned and are closely monitored to minimize mileage. These service regions are now close to or include the area in which the bailiffs reside.
- Most Department logs and forms have been computerized to reduce paper usage and increase accuracy.

Small Claims Division and Dispute Resolution Department

The Small Claims Division and Dispute Resolution Department recently instituted virtual mediation to reduce the Court's telephone costs. Out-of-area parties are permitted to appear by phone for mediation. Those calls vary from twenty minutes to two hours in duration and can cost the Court \$6.00 to \$29.00. The Dispute Resolution Department's new virtual mediation system allows long-distance parties to appear via video or phone over the internet (as opposed to the Court's phone system); thereby reducing those phone costs to zero. **The virtual mediation initiative will save the Court an estimated \$3,000 in phone costs annually.**

The Small Claims Division website is a standalone site that is maintained by the Division manager. Due to its standalone nature, OIS does not devote any time or resources to the small claims website. The site enhances access to Court services by providing small claims information and forms. **The website also allows visitors to download and print forms at no cost to the Division or the Court.**

Early dispute resolution shortens case lifespans and saves judicial resources. **More than half (53%) of all General Division case referrals resulted in a resolution.**

Cost Savings Goals	2015 Results (769 Mediation Referrals)
Early Case Resolution	26 Days -- Median time until case resolved in mediation is disposed
Shorter Case Life	123 Days -- Median total case life for cases resolved in mediation
Save Court Time	49% -- Referred cases resolved before a pre-trial was scheduled
Save Court Resources	Less than 10% of referrals went to trial in 2014 (2015 not available)

The Dispute Resolution Department also mediates disputes before a lawsuit is filed. The Pre-Filing Mediation Program facilitated the resolution of 301 pre-suit disputes. **The resolution of cases that would otherwise be filed in Small Claims Court saved valuable Small Claims and Magistrate resources.**

Volunteer mediators facilitated 60% of the Department's mediations. Volunteers mediate small claims, rent-escrow, and pre-filing disputes. **Those volunteers saved the court the equivalent of three full-time mediator positions, a cost savings of more than \$150,000.**