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Letter from Clerk Lori M. Tyack

Welcome to the Ninety-first Annual Report of the Franklin County Municipal Clerk's Office. Over the past ninety-one years a Clerk's Office report has been released annually to the public. This report is more than a reporting of raw statistics. It is an effective measurement of the efficiency of the Clerk's Office.

Since I took office in January 2006, many changes have been made within the structure of the office to improve efficiency. Physical changes have been made to enhance the professional appearance of the office. New divisions have been created to better support my staff as well as to serve the public. I have also expanded the responsibilities of some of the existing divisions.

The Division of Administration now includes Human Resources, which deals with payroll, training opportunities and employee issues. A new training program entitled "Clerk's Academy" has provided the opportunity for all staff to be cross-trained. The achievement of having deputy clerks trained three-deep has enabled the office to adapt and adjust to the ever changing needs of those we serve.

The addition of a Quality Control Division has provided this office with the ability to improve the accuracy of our recordkeeping by tracking cases from start to finish. In addition, thousands of case files from previous years have been reviewed for potential errors. Corrections have been made to case files dating as far back as the year 2000.

In late 2005, this office contracted with a company to remove and digitally image over 13,000 boxes of files from the Municipal Court Building. These boxes contained over twenty-five million documents that are now available via digital image. These documents reflect cases from 1992 to 2003. This project was funded through two separate bonds taken out by the Clerk's Office totaling $2.2 million. Additional funds will be necessary for Phase II which involves imaging records from 2003 to 2006. Day forward imaging within the office is a priority for 2007.

Other technological advancements achieved in 2006 include: (1) replacement of the T-1 line (internet cable) with a Ten meg line, thereby improving the ability for case information to flow in and out of Courtview via the web; (2) in-house scanning and imaging of search warrants to create a searchable digital database; (3) creation of a searchable warrant verification log to retain information requested by law enforcement; (4) replacement of the pneumatic tube system with a faxing system called Remote Clerking to allow better communication between the Clerk's Office and law enforcement; and (5) new access for Ohio Courts to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Driver's Abstract and 2006 Letter to improve driver compliance issues.

Over the past twelve months the Clerk's Office has made incredible strides in many areas. These accomplishments are due to the everyday commitment and dedication of my staff. As Clerk, my commitment is to continue find new ways to improve our operations so we may better serve all who depend on this office for accurate recordkeeping.

Lori M. Tyack, Clerk
Franklin County Municipal Court

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT

The Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk of Court's Office serves as the legal guardian and keeper of all the official records of the Franklin County Municipal Court including all criminal and civil case filings, subpoenas, search warrants, pleadings and monies (Court costs, fines, and third party monies from garnishments). 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, 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.

This will be accomplished through a knowledgeable and diverse staff that will strive to serve all who use this office through competent customer service, communications and community outreach.

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK OF COURT STAFF 12/31/2006

Lori M. Tyack, Clerk of Court
Mike Rankin, Chief Deputy Clerk
Tom McFerin, Senior Advisor and Project Manager
Greg Schultz, Director of Operations and Customer Service
Kathryn B. Dunn, Executive Assistant/Paralegal
Abbie Armitage, Human Resource Manager
Crystal Ross, Fiscal Administrator
Matt Pendy, Assistant Fiscal Administrator
Michelle LaMarr, Payroll Manager
David Petikas, Training Director

Zoe Berry, Manager, Accounting/Finance Division
Bob Condon, Civil Division Manager
Julie Westcamp, Assistant Manager, Civil Division
Mike Cherry, Manager, Collection Division
Obie Lucas, Manager, Criminal/Traffic Division
Dan Hoye, Assistant Manager, Criminal/Traffic Division
Skip Peltier, Assistant Manager, Criminal/Traffic Division
Matt Hanna, Manager, Office of Information Services
Tamiyka Koger, Manager, Traffic Violations Bureau

Mike Ferguson, Supervisor, Accounting/Finance Division
David Barnette, Supervisor, Accounting/Finance Division
Brian Geigner, Supervisor, Civil Division
Mindy Cody, Supervisor, Civil Division
David Jones, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Sancha Young, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Amy Frank, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Mike Pizzurro, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Tod Ashton, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
John Shields, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Bill Livingston, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Mark Hanson, Supervisor, Office of Information Services
Debra Jones, Supervisor, Traffic Violations Bureau

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–wide jurisdiction 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 Judge E. James Green

Judges General Division

Honorable Ted Barrows
Honorable Julia Dorrian
Honorable Paul M. Herbert
Honorable Scott D. VanDerKarr
Honorable Mark S. Froehlich
Honorable Carrie E. Glaeden
Honorable Michael T. Brandt
Honorable Janet A. Grubb
Honorable Anne Taylor
Honorable Amy Salerno
Honorable W. Dwayne Maynard
Honorable Andrea Peeples
Honorable H. William Pollitt, Jr.

Judges Environmental Division

Honorable Harland H. Hale

Magistrates

Honorable Kathleen E. Graham
Honorable Mark A. Hummer
Honorable Antonio Paat
Honorable David S. Jump
Honorable Dennis R. Kimball
Honorable Denise Mathews

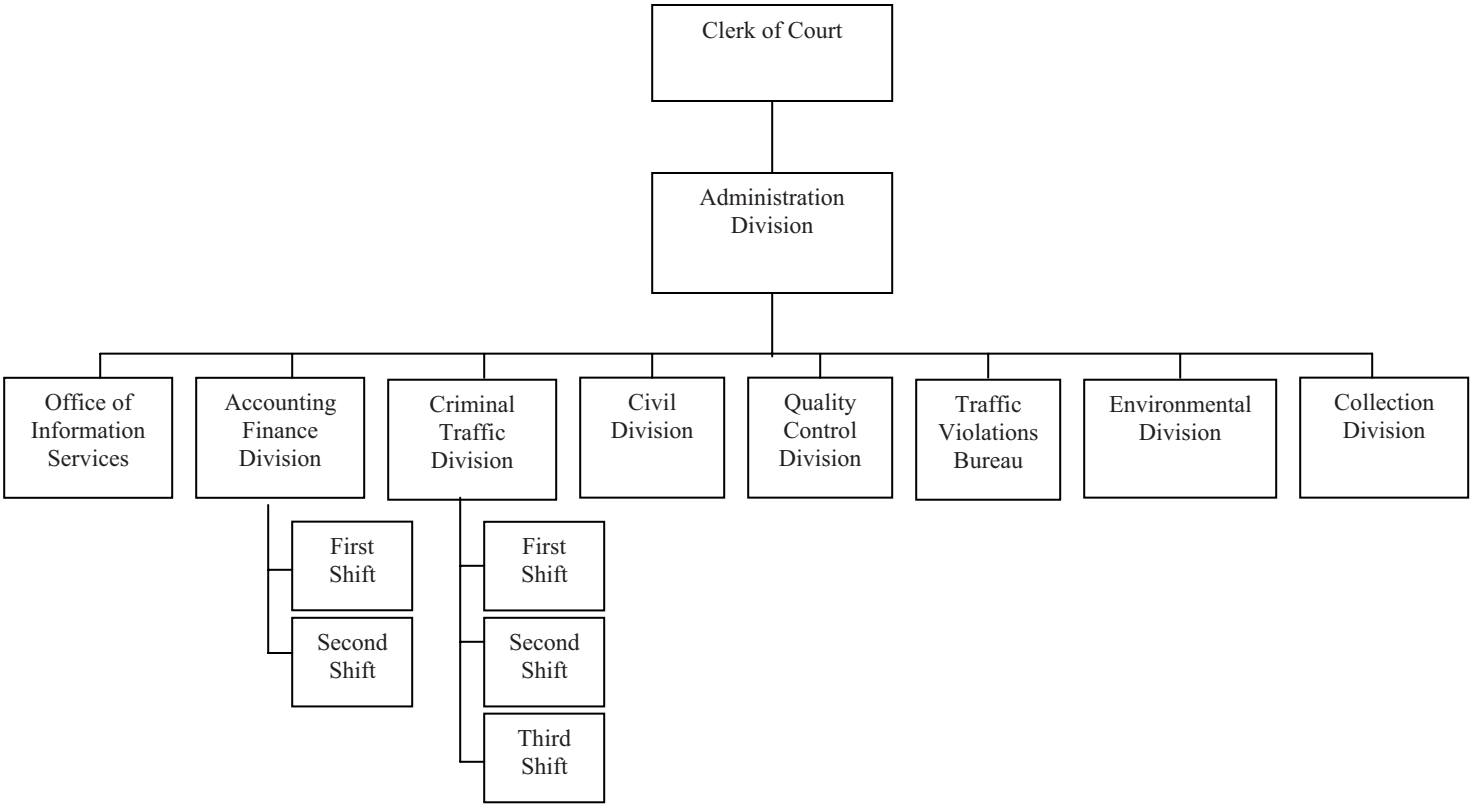
Clerk of Court

Honorable Lori M. Tyack

Court Administrator

Keith Bartlett

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



FUNDING OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

The Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office receives annual operating funds from the City of Columbus' General Fund.

In addition to the funding by the City of Columbus, the Clerk's Office retains ten dollars ($10.00) from all Court Costs to be maintained in a Special Revenue Fund for technology purposes.

Municipal Court Clerk's Office
2006 General Fund

Personnel Services	$8,631,520.00
Materials and Supplies	150,252.00
Services for Operations and Maintenance	751,254.00
Capital Outlay	0.00
Other	979.00
Total	$9,534,005.00

Municipal Court Clerk's Office
2006 Special Revenue Fund

Personnel Services	$808,788.00
Materials and Supplies	172,764.00
Services for Operations and Maintenance	464,075.00
Capital Outlay	80,559.00
Transfer Out-Operating	50,539.00
Total	$1,576,725.00

CLERK ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administrative Division of the Clerk's Office is comprised of the office of the Clerk, Chief Deputy Clerk, Director of Operations and Customer Service, Senior Staff Advisor/Special Projects, Executive Assistant/Paralegal, Fiscal Administration and Human Resources, which includes Payroll and Training. This Division oversees the day to day functions of the Clerk's Office. Directives, budgets, programs, contracts, projects, grants, and employees are guided by this Division.

In 2006, the Administrative Division accomplished and completed the following office wide training initiatives:

- A business continuity plan that allows for the uninterrupted provision of services from any cause, including the event of an emergency or disaster;
- The Clerk's Academy, an on-line, comprehensive training resource for all Deputy Clerks available in electronic format;
- An on-site training facility with ten (10) computer workstations;
- A Master Clerk Designation Program consisting of ongoing training classes facilitated and taught by members of the legal community and Court, as well as internal City and Clerk trainers;
- A formal Mentor Program that pairs up new hires with experienced Deputy Clerks for training purposes;
- Cross-training for every job responsibility in the Clerk's Office to ensure adequate coverage of all office functions.

In addition, the following Grants were applied for and approved:

- The purchase of two (2) LiveScan finger print machines to permit finger printing of summonsed criminal defendants in the Courthouse; and,
- A pilot project called E-Ticket that would enable Law Enforcement to electronically write traffic tickets and then send by electronic transmission to the Clerk's Office.

QUALITY CONTROL DIVISION

The Quality Control Division was created to improve the accuracy of record keeping by tracking cases from start to finish.

In early 2006 the Clerk's Office was informed of several cases where citizens were arrested because of errors in their case files from previous years. Clerk Tyack took the initiative to create this division to improve the accuracy and reliability of the records kept by the Clerk's Office.

Case files dating back to the year 2000 have been reviewed, and all errors which were discovered have been corrected. An estimated 15,000 criminal and traffic case files and 11,000 civil case files now reflect those corrections.

The Quality Control Division monitors all open cases daily through reports created by the Office of Information Services. This daily process will ensure the accuracy and efficiency of the Clerk's Office into the future.

In 2006, the following reports were created and checked for discrepancies:

- Criminal case report that ensures the Crime Stoppers Fund is accurate for disbursement of monies.
- A weekly undisposed case report that checks for cases that need updated on Courtview 2000.
- A weekly initiation report that ensures the same charge was not entered on two separate cases.
- Monitors all statistical information required for an accurate monthly Supreme Court Report.
- A deleted case report.
- A daily case management report as it relates to proper updating of cases in which a payment was made the previous day.
- A wide variety of reports that check for proper jurisdiction, cases with past due dates for monies and ensures that information to be sent to BMV has been updated in Courtview 2000.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Office of Information Services (OIS) Division is responsible for providing technical support to both the judicial side and Clerk side of the Municipal Court. All technological, database storage and computer services operate under this Division.

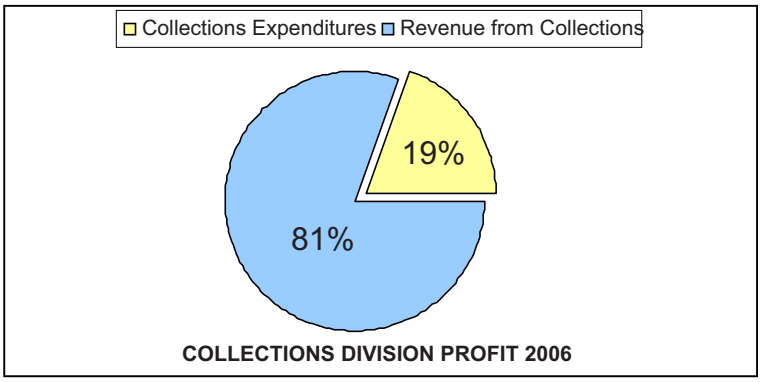
In 2006, OIS accomplished the following:

- Replaced T-1 line with a 10 Meg line to improve flow of information via the internet.
- Created a database to provide access to digital images of approximately 800,000 case files.
- Started the upgrade on the Oracle Database (going from 8i to 10g).
- Installed Microsoft Office 2003 office wide.
- Installed sidewinder (replacing an eight-year old spam/antivirus presentation utility).
- Replaced tape back up system with real time, off site backups of data on Courtview 2000.
- Took electronic payment of fines (e-pay) off-line to redesign and correct previous problems with the web based service.
- Provided The Franklin County Sheriff's Office with access to Courtview 2000.
- Began designing and testing a new electronic subpoena application pilot project with Franklin County Sheriff's Office.
- Designed crystal reports to assist all departments.

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 operates in conjunction with three (3) outside agencies.

Additionally, the Collection Division is responsible for securing surety bond agent registration, monitoring compliance of State and Local Statutes and processing monthly billing statements.



In 2006, the Collection Division:

- Collected $1.9 million dollars.
- Began generating past due notices in-house for payable tickets prior to being sent to the collection agencies.
- Research and preparation began for collecting monies due on Bond Forfeiture Judgments. (Bond money forfeited by the Court for 2006 -- $150,914.00; Bond forfeiture judgments paid for 2006 -- $18,987.70)
- Managed billings and compliance of nineteen (19) bond companies and almost one-hundred (100) surety agents.

TOTALS FOR COLLECTION DIVISION-2006

TOTAL MONIES SENT TO COLLECTION AGENCIES		TOTAL COLLECTED	COMMISSION PAID
LINEBARGER	$2,701,290.70	$944,794.30	$237,119.20
CAPITAL RECOVERY	$1,573,392.00	$783,092.63	$178,769.71
DANA & PARISER	$1,155,508.00	$234,118.60	$ 52,193.60
TOTALS:	**$5,430,190.70**	**$1,962,005.53**	**$468,082.51**

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; certificate of judgment transfers; foreclosures; declaratory judgments; housing and safety code issues.

New Civil Case Filings 2006

Personal Injury/Property Damage	1,343
Contracts, Notes and Accounts	24,626
Forcible Entry and Detainer (Evictions)	19,784
Small Claims	9,121
Parking Violations Bureau	5
BMV Petition	719
Certificate of Judgment	36
Declaratory Judgment	98
Red Light Appeal	1
Civil Environmental	236
Total	55,969

Civil Case Load (6-year comparison)

New Civil Case Filings

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Personal Injury/Property Damage	2850	2672	3069	2383	1971	1343
Contracts, Notes, & Accounts	15235	17698	20574	21528	22640	24626
Forcible Entry & Detainer (evictions)	19729	17447	17401	18694	19779	19784
Small Claims	10197	11148	11247	9567	9064	9121
Parking Violations Bureau	6	9	9	5	4	5
Other Civil*	1168	799	573	676	992	1090
Total Civil Cases	**49185**	**49773**	**52873**	**52853**	**54450**	**55969**
Civil Ancillary Proceedings**	340348	341357	370800	375094	406062	383855
Total	**389533**	**391130**	**423673**	**427947**	**460512**	**439824**

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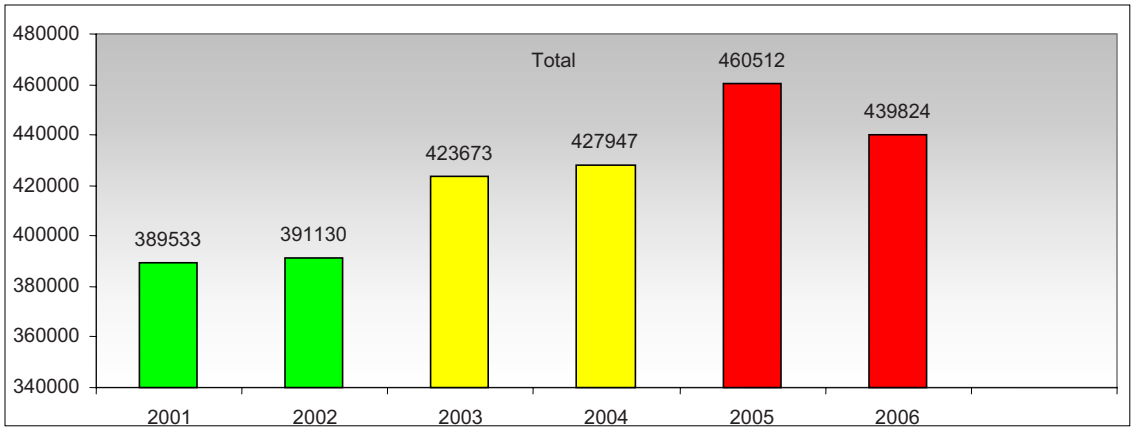
*Includes Civil Environmental Cases



Civil Case Load (6-year comparison)

Civil Case Load includes all Civil Case Filings as well as Civil Ancillary Proceedings

Civil Ancillary Proceedings 2006

Certified Mail Service Issued	65,099
Ordinary Mail Service Issued	43,586
Bailiff Service Issued	24,511
Process Server Service Issued	2,014
Sheriff Service Issued	16
Service by Publication Issued	28
Registered Mail	13
Express Mail	1
Garnishments Issued	19,656
Garnishments Released	3,576
Writs of Restitution Issued	11,977
Requests for Set Outs Processed	8,170
Writs of Replevin Issued	100
Writs of Execution Issued	407
Judgments Certified to the BMV	111
Certificates of Judgment Issued	8,276
Transfers to Common Pleas Court	74
Civil Appeals Processed	71
Notice of Final Order Issued	67,040
Notice of Failed Service Issued	20,320
Exemplified Copies	218
Revivors of Judgment	102
Judgment Debtors	2,456
Motion and Order for Show Cause	114
Motion for Contempt Orders	61
Mail Payments Processed	105,858
Total	383,855

In 2006, the Civil Division accomplished the following:

- Certification of ten (10) Deputy Clerks as notary publics to better serve customers.
- Enhanced communication with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on 12 point Appeal cases to help facilitate the processing of these cases.
- Improved the physical layout of the file room by relocating files for more efficient storage retrieval.

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. Twenty-four (24) hour support is necessary for the filing and processing of criminal complaints as well as the verification of active warrants. 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 violations to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). These include:

- Failure to show proof of insurance as required by the State of Ohio.
- Court ordered suspension of driving privileges.
- Traffic convictions along with any points that may be assessed for violations of traffic laws.
- Clearance of any outstanding suspensions or registration blocks if ordered by the court.
- Active arrest warrants.

Daily, the Criminal/Traffic Division provides numerous services to assist the public, law enforcement, court personnel, and the legal community. Some of these services include collecting payment for court fines, or for posting bond. The Division also processes applications for expungement of records, and maintains and secures records ordered expunged. Other examples of service include administering oaths, accepting criminal and traffic charges, filing motions, filing search warrants, providing information about court cases, dispositions, and future court dates, as well as assisting in the courtroom.

Public service also extends to each individual courtroom. This service currently is accomplished by the Courtroom Service Group. They consistently provide each of the fifteen judge's courtrooms and all arraignment courtrooms with timely processing and updating of all criminal, traffic, and environmental cases. Deputy Clerks assigned in each courtroom ensure quick accurate updating of sentences, dispositions and bond amounts. They also can accept motions, pleadings, and provide information to all personnel in the courtroom.

In 2006, the Criminal/Traffic Division accomplished the following:

- Implemented "Remote Clerking", a new procedure which eliminated the need for police officers to access the Division in person when transporting a prisoner to jail. The necessary paperwork is now processed through dedicated fax lines which contributes to public and officer safety and expedites the arrest process.
- Developed and implemented the "Remote Office Clerking" and "Remote Bonding Service" concept, which was used on the campus of the Ohio State University during major football home games. This service allowed law enforcement to process a defendant's paperwork on-site and return immediately to duty without leaving campus. At the officer's discretion, the defendant could pay a fine or post a bond at the time of processing.
- Established direct communication with the Columbus Police Department by having a Remote Clerking station at their headquarters. Utilized a secured room in the main jail's arrest processing area to establish a Remote Clerking station for all law enforcement.
- Re-organized the Division's front public service counters. The courtside counter now provides customers access to various computer applications. Through the physical change of the counter work stations, the Division has a more professional appearance, provides immediacy of service to the public, attorneys, law enforcement and court personnel and provides Deputy Clerks with the tools necessary to provide specialized services.
- Re-organized the file room which enhanced the file staging area system. Introduced a wireless telephone system to better serve law enforcement while verifying the validity of a warrant. Repositioned file shelves to optimize the available space for Deputy Clerks to provide professional service at the file room window and to increase the accuracy of proper warrant verification.
- Developed an electronic Warrant Verification Log which allows for easier, more legible notations in addition to timelier retrieval of previous entries.
- Implemented a system using faxed transmissions of release documents, which transmits, records, and tracks all documents sent. This procedure also ensures verification of the transmission of release documents.
- Established a procedure to scan Search Warrants into a database. This allows for quick and easy retrieval by all external stakeholders.
- Helped with the contents of the "Clerk's Academy," a comprehensive on demand training tool that provides instruction and guidance to any Deputy Clerk seeking to learn almost any assigned task. The Academy also is designed to shorten the learning curve of newer Deputy Clerks while offering cross training opportunities office wide for all Deputy Clerks.

Total Criminal and Traffic Cases 2006

Type A - Felony Cases	8,214
Type B - Criminal Misdemeanor	24,798
Type C - Traffic OMVI Cases	5,797
Type D - All Other Traffic Cases	117,363
Total	156,172

Expungement and Sealing of Cases in 2006

- Number of applications received for expungement proceedings: 2,361
- Number or cases that were ordered expunged by the Court: 1,870
- Number of applications denied for expungement: 470
- Number of expungement applications withdrawn: 23
- Number of cases expunged by order of the Common Pleas Court: 281
- Total number of cases ordered expunged: 2,151

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

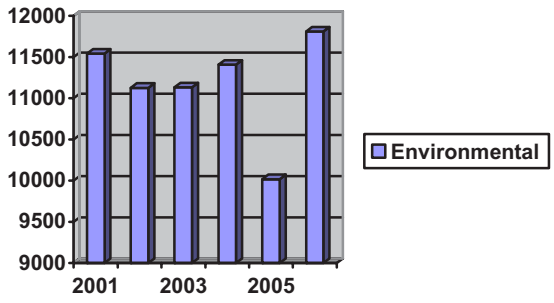
The Environmental Division of the court began operations in 1992. This Division has exclusive jurisdiction over criminal and civil actions to enforce building, housing, health, or safety codes applicable to premises intended for use as a place of human habitation.

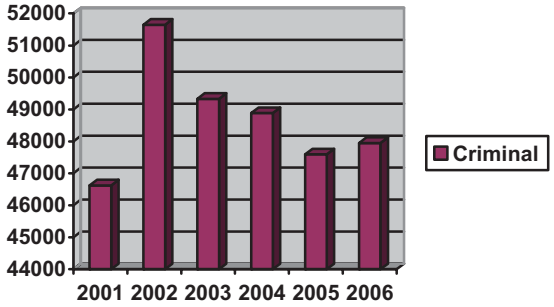
Total Environmental Cases 2006

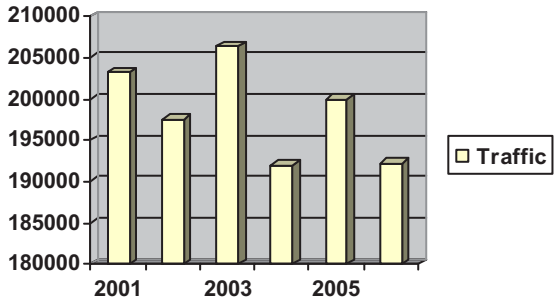
Type A - Environmental Felony Cases	12
Type B - Environmental Criminal Misdemeanor	4,437
Type C - Environmental Traffic OMVI Cases	18
Type D - Environmental All Other Traffic Cases	1,916
Total Cases	6,383

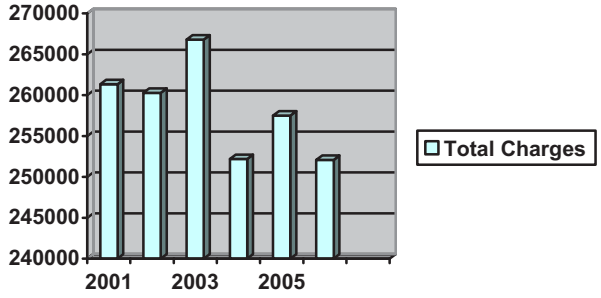
Charges Filed (Past 6 Years)

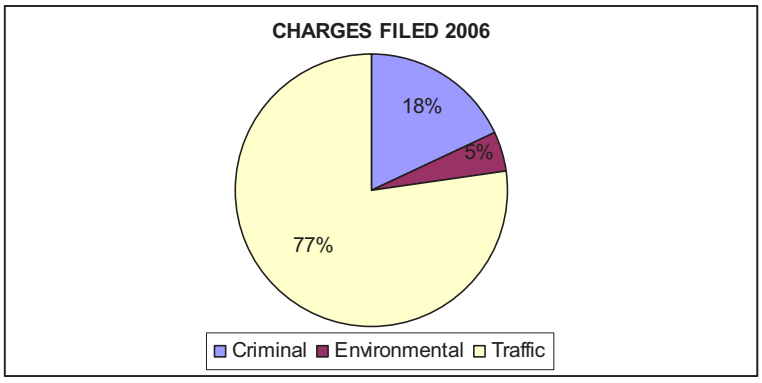
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Environmental	11541	11125	11131	11407	10018	11810
Criminal	46623	51649	49331	48885	47594	47949
Traffic	203210	197509	206343	191886	199890	192307
Total Charges	**261347**	**260283**	**266805**	**252178**	**257502**	**252066**











Detail of Charges Filed 2006

	City of Columbus Ordinances	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Homicide And Assault			
Aggravated Murder		11	
Murder		56	
Involuntary Manslaughter		3	
Reckless Homicide		1	
Aggravated Homicide		1	
Vehicular Homicide	1	1	
Vehicular Manslaughter	2	8	
Felonious Assault		408	
Aggravated Assault		12	
Felony Assault		34	
Assaulting a Peace/Police Officer		89	
Assault	484	3,913	44
Menacing	140	164	11
Aggravated Menacing	82	120	17
Menacing by Stalking		35	
Felony Menacing by Stalking		5	
Felony Aggravated Menacing		1	
Negligent Assault		1	
Kidnapping And Enticement			
Kidnapping		38	
Abduction		37	
Unlawful Restraint	12	24	1
Child Enticement		4	

	City of Columbus Ordinances	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Alcohol Offenses			
Prohibited Alcohol under 21 years	430	862	22
Open Container	202	378	10
Open Container Public Place	530	252	
Open Container in Motor Vehicle	487	82	3
Minor Purchasing Alcohol		15	
Sale to Minor	29	135	2
Keeper of a Place/Liquor	8		
Other Liquor Violations		7	
Sex Offenses			
Rape		81	
Rape with 13 years old & under		78	
Unlawful Sexual Conduct with Minor		52	
Gross Sexual Imposition		116	
Sexual Imposition		21	
Sexual Battery		17	
Importuning		2	
Felony Importuning		20	
Voyeurism	7	11	
Public Indecency	237	81	2
Solicitation	1,402	73	
Procuring/Promotion		8	
Prostitution	24	28	
Loitering for Prostitution	7	480	1
Pandering Obscenity		24	
Failing to Register as Sex Offender		20	
Failing to Change Address as Sex Offender		167	
Weapons			
Carry Concealed Weapon	47	812	6
Firearms in Motor Vehicle	4	111	
Discharge Weapons	53	36	5
Using Weapons with Intoxication	1	20	1

	City of Columbus Ordinances	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Improper Handling of Firearm		22	
Possession Assault Weapon	15		
Possession Criminal Tool		237	3
Felony Possession Criminal Tools		230	
Possession Dangerous Ordinances		7	
Furnishing Firearm to Minor		2	
Misdemeanor Attempt	4	59	2
Felony Attempt		78	
Misdemeanor Complicity	10	54	5
Felony Complicity		119	
<u>Robbery, Burglary and Trespassing</u>			
Aggravated Robbery		353	
Robbery		228	
Aggravated Burglary		101	
Burglary		360	
Breaking and Entering		280	
Safecracking & Tampering w/ Coin Machine		15	
Criminal Trespassing	494	734	30
Aggravated Criminal Trespassing	2	25	
<u>Arson</u>			
Felony Aggravated Arson		9	
Aggravated Arson		19	
Arson		3	
Vandalism		38	
Criminal Damage & Endanger	227	307	17
Criminal Mischief	55	29	7
<u>Drug Abuse</u>			
Trafficking in Drugs		373	
Felony Drug Abuse		2,101	
Misdemeanor Drug Abuse		2,810	65
Drug Paraphernalia		2,893	66
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs		64	
Illegal Procurement of Drug Documents		66	
Possession Drug Instrument		68	
Manufacture of Drugs		26	
	City of Columbus Ordinances	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances

Counterfeit Substances/Fake Drugs		38	
Loitering Drug Offense	11		
Permit Drug Abuse		21	
Felony Permit Drug Abuse		3	

Theft And Fraud

Grand Theft		30	
Felony Theft		76	
Theft		2,217	
Petty Theft	913		65
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	7	100	6
Unauthorized Use of Property		9	
Forgery and Uttering		510	
Passing Bad Checks	126	502	13
Felony Passing Bad Checks		80	
Receiving Stolen Property	55	1,259	8
Felony Misuse of Credit Cards		15	
Misdemeanor Misuse of Credit Cards		17	
Defraud/Counterfeit Tampering w/ Records		39	6
Perjury		1	
Bigamy		2	
Criminal Simulation		23	
Telecom Fraud		3	

Offenses Against Peace Officers

Disorderly Conduct	1,220	676	31
Resisting Arrest	516	298	13
Falsification	346	620	17
Failing to Comply	14	96	1
Misconduct at Emergency	25	8	1
Misconduct Public Transportation	25	3	
Inducing Panic/Riot	18	42	2
Felony Inducing Panic		1	
Making False Alarms 911	78	20	3
Obstructing Official Business-Justice	397	340	41
Felony Obstructing Official Business		24	
Impersonating an Officer		4	
Assault on Police Animal		4	

	City of Columbus	Ohio Revised	Other Municipal

	Ordinances	Code	Ordinances
Failure to Disperse	8	1	
Identity Falsification	69		
<u>Offenses Against Public Administration</u>			
Witness Intimidation		32	
Tampering With Evidence		116	
Public Urination	171		
Disrupting Public Services		6	
Conveying Contraband to Jail		47	
Telephone Harassment		371	30
<u>Offenses Against Family</u>			
Endangering Children	1	373	14
Endangering Child Under OVI		28	
Felony Endangering Children		13	
Interfering with Custody		55	
Domestic Violence		4,051	
Felony Domestic Violence		8	
Violation Temporary Protection Order		752	
Felony Temporary Protection Order		1	
Contributing Delinquency of Minor	5	20	4
<u>Gambling</u>			
Public Gambling		57	
Operating Gambling House		1	
Cheating		1	
Illegal Bingo Game		1	
<u>Miscellaneous Violations</u>			
Fugitive From Justice		133	
Escape	7	89	
Holders-Foreign Jurisdiction		376	
Civil Capias	71		
Contempt of Court		37	
Aggressive Panhandling		19	
Disturbing the Quiet	77		
Illegal Tobacco Distribution		61	
Motor Vehicle Title Violations		37	
Failing to Comply Workers Compensation		11	
	City of	Ohio	Other

	Columbus Ordinances	Revised Code	Municipal Ordinances
Ethnic Intimidation		1	
Peace Warrant		1	
Failure to Pay Withholding Tax		8	
Environmental			
Dog Violations			
Dog Registration	1	2,921	2
Dog Confinement	82	1,167	10
Vicious Dog Insurance		157	1
Rabies		1,350	3
Prohibition Concerning Animals/Cruelty	9	149	
Prohibition Capture of Unregistered Dogs		11	
Animal Fighting		4	
Code and Permit Violations			
Health Code		173	13
Building Code /Permits		39	
Housing Code/Permits		398	1
Zoning Code/Permits	514		1
Fire Code	16	4	
Wildlife			
Wildlife Violations		48	
Littering/Dumping	305	152	7
Hunting without a License		11	
Fishing without a License		84	
Park Districts		17	
Water Craft Violations		22	
Commercial Trucking Offenses	448	1,078	
Loud Sound	536		
Miscellaneous Violations			
Permitting Smoking	172		
Fireworks	8		
Peddlers License	28		
Graffitism	21		
Failure to have Massage Parlor License	7		
Open Burning	4		

	City of	Ohio	Other

	Columbus Ordinances	Revised Code	Municipal Ordinances
Traffic			
OVI	2,372	2,958	340
OVI Per-Se	750	1,381	
OVI (18-20 Years Old) Per-Se	40	34	
Reckless Operation	1,071	621	18
No Operators License	12,818	6,296	268
Drive Under Revocation	14,670	6,217	596
Hit Skip	1,022	178	38
Fleeing/Fail to Comply	371		

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU AND CORRESPONDENCE

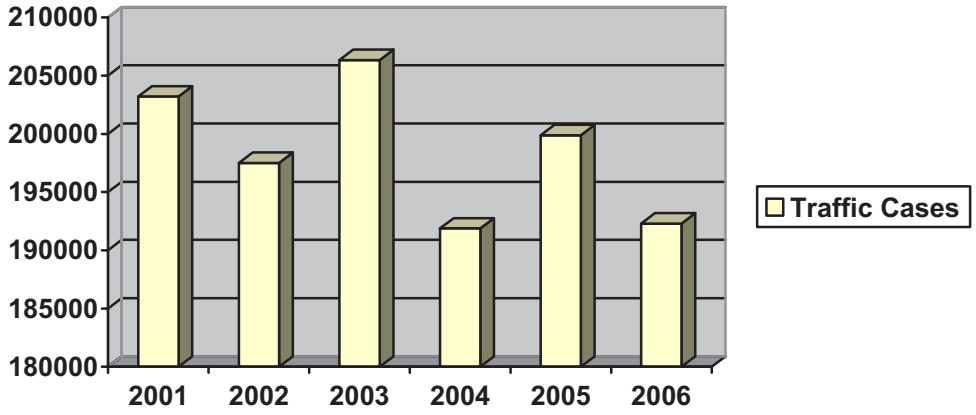
The Traffic Violations Bureau processes Court records for payable traffic citations. The Bureau manages all traffic citations issued by the following jurisdictions within Franklin County: Columbus Division of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Franklin County Sheriff, Ohio State University Police, Port Columbus Police and eight (8) Townships, and other Municipal law enforcement agencies.

The Traffic Violations Bureau assumed the additional responsibilities for correspondence and communications, which includes the following:

- Opening, logging and processing mail for all Divisions;
- Processing payments to ensure accuracy prior to being receipted;
- Mailing back incorrect traffic and criminal payments;
- Accepting and processing all traffic and criminal fax payments;
- Processing cases transferred from Mayor's Courts;
- Fulfilling public record requests pertaining to case dispositions.

In 2006, the Traffic Violations Bureau accomplished the following:

- Initiated all mandatory court citations for Criminal, Traffic and Environmental cases;
- Assumed the responsibility of sending notices to defendants for Court appearances;
- Processed and entered Identification Tracking Numbers (ITN) into Courtview on a daily basis;
- Increased efficiency and convenience by restructuring and reorganizing the division;
- Placed an emphasis on cross-training of staff to ensure daily responsibilities are met.



City of Columbus Traffic Charges Filed 2006

Pedestrian On Freeway/Roadway	89
Disobey Traffic Control	2,857
Red Light Pedestrian	11
Traffic Control Signal	1,243
Turn On Red	328
Traffic Device-Pedestrian	11
Fail to Yield Right on Red	28
Lane Control Signal	4
Pedestrian Control Signal	70
Flashing Traffic Light	108
Driving On Right Side	118
Passing To Right	118
Passing To Left	17
Passing Left Of Center	143
Prohibited/Left Of Center	52
No Passing Zones	109
Slow Speed/Expressway	53
Squealing Tires	310
Valid Ops/Exp Ops	33
Fail to Display	123
Tag/Registration	77
Use Tag to Another Vehicle	1,133
Use Fictitious Plate	372
Operate Unsafe Vehicle	117
Fail to Yield: Intersection	99
Fail to Yield: Left Turn	1,716
Fail to Yield: Stop Sign	3,607
Fail to Yield: Yield Sign	49
Fail to Yield: Pub. Safety Vehicle	92
Open Door on Wrong Side	10
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Noise	23
Mirror – Clear View	94
Inadequate Brakes	18
Change Course without Safety	20
Fleeing	172
Temporary Permit Violation	559
No Motorcycle Endorsement	62
Tag From Previous Owner	48
Fail to Use Crosswalk	1,317
Soliciting A Ride	794
Drive Closed Street	51
Follow/Park near an Emergency	10
One Way Street	780
Failure to Stop – School Bus	57
Wrong Side – Divided Road	5
Unnecessary Horn	14
Failure to Control	3,080
Drive Over Sidewalk, Curb	128
Drive Across Grade Crossing	6
Intersections/Railroad Cross	36
Bumper Requirements	13
Headset Violation	15
Speeding	26,744
ACDA	6,535
Fail to Yield: Private Drive	881
Stop At Sidewalk	96
View/Control Obstructed	18
Fender & Backup Lights	20
Two Lights Display	563
Distribution of Headlights	158
Headlight Use/Violation	164
Red/Blue Lights	115
Tail Light Violation	1,378
Red Reflector Violation	32
Red Light/Flag Violation	9
Parking Light Violation	3
Allow Rider Outside	20
Motorcycle Helmet/Glasses	30
Bicycle Violations	113
Obstruct Windshield Violation	6
Mufflers	548
Approaching Pub. Safety w/Lts. Disp.	112
Interfere/Resist Arrest	21
No Oper Lic less than 6 months	610
Fictitious ID	54
Operate with Foreign Tag	15

State of Ohio Traffic Charges Filed 2006

Noncommercial MV Use	49	Tail Light Violation	1,348
Apply Registration	2,239	Title – Reg Transfer	77
Tem Plate - Register	3	Fail to Register	18
Tag Violations	2,368	Dealer Violations	16
Valid Ops/Exp Ops	105	Temporary Permit Violations	111
Fictitious ID	5	Failure to Display	476
F.R.R.	38	Driving Outside Restriction	33
Ped on Roadway	4	Traffic Control Device	1,483
Signal Terms/Lights	302	Ped Traffic Device	8
Turn on Red	127	Failure to Control	1,117
Speed	21,959	ACDA	1,348
Driving Action Approach Emr Veh	117	Speed – Construction Zone	934
Slow Speed	101	Improper Passing	36
Passing on the Right	156	Hazard/No Pass Zoe	88
Marked/Driving Lanes	1,813	Following too Closely	339
Turning at Intersections	127	U-turns	108
Backing w/o Safety	157	Failure to Signal	939
Rt. Of Way – Intersections	454	Stop Sign	532
Yield Sign	22	Rt of Way - Pedestrian	3
FTY from Private Drive	172	FTY to Pub Safety Vehicle	25
Fail to Yield/Funeral Procession	5	Fail to Yield/Ped in Crosswalk	7
Ped Outside Crosswalk to Yield	90	Ped Under Influence	24
Pedestrian	10	Ped Use of Walk Required	16
Ped – Soliciting Ride	40	Rider Outside Prohibited	6
Bicycle Violations	55	Parking Violations	490
Child Restraint	396	Headlight Violation	448
Tail/License Plate Light Violation	569	Driving Unsafe Vehicle	95
Use of Headphones	8	Bumper Requirements	7
Fail to Stop – Bus	29	Closed Road	50
Drive on Curb/Walk	19	Stop Lights Required	88
Fender/Headlight/Back-up/Two Lights	325	Other Light Violations	29
Brake Requirements	3	Muffler/smoke	160
Mirror Clear View	43	Windshield	71
Window Tinted	606	Seatbelt Violations	11,514
False Info to Officer	79	Safety Glass	8
Failure to Stop	67	Fictitious/Counterfeit Plates	348
Tag to Another Vehicle	84	Tag from Previous Owner	32
Driving on Right Side of Roadway	95	Driving Left of Center	91
One Way Highway Rotary	34	Wrong Side – Divided Road	100
Drive Thru Safety Zone	23		

Mayor's Court Transfers

Bexley	3
Brice	9
Canal Winchester	13
Delaware	4
Dublin	142
Gahanna	73
Grandview	51
Grove City	166
Groveport	29
Hilliard	105
Marble Cliff	28
Minerva Park	52
New Albany	62
Obetz	30
Reynoldsburg	210
Upper Arlington	47
Valleyview	38
Westerville	186
Whitehall	178
Worthington	71
TOTAL:	1,497

ACCOUNTING/FINANCE DIVISION

The Accounting/Finance Division is responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all monies associated with the Franklin County Municipal Court. This Division oversees the accounting of fines, Court costs, fees, garnishment and judgment amounts and bail.

The distribution of collected funds involves not only the payment to the appropriate parties, but also releases to individuals in satisfaction in judgments, attachments, garnishments and executions. Additionally, the Accounting/Finance Division administers the following sub departments:

- Time Payment Program, wherein a defendant may be permitted to pay fines and court costs in monthly installments instead of the entire amount at one time, if authorized by the sentencing judge;

- Trusteeship, which gives aid to individuals heavily in debt by collecting a percentage of debtor's wages, then disbursing these funds to the consenting creditors;

Cases Filed: 39

- Rent Escrow, where a tenant with complaints regarding housing conditions may deposit rent due into an escrow account until the matter is resolved;

Cases Filed: 236

The Accounting/Finance Department is also responsible for preparing a general accounting of all the money 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.

Epay total for January 2006 thru April 2006 was $1,275,985.80.

In April of 2006 Epay was taking down to evaluate enhancements for the best Customer Service. The Epay service is projected to re-launch in late 2007.

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet
For the Period Year Ending December 31, 2006

Assets		
Cash Civil Fund	1,179,223.14	
Cash Trusteeship Fund	4,498.69	
Cash Rent Escrow Fund	81,596.65	
Cash Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	1,058,911.50	
Total Assets		$ 2,324,229.98
Liabilities		
Due to Payee Civil Fund	1,179,223.14	
Due to Payee Trusteeship Fund	4,498.69	
Due to Payee Rest Escrow Fund	81,596.65	
Due to Payee Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	1,058,911.50	
Total Liabilities		$ 2,324,229.98

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Receipts		
Receipts Civil Fund	22,149,610.42	
Receipts Trusteeship Fund	95,647.17	
Receipts Rent Escrow Fund	238,070.29	
Receipts Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	22,470,996.49	
Total Receipts		$ 44,954,324.37
Disbursements		
Disbursements Civil Fund	22,136,328.13	
Disbursements Trusteeship Fund	94,528.05	
Disbursements Rent Escrow Fund	217,025.90	
Disbursements Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	22,346,272.46	
Total Disbursements		$ 44,794,154.54

Statement of Civil Fund Receipts For the Year Ending December 31, 2006				
Court Costs	$	5,533,472.12		
Civil Contempt Fine		250.00		
Return Check Costs		500.00		
Civil Environmental Penalty		5,943.00		
Administrative Fee - 1% State Legal Aid Fees		12,640.15		
Civil Security Facilities		372,373.00		
Civil Collection Fee		-		
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees		532,044.00		
Municipal Court Computerization Fees		159,615.00		
State Legal Aid Fees		1,251,414.85		
Publication Fees		455,759.00		
Civil Bond Deposits		17,913.76		
Civil Refund Cost Deposit		4,167.06		
Civil Judgment Deposits		13,701,316.84		
Civil Jury Deposits		56,580.00		
Civil Refund/Overpayment Deposits		28,747.44		
Civil Sheriff Deposits		5,390.00		
Civil Towing Deposits		5,600.00		
Civil Witness Deposits		5,193.20		
Environmental Appraisal		390.00		
Environmental Mortgage		5.00		
Environmental Sheriff		296.00		
Total Receipts Civil Fund			$	22,149,610.42

Statement of Trusteeship Fund Receipts For the Period Year Ending December 31, 2006				
Trusteeship Deposits	$	93,593.64		
Court Costs		2,052.00		
Overpayments		1.53		
Total Receipts Trusteeship Funds			$	95,647.17

Statement of Rent Escrow Fund Receipts For the Year Ending December 31, 2006				
Deposits	$	235,576.88		
Court Costs		2,493.41		
Overpayments		-		
Total Receipts Rent Escrow Fund			$	238,070.29

Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts For the Year Ending December 31, 2006		
Fines and Bail Forfeitures		
Municipalities		
Bexley	$	2,216.50
Brice		445.00
Canal Winchester		1,648.00
Dublin		9,723.00
Gahanna		9,535.60
Grandview Heights		10,168.00
Grove City		10,314.65
Groveport		4,328.00
Harrisburg		-
Hilliard		11,169.00
Minerva Park		3,307.00
New Albany		6,385.00
New Rome		-
Obetz		2,689.50
Reynoldsburg		23,408.60
Upper Arlington		15,255.00
Urbancrest		440.00
Valleyview		944.00
Westerville		15,674.00
Whitehall		8,241.80
Worthington		6,856.00
Townships		
Blendon	$	118,329.40
Clinton		48,945.35
Franklin		16,203.40
Hamilton		23,419.00
Madison		32,802.20
Mifflin		28,667.75
Norwich		6,249.30
Perry		87,952.95
Prairie		27,345.50
Sharon		33,992.50
Washington		4,105.00
State of Ohio		
Ohio Highway Patrol	$	368,766.00
Trauma and EMT Fund 5%		40,978.89
State Seatbelt		201,804.70
State Liquor		50,581.35
Child Restraint		7,951.00

Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Fines and Bail Forfeitures (continued)		
City of Columbus		
Columbus Fines	$	4,181,441.67
Ohio Highway Patrol		311,343.92
Cr/Tr Environmental Fines		41,411.01
Indigent Driver Alcohol Fund DUS		115.00
Indigent Driver Alcohol Fund DUI		50,030.20
Appearance Bonds		132,614.80
Columbus Health Dept		4,987.00
County of Franklin		
Department of Animal Control	$	82,796.30
Franklin County Development Center		17,548.00
Ohio State Agencies		1,611.20
Ohio Department of Natural Resources		75.00
Municipal		659,094.75
Ohio State University		51,655.20
ODJS Unemployment Fraud		319.00
Franklin County Sheriff (Note D Schedule 1)		513,620.10
Blendon Township		118,154.40
Clinton Township		48,533.35
Franklin Township		15,903.40
Madison Township		32,387.70
Mifflin Township		28,567.75
Perry Township		86,098.95
Sharon Township		33,717.50
Liquor Violations - County Share		50,581.35
Country Road and Bridge Fund		287,171.60
Ohio Highway Patrol		81,958.00
Ohio Department of Liquor Control		-
Ohio Department of Taxation		1,626.00
Ohio Department of Commerce		-
Port Columbus Police		11,491.40
Bureau of Motor Vehicles		6,180.40
Ohio Department of Public Safety		3,253.00
Capital Area Humane Society		325.00
Chessie Sea Board		-
Ohio Ethics Commission		1,787.00
OVI Education Fund Index		3,479.50
OVI Law Enforcement and Education		-
Franklin County Sheriff		5,930.00
Ohio Highway Patrol		14,900.50
Port Columbus Airport		210.00
Ohio State University		1,672.00
Columbus Regulation Division		600.00

Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Fines and Bail Forfeitures (continued)				
Other Entities				
Metro Parks	$	773.00		
State Wildlife Fund		6,705.00		
State Watercraft Fund		240.00		
State Drug/Pharmacy Fund		17,274.50		
Ohio Department of Agriculture		700.00		
Sheriff OMVI Housing the Prisoner Fund		168,909.60		
Refunds/Overpayments		100,330.13		
Total Fines and Bond Forfeitures			$	8,418,967.12
Costs				
Assessed Costs	$	5,271,743.75		
Mayors Court Costs		22,595.80		
Total Costs			$	5,294,339.55
Fees				
Collection Fee	$	559,960.50		
Criminal/Traffic Security Fee		806,335.40		
State Jury Fees		5,548.80		
City Jury Fees		6,054.80		
Late Fee		-		
Municipal Court Computerization Fees		347,637.00		
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees		1,159,259.50		
Witness Fees - Local		16,724.00		
Local Expungements - City		6,500.00		
Probation Fees		306,311.15		
Probation Fees - Scram		44,864.00		
Criminal/Traffic Diversion Fee		1,411.50		
Prosecutor's Check Resolution		71,842.50		
Returned Check Fees		4,955.00		
Witness Fees - State		14,633.80		
State Expungements - County		14,100.00		
BMV Driver's License Suspension		3,420.00		
BMV Warrant Block Reinstatement		5,011.00		
State Expungements - State		21,150.00		
Local Expungements - State		9,750.00		
Victims-of-Crime Fee		1,040,528.51		
Public Defender Fee		1,723,772.00		
Crime Stopper Fee		9,198.00		
Indigent Application Fee		72,217.10		
Total Fees			$	6,251,184.56
Time Payment Deposits		(43.80)		
Total Receipts Criminal/Traffic Fund			$	19,964,447.43

Statement of Bail Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Bail Deposits				
Appearance Bonds	$	1,197,436.95		
Applied Appearance Bonds		(142,418.80)		
Appearance Costs		133,048.55		
Applied Appearance Costs		(132,031.40)		
Cash Bonds		1,468,241.46		
Applied Cash Bonds		(183,824.10)		
Bail Historical Adjustment		69.00		
			$	2,340,521.66
Total Bail Deposits				
Victim-of-Crimes Posted				
Victim-of-Crime Deposited	$	183,525.00		
Applied Victims-of Crime		(91,269.00)		
Total Victim-of Crime Deposited			$	92,256.00
Public Defender Posted				
Public Defender Deposited	$	222,143.00		
Applied Public Defender		(148,371.60)		
Total Public Defender Deposited			$	73,771.40
Total Receipts Bail Fund			$	2,506,549.06

Statement of Disbursements to the City of Columbus
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Civil Fund				
Court Costs	$	5,467,048.12		
Civil Environmental Penalty		5,943.00		
Administrative Fees - 1% State Legal Aid Fees.		12,511.39		
Civil Security Facilities		368,996.00		
Civil Contempt Fine		250.00		
Civil Collection Fee		-		
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees		527,224.00		
Municipal Court Computerization Fees		158,169.00		
Returned Check Fees		500.00		
Unclaimed Funds		25,857.31		
Total Civil Fund Disbursements			$	6,566,498.82
Trusteeship Fund				
Court Costs	$	2,460.01		
Unclaimed Funds	$	2,050.04		
Total Trusteeship Fund Disbursements			$	4,510.05
Rent Escrow Funds				
Court Costs	$	2,513.11		
Unclaimed Funds		-		
Total Rent Escrow Fund Disbursements			$	2,513.11
Criminal/Traffic Fund				
Fines and Bail Forfeitures	$	4,155,702.47		
Ohio Highway Patrol - City Share		308,345.92		
Criminal/Traffic Environmental Fines		41,644.01		
Columbus Health Dept.		4,987.00		
Court Costs		5,231,560.80		
Collection Fee		552,074.30		
Security Fee		800,571.20		
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees		1,150,952.50		
Municipal Court Computerization Fees		345,148.00		
Returned Check Fees		5,005.00		
Witness Fees		16,523.60		
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment - DUS		115.00		
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment - DUI		50,013.20		
Law Enforcement and Education Fund		3,446.50		
Expungement Fees - City Share		6,540.00		
Probation Fees		305,480.15		
Probation Scram Fees		44,905.00		
Diversion Fees		1,361.50		
Prosecutor Check Resolution		71,671.50		
City Jury Fees		6,154.80		
Appearance Bond Costs		130,882.30		
Total Bail/Criminal/Traffic Fund Disbursements			$	13,233,084.75
Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds	$	139,464.54		
Total Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds			$	139,464.54
Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, City of Columbus			$	19,946,071.27

Statement of Disbursements to the State of Ohio
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Civil Fund				
State Legal Aid Fees	$	1,238,667.61		
Total Civil Fund Disbursements			$	1,238,667.61
Criminal/Traffic Fund				
Highway Patrol - State Share	$	365,105.25		
Seatbelt Violations		200,542.70		
Liquor Violations - State Share		50,595.35		
Child Restraint Law		7,951.00		
State Expungement Fees - State Share		20,970.00		
Local Expungement Fee - State Share		9,810.00		
Victims-of-Crime Fees		1,033,709.51		
Public Defender Fees		1,712,350.50		
BMV Driver License Suspension		3,420.00		
BMV Warrant Block Reinstatement		5,011.00		
Trauma and EMT Fund 5%		40,572.14		
Total Criminal/Traffic Fund Disbursements			$	3,450,037.45
Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, State of Ohio			$	4,688,705.06

Statement of Disbursements to the County of Franklin
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Criminal/Traffic Fund

Fines and Bail Forfeitures

Arresting Agency	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic	Other State Violations
Department of Animal Control	$ -	$ -	$ 82,242.30
ODJFS Unemployment Fraud	0	0	319.00
Franklin County Col. Development Center	16,517.00	712.00	63.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	0	25.00	60.00
Municipal Police	299,512.45	93,387.00	261,251.80
Ohio State University	40,455.00	6,125.00	5,335.20
Ohio State Agencies	-	-	1,611.20
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	-	-	-
Port Columbus Airport	8,042.40	932.00	2,472.00
Ohio Department of Liquor Control	-	-	-
Sheriff Office (Note D Schedule 2)	329,622.90	113,534.20	66,362.50
Blendon Township - County Share	98,683.50	17,967.90	1,395.50
Clinton Township - County Share	34,818.70	11,116.25	1,791.90
Franklin Township - County Share	9,501.90	5,327.70	895.00
Madison Township - County Share	24,270.20	7,113.50	767.00
Mifflin Township - County Share	16,545.00	11,042.00	723.50
Perry Township - County Share	69,438.45	15,360.00	315.50
Sharon Township - County Share	26,255.00	6,884.50	241.00
Ohio Highway Patrol - County Share	80,811.65	161.95	170.90
Liquor Violations - County Share	-	-	50,595.35
Road and Bridge Fund	-	-	284,927.60
Department of Taxation	-	-	1,326.00
Department of Commerce	-	-	-
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	-	300.00	5,880.40
Ohio Department of Public Safety	155.00	100.00	3,048.00
Capital Area Humane Society	-	-	325.00
Chessie Sea Board Corp.	-	-	-
Columbus Regulation Division	-	-	600.00
Ohio Ethics Commission	-	-	1,787.00
Total Fines and Bail Forfeitures	$ 1,054,629.15	$ 290,089.00	$ 774,506.65
Witness Fees		$ 14,537.20	
Indigent Application Fee		70,748.10	
Expungements Fees - County Share		13,980.00	
State Jury Fees		5,875.80	
Deduction for Law Library Fund		(15,000.00)	
Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, Franklin County			$ 2,209,365.90

Statement of Disbursements to Municipalities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Criminal/Traffic Fund

	Mayor:	DUI Fund	Fines/Forfeitures	Total
Bexley	$	560.00	$ 1,806.50	$ 2,366.50
Brice		-	445.00	$ 445.00
Canal Winchester		450.00	1,198.00	$ 1,648.00
Dublin		700.00	9,023.00	$ 12,792.00
Gahanna		1,141.00	8,494.60	$ 12,604.60
Grandview Heights`		1,265.00	8,353.00	$ 9,618.00
Grove City		3,168.65	7,117.00	$ 10,405.65
Groveport		855.00	3,443.00	$ 4,373.00
Harrisburg		-	-	$ -
Hilliard		935.00	10,225.00	$ 14,457.00
Minerva Park		300.00	2,907.00	$ 4,087.00
New Albany		525.00	5,860.00	$ 7,690.00
Obetz		274.50	2,355.00	$ 2,749.50
Reynoldsburg		4,372.00	18,887.60	$ 23,734.60
Upper Arlington		350.00	14,955.00	$ 17,178.00
Urbancrest		-	440.00	$ 440.00
Valleyview		75.00	869.00	$ 1,996.00
Westerville		1,105.00	13,739.00	$ 18,752.00
Whitehall		690.00	7,226.80	$ 9,069.60
Worthington		1,450.00	5,396.00	$ 9,043.00
Total Disbursements to Municipalities				$ 163,449.45

Statement of Disbursements to Townships
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Criminal/Traffic Fund

	DUI Fund	Fines/Forfeitures	Total
Blendon	$ 175.00	$ 118,046.90	$ 118,221.90
Clinton	412.00	47,726.85	$ 48,138.85
Franklin	300.00	15,724.60	$ 16,024.60
Hamilton	-	23,266.50	$ 23,266.50
Madison	414.50	32,150.70	$ 32,565.20
Mifflin	100.00	28,310.50	$ 28,410.50
Norwich	-	6,271.80	$ 6,271.80
Perry	1,929.00	85,113.95	$ 87,042.95
Prairie	-	26,945.50	$ 26,945.50
Sharon	275.00	33,380.50	$ 33,655.50
Washington	-	4,105.00	$ 4,105.00
Total Disbursements to Townships			$ 424,648.30

Statement of Disbursements to Other Entities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Civil Fund				
Publication Fees	$	450,709.00		
Civil Bond Deposits		69,636.42		
Civil Deposits		2,747.72		
Civil Judgment Deposits		13,684,102.07		
Civil Jury Deposits		95,600.00		
Civil Refund/Overpayment Deposits		28,155.71		
Civil Sheriff Deposits		5,711.35		
Civil Towing Deposits		6,800.00		
Civil Witness Deposits		12,870.74		
Environmental Appraisal		390.00		
Environmental Sheriff		296.00		
Unclaimed Funds		(25,857.31)		
Total Civil Fund Disbursements			$	14,331,161.70
Trusteeship Fund				
Trusteeship Deposit Payments	$	92,145.71		
Overpayments		(77.67)		
		(2,050.04)		
Total Trusteeship Fund Disbursements			$	90,018.00
Rent Escrow Fund				
Rent Deposit Payments		214,512.79		
Unclaimed Funds		-		
Total Rent Escrow Fund Disbursements			$	214,512.79
Criminal/Traffic Fund				
DUI Law Enforcement and Education				
DUI Franklin County Sheriff	$	5,914.00		
DUI Ohio Highway Patrol		14,912.50		
DUI Port Columbus Airport		210.00		
DUI Ohio State University		1,697.00		
DUI Columbus Development Center		-		
Other Entities				
State Wildlife Fund		6,710.00		
State Watercraft Fund		240.00		
State Drug/Pharmacy Fund		17,047.50		
Metro Parks		673.00		
Law Library Fund		15,000.00		
Ohio Department of Agriculture		700.00		
Sheriff OMVI Housing the Prisoner Fund		168,951.70		
Crime Stoppers Fee		9,121.00		
Overpayments/Refunds		101,621.02		
Total Criminal/Traffic Disbursements			$	342,797.72
Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds	$	(139,464.54)		
Total Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds			$	(139,464.54)

Statement of Disbursements to Other Entities For the Year Ending December 31, 2006				
Bail Fund				
Appearance Bond Returned to Individuals	$	1,059,691.30		
Appearance Bond Cost		2,068.90		
Cash Bond Returned to Individuals		1,253,943.69		
Victims of Crime Returned to Individuals		111,170.00		
Public Defender Returned to Individuals		96,015.00		
Total Bail Fund Disbursements			$	2,522,888.89

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 of 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.

Schedule 1
Statement of Criminal/Traffic Receipts
Detail of Sheriff Fines and Bail Forfeitures

Agency Location	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic Violations	Other State Violations
Sheriff Non - Township	$ 104,211.70	$ 61,970.70	$ 30,596.00
Sheriff Blendon	31,389.00	-	5,425.00
Sheriff Brown Township	8,376.00	955.00	-
Sheriff Clinton Township	6,661.00	-	6,218.00
Sheriff Franklin Township	16,803.00	-	9,832.00
Sheriff Hamilton Township	17.50	23,401.50	-
Sheriff Jackson Township	27,958.00	5,758.00	25.00
Sheriff Jefferson Township	18,284.00	-	-
Sheriff Madison Township	12,045.00	-	2,690.00
Sheriff Mifflin Township	22,264.90	-	8,481.00
Sheriff Norwich Township	3,929.30	27.50	2,292.50
Sheriff Perry Township	10,545.00	-	980.00
Sheriff Plain Township	5,577.00	1,140.00	-
Sheriff Pleasant Township	21,992.00	-	2,365.00
Sheriff Prairie Township	16,719.00	10,601.00	25.50
Sheriff Sharon Township	4,959.00	240.00	695.00
Sheriff Truro Township	16,510.00	7,555.00	-
Sheriff Washington Township	3,212.50	892.50	-
Total Sheriff	$ 331,453.90	$ 112,541.20	$ 69,625.00

Schedule 2
Statement of Disbursements to Franklin County
Detail of Sheriff Fines and Bail Forfeitures

Agency Location	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic Violations	Other State Violations
Sheriff Non - Township	103,771.70	60,941.20	30,896.00
Sheriff Blendon Township	31,519.00	-	5,450.00
Sheriff Brown Township	8,411.00	955.00	-
Sheriff Clinton Township	6,441.00	-	5,993.00
Sheriff Franklin Township	16,508.00	-	9,167.00
Sheriff Hamilton Township	17.50	23,249.00	-
Sheriff Jackson Township	27,733.00	5,783.00	25.00
Sheriff Jefferson Township	18,023.00	-	-
Sheriff Madison Township	12,030.00	-	2,665.00
Sheriff Mifflin Township	22,174.90	-	8,106.00
Sheriff Norwich Township	3,884.30	27.50	2,360.00
Sheriff Perry Township	10,545.00	-	980.00
Sheriff Plain Township	5,562.00	1,100.00	-
Sheriff Pleasant Township	21,802.00	2,365.00	-
Sheriff Prairie Township	16,539.00	10,381.00	25.50
Sheriff Sharon Township	4,904.00	240.00	695.00
Sheriff Truro Township	16,545.00	7,600.00	-
Sheriff Washington Township	3,212.50	892.50	-
Total Sheriff	$ 329,622.90	$ 113,534.20	$ 66,362.50

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT-- 2006

General Division Judges' Bailiffs
(13)

General Division Judges
(13)

Administrative/ Presiding Judge
James E. Green
Bailiff
Valarie Rouchion

Environmental Division Judge
Harland Hale

Environmental Division Bailiff
Janice Byrd
Chief Environmental Specialist
Bryan Wagner

Court Administrator: Keith Bartlett
Assistant Court Administrator: Emily Shaw

Director of Finance & Administration
Deborah Klie

Human Resources Manager
Tamra Meister

Judicial Secretaries: (8)

Duty Room Bailiff: Lisa Montgomery
Unassigned Bailiff: Rachel Clark

Court Administration Secretary
Kelli Davis

Spanish Interpreter: Brenda Williams
Spanish Interpreter: Melanie Langley
Spanish Interpreter: Richardo Bustos

Legal Research
Legal Research Director: Kate Graham
Legal Research Supervisor:
Marjorie Crowder
Law Clerks (3 PT)

Magistrates
Kate Graham, Administrative Magistrate
Mark Hummer David Jump Dennis Kimball
Denise Mathews Tony Paat
Magistrates' Bailiffs: 5
Magistrates' Secretaries: 3

Security
Security Director: Danny Whittier
Security Supervisor: Fred Monroe
Security Officers: 14
Community Service: Andrew Ellis (PT)

Small Claims Court & Dispute Resolution Department
Director: Eileen Pruett
Mediation Coordinator: Patricia Benchia

Appointed Counsel/Volunteer & Interpreter Services Coordinator: Suzanne Ruzicka

Court Investigation
Court Investigators: Mark Larger & Dave Lucas

Court Reporters
Chief Court Reporter: Linda Howell
Court Reporters: 14 FT, 1 PT

Vehicle Immobilization
Coordinator: Elwin Rasmussen
Assistant: Amber Johnson

Assignment Office
Assignment Commissioner: Bob McGee
Case Coordinators: 7
Assignment Clerks: 6

Jury Commission
Jury Commissioner: Tom Shields
Assistant: Debi Leake

Service Bailiffs Department
Chief Service Bailiff: Bob Bulen
Assistant Chief Service Bailiff: Bob Campbell
Assistant Chief Service Bailiff: Bob Cooper
Regular Deputy Service Bailiffs: 14
Set-out Deputy Service Bailiffs: 4
Secretary: 1

Department of Probation Services
Chief Probation Officer: Tony Tedeschi
Deputy Chief Probation Officer: Kevin Clark
Supervisors: 6 Assistant Supervisors: 3
Probation Officers: 33
Support Staff: 16 FT, 1 PT
Victim Assistants: 2

JUDICIARY

The Franklin County Municipal Court traces its origin to the creation of the Columbus Municipal Court in 1916. 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. Judge James E. Green was elected Administrative and Presiding Judge for 2006.

The judges who served the Franklin County Municipal Court during the year 2006 were:

Judge James E. Green, Administrative and Presiding Judge
Judge Janet A. Grubb
Judge Anne Taylor
Judge W. Dwayne Maynard
Judge Scott D. VanDerKarr
Judge H. William Pollitt, Jr.
Judge Michael T. Brandt
Judge Mark S. Froehlich
Judge Harland H. Hale
Judge Ted Barrows
Judge Paul M. Herbert
Judge Julia L. Dorrian
Judge Carrie E. Glaeden
Judge Amy Salerno
Judge Andrea C. Peeples
(elected, effective January 2, 2006)

Several assigned judges provided long term assistance to the Court during 2006: Judge James J. Fais (retired), Judge Teresa L. Liston (retired) and Judge Steven B. Hayes (retired).

Judges preside over civil, criminal, and traffic cases and conduct both jury and non-jury trials. In jury trials, judges interpret the law and the jury determines the facts. Non-jury 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 civil division. Other civil disputes resolved in this Court included evictions, rent escrow proceedings and proceedings to aid in the collection of judgments.

Each week a different judge is assigned to the Duty Session to handle a variety of responsibilities that include applications for search warrants, motions to dismiss filed by the prosecutor, cognovit notes, motions to excuse jurors, probable cause hearings, motions for default judgments filed in unassigned cases, and performing civil wedding ceremonies.

The Environmental Division was created in 1991. The jurisdiction and powers of this Division include exclusive jurisdiction to enforce local codes and regulations that affect real

property, such as fire and building codes. The Environmental Division also has injunctive powers that allow for immediate relief in emergency situations. There is no monetary limit on the cases that fall within the Environmental Division's exclusive jurisdiction.

MAGISTRATES

The Court employs six full-time magistrates. A magistrate is an attorney the court appoints to hear cases they refer. Magistrates' decisions must be approved by a judge. Under various criminal, civil and traffic rules of court, the duties and responsibilities of the magistrates include traffic arraignments, landlord-tenant actions, small claims cases, damage hearings on default judgments, motions for orders of recovery of specific personal property, motions for orders of attachment of personal earnings (garnishments), trusteeships, judgment debtor examinations and parking violation appeals.

Magistrates have the authority in misdemeanor cases to accept guilty and no contest pleas. If the parties agree, magistrates are also permitted to hear trials and motions and recommend sentences in criminal and traffic misdemeanor cases in which imprisonment is a possible penalty. No consent from either party is required in order for a judge to refer a minor misdemeanor criminal or traffic case to a magistrate. In 2006, the magistrates handled more than 19,000 eviction cases, 9,400 small claims cases and accepted guilty or no contest pleas in 19,837 traffic cases.

COURTROOM BAILIFFS

Each judge has an assigned courtroom bailiff. An unassigned or "floater" bailiff rotates among the judges when an assigned bailiff is absent. One bailiff is assigned to the Duty Room and each magistrate has an assigned bailiff. 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.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Court Administration is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Court and implementation of the Court's policies. In addition to providing overall support and direction to the Court's nearly 200 employees, some of the specific functions of Court Administration are: personnel management; budgeting and fiscal management; purchasing; liaison with other courts, governmental entities and private agencies; public information; appointment of interpreters; appointment of counsel for indigent defendants; statistics; security; and special projects.

The Court Administration staff includes the Court Administrator, Assistant Court Administrator, Director of Finance, Human Resources Manager, and Court Administration Secretary. Units within Court Administration include the Court-appointed Counsel Program, Court Investigation, Court Security, Interpreter Services, the Vehicle Immobilization Program, and the Volunteer Services Program.

FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATING BUDGET

	2005 Budget	2006 Budget
Personal Services	$ 10,364,265	$ 11,241,269
Materials, Supplies & Furniture	89,943	133,996
Services for Operations and Maintenance	1,415,359	1,234,801
Transfer Out-Operating	12,500	-
Total	$ 11,879,067	$ 12,610,066

COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL

When the Public Defender's Office has a conflict and cannot represent an indigent defendant, the Court is responsible for appointing counsel. In 2006, there were 1,476 cases assigned to approximately 102 court appointed attorneys. The cost was $132,324.08.

COURT INVESTIGATION

Court Investigation has two staff members who are available to assist defendants. Their services include: extending time to pay a fine and court costs; delaying the start of court-ordered incarceration; issuing or changing limited driving privileges; withdrawal of warrants or orders-in that have been issued; obtaining continuances of court dates; helping defendants enter the Time Payment Program; helping with release of impounded vehicles; and assisting with Bureau of Motor Vehicle problems that relate to court cases. The staff also helps family members who request early release of a defendant from jail because of a family emergency or an employment crisis. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and the Adult Parole Authority often request assistance to determine status of pending misdemeanor cases involving individuals who are in jail or on parole. In 2006, Court Investigation provided assistance to more than 17,000 individuals.

COURT SECURITY PROGRAM

The Court Security Program was established in 1994. Its purpose is to establish and maintain a safe environment in the courthouse for citizens, elected officials and Court employees.

The Program complies with the Supreme Court of Ohio Court Security Standards. Security Officers have either completed training with the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and been certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, or are qualified through military police academies or other state or federal law enforcement agencies.

The Security Director is responsible for supervising a control room operator and 13 security officers on the first shift. He also supervises a control room operator on the second and third shifts. In addition, the Court contracts with a security company that provides evening, weekend, and holiday coverage. During an average week, Security screens over 24,000 persons and finds more than 350 prohibited items.

INTERPRETER SERVICES

Franklin County has diverse populations. The number of individuals appearing in court with limited English skills continues to grow. Interpreters provide services during courtroom proceedings, related court events and for communications between defendants and civil litigants and various court departments. In 2006, there were more than 8,000 requests for Spanish interpreters. The Court met this need by employing one full-time and two part-time Spanish interpreters. There were 418 requests for other languages, including 142 for Somali. The Court also handled 111 requests for American Sign Language interpreters.

VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION PROGRAM

State law mandates the immobilization or forfeiture of vehicles operated by defendants who are convicted of the following offenses: repeat operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (OVI); driving under court-ordered suspension; Financial Responsibility/Accountability (FRA) suspensions; and wrongful use of a vehicle. A steering wheel locking device is used to immobilize vehicles.

The Program's two staff members act as liaisons between the Court and law enforcement agencies in the county. It is their responsibility to ensure enforcement of and compliance with court orders to immobilize or release vehicles driven by defendants. The Program staff works closely with the judges, bailiffs, probation department, Clerk of Court, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, attorneys, defendants, vehicle owners, and law enforcement.

In 2006, the Court processed 8,486 driving under suspension cases. In a high percentage of these cases, the Court either issued an order to release the vehicle or ordered the immobilization of the vehicle. There were 5,784 OVI cases and the Court either released the vehicle or ordered the immobilization or forfeiture of the vehicle in about half of the O.V.I. cases.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

The Volunteer Services Program enhances services to the Court and the community by supplementing paid staff with skilled volunteers. Potential volunteers inform the Court of their interests, skills and scheduling requirements. After a background check is completed, they are matched with a department. Volunteers assist in several areas, including the Department of Probation Services, Assignment Office, and Court Investigation. In 2006, four volunteers provided 1,840 hours of service at an estimated cost savings to the Court of $31,630.

ASSIGNMENT OFFICE

The Assignment Office is responsible for assigning cases to the judges in a random order. Criminal and traffic cases are assigned after a not guilty plea is filed. Civil cases are assigned after an answer or motion is filed. The Court employs 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 charges will be assigned to the judge who presided in the previous case.

The Assignment Office also prepares monthly individual judge reports for the Supreme Court of Ohio.

COURT REPORTERS

Court reporters make a verbatim record of court proceedings. They prepare transcripts 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. There are 14 full-time and one part-time and court reporters.

JURY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

The Jury Commissioner's Office has two full-time staff. They are responsible for all aspects of jury service. In 2006, there was a jury draw of 30,000 names. The draw is the total number of jurors in the database from which the people to receive summonses are selected. The names for the draw are supplied by the Franklin County Board of Elections. The Office issued 4,584 summonses by regular mail and 82.3% of the jurors summoned appeared. .

Jury service is limited to two weeks, except in those cases that require additional days to reach a verdict. Jurors are paid $20 per day; the county commissioners set this rate according to state law. When jurors begin their two-week rotations, each juror completes a questionnaire that accompanies the juror to the courtroom when called to a voir dire (questioning of the prospective jurors, literally "to speak the truth"). After a juror is impaneled (sworn), the Jury Commissioner's Office acts as a liaison between the courtroom and juror should any extenuating circumstance present itself, such as illness of a juror. When jurors are not assigned to a trial and are in the pool of jurors waiting to be called on a case, their hours are flexible and they may report in the morning or the afternoon.

The jury commissioner is also responsible for the welfare, comfort, and morale of the jurors during their service. Tours of the Statehouse and the jail are scheduled, as are opportunities to meet and ask questions of the judges and other government officials. The jury assembly room is equipped with a television donated by the Columbus Bar Association Foundation and a DVD player, and movies are shown twice daily. Carrels with WiFi internet provide the jurors the opportunity to work while waiting to be called for a trial. A fax machine is also available.

LEGAL RESEARCH

The Court employs a full-time Legal Research Supervisor who provides legal research and supervises the work of the part-time law clerks. The Supervisor and law clerks research and prepare memoranda on issues pending before the Court; maintain the law library; review new case law to ensure the Court's compliance with the decisions; review pending legislation that may affect the Court; advise the judges and employees regarding new legal developments and applications of current law to court procedures; and update local court rules.

DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION SERVICES

The Department of Probation Services supervises and monitors offenders assigned to community control programs. In 2006, the Department handled more than 13,000 cases.

The Department's 65 staff members provide the Municipal Court judges with viable sentencing options to ensure that offenders receive appropriate direction and management that is consistent with public safety. Specific duties of the Department include:

- Processing the intake of probation clients;
- Collecting and distributing restitution to victims;
- Placing offenders in and verifying the completion of court-ordered community service;
- Monitoring the Home Confinement Program;
- Providing specialized programs for offenders with specific needs, such as substance abuse, mental health concerns, domestic violence, sex offenses and repeat drunk drivers;
- Providing reports to assist the Court in sentencing. These reports provide critical information for the Court to consider when making a decision about a particular defendant. Presentence reports provide information for treatment and rehabilitation of the offender and options for supervision of the offender should he/she be placed on probation;
- Conducting investigations to inform the Court about the appropriateness of sealing criminal records (expungement);
- Receiving visitors and clients and transcribing documents for the Court.

Specialized probation supervision can help probationers avoid jail and provide unique opportunities to obtain treatment for particular problem areas. To enhance public safety, and obtain the best outcome for probationers, specialized/intensive probation programs assist clients in achieving recovery through the use of all available treatment resources. The Department offers more than 10 specialized service programs. They include:

- Home incarceration in lieu of jail;
- Three-day residential Driver Intervention Program for OVI offenders;
- Attendance at a drunk driving impact panel presentation;
- Testing for alcohol or drug use;
- Screening and counseling for domestic violence or anger management. The Domestic Violence Unit offers offenders unique opportunities to secure treatment for their behaviors. This Unit offers up to 26 weeks of domestic violence counseling. The Domestic Violence Unit also has two staff members dedicated to meeting the needs of domestic violence victims;
- Alcohol, drug, and mental health assessments, and, if warranted, recovery or care programs; the Assessment Referral Services Program (ARSP) provides

clinicians from Netcare, a local mental health services agency, to assess probationers for chemical dependency abuse, dual diagnosis (substance abuse and mental health issues), and basic mental health issues. They also help in the referral process when probation officers need assistance concerning appropriate services for probationers;

- Defensive Driving and Anti-theft courses, and an Underage Drinking Program;
- Community service work. Probationers provided more than 35,000 hours of work to nonprofit and governmental agencies in 2006.
- Restitution to victims. In 2006, probationers paid more than $415,000 restitution to victims of crime;
- The Art of Positive Parenting (TAPP) classes and coordination with the directions of Franklin County Children Services;
- Adherence to stay away orders regarding individuals, schools, businesses, and others;
- The Provided No Conviction (PNC) Program allows for a special conditional sentence that has all or part of the sentence to be suspended provided there are no other convictions for a specific period of time, not to exceed five years.

SERVICE BAILIFFS

Service bailiffs assist litigants, attorneys, and the Court by delivering court documents to parties and enforcing judgment remedies. Service bailiffs serve complaints, summonses, subpoenas, and garnishments; enforce orders of attachment and seizure of personal property; attach bank accounts; enforce writs of execution and restitution; and supervise the set-out of tenants' property during an eviction.

The service bailiffs processed or served more than 52,000 legal documents in 2006. There are 18 full-time employees in the department: a chief service bailiff, two assistant chief service bailiffs, 14 service bailiffs, and a secretary/receptionist. Details of their work follow.

2006 SERVICE BAILIFFS' CASELOAD

Forcible Entry & Detainers	23,709	Small Claims Judgment Debtor Exams	29
Garnishments	8,431	Writs	11,781
Summons	564	Set-outs	1,763
Subpoenas	417	Criminal Summons	162
Notices	45	Traffic Summons	1
BMV's	240	Environmental Summons	0
Small Claims	179	Criminal Subpoenas	2,634
Executions	350		
Replevins	90		
Judgment Debtor Exams	1,706	TOTAL	52,233

SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION

The Small Claims Division helps individuals and businesses pursue claims for money damages up to $3,000. Small Claims Court offers a more informal and speedier forum for citizens. Usually an attorney is not required in small claims cases. The Small Claims Division provides individuals with all of the required legal forms. Because litigants are usually not familiar with legal procedures, the Division publishes and distributes informational handouts, brochures, and booklets explaining how to file, prepare for trial, and collect a judgment. Because Ohio law recognizes the difficulty of collecting judgments and the Small Claims Division is charged with helping those who have won their cases collect their judgments. The Small Claims Division staff provides explanations of and assistance with a variety of collection procedures.

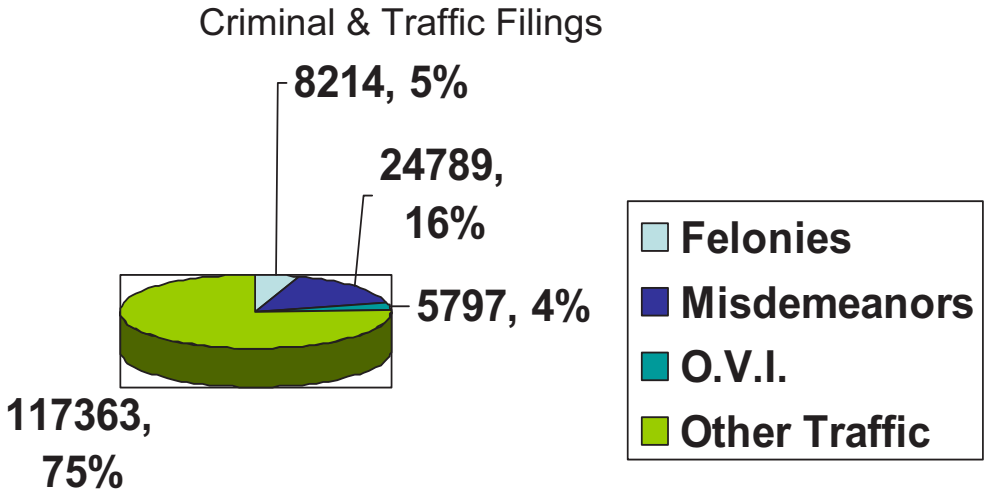
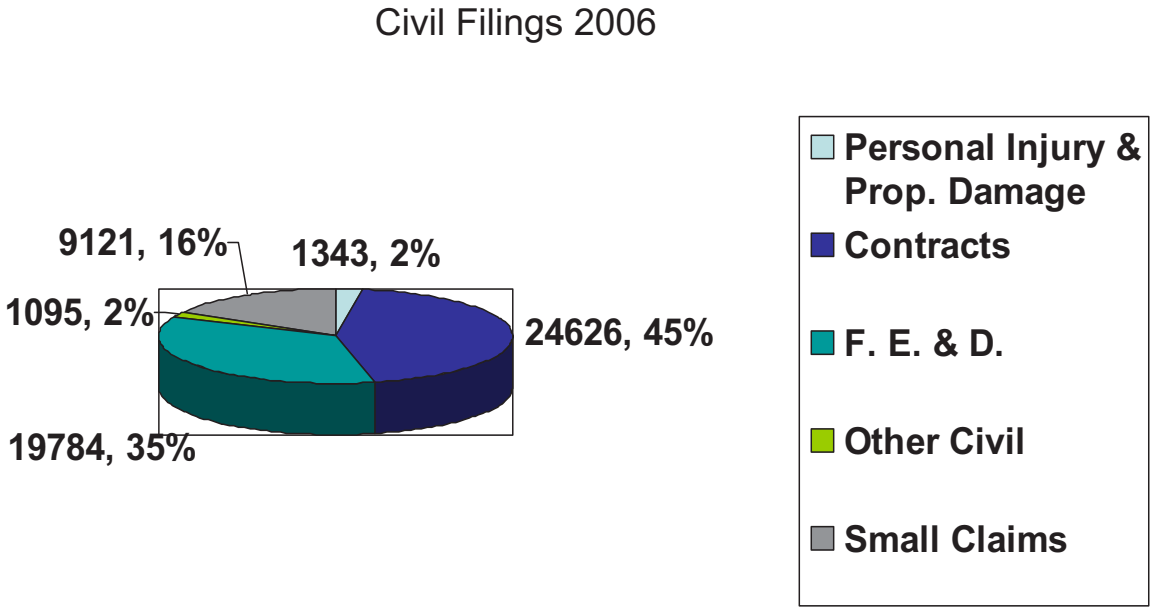
The Division, comprised of five full-time employees, provides support for the five magistrates who hear small claims cases by initiating, assigning, and scheduling each case for trial. The Small Claims Division also supports the Court's Dispute Resolution Department. The Division handled more than 9,000 new small claims cases in 2006.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEPARTMENT

The Dispute Resolution Department provides mediation and other dispute resolution services for the Court. In mediation a neutral third party, a mediator, meets with disputing parties in an effort to achieve a voluntary resolution of their dispute. Mediation is very different from trial or arbitration. The mediator does not have the responsibility or authority to make a decision or recommendation or impose a resolution upon the parties. Mediation is a valuable tool because it offers the parties a real opportunity to discuss all of their concerns, even if not legally relevant, and to reach a settlement that better suits their needs and will be more satisfactory than a decision imposed by the Court. The Mediation Program utilizes highly skilled volunteer mediators from the community and from Capital University Law School and the Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES

The Franklin County Municipal Court Judiciary and the Clerk of Court operate a shared computer system that is funded by court costs and filing fees. Significant technology improvements in 2006 included the following:

- Installation of Microsoft Office 2003;
- Installation of hardware to prevent spam and viruses through e-mail;
- Installation of LCD monitors for all Court employees;
- Installation of multifunction printers in the Department of Probation Services; and
- Installation of a digital audio recording system in magistrates' courtroom 11A and the Duty Room.

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