



FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
Columbus, Ohio

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Letter from Clerk Lori M. Tyack

Welcome to the Ninety-Second Annual Report of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office. Over the past ninety-two years a Clerk's Office report has been released annually to the public. It is important to note that this report is more than a reporting of raw statistics, it is an effective measurement of the efficiency of the Clerk's Office.

During 2007, our main focus has been to complete the Imaging Project which commenced in 2006. The Clerk's Office Staff and the Court now have immediate access to over 35 million pages of imaged documents. In the near future day-forward imaging will become a vital part of maintaining and accessing all court documents.

Over the past year the Clerk's Office has made numerous advancements in improving procedures for handling and processing court documents. Barcode labels are now being used on all court files to track the flow of case files through the court system and to attach a digital recording of Civil court hearings to digital case files.

A concentrated effort has also been made to address the individual development of every staff member, as well as cross-training of all staff to more efficiently run the office. Training opportunities are now available through our training database and by digital video recordings of guest speakers.

Several technological advancements have been achieved by the Clerk's Office during 2007. Through financial assistance from an Ohio State Homeland Security Grant, a digital Fingerprint Station was created outside Arraignment Courtroom 4C. The Columbus Division of Police has provided a part-time fingerprint technician to take fingerprints of those persons charged with a reportable misdemeanor. This Fingerprint Station has been instrumental in building the fingerprint database for City, County, State and National law enforcement agencies.

Additionally, The Ohio Criminal Justice Service provided the Clerk's Office with a grant to initiate a pilot project for Electronic Ticket. The Electronic Ticket (E-ticket) pilot project was developed to provide law enforcement agencies with software to create traffic tickets using mobile computers in their cruisers. After creation of the ticket, an electronic download is sent from the cruiser to the Clerk's Office. This information populates required fields in CourtView for the creation of a traffic case. Over 350 electronic tickets have been created since October 3, 2007.

The Mission of the Clerk's Office is to accurately maintain, safeguard and store all Court documents. Safeguarding and securing personal information has become a priority for this office. Additional security measures were added to the Clerk's Office website which made it impossible to search using Social Security and/or Driver's License numbers. Persons who work for companies requiring this search information are now required to physically report to the Clerk's Office, provide identification and sign the registry. All copies of court documents printed by this office are reviewed and redacted to secure all private information.

As Clerk, my commitment is to continue to find new ways to improve our operations and to cultivate cooperation with other Government agencies. I believe by building cooperation with other agencies, 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 to 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 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.

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

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

General Division Judges

Honorable Ted Barrows
Honorable Andrea Peebles
Honorable Janet A. Grubb
Honorable Scott D. VanDerKarr
Honorable Patsy Thomas
Honorable Amy Salerno
Honorable W. Dwayne Maynard

Honorable Paul M. Herbert
Honorable Anne Taylor
Honorable Carrie E. Glaeden
Honorable H. William Pollitt, Jr.
Honorable Julia Dorrian
Honorable Michael T. Brandt

Environment Division Judge

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

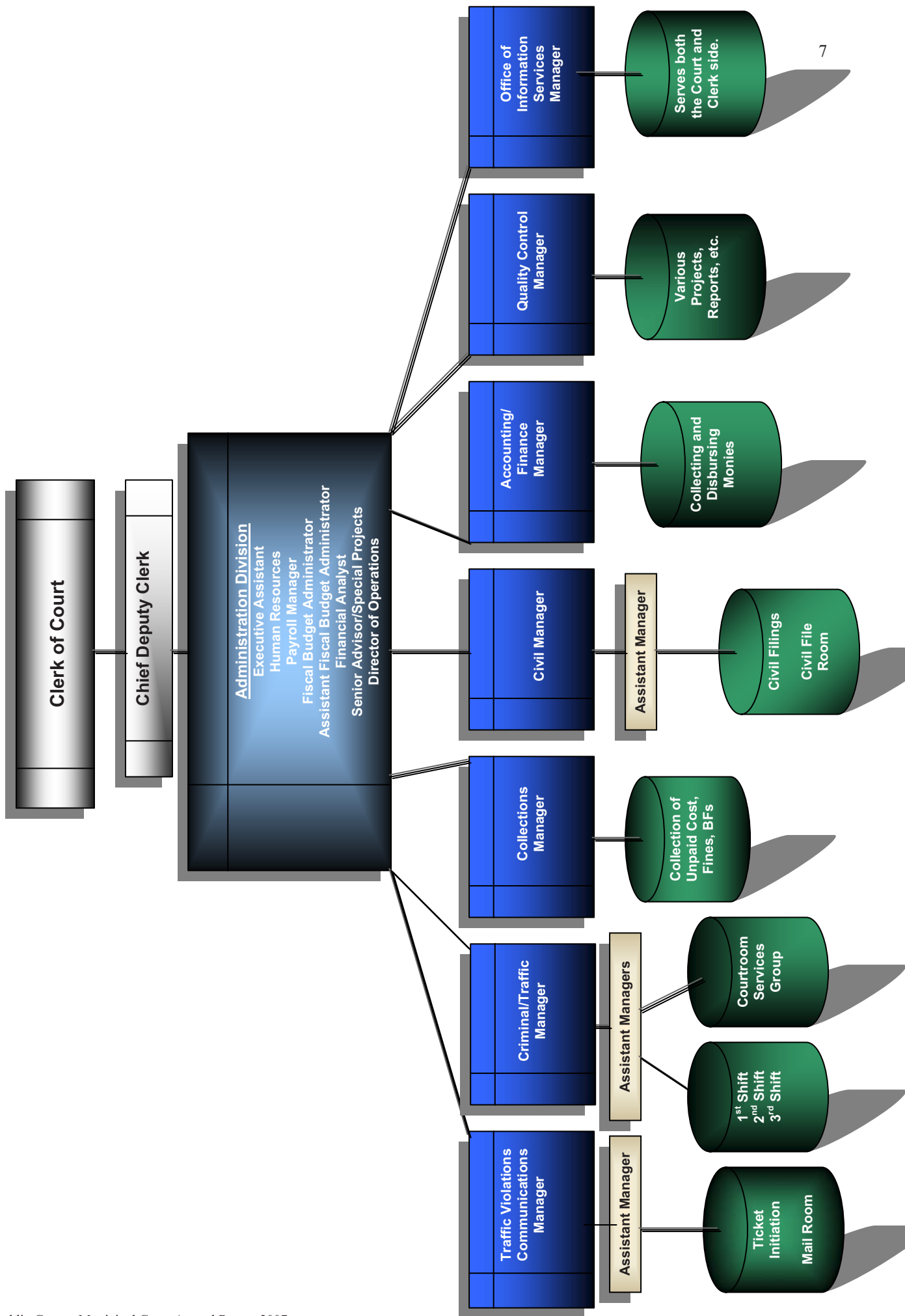
FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK OF COURT STAFF 12/31/2007

Lori M. Tyack, Clerk of Court
Obie Lucas, Interim Chief Deputy
Marilynn Stephens, Executive Assistant
Tommy McFerin, Senior Advisor and Project Manager
Abbie Armitage, Human Resource Manager
Michelle LaMarr, Payroll Manager
Crystal Ross, Fiscal Administrator
Matt Pendy, Assistant Fiscal Administrator
Carly Albert, Financial Analyst

Roy Ball, Director of Operations
Bob Condon, Civil Division Manager
Julie Westcamp, Assistant Manager, Civil Division
Obie Lucas, Manager, Criminal/Traffic Division
Loren Ball, Assistant Manager, Criminal/Traffic Division
Skip Peltier, Assistant Manager, Criminal/Traffic Division
Mike Ferguson, Interim Manager, Accounting/Finance Division
Mike Cherry, Manager, Collection Division
Matt Hanna, Manager, Office of Information Services
Sancha Young, Interim Traffic Violations/Communications Manager
Debra Jones, Assistant Manager, Traffic Violations Bureau

Brian Geigner, Supervisor, Civil Division
Kim Mitchell, Supervisor, Civil Division
Mike VanGundy, Supervisor, Civil Division
Mindy Cody, Supervisor, Civil Division
Mike Pizzurro, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Jason Ogle, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Dave Jones, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Colleen Peckens, Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Jeff Dever, Supervisor, Accounting/Finance Division
Matt Davenport, Supervisor, Accounting/Finance Division
Mark Hanson, Supervisor, Office of Information Services

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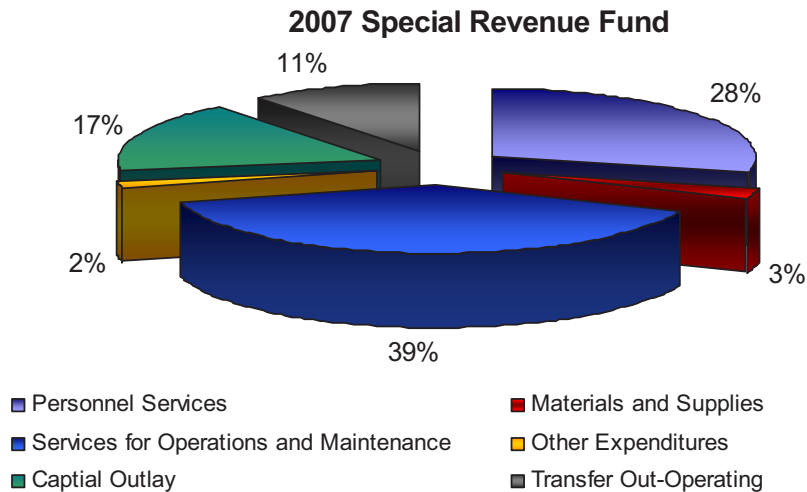
Funding of the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office ⁸

Municipal Court Clerk's Office 2007 General Fund

Personnel Services	\$ 8,928,033.00
Materials and Supplies	164,790.00
Services for Operations and Maintenance	774,400.00
Other	-
Total	\$ 9,867,223.00

Municipal Court Clerk's Office 2007 Special Revenue Fund

Personnel Services	\$ 614,108.00
Materials and Supplies	53,915.00
Services for Operations and Maintenance	858,098.00
Other Expenditures	36,947.00
Capital Outlay	354,736.00
Transfer Out-Operating	229,552.00
Total	\$ 2,147,356.00



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, Senior Staff Advisor/Special Projects, Executive Assistant, Fiscal Administration, Payroll, and Human Resources, which includes 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 2007, the Administrative Division accomplished and completed the following office-wide incentives:

- The adoption of new pay grades in accordance with guidelines established by the City that provides a more flexible compensation plan for non-management Deputy Clerks;
- The creation of a dedicated Training Team comprised of supervision and line staff to promote the Clerk's office-wide training mission through the formulation of a comprehensive training plan that identifies and addresses formal and informal training opportunities;
- The promotion of ongoing opportunities for staff development through training classes in partnership with City-wide training, EAP and the Court; the expansion of a training lab that offers training videos on various topics; and the enhancement of the Clerk's Academy, an on-line training resource for all staff;
- The adoption of a formal Public Record Policy in compliance with legal revisions to Ohio's Public Records Act;
- Convenient on-line accessibility to the Deputy Clerk handbook, which outlines all office policies and procedures;
- The implementation of a customized electronic time clock system that provides more convenient accessibility and greater accountability of time-keeping records for all staff.

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

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



Office of Information Services

The Office of Information Services (OIS) is responsible for providing technical support to the Franklin County Municipal Court and Clerk's Office. All technology, database, and computer services operate under this division.

In 2007, OIS accomplished the following:

- ◆ Installed and tested new fire suppression system.
- ◆ Installed new, less expensive, more efficient servers and consolidated servers.
- ◆ Redesigned and deployed the Courthouse website.
- ◆ Every Deputy Clerk now has the ability to scan and save case files into CourtView.
- ◆ Installed additional A/C unit and UPS (battery backup) unit for server room.
- ◆ Judicial recording equipment installed in Municipal Court.
- ◆ Implementation of an electronic ticket process (E-Ticket) for misdemeanors.
- ◆ Created a training room environment on the 4th Floor.
- ◆ Installed and tested monitors in public areas on Floors 2 and 4 to show court case information.
- ◆ Installed keypads and security cards for doors.



Quality Control Division

The Quality Control Division was created in 2006 under the direction of Clerk Lori M. Tyack to improve the accuracy of case records through a system of auditing and training. As of June 2007, the Quality Control Division is managed by Roy Ball, Director of Operations, who brings with him six (6) years of quality assurance and systems analysis experience.



The methods employed by this division include real-time work flow monitoring, audit reporting based on expected data and Total Quality Management (TQM) strategies. Through ongoing analysis and data collection we are able to implement a method of Continuous Process Improvement. By leveraging the data from audit reports and real-world analysis, we can facilitate process improvement and training opportunities throughout our organization.

The following items are a few of the proactive measures taken to ensure a high level of quality and identity opportunities of improvement:

- 🖨️ 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 to be updated in the CourtView Integrated Case Management System (ICMS).
- 🖨️ A weekly initiation report that ensures cases and data entry efforts are not duplicated.
- 🖨️ Auditing of statistical information required for monthly Supreme Court reports.
- 🖨️ A deleted case report to ensure no case is deleted by unauthorized persons.
- 🖨️ A daily case management report to ensure proper and timely updating of cases in which a payment was made the previous day.
- 🖨️ A centralized quality data collection system to facilitate analysis, determine issue root cause and establish corrective actions in a timely manner.
- 🖨️ Change Control processes to track systems modifications requests and facilitate change management (in pilot).

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, with an additional company being added in 2008.

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 2007, the Collection Division:

- Collected over \$2.3 million dollars.
- Continued generating past due notices in-house for payable tickets prior to being sent to the collection agencies.
- Completed preparation and began collecting monies due on Bond Forfeiture Judgments
- Bond money forfeited by the Court for 2007 -- \$122,943.00
- Bond Forfeiture Judgments paid for 2007 -- \$14,983.00
- Managed billings and compliance of twenty-three (23) bond companies and over one hundred (100) surety agents.



TOTALS FOR COLLECTION DIVISION-2007

AGENCIES	TOTAL AMOUNT SENT IN 2007	TOTAL COLLECTED	COMMISSION PAID
LINEBARGER	\$2,598,252.00	\$1,123,098.19	\$260,056.94
CAPITAL RECOVERY	NONE SENT IN 2007	\$213,821.13	\$50,859.40
DANA & PARISER	\$2,705,127.00	\$904,363.00	\$207,940.00
TOTALS	\$5,303,379.00	\$2,241,282.32	\$518,856.34

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, and housing /safety code issues.



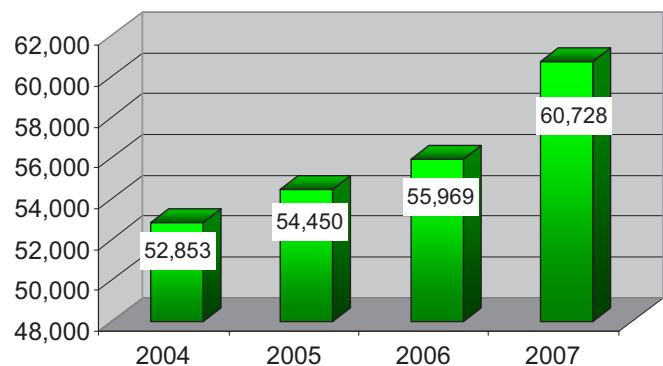
In 2007, the Civil Division accomplished the following:

- Implementation of the CourtView imaging project (pilot). This improvement allows for scanning of court records to electronic format and remote viewing.
- Installation of Right Fax (virtual facsimile software) on computer workstations. This software product facilitates the communication of electronic documents

via fax or email.

- Migration of court document templates from WordPerfect to Microsoft Office products. This change resolves performance issues related to WordPerfect and facilitates process improvement by leveraging the capabilities of Microsoft Office products.
- Implemented case labels utilizing bar code identification. This change allows for quicker, more accurate identification of case files.
- Continue to work with the Quality Control Division to ensure accuracy and efficiency of Court files and computer docket.

Civil Case Filings (four year comparison)



New Civil Case Filings 2007

Personal Injury/Property Damage	1,206
Contracts, Notes and Accounts	28,850
Forcible Entry and Detainer (Evictions)	19,749
Small Claims	9,657
Parking Violations Bureau	5
BMV Petition	772
Certificate of Judgment	28
Declaratory Judgment	69
Red Light Appeal	3
Civil Environmental	389
Total	60,728

Civil Ancillary Proceedings 2007

Certified Mail Service Issued	76,552
Ordinary Mail Service Issued	46,739
Bailiff Service Issued	25,367
Process Server Service Issued	1,312
Sheriff Service Issued	35
Service by Publication Issued	51
Registered Mail	4
Express Mail	2
Garnishments Issued	22,591
Garnishments Released	4,264
Writs of Restitution Issued	11,611
Requests for Set Outs Processed	7,615
Writs of Replevin Issued	73
Writs of Execution Issued	607
Judgments Certified to the BMV	79
Certificates of Judgment Issued	11,557
Transfers to Common Pleas Court	74
Civil Appeals Processed	60
Notice of Final Order Issued	85,447
Notice of Failed Service Issued	21,660
Exemplified Copies	321
Revivors of Judgment	381
Judgment Debtors	2,532
Civil Capias Warrants	368
Motion and Order for Show Cause	181
Motion for Contempt Orders	62
Mail Payments Processed	114,406
Total	433,951



Criminal 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 convictions and driver license suspensions to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

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, 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.

Criminal/Traffic Cases 2007

Type A	Felony Cases	7636
Type B	Criminal Misdemeanor	29,049
Type C	Traffic OMVI Cases	6,070
Type D	All Other Traffic Cases	117,777
Total		<u>160,532</u>

In 2007, the Criminal/Traffic Division accomplished the following:

- Secured a new IVR (Interactive Voice Response) Phone system that facilitates the ability to service more callers in a timely manner, and provides the caller the ability to obtain self assisted information. This new system provides faster access to information, more efficient call routing, and offers interactive functions that allow the caller to target and access information specific to their inquiry.
- Initiated a multi-faceted comprehensive training program that utilizes various training methods and mediums. This program concentrates on fundamentals, integrates computer based audio and video training, and accommodates all learning styles.
- Instituted a people focused personnel development program that facilitates self driven, objective oriented involvement by the individual Deputy Clerk. Each person can identify their personal goals within the scope of the Clerk's office and follow a designed plan for achieving them.
- Reorganized public service area to establish a customer flow process that ensures more efficient and timely customer interaction through service sequencing. The process ensures a better organized and relaxed customer experience.
- Instituted case number auditing and accountability process that saves weeks of year end case inventory requirements. This provides a real time ongoing audit of the case numbering process that ensures case number accountability is always current.
- Continued record imaging process to enhance the efficiency of record management, space utilization, and information management.
- Created an on demand record duplication system to provide case information sourced from a digital record database. The new procedure reduced the timeline for providing this information from as much as 45 minutes down to 3 minutes.



- Implemented a Case File Bar Coding system that enables office wide case tracking from any personal computer. This promotes more timely case accountability and helps reduce the need for physical case searches.
- Collaborated with the BMV for Deputy Clerks to have the access to

driver's license reinstatement requirements at the Clerk of Court. This eliminates the need for the public to leave the Clerk's office to make additional trips to the BMV to obtain this information in order to get driving privileges. This saves the public valuable time and effort.

Four Year Comparison of Charges Filed

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Environmental	11,407	10,018	11,810	11,406
Criminal	47,594	47,594	47,949	46,933
Traffic	199,890	199,890	192,307	189,093
Total	258,891	257,502	252,066	247,432

Expungement and Sealing of Cases in 2007

Number of applications received for expungement proceedings	2,133
Number of cases that were ordered expunged by the Court	1,820
Number of applications denied for expungement	355
Number of expungement applications withdrawn	28
Number of cases expunged by order of the Common Pleas Court	220



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.

Total Environmental Cases 2007

Type A – Environmental Felony Cases	5
Type B – Environmental Criminal Misdemeanor	4,285
Type C – Environmental Traffic OMVI Cases	14
Type D – Environmental All Other Traffic Cases	1,657
Total	5,969

Detail of Environmental Charges Filed

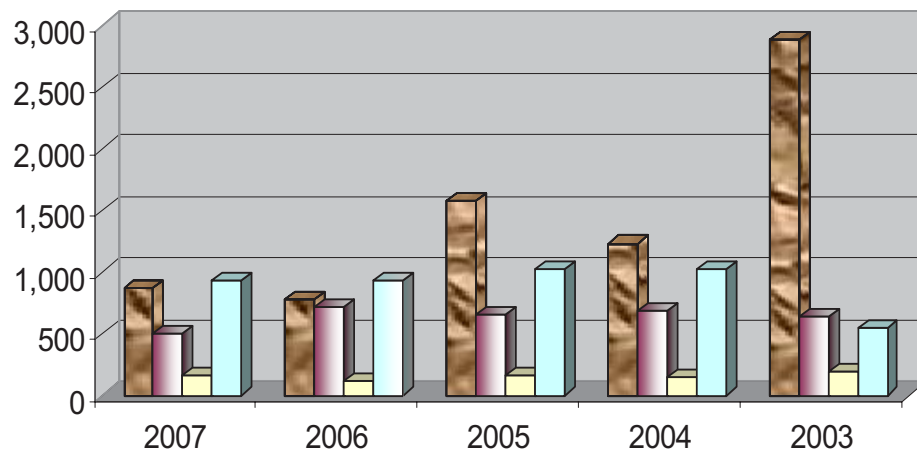
ENVIRONMENTAL	1799	8367	222
Dog Violations			
Dog Registration		2980	
Dog Confinement	37	1028	12
Rabies Quarantine		1408	
Confine Vicious Dog		467	
Vicious Dog Insurance		385	21
Abandoning or Cruelty to Animals		224	
Prohibitions Concerning Animals		171	
Display of Dog Tag		175	
Dog Running at Large			13
Code Violations/Permits			
Housing Code		264	176
Building Code		23	
Zoning Code	455		
Health Code	188		
Fire Code	4		
Use of Intoxicants		25	
Wildlife			
Littering/Dumping	234	157	
Hunting w/o License		10	
Fishing w/o License		83	
Park Restrictions	18		
Water Craft Violations	18		
Failure To Have Licence			
No Massage License	18		
No Peddlers License	41		
Unsafe Tattooing		1	
Fire Violations			
Arson		5	
Permitting Smoking in Public Place	49		
Open Burning	2		
Fireworks		4	
Commercial Trucking Offenses			
Load Dripping/Dropping	117	63	
Exceeding Maximum Width/Length	28	17	
Maximum Wheel Load	12	845	
Wheel Protectors Required		32	
Loud Sound	468		
Graffitiism	34		
Disturbing the Quiet	76		

**All Charges may not be included.*

Detail of Charges Filed 2007

	City of Columbus Ordinances	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT	2674	5534	93
Aggravated Murder		7	
Murder		34	
Involuntary Manslaughter		3	
Reckless Homicide		3	
Vehicular Manslaughter		6	
Aggravated Vehicular Manslaughter		2	
Aggravated Vehicle Assault		7	
Felonious Assault		491	
Aggravated Assault		7	
Felony Assault		35	
Assaulting a Peace Officer		83	
Assault/Negligent/Aggravated	2448	3891	53
Menacing/Aggravated	226	905	40
Menacing by Stalking/Aggravated		44	
Felony Menacing by Stalking		5	
Felony Aggravated Menacing		8	
Assault by Care giver		3	

KIDNAPPING AND ENTICEMENT	21	131	7
Kidnaping		69	
Abduction		27	
Unlawful Restraint	21	30	
Child Enticement		5	7



■ Offenses Against Public Administration
 ■ Arson
 ■ Kidnapping and Enticement
 ■ Misc

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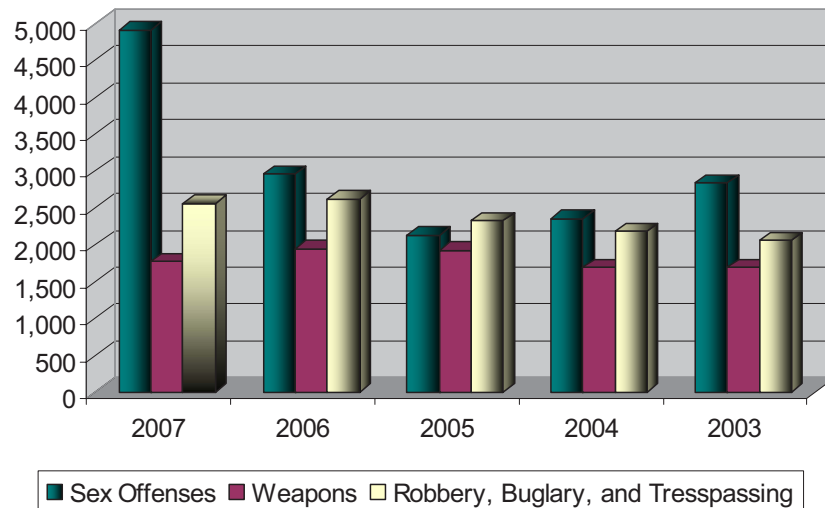
SEX OFFENSES	3742	1166	8
Rape		58	
Rape with 13 years old & under		47	
Unlawful Sexual Conduct with Minor		41	
Gross Sexual Imposition		15	
Gross Sexual Imposition under 13 years old		22	
Sexual Imposition	7	19	3
Sexual Battery		21	
Felony Importuning		38	
Importuning		35	
Voyeurism	8	6	
Public Indecency	2198	308	2
Solicitation	1472	63	1
Prostitution	31	9	1
Loitering for Prostitution	19		
Loitering for Soliciting		200	
Procuring	7	2	1
Pandering Obscenity/Minor-Sexual		71	
Failing to Register as Sex Offender		17	
Failure to Change or Re-Verify Address as Sex Offender		194	

GAMBLING	0	18	0
Public Gaming		8	
Gambling		8	
Felony Gambling		1	
Cheating/Corrupting Sports		1	

ROBBERY, BURGLARY AND TRESPASSING	572	1966	21
Aggravated Robbery		296	
Robbery		286	
Aggravated Burglary		144	
Burglary		395	
Breaking and Entering		233	
Safecracking & Tampering w/ Coin		21	1
Criminal Trespassing	572	560	20
Aggravated Criminal Trespassing		31	

ARSON	69	388	40
Felony Aggravated Arson		15	
Aggravated Arson		27	
Arson		5	
Vandalism		33	
Criminal Mischief	69	21	5
Criminal Damage and Endangerment		287	35

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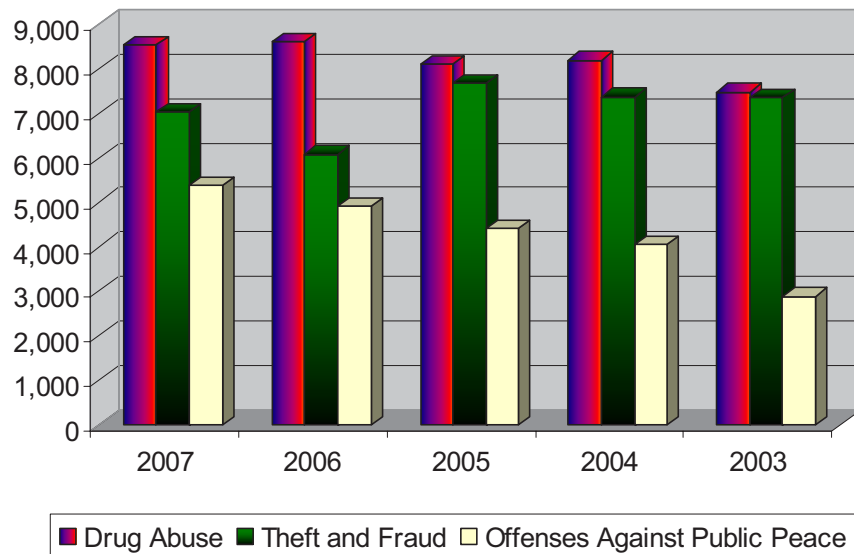


DRUG ABUSE	8	8329	196
Trafficking in Drugs		359	
Felony Drug Abuse		1859	
Misdemeanor Drug Abuse		3099	105
Drug Paraphernalia		2685	91
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs		85	
Illegal Procurement of Drug Documents		91	
Manufacture of Drugs		17	
Posses Fake Drugs		50	
Posses Drug Instrument		62	
Loiter-Drug Offenses	8		
Permit Drug Abuse/ Misdemeanor		17	
Permit Drug Abuse/ Felony		5	

WEAPONS	111	1641	21
Carry Concealed Firearm/ Felony		508	
Carry Concealed Weapon/Misdemeanor	69	159	6
Improper Handling of Fire Arm/Felony		85	
Improper Handling of Fire Arm / Misdemeanor		136	3
Discharging Fire Arm in School Habitat		17	
Possession of Criminal Tools/Felony		167	
Possession of Criminal Tools/Misdemeanor		178	6
Felony Possession Criminal Tools		149	
Possession Dangerous Ordinances		17	
Discharging Weapons	28	16	6
Misdemeanor ATTEMPT	6	59	
Felony ATTEMPT		103	
Misdemeanor COMPLICITY	8	35	
Felony COMPLICITY		12	

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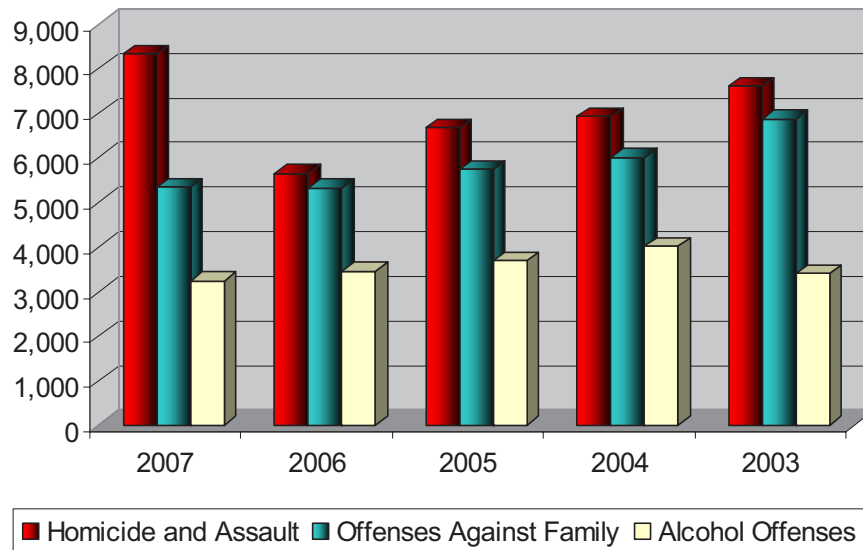
THEFT AND FRAUD	1412	5494	123
Grand Theft		28	
Felony Theft		733	
Theft/ Misdemeanor		2449	97
Petty Theft	1136		
Unauthorized Use Of Motor Vehicle	6	62	
Unauthorized Use of M/V-48 Hours/Felony		55	
Unauthorized Use Property		7	1
Unauthorized Use Property/Felony		13	
Forgery and Uttering		480	
Felony Passing Bad Checks		66	
Passing Bad Checks/Misdemeanor	232	292	10
Receiving Stolen Property	38	250	14
Receiving Stolen Property/Felony		971	
Misuse of Credit Cards/Felony		14	
Misuse of Credit Cards/Misdemeanor		16	1
Defraud/Counterfeit Tamper w/ Records		32	
Criminal Simulation		11	
Telecom Fraud		4	
Felony Conspiracy		6	
Workers Comp Fraud		5	



ALCOHOL OFFENCES	1621	1577	51
Prohibited Alcohol under 21 years	316	839	
Open Container	177	107	7
Open Container Public Place	668	415	
Open Container in Motor Vehicle	451	127	9
Minor Purchasing Alcohol		89	35
Keeper of Place/Liquor	9		

**All Charges may not be included.*

OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS	3093	2182	108
Disorderly Conduct	1222	598	29
Resisting Arrest	521	306	6
Falsification/Certain Acts Prohib.	702	595	24
Failure to Comply		104	8
Misconduct at Emergency	17	8	2
Misconduct Public Transportation	27		
Inducing Panic	7	21	4
Inducing Panic/Felony		3	
Making False Alarms	9	31	4
Improper Use of 911	66		2
Riot/Inciting to Violence		8	10
Felony Riot		8	
Obstructing Official Business/Justice	496	363	19
Obstructing Official Business/Justice/Felony		36	
Impersonating an Officer	26	10	
Assault on Police Officer/ Felony		91	



OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	10	5285	58
Endangering Children		355	19
Endangering Children under OVI		27	
Felony Endangering Children		29	
Interfering with Custody		46	3
Domestic Violence		4078	
Felony Domestic Violence		3	
Violation Temporary Protection Order		717	
Felony Violation Temporary Protection Order		6	
Contribute to Minor	10	24	36

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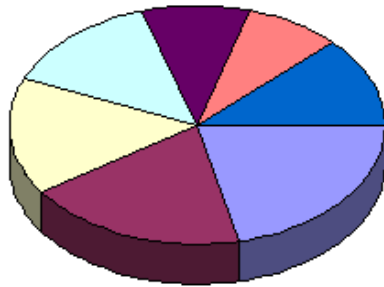
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	177	668	20
CONTEMPT of Court		31	
Witness Intimidation		14	
Force/Threat Witness/Felony		27	
Tampering w/ Evidence/Felony		146	
Public Urination	177		
Disrupting Public Services		3	
Conveying Contraband to Jail		38	
Harassment by Inmate		23	
Telephone Harassment		384	20
Bribery		2	

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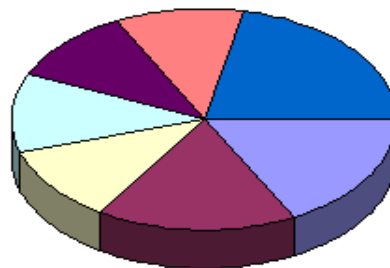
MISCELLANEOUS-CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS	23	904	2
Fugitive From Justice		113	
Holder Foreign Jurisdiction		398	
Escape		3	
Felony Escape		63	
Contempt of Court	1	31	
Civil Capias		181	
Illegal Tobacco Distribution		27	
Ethnic Intimidation	4		
Peace Warrant		1	
Motor Vehicle Title Violations	2	65	2
Aggressive Panhandling	16		
Ethics Violation		22	

**All Charges may not be included.*

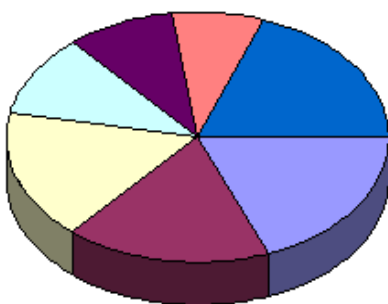
OVI & RECKLESS OPERATION	4179	5319	206
OVI	2352	3321	188
OVI PER- SE	1180	1719	
OVI FELONY		36	
Reckless Operation	647	243	18
<i>*All Charges may not be included.</i>			

City of Columbus Ordinances

- OVI & RECKLESS OPERATION
- SEX OFFENSES
- OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS
- HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT
- ENVIRONMENTAL
- ALCOHOL OFFENSES
- OTHER

Ohio Revised Code

- ENVIRONMENTAL
- DRUG ABUSE
- HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT
- THEFT AND FRAUD
- OVI & RECKLESS OPERATION
- OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY
- OTHER

Other Municipal Ordinances

- ENVIRONMENTAL
- OVI & RECKLESS OPERATION
- DRUG ABUSE
- THEFT AND FRAUD
- OFFENSES AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS
- HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT
- Other

Live Scan - Fingerprinting

Since March 12, 2007, three thousand sixty (3,060) defendants have been processed at the Fingerprint Station located directly next to Courtroom 4C on the fourth floor of the Municipal Court Building.

- ✿ 2,366 defendants have been printed for OVI traffic offenses, both state and local ordinances.
- ✿ 694 defendants have been printed for criminal misdemeanor offenses. (27 Felony charges are included in this count).

Top numbers of criminal charges:

■ Public Indecency:	123
■ Assault:	107
■ Endangering Children:	70
■ Domestic Violence:	52
■ Aggravated Menacing/Menacing:	46
■ Drug Abuse:	41
■ Telephone Harassment:	37
■ Soliciting:	35
■ Carrying Concealed Weapon:	32

- ✿ Since April 4 2007 an average of 15 defendants per day are printed per Court order.
- ✿ Over 95% of the complaints were processed by a summons issued to the defendant.
- ✿ Over 65% of the charges are within the jurisdiction of the Columbus Police Department. The CPD techs have printed all defendants no matter what police jurisdiction.
- ✿ The list of reportable misdemeanors is always available.
- ✿ From June 4 through June 8, a record 119 defendants were fingerprinted.
- ✿ There have been three (3) days in which 32 defendants were fingerprinted.
- ✿ The highest total printed in one day is 35 (Friday, 9-7-07).



Traffic Violations Bureau

The Traffic Violations Bureau manages all complaints 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, eight (8) Townships, and other Municipal law enforcement agencies.

Within the Traffic Violations Bureau is the Communications Division. The purpose of the Communications Division 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 Division include the following:

- Initiating payable and mandatory offenses; this includes traffic, criminal, and environmental cases
- Sending out notices for new court dates on traffic cases
- Sending out summonses for traffic, criminal and environmental cases
- Opening, logging and processing mail for all divisions
- Processing payments to ensure accuracy prior to being receipted
- Sending out letters with incorrect traffic, criminal and or environmental payments
- Processing cases transferred from Mayor's Courts
- Completing public record requests pertaining to case dispositions
- Entering Identification Tracking Numbers (ITN) into CourtView



In 2007, the Traffic Violations Bureau accomplished the following:

- Received E-tickets written by the Columbus Division of Police and kept a weekly count of how many tickets we received
- Established performance standards for each area of the division
- Revised the letters sent out to defendants for incorrect payments
- Cross-trained to ensure all daily responsibilities were met
- Assisted the Criminal/Traffic division with the end of the year file control

CITY OF COLUMBUS TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED IN 2007

ACDA	6,666	Failure to Yield Funeral Proc	3
Appr Pub Safety Veh w/Lts Dis	152	Failure to Yield Private Drive	840
Bicycle Operate w/o Safety	36	Failure to Yield Safety Vehicle	99
Bicycle Park/Ride on Sidewalk	112	Failure to Yield to Blind	1
Bicycle Signal Device	331	Failure to Yield to Ped in XWalk	60
Bicycle to Ride on Right	55	False Info to Issuing Officer	55
Blue Light Prohibited	75	Flashing Lights Prohibited	9
Board/Alight in Motion Proh	11	Flashing Traffic Signal	90
Bumper Requirements	9	Fleeing	159
Certain Acts Prohibited	122	Focus/Aim of Headlights	3
Chg Course w/o Safety	386	Following Emergency Vehicle	5
Counterfeit Plates	93	Following Too Close	247
Cycle-Helmet/Glasses	16	Hand/Arm Signals	7
Dr u/DUI Susp Immob	2	Hazardous/No Passing Zone	143
Dr u/FRA Susp/Immob	6,014	Hit Skip-Pub Street	803
Dr u/Susp-Rev	7,133	Improper Left Turn	439
Drive across Grade Crossing	4	Improper Passing	135
Drive on Closed Highway	168	Improper Right Turn	495
Drive on Curb/Sidewalk	93	Inadequate Brakes	10
Drive over Fire Hose	1	Keep to Right/Rotary	1
Drive through Safety Zone	14	Lane Control Signals	10
Driving Left of Center	197	Let Unlicensed Driver Drive	1
Driving on Right Side	106	License Plate Violation	3
Driving Outside License Restr	66	Lights Req on Parked/Stopped	4
Driving u/OVI Susp	299	Manner of Signal/Bicycle	7
Driving Unsafe Vehicle	119	Max Number of Headlights	1
Driving Within Lanes	2,711	Mirror/Unobstructed View	72
Duties/Non Working Signals	34	Motorveh/Cycle Noise	29
Emerg Veh/Fail to Slow	4	Muffler, Excessive Gas or Smoke	516
Excessive Speed/Bridge	4	No Moped License	1
Expired Tags	5,782	No Motorcycle Endorsement	65
Fail to Yield "T" Intersection	33	No Operator's License	9,568
Fail to Yield on Red	54	No Ops Lic Exp < 6 Months	598
Fail/Keep to Right	2	Non-Trans Material on Window	23
Failure to Control	3,237	Obscured Lights	5
Failure to Display	74	Obscured Windshield Prohibited	108
Failure to Display Two Plates	431	Obstructed Intersec/RR Xing	78
Failure to Display License	1	Obstructed View	27
Failure to Register	8	One Way Bicycle	9
Failure to Reinstate License	2,252	One Way-Highway/Rotary	626
Failure to Signal	3,463	Open Door in Traffic	30
Failure to Stop-School Bus	62	Oper W/Prohibited Window Tint	979
Failure to Surrender Title	1	Oper W/Tag from Previous Owner	36

**All Charges may not be included.*

CITY OF COLUMBUS TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED IN 2007

Operate MV W/O Title	1	Slow Speed	285
Operate W/Foreign Tag	10	Slow Vehicle Headlight Req	1
Operation of MC/Mcycle on Side	2	Speed	28,125
Operation on Moped Req	1	Squealing Tires	300
Order of Officer/Ped	6	Stop Lights Required	128
Parking Violation	10	Stop Sidewalk Area	111
Passing on the Left	159	Stop Sign	3,211
Passing on the Right	191	Street Racing	16
Pedestrian Control Signal	58	Tail/License Plate Light Req	1,173
Pedestrian Fail to Yield Saf Veh	2	Tampering W/Traff Cont Device	5
Pedestrian on the Roadway	91	Temp Plate Display	14
Pedestrian Outside Crosswalk	1,503	Term Prmt W/O Lic Dr	3
Pedestrian Soliciting Ride Proh	789	Temporary Permit Violation	538
Pedestrian to Face Traffic	27	Temporary Permit Violation/MC	30
Pedestrian to Yield Traffic	8	Title/Violation	9
Pedestrian Under the Influence	129	Traffic Control Device/Ped	3,179
Posses Xtra Licensses	1	Traffic Dir Emerg/Xng	1
Poster Sign Window	16	Transfer Registration	6
Prohib/Left of Center	21	Turning at Intersections	1,607
Prohibited Attaching to Veh	1	Turning into Private Drive/Alley	30
Prohibited Num of Headlights	157	Two Lights Required	513
Prohibited Star/Backing	636	Unauthorized Signs & Signals	17
Prohibited Turn	587	Unnecessary Horn	38
Prohibited Use of Slow Moving	1	Use Fictitious Plates	184
Prohibition/Highway	8	Use of Headphones	15
Red Light/Flag Req on Ext Load	10	Use Tag to Another Vehicle	932
Red Reflectors Required	39	U-Turn	693
Reflectorized Mat on Window	9	Valid Ops/Exp Ops	8
Registration Violation	8	Windshield Required	23
Repeat Offender Suspension	109	Windshield Wiper Required	1
Req Distribution of Headlight	110	Wrong Side/Divided Road	102
Resisting Traffic Enf. Official	55	Wrongful Entrustment	130
Riding Bicycle/Motorcycle Rest	17	Yield Sign	51
Riding on Outside Prohibited	33		
Right of Way at Intersection	75		
Right of Way Pedestrian	10		
Right of Way/Left Turn	1,725		
Right of Way/Stop/Yield	123		
Safety Lighting on Comm Veh	2		
Side Cowl, Fender, Back up	12		
Signal Terms Lights	964		
Skates, Coaster, Toy in Roadway	2		
Slow Moving Veh on R Side	4		

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STATE OF OHIO TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED IN 2007

ACDA	1,379	Failure to Yield From Priv Drive	146
Apply Registration	2,194	Failure to Yield Funeral Process	2
Backing on Freeway	20	Failure to Yield Pub Safety Veh	36
Backing Without Safety	123	Failure to Yield to Ped in Xwalk	7
Bicycle Bell Required	3	False Info to Issuing Officer	229
Bicycle Lamps/Reflectors	16	Flashing Lights Prohibited	4
Certain Acts Prohibited	13	Flashing Traffic Signal	8
Child Restraint	530	Focus/Aim of Headlights	2
Consumption In MV	2	Following Too Close	270
Counterfeit Plates	71	Handicapped Parking	221
Display of Warning Device	2	Hazard/No Pass Zone	75
Display Regs Comm	19	Historical Tags Violation	2
Dr U/FRA Susp/Immob	2,876	Hit Skip Pub St/Pers Property	181
Drag Racing	9	Horns/Siren/Alarm Signal	2
Drive Across Grade Crossing	8	Impaired Alert/Comm/Owner	4
Drive Closed Highway	171	Improper Bumper	6
Drive on Curb/Walk	21	Inadequate Brakes/Requirements	5
Drive Through Safety Zone	7	Install/Sale Safety Belt	1
Driving Action Appr Emerg Veh	124	Motor Bicycle Regulations	2
Driving Left of Center	217	Motor Vehicle Title Violation	3
Driving on R Side of Roadway	103	Muffler, Excessive Gas or Smoke	196
Driving Outside License Restr	31	MV Registration Dealer	4
Driving U/OVI Susp	340	No Motorcycle Endorsement	37
Driving U/Repeat Traff Off Susp	99	No Operators License	5,784
Driving U/Susp	4,034	No Ops Lic Exp < 6 Months	323
Driving Unsafe Vehicle	150	No Ops Lic Exp > 6 Months	68
Driving W/In Lanes/Mark Lanes	2,136	Noncommercial MV Use	28
Duties/Non-Wrking Signal	3	Non-Transparent Mat on Wind	5
Emerg Veh-FT Slow Down	2	Obstructed View Driver	8
Engine Noise Violation	3	Obstructed Inter/RR Xing	19
Equip Turn Signal	3	One Way	41
Erect Stop Sign Private	1	Oper W/Tag From Prev Owner	27
Fail to Register	67	Operate W/Foreign Tag	7
Failure to Control	1,127	Over 48 HR Parking	2
Failure to Display	12	Parking in Fire Lane	2
Failure to Display Headlights	809	Parking on Hwy/Unattended Veh	22
Failure to Display License	312	Parking Violations	379
Failure to Display Two Plates	55	Passing on the Right	106
Failure to Reinstate A License	978	Ped FTY to Emerg Vehicle	1
Failure to Report Accident	3	Pedestrian Crossing Prohibited	65
Failure to Signal	906	Pedestrian on Freeway/Roadway	2
Failure to Stop Accident	64	Pedestrian Soliciting Ride Prohib	38
Failure to Stop Accident	64	PedestrianU/Influence Prohib	12
Failure to Stop School Bus	25	Posses Xtra Licenses	5

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STATE OF OHIO TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED IN 2007

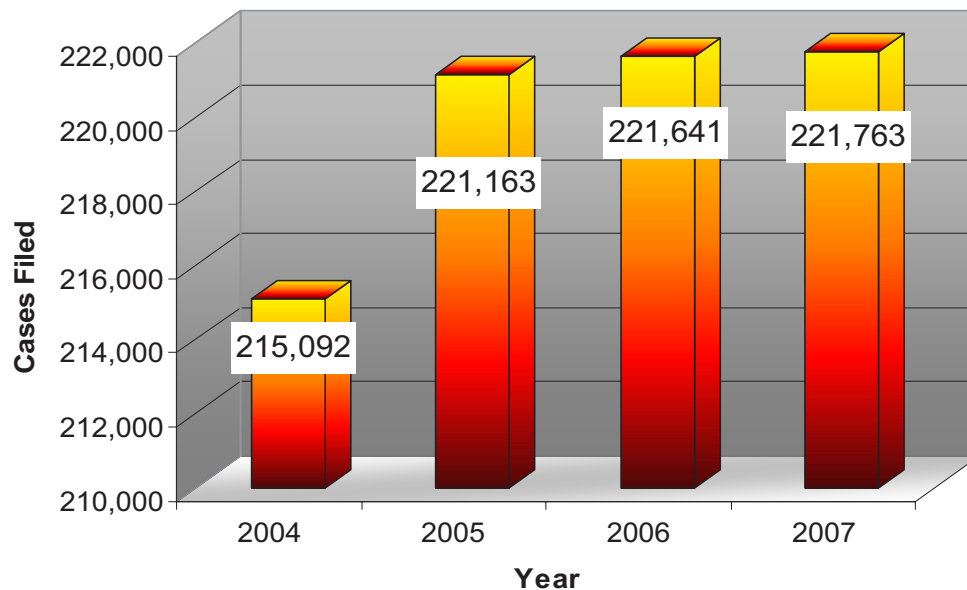
Prohibited Bus Loading/Regs	2	Unauthorized Signs/Signals	1
Prohibited U-Turn	264	Use Fictitious Plates	359
Prohibitions CDL Susp/Revoked	2	Use of Headphones	9
Proof of FRA	35	Use Tag to Another Vehicle	285
Rear View Mirror/Clear View	66	Valid Ops/Exp Ops	112
Red Light/Flag Req on Ext Load	7	Windshield Placard Violation Prk	11
Resisting Traffic Enf Official	1	Windshield Required	62
Riding Bicycle/Mcycle Restr	34	Wrong Side/Divided Road	50
Riding on Outside Prohibited	8	Wrongful Entrustment	50
Right of Way at Intersections	419	Yield Sign	28
Right of Way Pedestrian	3		
Safety Glass	14		
Seatbelt Allow Passenger	157		
Seatbelt Operator	10,880		
Seatbelt Passenger	706		
Sell/Buy Traffic Device	2		
Side Cowl, Fender, Backup Light	28		
Signal Term/Lights	296		
Slow Speed	103		
Slow Vehicle Headlight Req	2		
Speed	21,914		
Spotlight/Aux Driving Light Proh	3		
Stop Lights Required	99		
Stop Sign	698		
Stop/Sidewalk Area	7		
Susp Drug Offense	15		
Tag Violations	2,353		
Tail/License Plate Light Required	704		
Tamper W/ Vehicle ID	5		
Tampering W/Traff Cntrl Device	4		
Temp Permit Violation	46		
Temp Plate Register	10		
Temp Prmt W/O Lic Driver	57		
Temp Prmt/Mcycle Violation	7		
Tinted Windows	465		
Title & Reg Transfer	67		
Traffic Cntrl Device	1,505		
Traffic Cntrl Device Pedestrian	3		
Turn on Red	147		
Turning at Intersections	148		

**All Charges may not be included.*

MAYOR'S COURT TRANSFERS

Bexley	23
Brice	52
Canal Winchester	14
Delaware	1
Dublin	123
Gahanna	83
Grandview	56
Grove City	158
Groveport	59
Harrisburg	1
Hilliard	112
Lithopolis	1
Marble Cliff	30
Minerva Park	25
New Albany	38
Obetz	30
Reynoldsburg	218
Upper Arlington	27
Valleyview	8
Westerville	196
Whitehall	209
Worthington	91

Total Cases Filed (Criminal/Civil/Traffic/Environmental)-Four Year Comparison

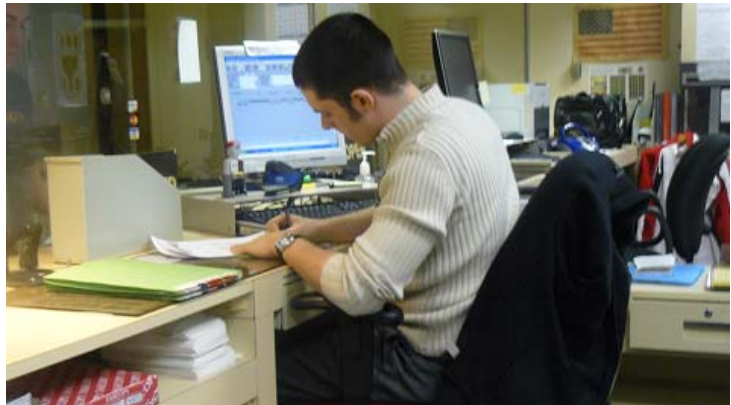


Accounting / Finance Division

The Accounting/Finance Division conducts all operations and functions pertaining to the receipt and disbursement for monies collected by the Clerk's Office. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Fines
- Court Costs
- Fees
- Bail/Bond
- Garnishments
- Judgments

The division is responsible for receipting and disbursing money for all four accounts: Civil, Rent Escrow, Trusteeship, and Criminal/Traffic.



Within the Accounting/Finance Division there are two sub divisions that were created to be compliant with the Ohio Revised Code: Rent Escrow and Trusteeship.

■ 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 2007: **240**

■ 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 2007: **53**



The division is also responsible for overseeing the Court's Time Payment Program. The program was created (years ago) as a way to help citizens become more capable of paying for their cost and fines. The sentencing Judge authorizes the citizen to sign up on time payments based on the amount owed and their financial circumstances. After the person is signed up for the program a Controller enters their information and breaks the payments down into twelve monthly installments. The citizen is then responsible for making their payments on time until their case(s) is paid in full.

In 2007, the Accounting / Finance Division made several technical improvements:

- **OCP** (On Site Check Processing) allows the Clerk's Office to make electronic deposits to our financial institute for checks or money orders receipted by the Accounting/ Finance Division. This has proven to be an extremely efficient and secure method to deposit public funds.
- The Accounting / Finance Division also changed the credit card processing system to a web-based credit card application. This application insures a secure way to process customers' credit cards without having to retain paper reports or sensitive customer information, such as card numbers. All information is stored with the merchant in a secure database offsite for optimal security.

The Accounting / Finance Division is responsible for preparing monthly a general accounting of all 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.



2007 Franklin County Municipal Court Financial Report

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

For the Period Year Ending December 31, 2007

Assets

Cash Civil Fund	1,184,291.71
Cash Trusteeship Fund	4,999.33
Cash Rent Escrow Fund	96,689.44
Cash Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	1,089,816.72

Total Assets**\$ 2,375,797.20****Liabilities**

Due to Payee Civil Fund	1,184,291.71
Due to Payee Trusteeship Fund	4,999.33
Due to Payee Rent Escrow Fund	96,689.44
Due to Payee Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	1,089,816.75

Total Liabilities**\$ 2,375,797.23**

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Receipts

Receipts Civil Fund	24,064,869.68
Receipts Trusteeship Fund	175,142.41
Receipts Rent Escrow Fund	269,188.51
Receipts Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	22,380,453.99

Total Receipts**\$ 46,889,654.59****Disbursements**

Disbursements Civil Fund	24,059,801.11
Disbursements Trusteeship Fund	174,641.77
Disbursements Rent Escrow Fund	254,095.72
Disbursements Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	22,349,548.77

Total Disbursements**\$ 46,838,087.37**

Statement of Civil Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Court Costs	5,874,193.81	
Civil Contempt Fine	-	
Return Check Costs	225.00	
Civil Environmental Penalty	9,750.00	
Small Claims Dispute Resolution	92,010.00	
Administrative Fee - 1% State Legal Aid Fees	13,583.47	
Civil Security Facilities	399,474.48	
Civil Collection Fee	-	
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees	572,938.00	
Municipal Court Computerization Fees	171,886.00	
State Legal Aid Fees	1,344,795.38	
Publication Fees	488,984.15	
Civil Bond Deposits	8,986.24	
Civil Refund Cost Deposit	7,740.25	
Civil Judgment Deposits	14,964,824.02	
Civil Jury Deposits	39,500.00	
Civil Refund/Overpayment Deposits	31,587.88	
Civil Sheriff Deposits	5,915.00	
Civil Towing Deposits	33,600.00	
Civil Witness Deposits	3,716.00	
Environmental Appraisal	390.00	
Environmental Injunctive	590.00	
Environmental Mortgage	-	
Environmental Sheriff	180.00	
Total Receipts Civil Fund		\$ 24,064,869.68

Statement of Trusteeship Fund Receipts
For the Period Year Ending December 31, 2007

Trusteeship Deposits	171,453.88	
Court Costs	3,444.00	
Overpayments	244.53	
Total Receipts Trusteeship Funds		\$ 175,142.41

Statement of Rent Escrow Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Deposits	266,453.60	
Court Costs	2,734.91	
Overpayments	-	
Total Receipts Rent Escrow Fund		\$ 269,188.51





Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Fines and Bail Forfeitures

Municipalities

Bexley	2,750.00
Brice	3,119.50
Canal Winchester	1,655.00
Dublin	14,341.00
Gahanna	7,662.40
Grandview Heights	9,855.00
Grove City	13,003.10
Groveport	4,548.00
Harrisburg	-
Hilliard	10,958.00
Minerva Park	5,176.00
New Albany	5,325.40
New Rome	-
Obetz	1,590.00
Reynoldsburg	18,141.50
Upper Arlington	19,717.00
Urbancrest	131.00
Valleyview	1,111.00
Westerville	14,763.00
Whitehall	7,614.50
Worthington	6,439.00

Townships

Blendon	64,138.10
Clinton	59,877.00
Franklin	16,007.00
Hamilton	19,615.20
Madison	41,590.75
Mifflin	19,458.00
Norwich	4,265.50
Perry	87,033.25
Prairie	28,260.50
Sharon	42,640.75
Washington	1,564.50

State of Ohio

Ohio Highway Patrol	391,446.11
Trauma and EMT Fund 5%	43,493.89
State Seatbelt	218,722.00
State Liquor	50,440.75
Child Restraint	9,212.00



Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Fines and Bail Forfeitures (continued)

City of Columbus

Columbus Fines	4,035,097.68
Ohio Highway Patrol	330,270.00
Cr/Tr Environmental Fines	47,093.50
Indigent Driver Alcohol Fund DUS	-
Indigent Driver Alcohol Fund DUI	60,588.90
Collection Account	258,236.00
Appearance Bonds	145,684.50
Columbus Health Dept	2,759.00

County of Franklin

Department of Animal Control	100,373.20
Franklin County Development Center	18,416.00
Ohio State Agencies	169.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	50.00
Municipal	649,297.00
Columbus State Univ. PD	200.00
Ohio State University	39,616.80
ODJS Unemployment Fraud	150.00
Franklin County Sheriff (Note D Schedule 1)	459,444.60
Blendon Township	63,729.10
Clinton Township	59,180.00
Franklin Township	15,907.00
Madison Township	40,990.75
Mifflin Township	19,143.50
Perry Township	85,200.25
Sharon Township	42,248.25
Liquor Violations - County Share	50,440.75
Country Road and Bridge Fund	278,809.12
Ohio Highway Patrol	86,988.00
Ohio Department of Liquor Control	-
Ohio Department of Taxation	999.00
Ohio Department of Commerce	-
Port Columbus Police	15,273.00
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	5,951.00
Ohio Department of Public Safety	2,158.00
Capital Area Humane Society	1,450.00
Chessie Sea Board	5.00
Ohio Ethics Commission	5,535.00
OVI Education Fund Index	10,739.10
OVI Law Enforcement and Education	-
Franklin County Sheriff	5,284.00
Ohio Highway Patrol	16,392.50
Port Columbus Airport	319.50
Ohio State University	1,590.00
Columbus Regulation Division	150.00



Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Fines and Bail Forfeitures (continued)

Other Entities

Metro Parks	1,555.00	
State Wildlife Fund	5,273.00	
State Watercraft Fund	725.00	
State Drug/Pharmacy Fund	56,878.00	
Ohio Department of Agriculture	-	
Sheriff OMVI Housing the Prisoner Fund	173,587.70	
Refunds/Overpayments	83,734.90	
Total Fines and Bond Forfeitures		\$ 8,523,348.30

Costs

Assessed Costs	5,256,303.95	
Mayors Court Costs	23,445.30	
Total Costs		\$ 5,279,749.25

Fees

Collection Fee	665,524.28	
Criminal/Traffic Security Fee	809,773.90	
State Jury Fees	4,974.20	
City Jury Fees	6,068.00	
Late Fee	-	
Municipal Court Computerization Fees	349,684.50	
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees	1,165,904.70	
Witness Fees - Local	17,091.36	
Local Expungements - City	6,680.00	
Probation Fees	294,636.75	
Home Incarceration Program	16,542.00	
Probation Fees - Scram	86,574.00	
Criminal/Traffic Diversion Fee	1,007.00	
Prosecutor's Check Resolution	59,476.50	
Returned Check Fees	4,843.00	
Witness Fees - State	12,870.31	
State Expungements - County	13,100.00	
BMV Driver's License Suspension	1,599.50	
BMV Warrant Block Reinstatement	3,382.00	
State Expungements - State	19,650.00	
Local Expungements - State	10,020.00	
Victims-of-Crime Fee	1,021,599.10	
Public Defender Fee	1,698,200.47	
Crime Stopper Fee	9,734.00	
Indigent Application Fee	86,961.40	
Total Fees		\$ 6,365,896.97

Time Payment Deposits	217.80	
Total Receipts Criminal/Traffic Fund		\$ 20,169,212.32



Statement of Bail Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Bail Deposits		
Appearance Bonds	1,378,683.27	
Applied Appearance Bonds	(169,658.77)	
Appearance Costs	153,187.03	
Applied Appearance Costs	(146,854.00)	
Cash Bonds	899,800.80	
Applied Cash Bonds	(112,867.66)	
Bail Historical Adjustment		
		\$ 2,002,290.67
Total Bail Deposits		
Victim-of-Crimes Posted		
Victim-of-Crime Deposited	194,748.00	
Applied Victims-of Crime	(83,399.00)	
Total Victim-of Crime Deposited		\$ 111,349.00
Public Defender Posted		
Public Defender Deposited	236,751.00	
Applied Public Defender	(139,149.00)	
Total Public Defender Deposited		\$ 97,602.00
Total Receipts Bail Fund		\$ 2,211,241.67



Statement of Disbursements to the City of Columbus
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Civil Fund			
Court Costs	5,789,968.36		
Small Claims Dispute Resolution	84,480.00		
Civil Environmental Penalty	9,750.00		
Administrative Fees - 1% State Legal Aid Fees.	13,325.94		
Civil Security Facilities	391,952.48		
Civil Contempt Fine	-		
Civil Collection Fee	-		
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees	562,178.00		
Municipal Court Computerization Fees	168,658.00		
Returned Check Fees	225.00		
Unclaimed Funds	81,153.25		
Total Civil Fund Disbursements		\$	7,101,691.03
Trusteeship Fund			
Court Costs	3,300.00		
Unclaimed Funds	17.50		
Total Trusteeship Fund Disbursements		\$	3,317.50
Rent Escrow Funds			
Court Costs	2,723.17		
Unclaimed Funds	2,946.24		
Total Rent Escrow Fund Disbursements		\$	5,669.41
Criminal/Traffic Fund			
Fines and Bail Forfeitures	4,035,743.58		
Ohio Highway Patrol - City Share	329,951.80		
Criminal/Traffic Environmental Fines	46,559.50		
Columbus Health Dept.	2,759.00		
Court Costs	5,246,195.41		
Collection Fee	661,869.98		
Collection Account	252,663.00		
Security Fee	808,850.50		
Municipal Court Computerization Fees	348,894.00		
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees	1,163,331.70		
Returned Check Fees	4,818.00		
Witness Fees	17,020.56		
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment - DUS	-		
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment - OVI	59,597.40		
Law Enforcement and Education Fund	-		
Expungement Fees - City Share	6,580.00		
Home Incarceration Program	16,402.00		
Probation Fees	293,971.35		
Probation Scram Fees	84,835.00		
Diversion Fees	1,032.00		
Prosecutor Check Resolution	59,647.50		
City Jury Fees	5,738.00		
Appearance Bond Costs	145,502.00		
Total Bail/Criminal/Traffic Fund Disbursements		\$	13,591,962.28
Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds	73,122.18		
Total Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds		\$	73,122.18
Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, City of Columbus		\$	20,775,762.40



Statement of Disbursements to the State of Ohio
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Civil Fund

State Legal Aid Fees	1,319,299.91	
Total Civil Fund Disbursements		\$ 1,319,299.91

Criminal/Traffic Fund

Highway Patrol - State Share	391,162.38	
Seatbelt Violations	217,553.00	
Liquor Violations - State Share	49,362.25	
Child Restraint Law	9,122.00	
State Expungement Fees - State Share	19,770.00	
Local Expungement Fee - State Share	9,870.00	
Victims-of-Crime Fees	1,020,973.10	
Public Defender Fees	1,697,178.97	
BMV Driver License Suspension	1,629.50	
BMV Warrant Block Reinstatement	3,397.00	
Trauma and EMT Fund 5%	43,462.37	
Total Criminal/Traffic Fund Disbursements		\$ 3,463,480.57

Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, State of Ohio		\$ 4,782,780.48
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Statement of Disbursements to the County of Franklin
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Criminal/Traffic Fund

Fines and Bail Forfeitures

Arresting Agency	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic	Other State Violations
Department of Animal Control	-	-	100,098.20
ODJFS Unemployment Fraud	-	-	150.00
Franklin County Col. Development Center	17,873.00	575.00	34.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	-	50.00	-
Municipal Police	321,930.70	101,018.50	224,310.80
Columbus State Univ. PD	-	200.00	-
Ohio State University	29,449.00	4,770.00	4,866.80
Ohio State Agencies	-	-	169.00
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	-	-	-
Port Columbus Airport	11,391.00	2,822.00	775.00
Ohio Department of Liquor Control	-	-	-
Sheriff Office (Note D Schedule 2)	307,047.20	95,213.60	57,285.30
Blendon Township - County Share	49,283.00	13,292.60	963.50
Clinton Township - County Share	42,047.50	15,202.50	2,222.50
Franklin Township - County Share	8,897.50	6,242.80	515.00
Madison Township - County Share	32,295.75	7,222.00	1,342.00
Mifflin Township - County Share	9,325.75	8,318.50	1,175.00
Perry Township - County Share	66,230.25	18,676.50	537.50
Sharon Township - County Share	33,960.75	7,773.50	532.50
Ohio Highway Patrol - County Share	86,783.55	72.00	69.40
Liquor Violations - County Share	-	-	49,362.25
Road and Bridge Fund	-	-	275,972.12
Department of Taxation	-	-	1,299.00
Department of Commerce	-	-	-
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	-	500.00	5,423.00
Ohio Department of Public Safety	-	1,808.00	100.00
Capital Area Humane Society	-	-	1,450.00
Chessie Sea Board Corp.	-	-	5.00
Columbus Regulation Division	-	-	150.00
Ohio Ethics Commission	-	-	5,535.00
Total Fines and Bail Forfeitures	\$ 1,016,514.95	\$ 283,757.50	\$ 734,342.87
Witness Fees		13,054.71	
Indigent Application Fee		87,107.40	
Expungements Fees - County Share		13,180.00	
State Jury Fees		4,917.20	
Deduction for Law Library Fund		(15,000.00)	
Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, Franklin County			\$ 2,137,874.63



Statement of Disbursements to Municipalities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Criminal/Traffic Fund

	Mayors Costs	OVI Fund	Fines/Forfeitures	Total
Bexley	-	350.00	2,290.00	2,640.00
Brice	585.00	-	2,969.50	3,554.50
Canal Winchester	265.00	625.00	1,030.00	1,920.00
Dublin	4,516.00	850.00	13,391.00	18,757.00
Gahanna	1,904.00	1,039.00	6,595.40	9,538.40
Grandview Heights`	-	1,236.00	9,094.00	10,330.00
Grove City	127.00	3,954.50	8,816.60	12,898.10
Groveport	25.00	881.00	3,722.00	4,628.00
Harrisburg	-	-	-	-
Hilliard	3,686.00	775.00	10,261.00	14,722.00
Minerva Park	860.00	400.00	4,201.00	5,461.00
New Albany	1,235.00	664.00	4,786.40	6,685.40
Obetz	628.00	375.00	1,275.00	2,278.00
Reynoldsburg	1,461.00	3,043.50	15,548.00	20,052.50
Upper Arlington	1,099.00	684.00	18,991.00	20,774.00
Urbancrest	-	-	131.00	131.00
Valleyview	201.00	75.00	986.00	1,262.00
Westerville	3,387.00	794.00	14,744.00	18,925.00
Whitehall	1,547.30	827.00	6,992.50	9,366.80
Worthington	2,032.00	2,300.00	4,141.00	8,473.00
Total Disbursements to Municipalities			\$	172,396.70

Statement of Disbursements to Townships
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Criminal/Traffic Fund

	OVI Fund	Fines/Forfeitures	Total
Blendon	409.00	63,539.10	63,948.10
Clinton	697.00	59,472.50	60,169.50
Franklin	100.00	15,655.30	15,755.30
Hamilton	-	19,622.70	19,622.70
Madison	600.00	40,859.75	41,459.75
Mifflin	289.50	18,819.25	19,108.75
Norwich	-	4,235.50	4,235.50
Perry	1,796.00	85,444.25	87,240.25
Prairie	-	28,609.50	28,609.50
Sharon	392.50	42,266.75	42,659.25
Washington	-	1,472.00	1,472.00
Total Disbursements to Townships		\$	384,280.60





Statement of Disbursements to Other Entities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Civil Fund

Publication Fees	479,724.15	
Civil Bond Deposits	22,699.83	
Civil Deposits	8,807.41	
Civil Judgment Deposits	15,099,999.39	
Civil Jury Deposits	31,180.00	
Civil Refund/Overpayment Deposits	34,927.14	
Civil Sheriff Deposits	4,779.50	
Civil Towing Deposits	32,800.00	
Civil Witness Deposits	4,806.00	
Environmental Appraisal	180.00	
Environmental Sheriff	60.00	
Unclaimed Funds	(81,153.25)	
Total Civil Fund Disbursements		\$ 15,638,810.17

Trusteeship Fund

Trusteeship Deposit Payments	171,169.40	
Overpayments	172.37	
Unclaimed Funds	(17.50)	
Total Trusteeship Fund Disbursements		\$ 171,324.27

Rent Escrow Fund

Rent Deposit Payments	251,372.55	
Unclaimed Funds	(2,946.24)	
Total Rent Escrow Fund Disbursements		\$ 248,426.31

Criminal/Traffic Fund

OVI Law Enforcement and Education	10,422.10
OVI Franklin County Sheriff	5,191.00
OVI Ohio Highway Patrol	16,077.50
OVI Port Columbus Airport	319.50
OVI Ohio State University	1,590.00
OVI Columbus Development Center	-

Other Entities

State Wildlife Fund	5,418.00	
State Watercraft Fund	725.00	
State Drug/Pharmacy Fund	55,735.00	
Metro Parks	1,655.00	
Law Library Fund	15,000.00	
Ohio Department of Agriculture	-	
Sheriff OMVI Housing the Prisoner Fund	172,110.70	
Crime Stoppers Fee	9,739.00	
Overpayments/Refunds	78,446.56	
Total Criminal/Traffic Disbursements		\$ 372,429.36
Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds	(73,122.18)	
Total Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds		\$ (73,122.18)





Statement of Disbursements to Other Entities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

Bail Fund

Appearance Bond Returned to Individuals	1,157,510.05	
Appearance Bond Cost	2,928.18	
Cash Bond Returned to Individuals	870,110.40	
Victims of Crime Returned to Individuals	105,738.00	
Public Defender Returned to Individuals	90,838.00	
Total Bail Fund Disbursements		\$ 2,227,124.63

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 OVI 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	85,317.40	42,823.50	18,052.30
Sheriff Blendon	20,503.00	600.00	4,855.00
Sheriff Brown Township	3,400.00	425.00	-
Sheriff Clinton Township	27,364.00	-	5,094.00
Sheriff Franklin Township	12,672.00	-	18,924.00
Sheriff Hamilton Township	45.00	19,570.20	-
Sheriff Jackson Township	25,958.00	4,375.00	50.00
Sheriff Jefferson Township	22,989.80	-	30.00
Sheriff Madison Township	12,833.00	-	2,568.00
Sheriff Mifflin Township	35,699.00	1,900.00	5,746.00
Sheriff Norwich Township	3,360.50	855.00	50.00
Sheriff Perry Township	2,502.00	-	250.00
Sheriff Plain Township	5,785.00	900.00	-
Sheriff Pleasant Township	17,437.00	975.00	-
Sheriff Prairie Township	14,751.00	13,465.50	94.00
Sheriff Sharon Township	2,285.00	90.00	1,135.00
Sheriff Truro Township	14,011.00	8,139.90	-
Sheriff Washington Township	1,014.50	550.00	-
Total Sheriff	\$ 307,927.20	\$ 94,669.10	\$ 56,848.30



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	85,748.40	43,299.00	17,704.30
Sheriff Blendon Township	19,648.00	600.00	4,805.00
Sheriff Brown Township	3,365.00	425.00	-
Sheriff Clinton Township	27,364.00	-	5,344.00
Sheriff Franklin Township	12,852.00	-	19,439.00
Sheriff Hamilton Township	45.00	19,577.70	-
Sheriff Jackson Township	26,088.00	4,325.00	-
Sheriff Jefferson Township	22,489.80	-	-
Sheriff Madison Township	12,808.00	-	2,393.00
Sheriff Mifflin Township	35,568.00	1,800.00	6,071.00
Sheriff Norwich Township	3,343.00	842.50	50.00
Sheriff Perry Township	2,502.00	-	250.00
Sheriff Plain Township	5,695.00	965.00	-
Sheriff Pleasant Township	17,217.00	975.00	-
Sheriff Prairie Township	14,833.50	13,732.00	94.00
Sheriff Sharon Township	2,340.00	90.00	1,135.00
Sheriff Truro Township	14,181.00	8,069.90	-
Sheriff Washington Township	959.50	512.50	-
Total Sheriff	\$ 307,047.20	\$ 95,213.60	\$ 57,285.30





**Franklin County Municipal Court
Columbus, Ohio
Ninety-Second Annual Report 2007**



FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

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April 4, 2008

Columbus City Council
Columbus City Clerk
Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk
Board of Commissioners of Franklin County
Citizens of Franklin County

In accordance with section 1901.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is my pleasure to provide you the 2007 Annual Report for the Franklin County Municipal Court. Growing case loads, 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 Keith Bartlett at 645-8214 if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Yours truly,

Judge Carrie E. Glaeden
Administrative and Presiding Judge

Enclosure

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

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2007 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 2007 were: Judge James E. Green, Administrative and Presiding Judge, and Judges Janet A. Grubb, Anne Taylor, W. Dwayne Maynard, Scott D. VanDerKarr, H. William Pollitt, Jr., Michael T. Brandt, Mark S. Froehlich (resigned effective 1/8/2007), Harland H. Hale, Ted Barrows, Paul M. Herbert, Julia L. Dorrian, Carrie E. Glaeden, Amy Salerno, Andrea C. Peeples, Patsy Thomas (by appointment 4/9/2007 – 11/27/2007, replacing Froehlich), and David Tyack (beginning 12/3/2007, by election to complete the unexpired term of Froehlich).

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 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 the cases that fall within the Environmental 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 and five full-time magistrates who preside over traffic arraignments, landlord-tenant actions, wage garnishments, small claims cases, and parking violation appeals. 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 non-jury contested criminal and civil cases. 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, and there is an unassigned or “floater” bailiff who rotates among the judges when a judge’s bailiff is absent. Each magistrate also has a bailiff, and there is a Duty Room Bailiff.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Court Administration oversees the administrative and operational functions of the Court. It is the vehicle by which the non-judicial policies of the Court are carried out. In addition to providing overall support and direction to the Court’s nearly 200 employees, some of the specific functions of Court Administration include: personnel management; budgeting and fiscal management; purchasing; liaison with other courts, agencies, and entities; public information; appointment of interpreters; appointment of counsel; statistics; and security.

The Court Administrator, Keith Bartlett, is the chief executive officer. The Court’s General Fund Operating budget for 2007 was \$13,204,200 with an additional \$1.4 million Secure Facilities Fund budget and a nearly \$541,000 Computer Fund budget.

Court Investigation

Court Investigation is a two-person unit that helps defendants resolve matters such as an extension of time to pay a fine 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 2007, Court Investigation assisted approximately 17,729 individuals – 11,389 in-office interviews; 4,279 telephone interviews; and 2,061 other requests for information.

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, control room operator and 14 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.

Interpreter Services

During 2007, the Court employed one full-time and two part-time Spanish interpreters who completed an estimated 8,800 requests for service. There were 531 requests for 33 other languages, including 197 for Somali. The Court also filled 159 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 OVI offenses (operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs); 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. In 2007, the Court processed 9,444 driving under suspension cases (an increase of 11.3% from 2006) and 6,040 OVI cases (an increase of 4.4%). Immobilization, forfeiture, or release of the vehicles was ordered in about 50% of these cases.

Volunteer Services Program

The Volunteer Services Program was developed to augment services to the Court and the community. The Volunteer Coordinator recruits, screens, and places volunteers in appropriate positions by matching their interests, skills, and scheduling requirements. Volunteers serve in a variety of positions, such as in the Department of Probation Services and Assignment Office. In 2007, four volunteers provided 2,800 hours of service at an estimated cost savings to the Court of \$48,141.00.

ASSIGNMENT OFFICE

The Assignment Office is responsible for randomly assigning cases to the judges. Criminal and traffic cases are assigned when a not guilty plea has been entered. 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. Once a case is assigned to a judge, the Assignment Office is responsible for the management of the case as it proceeds through the system. In 2007, the Office assigned nearly 54,000 cases to the 15 judges of the Court, and entered the case disposition on 4,662 civil cases.

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. There are 14 full-time and two part-time court reporter positions.

JURY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

It is the duty of the Jury Commissioner's Office to summon and then assign prospective trial jurors to courtrooms when needed, and track voir dire results and trial verdicts. Jury service is limited to two weeks, except in those cases in which additional days are required to reach a verdict. Jurors are paid \$20 per day for each day they are in attendance, which by law is set by the county commissioners. The number of jurors summoned in 2007 was 4,344.

LEGAL RESEARCH

The Court employs a Legal Research Supervisor who provides legal research and supervises the work of 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 probation officers assigned to general probation supervision are responsible for supervising all types of cases that are referred by the judges of the Court, and for enforcing the court-ordered conditions imposed upon those probationers. Conditions of probation may include: serving time in the county jail; home incarceration in lieu of jail; payment of fines and court costs; completion of a three-day residential Driver Intervention Program for OVI offenders; attendance at a drunk driving impact panel presentation; testing for alcohol or drug use; completion of an alcohol, drug, or mental health assessment, and, if warranted, a recovery or care program; domestic violence or anger management counseling; attendance at a Defensive Driving Course or Underage Drinking Program; community service work; and restitution to victims. In 2007, the Department handled more than 13,000 active cases.

Domestic Violence Unit

The Domestic Violence Unit offers offenders unique opportunities to secure treatment for their behaviors. This Unit monitors offenders' compliance with domestic violence counseling – which is now a minimum of 40 weeks – in addition to all other Court orders. The Domestic Violence Unit has two staff members dedicated to meeting the needs of domestic violence victims.

Specialized Probation Supervision Programs

The Court has four specialized probation programs: Chemical Abuse Program (CAP), Multiple OVI Offender Program (MOP), Sex Offender Program, and Mental Health Program. These specialized probation supervision programs offer judges sentencing options in cases involving alcohol or drug usage or chemical dependency, sexually deviant behavior, or mental health issues. They also offer the probationer a unique opportunity to obtain treatment for these particular problem areas, which enhances public safety by helping clients achieve recovery through the fullest possible use of all available treatment resources.

Investigation Services

The Investigation Unit prepares presentence and post-sentence reports, and conducts sealing of records (expungement) investigations. These reports provide critical information for the judge to consider in making an appropriate disposition based on the particular defendant and facts. In 2007, there were 2,337 investigations ordered.

Supervised Community Service

This sentencing alternative allows for placement of convicted offenders in unpaid positions with nonprofit or governmental agencies, where they perform a specified number of court-ordered community service hours in lieu of costly incarceration. In 2007, offenders completed more than 26,595 hours of community service.

Restitution Program

The Restitution Program illustrates the Court's commitment towards victims of crime and the community at large. When a judge orders a defendant to make restitution to a victim, the restitution officer determines the amount to be paid, then collects and disburses the monies to the victim. In 2007, more than \$450,000 was collected for distribution to victims.

The Provided-No-Convictions Program (PNC)

PNC is a special conditional sentence where all or part of a sentence may be suspended provided there are no other convictions for a same or similar offense within a specific period of time, not to exceed five years. During 2007, the Program supervised 8,886 cases.

Support Services

The Support Services Unit includes receptionists, intake officers, support relief officers, and one transcriptionist.

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. Service bailiffs processed or served approximately 48,147 legal documents in 2007. The Department has 18 employees: a Chief Service Bailiff, two Assistant Chief Service Bailiffs, 14 Service Bailiffs, and a Secretary/Receptionist.

SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

The Small Claims Division helps individuals and businesses file complaints for money damages up to \$3,000. Small Claims Court is somewhat less formal than the General Division of the Court, cases may be resolved more quickly, and usually an attorney is not required. The Division provides support for the Magistrates who hear small claims cases, offers citizens all of the required legal forms, information and instruction sheets, brochures and booklets that address how to proceed in every phase of the case, and explains collection procedures to those who have won their cases. The Division processed more than 9,000 new small claims cases in 2007.

The Dispute Resolution Program provides mediation and other dispute resolution services for the citizens of Franklin County. In mediation, a neutral third party—the mediator—meets with disputing parties to help them reach an agreement that is satisfactory to all parties. The mediators are highly skilled and experienced volunteers, and students from local law schools and graduate programs. In 2007, the Department's free Mediation Service scheduled 1,040 mediations. In 356 disputes, the parties came to agreement about all issues before or at mediation. Judges and Magistrates more than doubled the number of cases they referred to mediation in 2007, and almost 90% of these cases were resolved before trial. In addition, the Department's Check and Account Resolution Service (CARS) helped more than 1,300 individuals resolve disputes with businesses.