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Letter from Clerk Lori M. Tyack

Welcome to the Ninety-Third Annual Report of the Franklin County Municipal Clerk's Office. Over the past ninety-three 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 2008, our main focus has been to improve accessibility to the Clerk's office. This has been accomplished with the implementation of the IVR (Interactive Voice Response System). The IVR system was designed to provide information to the public via voice prompts. An individual may obtain information such as court date, time, location, fine amount and warrant information.

A concentrated effort has been made to improve the accuracy and efficiency in handling and processing court documents. We have imaged all documents from 1992 to 2005. Day forward imaging of documents in Criminal/Traffic and the Civil Division will be a priority for 2009.

In 2007 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 and an image of the ticket is sent from the cruiser to the Clerk's Office. This information populates required fields in CourtView for the creation of a traffic case. One thousand nine hundred and one (1,901) electronic tickets have been created since March 17, 2008. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints the exportation of E-Citation data and image files were temporarily suspended as of December 29, 2008. However, 202 image files have been manually attached to cases since that date.

Since March 12, 2007, 8,317 defendants have been processed at the Fingerprint Station located directly next to Courtroom 4C on the fourth floor of the Municipal Court Building. The average number of defendants fingerprinted daily was nineteen (19). There have been 6,613 defendants fingerprinted for OVI traffic offenses, both state and local ordinances and 1,704 defendants have been fingerprinted for Criminal misdemeanor offenses. (140 felony charges are included in this count). However, due to budget constraints the Fingerprint Station closed on February 6, 2009.

The Mission of the Clerk's Office is to accurately maintain, safeguard and store all Court documents. Meetings regarding the Retention Schedule with the City of Columbus Records Commission are attended by staff. Safeguarding and securing personal information is an ongoing priority of this office. All copies of court documents printed by this office are reviewed and redacted to secure all private information in order to deter identity theft.

As Clerk, my commitment is to continue to find new ways to improve our operations and to cultivate cooperation with other Government agencies and the community. Through my community outreach program I have met with various community groups to educate them about the Clerk's Office. I have made myself available to listen to their issues and concerns as they try to navigate their way through the Court system. The Clerk's Office will continue to strive to educate constituents and taxpayers on the critical court and public services the Clerk's Office provides. I believe by educating the public and 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 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 Carrie Glaeden

General Division Judges

Honorable Ted Barrow
Honorable Andrea Peebles
Honorable Janet A. Grubb
Honorable Scott D. VanDerKarr
Honorable David B. Tyack
Honorable Amy Salerno
Honorable W. Dwayne Maynard

Honorable Paul M. Herbert
Honorable Anne Taylor
Honorable James E. Green
Honorable H. William Pollitt, Jtr.
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 12/31/2008

Lori M. Tyack	Clerk of Court
Obie Lucas	Chief Deputy Clerk
Marilynn Stephens	Director of Public Relations
Tommy McFerin	Senior Advisor and Project Manager
Abbie Armitage	Human Resource Manager
Michelle LaMarr	Payroll Manager
Meagan McCabe	Executive Assistant
Crystal Ross	Fiscal Administrator
Ken Euman	Assistant Fiscal Administrator
Roy Ball	Director of Operations
Rita LaForrest	Quality Control
Judy Vance	Quality Control
Bob Condon/Melissa Messina	Civil Division Manager
Julie Westcamp	Assistant Manager, Civil Division
Matt Pendy	Manager, Criminal/Traffic Division
Loren Ball	Assistant Manager, Criminal/Traffic Division
Skip Peltier/Marisa Akamine	Manager, Courtroom Services Group
Carly Albert	Manager, Accounting/Finance Division
Mike Cherry	Manager, Collection Division
Matt Hanna	Manager, Office of Information Services
Sancha Young	Traffic Violations/Communications Manager
Debra Jones	Assistant Manager, Traffic Violations Bureau
Kim Mitchell	Supervisor, Civil Division
Mike VanGundy	Supervisor, Civil Division
Mindy Cody	Supervisor, Civil Division
Brian Feldhaus	Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Rick Kramer	Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Jerome Kemp	Supervisor, Criminal/Traffic Division
Mike Pizzurro	Supervisor, 2nd Shift Criminal/Traffic Division
Colleen Peckens	Supervisor, 2nd Shift Criminal/Traffic Division
Robyn Johnson	Supervisor, 3rd Shift Criminal/Traffic Division
Rhonda Ferguson	Supervisor, Accounting/Finance Division
Matt Davenport	Supervisor, Accounting/Finance Division
Mark Hanson	Supervisor, Office of Information Services

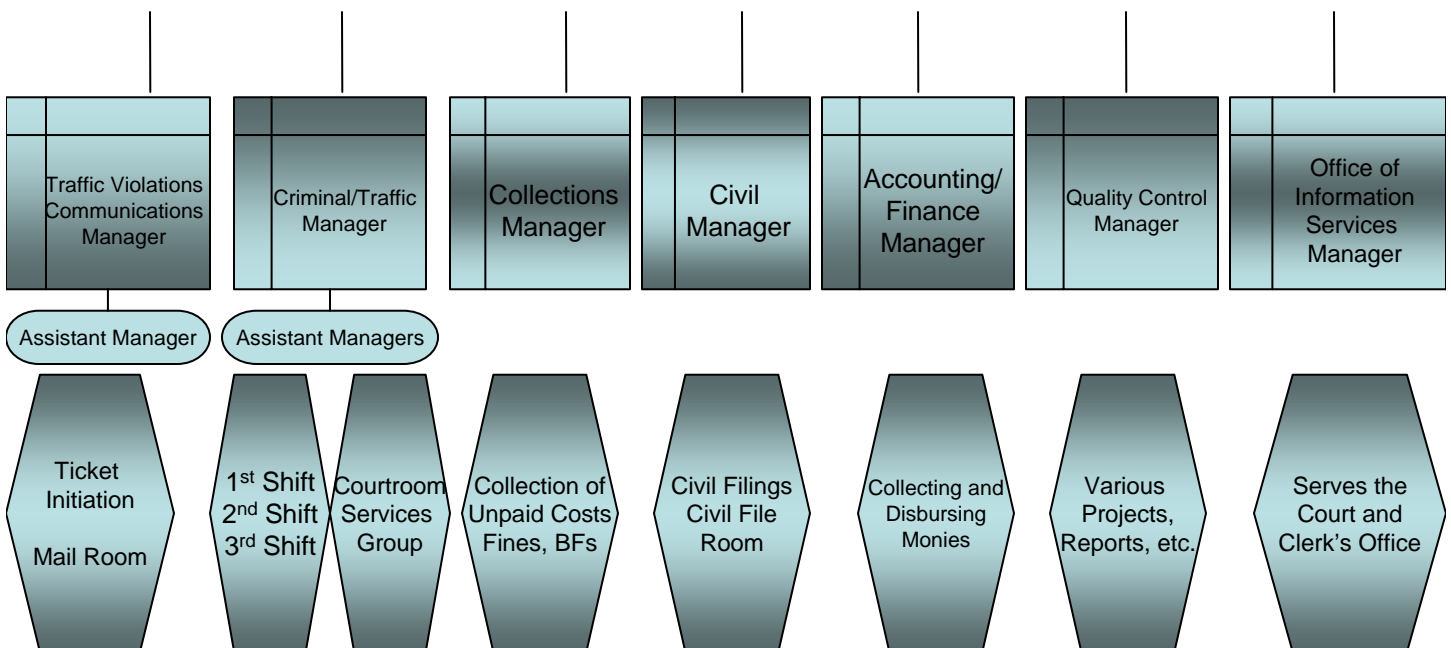
TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

Clerk of Court

Chief Deputy Clerk

Administrative Division

Senior Advisor/Special Projects
 Director of Public Relations
 Human Resources Manager
 Payroll Manager
 Director of Operations
 Fiscal Administrator
 Assistant Fiscal Administrator



Funding of the Franklin County Clerk's Office

MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK'S OFFICE 2008 GENERAL FUND

➤ Personnel Services	\$9,236,140
➤ Materials and Supplies	130,050
➤ Services for Operations and Maintenance	920,041
➤ Other	<u>2,146</u>
➤ Total	\$10,288,377

MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK'S OFFICE 2008 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

➤ Personnel Services	\$ 693,313
➤ Materials and Supplies	51,362
➤ Services for Operations and Maintenance	663,148
➤ Other Expenditures	-----
➤ Capital Outlay	408,754
➤ Transfer Out-Operating	<u>311,267</u>
➤ Total	\$ 2, 127,844

Clerk Administration Division

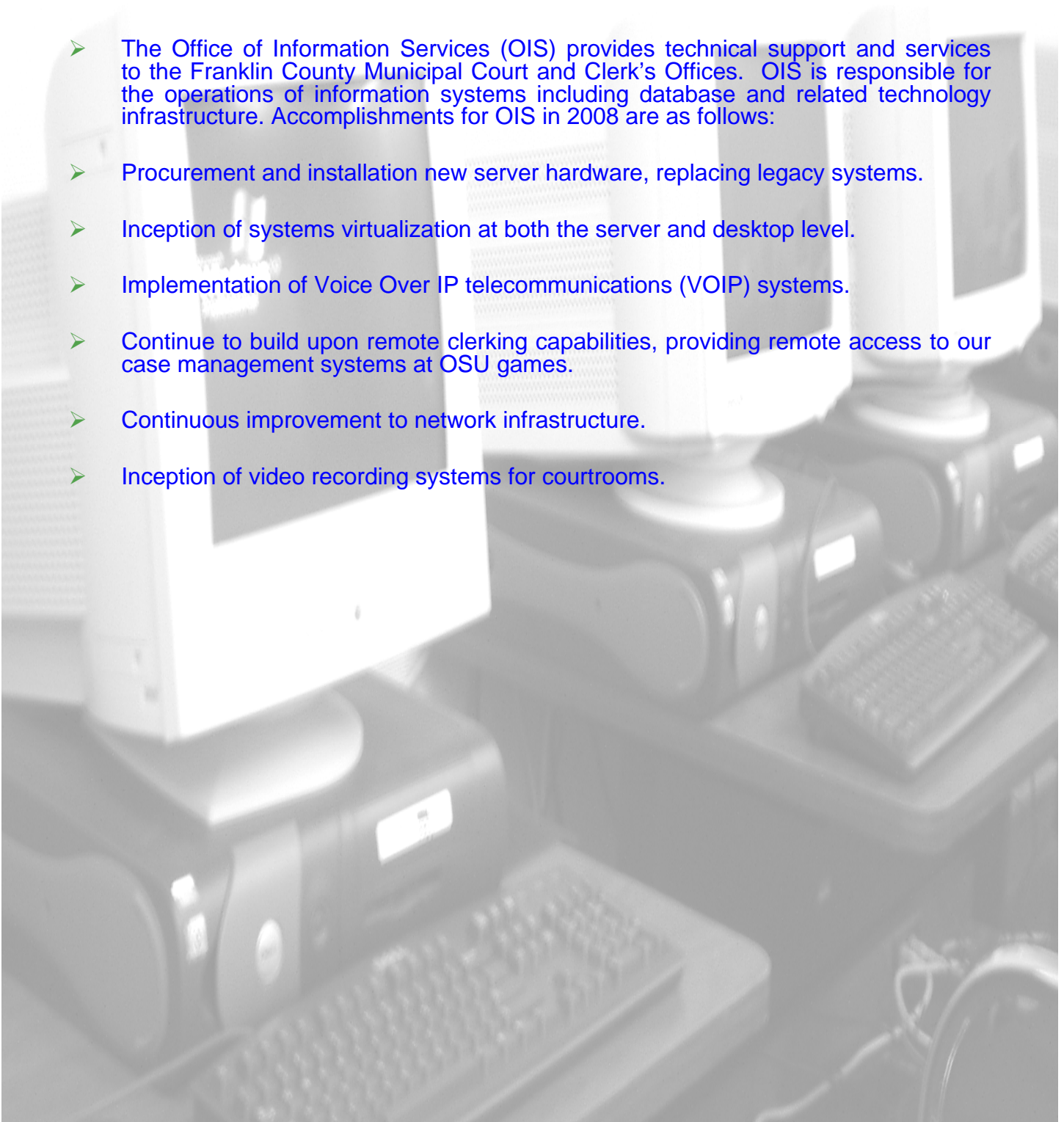
- The Administrative Division of the Clerk's Office is comprised of the Office of the Clerk, Chief Deputy Clerk, Public Relations Director, Director of Operations, Senior Staff Advisor/Special Projects, Fiscal Administration, Payroll, and Human Resources which includes Training. This Division oversees the day to day functions of the Clerk's Office. Directives, implementation and control of communications and public relations for both external and internal audiences, budget, programs, contracts, projects, grants, and employees are guided by this Division.

In 2008 the following grants were applied to:

- The purchase of two (2) LiveScan finger print machines to permit finger printing of summonsed criminal defendants in the Courthouse; and a total 7, 860 defendants were processed since March 12, 2007.
- The project E-Ticket enables Law Enforcement to electronically write traffic tickets and then send by electronic transmission to the Clerk's Office; and a total of 1,901 cases were processed in CourtView from March 17, 2008 to December 29, 2008.
- In 2008, the Administrative Division accomplished and completed the following office-wide incentives:
- The implementation of customer comment cards to solicit input through the public which promotes our mission to serve the public through communication and community outreach.
- The creation of an office-wide newsletter to enhance communication, identify challenges and promote changes within the divisions.
- Continually offer training for staff and leadership to promote development through the office and work in partnership with City-Wide Training and EAP to build a knowledgeable staff.
- The promotion of flexibility in office work hours to better serve the public and to accommodate our diverse staff to efficiently achieve and maintain the high level of productivity.
- Continually reviewing and updating the records retention schedule.

Office of Information Services

- The Office of Information Services (OIS) provides technical support and services to the Franklin County Municipal Court and Clerk's Offices. OIS is responsible for the operations of information systems including database and related technology infrastructure. Accomplishments for OIS in 2008 are as follows:
- Procurement and installation new server hardware, replacing legacy systems.
- Inception of systems virtualization at both the server and desktop level.
- Implementation of Voice Over IP telecommunications (VOIP) systems.
- Continue to build upon remote clerking capabilities, providing remote access to our case management systems at OSU games.
- Continuous improvement to network infrastructure.
- Inception of video recording systems for courtrooms.



Quality Control Division

- ❖ The Quality Control (QC) Division operates to minimize erroneous data through a system of real-time work flow monitoring, audit reporting based on expected data and Total Quality Management (TQM) strategies. Through the implementation of continuous improvement and change management programs, QC has elevated efforts to refine business processes and is better positioned to leverage new technology. The following items are a few of the proactive measures taken to ensure a high level of quality and to identify opportunities for improvement:
- ❖ The Quality Incident Reporting (QIR) system was implemented to provide all team members with the ability to report quality related issues from the QC team. This system provides a means for any user to submit issues and concerns to the QC team to ensure that no issue goes unrecognized.
- ❖ Automated QIR prioritization tools have been developed to easily identify the most prevalent issues, allowing QC to spend less time analyzing data and more time developing corrective actions.
- ❖ A standard approach was adopted to define the basic steps necessary to identify high-priority issues, establish root cause, develop corrective actions, and to assist management with development of training plans relating to the issue.
- ❖ Web based groupware applications were developed to help management work with team members when personnel are separated either geographically or by shift.

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 2008, the Collection Division:

- Collected over \$2.4 million dollars.
- Continued generating past due notices in-house for payable tickets prior to being sent to the collection agencies.
- Started collecting monies due on Bond Forfeiture Judgments in conjunction with Capital Recovery Systems.
- Bond money forfeited by the Court for 2008 -- \$105,299.25
- Bond Forfeiture Judgments paid for 2008 -- \$64,539.75
- Managed billings and compliance of twenty-three (23) bond companies and over one hundred thirty (130) surety agents.

AGENCIES	TOTAL AMOUNT SENT IN 2008	TOTAL COLLECTED 2008	COMMISSION PAID 2008
LINEBARGER	\$2,627,672.70	\$1,126,174.03	\$245,520.03
CAPITAL RECOVERY Bond Forfeitures	\$1,037,234.25	\$ 64,539.75	\$ 10,644.85
CAPITAL RECOVERY Enforcement Cases	\$ 526,348.00	\$ 87,032.50	\$ 20,704.90
DANA & PARISER	\$2,553,507.00	\$1,174,080.11	\$ 253,663.11
TOTALS	\$6,744,761.95	\$2,451,826.39	\$ 530,532.89

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.

In 2008, the Civil Division accomplished the following:

- ❑ Improved the imaging process at the pleadings desk by scanning all documents filed on cases assigned to a Judge, and all dismissals and satisfactions.
- ❑ Restructured the Civil Division to focus one desk on public customer service therefore giving staff more time to process numerous filings.
- ❑ Updated garnishment forms with instructions and forms available on the website.





New Civil Case Filings	2008				
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Personal Injury/Property Damage	341	265	273	236	1,115
Contracts, Notes and Accounts	7,235	7,697	7,651	7,499	30,082
Forcible Entry & Detainer (Evictions)	4,565	5,154	5,381	5,121	20,221
Small Claims	2,136	2,036	2,011	2,253	8,436
Parking Violation Bureau	1	0	0	0	1
BMV Petition	215	206	221	192	834
Certificate of Judgment	11	10	5	9	35
Declaratory Judgment	18	21	23	26	88
Red Light Appeal	4	0	0	0	4
Civil Environmental	62	83	100	147	392
Total	14,588	15,472	15,665	15,483	61,208

Civil Ancillary Proceedings	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Ordinary Mail Service Issued	11,459	12,319	12,576	12,268	48,622
Bailiff Service Issued	5,811	6,757	6,884	6,504	25,956
Process Server Service Issued	149	211	282	221	863
Sheriff Service Issued	9	6	3	3	21
Service by Publication Issued	11	4	9	21	45
Registered Mail	0	0	1	1	2
Express Mail	0	0	0	0	0
Garnishments Issued	5,308	4,844	5,863	5,462	21,477
Garnishments Released	1,160	1,071	987	1,385	4,603
Writs of Restitution Issued	2,598	2,965	3,296	3,322	12,181
Requests for Set Outs Processed	1,665	1,818	2,113	2,157	7,753
Writs of Replevin Issued	17	18	16	17	68
Writs of Execution Issued	145	90	106	123	464
Judgments Certified to the BMV	16	30	30	8	84
Certificates of Judgment Issued	3,455	3,534	2,822	3,327	13,138
Transfers to Common Pleas Court	21	14	14	31	80
Civil Appeals Processed	21	13	12	10	56
Notice of Final Order Issued	26,750	26,925	25,077	26,997	105,749
Notice of Failed Service Issued	5,188	5,218	4,657	4,868	19,931
Exemplified Copies	75	61	40	45	221
Revivors of Judgment	213	86	89	92	480
Judgment Debtors	591	634	702	525	2,452
Civil Capias Warrants	52	81	72	24	229
Motion and Order for Show Cause	80	54	31	43	208
Motion for Contempt Orders	10	38	69	31	148
Mail Payments Processed	28,169	30,566	29,874	29,233	117,842
Total	112,554	116,534	115,200	116,284	460,572

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 several types of violations 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 the 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.

Five Year Comparison of Charges Filed

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Environmental	11,407	10,018	11,810	11,406	11,760
Criminal	47,594	47,594	47,949	46,933	43,541
Traffic	199,890	199,890	192,307	189,093	181,760
Total	258,891	257,507	252,066	247,432	237,061

In 2008, the Criminal/Traffic Division accomplished the following:

- Implemented a direct phone line between the Clerk of Courts office and the BMV to help service the BMV in a timelier manner.
- Instituted a new procedure with the CPD robbery unit, allowing the CPD robbery unit to be contacted when their defendant has been arrested.
- Created a file scanning system that works along with our remote clerking allowing us to better manage electronic data.
- Continued to develop ongoing imaging projects and established an imaging station.
- Established a new file check out system that ensures that all active case warrants are hand delivered to the Judge.
- Implemented imaging of all warrant issues. Also, imaging all complaints regardless of year with the following charges: Aggravated menacing, Violation of a temporary protection order and Domestic Violence once slated.
- Collaborated with Ohio State Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and the Columbus Police Department at all OSU home football games for clerking support.
- Initiated the Criminal Traffic File Finder Tool to help assist in locating files that are required by court personnel and clerk personnel.
- Constructed the Continued Enforcement finder to assist in locating cases that have outstanding fines and costs due.
- Began a remote clerking project with the Dublin police department.
- Held regularly scheduled meeting with the Probation Department and the Assignment Office to address issues and concerns.
- Reorganized the physical structure of the Call Center by re-positioning individual work stations and included the addition of a permanent Call Center training station. This created a more efficient, effective, and open work/training environment.
- Restructured human capital on all 3 Shifts by creating Criminal Division Teams that were allocated to each area of the production floor. This fostered a higher level of expertise, increased customer service, efficiency, and gave team members a greater sense of pride as well as ownership in their work product.
- Divided staff into smaller work groups, allowing team leaders to better focus on training, increasing the level of specialization within the division. This change gave team members a greater sense of ownership in the areas they were working and increased the level of pride in the completed work product.
- Utilized the Citywide Training Classes, Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College Classes, and Ohio Courts Network Classes to invest in the training of both the leadership team and the support staff. These classes helped further develop skill sets, facilitated professional growth in the office, and provided tools that equip staff to better serve the community.
- Collaborated with senior staff members to provide training classes within the office to equip frontline staff on all 3 shifts with the information and training necessary to perform their jobs.

Criminal/Traffic Cases 2008

Type A	Felony Cases	6,988
Type B	Criminal Cases	24,731
Type C	Traffic OVI Cases	6,463
Type D	A other Traffic	<u>113,108</u>
	Total	151,290

- Instituted processes for identifying, organizing, and successfully communicating critical weekly training initiatives.
- Developed Job Descriptions for all 3 Shifts of the Criminal Division Team, leaders and members. The new descriptions better define job performance expectations and responsibilities.
- Maintained Criminal Division Operations on all 3 Shifts during the record breaking snow of the March of 2008 Blizzard.
- Provided assistance to other divisions to help ensure that critical tasks were executed within the Clerk's Office.
- Developed a system of tracking staffing levels and work load on all 3 shifts of the Criminal Division. Due to reduced staffing levels, critical tasks were reorganized and human capital was relocated to different shifts to ensure that the operations on all 3 shifts were maintained to the best of our ability given the available resources.
- Collaborated with the Quality Control Division to improve the level of accuracy and quality of the Criminal Division's final work product.
- Developed and implemented an On-Call Procedure and Schedule for the Criminal Division to ensure that there is always a leader either on duty or easily accessible to handle issues, provide direction, and emergency staffing support past administrative hours.
- Developed and implemented a Resource Planning Guide to help leaders quickly evaluate the needs of the division, prioritize, and obtain resources necessary to secure the operational needs of a shift with critically low staffing levels.
- Began the development of Document Control for processes and procedures.
- Initiated Case Management System Contingency Plans for the Criminal Division.
- Collaborated with the Training Coordinator, Jonathan Kopech, in developing a Franklin County Municipal Court Tour and an Informational Packet, designed to better integrate new hires into the Criminal Division.
- Developed a Daily Shift Report Tool, enabling leaders to document and track resources, issues, and events that occur during the shift. These reports have improved communication, reduced speculation, and have given Managers the data needed to make informed decision when planning for the needs of each Shift and the needs of the entire Division.
- Developed a Skill Level Assessment Tool, to be used when doing 3 month, 6 month, and yearly appraisals. This tool will track the skill level of the each team member as well as the shift as a whole. It will also help you determine and prioritize future training initiatives.
- Increased productivity with a work force that was reduced by 13% in 2008 by raising the level of accountability for leaders and team members.
- Reduced the training time for new team members from 12 months to 4 months.
- Successfully coordinated with the Office of Information Systems and local agencies to temporarily relocate and maintain critical operations during a planned power outage.
- Developed a Criminal Division Deputy Clerk Incentive Program for rewarding excellence, diligence, initiative, and outstanding customer service.

Total Criminal/ Traffic & Environmental Cases 2008

Criminal Cases	151,290
Environmental Cases	<u>5,983</u>
Total	157,373

Courtroom Service Group

The Courtroom Service Group ("CSG") is a select group of highly skilled Deputy Clerks in the Criminal/Traffic Division responsible for the daily processing and updating of all cases on the Criminal/Traffic dockets. A CSG Clerk is assigned to each of the fifteen Judges as well as the arraignment courtrooms (4C, 4D, 1A, 1B).

On a daily basis, CSG Clerks docket subpoenas and motions, process unpaid fines and costs, enter sentencing information, issue warrants, process continuances, enter limited driving privileges, added Temporary Protections Orders, update bond information, and update all entries on Courtview. Additionally, CSG clerks are responsible for routing files to the Assignment Office, Probation Department, Accounting/Finance Department, Expungement Department, Prosecutor's Office, and to the Vehicle Immobilization Coordinator. The Group also timestamps, dockets, pulls and routes Statement of Violations filed by the Probation Department. CSG also staffs LPD Court held on Mondays at 1:30 pm. In addition, CSG Clerks run and process case management reports.

Each CSG member acts as a liaison between the Court and the Clerk's Office. CSG Clerks are the neutral party in the courtroom there to assist and provide information to everyone. After court, CSG assist with the public and attorney counters, answering telephones, working in the file room, and/or helping the Traffic Violations Bureau. In 2008, Court Services Group accomplished the following:

- Restructured Courtroom Service Group to better meet the operational needs of the Criminal/Traffic Department. Courtroom Service Group Clerks update case files in the courtrooms for four hours per day and spend the remaining four hours assisting in various areas on the second floor. The new structure provides support for the Judges and Magistrates as well as coverage to the phone team, counter team, file room and Traffic Violation Bureau.
- Established the BMV Clerk position. The BMV Clerk is responsible for reporting all convictions and suspension to the BMV, performs case management to ensure accurate reporting, corrects errors on cases, and also serves as a liaison between the BMV and the Clerk's Office. This new role has changed the license forfeiture and warrant block process from a five day a week task to a two day a week task.



Expungements & Sealing of Cases

Number Of Applications Received For Expungement Proceedings	2250
Number Of Cases That Were Ordered Expunged By The Court	1757
Number Of Applications Denied For Expungement	450
Number Of Expungement Applications Withdrawn	16
Number Of Cases Expunged By Order Of The Common Pleas Court	370



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 2008

Type A – Environmental Felony Cases	3
Type B – Environmental Criminal Misdemeanor	3,823
Type C – Environmental Traffic OMVI Cases	9
Type D – Environmental All Other Traffic Cases	<u>2,148</u>
Total	5,983

Detail of Environmental Charges Filed In 2008

Dog Violations	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Dog Registration		2710	1
Dog Confinement	2	748	
Confine Vicious Dog		561	9
Vicious Dog Insurance		676	
Rabies Quarantine		1348	1
Abandoning or Cruelty to Animals	14	33	1
Noisy Animals	16		1
Dog Running at Large	22		7
Prohibitions Concerning Animals		219	
Total	54	6295	20

Code Violations / Permits	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Building Code	257	52	8
Zoning Code	286		165
Nuisance Abatement Code	45		
Fire Code	2	17	
Health Code	111	5	9
Total	701	74	182

Natural Resources / Wildlife	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Wildlife Violation	4	58	
Littering	227	109	4
No Hunting License		29	
No Fishing License		68	
Unlawful Spitting	15		
Disturbing the Quiet	52		
Polluting Waters		2	
Park Restrictions	19		1
Total	317	266	5

Failure to Have License	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
No Massage License	8		
No Peddlers License	30		
Total	38	0	0

Fire Violations	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Arson		6	2
Open Burning/Dumping		4	1
Fireworks		2	2
Total	0	12	5

Commercial Trucking Offenses	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Load Dripping/Dropping	101	142	
Exceeding Maximum, Width/ Height/and Weight	29	56	1
Maximum Wheel Load/ Protectors	7	1,254	
Towing Requirements	7	5	
Total	144	1457	1

	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Loud Sound	427		3

	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Graffiti	42		1
Disturbing the Quiet	76		

Detail of Charges Filed 2008

Homicide & Assault	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Aggravated Murder		18	
Murder		45	
Vehicular Manslaughter	2	5	
Vehicular Homicide	1	2	5
Aggravated Vehicular Manslaughter		5	
Aggravated Vehicle Assault		4	
Felonious Assault		409	
Felony Assault		36	
Assaulting a Peace Officer		70	
Assault, Negligent Assault, Aggravated Assault,	384	4054	60
Menacing and Aggravated Menacing	151	992	26
Menacing by Stalking		18	
Felony Aggravated Menacing		7	
Felony Menacing by Stalking		3	
Assault by Caregiver		4	
Total	538	5672	91

Kidnapping & Enticement	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Kidnapping		58	
Abduction		29	
Unlawful Restraint	20	32	
Child Enticement		5	2
Extortion		2	
Total	20	126	2

Sex Offences	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Rape		58	
Rape - Under 13 Years Old		30	
Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor		59	
Gross Sexual Imposition		8	
Gross Sexual Imposition - Under 13 Years Old		20	
Sexual Imposition	3	11	
Sexual Battery		14	
Felony Importuning		1	
Importuning		12	
Voyeurism	1	5	
Public Indecency	137	88	2
Solicitation	1366	81	
Prostitution	16	17	
Loiter for Soliciting	6	282	
Pandering Obscenity		17	
Illegally Operating Sexually Oriented Business		13	
Failure to Register as Sex Offender		12	
Failure to Change or Re-Verify Address as Sex Offender		175	
Total	1529	903	2

Arson, Vandalism & Criminal Mischief	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Felony Aggravated Arson		17	
Aggravated Arson		23	
Vandalism		40	
Criminal Mischief	53	44	3
Criminal Damage & Endangerment	220	255	25
Total	273	379	28

Drug Abuse	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Trafficking in Drugs		225	
Felony Drug Abuse		1567	
Misdemeanor Drug Abuse		2809	141
Drug Paraphernalia		2370	111
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs		65	
Illegal Procurement of Drug Documents		121	
Manufacture of Drugs		15	
Possess / Sell Fake Drugs		58	
Possession of Drug Instruments		72	10
Loiter - Drug Offenses	5		
Total	5	7302	262

Weapons	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
CCW / Felony		509	
CCW	26	152	6
Improper Handling of Firearm / Felony		101	
Improper Handling of Firearm		134	3
Weapons Under Disability		130	
Weapons Use While Intoxicated		25	6
Discharging Weapons	31	30	6
Felony Possession of Criminal Tools		125	
Possession of Criminal Tools		143	8
Attempt / Felony		62	
Attempt		48	6
Complicity / Felony		83	
Complicity	4	40	9
Total	61	1582	44

Robbery, Burglary & Trespassing	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Aggravated Robbery		283	
Robbery		251	
Aggravated Burglary		118	
Burglary		376	
Breaking & Entering		263	
Safecracking & Tampering with a Coin Machine		14	
Criminal Trespassing	594	452	28
Aggravated Criminal Trespassing		24	
Total	594	1781	28

Theft & Fraud	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Grand Theft		93	
Felony Theft		566	
Theft / Petty Theft	996	2768	139
Felony Theft by Deception		20	
Theft by Deception		32	
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	5	56	9
Felony Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle - 48 Hours		45	
Unauthorized Use of Property	10	14	
Felony Unauthorized Use of Property		7	
Forgery & Uttering		412	
Felony Passing Bad Checks		59	
Passing Bad Checks	90	611	1
Felony RSP		880	
RSP	44	130	13
Felony Misuse of Credit Card		13	
Misuse of Credit Card		5	1
Defraud, Counterfeit & Tamper with Records		80	
Criminal Simulation		9	
Felony Criminal Simulation		2	
Felony Taking Identity of Another		84	
Taking Identity of Another		6	
Total	1145	5892	163

Offenses Against Peace Officers	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Disorderly Conduct	1117	478	28
Resisting Arrest	422	246	15
Falsification / Certain Acts Prohibited	387	457	12
Failure to Comply	21	90	
Misconduct at Emergency	13	10	
Misconduct Public Transportation	20	1	
Inducing Panic	4	15	1
Making False Alarms	14	19	2
Improper Use of 911	67	3	3
Riot - Inticing Violence	3	13	3
Obstructing Official Business / Justice	528	355	33
Obstructing Official Business / Justice / Felony		33	
Impersonating an Officer		7	
Assault on Police Officer / Felony		70	
Fleeing & Eluding / Felony	21	44	
Failure to Comply / Elude Officer		90	3
Escape		71	
Felony Escape		5	
Total	2617	2007	100

Offenses Against Family	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Endangering Children		484	28
Endangering Children under OVI		32	
Felony Endangering Children		35	
Interfering with Custody		39	
Domestic Violence		4094	
Felony Domestic Violence		7	
Violation Temporary Protection Order		767	
Felony Violation Temporary Protection Order		3	
Protection Order for Stalking		10	
Contribute, Influence with Minor	10	6	6
Total	10	5477	34

Offenses Against Public Administration	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Contempt of Court		45	
Witness Intimidation		11	
Felony Force or Threaten Witness		13	
Tampering with Evidence		145	
Public Urination	189		
Felony Disrupt Public Services		7	
Convey Illegal Contraband to Jail		29	
Harassment by Inmate		27	
Telephone Harassment		379	
Disrupt Public Services		7	
Total	189	663	0

Alcohol Offenses	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Prohibited Alcohol under 21 Years Old	269	492	31
Minor Purchasing	8	232	20
Open Container	267	183	18
Open Container in Public Place	528	272	
Open Container in Liquor Store	118	2	
Open Container in Motor Vehicle	439	92	
Keeper of Place	7		
Total	1636	1273	69

Gambling	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Public Gaming		9	
Gambling		3	
Illegal Bingo Game		1	
Total	0	13	0

Miscellaneous Criminal Violation	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
Fugitive from Justice		104	
Hold Foreign Jurisdiction		380	
Civil Capias		119	
Illegal Tobacco Distribution		53	
Ethic Intimidation	2		
Aggressive Panhandling	13		
Perjury		1	
Conspiracy		1	
Participating in Criminal Gang		4	
Fireworks - Sale		2	
Total	15	664	0

OVI & Physical Control	City of Columbus Ordinance	Ohio Revised Code	Other Municipal Ordinances
OVI	2415	4184	331
OVI Per Se	1117	1902	64
OVI Felony		45	
Physical Control	62		26
Physical Control Per Se			2
Total	3594	6131	423

Total City of Columbus Ordinance

12,226

Total Ohio Revised Code

39,865

Total Other Municipal Ordinances

1,246

Live Scan - Fingerprinting

Since March 12, 2007, 7,860 defendants have been processed at the Fingerprint Station located directly next to Courtroom 4C on the fourth floor of the Municipal Court Building.

• 6,613 defendants have been printed for OVI traffic offenses, both state and local ordinances.

• 1,704 defendants have been printed for Criminal misdemeanor offenses. (140 felony charges are included in this court).

Top numbers of criminal charges are:

Assault:	296
Public Indecency:	245
Endangering Children:	222
Domestic Violence:	156
Aggravated Menacing /Menacing:	127
Telephone Harassment	104
Carrying Concealed Weapon:	71
Drug Abuse:	62
Protection Order Violation:	44
Soliciting:	38

• Since April 4, 2007 the average number of defendants fingerprinted is 19 per day.

• Over 98% of the complaints were processed by a summons issued to the defendant.

• Over 60% of the charges are within the jurisdiction of the Columbus Division of Police. The Division's techs have printed all defendants no matter what police jurisdiction.

• The record number of defendants fingerprinted in one week is 140 (December 1 through December 5, 2008).

• From September 8, 2008 through September 12, 2008 121 defendants were fingerprinted.

• There has been one (1) day in which 41 defendants were fingerprinted: Friday, 5-30-08

• There has been one (1) day in which 43 defendants were fingerprinted: Friday, 1-4-08

• There has been one (1) day in which 47 defendants were fingerprinted: Friday, 12-5-08

• The record number of defendants fingerprinted in one day is 53 (Wednesday 11-26-08)



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

- Initiating payable and mandatory offenses; this includes traffic, criminal, and environmental cases
- Sending out notices and summonses for new court dates on traffic, criminal and environmental cases
- Opening, logging and processing mail for all divisions
- Processing payments to ensure accuracy prior to being receipted
- Referring cases to Magistrates and Judges for payment determinations
- 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 2008, the Traffic Violations Bureau accomplished the following: Effective September 23, 2008, a \$10.00 increase was assessed on all moving violations. We advised defendants of the \$10.00 increase by letter when their payments were short. Due to the high volume of tickets, there was a large portion of letters that needed to be sent out to the defendants, which we were successful in completing.

- Cross-trained to ensure all daily responsibilities were met
- Assisted the Criminal/Traffic Department with the end of the year file control
- In 2008, New Traffic Case Filings: 163,358

CITY OF COLUMBUS TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED 2008



ACDA	5,894	Failure to Display	63	35
Appr Pub Safety Veh w/Lts Dis	139	Failure to Display Headlights	531	
Back up Lights/Forward	3	Failure to Display License	1	
Backing Across Center Line	3	Failure to Display Two Plates	487	
Backing from Alley/Priv Dr/Bldg	50	Failure to Register	6	
Backing on a Freeway	16	Failure to Reinstate License	1,710	
Backing w/o Safety	435	Failure to Signal	3,352	
Bicycle Lamps/Reflectors Req	212	Failure to Stop Accident	138	
Bicycle Operate w/o Safety	50	Failure to Stop-School Bus	54	
Bicycle Parking/Ride on Sidewalk	119	Failure to Yield to Pedestrian	73	
Bicycle Signal Device	299	Failure to Yield/Emerg Vehicle	84	
Bicycle to Ride on Right	58	Failure to Yield/Emerg Veh-Ped	1	
Bicycle to Yield Right of Way Xng	2	Failure to Yield/Funeral Proc	2	
Bicycle to Yield to Pedestrian	1	Failure to Yield/Private Drive	733	
Blue Light Prohibited	56	False Info to Issuing Officer	32	
Board/Align in Motion Prohibited	5	Flashing Lights Prohibited	8	
Brake Equipment Requirements	14	Flashing Traffic Signal	70	
Bumper Requirements	2	Fleeing	79	
Certain Acts Prohibited	62	Focus and Aim of Headlights	3	
Chg Course w/o Safety	390	Following Emergency Vehicle	5	
Counterfeit Plates	68	Following Too Closely	206	
Cycle Helmet/Glasses	11	FTY "T" Intersection	30	
Display License of Other	2	FYT Right on Red	35	
Driving u/FRA Susp Immob	4,486	Hand/Arm Signal	3	
Driving u/Susp-Rev	5,965	Hazardous or No Passing Zone	119	
Drive Across Grade Crossing	2	Hit Skip-Pub St/Pers Prop	824	
Drive on Closed Highway	51	Improper Left Turn	510	
Drive on Curb/Sidewalk	93	Improper Passing	118	
Drive over Fire Hose	3	Improper Right Turn	447	
Drive Thru Safety Zone	6	Inadequate Brakes	1	
Driving Left of Center Prohibited	144	Interfere w/Arrest	1	
Driving on Right Side	100	Lane Control Signals	5	
Driving Outside Restriction	57	Let Unlicensed Driver Drive	2	
Driving Thru Cones	2	License Plate Violation	2	
Driving u/OVI Suspension	271	Lights Req on Prkd/Stopped Veh	4	
Driving Unsafe Vehicle	80	Manner of Signal	1	
Driving Within Lanes	585	Manner of Signal-Bicycle	4	
Duties/Non-Working Signal	222	Marked Lanes	1,890	
Expired Tags	1,530	Mirror-Unobstructed View	5	
Fail/Keep to Right	1	Motor Vehicle/Cycle Noise	52	
Failure to Comply	271	Muffler, Excessive Gas or Smoke	382	
Failure to Control	3,046	No Motorcycle Endorsement	70	

No Operator's License	8,140	Red Reflectors Required	25 36
No Operator's Lic Exp < 6 Months	519	Red/Light/Flag Req on Ext Load	2
Non-Trans Material on Window	24	Refl Mat on Window Prohibited	10
Obscured Lights	6	Registration Violation	4
Obscured Windshield Prohibited	70	Repeat Offender Violation	85
Obstructed View-Driver/Pass	19	Resisting Traffic Enf Official	20
Obstructing Intersec/Railroad Xng	101	Riding Bicycle/Mtrcycle Abreast	1
One Way-Bicycle	13	Riding Bicycle/Mtrcycle Restr	14
One Way-Highway/Rotary	579	Riding on Outside Prohibited	9
Open Door in Traffic	25	Right of Way/Intersection	71
Operate w/Outsied Rider Proh	4	Right of Way/Left Turn	1,577
Operate w/Tag From Prev Owner	25	Right of Way/Stop/Yield	37
Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Title	1	Right of Way-Pedestrian	10
Operate w/Foreign Tag	5	ROMV	489
Operation w/Proh Window Tint	719	Side Cowl/Fender Back Up	10
Order of Officer-Pedestrian	11	Sidewalk/Closed Alley Restr	1
Parking Violation	7	Signal Terms/Lights	845
Passing Left of Center	156	Signal/Stopping	1
Passing on the Left	10	Skate/Coaster/Toy in Roadway	5
Passing on the Right	92	Slow Moving Veh on Right Side	3
Pedestrian Control Signal	51	Slow Speed	235
Pedestrian Cross w/o Safety	143	Speed	22,790
Pedestrian Diag Cross Restriction	42	Squealing Tires	208
Pedestrian on the Roadway	87	Stop Lights Required	95
Pedestrian Outside Bridge	3	Stop Sign	3,213
Pedestrian Outside Crosswalk	133	Stop/Sidewalk Area	120
Pedestrian Soliciting Ride Proh	458	Street Racing	11
Pedestrian to Face Traffic	18	Tag Violations	2,638
Pedestrian to Yield Vehicles	7	Tail/License Plate Light Required	1,116
Pedestrian Under the Influence	126	Tampering w/Traff Control Dev	4
Pedestrian Use of Crosswalk Req	373	Temp Permit w/o License Driver	1
Pedestrian Use of Shoulder Req	116	Temp Plate-Display	3
Pedestrian Use of Sidewalk Req	524	Temporary Permit Violation	477
Poster/Sign Window	2	Temporary Permit/Motorcycle	30
Prohibited Start/Backing	46	Title Violation	4
Prohibited Attaching to Vehicle	1	Traffic Dir Emergency/Xng	2
Prohibited Number of Headlights	147	Traffic Control Device	3,093
Prohibited Riding In/On Vehicle	3	Traffic Control Device-Pedestrian	78
Prohibited Right Turn	54	Transfer Registration	3
Prohibited Turn	888	Turn From One Way Street	18
Prohibition/Highway	4	Turn on Red	368
Rear License Plate Light	48	Turn/Disregard Paint	2
Rear View Mirror-Clear View	49	Turn/Priv Drive/Alley/Bldg	26

Turn/Stop Signals	37
Turning at Intersections	1,582
Two Lights Required	562
Unauthorized Signs & Signals	22
Unnecessary Horn	30
Use Fictitious Plates	111
Use of Headphones	14
Use Tag to Another Vehicle	678
U-Turn	602
Valid Ops/Expired Ops	9
Vehicle Stop/Grad Crossing	6
Windshield Required	15
Wrong Side/Divided Road	67
Wrongful Entrustment	88
Yield Sign	47

eed	\$120.00	4511.521 thru 4511.64	Miscellaneous Violations
lations		4511.70 (A) thru 4511.84 (A)	Miscellaneous Violations
strians		4513.02 (A) thru 4513.241 (F)	Mechanical Violations
(6mos)	\$135.00	4510.12 (B)(1)	Expired Operators License (6mos)
ies	\$110.00	4503.11 or 4503.21 (A)	Registration/Display Plates
		4511.66 thru 4511.69	Parking Violations
	\$86.00	4511.69 (F)	Handicap Parking
ons		If the officer indicated on your citation 2nd violation with ADD \$25.00 to AMOUNT OWED.	
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STATE OF OHIO TRAFFIC CHARGES FILED 2008



ACDA	1,212	Failure to Stop Accident	42
Apply Registration	2,097	False Info to Issuing Officer	78
Backing on a Freeway	27	Flashing Lights Prohibited	3
Backing w/o Safety	93	Flashing Traffic Signal	8
Bicycle Lamps/Refl Req at Night	18	Following Too Close	357
Bicycle on Right Side	4	FTY Emergency Vehicle Ped	1
Certain Acts Prohibited	7	FTY Funeral Procession	1
Child Restraint	508	FTY Private Drive	155
Counterfeit Plates	60	FTY Public Safety Vehicle	34
Dealer Tag Display	3	FTY to Pedestrian in Crosswalk	4
Display of Warn Dev Flamm Load	4	Handicapped Parking	161
Display Regs Comm	9	Hazard No Passing	58
Dr u/FRA Susp Immob	11	Historical Tags Violation	1
Drag Racing	16	Hit Skip-Pub St/Pers Prop	158
Drive Across Grade Crossing	10	Illegal Dealer Tag	1
Drive on Closed Highway	50	Improper Bumper	2
Drive on Curb/Walk	17	Improper Passing	49
Drive thru Safety Zone	6	Inadequate Brakes	2
Driving Action Appr Emer Veh	198	Install/Sale Safety Belt	2
Driving Left of Center Proh	114	Interfere w/Officer	2
Driving on Right Side of Roadway	118	Marked Lanes	1,692
Driving Outside License Rest	42	Motor Bicycle Reg	2
Driving u/FRA Susp	3,083	Muffler/Excessive Gas or Smoke	202
Driving u/Repeat Traffic Off Susp	141	No Operator License	5,647
Driving u/Susp	3,944	Noncommercial MV Use	8
Driving Unsafe Vehicle	164	Non-Trans Mat on Window Proh	5
Driving Within Lanes	303	Obscured Lights	3
Duties/Non Working Signal	51	Obstructed View Driver	7
Emrg Veh Ft Slow Down	2	Obstructed View Passenger	1
Engine Noise Viol	4	Obstructing Inter/Railrd Crossing	8
Equipment Turn Signal	4	One Way	41
Equipment Turn Signal M/C	1	Operate w/Foreign Tag	6
Erect Stop Sign Priv	2	Operate w/Tag from Prev Owner	27
Excessive Speed Bridge	1	Operating w/Outside Rider Proh	4
Fail to Register	36	Over 48 HR Parking	1
Fail to Stop School Bus	14	Parking On Highway	24
Failure to Comply	20	Parking Violations	212
Failure to Control	1,100	Passing Left to Center	100
Failure to Display	7	Passing on the Right	45
Failure to Display Headlights	528	Pedestrian on Freeway	1
Failure to Display License	269	Pedestrian Soliciting Ride Proh	41
Failure to Reinstate a License	1,014	Pedestrian Sudden Cross w/o Saf	83
Failure to Signal	872	Pedestrian Under Influence Proh	12

Permit Minor to Operate Vehicle	1	Two Lights Required	246	39
Prohibited U Turn	77	Unattended Motor Vehicle	10	
Rear View Mirror/Clear View	37	Use Fictitious Plates	293	
Reckless Operation	265	Use of Headphones	8	
Red Light/Flag Req on Ext Load	7	Use Tag to Another Vehicle	269	
Red Refl Required on Motor Veh	14	Valid Ops/Expired Ops	73	
Refl Material on Window Proh	5	Vehicle Stop/Grad Crossing	3	
Req Dist of Headlight Beam	87	Windshield Placard Viol Prking	21	
Riding Bicycle/Motorcycle Restr	29	Windshield Wiper Required	1	
Riding on Outside Proh	5	Windshield Required	56	
Right of Way at Intersections	334	Wrong Side/Divided Road	76	
Safety Glass	16	Wrongful Entrustment	82	
Safety Lighting On Com Veh Req	20	Yield Sign	42	
Seatbelt Allow Passenger	210			
Seatbelt Operator	12,648			
Seatbelt Passenger	705			
Side Cwl/Fnder/Back-up Lght Proh	38			
Signal Terms/Lights	294			
Slow Moving Vehicle on Right	1			
Slow Speed	106			
Slow Vehicle Headlight Required	1			
Solid Tires	1			
Special Vehicles	2			
Speed	22,830			
Spotlight/Auxiliary Dr Lght Proh	1			
Stop Light Required	109			
Stop Sidewalk Area	6			
Stop Sign	685			
Suspension Drug Offense	16			
Suspension Non Resident Violation	2			
Tag Violations	2,569			
Tail/License Plate Light	682			
Tamper w/Vehicle ID	1			
Temp Permit Violation	41			
Temp Plate Registrar	6			
Temp Permit w/o Lic Driver	72			
Temp Permit/Motorcycle Viol	8			
Tinted Windows	433			
Title & Reg Transfer	38			
Traffic Control Device	1,565			
Traffic Control Device Pedestrian	1			
Turn on Red	161			
Turning at Intersections	152			

MAYOR COURT TRANSFERS 2008

AGENCY	TOTAL
BEXLEY	31
BRICE	30
CANAL WINCHESTER	16
DUBLIN	134
GAHANNA	129
GRANVIEW HEIGHTS	87
GROVE CITY	223
GROVEPORT	15
HARRISBURG	3
HILLIARD	133
LITHOPOLIS	1
MARBLE CLIFF	30
MINERVA PARK	25
NEW ALBANY	62
OBETZ	20
REYNOLDSBURG	254
UPPER ARLINGTON	42
VALLEYVIEW	14
WESTERVILLE	257
WHITEHALL	209
WORTHINGTON	64

TOTAL CASES FILED: 1,779

Accounting / Finance Division

The Accounting / Finance Division is to oversee the accounting of all fines, court cost, fees, bail, garnishments, and judgments issued by the Court. The division also oversees the disbursement of collected funds to the appropriate parties, and releases funds in satisfactions, judgments, attachments, garnishments, and executions. The Accounting Division also has three internal payment programs in compliance with the ORC, and Court rules. The programs are as follows:

Time Payment Program

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

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 2008: **265**



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 2008: **51**

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.



**2008 FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

For the Period Year Ending December 31, 2008

Assets

Cash Civil Fund	1,152,601.83	
Cash Trusteeship Fund	8,684.95	
Cash Rent Escrow Fund	101,617.03	
Cash Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	1,240,631.32	
Total Assets		\$ 2,503,535.13

Liabilities

Due to Payee Civil Fund	1,152,601.83	
Due to Payee Trusteeship Fund	8,684.95	
Due to Payee Rest Escrow Fund	101,617.03	
Due to Payee Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	1,240,631.32	
Total Liabilities		\$ 2,503,535.13

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Receipts

Receipts Civil Fund	25,795,730.96	
Receipts Trusteeship Fund	244,018.05	
Receipts Rent Escrow Fund	275,774.00	
Receipts Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	22,020,187.56	
Total Receipts		\$ 48,335,710.57

Disbursements

Disbursements Civil Fund	25,827,420.84	
Disbursements Trusteeship Fund	240,332.43	
Disbursements Rent Escrow Fund	270,846.41	
Disbursements Criminal/Traffic/Bail Fund	21,869,372.96	
Total Disbursements		\$ 48,207,972.64



Statement of Civil Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Court Costs	6,065,028.64	
Civil Contempt Fine	1,000.00	
Return Check Costs	325.00	
Civil Environmental Penalty	(8,700.00)	
Small Claims Dispute Resolution	94,290.00	
Administrative Fee - 1% State Legal Aid Fees	14,168.96	
Civil Security Facilities	410,197.00	
Civil Collection Fee	-	
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees	586,021.00	
Municipal Court Computerization Fees	175,809.00	
State Legal Aid Fees	1,402,731.04	
Publication Fees	520,991.00	
Civil Bond Deposits	126,976.17	
Civil Refund Cost Deposit	15,362.99	
Civil Judgment Deposits	16,302,902.69	
Civil Jury Deposits	32,000.00	
Civil Refund/Overpayment Deposits	39,712.27	
Civil Sheriff Deposits	7,385.00	
Civil Towing Deposits	2,400.00	
Civil Witness Deposits	2,980.20	
Environmental Appraisal	2,565.00	
Environmental Injunctive	619.00	
Environmental Mortgage	-	
Environmental Sheriff	966.00	
Total Receipts Civil Fund		\$ 25,795,730.96

Statement of Trusteeship Fund Receipts
For the Period Year Ending December 31, 2008

Trusteeship Deposits	240,156.40	
Court Costs	3,798.00	
Overpayments	63.65	
Total Receipts Trusteeship Funds		\$ 244,018.05

Statement of Rent Escrow Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Deposits	272,732.71	
Court Costs	3,020.92	
Overpayments	20.37	
Total Receipts Rent Escrow Fund		\$ 275,774.00



Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Fines and Bail Forfeitures

Municipalities

Bexley	2,000.00
Brice	2,814.50
Canal Winchester	1,127.00
Dublin	21,642.00
Gahanna	9,208.00
Grandview Heights	14,148.40
Grove City	15,237.60
Groveport	4,701.00
Harrisburg	260.00
Hilliard	13,370.50
Lithopolis	100.00
Minerva Park	14,272.50
New Albany	7,817.00
New Rome	-
Obetz	1,261.00
Reynoldsburg	21,183.40
Upper Arlington	19,784.00
Urbancrest	305.00
Valleyview	500.00
Westerville	18,664.00
Whitehall	11,054.90
Worthington	9,579.50

Townships

Blendon	78,155.75
Clinton	31,826.50
Franklin	15,971.30
Hamilton	21,481.40
Madison	38,163.50
Mifflin	18,831.95
Norwich	5,563.50
Perry	73,217.00
Prairie	31,677.57
Sharon	29,649.50
Washington	3,180.50

State of Ohio

Ohio Highway Patrol	465,707.37
Trauma and EMT Fund 5%	51,745.16
State Seatbelt	271,117.00
State Liquor	63,295.40
Child Restraint	10,869.00
Indigent Defense Support	107,772.95
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund	23,424.00



Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Fines and Bail Forfeitures (continued)

City of Columbus

Columbus Fines	3,350,827.66
Ohio Highway Patrol	399,793.01
Cr/Tr Environmental Fines	32,468.00
Indigent Driver Alcohol Fund DUS	-
Indigent Driver Alcohol Fund DUI	81,598.70
Collection Account	284,418.52
Appearance Bonds	142,295.10
Columbus Health Dept	-
Immobilizing Device Fund	5,437.00

County of Franklin

Department of Animal Control	106,999.00
Franklin County Development Center	14,794.00
Ohio State Agencies	250.00
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	-
Municipal	731,690.77
Columbus State Univ. PD	1,350.00
Ohio State University	48,051.00
ODJS Unemployment Fraud	100.00
Franklin County Sheriff (Note D Schedule 1)	445,078.58
Blendon Township	77,430.75
Clinton Township	31,401.50
Franklin Township	15,816.90
Madison Township	37,473.50
Mifflin Township	18,681.95
Perry Township	71,036.00
Sharon Township	28,995.50
Liquor Violations - County Share	63,295.40
Country Road and Bridge Fund	390,856.10
Ohio Highway Patrol	103,490.50
Ohio Department of Liquor Control	-
Ohio Department of Taxation	750.00
Ohio Department of Commerce	-
Port Columbus Police	18,143.50
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	7,182.40
Ohio Department of Public Safety	3,883.20
Capital Area Humane Society	1,883.00
Chessie Sea Board	-
Ohio Ethics Commission	-
OVI Education Fund Index	28,179.43
OVI Law Enforcement and Education	

DUI

Franklin County Sheriff	5,835.40
Ohio Highway Patrol Dui	18,843.50
Port Columbus Airport Dui	250.00
Ohio State University Dui	1,599.00
Col Dev Cnt Dui	25.00
Columbus Regulation Division	40.00



Statement of Criminal/Traffic Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Fines and Bail Forfeitures (continued)

Other Entities

Metro Parks	2,470.00
State Wildlife Fund	5,453.00
State Watercraft Fund	165.00
State Drug/Pharmacy Fund	70,256.00
Ohio Department of Agriculture	1,525.00
Sheriff OMVI Housing the Prisoner Fund	170,306.40
ODPS Drug Law Enforcement	54,654.00
Refunds/Overpayments	73,428.05

Total Fines and Bond Forfeitures	\$ 8,479,180.97
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Costs

Assessed Costs	5,321,540.97
Mayors Court Costs	

Total Costs	\$ 5,321,540.97
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Fees

Collection Fee	704,022.54
Criminal/Traffic Security Fee	800,754.60
State Jury Fees	5,479.00
City Jury Fees	4,585.20
Late Fee	-
Municipal Court Computerization Fees	353,956.50
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees	1,179,938.30
Witness Fees - Local	17,581.10
Local Expungements - City	6,340.00
Probation Fees	269,521.10
Home Incarceration Program	19,708.00
Probation Fees - Scram	50,801.00
Criminal/Traffic Diversion Fee	550.00
Prosecutor's Check Resolution	46,318.50
Returned Check Fees	5,267.00
Witness Fees - State	11,078.45
State Expungements - County	15,080.00
BMV Driver's License Suspension	1,005.00
BMV Warrant Block Reinstatement	2,125.50
State Expungements - State	22,620.00
Local Expungements - State	9,510.00
Victims-of-Crime Fee	952,812.50
Public Defender Fee	1,581,300.32
Crime Stopper Fee	9,551.06
Indigent Application Fee	93,905.00

Total Fees	\$ 6,163,810.67
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Time Payment Deposits	(137.80)
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Total Receipts Criminal/Traffic Fund	\$ 19,964,394.81
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Statement of Bail Fund Receipts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Bail Deposits

Appearance Bonds	1,312,327.80	
Applied Appearance Bonds	(192,077.25)	
Appearance Costs	145,814.20	
Applied Appearance Costs	(142,262.20)	
Cash Bonds	871,133.51	
Applied Cash Bonds	(143,937.31)	
Bail Historical Adjustment	-	
		\$ 1,850,998.75
Total Bail Deposits		

Victim-of-Crimes Posted

Victim-of-Crime Deposited	180,720.00	
Applied Victims-of Crime	(78,341.00)	
		\$ 102,379.00
Total Victim-of Crime Deposited		

Public Defender Posted

Public Defender Deposited	223,215.00	
Applied Public Defender	(130,725.00)	
		\$ 92,490.00
Total Public Defender Deposited		

Moving Violation State Fees Posted

Moving Violations Deposited	14,680.00	
Applied Moving Violations	(4,755.00)	
		\$ 9,925.00
Total Victim-of Crime Deposited		
Total Receipts Bail Fund		\$ 2,055,792.75



Statement of Disbursements to the City of Columbus
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Civil Fund			
Court Costs	6,092,476.19		
Small Claims Dispute Resolution	101,805.00		
Civil Environmental Penalty	(8,700.00)		
Administrative Fees - 1% State Legal Aid Fees.	14,288.54		
Civil Security Facilities	413,977.00		
Civil Contempt Fine	1,000.00		
Civil Collection Fee	-		
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees	591,461.00		
Municipal Court Computerization Fees	177,441.00		
Returned Check Fees	325.00		
Unclaimed Funds	528.95		
Total Civil Fund Disbursements		\$	7,384,602.68
Trusteeship Fund			
Court Costs	3,972.00		
Unclaimed Funds	1,287.34		
Total Trusteeship Fund Disbursements	-	\$	5,259.34
Rent Escrow Funds			
Court Costs	2,902.33		
Unclaimed Funds	-		
Total Rent Escrow Fund Disbursements		\$	2,902.33
Criminal/Traffic Fund			
Fines and Bail Forfeitures	3,337,609.52		
Ohio Highway Patrol - City Share	396,223.21		
Criminal/Traffic Environmental Fines	32,657.00		
Columbus Health Dept.	-		
Court Costs	5,289,916.67		
Collection Fee	703,197.29		
Collection Account	282,063.52		
Security Fee	795,183.00		
Municipal Court Computerization Fees	351,893.00		
Municipal Clerk Computerization Fees	1,172,977.90		
Returned Check Fees	5,092.00		
Witness Fees	17,657.10		
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment - DUS	-		
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment - OVI	81,203.20		
Law Enforcement and Education Fund	27,742.83		
Expungement Fees - City Share	6,360.00		
Home Incarceration Program	19,178.00		
Probation Fees	268,754.50		
Probation Scram Fees	49,992.00		
Diversion Fees	550.00		
Prosecutor Check Resolution	46,318.50		
City Jury Fees	4,834.20		
Appearance Bond Costs	142,087.10		
Immobilizing Device Fine	4,737.00		
Total Bail/Criminal/Traffic Fund Disbursements		\$	13,036,227.54
Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds	72,163.14		
Total Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds	72,163.14		
Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, City of Columbus		\$	20,428,991.89



Statement of Disbursements to the State of Ohio
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Civil Fund

State Legal Aid Fees	1,414,569.46	
Total Civil Fund Disbursements		\$ 1,414,569.46

Criminal/Traffic Fund

Highway Patrol - State Share	461,573.67	
Seatbelt Violations	269,591.00	
Liquor Violations - State Share	63,568.90	
Child Restraint Law	10,889.00	
State Expungement Fees - State Share	22,140.00	
Local Expungement Fee - State Share	9,540.00	
Victims-of-Crime Fees	945,514.50	
Public Defender Fees	1,569,117.32	
BMV Driver License Suspension	990.00	
BMV Warrant Block Reinstatement	2,155.50	
Trauma and EMT Fund 5%	51,285.86	
Indigent Defense Support	95,729.95	
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund	20,503.50	
Total Criminal/Traffic Fund Disbursements		\$ 3,522,599.20
Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, State of Ohio		\$ 4,937,168.66



Statement of Disbursements to the County of Franklin
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Criminal/Traffic Fund

Fines and Bail Forfeitures

Arresting Agency	State Traffic 4511 & 4513	Other State Traffic	Other State Violations
Department of Animal Control	-	-	106,018.00
ODJFS Unemployment Fraud	-	-	100.00
Franklin County Col. Development Center	14,264.40	350.00	75.00
Ohio Department of Public Safety		4,033.20	100.00
Municipal Police	430,398.11	106,606.95	189,479.21
Columbus State Univ. PD	335.00	-	1,015.00
Ohio State University	31,843.50	9,929.50	6,234.00
Ohio State Agencies	-	-	250.00
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	-	-	-
Port Columbus Airport	14,173.50	2,157.00	560.00
Ohio Department of Liquor Control	-	-	-
Sheriff Office (Note D Schedule 2)	297,837.30	100,252.68	45,197.10
Blendon Township - County Share	63,138.10	13,264.45	527.70
Clinton Township - County Share	17,771.00	13,299.00	642.00
Franklin Township - County Share	8,979.40	6,643.00	533.00
Madison Township - County Share	28,792.25	8,341.75	249.50
Mifflin Township - County Share	10,520.40	7,500.25	695.30
Perry Township - County Share	52,541.00	18,122.50	207.50
Sharon Township - County Share	24,453.50	4,410.00	125.00
Ohio Highway Patrol - County Share	102,364.32	142.50	65.08
Liquor Violations - County Share			63,568.90
Road and Bridge Fund	-	-	382,954.10
Department of Taxation	-	-	750.00
Department of Commerce	-	-	-
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	-	-	7,019.40
Capital Area Humane Society	-	-	1,733.00
Chessie Sea Board Corp.	-	-	-
Columbus Regulation Division	-	-	40.00
Ohio Ethics Commission	-	-	-
Total Fines and Bail Forfeitures	\$ 1,097,411.78	\$ 295,052.78	\$ 808,138.79
Witness Fees		10,895.85	
Indigent Application Fee		92,997.80	
Expungements Fees - County Share		14,760.00	
State Jury Fees		5,536.00	
Deduction for Law Library Fund		(15,000.00)	
Total Disbursements to the Treasurer, Franklin County			\$ 2,309,793.00



Statement of Disbursements to Municipalities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Criminal/Traffic Fund

	Mayors Costs	OVI Fund	Fines/Forfeitures	Total
Bexley	-	660.00	1,400.00	2,060.00
Brice	330.00	25.00	2,636.50	2,991.50
Canal Winchester	50.00	600.00	447.00	1,097.00
Dublin	4,826.00	850.00	14,212.00	19,888.00
Gahanna	2,207.00	843.00	6,016.00	9,066.00
Grandview Heights`	-	1,048.00	12,865.40	13,913.40
Grove City	65.00	3,895.00	11,115.60	15,075.60
Groveport	10.00	613.00	3,703.00	4,326.00
Harrisburg	-	-	260.00	260.00
Hilliard	2,502.00	1,033.00	9,922.50	13,457.50
Lithopolis	-	-	100.00	100.00
Minerva Park	490.00	175.00	13,362.50	14,027.50
New Albany	1,320.00	550.00	4,838.00	6,708.00
Obetz	210.00	350.00	670.00	1,230.00
Reynoldsburg	1,341.00	2,685.00	16,870.40	20,896.40
Upper Arlington	878.00	575.00	18,058.00	19,511.00
Urbancrest	-	-	305.00	305.00
Valleyview	-	100.00	450.00	550.00
Westerville	4,188.00	1,156.00	13,076.00	18,420.00
Whitehall	1,454.40	750.00	8,702.50	10,906.90
Worthington	1,856.00	2,432.50	5,218.00	9,506.50
Total Disbursements to Municipalities				\$ 184,296.30

Statement of Disbursements to Townships
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Criminal/Traffic Fund

	OVI Fund	Fines/Forfeitures	Total
Blendon	775.00	76,880.25	77,655.25
Clinton	375.00	31,762.00	32,137.00
Franklin	150.00	16,155.40	16,305.40
Hamilton	-	21,181.40	21,181.40
Madison	640.00	37,383.50	38,023.50
Mifflin	175.00	18,715.95	18,890.95
Norwich	-	5,376.00	5,376.00
Perry	2,218.00	70,871.00	73,089.00
Prairie	-	30,894.57	30,894.57
Sharon	629.00	28,988.50	29,617.50
Washington	-	3,243.00	3,243.00
Total Disbursements to Townships			\$ 346,413.57



Statement of Disbursements to Other Entities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Civil Fund		
Publication Fees	524,951.00	
Civil Bond Deposits	12,054.65	
Civil Deposits	15,632.16	
Civil Judgment Deposits	16,416,602.97	
Civil Jury Deposits	12,500.00	
Civil Refund/Overpayment Deposits	39,507.27	
Civil Sheriff Deposits	4,760.60	
Civil Towing Deposits	1,600.00	
Civil Witness Deposits	159.00	
Environmental Appraisal	705.00	
Environmental Sheriff	305.00	
Unclaimed Funds	(528.95)	
Total Civil Fund Disbursements		\$ 17,028,248.70
Trusteeship Fund		
Trusteeship Deposit Payments	236,336.43	
Overpayments	24.00	
Unclaimed Funds	(1,287.34)	
Total Trusteeship Fund Disbursements		\$ 235,073.09
Rent Escrow Fund		
Rent Deposit Payments	267,944.08	
Unclaimed Funds	-	
Total Rent Escrow Fund Disbursements		\$ 267,944.08
Criminal/Traffic Fund		
<u>OVI Law Enforcement and Education</u>		
OVI Franklin County Sheriff	5,909.40	
OVI Ohio Highway Patrol	18,775.50	
OVI Port Columbus Airport	250.00	
OVI Ohio State University	1,564.00	
OVI Columbus Development Center	25.00	
Other Entities		
State Wildlife Fund	5,333.00	
State Watercraft Fund	165.00	
State Drug/Pharmacy Fund	69,714.00	
Metro Parks	2,470.00	
Law Library Fund	15,000.00	
Ohio Department of Agriculture	1,525.00	
Sheriff OMVI Housing the Prisoner Fund	169,742.70	
Crime Stoppers Fee	9,466.06	
ODPS Drug Law Enforcement	47,840.50	
Overpayments/Refunds	78,257.54	
Total Criminal/Traffic Disbursements		\$ 426,037.70
Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds	(72,163.14)	
Total Criminal/Traffic/ Bail Unclaimed Funds		\$ (72,163.14)



Statement of Disbursements to Other Entities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

Bail Fund

Appearance Bond Returned to Individuals	1,119,483.55
Appearance Bond Cost	3,215.40
Cash Bond Returned to Individuals	723,323.70
Victims of Crime Returned to Individuals	104,038.00
Public Defender Returned to Individuals	92,585.00
Moving Violation State Fees Returned to Individuals	1,360.00
Total Bail Fund Disbursements	\$ 2,044,005.65

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 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	76,852.00	37,776.70	13,351.60
Sheriff Blendon	28,689.00	1,935.00	4,194.00
Sheriff Brown Township	5,973.00	600.00	-
Sheriff Clinton Township	18,198.00	-	5,840.00
Sheriff Franklin Township	9,512.00	-	12,135.00
Sheriff Hamilton Township	12.50	21,468.90	-
Sheriff Jackson Township	27,770.60	7,187.00	50.00
Sheriff Jefferson Township	23,795.00	-	-
Sheriff Madison Township	10,853.00		1,792.50
Sheriff Mifflin Township	34,156.20	3,805.00	5,535.00
Sheriff Norwich Township	5,101.00	462.50	
Sheriff Perry Township	5,345.00	-	850.00
Sheriff Plain Township	8,276.00	1,230.00	-
Sheriff Pleasant Township	11,454.50	995.00	
Sheriff Prairie Township	15,524.50	16,153.08	-
Sheriff Sharon Township	1,565.00	165.00	800.00
Sheriff Truro Township	12,937.00	9,557.50	-
Sheriff Washington Township	2,485.00	-	695.50
Total Sheriff	\$ 298,499.30	\$ 101,335.68	\$ 45,243.60



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	76,695.50	37,752.70	13,242.60
Sheriff Blendon Township	29,029.00	1,885.00	4,219.00
Sheriff Brown Township	5,898.00	600.00	-
Sheriff Clinton Township	18,373.00	-	5,565.00
Sheriff Franklin Township	9,557.00	-	12,210.00
Sheriff Hamilton Township	12.50	21,168.90	-
Sheriff Jackson Township	27,155.60	7,062.00	100.00
Sheriff Jefferson Township	24,480.00	-	30.00
Sheriff Madison Township	10,663.00	-	1,992.50
Sheriff Mifflin Township	34,142.20	3,905.00	5,635.00
Sheriff Norwich Township	4,976.00	400.00	-
Sheriff Perry Township	5,345.00	-	850.00
Sheriff Plain Township	8,256.00	1,230.00	-
Sheriff Pleasant Township	11,594.50	995.00	-
Sheriff Prairie Township	15,103.00	15,791.58	-
Sheriff Sharon Township	1,565.00	110.00	620.00
Sheriff Truro Township	12,482.00	9,352.50	-
Sheriff Washington Township	2,510.00	-	733.00
Total Sheriff	\$ 297,837.30	\$ 100,252.68	\$ 45,197.10



FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
Columbus, Ohio

NINETY-THIRD
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Front Row (left to right)

Judges Scott D. VanDerKarr, W. Dwayne Maynard, Janet A. Grubb, Administrative & Presiding Judge Carrie E. Glaeden, Anne Taylor, James E. Green, H. William Pollitt, Jr.

Back Row (left to right)

Judges Andrea C. Peeples, Julia L. Dorrian, Ted Barrows, Michael T. Brandt, Harland H. Hale, Paul M. Herbert, Amy Salerno, David B. Tyack



FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

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Administrative & Presiding Judge
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March 23, 2009

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 with the 2008 Annual Report for the Franklin County Municipal Court.

As the largest and busiest Municipal Court in Ohio, we continually strive to improve our services to every citizen who appears in this Court.

In 2008, we operated with 4% fewer staff; however, we provided 14.5% more interpreter services to ensure citizens access to the Court with an increase of 35.5% increase in Somali interpreter services alone. Our Probation Department also saw a 7.6 % increase in cases in 2008.

Utilizing qualified volunteers from the community in various positions within the Court, we saw an estimated cost savings to the Court of over 41% in 2008 from 2007.

Please feel free to contact me at 645-8206 or Court Administrator Keith Bartlett at 645-8214 if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Yours truly,

/s/ Carrie E. Glaeden
Judge Carrie E. Glaeden
Administrative and Presiding Judge

Enclosure

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
375 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4520
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2008 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 2008 were Judge Carrie E. Glaeden, Administrative and Presiding Judge, and Judges Janet A. Grubb, Anne Taylor, W. Dwayne Maynard, James E. Green, Scott D. VanDerKarr, H. William Pollitt, Jr., Michael T. Brandt, Harland H. Hale, Ted Barrows, Paul M. Herbert, Julia L. Dorrian, Amy Salerno, Andrea C. Peebles, and David B. Tyack.

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 those cases that fall within the Division's exclusive jurisdiction.

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

MAGISTRATES

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

BAILIFFS

Bailiffs coordinate activities in the courtrooms, schedule cases, provide docket management, provide information to the public about the status of cases, and act as liaisons between their assigned Judge or Magistrate and attorneys, court personnel, and the general public. Each Judge has an assigned Courtroom Bailiff, 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 190 employees, some of the specific functions of Court Administration include personnel management, budgeting and fiscal management, purchasing, liaison with other courts and agencies, public information, appointment of counsel, court investigation, court security, interpreter services, vehicle immobilization, and volunteer services.

The Court Administrator, Keith Bartlett, is the chief non-judicial officer. The Court’s General Fund Operating budget for 2008 was \$13,984,435, with an additional \$1.5 million Secure Facilities Fund budget and \$608,000 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 2008, Court Investigation assisted approximately 17,693 individuals – 11,356 in-office interviews; 4,302 telephone interviews; and 2,035 other requests for information and assistance.

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 2008, the Court employed two full-time Spanish interpreters and one part-time Spanish interpreter who completed an estimated 8,800 requests for service. There were 608 requests for 31 other languages, including 267 for Somali. The Court also filled 121 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 certain court or BMV-issued suspensions; Financial Responsibility/Accountability (FRA) suspensions; and wrongful use of a vehicle. A steering wheel locking device is used to immobilize vehicles. In 2008, the Court processed 8,738 driving under suspension cases (a decrease of 07.5% from 2007) and 6,486 OVI cases (an increase of 07.4%). The program's two employees provide the communication from and to the courts, law enforcement and defendants to ensure compliance with the court's orders involving the defendant's vehicle.

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 2008, eight volunteers provided 3,954.15 hours of service at an estimated cost savings to the Court of \$67,971.87.

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.

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 2008 was 4,294.

LEGAL RESEARCH

The Court employs a Legal Research Supervisor who provides legal research, supervises the work of part-time law clerks, and serves as a part-time magistrate. The Supervisor and law clerks research and prepare memoranda on issues pending before the Court, maintain 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 2008, the Department handled 13,978 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 O.V.I. 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 2008, there were 2,376 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 2008, offenders completed more than 29,700 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 2008, more than \$364,000 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 specific period of time, not to exceed five years. During 2008, the program supervised 8,548 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 both pre-judgment and post-judgment remedies. Responsibilities include service of complaints, summonses, criminal and civil subpoenas, garnishments, juror letters, and revocation hearing notices. Writs of replevin are enforced through seizure of property to be returned to the rightful owner, and writs of execution through levy and sale of personal property for the purpose of satisfying the judgment. Additionally, service bailiffs supervise the set-out of tenants' property during an eviction.

The Service Bailiffs' Department processed or served approximately 49,215 legal documents in 2008 and supervised 1,638 set-outs. The Department currently employs 17 full-time individuals: a Chief Service Bailiff, two Deputy Chief Service Bailiffs, 13 Service Bailiffs, and a Secretary/Receptionist.

SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

Small Claims Division

The Small Claims Division helps people 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. Small Claims Court may also resolve cases more quickly, and usually an attorney is not required.

The Small Claims Division offers all of the required legal forms, information and instruction sheets, brochures and booklets that address how to proceed in every phase of the case. Forms and information are also available on the Court's web page: www.fcmcclerk.com. In addition, the Small Claims Division helps people who have won their cases collect their judgments and can explain and assist with collection procedures.

The Division has five full-time employees. They provide support for the five Magistrates who hear small claims cases. The staff initiates, assigns, and schedules each case for trial. The Division processed more than 8,500 new small claims cases in 2008. The Small Claims Division also supports the Court's Dispute Resolution Program.

Dispute Resolution Program

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. Mediation is very different from trial or arbitration. The mediator works with the parties and provides an opportunity to discuss all of their concerns and to reach an agreement that best suits their needs. The mediators are highly skilled and experienced volunteers, and students from local law school and graduate programs.

In 2008, the Department's free Evening Mediation Service scheduled 1,017 mediations. In 335 disputes, the parties came to agreement about all issues before or at mediation. Mediators in the Evening Mediation Program are all volunteers who mediate as a community service.

In addition, the Department's Check and Account Resolution Service (CARS) helped more than 1,623 individuals resolve disputes with businesses.

Judges and Magistrates referred 432 cases to mediation in 2008. One hundred twelve of these cases were from individual dockets; the balance (320 cases) came from review of *pro se* answers by the Duty Judge. Almost 75% of these cases (247) were resolved without trial. Of those that resolved only 15% (37 cases) required a ruling on a summary judgment motion.

In November 2008, the Court agreed to provide mediation services for foreclosure cases in Franklin County. The Franklin County Foreclosure Mediation Project (FCFMP) provides mediation services for borrowers and lenders in mortgage disputes before a case is filed, after filing and even after judgment. The goal is to assist borrowers and lenders in reaching prompt and satisfactory agreements to resolve their disputes.