



TENNESSEE COURT SYSTEM

2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE & ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR



Distinguished citizens,

We are pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Annual Report of the Tennessee Judiciary. This report offers a small glimpse into the many accomplishments of the judicial branch, along with the challenges we face as a court system.

This past year, the economic downturn dominated the focus of government agencies throughout Tennessee. The judiciary, like the other branches of government, has made a number of budget reductions to help ease the state's funding shortage while continuing to serve the public. Despite the fiscal challenges we faced, the judiciary has pulled together to maintain a high level of service throughout the courtrooms in Tennessee.

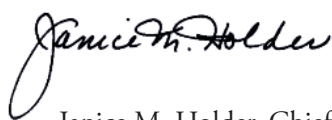


Today's troubled economic climate has also furthered the need for access to justice. Now, more than ever, low-income Tennesseans are unable to obtain the necessary legal assistance when encountering civil matters. As a result of this growing need, the Supreme Court declared Access to Justice as our number one strategic priority for the coming years. In December 2008, we publicly announced this initiative to the legal community. In this report, we have highlighted the important strides made through this effort.

In addition to access to the courts, the Supreme Court also determined two additional strategic priorities for the year – the productivity and timeliness of the judiciary and enhancing technology to better meet the needs of the public. We have implemented a number of projects to improve in these areas, such as mediation and caseload management training, deployment of the court clerk case management software known as the Tennessee Court Information System (TNCIS), and development of a new indigent claims entry system.

While we are proud of the work of the judiciary during this past year, we must continue our work to improve the court system. As stewards of the public trust, the judiciary will continue to serve the citizens of Tennessee with honor and integrity as we strive to administer justice fairly and equally for all.

Sincerely,



Janice M. Holder, Chief Justice



Elizabeth A. Sykes, Administrative Director

LOOKING BACK: 2008 - 2009 A YEAR IN REVIEW

This year, the Supreme Court has determined three strategic initiatives to address in the coming years – access to the courts, the productivity and timeliness of the judiciary, and enhancing technology. The Tennessee court system has made great strides in each of these areas this year, and we have highlighted these accomplishments on the following pages.



Chief Justice Holder speaks at the Access to Justice Initiative announcement.

Access to Justice

It is a common misconception that low-income citizens are entitled to legal assistance for civil matters, in addition to criminal issues. This is not the case. Only one in five income-eligible people will receive the legal help they need. In today's troubled economic climate, the need for civil legal services among Tennessee's indigent and working poor families can only be expected to increase as they face legal problems caused by unemployment, predatory loans, uninsured medical bills, domestic violence, evictions, and foreclosures.

While legal aid groups, law schools, bar associations and law firms have worked diligently to address this growing issue, there is still much work that must be done to tackle the unmet civil legal needs of Tennesseans.

With this in mind, the Supreme Court declared Access to Justice as its number one priority in fall 2008. Shortly thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) designated a staff person to facilitate this effort. In December 2008, the Court

publicly announced the kickoff of the Access to Justice Initiative to more than 140 attorneys, judges, educators and other interested citizens.

In an effort to better understand the direction and focus of the Access to Justice Initiative, the Supreme Court held five public meetings across the state. Nearly 150 people attended these meetings to voice their ideas for how the judiciary can help meet the legal needs of low-income citizens. As a result of these meetings, the Supreme Court developed Rule 50, establishing the Access to Justice Commission. The 10 members of the Commission, which includes attorneys and community leaders from across the state, were announced at a formal ceremony on April 3, 2009.

The Access to Justice Commission has been tasked with developing formal recommendations to the Supreme Court. The Commission's recommendations, which will be presented in the coming months, will be the guidepost for the Court's Access to Justice Initiative.

Access to Justice (*cont.*)

Supreme Court Rule Changes

The Court has also adopted a number of Supreme Court Rule changes to encourage attorneys to participate in more pro bono work:

- **Supreme Court Rule 5** was modified to allow staff attorneys, law clerks and others who work for judges and courts in Tennessee to engage in some limited types of pro bono work.
- **Supreme Court Rule 7, Sec. 10.01(c) and Supreme Court Rule 8, Rule of Professional Conduct (RPC) 5.5** were revised to allow attorneys authorized to practice in Tennessee as in-house counsel to provide pro bono legal services in Tennessee through an established not-for-profit bar association, pro bono program, or legal services program; and to permit lawyers admitted in another jurisdiction to provide pro bono legal services in Tennessee following a major disaster.
- **Supreme Court Rule 8, RPC 5.5 (e)** was amended to permit attorneys licensed in another jurisdiction and performing legal work in Tennessee to also provide pro bono legal services through an approved program.
- **Supreme Court Rule 8, RPC 6.1** was amended to include an aspirational goal of 50 pro bono hours for all Tennessee attorneys.
- **Supreme Court Rule 8, RPC 6.5** was added and changed to allow attorneys to provide limited-scope advice in pro bono cases.
- **Supreme Court Rule 9, Sect. 20.11** requests that every attorney voluntarily file a pro bono reporting statement annually with the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility.
- **Supreme Court Rule 21, 4.07(c)** was amended to increase the number of CLE credits attorneys may earn for pro bono representation – from one hour of CLE credit for eight hours of pro bono work to one CLE credit for every five hours of pro bono work.
- **Supreme Court Rule 43 and Supreme Court Rule 8, RPC 1.15** were revised to require attorneys who hold eligible client funds to participate in the Tennessee Bar Foundation's Interest On Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. The IOLTA program permits interest to be earned on attorneys' pooled trust checking accounts and paid to the Tennessee Bar Foundation to fund grants to organizations that provide direct civil legal services to the poor, improve the administration of justice or provide law student financial assistance.
- **Tennessee Rule of Civil Procedure 23.08** was added to permit trial judges to enter an order or judgment providing the disbursement of residual funds from class action judgments or settlements to be paid to the Tennessee Voluntary Fund for Indigent Civil Representation. It provides explicit authorization for distribution of such funds to "a program or fund which serves the pro bono legal needs of Tennesseans including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Voluntary Fund for Indigent Civil Representation," a fund which the Court supported the Legislature creating in 2006 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 16-3-821). Once the principal base reaches \$1 million, this fund will provide additional financial support for legal service providers throughout the state.

Access to Justice (*cont.*)

Grants

In the past year, the court system has also been able to fund a variety of efforts related to access to justice thanks to federal grant programs:

- The Access & Visitation Grant allowed the AOC to develop initiatives that assist self-represented divorced or never-married parents concerning parenting and visitation in child support cases.
- The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 enabled the court system to enhance security and technology; bolster the court interpreter program by offsetting the cost of training and exams for applicants; fund the cost of court interpreters for domestic violence and order of protection hearings; and provide funds for six Victim Offender Reconciliation Programs (VORP) centers in Tennessee that provide community education, peer mediation at local schools and conflict resolution training for at-risk youth and adults.

Statewide Public Service Day

The court system also partnered with the Tennessee Bar Association and other organizations in promoting the Statewide Public Service Day on April 4, 2009. During this event, 45 pro bono service projects were conducted throughout Tennessee. All five members of the Supreme Court and numerous judges attended events across the state in support of this effort. Not only did this event effectively assist 1,300 Tennesseans with civil legal issues, but it also attracted a great deal of media attention and interest from the public.

Members of the Supreme Court attended pro bono service projects on Statewide Public Service Day. Pictured from left to right are: Daniel Clayton, Tennessee Association for Justice President; Justice Cornelia Clark; Buck Lewis, TBA President & Access to Justice Commissioner; and Justice William Koch.



LOOKING BACK: 2008 - 2009 A YEAR IN REVIEW

Productivity & Timeliness

The court system is dedicated to making fair and impartial judgments in a prompt and efficient manner. To ensure the timely resolution of cases, the Supreme Court has deployed a number of initiatives to review and increase the productivity of our courts.

Judicial Settlement Conferences

Using mediation effectively is one way courts can better manage case loads and settle disputes quickly. The Administrative Office of the Courts partnered with Lipscomb University's Institute for Conflict Management to provide 40 hours of judicial settlement for judges. These two conferences, which were held in April 2008 and 2009, focused on assisting judges with their understanding of the mediation process and the role of mediation in judicial settlement conferences. Approximately 60 judges attended these programs.

Caseload management

Tennessee was one of four states selected for a federal grant through the Bureau of Judicial Assistance to fund an "Effective Caseload Management" program. This four-day workshop was provided by National Judicial College faculty. Held in April 2009, this program taught judges how to develop an effective caseload management system and create criteria and time standards for cases. More than 20 judges participated in this workshop.

The Administrative Office of the Courts also offered a case management session at the fall judicial conference. More than 50 judges attended this informative session.

Alexander Williams, a retired Los Angeles Superior Court judge, spoke to judges at the Judicial Settlement Conference in April 2009.



Enhancing Technology

The Supreme Court views technology as a critical component to furthering the access and efficiency of our court system. With that in mind, the court system made a concerted effort to remain knowledgeable of rapidly changing technology and how it can improve court operations.

TNCIS

The deployment of the TNCIS software is one of the principal technology initiatives for the court system. TNCIS, which stands for Tennessee Court Information System, is a court clerk case management system.



Amanda Hughes, court clerk liaison at the Administrative Office of the Courts, installed the TNCIS software in Obion County in June 2009. As part of the installation process, the AOC staff teach court clerks how to use the software.

This project has improved the accountability of the courts by obtaining more accurate statistics on cases and providing a better accounting of fees and costs. Additionally, the TNCIS software increased the efficiency of clerks' offices that previously used manual or antiquated systems to manage caseloads, paperwork, accounting, reporting and record keeping. This software also allows courts across the state to report information to other agencies, such as the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Safety and the Department of Correction.

So far, TNCIS has been installed in 111 clerks' offices throughout the state. Since 2008, the AOC technology team has installed TNCIS at 12 sites that did not previously use computers. In addition to installing the software, the technology staff has provided on-site training and support to make the successful transition to this new system. Installation of the TNCIS software will be completed by late 2011.

Digital Court Reporting

Digital court reporting is another opportunity to take advantage of technology to reduce costs and further streamline court operations. Last year, the AOC installed digital court reporting equipment in 27 courtrooms. Thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, court reporting systems will be installed in an additional 25 courtrooms this year. The judges and court reporters who have used this technology have found it to be a reliable way to enhance the documentation of court proceedings.

Indigent Claims Entry

The Administrative Office of the Courts is working with a vendor to develop a new Indigent Claims Entry system. Currently, attorneys representing indigent defendants must submit their fee claims on paper through the clerk's office. This manual process requires a great deal of effort for the attorneys, judges, clerks and the AOC staff.

The new Indigent Claims Entry system, which will be housed online, will significantly streamline the process by eliminating more than 90 percent of the 90,000 paper claims the AOC receives on an annual basis. The new system is expected to launch in a phased roll-out beginning in May 2010.

Web site

The AOC is working with a vendor to develop a new Web site for the court system. The new site, which will feature greater information and enhanced functionality, is scheduled to launch in 2010.

COURT SYSTEM BUDGET

The court system continues to account for less than 0.5 percent of the state's total budget. With the economic downturn, the judiciary, like the other branches of government, had to make difficult decisions to help ease the state's budget deficit while continuing to serve the public.

At the governor's request, the court system reduced its recurring budget nearly 15 percent, which resulted in a loss of more than \$5 million in recurring funds. To make these budget cuts possible, the court system eliminated 29 positions across the state – including appellate court clerks and attorneys, court reporters and AOC staff. As part of these staff reductions, the judiciary closed the three public law libraries housed in the state's three Supreme Court buildings.

Despite these budget cuts, the court system has done an excellent job of working together to ensure that Tennesseans continue to receive superior service in our courtrooms across the state.

2008-2009 Court System Budget

Appellate and Trial Court Judges	\$ 55,847,700
Supreme Court Buildings	\$ 3,234,900
Child Support Magistrates	\$ 2,216,000
Guardians ad Litem	\$ 4,047,500
Indigent Defendants' Counsel	\$ 21,464,600
Civil Legal Representation	\$ 3,327,900
Verbatim Transcripts	\$ 4,279,200
Supreme Court Law Libraries	\$ 587,600
Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges	\$ 170,700
Judicial Conference	\$ 347,800
Judicial Programs and Commissions	\$ 1,013,600
State Court Clerks Conference	\$ 244,500
Administrative Office of the Courts	\$ 12,630,100
Appellate Court Clerks	\$ 2,352,000
Board of Law Examiners	\$ 709,600
Board of Professional Responsibility	\$ 2,376,200
TN Lawyer Assistance Program	\$ 444,100
TN Comm. on Continuing Legal Education & Specialization	\$ 756,200
Client Protection Fund	\$ 508,500
TOTAL	\$ 116,558,700

JUDICIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor joined the Tennessee Supreme Court at the 2008 Tennessee Supreme Court Historical Society Dinner.

Members of the judiciary are civic leaders and esteemed members of the legal community. The following pages highlight some of the many accomplishments of Tennessee judges. These stories offer a small glimpse into the positive efforts by the judges in the Tennessee court system.

Supreme Court

Chief Justice Barker Retires After 25 Years of Service

In September 2008, Chief Justice William M. Barker retired after spending 25 years on the bench. Barker began his judicial career in 1983 with an appointment to the Circuit Court in the 11th Judicial District. He was elected to the position in 1984 and again in 1990. In 1995, Governor Don Sundquist appointed Barker to the state Court of Criminal Appeals. The following year, he was elected to an eight-year term. Barker was appointed to the Tennessee Supreme Court in 1998 and was elected to a full eight-year term the same year and again in 2006. His colleagues on the court unanimously elected him chief justice in 2005.

A native of Chattanooga, Barker earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Chattanooga and his law degree from the University of Cincinnati School Of Law. Following graduation from law school, he entered the United States Army, serving for two years as a captain in the Medical Service Corps.

After his military service, he was in the private practice of law until his 1983 appointment to the Circuit Court. During his trial court tenure, Barker

was consistently given the highest rating for a Circuit Court judge in Chattanooga Bar Association polls.



Appellate Court Clerk Mike Catalano (pictured left) presents Chief Justice William Barker with a plaque commemorating his years of service to the Tennessee Supreme Court. The plaque was presented at a retirement ceremony held at the Supreme Court building in Nashville.

JUDICIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Supreme Court *(cont.)*

Janice M. Holder Becomes State's First Female Chief Justice

Justice Janice M. Holder, the third woman to serve on the Tennessee Supreme Court, became the first woman to serve as its chief justice on September 1, 2008. Holder was elected by the Court to serve a two-year term as chief justice.

Holder was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1996 and was elected in 1998 to a full eight-year term. In 2006, she was reelected to a second eight-year term. Holder was elected as a Circuit Court judge in Shelby County in 1990 after having practiced law from 1977-90. She held this position until she was appointed to serve on the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Holder earned her bachelor's degree summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh in 1971. In 1975, she graduated from Duquesne University School of Law, where she was a Law Review editor. After graduating, she was a law clerk for Chief Judge Herbert P. Sorg of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania.

Holder is one of 20 female chief justices nationwide.



Governor Phil Bredesen administers the oath of office to Justice Sharon Lee at the old Supreme Court chambers in Nashville.



Justice Janice Holder, pictured alongside her mother Sylvia, is sworn in as chief justice on September 1, 2008, at the Supreme Court building in Nashville.

Sharon G. Lee Appointed to the Supreme Court

With the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Justice Barker, Governor Phil Bredesen appointed Sharon G. Lee of Madisonville to the Tennessee Supreme Court on September 29, 2008. With Lee's appointment, the Supreme Court reached a female majority for the first time in the state's history. Bredesen appointed Lee to the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Eastern Section in June 2004. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Lee practiced civil and criminal litigation. She began her private practice in 1978 at J.D. Lee and Associates in Madisonville. She subsequently worked in various partnerships and as a solo practitioner before her appointment to the Court of Appeals.

Lee, 54, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with high honors from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a doctor of jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law.

JUDICIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Supreme Court *(cont.)*

More than 1,000 Tennessee Students Participate in Supreme Court Program

The SCALES Program, an acronym for the Supreme Court Advancing Legal Education for Students, is a Tennessee Supreme Court initiative designed to educate young Tennesseans about the judicial branch of government. Two SCALES programs were conducted during this fiscal year, giving more than 1,000 Tennessee high school students the unique opportunity to hear oral arguments in selected Supreme Court cases. Following oral arguments, students participated in a question and answer session with attorneys.

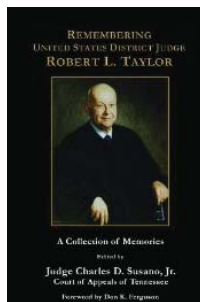
The first SCALES program of the year was held on October 2, 2008, in Nashville, where 450 high school students from 16 public and private schools heard oral arguments for three cases. For the seventh consecutive year, the Supreme Court took the SCALES program to Tennessee Boys State. More than 600 high school juniors attended the SCALES program on May 27, 2009, at Boys State, which was held at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville. Tennessee Boys State is overseen by 13th Judicial District Judge John J. Maddux Jr.

Tennessee Boys State participants listen to Supreme Court oral arguments as part of the SCALES program.



Intermediate Appellate Courts

Susano Edits Book on Federal Judge



Judge Charles D. Susano Jr. of the Tennessee Court of Appeals edited a book entitled, *Remembering United States District Judge Robert L. Taylor*. The book, which was published in April 2009, includes a collection of 145 stories and memories of Taylor, who served as a federal trial judge in Knoxville from 1949 to 1987.

Stafford Named Chairman of Statewide Bar Foundation



In July 2008, Court of Appeals Judge J. Steven Stafford of Dyersburg was named chairman of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, a philanthropic organization that administers a fund supporting law-related public projects and also honors attorneys who have distinguished themselves professionally. Stafford, who served one year as chairman of the Foundation, was appointed to the appellate bench by Gov. Phil Bredesen in June 2008.

Trial Courts

Five New Trial Court Judges Appointed

In the past year, Governor Bredesen appointed the following five trial judges to fill vacancies in the Circuit and Criminal Courts:



James G. Martin was appointed on November 10, 2008, to fill the Circuit Court vacancy in the 21st Judicial District, which is composed of Williamson, Hickman, Perry and Lewis counties. Prior to his appointment, Martin was a partner at Stites & Harbison in Nashville.



Philip Smith was appointed to the Circuit Court for the 20th Judicial District in Davidson County in March 2009. Smith came to the bench after nearly 20 years in private practice.



David E. Durham was appointed Criminal Court judge in the 15th Judicial District on March 11, 2009. The 15th Judicial District is composed of Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale, and Wilson counties. Prior to his appointment, Durham served as the Deputy District Attorney General in the 15th Judicial District.



Lorrie Ridder was appointed to the 30th Judicial District Circuit Court in Shelby County in April 2009. Prior to her appointment, Ridder was in private practice at the Memphis law firm now known as Lockett Pinstein Ridder, PC.



Amy V. Hollars was appointed to the Circuit Court for the 13th Judicial District in June 2009. The 13th Judicial District includes Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam and White counties. Hollars previously served as a solo practitioner in Overton County as well as attorney for the City of Livingston from October 2007 through October 2008.

JUDICIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Trial Courts *(cont.)*

Problem Solving Courts

Tennessee is proud to have a number of specialized courts throughout the state geared to offer treatment services with intensive judicial supervision to help nonviolent offenders overcome substance abuse problems and other issues.

In Tennessee, there are 38 drug courts, eight juvenile and family drug courts, six DUI courts and two mental health courts. Below are some highlights from these programs throughout the state:

- The 27th Judicial District Drug Court, which serves Weakley and Obion counties, earned its state certification at the annual drug court conference in Nashville in October 2008. Circuit Court Judge Bill Acree and General Sessions Court Judge Tommy Moore preside over the program. Nine participants graduated from the drug court program in November 2008.
- The 21st Judicial District Drug Court, which serves Hickman, Perry, Lewis and Williamson counties, earned its state certification on September 3, 2008.



Judge Timothy Easter (pictured center), presiding judge of the 21st Judicial District Drug Court, receives the court's state certification. Also pictured are former Justice Frank Drowota (left) and West Huddleston, Executive Director of the National Drug Court Institute (right).

- The Shelby County Drug Court reached an important milestone this year – 100 participants received their GED as part of a program instituted by General Sessions Court Judge Tim Dwyer. To date, 1,600 people have successfully graduated from one of the Drug Court's available programs.

Davidson County Drug Court Recognized for Innovative Programs



Judge Seth Norman

In 1997, the Davidson County Drug Court became the first court-run residential treatment facility in the nation. This year, the Davidson County Drug Court collaborated with the Davidson County Mental Health Court to offer a residential treatment program for nonviolent offenders struggling with both mental illness and drug addiction. Criminal Court Judge Seth Norman, founder and presiding judge of the Davidson County Drug Court, oversees operations of the 16-bed facility. The Mental Health Court funds and administers the program.

In July 2008, Norman presented at the Bi-National Conference on Demand Reduction in Monterrey, Mexico about how to plan, implement, operate and sustain a residential drug court program. Additionally, Norman received visits from a number of government officials, including Christy McCampbell, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Counternarcotics; H. Westley Clark, M.D., Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and officials from the U.S. Attorneys' Office and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

JUDICIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Trial Courts *(cont.)*

McCoy Elected First Woman President of Statewide Judicial Organization

In June 2008, Chancellor Carol L. McCoy of Nashville became president of the 179-member Tennessee Judicial Conference (TJC), which includes all state appellate and trial court judges. McCoy is the first woman to be elected president of the TJC.

McCoy serves as chancellor of the 20th Judicial District, which includes Davidson County. McCoy succeeded Circuit Court Judge William B. Acree, who serves the 27th Judicial District.

The TJC provides continuing judicial education for judges, and by statute, the Conference meets and considers the judges' official duties and obligations with an end to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice throughout the state.



TJC President Chancellor Carol McCoy (pictured left) presents Judge William Acree, outgoing TJC president, with a plaque thanking him for his year of service as TJC president.

Chancellor Skip Frierson Holds Fifth Annual Adoption Day



Chancellor Skip Frierson formalized the adoption of three children as part of the annual Adoption Day ceremony at the Hamblen County Courthouse in Morristown, on November 15, 2008. In its fifth year,

the Adoption Day ceremony includes refreshments and the presentation of balloons, cookies and toys. Frierson, the father of three adopted children, holds the annual event in conjunction with National Adoption Day.

National Adoption Day was designed to draw attention to nearly 500,000 children in foster care in the United States and encourage the adoptions of those who are eligible. In Tennessee, more than 8,200 children are in foster care and nearly 1,800 are available for adoption.

Russell Named Victims' Advocate of the Year



James Russell, circuit court judge in the 30th Judicial District, was named "Victims' Advocate of the Year" at the 15th Annual Crime Victims' Rights dinner on April 28, 2009, in Memphis. The annual dinner is sponsored by

Operation: Safe Community, a joint initiative by law enforcement, government and business leadership to make Memphis/Shelby County one of the safest communities of its size in the country by 2011. Judge Russell received the award for his involvement in the "Stop the Killing" initiative formed by Judge J.C. McLin and Stevie Moore, founder of Freedom From Unnecessary Negatives.

SUPREME COURT CASELOAD DATA



Every year, the Tennessee judiciary compiles statistical data gathered from the Appellate Court Clerk's offices and the state clerks of court in Tennessee. A statewide summary of this data is provided on the pages that follow. The full report, which includes statistical data by judicial district, can be found on our Web site at www.tncourts.gov.

Justice Gary Wade speaks at Justice Sharon Lee's investiture.

Preliminary Applications

	Eastern Section	Middle Section	Western Section	Total
Filings				
Interlocutory Appeal (T.R.A.P. 9)	4	15	9	28
Extraordinary Appeal (T.R.A.P. 10)	2	7	12	21
TOTAL FILED	6	22	21	49
Dispositions				
Interlocutory Appeal (T.R.A.P. 9) Granted	0	3	2	5
Extraordinary Appeal (T.R.A.P. 10) Granted	0	1	0	1
Interlocutory Appeal (T.R.A.P. 9) Denied	5	10	7	22
Extraordinary Appeal (T.R.A.P. 10) Denied	2	5	12	19
Interlocutory Appeal (T.R.A.P. 9) Dismissed	0	0	0	0
Extraordinary Appeal (T.R.A.P. 10) Dismissed	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISPOSED	7	19	21	47

SUPREME COURT CASELOAD DATA



Justice Clark, Chief Justice Holder and Justice Wade listen to oral arguments presented as part of the SCALES program at Boys State.

Applications for Permission to Appeal (T.R.A.P. 11)

	Eastern Section	Middle Section	Western Section	Total
Filings				
Appeal by Permission (T.R.A.P. 11) Filed	201	340	235	776
Petitions to Rehear T.R.A.P. 11 Filed	5	6	5	16
TOTAL FILED	206	346	240	792
Dispositions				
Appeal by Permission (T.R.A.P. 11) Granted	18	19	14	51
Appeal by Permission (T.R.A.P. 11) Denied	188	300	187	675
Appeal by Permission (T.R.A.P. 11) Dismissed	8	22	9	39
Appeal by Permission (T.R.A.P. 11) Granted & Remanded	1	4	1	6
Appeal by Permission (T.R.A.P. 11) Remanded	0	1	0	1
Petitions to Rehear T.R.A.P. 11 Granted	0	0	0	0
Petitions to Rehear T.R.A.P. 11 Denied	4	10	6	20
TOTAL DISPOSED	219	356	217	792

SUPREME COURT CASELOAD DATA

Cases for Decision

	Eastern Section	Middle Section	Western Section	Total
Filings				
T.R.A.P. 11 Granted Applications	18	19	14	51
S.Ct. R. 23 - Certified Questions of Law	0	5	0	5
Direct Appeals	37	59	28	124
Workers' Compensation	35	58	28	121
Death Penalty	2	1	0	3
Workers' Compensation - Motions for Full Court Review	20	19	7	46
T.R.A.P. 39 Petitions to Rehear	5	9	5	19
TOTAL FILED	80	111	54	245
Dispositions				
Opinions	33	70	41	144
Supreme Court	17	29	12	58
Workers' Compensation Panel Affirmed	16	41	29	86
Orders of Dismissal	16	35	11	62
Supreme Court	2	10	1	13
Workers' Compensation	14	25	10	49
Certified Questions of Law (Rule 23)	0	4	0	4
Accepted	0	4	0	4
Dismissed	0	0	0	0
Workers' Compensation - Motions for Full Court Review	9	16	13	38
Motions Granted	2	0	0	2
Motions Denied	7	16	13	36
Petitions to Rehear (T.R.A.P 39)	5	9	5	19
Granted	0	0	0	0
Denied	5	9	5	19
TOTAL DISPOSED	63	134	70	267

COURT OF APPEALS CASELOAD DATA

Preliminary Applications (T.R.A.P. 9 and 10)

	Total
Filings	96
Dispositions	103
Granted	16
Denied	82
Granted/Denied in Part	1
Dismissed	4

Cases for Decision

	Total
Filings	978
Civil	825
Juvenile	65
Parental Rights Termination	88
Dispositions	1,114
Opinions	749
Orders (Dismissals, etc.)	365

Petitions to Rehear (T.R.A.P. 39)

	Total
Filings	96
Dispositions	89
Granted	12
Denied	74
Dismissed	3

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS CASELOAD DATA

Preliminary Applications (T.R.A.P. 9, 10 & SC Rule 28)

	Eastern Section	Middle Section	Western Section	Total
Applications Filed	26	34	22	82
Applications Disposed	21	27	22	70
Granted	6	8	2	16
Denied	14	19	17	50
Dismissed	1	0	3	4

Cases for Decision

	Eastern Section	Middle Section	Western Section	Total
Filings				
Direct appeals	224	341	191	756
Habeas corpus	34	44	45	123
Post-conviction appeals	69	146	98	313
Criminal: Other	1	11	8	20
Death penalty: direct appeal	0	0	2	2
Death penalty: post-conviction	2	3	8	13
TOTAL FILED	330	545	352	1,227
Dispositions				
Opinions	264	419	291	974
Orders (Dismissals, etc.)	82	74	40	196
TOTAL DISPOSED	346	493	331	1,170

Petitions to Rehear (T.R.A.P. 39)

	Eastern Section	Middle Section	Western Section	Total
Petitions Filed	19	19	29	67
Petitions Disposed	18	14	24	56
Granted	4	2	3	9
Denied	14	12	21	47
Dismissed	0	0	0	0

STATEWIDE CHANCERY COURT SUMMARY

	Filings	Dispositions
Adoption / surrender	2,379	2,307
Appeal from administrative hearing	339	293
Conservatorship guardianship	2,016	2,015
Contract / debt / specific performance	4,847	3,797
Damages / torts	98	91
Divorce with minor children	7,205	7,315
Divorce without minor children	8,820	8,712
Interstate support	291	291
Judicial hospitalization	240	241
Legitimization / paternity	502	471
Medical malpractice	2	0
Miscellaneous general civil	7,856	7,296
Orders of protection	1,826	1,749
Other domestic relations	1,763	1,513
Probate/trust	8,933	9,265
Real estate matter	1,390	1,401
Residential parenting / child support	12,650	11,485
Workers compensation	3,558	3,943
TOTAL FILED	64,715	62,163

Dispositions by Manner

	Dispositions
Compromise/settlement - no hearing	7,946
Court-approved settlement	26,159
Dismissal	7,251
Other	2,947
Transferred	478
Trial - jury	50
Trial - non-jury	10,422
Uncontested/default	5,240
Withdrawn	1,670
TOTAL	62,163

STATEWIDE PROBATE COURT SUMMARY

	Filings	Dispositions
Adoption / surrender	0	0
Appeal from administrative hearing	0	0
Conservatorship guardianship	1,685	1,634
Contract / debt / specific performance	0	0
Damages / torts	0	0
Divorce with minor children	0	0
Divorce without minor children	0	0
Interstate support	0	0
Judicial hospitalization	128	125
Legitimization / paternity	0	0
Medical malpractice	0	0
Miscellaneous general civil	1,195	1,157
Orders of protection	0	0
Other domestic relations	0	0
Probate/trust	2,795	2,998
Real estate matter	0	0
Residential parenting / child support	0	0
Workers compensation	0	0
TOTAL FILED	5,803	5,914

Dispositions by Manner

	Dispositions
Compromise/settlement - no hearing	1,363
Court-approved settlement	4,430
Dismissal	39
Other	64
Transferred	12
Trial - jury	0
Trial - non-jury	3
Uncontested/default	3
Withdrawn	0
TOTAL	5,914

STATEWIDE CIRCUIT COURT SUMMARY

	Filings	Dispositions
Adoption / surrender	893	809
Appeal from administrative hearing	74	37
Conservatorship guardianship	87	79
Contract / debt / specific performance	4,506	3,720
Damages / torts	10,561	10,677
Divorce with minor children	6,698	6,460
Divorce without minor children	8,235	8,145
General Sessions/Juvenile appeal	247	924
Interstate support	2,485	1,674
Judicial hospitalization	388	389
Legitimization / paternity	231	209
Medical malpractice	424	479
Miscellaneous general civil	5,484	5,314
Orders of protection	6,460	6,158
Other domestic relations	1,834	1,708
Probate/trust	57	62
Real estate matter	351	387
Residential parenting / child support	11,265	9,243
Workers compensation	4,016	4,328
TOTAL	64,296	60,801

Dispositions by Manner

	Dispositions
Compromise/settlement - no hearing	14,704
Court-approved settlement	16,932
Dismissal	9,696
Other	1,106
Transferred	751
Trial - jury	345
Trial - non-jury	9,187
Uncontested/default	5,293
Withdrawn	2,787
TOTAL	60,801

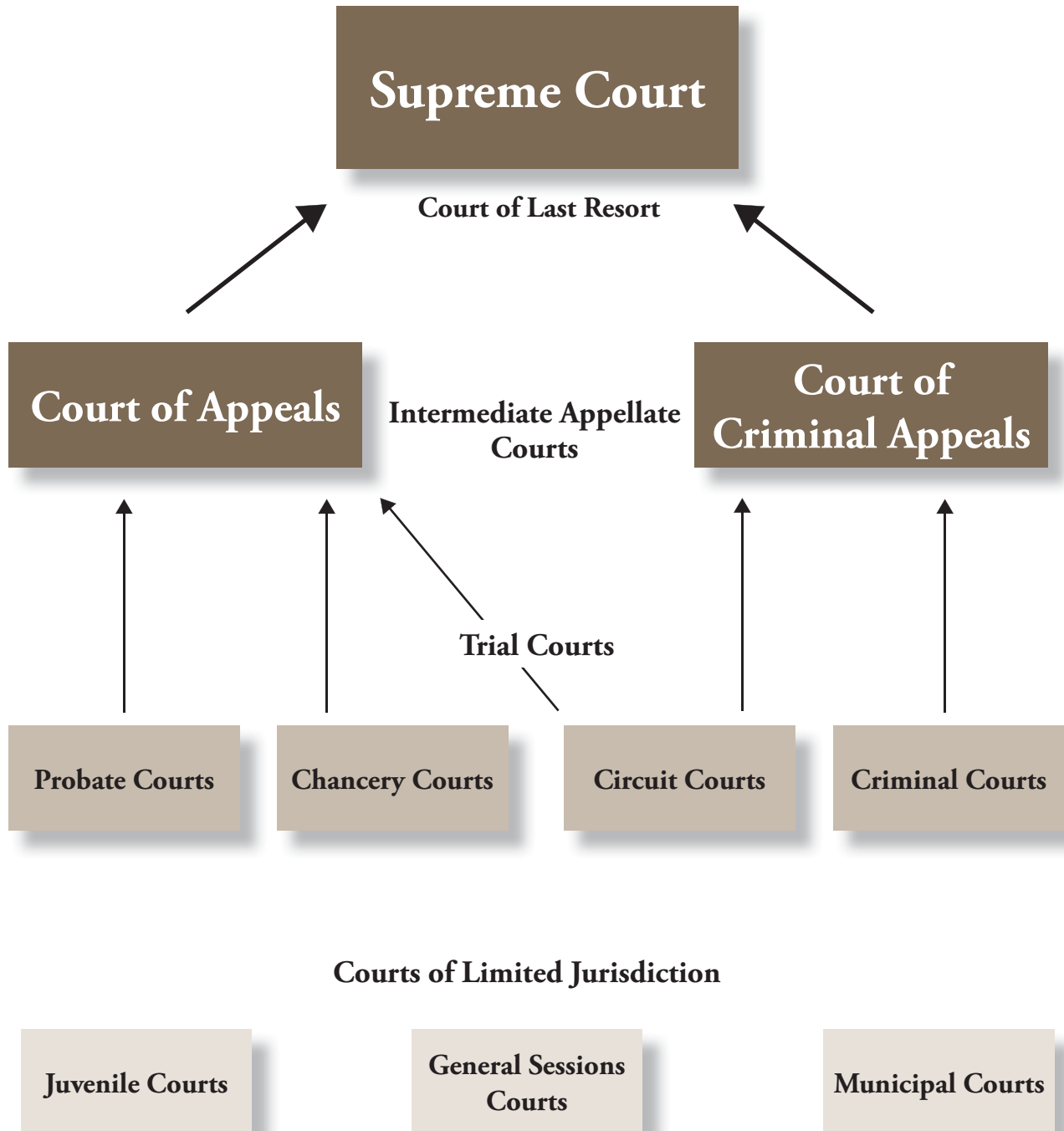
STATEWIDE CRIMINAL COURT SUMMARY

	Filings	Dispositions
Assault	8,698	9,123
Burglary/theft	29,371	29,204
Drugs	32,840	32,586
DUI	10,674	11,115
Homicide	1,572	1,584
Kidnapping	909	720
Offenses against admin. of government	6,784	7,015
Offenses against the family/person	3,648	3,504
Other	3,063	2,836
Other motor vehicle offenses	13,155	14,399
Other offenses against property	14,477	15,439
Other offenses against public welfare	4,007	3,574
Petition/motion or writ	5,608	5,213
Post conviction	496	517
Probation violation	24,910	24,031
Robbery	3,719	3,454
Sexual offense	4,797	4,915
TOTAL	168,728	169,229

Dispositions by Manner

	Dispositions
Acquittal	764
Conviction after trial	6,030
Dismissal/nolle prosequi	63,099
Guilty plea - as charged	69,606
Guilty plea - lesser charge	9,601
Other	8,754
Pre-trial or judicial diversion	5,915
Retired/unapprehended defendant	5,050
Transfer to another court/remanded	410
TOTAL	169,229

TENNESSEE COURT SYSTEM



TENNESSEE APPELLATE COURTS

The Tennessee court system has three appellate courts – the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Court of Criminal Appeals. The Supreme Court is the state’s highest court, while the Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals serve as intermediate appellate courts.

All Supreme Court justices and intermediate appellate judges are appointed by the governor through a merit selection process. The Judicial Nominating Commission is responsible for reviewing and recommending candidates to the governor for appointment.

Once appointed, an appellate judge serves until the next general election, at which time the public may vote to retain or replace the judge for the remainder of the term. Prior to the election, appellate judges must be evaluated by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission. The results of the evaluation are published in newspapers and posted online to help voters make informed decisions about regarding the retention of appellate judges.



TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT



Members of the Supreme Court are (from left to right): Justice Cornelia A. Clark, Justice William C. Koch Jr., Chief Justice Janice M. Holder, Justice Gary R. Wade, and Justice Sharon G. Lee.

The Tennessee Supreme Court is the state's court of last resort. The five Supreme Court justices may accept appeals of civil and criminal cases from lower state courts. They also interpret the laws and constitutions of Tennessee and the United States. The Supreme Court may assume jurisdiction over undecided cases in the Court of Appeals or Court of Criminal Appeals when there is special need for an expedited decision.

Attorneys may request to present oral arguments before the Supreme Court. Unlike trials in lower courts, there are no witnesses, juries, or testimonies in the Supreme Court. After Supreme Court justices have heard oral arguments and reviewed the attorneys' written materials, or briefs, they issue written decisions, known as opinions. Tennessee

Supreme Court opinions on federal constitutional issues can be appealed only to the United States Supreme Court, which may or may not agree to consider the appeals.

The Supreme Court normally meets in Jackson, Knoxville, and Nashville, as required by the state constitution. However, the court may also meet in alternate locations as necessary. A few times a year, the Supreme Court takes their oral arguments on the road as part of the SCALES program (Supreme Court Advancing Legal Education for Students). The SCALES program gives Tennessee high school students the unique opportunity to hear Supreme Court oral arguments and learn more about the judicial process.

TENNESSEE COURT OF APPEALS



Court of Appeals judges are (seated from left), David R. Farmer, Patricia J. Cottrell, Herschel P. Franks, Alan E. Highers, Charles D. Susano, Jr., (standing from left) Holly M. Kirby, Richard H. Dinkins, Andy D. Bennett, John Westley McClarty, Frank G. Clement, D. Michael Swiney, and J. Steven Stafford.

Created by the General Assembly in 1925, the Court of Appeals hears appeals in civil—or non-criminal—cases from trial courts and certain state boards and commissions. The court has 12 members who sit in panels of three. The panels meet monthly in Jackson, Knoxville and Nashville. When necessary, the court may meet in alternate locations.

All decisions made by the Court of Appeals may be appealed, by permission, to the Tennessee Supreme Court. As in all three appellate courts, Court of Appeals hearings do not include witnesses, juries or testimonies. Instead, attorneys may present oral and written arguments.

TENNESSEE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS



Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals judges are (seated from left) Thomas T. Woodall, David H. Welles, Presiding Judge Joseph M. Tipton, Jerry L. Smith, James Curwood Witt Jr., (standing from left) D. Kelly Thomas Jr., Robert W. Wedemeyer, Norma McGee Ogle, John Everett Williams, Alan E. Glenn, J.C. McLin, and Camille R. McMullen.

The Court of Criminal Appeals was created by the legislature in 1967 to hear trial court appeals in felony and misdemeanor cases, as well as post-conviction petitions. The Tennessee General Assembly increased the membership of the court from nine to 12 on Sept. 1, 1996.

The members sit monthly in panels of three in Jackson, Knoxville and Nashville. They may also meet in other places as necessary. All Court of Criminal Appeals decisions may

be appealed to the state Supreme Court by permission, except in capital cases, which are appealed automatically. No witnesses, juries or testimonies are present in the Court of Criminal Appeals. Instead, attorneys present oral and written arguments.

TENNESSEE TRIAL JUDGES



Current and past presidents of the Tennessee Judicial Conference gathered for a dinner at the June 2009 conference.

Circuit Courts are courts of general jurisdiction in Tennessee. Circuit court judges hear civil and criminal cases and appeals of decisions from Juvenile, Municipal, and General Sessions Courts. The jurisdiction of circuit courts often overlaps that of the chancery courts. Criminal cases are tried in circuit court except in districts with separate criminal courts established by the General Assembly.

Chancery Courts are courts of equity that are based on the English system in which the chancellor acted as the “King’s conscience.” A chancellor, the judge who presides over chancery courts, may modify the application of strict legal rules and adapt relief to the circumstances of individual cases. Chancery courts handle a variety of issues including lawsuits, contract disputes, application for injunctions and name changes. A number of matters, such as divorces, adoptions, and workers’ compensation, can be heard in either chancery or circuit court.

Criminal Courts were established by the legislature to relieve circuit courts in areas with heavy caseloads. In addition to having jurisdiction over criminal cases, criminal court judges hear misdemeanor appeals from lower courts. In districts without criminal courts, criminal cases are handled at the trial level by circuit court judges.

Probate Courts were created by the legislature and given jurisdiction over probate of wills and administration of estates. Probate judges also handle conservatorships and guardianships.

TENNESSEE TRIAL JUDGES



Washington County Courthouse - Photo credit: Jimmy Emerson

1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Carter, Johnson, Unicoi & Washington counties

Chancery Court

G. Richard Johnson

Circuit Court

Thomas J. Seeley, Jr. (Part I)

Jean A. Stanley (Part II)

Criminal Court

Robert E. "Bob" Cupp (Part I)

Lynn W. Brown (Part II)

2ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Sullivan County

Chancery Court

E.G. Moody

Circuit Court

John S. McLellan, III (Part I)

R. Jerry Beck (Part II)

Criminal Court

Robert H. Montgomery, Jr.

3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Greene, Hamblen, Hancock & Hawkins counties

Chancery Court

Thomas R. Frierson, II

Circuit Court

John K. Wilson (Part I)

Thomas J. Wright (Part II)

Kindall T. Lawson (Part III)

Criminal Court

John F. Dugger, Jr.

4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cocke, Grainger, Jefferson & Sevier counties

Chancery Court

Telford E. Forgety, Jr.

Circuit Court

Ben W. Hooper, II (Part I)

Richard Robert Vance (Part II)

Rex Henry Ogle (Part III)

O. Duane Slone (Part IV)

TENNESSEE TRIAL JUDGES

5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Blount County

Chancery Court

Telford E. Forgy, Jr.

Circuit Court

William Dale Young (Part I)

David R. Duggan (Part II)

6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Knox County

Chancery Court

John F. Weaver (Division I)

Daryl R. Fansler (Division II)

Michael W. Moyers (Division III)

Circuit Court

Dale C. Workman (Division I)

Harold Wimberly (Division II)

Wheeler Armston Rosenbalm (Division III)

Bill Swann (Division IV)

Criminal Court

Richard R. Baumgartner (Division I)

Bobby Ray McGee (Division II)

Mary Beth Leibowitz (Division III)

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Anderson County

Chancery Court

William E. Lantrip

Circuit Court

Donald R. Elledge

8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott & Union counties

Chancery Court

Billy Joe White

Circuit Court

John McAfee

Criminal Court

E. Shayne Sexton

9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Loudon, Meigs, Morgan & Roane counties

Chancery Court

Frank Vernon Williams, III

Circuit Court

Russell E. Simmons, Jr.

Criminal Court

E. Eugene Eblen

10th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bradley, McMinn, Monroe & Polk counties

Chancery Court

Jerri S. Bryant

Circuit Court

Larry H. Puckett (Part I)

J. Michael Sharp (Part II)

Carroll Lee Ross (Part III)

Criminal Court

Amy F. Reedy

11th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Hamilton County

Chancery Court

W. Frank Brown, III (Part I)

Howell N. Peoples (Part II) (retiring effective 3/31/10)

Circuit Court

Jacqueline E. "Jackie" Bolton (Division I)

Jeff Hollingsworth (Division II)

L. Marie Williams (Division III)

W. Neil Thomas, III (Division IV)

Criminal Court

Barry A. Steelman (Division I)

Rebecca J. Stern (Division II)

Don W. Poole (Division III)

TENNESSEE TRIAL JUDGES

12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea & Sequatchie counties

Chancery Court

Jeffrey F. “Jeff” Stewart

Circuit Court

Thomas W. “Rusty” Graham (Part I)

J. Curtis Smith (Part II)

Buddy D. Perry (Part III)

13th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam & White counties

Chancery Court

Ronald Thurman

Circuit Court

Amy V. Hollars (Part I)

John J. Maddux, Jr. (Part II)

Criminal Court

Leon C. Burns, Jr. (Part I)

David A. Patterson (Part II)

14th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Coffee County

Circuit Court

L. Craig Johnson (Part I)

Vanessa Agee Jackson (Part II)

15th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale & Wilson counties

Chancery Court

Charles K. “C.K.” Smith

Circuit Court

Clara W. Byrd (Division I)

John D. Wootten, Jr. (Division II)

Criminal Court

David Earl Durham

16th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cannon & Rutherford counties

Chancery Court

Robert Ewing Corlew, III

Circuit Court

J. Mark Rogers (Part I)

David M. Bragg (Part II)

Don R. Ash (Part III)

Royce Taylor (Part IV)

17th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall & Moore counties

Chancery Court

James B. “J. B.” Cox

Circuit Court

Robert G. Crigler (Part I)

Franklin Lee Russell (Part II)

18th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Sumner County

Chancery Court

Tom E. Gray

Circuit Court

C. L. “Buck” Rogers

Criminal Court

Dee David Gay

19th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Montgomery & Robertson counties

Chancery Court

Laurence M. “Larry” McMillan, Jr.

Circuit Court

Ross H. Hicks (Part I)

Michael R. Jones (Part II)

John H. Gasaway, III (Part III)

TENNESSEE TRIAL JUDGES

20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Davidson County

Chancery Court

Claudia Bonnyman (Part I)

Carol L. McCoy (Part II)

Ellen Hobbs Lyle (Part III)

Russell T. Perkins (Part IV)

Circuit Court

Hamilton V. Gayden, Jr. (Division I)

Amanda McClendon (Division II)

Barbara N. Haynes (Division III)

Philip E. Smith (Division IV)

Joseph P. Binkley, Jr. (Division V)

Thomas White Brothers (Division VI)

David Randall "Randy" Kennedy (Division VII)

Carol Soloman (Division VIII)

Criminal Court

Steve R. Dozier (Division I)

J. Randall Wyatt, Jr. (Division II)

Cheryl A. Blackburn (Division III)

Seth W. Norman (Division IV)

Monte D. Watkins (Division V)

Mark J. Fishburn (Division VI)

21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Hickman, Lewis, Perry & Williamson counties

Circuit Court

Robbie T. Beal (Division I)

James G. Martin, III (Division II)

Jeffrey S. Bivins (Division III)

Timothy L. Easter (Division IV)

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Giles, Lawrence, Maury & Wayne counties

Circuit Court

Jim Travis Hamilton (Part I)

Robert L. Holloway, Jr. (Division II)

Robert L. "Bob" Jones (Part III)

Stella L. Hargrove (Part IV)

23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys & Steward counties

Circuit Court

Robert E. Burch (Division I)

Larry J. Wallace (Division II)

George C. Sexton (Division III)

Franklin County Courthouse - Photo credit: [Brent Moore](#)



TENNESSEE TRIAL JUDGES

24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin & Henry counties

Chancery Court

Ron E. Harmon

Circuit Court

Charles Creed McGinley (Part I)

Donald E. Parish (Part II)

25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy & Tipton counties

Chancery Court

William C. "Bill" Cole (Part I)

Martha B. Brasfield (Part II)

Circuit Court

J. Weber McCraw (Part I)

Joe H. Walker, III (Part II)

26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Chester, Henderson & Madison counties

Chancery Court

James F. Butler

Circuit Court

Roy B. Morgan, Jr. (Division I)

Donald H. Allen (Division II)

Roger A. Page (Division III)

27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Obion & Wadkley counties

Chancery Court

W. Michael Maloan

Circuit Court

William B. Acree, Jr.

28TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Crockett, Gibson & Haywood counties

Chancery Court

George R. Ellis

Circuit Court

Clayburn Peeples

29TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Dyer & Lake counties

Chancery Court

Tony A. Childress

Circuit Court

Russell Lee Moore, Jr.

30TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Shelby County

Chancery Court

Walter L. Evans (Part I)

Arnold B. Goldin (Part II)

Kenny Armstrong (Part III)

Circuit Court

John R. McCarroll (Division I)

James F. Russell (Division II)

Karen R. Williams (Division III)

Lorrie K. Ridder (Division IV)

Kay Spalding Robilio (Division V)

Jerry Stokes (Division VI)

Donna M. Fields (Division VII)

D'Army Bailey (Division VIII) *Retired 9/15/09*

Rhynette Northcross Hurd (Division VIII) *Appt. 3/5/10*

Robert L. Childers (Division IX)

Criminal Court

Paula L. Skahan (Division I)

W. Otis Higgs, Jr. (Division II)

John P. Colton, Jr. (Division III)

Carolyn Wade Blackett (Division IV)

James M. Lammey, Jr. (Division V)

John T. Fowlkes, Jr. (Division VI)

Lee V. Coffee (Division VII)

Chris Craft (Division VIII)

W. Mark Ward (Division IX)

Probate Court

Karen D. Webster (Division I)

Robert Benham (Division II)

31ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Van Buren & Warren counties

Chancery & Circuit Court

Larry Bart Stanley, Jr.

GENERAL SESSIONS & JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

Anderson County*

Don A. Layton
Ronald N. Murch
Brandon K. Fisher (Juvenile Court)

Bedford County

Charles L. Rich

Benton County

John W. Whitworth

Bledsoe County

Howard L. Upchurch

Blount County

Michael A. Gallegos (Division I)
William Terry Denton (Division II)
William R. Brewer, Jr. (Division III)
Robert L. Headrick (Division IV)

Bradley County

Sheridan C. Randolph
Daniel R. Swafford

Campbell County

Joseph M. Ayers

Cannon County

Susan Melton

Carroll County

Larry J. Logan

Carter County

John W. Walton

Cheatham County

Phillip A. Maxey

Chester County

Larry F. McKenzie

Claiborne County

Robert M. Estep

Clay County

James D. White, Jr.

Cocke County

John A. Bell

Coffee County

Timothy R. Brock
Jere Ledsinger

Crockett County

Paul B. Conley, III

Cumberland County

Larry Warner

Davidson County*

Gale B. Robinson (Division I)
Daniel Eisenstein (Division II)
Angelita Blackshear Dalton (Div. III)
Gloria A. Dumas (Division IV)
Dianne Turner (Division V)
Michael F. Mondelli (Division VI)
Wm. E. "Bill" Higgins (Div. VII)
Leon Ruben (Division VIII)
Sue McKnight Evans (Division IX)
Casey Moreland (Division X)
John Aaron Holt (Division XI)
Betty K. Adams Green (Juvenile Ct.)

Decatur County

Ricky L. Wood

Dekalb County

Bratten Hale Cook, II

Dickson County*

Durwood G. Moore
A. Andrew Jackson (Juvenile Court)

Dyer County

Jason L. Hudson

Fayette County

Mike Whitaker

Fentress County

Todd Burnett

Franklin County

Thomas C. Faris

Gibson County*

Mark Agee
Robert W. Newell (Juvenile Court)

Giles County

John P. Damron

Grainger County

Joe Wayne Wolfenbarger

Greene County

Kenneth N. Bailey, Jr.

Grundy County

William R. (Trey) Anderson, III

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GENERAL SESSIONS & JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

Hamblen County*

Joyce Mills Ward (Division I)
Janice Snider (Division II)
Mindy Norton Seals (Juvenile Ct.)

Hamilton County*

Christie M. Sell (Division I)
David E. Bales (Division II)
Clarence E. Shattuck, Jr. (Div. III)
Ronald W. Durby (Division IV)
Robert L. Moon, Jr. (Division V)
Suzanne Bailey (Juvenile Court)

Hancock County

Floyd W. (Bill) Rhea

Hardeman County

Chas. M. "Chip" Cary

Hardin County

Daniel L. Smith

Hawkins County*

David L. Brand
James F. (Jay) Taylor (Juvenile Ct.)
Haywood County
J. Roland Reid

Henderson County

Robert Stevie Beal

Henry County

Vicki S. Snyder

Hickman County

Samuel H. Smith

Houston County

W. Sidney Vinson, III

Humphreys County*

Dan R. Bradley
Anthony L. Sanders (Juvenile Ct.)

Jackson County

Tiffany Gentry Gipson

Jefferson County

Alfred Ben Strand, Jr.

Johnson County

William Bliss Hawkins

Knox County*

Chuck Cerny (Division I)
Geoffrey P. Emery (Division II)
Patricia Hall Long (Division III)
Andrew Jackson, VI (Division IV)
Tony W. Stansberry (Division V)
Timothy E. Irwin (Juvenile Court)

Lake County

Danny Goodman, Jr.

Lauderdale County*

Janice C. Craig
Rachel J. Jackson (Juvenile Court)

Lawrence County

Patricia McGuire

Lewis County

Billy W. Townsend

Lincoln County

N. Andy Myrick, Jr.

Loudon County

William H. Russell

Macon County

Ken Witcher, Jr.

Madison County

Hugh H. Harvey, Jr. (Division I)
Christy R. Little (Division II)

Marion County*

Marshall A. (Mark) Raines, Jr.
R. Jay Blevins, II (Juvenile Court)

Marshall County

Steve Bowden

Maury County

J. Lee Bailey, III
George Logan Lovell
Bobby Sands

McMinn County

James F. Watson

McNairy County

Van D. McMahan

Meigs County

Jayne Crowley

Monroe County

J. Reed Dixon

Montgomery County

Ray Grimes
Elizabeth D. Rankin
Wayne C. Shelton

Moore County

Terry Gregory

Morgan County

Michael A. Davis

Obion County*

Jimmy C. Smith
Sam C. Nailling, Jr. (Juvenile Court)

Overton County

John R. Officer

GENERAL SESSIONS & JUVENILE COURT JUDGES



Perry County

Kimberly M. Hinson

Pickett County

Ronnie Zachary

Polk County

Billy D. Baliles

Putnam County

Nolan R. Goolsby
John P. Hudson

Rhea County

James W. McKenzie

Roane County

Jeffery H. "Jeff" Wicks (Division I)
Dennis W. Humphrey (Division II)

Robertson County

Burton D. Glover

Rutherford County*

Ben Hall McFarlin, Jr. (Part I)
David Loughry (Part II)
Larry D. Brandon (Part III)
Donna S. Davenport (Juvenile Court)

Scott County

James L. Cotton, Jr.

Sequatchie County

L. Thomas Austin

Sevier County

Jeff D. Rader
Dwight E. Stokes

Shelby County*

Lynn Cobb (Division 1)
Phyllis B. Gardner (Division 2)
John A. Donald (Division 3)
Deborah Means Henderson (Div. 4)
Betty Thomas Moore (Division 5)
Lonnie Thompson (Division 6)
Ann Lucas Pugh (Division 7)
Tim James Dwyer (Division 8)
Joyce C. Broffitt (Division 9)
Lee Wilson, Jr. (Division 10)
Karen L. Massey (Division 11)
Gwen Rooks (Division 12)
Louis J. Montesi, Jr. (Division 13)
Larry E. Potter (Division 14)
Loyce Lambert Ryan (Division 15)
Curtis S. Person (Juvenile Court)

Smith County

David Bass

Stewart County

G. Andrew Brigham

Sullivan County*

J. Klyne Lauderback (Division I)
Mark Toohey (Division II)
Duane S. Snodgrass (Division III)
Wm A. (Bill) Watson (Division IV)
vacant position (Juvenile Court)

Sumner County

James Hunter (Division I)
Barry R. Brown (Division II)

Tipton County

William A. Peeler

Trousdale County

Kenny Linville

Sevier County Courthouse

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GENERAL SESSIONS & JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

Unicoi County

David R. Shults

Union County

Darryl W. Edmondson

Warren County

Larry G. Ross

Washington County*

Robert Lincoln

James A. Nidiffer

Sharon Green (Juvenile Court)

Wayne County

James Y. Ross, Sr.

Weakley County*

Thomas L. “Tommy” Moore, Jr.

James H. Bradberry (Juvenile Court)

White/ VanBuren County

Sam Benningfield

Williamson County

E. Denise Andre (Division I)

Alfred L. Nations (Division II)

Wilson County

C. Barry Tatum (Division I)

Robert P. Hamilton (Division II)

John T. Gwin (Division III)

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MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

Adamsville

Terry L. Wood

Alamo

Paul B. Conley, III

Alcoa

H. Allen Bray

Alexandria

Brody N. Kane

Algood

Jeffrey M. Bass

Ardmore

Joseph F. Fowlkes

Ashland City

James W. "Bill" Stinnett, Jr.

Athens

Donald (Trey) Winder, III

Atoka

David L. Douglas

Baileyton

Linda Thomas Woolsey

Baneberry

Rebecca D. Slone

Bartlett

Freeman C. Marr

Baxter

David Craig Bush

Bean Station

Robert C. Edwards

Bell Buckle

William "Bill" M. Haywood

Belle Meade

William L. Brooks

Bells

Harold C. Craig

Benton

Carl F. Petty

Berry Hill

Larry D. Cantrell

Bethel Springs

Ken Seaton

Big Sandy

Vicki H. Hoover

Blaine

Robert C. Edwards

Bluff City

Michael E. Large

Bolivar

Catherine Hornsby Frost

Bradford

Magan N. White

Brentwood

Laurie D. Jewett

Brighton

Elizabeth B. Ziarko

Bristol

Shelton B. Hillman, Jr.

Brownsville

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Bruceton

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