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SUMMIT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION

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Mission

The Summit County Court of Common Pleas' mission is to provide access to fair, just and understandable forums for the timely resolution of differences and disputes; applying and enforcing all laws in a timely and equitable manner; and taking appropriate corrective, remedial, rehabilitative and preventative actions and using appropriate progressive programs.



Vision

Our vision will provide the highest quality of justice and justice system services to Summit County communities by: promoting cooperation among the courts, justice system and other community agencies and services; initiating and implementing programs and policies designed to encourage ethical standards, enhance timely court performance and user accessibility; using progressive court management technologies encouraging the use of appropriate dispute resolution mechanisms; and continuously ascertaining, shaping and responding to the needs and expectations of court users and the community.

Leadership



Administrative Judge Amy Corrigall Jones

Presiding JudgeChristine Croce

Judge Alison M. Breaux
Judge Paul J. Gallagher
Judge Jill Flagg Lanzinger
Judge Alison McCarty

Judge Tammy O'Brien

Judge Joy Malek-Oldfield

Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands

Judge Jay Wells

Court Executive

Robert Gainer

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality" ~ Warren Bennis

Message from the Administrative Judge

It has been my honor to serve Summit County Court of Common Pleas as the Administrative Judge and Valor Court Presiding Judge.

The court faced many challenges in 2017. As our community continued to struggle to address the opiate epidemic, the court seized the opportunity to make a positive impact. Last summer, a second docket was added to the Turning Point Program, doubling the court's capacity to hold offenders accountable while providing them the tools to achieve and maintain sobriety. Valor Court, a veterans treatment court continues to grow. In November, Greenleaf Counseling Center began completing assessments of low-risk offenders with a substance abuse disorder eligible Intervention In Lieu of Conviction to mitigate delays of offenders receiving chemical dependency treatment. Through increased judicial engagement and early intervention, the court's goal is to promote the health and wellness of offenders while always taking into consideration the public's safety.

The court also received a grant from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to participate in Targeted Community Alternative to Prison (TCAP) and reduce fifth degree felony commitments to prison. With this funding, we were able to hire additional probation officers and expand community correction services to monitor offenders. However, just hiring staff wasn't enough. A State Justice Institute grant funded a full assessment of the Adult Probation Department with the purpose of



streamlining operations, improving the department and ensuring fidelity to evidence-based practices, supervision policies and procedures demonstrated by scientific research to reduce recidivism.

Court leadership has made a concerted effort to grow and be proactive. The court is dedicated to seeking funding to fortify existing court services and fund new programs and technologies. We have strengthened collaboration and developed new community partnerships as we continue providing access to justice while maintaining public safety. We are invested in the court's mission and future.

I am so proud of the men and women serving the court. Without their dedication and determination, success would not be possible. So it is my privilege to continue serving as the Administrative Judge. I look forward to our continued progress in 2018.

Administrative Judge Amy Corrigall Jones



THE HONORABLE JUDGE
ALISON BREAUX

Judge Alison Breaux joined the Common Pleas Bench when she was elected to a full term which began on January 5, 2017.

Growing up, Judge Breaux lived in many places, and there were many places for her to call home. As a child, she lived in several different states across the country including California, Texas and Nebraska and she even lived abroad in Japan for several years during her youth. Her parents settled in Ohio in 1988, and they, along with Alison and her brother have remained in Ohio since.

After graduating from high school, Breaux traveled to Texas to attend the Texas Christian University. After one year, she desired to be closer to home and transferred to Kent State University. She graduated from KSU in 1998 cum laude, with a

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. Breaux then entered The University of Akron School of Law in 1998, and she received her Juris Doctorate in 2001. She was admitted to the Ohio Bar in November of that same year after passing the Ohio State Bar Exam.

After graduating from law school, Breaux began working in the private sector at a firm with a primary focus in civil defense and litigation. As a trial lawyer, she represented individuals, small businesses and also large insurance companies in many different areas of civil practice including torts, contracts, and product liability, to name a few. In 2004 Breaux went on to practice criminal defense a local Akron firm representing individuals, often indigent, accused of committing crimes - both at the misdemeanor and felony level.

In 2012, Breaux joined the Akron Municipal Court as a Civil Magistrate, presiding over landlord tenant/eviction issues and small claims matters. As a Magistrate, she heard over 6,000 cases and gained a reputation for being fair and honest with all parties who appeared before her.

Judge Breaux has been married since 2000, and she and her husband have three children. She is involved in her community and has served on several boards including the St. Vincent Parents Association and Life Is Good No Matter What Cancer Charity. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Akron Bar Association, Scanlon Inn of Court and Westminster Presbyterian Church.



Presiding Judge Christine Croce

Judge Christine Croce graduated in 1989, with honors, from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Organizational Communications. In 1994 she received her Juris Doctorate from The University of Akron School of Law and was thereafter admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio. While attending law school Judge Croce worked for the City of Akron Law Department handling thousands of traffic cases as well as appellate research and writing.

In 1995, Judge Croce began working for the Summit County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Criminal Prosecutor where she handled adult felony cases ranging from illegal possession of drugs to rape and murder.

In 2001, Judge Croce served as Executive Director of the Summit County Sheriff's Office and remained in that position until 2009. Judge Croce served as the legal advisor to the Deputy Sheriffs and the Summit County Drug Unit. Judge Croce also supervised the Fiscal Department, Personnel Department, CCW Unit, and Sex Offender Unit of the Sheriff's Office and drafted inter-agency mutual aid agreements. Judge Croce also drafted county legislation and represented the Sheriff's Office at Summit County Council.

From 2005-2009, Judge Croce served on Green City Council representing the citizens of the 4th Ward. While on council, Judge Croce served as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, and Parks and Recreation Committee. She also served as President of Council in 2008 and Vice President in 2009.

In 2009, Judge Croce was elected as the Barberton Municipal Clerk of Courts. During her time as Clerk, Judge Croce implemented time and money saving changes including electronic mailings and online payments. In 2011, Judge Croce was elected as Judge in the Barberton Municipal Court and during her tenure she served as Presiding Judge. While serving the Barberton Municipal Court, many changes were made at the Court in an effort to make the Court operate effectively and efficiently. The Court started a Community Service program along with a Suspended License Intervention Program and a Mental Health Court. The Court actively sought grant money to make changes and enhance the Court without the need to use taxpayer money.

Previously, she served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Summit County Crimes Stoppers and the advisory board of the Grandparents Against Sexual Predators, as well as serving on the Pink Ribbon Committee of the Summit County Rally for a Cure.

In November 2013, Judge Croce was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas after Judge Judy Hunter retired. In November 2014, she was elected to serve as a Judge in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Croce is an active member of our community. She is a member of the Akron Bar Association, the Akron Crime Clinic, the Fraternal Order of Police Associates #6, the Magic City Kiwanis, Barberton Rotary Club and Dapper Dan. She is currently coaching, along with Judge Amy Corrigall Jones, the Trial Team at St. Vincent St. Mary High School.



JUDGE GALLAGHER AND STAFF

From left: Angelina Pallante, Patricia Himelrigh, Michelle Manchester

THE HONORABLE JUDGE PAUL J. GALLAGHER

Judge Paul J. Gallagher graduated from The University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1966. He received his Master's Degree from John Hopkins University in 1980. Thereafter, he received a Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron in 1986 and was admitted to the Ohio Bar the same year.

Judge Gallagher served as an Assistant to the County Executive of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in 1974 and 1975 and as Chief Assistant to the County Manager of Baltimore County, Maryland, from 1976 to 1980. He returned home to Summit County and served as Safety Service Director for the City of Tallmadge until he entered law school. From 1991 through 2006, Judge Gallagher served as Assistant Prosecutor for

the Portage County Prosecutor's Office. In 1985, he was elected to serve as an at-large member of Summit County Council where he served for 22 years before being elected to the bench.

In November 2006, Judge Gallagher was elected Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge with the term beginning January 1, 2007. He was re-elected for a second term for a second term beginning January 1, 2013.

Judge Gallagher was elected by the Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judges to serve as Presiding Judge in 2008 and 2009.

In 2011, Judge Gallagher was appointed by the Judges of the General Division to preside over Summit County's new felony Domestic Violence Court, the first of its kind in the State of Ohio. As a result, all felony cases involving crimes between intimate partners are now assigned to Judge Gallagher's Domestic Violence Court, instead of being distributed among the ten General Division Judges. Non-domestic violence cases, except murder cases, which were normally assigned to Judge Gallagher, are now distributed to the other Judges. In August 2014, the Domestic Violence Court was recertified by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE AMY CORRIGALL JONES

In 2012, Judge Amy Corrigall Jones was elected to a full six-year term on the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Jones was elected by her colleagues to serve as Presiding Judge of the Common Pleas Court in 2016 and currently serves as Administrative Judge of the Common Pleas, General Division. She also serves as Presiding Judge of the Summit County Valor Court since establishing the court in 2013.

Judge Jones started the Summit County Valor Court, a Veteran's Treatment Court, in collaboration with Judge Jerry K. Larson of the Akron Municipal Court. Summit County Valor Court was established because Judge Jones and Judge Larson recognized that many of our veterans return to civilian life with serious trauma both physical and mental, which may lead to their involvement with the criminal justice system. Veterans are provided access to programs, treatment and interaction with mentors in a collaborative initiative to enhance their chances of success.

Judge Jones graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She received her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron School of Law and was thereafter admitted to the Ohio Bar and the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio. Judge Jones began her legal career in the private sector and her practice involved primarily civil litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels. She handled cases throughout the State of Ohio and across the Country in both State and Federal Courts.



In 2006, Judge Jones entered into private practice and represented clients involving both criminal defense matters and personal injury litigation. She also represented individuals in both Domestic Relations Court and Probate Court. Some of her most rewarding work was spent serving as a Guardian Ad Litem for children, an Advocate for the mentally ill and as a Guardian for incompetent adults.

Judge Jones has been recognized for her community service, being selected as a 30 for the Future award recipient and an award recipient by the Ohio State Bar Foundation. Over the years she served as a board member of the Portage County Public Defender's Commission, a basketball coach at Archbishop Hoban High School and her alma mater St. Vincent St. Mary High School, and a mock trial team coach at St. Vincent St. Mary High School. She is also a member of various organizations and charities including Akron's Dapper Dan Charity, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Akron Bar Association and the League of Women Voters.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE JILL FLAGG LANZINGER

Judge Jill Flagg Lanzinger is a Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge Lanzinger was elected to serve as Barberton Municipal Court Judge. Judge Lanzinger founded and presided over the Barberton Municipal Drug Court and served as a Magistrate in the Akron Municipal Court.

Judge Lanzinger graduated from Heidelberg College cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Political Science. Judge Lanzinger received her Law Degree cum laude from the University of Akron School of Law. Judge Lanzinger was an associate editor of the Law Review at University of Akron School of Law, an honor reserved for students whose grades are in the top 15 percent of their law school class or students demonstrating excellent writing skills. Judge Lanzinger served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Judge Alison McCarty in the Akron Municipal Court and also worked at the Stark County Prosecutor's Office, handling traffic and criminal matters involving juvenile offenders.

Judge Lanzinger has been a strong advocate for abused children. She served as Guardian ad Litem in the Summit County Juvenile Court. Judge Lanzinger is a published writer on the subject of childhood sexual abuse litigation. As an advocate, Judge Lanzinger won an appeal at the Ohio Supreme Court that enhanced the rights of childhood sexual abuse victims. Judge Lanzinger was a member of the Council of Parent Attorney Advocates (COPAA) and served at an Organization called "Equip For Equality," where she advocated for disabled children who needed services through their school system.

As a private practitioner, Judge Lanzinger acted as counsel in numerous jury and bench trials at both the federal and state level.



Her practice included research, writing and appellate work, arguing before the Ninth District, Tenth District, Eleventh District Court of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court. Judge Lanzinger was a member of the Ohio Bar, Illinois Bar and was admitted to practice before the Federal Courts of the Northern District of Ohio, Northern District of Illinois and Southern District of Ohio. Judge Lanzinger is a graduate of the Trial Lawyers College and taught at the Trial Lawyers College as a faculty member.

Judge Lanzinger is married to Dr. William Lanzinger, M.D. They have been married for 16 years and reside in Green/Portage Lakes. Judge Lanzinger is an avid runner who has completed four full marathons and at least a dozen half marathons. Judge Lanzinger is active in her community, serving on the board of the Portage Lakes Advisory Council and the Bear Club (Polar Bear Jump). Additionally, Judge Lanzinger is a member of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis, Magic City Kiwanis, Green Chamber of Commerce and Green Opiate Task Force. Judge Lanzinger serves on the Community Corrections Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference. Judge Lanzinger is a member Akron Bar Association and is an Akron Bar Foundation Fellow.



JUDGE MCCARTY AND STAFF
From left: Shay Christopher, Michelle Hay,
Hilary De Saussure

THE HONORABLE JUDGE ALISON McCarty

Judge Alison McCarty graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, studying for a summer at Oxford University, England, in 1982, and obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in 1987. She began her legal career as a Law Clerk in the Summit County Probate Court for Judge Bill Spicer. She then became a Staff Attorney for Judge William Baird of the Ninth District Court of Appeals. She started as a Summit County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in 1989. During her ten- year career as an Assistant Prosecutor, Judge McCarty handled thousands of cases, from low-level drug cases to death penalty murder trials.

As a criminal prosecutor, Judge McCarty handled some of the most sensitive and high-profile cases in our county. A seasoned trial veteran, Judge McCarty personally tried nearly one hundred jury trials, prosecuting murderers, robbers, rapists and child abusers, and obtained convictions in an overwhelming majority of those cases. She specialized in handling child physical and sexual abuse cases, as well as sexual assault cases.

Her most notorious case was *State of Ohio v. Douglas Prade*, in which an Akron Police Captain was charged with the Aggravated Murder of his ex-wife, Dr. Margo Prade. Prade's conviction, in 1998, on all charges and the subsequent appeals have made national news and been the subject of numerous TV shows.

Judge McCarty was appointed Judge of the Akron Municipal Court in May of 1999, where she served for nine years, having been elected in 1999 and re-elected in 2005. As an Akron Municipal Court Judge, she presided over the Akron Municipal Drug Court from 2003 to 2007, and created and presided over the first urban DUI Court in the State of Ohio from 2007 until her election to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Judge McCarty was elected Presiding Judge for the Municipal Court in 2005. She was awarded Committee Chair of the Year by the Akron Bar Association in 2002 and 2013, awarded the 2005 Urban Light Award from the Department of Public Administration at The University of Akron, received the 2006 Legacy III Criminal Justice Award for Outstanding Service, and is a MADD Red Ribbon Award Winner for her tough

Judge McCarty continued....

stances and innovative approaches to dealing with repeat drunk-driving offenders. In 2016 Judge McCarty received a Leadership Award from the Akron Bar Association for her 15-year record as Chair of the Mock Trial Judge McCarty has long been Committee. an advocate for victims, and has worked to protect particularly vulnerable populations, such as battered women, children and the elderly. She serves on the Summit County Domestic Violence Coalition, the Summit County Child Fatality Review Committee, and is a former Chair of the Summit County Sexual Assault Coalition. She chaired the Akron Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Committee, a position she held for fifteen years. Judge McCarty has twice recognized by the Akron been Association as the "Outstanding Committee Chair of the Year" for her work on that Committee. She was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse and has served on the Board of the Ohio Coalition on Sexual Assault.

Judge McCarty was elected to a six-year term on the Summit County Common Pleas

Court in November 2008 and was re-elected in 2014. She presides over serious felony matters and major civil lawsuits. Judge McCarty presides over a Re-Entry Court Program, which strictly monitors certain offenders after they are released from the prison system, to improve their chances of a successful transition to a law-abiding lifestyle. She is a frequent lecturer, speaking on topics ranging from trial tactics, sexual assault cases. and ethics and professionalism. She is a Bencher with the Scanlon/Bell Inns of Court, a collaborative program that promotes civility and ethical behavior within the profession and mentors young lawyers in the practice of law. Judge McCarty also serves as a Mentor for the Ohio Supreme Court, mentoring new judges and new lawyers. Judge McCarty is married to Thomas McCarty and they have two daughters. The McCarty family has been pleased to host numerous foreign exchange students in their home.

She is on the board of the Summit County Choral Society. She sings in the choir at her church, and is very active, having previously taught Sunday School and just recently having served as an Elder.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE TAMMY O'BRIEN

Judge Tammy O'Brien was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 2011, was then elected in 2012, and then reelected in 2014. Previously, she was elected to the State Board of Education in 2008 and 2010, where she represented the citizens of Summit, Portage, Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge O'Brien was in the private practice of law in Akron for nineteen years. From 1999-2011, she was a partner in the law firm of Roderick Linton Belfance LLP, practicing primarily in the areas of business and general civil litigation. She also had extensive experience in appellate practice, in tort and employment litigation and argued before the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Federal Courts of Appeals on numerous occasions.

In 1992, she began her career as a Judicial Law Clerk/Staff Attorney for the Honorable William R. Baird of the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Ninth Appellate District. She has also been an Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Akron and, for many years, has been selected by the Supreme Court of Ohio to serve as a Reader of the State Bar Examination.

She is co-author of a legal treatise involving the introduction of evidence at trial. <u>Ohio Motions in Limine: Evidence Exclusion</u>



JUDGE O'BRIEN AND STAFF From left: Jennifer Venables, Michelle Dimeff, Tiffany Morrison

<u>Guide</u> was published annually by Thompson West for many years.

Judge O'Brien also serves the community as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Red Cross of Summit, Medina, and Portage Counties, and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Akron Bar Association Foundation. She is a graduate of Leadership Akron and past president of the Board of Trustees of H.M. Life Opportunity Services.

She graduated from The University of Akron in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, magna cum laude, in Secondary Education and received her Juris Doctor Degree, cum laude, from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University in 1992. Judge O'Brien is the mother of two adult sons.



JUDGE MALEK OLDFIELD AND STAFF From left: Julie Ellison, Amanda Brown, Paul Zindle, Gianna Calzola

THE HONORABLE JUDGE JOY MALEK OLDFIELD

Judge Joy Malek Oldfield started her legal career with Scanlon & Gearinger Co., LPA, and then as a partner at Hill Hardman Oldfield, LLC, where she practiced in the area of complex civil litigation and appeals. Judge Oldfield represented clients in state and federal courts throughout Ohio, as well as before the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Supreme Court of the United States. She also served as a Magistrate to the Honorable Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Oldfield was elected to the Akron Municipal Court in 2011 where she served as the Administrative/ Presiding Judge from 2014-2016; and, served as the Presiding Judge of the Akron Municipal Drug Court, now known as the Akron Municipal Recovery Court, from 2013-2016.

In 2016, Judge Oldfield was elected to the General Division of the Summit County

Court of Common Pleas. She was immediately selected to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Felony Drug Court, the Turning Point Program.

Judge Joy Malek Oldfield holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, with a concentration in Criminology from John Carroll University, and a Juris Doctorate from The University of Akron School of Law.

Ohio Organizations throughout recognized Judge Oldfield for her leadership abilities. In 2007, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Association for Justice, the state's largest victim's rights advocacy group. In 2008, the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce recognized her as one of its "30 for the Future," honoring young an award professionals whose stellar contributions impact their industries and the Greater Akron region. In 2007, 2010 and 2011, she was named an Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star by Cincinnati Magazine.

Judge Oldfield is an active member of the community and has served the local bar for more than fifteen years. She is a Fellow of the Akron Bar Foundation, a member of the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and the Oriana House Advisory Committee, an Advisory Member of the Women's Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation, and an original member of the Summit County Opiate Task Force. Judge Oldfield also finds time to volunteer for many local organizations, including The Christ Child Society of Akron.

A resident of Akron, Judge Oldfield is married and has three daughters.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE MARY MARGARET ROWLANDS

Judge Rowlands was first elected to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 2008, after 19 years in private practice representing clients in civil and criminal matters nationwide.

Judge Rowlands graduated from Youngstown State University and The University of Akron School of Law. She often describes her educational and career path as a long and meandering road full of interesting twists and turns, each of which provided priceless experience to better serve the community.

In addition to her assigned civil and criminal docket, Judge Rowlands leads an Ohio Supreme Court certified Re-entry Court, providing intensive supervision, support and direction to recently released inmates to promote their law-abiding behavior and social and economic productivity.

Judge Rowlands is dedicated to furthering an understanding of the law and related topics. She frequently speaks at community gatherings, as well as to lawyers, judges, journalists, teachers and students to create and advance dialogue on these important issues. She is also active in our community, currently serving on the boards of The Civic Theatre and Gay Community Endowment Fund.



<u>Judge Rowlands and Staff</u> From left: Kristi van der Meer, Martha Hom, Dorianne Denard

In 2017 and 2018, Judge Rowlands was selected as an International Association of Women Judges' delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. IAWJ has more than 5,000 members from 82 countries; Judge Rowlands was one of only 20 judges honored to join the delegations. Overcoming barriers to gender equality and access to justice are among her highest priorities. Joining the collective action at the United Nations was instrumental and gratifying; Judge Rowlands always finds tremendous joy in the company of smart, committed women.



THE HONORABLE JUDGE
JAY WELLS

Judge Jay Wells took the bench as a Summit County Court of Common Pleas judge on June 26, 2017. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Wells served in the Army National Guard from 1988 to 2015. In the Army National Guard he served the country as a crewman on an M1 Abrams Armor tank. After completing his undergraduate degree from The University of Akron and law degree from The University of Akron School of Law, Judge Wells accepted a commission as a Judge Advocate General with the Army National Guard. As a JAG officer, Judge Wells initially worked as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate advising commanders on a variety of legal issues including punitive actions, separations and letters reprimand. Later, he worked in the Trial Defense Service until he retired in 2015. The Trial Defense Service is an independent

agency within the US Army and its motto is, "Defending those who defend America." At the time of his retirement, Judge Wells earned the rank of major.

While serving in the Army National Guard, Judge Wells also worked as a private practice attorney in Akron, Summit County and the surrounding area. As a private practice attorney, Judge Wells was an advocate for the disadvantaged and mentally ill. He served as counsel in dozens of jury trials and represented his clients in all aspects of court proceedings. Judge Wells was one of the attorneys who worked with Judge Amy Corrigall Jones to start Valor Court. Valor Court gives veterans access to programs, treatment and interaction with mentors in a collaborative initiative to enhance chances of success after their involvement with the criminal justice system. Judge Wells has represented numerous clients who have successfully completed the program.

In private practice, Judge Wells also worked with the Summit County Probate Court's mental health program with civil commitment hearings for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled. Judge Wells provided legal representation at each step in the commitment process.

Born and raised in Barberton, Judge Wells currently lives in Norton with his wife Angie. Judge Wells and Angie have been married for 20 years. They are involved in local charities, including the United Way, and numerous veterans' charities. Judge Wells is a member of the Akron Bar Association.

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS

Sup.R. 36.20(A) defines a specialized docket as "a particular session of court that offers a therapeutically oriented judicial approach to providing court supervision and appropriate treatment to individuals."



THE TURNING POINT PROGRAM

The mission of the Summit County Turning Point Program is to improve the overall quality of life in our community by providing a court-supervised program for substance dependent offenders to enhance public safety, reduce crime, hold offenders accountable, reduce cost to the community and provide an opportunity for offenders to transform in to positive, contributing community members.

The Adult Probation Department works in collaboration with the Oriana House to provide intensive supervision and case management for program participants. The program is divided into two tracks. Track 1 is pre-conviction and is comprised of participants granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction. Upon completion of the

Turning Point Program, their case is dismissed and sealed. Track 2 is post-conviction. Completion of the Turning Point Program is a condition of community control.

In addition to Judge Joy Malek Oldfield's docket, a second docket was added, presided by Judge Christine Croce, to divide the case load. Additionally, two probation officers were added to increase the number of officers to three. The role of the probation officer changed to a more active role in the supervision of the participants.

Participants are now required to be active in supervision with their assigned probation officer in addition to case management meetings with Oriana House and treatment. In 2017, the Turning Point Program had an average monthly caseload of 163. There were 192 screens completed. One hundred twenty-seven participants were discharged, of which 61 graduated.

In 2017,
Turning Point
average caseload: 163
Turning Point
Graduates: 61

VALOR COURT

In September 2013, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, in conjunction with Akron Municipal Court, created Valor Court, with the Honorable Judge Amy Corrigall Jones presiding. This specialized docket addresses substance abuse and military-related mental illnesses and collaborates with the local Veteran's Administration and other community agencies to provide services for veterans that have been honorably discharged from the military.

One probation officer is assigned to the court and supervises all Valor Court participants. Potential applicants are identified early in the Court process with the help of the Pretrial Unit and subsequently complete a screening process to assist the Court in determining an offender's appropriateness for participation. accepted into Valor Court, all participants report to Probation Officer Sampson on a weekly basis and work towards an individual program plan.

During 2017, there were 51 total participants, with 41 screens completed and 25 offenders accepted into Valor Court. There were five successful completions and one administrative discharge. Valor Court is certified through 2019 by the Ohio Supreme Court.



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In 2017,
New Offenders
Accepted into
Valor Court: 25
Total Offenders: 51

RE-ENTRY COURT

The Re-Entry Court Program is a collaborative effort between the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Adult Probation Department, and Oriana House, Inc. To enter the program, an offender or their attorney submits a letter/motion to the Court expressing a desire to be considered for the Re-Entry Court Program. The Court then makes a decision to bring the offender back for Judicial Release/Re-Entry Court consideration. Once the person is ordered to be returned, he/she is screened by a probation officer using the Ohio Risk Assessment System- Supplemental Reentry Tool (ORAS-SRT).

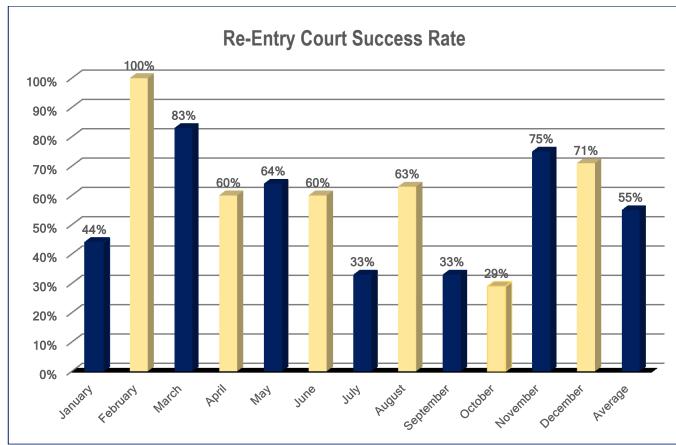
If granted Judicial Release into one of the three Re-Entry Courts, the offender is either released from custody or transferred to a residential facility operated by the Oriana House, depending on their ORAS-SRT risk level. Clients are then assigned a Re-Entry Court caseworker through Oriana House who helps them throughout the program. They meet with their caseworker on a regular basis and are required to submit random/frequent alcohol sensor tests and

Re-Entry Court Continued.....

screens. Their urine drug caseworker initiates their programming and monitors compliance while they are in the program. Clients appear in court on a regular basis for progress reviews, sanctions, or when they graduate the program. Clients can expect to graduate from the Re-Entry Court Program in one (1) year unless they run into which can prolong sanctions, their placement.

Re-Entry Court had a total of 70 new participants enter in 2017 and a total of 84 participants this year who successfully completed the program. For some it takes longer than a year to graduate and those participants carried over from 2016.





VISITING JUDGES

In 2017, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, continued its use of Visiting Judges to assist with the caseload. Retired Judges from Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Perry, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne County fill in as needed. Their service enabled the court to maintain an optimal level of function and service to the community.

COST OF VISITING JUDGES

County \$14,308

State **\$119,338.52**

Total **\$133,646.52**

*The County of Summit's fiscal year is January 1 - December 31.

** The State of Ohio's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30.





Robert J. Brown, Wayne County Common Pleas Court/Domestic Relations

Michael J. Corrigan, Cuyahoga Counth-8th District Court of Appeals

Patricia A. Cosgrove, Summit County Court of Common Pleas

John A. Enlow, Portage County Common Pleas Court

Joseph Gibson, Lake County Common Pleas Court

Judith L. Hunter, Summit County Court of Common Pleas

H.F. Inderlied, Jr., Geauga County Common Pleas Court/Domestic Relations

James L. Kimbler, Medina County Common Pleas Court

Linton D. Lewis, Perry County Common Pleas Court/Domestic Relations

Richard J. McMonagle, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

Richard D. Reinbold, Jr., Stark County Common Pleas Court

Virgil Lee Sinclair, Stark County Common Pleas Court

MAGISTRATE KANDI S. O'CONNOR

Kandi S. O'Connor is the Chief Magistrate for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, General Division. The Magistrate assists the General Division Judges by handling a variety of civil matters assigned via general or limited orders of reference. Under Civil Rule 53, the Magistrate can preside over bench or jury trials (appendix XIV-A), and can handle any matters preliminary to litigation.

Under Criminal Rule 19, the Magistrate can perform criminal tasks. The Magistrate conducts all arraignments for the General Division Judges. Arraignments are conducted via a closed-circuit television to arraign defendants who are incarcerated in the Summit County Jail.

Under Ohio Revised Code (ORC), 2903.214, persons are authorized to petition the Court for an anti-stalking civil protection order. The Magistrate has a general order of reference and hears all of the filed petitions (appendix XIV-B) to include ex parte* and full hearings. Below is a recap of the 2017 data for the Magistrate's Office.

2017 CASE ACTIVITY

TOTAL CIVIL CASES 1,076

Bench Trials 7

Jury Trials 2

Oral Hearings 1,026

Including Civil Protection Orders, *Ex Parte and Full, Replevin and Debtor's Exam

Status Conferences 41

*An ex parte decision is one decided by a judge without

requiring all of the parties to the controversy to be resent.

Total Cases 6,299

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES

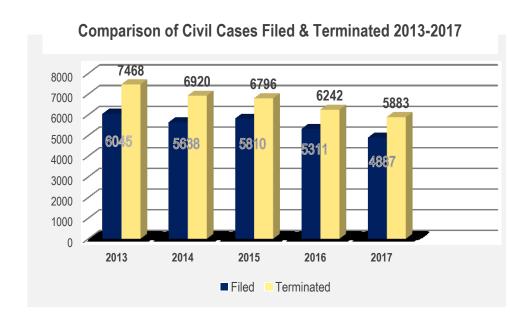
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Jailed Defendants Arraigned via Closed-Circuit Television Defendants Arraigned in Courtroom

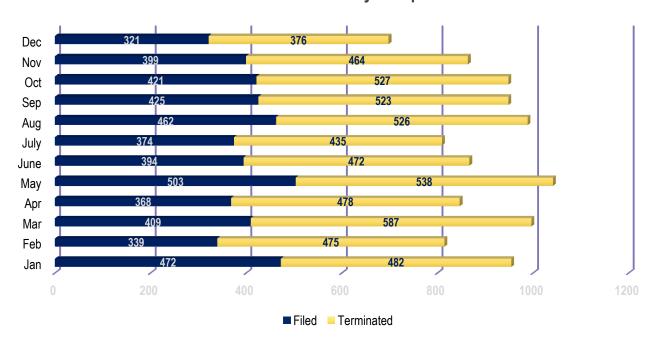
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CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY



The total number of Civil Cases Filed in 2017 was 4,887. This reflects a five-year decrease of 1,158 cases from the 6,045 cases filed in 2013. The total number of Civil Cases Terminated in 2017 was 5,883, which indicates a five-year decrease of 1,585 cases from the 7,468 cases terminated in 2013.

2017 Civil Case Monthly Comparison



The number of **Civil Cases Filed** in 2017 totaled 4,887. This reflects a decrease of 424 cases from the 5,311 cases filed in 2016. The number of **Civil Cases Terminated** in 2017 totaled 5,883, indicating a decrease of 359 cases from the 6,242 cases terminated in 2016. The average civil caseload per Judge in 2017 was 240.4 cases, compared to the average civil caseload per Judge in 2016 of 246.9 cases. The Court had an overall civil clearance rate of 120%.

CIVIL / CRIMINAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 2017

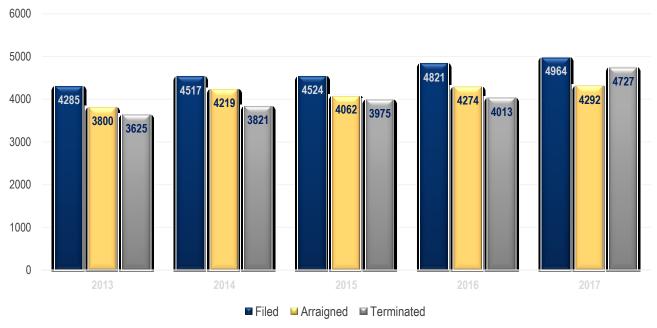
TYPE OF CASE	Tort Professional	Liability Product	Other Torts	Workers Compensation	Foreclosures	Administrative Appeal	Complex Litigation	Other Civil	Criminal	TOTAL	Visiting Judge (Civil & Criminal)
Pending beginning of period	69	9	594	197	824	22	0	739	1,382	3,836	15
New cases filed	80	10	791	258	1,876	56	Χ	1,816	4,292	9,179	0
Cases Transferred in, Reactivated or Redesignated	30	4	84	42	632	10	1	110	1,738	2,651	20
TOTAL	179	23	1,469	497	3,332	88	1	2,665	7,412	15,666	35
TERMINATIONS BY:											
Jury trial	5	0	4	2	0	0	0	2	52	65	1
Court trial	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	17	24	0
Settled or dismissed prior to trial	22	3	497	160	75	7	0	279	168	1,211	9
Dismissal	35	5	162	84	594	15	0	407	13	1,315	8
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial(criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	2	0	18	4	60	8	0	121	1	214	1
Magistrate	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	402	Х	408	0
Diversion or Arbitration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	792	795	0
Guilty/no contest plea to orig. charge (criminal) or Default (civil)	0	0	9	1	1,043	1	0	368	1,259	2,681	1
Guilty/no contest plea to reduced charge (criminal)	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	2,422	2,422	0
Unavailability of accused for trial/sent	0	0	0	0	134	0	0	0	1,083	1,217	1
Transfer to another judge or court	28	2	84	44	345	9	0	107	219	838	0
Referral to private judge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Х	0	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	0	0	10	0	96	3	0	39	0	148	4
Other terminations	7	3	35	15	274	22	0	186	1	543	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	99	13	823	310	2,625	65	0	1,919	6,027	11,881	31
Pending end of period	80	10	646	187	707	23	1	746	1,385	3,785	4

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CASES FILED	4,285	4,517	4,524	4,821	4,964
CASES ASSIGNED/ARRAIGNED	3,800	4,219	4,062	4,274	4,292
CASES TERMINATED	3,625	3,821	3,975	4,013	4,727
TRIALS:					
Jury	91	78	67	74	52
Court	15	19	21	11	17
FELONY CHARGES:					
Filed	6,944	7,322	7,562	7,347	7,464
Convictions	3,640	3,750	3,636	3,743	3,141
Dismissals	3,101	2,919	3,451	3,221	3,645
CHARGES					
Filed	2,326	3,008	3,613	3,203	3,162
Convictions	784	921	981	820	743
Dismissals	1,062	1,637	2,229	2,276	2,230
DISPOSITIONS:	,	ŕ	ŕ	ŕ	
Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation	1,030	1,052	1,005	1,037	1,036
Ohio State Reform. For Women	141	146	111	86	99
Community Control	1,816	2,013	2,176	2,200	2,362
Probation	135	121	137	124	115
Summit County Jail	39	54	57	49	67
Glenwood Jail	6	5	0	0	5
Halfway House	0	0	0	1	1
Community Service	0	0	0	0	0
Suspended Sentence	11	8	11	12	16
Dismissals	132	124	117	140	187
Fine/Costs	19	24	32	31	21
Restitution	1	0	0	0	1
Transfer to Another County	0	0	0	0	0
Diversion (IILC, TPP, PDP)	253	234	296	311	775
Death Penalty	1	0	1	0	0

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Not Guilty Verdicts (Jury Trials)	16	13	9	7	10
Not Guilty Verdicts (Court Trials)	4	5	5	2	2
Remanded (back to Muni Court)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	12	17	13	11	20
Motions for Judicial Release	1,309	1,274	1,446	1,308	1,108
CHARGE/PLEA STATISTICS					
Pled Guilty - Original Charge					
Felonies	3,111	3,521	3,562	3,497	4,089
Misdemeanors	585	835	1,006	807	1,080
Pled Guilty - Amded Charge					
Felonies	789	782	848	811	769
Misdemeanors	7	14	20	8	15
Pled No Contest					
Felonies	46	34	49	26	52
Misdemeanors	10	8	20	8	23
Merged Counts					
Felonies	16	25	13	17	17
Misdemeanors	1	8	2	12	2
Dismissals					
Felonies	3,101	2,919	3,451	3,221	3,645
Misdemeanors	1,062	1,637	2,229	2,276	2,230
Jury Verdict - Guilty					
Felonies	171	377	244	171	74
Misdemeanors	19	28	15	17	11
Jury Verdict ty (Amended)		0	45	0	
Felonies Misdemeanors	0	8	15 0	0	0
Jury Verdict - Not Guilty	U	U	U	U	U
Felonies	36	66	118	55	31
Misdemeanors	5	16	3	3	2
Court Verdict - Guilty					_
Felonies	10	18	17	24	60
Misdemeanors	10	4	1	5	10

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Court Verdict - Guilty (Amended)					
Felonies	5	2	5	1	1
Misdemeanors	0	0	0	0	0
Court Verdict - Not Guilty					
Felonies	16	8	14	4	30
Misdemeanors	0	1	2	3	2
Court Verdict - NGRI					
Felonies	17	6	14	6	22
Misdemeanors	3	4	2	2	7
Other					
Felonies	1	4	1	0	11
Misdemeanors	11	7	7	3	6

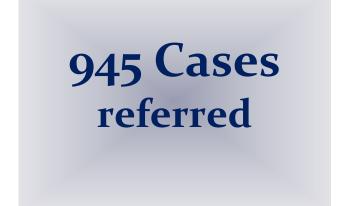




MEDIATION

The Court offers court-sponsored Mediation to parties who have filed suit in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, under the direction of Chief Magistrate/Mediation Supervisor Kandi O'Connor. Cases are mediated as assigned by the General Division judges. Cases that can be assigned to Mediation include personal injury, business disputes, workers' compensation, foreclosure, quiet title, and non-payment of student loans. Cases can be selected by the assigned judge or can be sent to Mediation because all of the parties have consented.

In 2017,
531 Cases
settled through
Mediation





CASE STATUS	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cases Referred	1,190	926	897	999	945
Returned to Court	364	262	220	260	234
Cases Settled	614	588	458	575	531
Removed Prior to Completion	224	179	137	161	187
Cases Pending End of Year	407	306	315	348	344

JURY MANAGEMENT

Each year, on the first working Monday of August, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas Jury Commissioners perform the annual jury draw. Potential jurors are selected from the voter registration list as certified by the Board of Elections from the preceding general election. The annual draw is performed pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.06 et seq. Prior to performing the draw, the Presiding Judge designates, by order, the number of jurors to be summoned for each court jurisdiction in Summit County, that being Common Pleas Court, and Akron, Barberton and Stow Municipal Furthermore. the Courts. Commissioners also draw jurors for Grand Jury pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.06 et seq.

From the annual jury list, jurors are drawn for each of the four-month sessions of court within the jury year, pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.07 et seq. The sessions commence on the first working Monday of September, January and May. The Jury Commissioners, in the presence of the Presiding Judge and the Clerk of Courts, draw the number of jurors previously designated for that session by the Presiding Judge. Upon completion and recording of the session jury lists, the jurors are summoned, using a one-step summons and questionnaire.

Jurors who receive summons are asked to return the questionnaire portion providing a certain amount of information. The questionnaire also provides jurors with an opportunity to notify the court that they are eligible for an exemption pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.12. Any person eligible for an exemption may wave the exemption.

limited number of reasons pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.14. The Jury Commissioners are solely responsible for determining which jurors' exemptions are valid and which jurors may be excused.



Effective December 1, 2009, payment of petit juror fees was suspended for the first ten days of service due to limited funding in the County's operating budget. Parking for jurors reporting for Common Pleas Court and Akron Municipal Court jury service is validated at the parking decks noted on their summons and in the pamphlet they receive. Petit jurors who serve more than ten days are paid \$15.00 on the eleventh day and each subsequent day thereafter.

In 2017, a new Jury Service Orientation DVD was produced.

Since June 6, 2006, jurors have had the convenience of using either our call-in system or our website to access the juror reporting information each evening.

As of October 28, 2002, jurors for Common Pleas Court and Akron Municipal Court service receive an informational brochure included with their summons. This brochure helps to answer many of the commonly asked questions by jurors prior



to beginning their service, such as how they are chosen, where to park and appropriate attire.

Beginning May 4, 1999, Grand Jury Service was reduced to a two-month session to ease the burden on people called and to get more county residents involved in the justice system. The process for selecting the Grand Jury from the pool of jurors summoned for each session is governed by Crim. R. 6. Once the Grand Jury is selected, those jurors now serve for two months.

In September 1998, the term of service for Petit Jurors was reduced to one week, or one trial. This was done in order to make jury service less of a hardship and to increase participation, due to the recent changes to legislation governing excuses and exemptions.

For the 2016-2017 Jury Year, 40,000 jurors were drawn for Summit County, 10,000 for Akron Municipal Court, 5,000 for Barberton Municipal Court, and 6,000 for Stow Municipal Court. These jurors are then divided equally among the three sessions of court and summoned to one week of service within the four-month session to which they were selected.

	Total Paid	Total Jurors	Average Days	Municipal Court Days	Reimbursed by Municipal Court
2013	\$3,420	9,379	1.47	1,178	\$o
2014	\$7,575	9,743	1.58	1.175	\$o
2015	\$5,580	8,612	1.50	1,532	\$o
2016	\$2,295	7,916	1.46	1,080	\$ 0
2017	\$ 0	5,846	1.35	1,204	\$ 0

^{*}Municipal Court dollars represent the amount actually paid as reimbursements for jury fees. The difference between billed and paid is the result of state code violations tried in Municipal Court and for which they do not reimburse jury fees pursuant to ORC 1901.25.

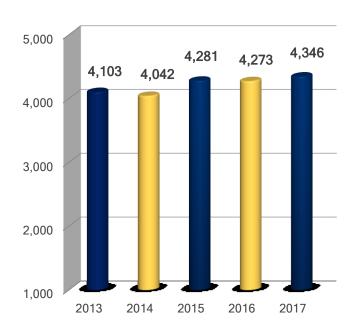
PROBATION

MISSION STATEMENT

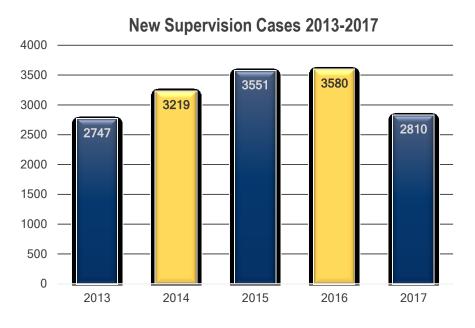
As a major partner in the justice system and a functional component of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, the Summit County Adult Probation Department strives hold offenders accountable while to promoting rehabilitation for positive behavioral change. Our mission is to reduce recidivism and the impact of crime on victims and the community through the use of services proven effective in evidence based-practices.



Supervision Caseload 2013-2017



2017
Caseload
increased
by 1.7%
from 2016



in New
Probation
referrals from
2016 to 2017

TERMINATION OF SUPERVISION & SENTENCING

During 2017, there were 1,442 supervision cases that were closed successfully, due to expiration. An additional 417 cases were closed successfully due to early termination, 23 graduated from Re-Entry Court and 30 closed for other reasons. Of the 240 Administrative Closings by the Court, 85 were returned courtesy supervisions, 72 were closed due to death, 21 transferred to the Turning Point Program and 57 were closed for other reasons.

a result of non-compliance with graduated sanctions, the end result for some offenders has been incarceration at the Ohio **Department** of Rehabilitation and Corrections. In 2017, 449 cases were unsuccessfully terminated incarceration. Of those, 190 were due to new felonies, 220 for technical violations, and 4 for other reasons. The Department also had additional 112 Supervision unsuccessfully terminated that were not incarcerated in prison. Of these 112 cases, 12 were terminated due to new felonies, 78 for technical violations and 21 due to other reasons.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) is completed on all offenders who have a Pre-Sentence Investigation completed or placed on community control as the first step in delivering evidenced-based practices. This tool enables the officers to provide the appropriate level of supervision to an offender based on the risk score. At present, there are three full-time probation officers complete assessments offenders placed on community control. New offenders placed on community control are scheduled to complete an assessment within five working days of being placed on supervision. Once risk score a determined, cases assigned are probation officer according to the risk level. Adult **Probation** During 2017, the Department completed 2,574 assessments. This was an increase of approximately 9% from the 2016 calendar year.

1,442 Supervision Cases closed successfully in 2017

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Adult Probation Department provides specialized supervision of high-risk domestic violence offenders, as initiated through grant monies awarded to the Summit County Prosecutor's Office through the Federal Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. Specialized supervision includes frequent contact with offenders, mandatory participation offender in a batterer's intervention program, and other need-based counseling and treatment programs, as well as probation officer contact with victims.

In October 2011, the Department began an initiative under the direction of the Honorable Paul J. Gallagher and conjunction with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. Judge Gallagher presides over the first felony-level Domestic Violence Court. Under this model, high-risk offenders are screened for placement into an intensive supervision and treatment program. A specialist officer interviews victims at the time of their Grand Jury appearance, using a domestic violence risk-based questionnaire. A risk tool is subsequently completed on each defendant. Judge Gallagher, Probation Department, the Prosecutor's Office, and a Victim Advocate review these intimate partner domestic violence cases. Consultation with the defendant's attorney and prosecutors occurs as offenders are considered for placement into the Domestic Violence Court Probation Program. chosen for this high-risk, intensive program, offenders report to Judge Gallagher for weekly status hearings in addition to having weekly contact with Probation Officers. As offenders progress through the program, these meetings become less



frequent. The victim advocate and the probation officers maintain contact with victims during this period of supervision. Summit Psychological Associates conducts a 52-week Domestic Violence Conflict Solutions Program, a component of the DVC Probation Program in which all offenders are required to participate.

In 2017, Domestic Violence Unit Specialist had contact with offenders at the weekly status hearings as well as 2,258 recorded contacts with offenders within the office, via phone and in the field. In addition, a probation officer completed 54 specialized investigation reports on domestic offenders. Probation officers had 147 contacts with victims at Grand Jury proceedings with both officers having an additional 262 contacts with victims during supervision.

In 2017, the unit conducted 59 DV Court Program screens Probation with participants accepted into the program. In December 2014, the first group participants completed their three-year period of supervision. Seventy-four offenders successfully completed the three-year program. Of the 106 offenders who have completed the 52-week treatment group, 11 have been arrested on new domestic violence charges with nine of those new arrests resulting in convictions. In 2017, the

Domestic Violence Unit Continued....

Court assigned 26 new offenders to the program. Twenty-three individuals completed three years successfully supervision. Fifteen individuals received unsuccessful terminations with offenders terminated for new domestic violence offenses: four for technical violations involving offensive conduct against the victim; two for program rule violations; and four for new non-domestic violence criminal behavior.

Domestic Violence Court Team members continue to work diligently to make the Domestic Violence Court Probation Program a success. The Team consistently reviews the effectiveness of the program and discusses alternatives that might lead to program behavioral changes and improvements. Offenders regularly report improvements in their lives. The DVC team consistently strives to establish a rapport with victims and responds to their needs with available resources.

In 2017, 74 offenders successfully completed the three-year program.

10.3% Recidivism Rate of the 106 offenders who completed the program



FELONY OVI UNIT (Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence)

In 2017, three probation officers supervised the Felony OVI probationers. The purpose of the unit is to ensure OVI offenders are complying with all statutory requirements. This unit also facilitates referrals to outside agencies which provide substance abuse programming to those required to follow through with treatment recommendations. Offenders must maintain weekly contact with their assigned officer, attend a minimum of two, 12-step self-help meetings per week, and successfully complete chemical dependency treatment. They are also subject to random urinalysis testing and alcohol breath testing.

In 2017, the Felony OVI Unit supervised a total of 15 offenders. Of these offenders, 14 were male and one was female. There was one successful release and three technical violations. In the upcoming year, this unit will continue to monitor offenders on a weekly basis and monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of their community control.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM UNIT

The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) is a state funded program that was provided to the Adult Probation Department in 1990 as an alternative to prison incarceration. This unit is responsible for supervising high-risk felony offenders that require more intensive monitoring. In 2016, 228 felony offenders were diverted to ISP. The ISP continues to consist of one supervisor and six probation officers.

During 2017, there were 198 terminations from the ISP Unit. The following table contains the details of those terminations:

Terminations	
Successful Terminations	
Reduced to Basic Supervision -18	
Released from Community Control - 51	69
Unsuccessful Technical Violations	52
Unsuccessful New Felonies	16
Unsuccessful New Misdemeanors	2
Administrative Releases	12
Terminations designated as Other	47
Total	198

INTERVENTION IN LIEU OF CONVICTION UNIT

Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (IILC) is a diversionary program that results in the charges being dismissed upon successful completion of the program requirements. Individuals are eligible to be placed in the program due to addiction or mental illness



defined by Ohio Revised Code 2951.04.1. While participating in program, the participants to undergo are required treatment, submit twelve consecutive months of negative urine screens, in addition to any other conditions the court may order. Upon the successful completion of a treatment program, verification of ongoing sobriety by means of regular random urinalysis testing, and compliance with any additional conditions ordered by the court, the offenders are eligible for the dismissal of their pending charge.

In 2017, the court began collaborating with Greenleaf Counseling Center to complete IILC assessments, enabling timely completion of assessments. During 2017, there were 550 new cases. At the end of 2017, there were 725 active IILC cases being supervised by the probation department. In 2017, the unit had 200 cases close successfully and 87 close unsuccessfully.

KIOSK PROGRAM

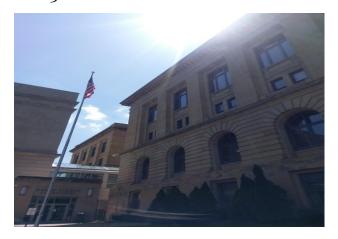
In 2011, the Courts and the Summit County Adult Probation Department was awarded a Technology Grant. A portion of this grant allowed for the implementation of a "Kiosk" Reporting System. The probation department and the General Division Computer Department embarked on a journey to create the new Reporting System in 2012. Kiosks are currently located in five strategic locations throughout the county: the Stow Municipal Court lobby, Barberton Police Department lobby, Police Department Akron lobby, the Springfield Township Police Department lobby and the Urban Ounce of Prevention Office on South Hawkins Avenue.

Kiosk reporting is designed for low-risk offenders and the program accommodates approximately 300 probationers. This "tool" serves as a step-down and/or incentive for an offender displaying a positive adjustment supervision and worthy to of the considerations associated with granted the ability to report by using a Kiosk. Some of these considerations are: less frequent reporting, availability of alternative reporting hours, decreased waiting time in a traditional waiting room setting, as well as relieving the offender of the costs of parking

Moreover, a significant benefit of Kiosk reporting is relative to the benefits realized by general supervision officers and the courts. By reassigning approximately 300 offenders to the Kiosk Reporting System, the balance of general supervision officers have been afforded the opportunity to spend more quality time with moderate and highrisk offenders. This quality time is of ultimate benefit to the community through a decrease in recidivism. The underlying philosophy is: If a general supervision

officer can dedicate more time to the needs of offenders considered moderate and highrisk – these increased efforts, along with the department's utilization of evidence-based practices, result in a decrease in recidivism.

During 2017, there were 85 new referrals to the Kiosk. The average caseload for the year was 232.



MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

The purpose of this unit is to supervise individuals diagnosed with a severe mental illness that hinders their ability to function on a daily basis. Collaborative efforts have continued to be maintained with the Summit County Jail Behavioral Health Unit, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), and the mental health agencies in the community to meet the needs of this specialized population with the help of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Summit County.

The court has created a protocol to monitor the severely mentally ill offenders which, in part, may include regular court appearances for additional accountability. Lastly, said clients are being identified earlier in the court process and tracked throughout in order to better meet the needs of this population.

Mental Health Unit Continued....

The Mental Health Unit consists primarily of two probation officers. The specialized officers supervised an average of 333 mental health cases with 252 new offenders assigned to this unit in 2017. Furthermore, this unit had 183 terminations of which 92 cases were successfully terminated.



OPIATE UNIT

In 2014, the Adult Probation Department was awarded the SMART Grant through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. This grant allowed for the creation of the Opiate Unit for low and moderate-risk offenders. To combat the growing percentage of opiate addicted individuals that come through the probation department, we have developed a specific unit within the department to address the specialized needs of the opiate user. The Opiate Unit consists of four distinct phases that provides intensive supervision services upfront and provides linkage and coordination to community treatment providers. As the individual

Supervision of 111 offenders

215 Field Visits
349 Collateral Contacts
1,434 Office Contacts
479 Telephone Contacts

progresses through a term of community control and maintains compliance, their individual services decrease.

The Opiate Unit has undergone some changes in 2017. At present there are primarily three probation officers in this These officers attend specialized training to work with this population. During 2017, there were 270 cases placed in this specialty unit. During this same calendar year, 390 cases were closed of which there successful were 146 completions.

PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) Unit writes all pre-sentence investigation reports for the court. Currently, there are five PSI Writers in this Unit. These writers do not carry a caseload and concentrate solely on writing pre-sentence investigation reports. Within this unit, there is one sex offender report writer and one domestic violence report writer. The domestic violence writer's duties were expanded at the end of 2011 due to the addition of a new court -Domestic Violence Court. Conducting screenings for the new program, as well as supervising some of the offenders placed in the program, are now part of the responsibilities of the unit.

Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit Continued....

PSI report consists of several informational sections. such as. circumstances of offense, prior criminal history, social history and impressions/ recommendations. When required, the report also includes a victim impact statement. The reports are researched and written using collateral sources such as, law enforcement agencies, employment records, medical records and educational records.

In 2017, the PSI Unit completed 547 PSI reports, with 348 victim impact statements. There were 55 domestic violence PSIs and 33 sex offense PSIs included in those completed reports.

Total PSI Reports	547
Victim Impact	
Statements	348
Domestic Violence	
Pre-Sentence Investigat	tions 55
Sex Offence Pre-Sente	ence
Investigations	33

SEX OFFENDER UNIT

In 2017, the Sex Offender Unit consisted of one probation officer with a full caseload of sex offenders and one probation officer with a partial caseload. The purpose of this unit is to supervise individuals convicted of any sexually related offense, while assuring the compliance of the Adam Walsh Act and Megan's Law, as well as ensuring the safety of the victims and the community.

The Sex Offender Unit specialists work closely with local law enforcement agencies, such as the Adult Parole Authority, the United States Marshals Service, the Akron Police Department, and the Summit County Sheriff's Office, as well as treatment providers such as, Summit Psychological Associates Inc., Portage Path Behavioral Health and the Oriana House, to assure compliance.

The intensive nature of the Sex Offender Unit requires frequent contacts with the offenders. In 2017, this unit conducted 215 field visits to offenders' residences to ensure that the offenders were living at their registered addresses and to ensure that they were in compliance with the probation conditions. In 2017, over 349 collateral contacts were made, which can include, but are not limited to, contact with the offender's family, employer or treatment providers.

This unit also monitors offender compliance via office and telephone contact. Over 1,434 office contacts were conducted and over 479 telephone contacts were made with offenders. At the end of 2017, the unit supervised approximately 111 offenders.

Continuing education is vital to the supervision of sex offenders. Therefore, the Sex Offender Unit also completed numerous hours of sex offender specific training throughout the year and conducted a number of trainings for treatment providers and the public on issues related to sex offender treatment, registration and supervision.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is an option available to some offenders on probation in place of paying court costs and fees. In 2017, 283 new community service referrals were accepted into the program, interviewed by the Community Service Coordinator, placed in an appropriate agency and monitored through completion. Every client's probation officer or caseworker was kept updated throughout the process, and the Summit County Clerk of Courts was notified in the instances that court costs and fees were to be credited.



Community Service Statistics

	Referrals	Court Ordered Sanctions referrals	Completed Successfully	Court Ordered Sanctions in lieu of paying court/probation costs & fines	Completed Successfully
Adult Probation Department	198	17	13	143	93
Re Entry Program	37	27	11	16	11
Courtesy Cases	22	10	9	8	5
Turning Point Program	16	4	2	13	11
Clients not on probation, supervised by the Community Services Coordinator	10	0	0	10	10
Total	283	58	35	190	130

Total Community Service hours worked: 9,035

At \$10 per hour = \$90,350

15 new agencies for community service added,
for a total of 162 agencies



BRENDA BURNHAM UNRUH JOB READINESS PROGRAM

The Brenda Burnham Unruh Job Readiness Program (BBU) Program began in 2010 and was named in honor of the Late Judge Brenda Burnham Unruh, a General Division judge until her untimely passing in 2011.

The BBU program is offered twice a year to those under supervision by the Adult Department Probation need in employment readiness and life skills. Men are referred for Fall classes and women are referred to Spring classes. Class size is limited to thirty to ensure a personalized focus for each student and to maintain a good instructor to student ratio. The employment readiness portion of the BBU program focuses on building individual skills, interests and communication abilities. Participants are assisted in filling out employment applications, perfecting their resume and are given mock interviews to prepare them for the workforce. Additional information is available to them, as well as a library of ex-offender job searching books that have recently been added to the available resources.

The life skills component of the BBU program addresses many topics ranging from basic banking and credit building, to educational and training opportunities, family services, health resources, etc. Area agencies that have provided presentations to participants are the Job Center, the Urban League, Planned Parenthood, the Battered Women's Shelter, Fathers and Sons, and Project Learn, as well as many other area agencies.

Participants are also provided with legal information about sealing their record and programs like the Certificate of Qualification for Employment, the Federal Bonding Program, Workforce Investment Act and Work Opportunity Tax Credit. Local employment assistance agencies also provide presentations of their services and information to participants.

Per evidence-based practices, rewards are used throughout the program in various degrees to encourage participation. Bus passes are also provided to those in need of transportation. Upon successful completion of the program, a graduation luncheon is provided along with certificates of completion and other rewards. In 2017, there were 26 participants who began the program, with 22 successfully completing. The successful completion rate was 84% for 2017.

84% BBU
Completion Rate

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM (LEADS)

Operated by the Ohio Highway Patrol, the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) provides a repository of data available statewide and interfaces with other data systems. Law enforcement, courts and prosecutors can query driving records, driver's license images, criminal histories, vehicle ownership, stolen property, missing persons, warrants and parole status. Message switching functions provide the capability of sending criminal justice-oriented messages to other criminal justice agencies within the state and throughout the county.

- The LEADS Terminal Agency Coordinator made 19,028 request inquiries for the Summit County Adult Probation Department and for the Court.
- 43,051 BMV and criminal records were received back and dispersed, 2,545 more than in 2016.
- LEADS operators made 12,273 request inquiries and received 28,441 records back, 3,679 more than in 2016.
- Pretrial officers, using the LEADS terminal located at the jail, made 24,776 inquiries and received 51,533 records back, 273 records less than in 2016.



SATURDAY REPORTING

In order to better serve probationers who are employed, the Summit County Adult Probation Department offers Saturday Reporting. During the 2017 year, the number of offenders scheduled for Saturday Reporting totaled 267. The actual number that reported on Saturdays totaled 218. This figure indicates that 81% reported as scheduled and 49 did not report as scheduled.

SEALINGS

The Adult Probation Department is responsible for the processing of all sealing applications filed with the Summit County Clerk of Courts. All applications are researched and applicants are interviewed. The guidelines and criteria associated with a sealing request are specifically outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. In 2017, there were 267 applications filed with the Clerk.

DNA COLLECTION

Ohio Law requires that all persons convicted of a felony and/or a qualifying misdemeanor, submit a sample of their DNA to the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI). Intake Personnel perform DNA tests Monday through Friday from all persons reporting to Intake for the first time, who meet these criteria, and have not previously submitted DNA. In 2017, Intake collected 94 DNA samples.

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

The Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic has been providing quality forensic evaluations for nearly four decades. It is one of 10 certified forensic centers in Ohio funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to serve the Common Pleas Courts of Summit, Stark, Portage, Medina and Geauga Counties. The clinic also provides evaluations to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas and to other courts in Summit County through limited funding by the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. In addition, evaluations are provided to other courts in the five-county area on a fee-for-service basis.

COURT ORDERED EVALUATIONS

The clinic was referred 1078 court-ordered evaluations in 2017. Seventy-nine percent of these evaluations were from the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Fifteen percent were ordered by Stark, Medina, Portage and Geauga County Common Pleas Courts combined. Four percent of the Clinic evaluations were referred by Municipal Courts in Summit County. The remaining 2% of the evaluations were completed for Clinic referrals by referral other courts. source and referral type over the past five years are summarized in the table on page 42.

For 2017, Competency to Stand Trial accounted for 22%, Mental Condition at the Time of the Act accounted for 13%, Commitment and Non-Secured Status of defendants found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or Incompetent-Nonrestorable committed under court jurisdiction accounted for 3%, and Mitigation of Penalty



or Post-Sentence (Mentally Ill/Developmentally Disabled Probationer) evaluations accounted for 3%. In 2017, 637 Intervention in Lieu of Conviction evaluations were referred to the Clinic, representing 59% of the total referrals.

RESEARCH & TRAINING

The Clinic continued to collaborate in training activities with Kent State University Department of Psychology, University of Akron Department of Psychology and Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). One doctoral student from the American Psychological Association (APA)-approved training program in clinical psychology at Kent State University and The University of Akron provided services under supervision in 2017.

Four psychiatry residents from NEOMED completed forensic rotations at the Clinic as part of their medical training. These future psychologists and psychiatrists provide service to the clinic and the courts while receiving valuable professional training.

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC REFERRAL SOURCES & TYPE

Referral Source	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Summit Common Pleas Court	849	912	805	869	698
Stark Common Pleas Court	85	78	71	83	75
Medina Common Pleas Court	43	44	31	30	37
Portage Common Pleas Court	30	20	15	12	12
Geauga Common Pleas Court	6	6	5	8	7
Akron Municipal Court	30	15	31	34	35
Stow Municipal Court	5	9	2	5	2
Barberton Municipal Court	8	3	4	4	6
Medina County Municipal Courts	10	11	23	22	11
Stark County Municipal Courts	5	2	0	5	0
Portage County Municipal Courts	4	0	1	0	0
Geauga County Municipal Courts	0	0	0	0	2
Other Courts	3	5	7	5	5
Total	1078	1105	995	1077	890
Referral Type					
Competency to Stand Trial	234	206	195	204	194
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI)	134	127	107	122	127
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction	637	717	633	684	510
Mitigation of Penalty	35	32	35	41	26
Non-Secured Status	15	10	12	19	12
Commitment-NGRI	12	6	11	4	19
Mentally Ill/Mentally Retarded Probationer (Post-Sentence Evaluations)	2	4	2	3	2
Other Forensic Evaluations	9	3	0	0	0
Total	1078	1105	995	1077	890

COUNTY OF SUMMIT COURTHOUSE SECURITY



SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

In 2017, the Summit County Sheriff's Office and Special Services Bureau had the responsibility of providing security and prisoner transport for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. The tables below provide a statistical overview and comparison of the prisoner transportation, incident reporting and security screening checkpoints.

PRISONER TRANSPORTATION BY COURT ORDER	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Convey To / From Prisons	1,557	1,510	1,453	1,723	1,904
Convey To Juvenile Facility/Prison	223	201	178	208	204
Convey To / From Common Pleas Courts	9,730	9,338	9,238	10,140	10,384
Convey To / From *Local Facilities/Other County Jails	399	149	97	297	240
New Prisoners From Court	724	699	1,087	594	666
Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)	2,306	1,872	1,838	2,091	1,977
TOTAL	14,949	13,769	13,891	15,053	15,411
COURTHOUSE INCIDENT REPORT OVERVIEW					
Assaults	*3	*2	*21	*7	5
Bomb Threat Or Suspicious Package	**1	**2	**2	0	0
Civil Protection Order w/ Weapons	0	0	1	1	2
Property Damaging	0	0	1	1	0
Disorderly / Menacing	***1	0	3	1	1
Domestic	0	0	3	0	0
Drugs (Confiscated)	0	3	5	1	4
Fire Alarm	2	0	3	2	7
Medical / Illness/ Injury	20	13	21	15	8
Miscellaneous	24	19	10	6	11
Sex Offense	0	0	1	1	3
Theft / Tampering with Records / Forgery	2	1	2	0	1
Counterfeit Money	0	0	1	0	0
Child Abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	2	6	1
Alarms	0	0	5	2	40+
TOTAL	55 ²	52	81	43	83

SECURITY SCREENING CHECKPOINTS – METAL DETECTOR

Beginning in 2008, the security procedures for the screening checkpoints were changed and no unauthorized items were confiscated. Items must be secured by the owner or thrown away.

2017 BUILDING ATTENDANCE

Month	SAFETY BLDG. & PROBATION	Courthouse	DOMESTIC COURT	Juvenile Court	TOTAL
Jan	13,059	24,241	14,210	7,625	59,135
FEB	7,926	12,036	7,724	7,321	35,007
MAR	9,89	18,802	10,717	5,325	44,733
APR	10,714	19,770	10,997	8,652	50,133
MAY	12,083	23,019	12,643	9,338	57,083
JUNE	9,181	17,357	9,802	8,399	44,739
July	9,754	18,886	10,409	8,143	47,172
AUG	10,118	18,546	9,922	14,500	53,086
SEPT	10,213	18,653	9,544	11,900	50,310
Ост	10,513	18,984	11,007	7,654	48,158
Nov	9,929	19,839	10,365	9,320	49,453
DEC	6,721	12,879	6,493	5,855	31,948
TOTAL	120,100	222,992	123,833	104,032	570,957

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS

Employee Expenses	Expenses
Employee Salaries	\$3,888,300.00
Employee Benefits	\$1,551,642.61
Total	\$5,439,942.61

Expert/Attorney &	
Jury Expenses	Expense
Expert/Attorney Services	\$2,594,316.96
Jury, Contract Services	\$55,153.65
Juror Fees	\$61,160
Witness Fees	\$4,202.50
Total	\$2,714,833.11

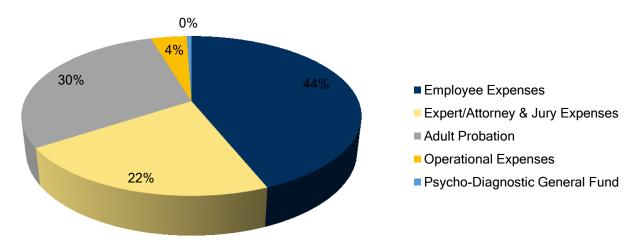
Psycho-Diagnostic General Fund

Salaries	\$52,692.45
Benefits	\$15,043.22
Total	\$67,735.67

Adult Probation	Expense
Adult Probation	
Salaries	\$2,566,058.77
Adult Probation	
Benefits	\$1,065,385.35
Internal Chargebacks	
(telephone, office	
services	\$39,457.75
Total	\$3,670,901.87

Operational	
Expenses	Expense
Official Salaries	\$131,765.91
Transcripts	\$220,896.80
Visiting Judges	\$16,028.38
Internal Chargebacks	. 0 0 6
(telephone, office services)	\$138,128.16
Total	\$506,819.25

Total General Fund



REVENUE ACCOUNTS

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Other Expenses \$14,626.60	Education	\$51,178.99			
	Professional Services	\$30,781.10			
Capital Outlay \$22,440.66	Other Expenses	\$14,626.60			
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Legal Research Fund				
Reve	enues	\$75,730.59		
Expenditures (Equipment, Trai	ining,			
Ser	vices)	\$64,919.50		
Probation Services Fees				
Revo	enues	\$273,874.01		
Expenditures (Equipment, Training,				
Services)		\$245,437.04		
Total				
Budgeted Appropriation	Budgeted Appropriation \$1,100,00			
Revenues	\$1,224,199.50			
Expenditures				
from Revenue	\$1,076,352.40			
Surplus from Revenue	\$147,847.10			

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic				
ADM Board Funding (Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services)				
Revenue	\$462,768.43	Professional Services/Consultant Fees	\$33,202.97	
Salaries	\$258,065.65	Travel	\$3,416.29	
Benefits	\$94,574.35	Contract Services	\$1,500	

	Adult Probation-Grant Funded Accounts					
Intensive Supervision		Probation Improvement Incentive Grant		Specialized Docket		
Revenue	\$245,092	Revenue	\$29,733.02	Revenue	\$140,000	
Salaries	\$130,412.68	Salaries	\$43,554.99	Salaries	\$98,822.44	
Benefits	\$68,548.98	Benefits	\$15,685.02	Benefits	\$31,672.03	
Ohio Mental Health		Smart Ohio Grant		State Justice I	nstitute	
Addiction S	ervices ATP	Revenue	\$59,650	Revenue	\$50,000	
Grant Award	\$20,393.97	Salaries	\$71,780.24	Probation Services Fund	\$5,000	
		Benefits	\$29,940.04	Contract Services	\$27,966	