

Kentucky Court of Justice
ANNUAL REPORT



FIRST ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OF KENTUCKY,
AT GRAYSON SPRINGS, JULY 17th TO 21st, 1905

Circuit Court Clerks Celebrate 100th Anniversary

ONFRONT COVER:

This photograph depicts the first meeting of the newly formed Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks, which took place at Grayson Springs, Ky., on July 17-20, 1905. The circuit court clerks who served Kentucky from 1904-1905 are listed below in alphabetical order by county:

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Settle • Harlan, M.W. Howard • Harrison, T.J. Robertson • Hart, J.M. Bale • Henderson, W.G. Moseley • Henry, M.C. Edwards
Hickman, John R. Camp • Hopkins, D.W. Gatlin • Jackson, R.M. Bradshaw • Jefferson, W.L. Weller, Jr. • Jessamine, Spencer E.
Holloway • Johnson, I.G. Rice • Kenton, Frank Droegge • Knott, J.C. Slone • Knox, J.R. Jones • Larue, L.M. Gore
Laurel, George Smith • Lawrence, Bert Shannon • Lee, G.W. Conn • Leslie, W.C. Begley • Letcher, Joseph P. Adams • Lewis,
E.A. Jones • Lincoln, James F. Haldam • Livingston, J.C. Parsons • Logan, Thomas P. Posey • Lyon, C. Armstrong • Madison,
Roy C. White • Magoffin, W.S. Adams • Marion, T.B. Spaulding • Marshall, Joe L. Price • Martin, W.M. Hale • Mason, Isaac
Woodward • McCracken, H.H. Hobson • McLean, W.A. Rafferty • Meade, J.R. Willett • Menifee, M.T. Hackney
Mercer, M.C. Allen • Metcalfe, James A. Hamilton, Jr. • Monroe, L.R. Rush • Montgomery, R.J. Hunt • Morgan, H.G. Cottle
Muhlenberg, C.S. Curd • Nelson, Wallace Brown • Nicholas, Solman Robertson • Ohio, Edward Barross • Oldham, J.T.
Sampson • Owen, Alvin Steger • Owsley, Isaac Wilder • Pendleton, J.C. Hume • Perry, R. Lee Daniel • Pike, J.B. Palley
Powell, M.R. Lyle • Pulaski, Napier Adams • Robertson, Thomas J. Woods • Rockcastle, J.F. Griffin • Rowan, T.B. Tippet
Russell, H.H. Dunbar • Scott, George Robinson • Shelby, W.M. Cardwell • Simpson, E.S. Bradshaw • Spencer, W.M. Black
Taylor, W.I. Meader • Todd, John A. Goodman • Trigg, A.C. Burnett • Trimble, D.L. Bell • Union, J.E. Lilly • Warren, W.H.
Jones • Washington, F.M. Campbell • Wayne, Isaac Walker • Webster, W.K. Price • Whitley, L.P. Lay • Wolfe, Isaac R. Hollon
Woodford, H.P. Curtis

The Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks celebrated its 100th anniversary in conjunction with its summer conference in Louisville on June 15-17, 2005. For more information, see pages 7 and 33.

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We appreciate McCracken County Circuit Court Clerk Mike Lawrence for his efforts to acquire this historic photograph from the Calloway Historical Society.

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The Clay County courthouse, circa 1936

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KENTUCKY COURT OF JUSTICE

- Organizational Structure -

In 1975, Kentucky voters supported a constitutional amendment to the Judicial Article that provided for a unified, four-tiered judicial system for operation and administration, called the Court of Justice. Judicial power of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is thus vested in one Court of Justice, which is divided into the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, trial courts of general jurisdiction known as Circuit Courts, and trial courts of limited jurisdiction known as District Courts. In the 2002 general election, Kentucky voters overwhelmingly approved passage of the Family Court Constitutional Amendment, thus creating a Family Court division of the Circuit Court tier.

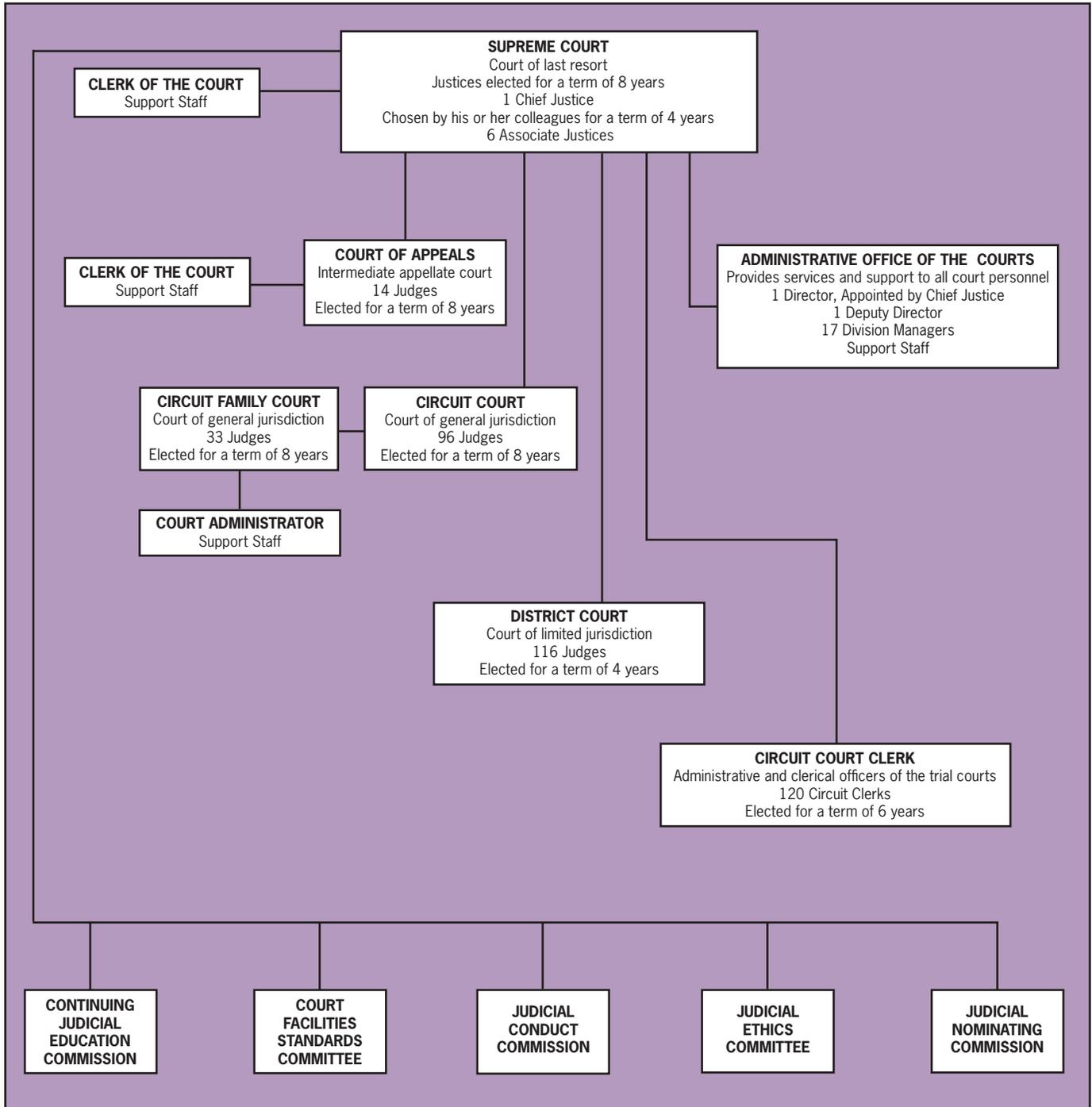
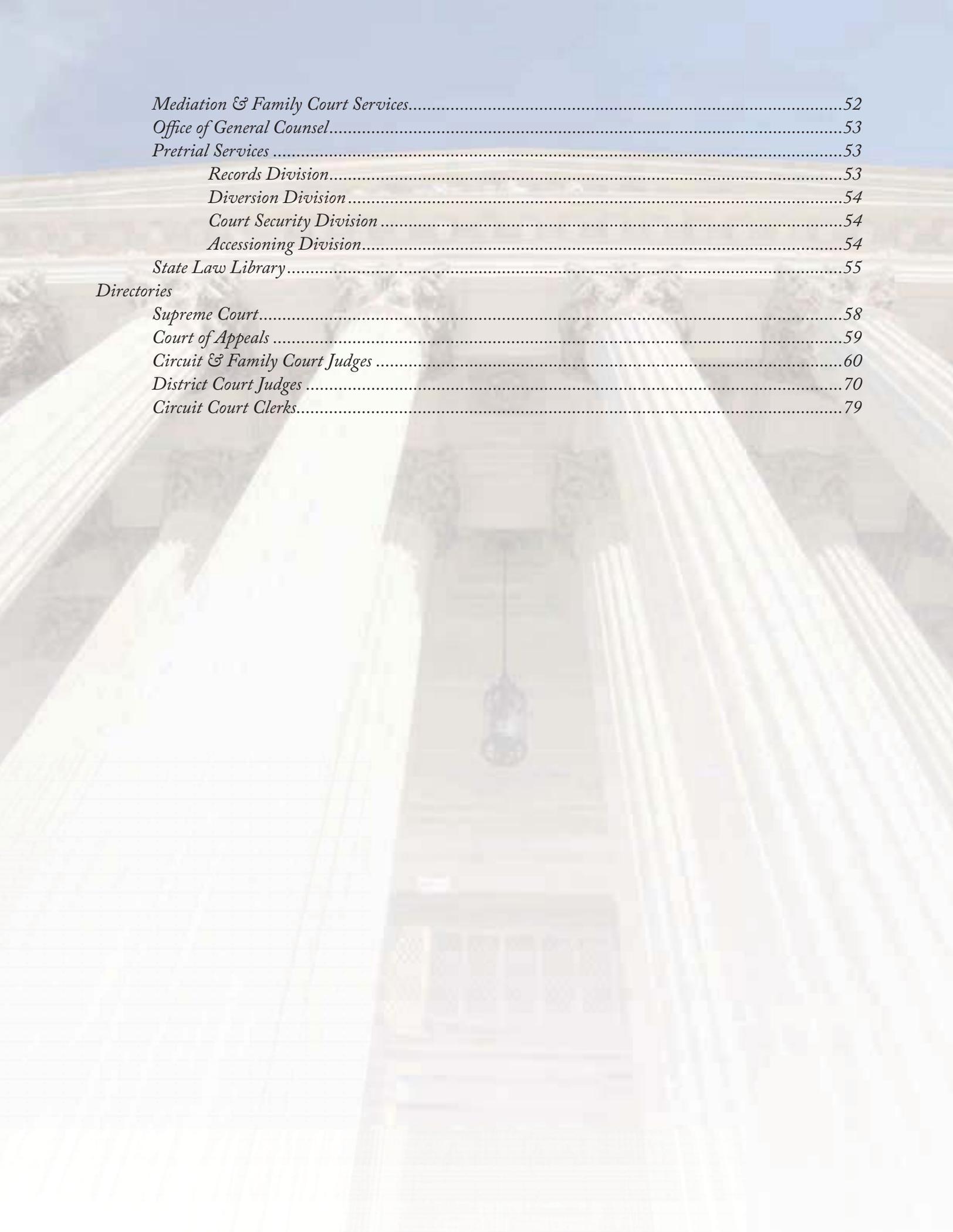


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Circuit court clerks celebrate 100 years of serving state courts

Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert

It is my pleasure to present the 2005 Annual Report of the Kentucky Court of Justice. This resource offers valuable information and a historical record of the advances being made by our state court system.

This report also provides the opportunity to recognize a distinguished group of public servants. One of the highlights of 2005 was the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks. Circuit clerks have offices in all 120 Kentucky counties and their work is vital to the smooth operation of the courts.

Circuit clerks and their deputies serve the Circuit and District courts by receiving and maintaining legal documents and court records. They also receive and account for money due the Commonwealth, distribute funds to the appropriate parties and the state, oversee the jury system, administer oaths and otherwise serve their courts. Since the 1930s, circuit clerks have issued driver's licenses for motor vehicles and motorcycles.

Circuit clerks have long embraced organ donation as their signature charitable cause. The clerks created the Trust for Life program after sponsoring legislation in the 1992 General Assembly that gave licensed Kentucky drivers the opportunity to donate \$1 to promote organ and tissue donation. Since the Trust's first full year of operation in 1993, more than \$4 million has been raised by the Offices of Circuit Court Clerk statewide. In 2005, more than 39 percent of all Kentuckians obtaining a driver's license contributed to this cause. Since the beginning of the program, the number of organs donated in Kentucky has risen 62 percent. The Trust for Life was the first such program in the United States. More than 30 other states have requested information about the program and some have sought to duplicate it.

On July 17-21, 1905, just 14 years after our present Kentucky Constitution was adopted, the circuit clerks met in Grayson Springs, Ky., and formed the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks as a means to strengthen their ability to serve our Commonwealth. That visionary decision serves them well to this day. After 100 years, Kentucky circuit clerks advise the General Assembly on the needs of their offices and the courts, on issues relating to technology and modernization, and on other matters relating to court security and public service.

The circuit court clerks' commitment and initiative are essential to our strong and efficient court system. I commend these dedicated professionals, and all Court of Justice employees, for their service to the people of Kentucky.

Court system working to provide fair, efficient treatment to people of Kentucky

A Message from Melinda L. Wheeler Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts



Teach year more than 1 million citizens depend on our state court system to handle a variety of legal matters, whether they need to settle a small claims matter or resolve a serious dispute in the courtroom. We are hard at work to improve the services provided at every level of the Kentucky Court of Justice. We want individuals to feel confident they will receive fair, efficient treatment regardless of the business they bring before the courts.

To that end, you will find many of our recent accomplishments in the pages of this annual report. For example, we are adapting to the state's changing demographics by setting quality standards for the court interpreters who serve our non-English speaking population. We are also giving citizens safe, attractive court facilities in which to conduct their business. In the last year alone, we replaced aging courthouses in Carter, Clay, Cumberland, Magoffin, Simpson and Wayne counties with new judicial centers that offer state-of-the-art technology and security systems.

We continue to offer innovative resolutions to legal issues. Drug Court programs save taxpayers the cost of imprisonment while helping addicts resume productive lives. We are expanding the services of trained mediators who can help individuals save time and money by settling their disputes outside of the courtroom.

We have also found a viable solution for the fiscal strain of incarcerating defendants prior to court appearances. The new Pretrial Services Monitored Conditional Release Program advocates the safe release of defendants into the community while ensuring court appearances with a reduced risk of defendants committing additional crimes while their cases are pending.

Our neglected and abused children benefit from the work of our Citizen Foster Care Review Boards and guardian ad litem educational programs. Young people in schools across the state learn citizenship and the principals of democracy through our law related education programs such as Teen Court, Mock Trial and We the People ... the Citizen and the Constitution.

Kentucky's court technology is envied nationally for a statewide network that allows us to collect data from every court facility in Kentucky and maintain it in a centralized location where it can be used for critical court operations. We have also developed a comprehensive Web site that covers all aspects of the court system, an automated jury management process, digital audio capability for court recordings in District Court and a computerized bookkeeping program for the circuit court clerks.

This list is just a brief indication of the enormous strides being made by the more than 3,500 Court of Justice personnel on behalf of the people of Kentucky. I consider it a privilege to lead the Administrative Office of the Courts at such a productive, exciting time.

Melinda L. Wheeler is the sixth Director of the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts. She started her extensive career with the AOC as a pretrial officer in 1976, just after the 1975 Judicial Article to the Kentucky Constitution made the Kentucky Court of Justice a unified court system. Since that time, Ms. Wheeler has served in several capacities including General Manager of Pretrial Services and Court Security, and AOC Deputy Director. In 2000, she received the national Ennis J. Olgiati Award in recognition for lifetime achievement in pretrial services. In 2003, the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy gave Ms. Wheeler its Robert F. Stephens Public Service Award. Ms. Wheeler is a native of Paintsville, Ky. She holds a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Pikeville College.

Supreme Court

Joseph E. Lambert, *Chief Justice*
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The Supreme Court is the court of last resort and the final interpreter of state law. It consists of seven justices who are elected from the seven appellate districts and serve eight-year terms. The Chief Justice of the Commonwealth is chosen by his or her colleagues and serves a term of four years. The justices, as a panel, hear appeals of decisions from the lower courts and issue decisions or “opinions” on cases. A case, which comes before the Supreme Court, is not retried. Attorneys with written briefs and oral arguments addressing the legal issues, which the Court must decide, present the case to the Supreme Court. Cases involving the death penalty, life imprisonment or imprisonment for twenty years or more go directly from the circuit court level, where the cases are tried, to the Supreme Court for review as a matter of right. After a decision by the Kentucky Supreme Court, a case can only be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is also responsible for establishing rules of practice and procedures for the Court of Justice, which includes the conduct of judges and attorneys.



M *embers of the court*



Joseph E. Lambert was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky on October 5, 1998, having been elected by his peers to serve as Kentucky's fourth Chief Justice. He was re-elected to that post again in May 2002. The Chief Justice has represented the 3rd Supreme Court District since his election in November 1986.

Chief Justice Lambert was born in Berea, KY., in 1948. He received his B.S. from Georgetown College in 1970 and his J.D. from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1974.

Chief Justice Lambert served as a staff member for United States Senator John Sherman Cooper in Washington, D.C. from 1970-1971. From 1974-1975, he served as law clerk for United States District Judge Rhodes Bratcher in Louisville, KY. He was in private practice in Mount Vernon, KY., from 1975-1987.

Chief Justice Lambert was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Louisville School of Law in 1988. He was Featured Alumnus of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities in 1995. He was named Lambda Chi Alpha, Outstanding Alumnus in 1997. In 1999 he was awarded Honorary Doctor of Law from Georgetown College and Eastern Kentucky University. He was named Outstanding Judge of Kentucky by the Kentucky Bar Association in 2000. He received the Leadership Award from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in 2000, and presently serves on its Board of Directors.

Chief Justice Lambert also serves on the Board of the National Conference of Chief Justices.



Members of the court



Donald C. Wintersheimer has the distinction of being the longest serving member of the Court. First elected to represent the 6th Supreme Court District in 1982, he was reelected in 1990, and again in 1998.

Justice Wintersheimer was born in Covington, KY., in 1932. He received his A.B. from Thomas More College in 1953, his M.A. from Xavier University in 1957, and his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1960. He was in private practice until he was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1976, where he served until his election to the Supreme Court.

A prolific opinion writer, Justice Wintersheimer writes, on average, over forty opinions each year. He has published numerous articles in various state and national law journals. Recognized nationally for his judicial experience and legal expertise, Justice Wintersheimer appeared on a 1998 PBS television special entitled "Inside the Law."

Justice Wintersheimer is a member of several bar associations, the American Judicature Society, the Institute of Judicial Administration, Phi Delta Phi, and Tau Kappa Alpha. Prior to his judicial career, Justice Wintersheimer served for 14 years as Covington City Attorney. His military service includes two years in the U.S. Army Infantry.

Justice Wintersheimer is a former president of both the Thomas More Alumni Association and the Kentucky Municipal Attorneys' Association. He received the Community Service Award from Thomas More College in 1970 and was named Outstanding Teacher in 1973. He is a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. In 1998 he was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He served as Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Chase College of Law and was named Outstanding Jurist by Phi Alpha Delta Legal Foundation in 1990.



John William Graves began serving in Kentucky's trial courts in 1984, first as a district judge and later as a circuit judge. He was elected to the Supreme Court in November 1995. Justice Graves represents the 1st Supreme Court District.

Born in Paducah, KY., in 1935, Justice Graves received his B.S. in 1957 from the University of Notre Dame. He studied at the University of Louisville School of Medicine from 1957-1958. He received his J.D. in 1963 from the University of Kentucky. Prior to his appointment as district judge, Justice Graves was in private practice for 20 years, concentrating primarily on disability law and negligence law, with special emphasis in worker's compensation cases. He was appointed as circuit judge in 1989 and was elected to the Supreme Court in November 1995.

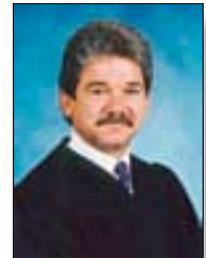
During more than 35 years of active and reserve military service, Justice Graves completed the Command & General Staff College, the Airwar College, and the National Defense University. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in 1987, the Army Meritorious Service Medal in 1989, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal in 1993.

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Members of the court



Martin E. Johnstone is the first judge in Kentucky to have served at all four levels of the Court of Justice. Prior to the Judicial Article of 1975, Justice Johnstone was elected as a magisterial district judge. In 1978 he assumed the duties of district judge, and in 1983 he was elected as circuit judge. He served as Jefferson County Chief District Judge and Chief Circuit Judge. In 1993 he was appointed and later elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, where he served as Chief Judge Pro Tem. He has represented the 4th Supreme Court District since his election in November 1996 and has served as Deputy Chief Justice since 1998.



Justice Johnstone is a native of Louisville, KY., and was born in 1949. After receiving his baccalaureate degree from Western Kentucky University and his J.D. from the University of Louisville, he was in private practice until 1976.

Justice Johnstone was named Judge of the Year by the Louisville Bar Association in 1981 and 1999. He received the Henry V. Pennington Outstanding Trial Judge Award from the Kentucky Association of Trial Attorneys in 1991.

William S. Cooper began his judicial career as a circuit judge in 1979. He served as vice chief regional judge from 1981-1992, and as chief regional judge from 1992-1996. In 1996 he was elected to represent the 2nd Supreme Court District.



Justice Cooper was born in Elizabethtown, KY., in 1941. He received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Kentucky, graduating first in his law school class of 1970.

An Air Force veteran, Justice Cooper is a member of the American Legion, Rotary, and the Knights of Columbus. He is past president of the University of Kentucky Law Alumni Association. Justice Cooper has served on numerous working committees, some of which include the Kentucky Council for Higher Education Subcommittee for Legal Education, the Committee on Justice and Corrections, the Evidence Rules Review Commission, and the Commission on Guardians ad litem. He currently serves as chair of the Supreme Court Criminal Rules Committee and the Kentucky Evidence Rules Review Commission.

Justice Cooper is a diligent lecturer, dedicated to the continuing education of those in the legal community. He has published several law journal articles and wrote *Kentucky Instructions to Juries, Vol. 1 (Criminal)*. Justice Cooper was named a Charter Life Fellow of the Kentucky Bar Foundation in 1986 and received the association's Kentucky Bar Center Award in 1992. Other awards include the Knights of Columbus 1991 Community Service Award, the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Chamber of Commerce 1997 Hall of Fame Award. He was elected to the University of Kentucky Law Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001.



Members of the court



James Keller was appointed to the Supreme Court in May 1999. Justice Keller subsequently won election to a full term as the representative of the 5th Supreme Court District.

Justice Keller was born in Harlan County, KY., in 1942. He completed his undergraduate studies while attending Eastern Kentucky University on a football scholarship. He received his J.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1965. During the ten years he spent in private practice, he served for eight years as Master Commissioner of the Fayette Circuit Court. He was appointed as circuit judge in 1976, where he served until 1999. Twice elected as president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association, he also served two terms as Fayette County Chief Circuit Judge.

Justice Keller helped to establish several highly effective court programs during his tenure as circuit judge. He is most proud of his efforts in establishing the Parents Education Clinic, a program for divorcing parents which is now used in several Kentucky jurisdictions. He was instrumental in establishing Kids' Time, a program for children of divorcing parents. He helped establish the Kentucky Mediation Center and the Fayette Drug Court. Justice Keller currently serves as a member of the Judicial Advisory Committee to the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services, and Chair of the Jury Studies Commission.

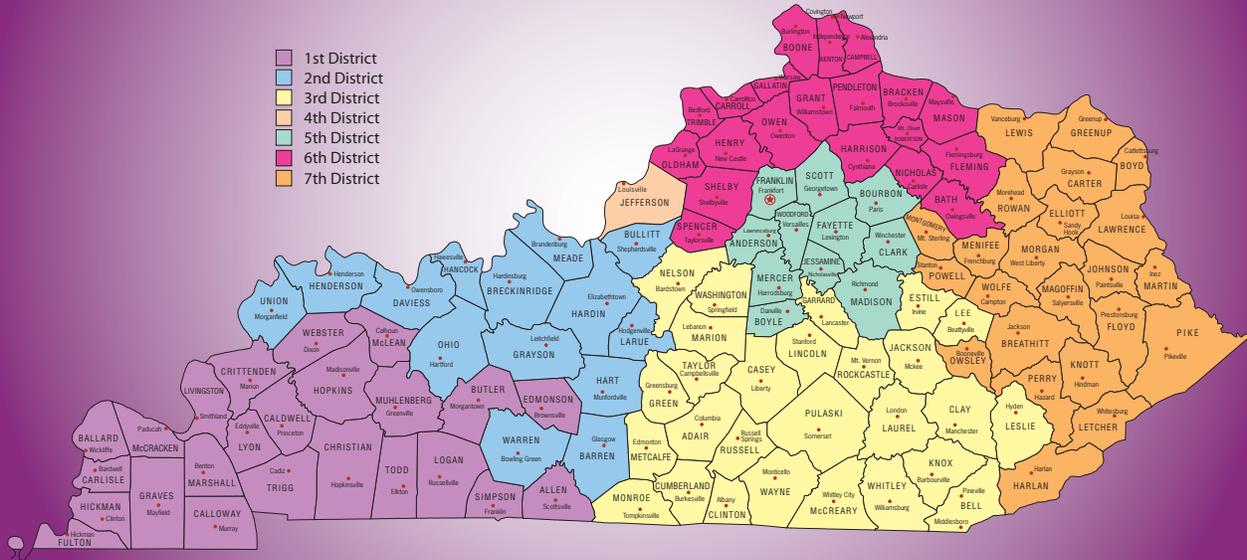


Will T. Scott is the newest member of the Supreme Court, having been elected in November 2004 to represent the Seventh Supreme Court District. Justice Scott served as circuit judge from 1984 to 1988 and was elected second vice president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association in 1986. Before serving the judiciary, he practiced law as a trial attorney from 1975 to 1980 and as assistant commonwealth attorney from Pike County from 1981 to 1982.

Justice Scott was born in Pike County in 1947 and attended Eastern Kentucky University for one year before volunteering for service in the United States Army. Enlisting as a private in 1966, Scott finished his tour of duty in 1969 in Vietnam as a first lieutenant. Among his military honors are his airborne wings, the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

After completing his military service, Justice Scott earned an undergraduate degree from Pikeville College. He received his J.D. in 1974, as well as a master's degree in Taxation in 1975 from the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Fla. He is licensed to practice law in both Kentucky and Florida and has practiced law in Kentucky courtrooms for nearly 30 years. Justice Scott is a member of the First Christian Church in Pikeville and an avid hunter and fisherman.

Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Judicial Districts



Supreme Court Historical Case Load Data

Fiscal Year		Direct Appeals/ Original Actions*	Motions for Injunctive Relief	Motions for Transfer	Motions for Discretionary Review	Petitions for Rehearing	TOTAL CASES
2000-2001	Filed	372	10	25	694	76	1,177
	Disp.	380	7	39	601	79	1,106
2001-2002	Filed	424	5	24	643	72	1,168
	Disp.	415	9	34	598	65	1,121
2002-2003	Filed	407	3	17	551	65	1,043
	Disp.	408	3	40	644	77	1,172
2003-2004	Filed	359	13	23	658	71	1,124
	Disp.	395	15	41	627	67	1,145
2004-2005	Filed	460	7	42	641	59	1,209
	Disp.	443	8	49	776	52	1,328

*Criminal Appeals, Civil Appeals, Original Action, Certification of Question of Law, Kentucky Bar Association Proceedings, Judicial Retirement and Removal cases.

Court of Appeals

Kentucky's Intermediate Appellate Court

Sara Combs, *Chief Judge*
Samuel Givens, *Court Clerk*

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The Kentucky Court of Appeals is comprised of 14 judges. Two judges are elected from each of the seven appellate districts to serve a term of eight years. Each month the judges are randomly divided into panels of three to review and decide cases, with the majority determining the decision. The panels do not sit permanently in one place, but travel to all parts of the state on a regular basis. For the most part, cases come to the Court of Appeals when the dissatisfied party in a lower court decides to have the lower court's decision reviewed. The Court of Appeals does not retry the case. Rather, the panel bases its decision on the record compiled in the lower court and on arguments by attorneys challenging or supporting the lower court's disposition of the case as reflected in that record. The Kentucky Court of Appeals ranks as one of the nation's busiest.



First District

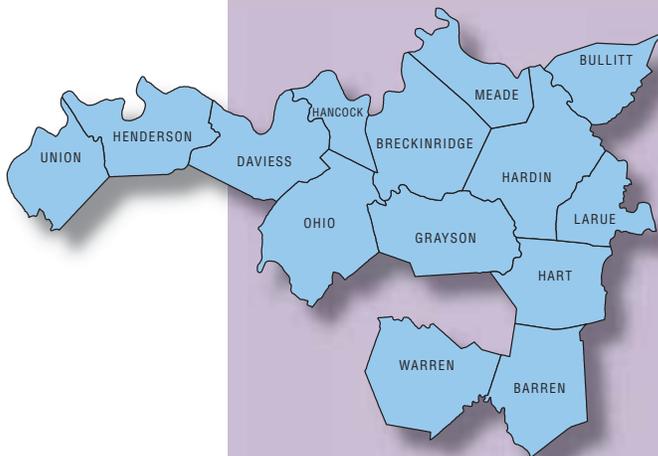


Rick Johnson
Division One
Mayfield



David C. Buckingham
Division Two
Murray

Second District



Jeff S. Taylor
Division One
Owensboro

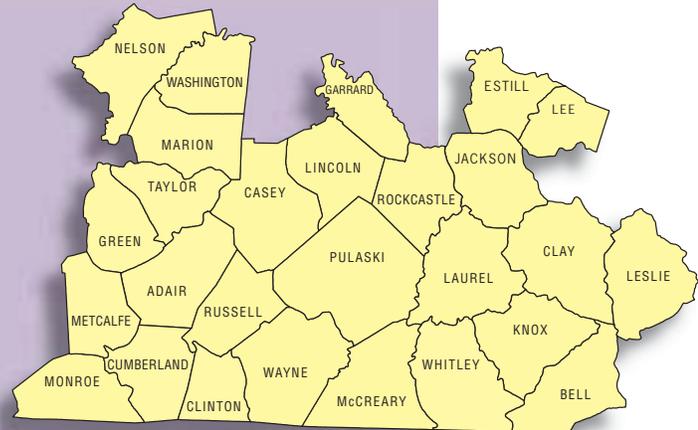


John D. Minton
Division Two
Bowling Green



Robert W. Dyche, III
Division One
London

Third District

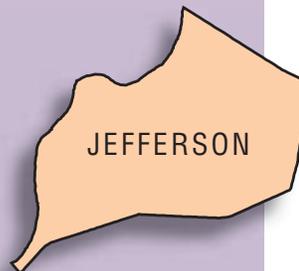


Michael L. Henry
Division Two
Somerset



William E. McNulty, Jr.
Division One
Louisville

Fourth District



William L. Knopf
Division Two
Louisville

Fifth District

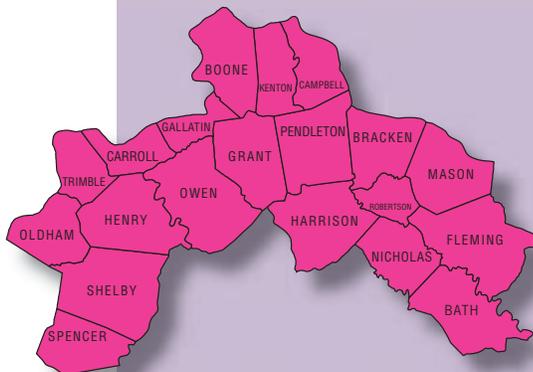


Laurance B. VanMeter
Division One
Lexington



Julia Tackett
Division Two
Lexington

Sixth District



Daniel T. Guidugli
Division One
Newport



Wilfrid A. Schroder
Division Two
Covington



Sara W. Combs, Chief Judge
Division One
Stanton



David A. Barber
Division Two
Prestonsburg

Seventh District



- Court of Appeals Historical Case Load Data -

Fiscal Year		Civil Appeals	Criminal Appeals	Original Actions	Motions for Injunctive Relief	Discretionary Review	Civil Petitions for Rehearing	Criminal Petitions for Rehearing	TOTAL CASES
2002-2003	Filed	1,516	765	185	0	86	137	40	2,729
	Disp.	1,592	823	165	0	84	126	40	2,830
2003-2004	Filed	1,746	749	186	0	77	167	40	2,965
	Disp.	1,695	786	164	0	77	152	43	2,917
2004-2005	Filed	1,682	790	165	0	97	152	39	2,925
	Disp.	1,746	755	142	0	69	156	28	2,896

The Court of Appeals was created as an intermediate appellate court on January 1, 1976. Judges were appointed and the court became operational in August 1976. In February 1977, motions for injunctive relief and original actions became the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals.

Circuit Court

The Circuit Court is the court of general jurisdiction over cases involving capital offenses, felonies, land disputes, contested probates of wills, and general civil litigation in disputes involving more than \$4,000. Circuit courts have the power to issue injunctions, writs of prohibition, writs of mandamus and hear appeals from district courts and administrative agencies.

As a division of Circuit Court with general jurisdiction, the Family Court division of Circuit Court further retains primary jurisdiction in cases involving dissolution of marriage; child custody; visitation; maintenance and support; equitable distribution of property in dissolution cases; adoption; and, termination of parental rights. In addition to general jurisdiction of Circuit Court, the Family Court division of Circuit Court, concurrent with the District Court, has jurisdiction over proceedings involving domestic violence and abuse; the Uniform Act on Paternity and the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; dependency, neglect, and abuse; and, juvenile status offenses.

Currently, there are 130 circuit judges in 57 judicial circuits and of these there are 35 Family Court judges. One judge may serve more than one county within a circuit. Some circuits contain only one county but have several judges, depending on population and caseload. Circuit judges serve in eight-year terms. During fiscal year 2005, the Circuit Court recorded **104,571** cases filed and **100,583** disposed. In fiscal year 2005, the Circuit Family Court recorded **58,049** cases filed and **53,042** cases disposed.

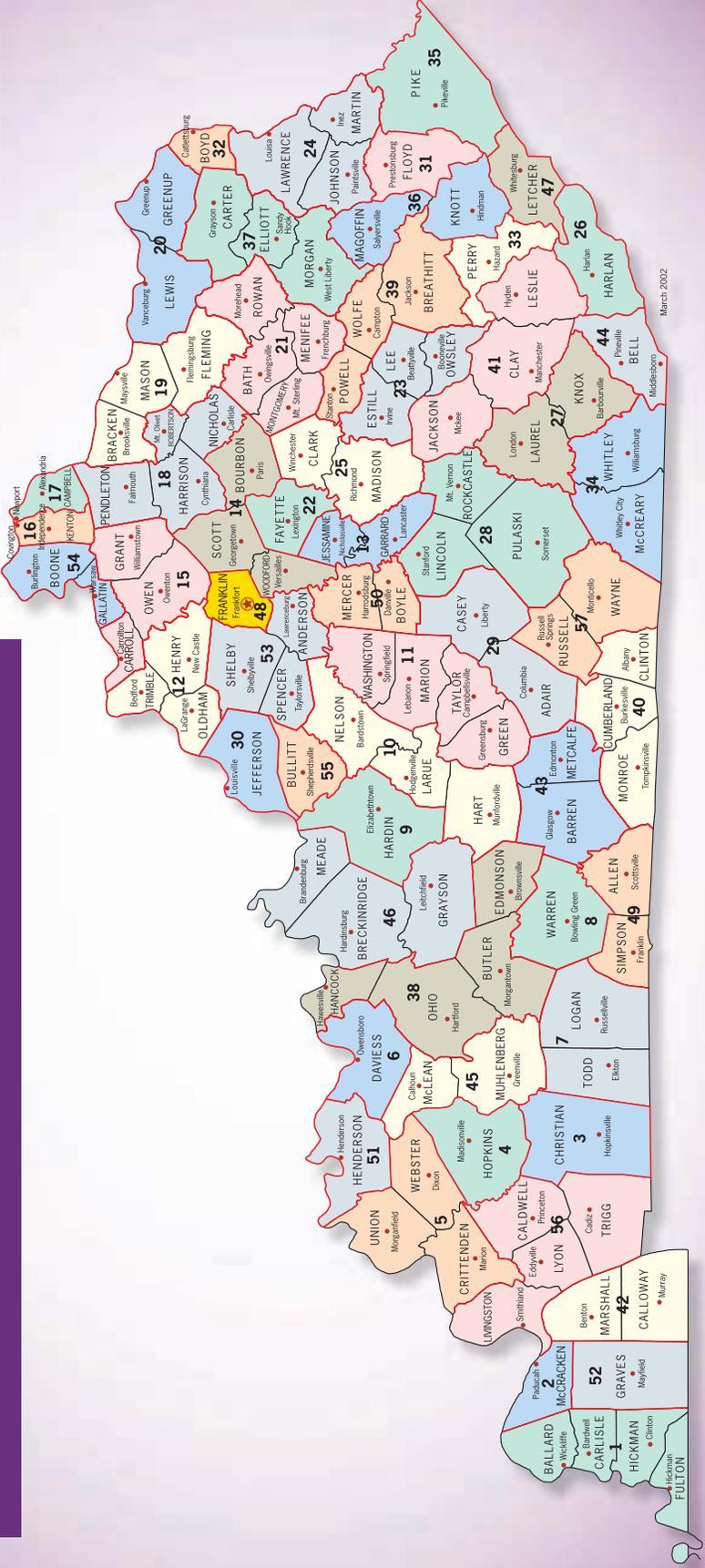


Judge James Shake
30th Judicial Circuit
2005 President, Circuit Judges Association



Judge Julia Adams
25th Judicial Circuit
2005 Chair, Circuit Judges Education Committee

JUDICIAL CIRCUITS of the Commonwealth of Kentucky



Circuit Court Rankings FY 2005

Filings

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Per Judge</u>	<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Circuit Name</u>	<u># of Judges</u>
1	2,585.00	54	BOONE, GALLATIN	1
2	2,090.00	10	HART, LARUE, NELSON	1
3	1,743.00	13	GARRARD, JESSAMINE	1
4	1,730.00	55	BULLITT	1
5	1,669.00	53	ANDERSON, SHELBY, SPENCER	1
6	1,614.00	04	HOPKINS	1
7	1,594.00	38	BUTLER, EDMONSON, HANCOCK, OHIO	1
8	1,562.00	39	BREATHITT, POWELL, WOLFE	1
9	1,557.00	42	CALLOWAY, MARSHALL	1
10	1,420.00	20	GREENUP, LEWIS	1
11	1,411.00	57	RUSSELL, WAYNE	1
12	1,383.00	27	KNOX, LAUREL	2
13	1,346.00	15	CARROLL, GRANT, OWEN	1
14	1,344.00	56	CALDWELL, LIVINGSTON, LYON, TRIGG	1
15	1,331.00	26	HARLAN	1
16	1,269.00	49	ALLEN, SIMPSON	1
17	1,262.00	43	BARREN, METCALFE	1
18	1,259.50	06	DAVISS	2
19	1,246.00	41	CLAY, JACKSON, LESLIE	1
20	1,235.00	24	JOHNSON, LAWRENCE, MARTIN	1
21	1,224.50	08	WARREN	2
22	1,211.00	12	HENRY, OLDHAM, TRIMBLE	1
23	1,207.08	30	JEFFERSON	13
24	1,180.00	45	MCLEAN, MUHLENBERG	1
25	1,172.50	28	LINCOLN, PULASKI, ROCKCASTLE	2
26	1,132.00	33	PERRY	1
27	1,120.00	07	LOGAN, TODD	1
28	1,106.00	16	KENTON	4
29	1,078.00	23	ESTILL, LEE, OWSLEY	1
30	1,076.00	52	GRAVES	1
31	1,042.00	19	BRACKEN, FLEMING, MASON	1
E 32	999.50	34	MCCREARY, WHITLEY	2
E 32	999.50	21	BATH, MENIFEE, MONTGOMERY, ROWAN	2
34	991.00	17	CAMPBELL	2
35	986.00	11	GREEN, MARION, TAYLOR, WASHINGTON	2
36	984.00	40	CLINTON, CUMBERLAND, MONROE	1
37	974.00	14	BOURBON, SCOTT, WOODFORD	2
38	939.00	51	HENDERSON	1
39	928.00	46	BRECKINRIDGE, GRAYSON, MEADE	2
40	914.00	44	BELL	1
41	886.00	32	BOYD	2
42	879.50	09	HARDIN	2
43	872.67	22	FAYETTE	6
44	855.00	50	BOYLE, MERCER	1
45	847.00	25	CLARK, MADISON	2
46	836.00	47	LETCHER	1
47	825.50	35	PIKE	2
E 48	825.00	48	FRANKLIN	2
E 48	825.00	29	ADAIR, CASEY	1
50	796.00	37	CARTER, ELLIOTT, MORGAN	1
51	767.00	02	MCCRACKEN	2
52	755.00	03	CHRISTIAN	2
53	751.00	01	BALLARD, CARLISLE, FULTON, HICKMAN	1
54	750.00	36	KNOTT, MAGOFFIN	1
55	708.00	05	CRITTENDEN, UNION, WEBSTER	1
56	686.00	18	HARRISON, NICHOLAS, PENDLETON, ROBERTSON	1
57	461.50	31	FLOYD	2

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Average Cases per Judge: **1,100.75**

Median: **1,078.00**

E = Even

Circuit Court Rankings FY 2005

Closings

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Per Judge</u>	<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Circuit Name</u>	<u># of Judges</u>
1	2,305.00	54	BOONE, GALLATIN	1
2	2,183.00	10	HART, LARUE, NELSON	1
3	1,784.00	38	BUTLER, EDMONSON, HANCOCK, OHIO	1
4	1,781.00	42	CALLOWAY, MARSHALL	1
5	1,720.00	26	HARLAN	1
6	1,670.00	53	ANDERSON, SHELBY, SPENCER	1
7	1,669.00	13	GARRARD, JESSAMINE	1
8	1,538.00	04	HOPKINS	1
9	1,527.00	57	RUSSELL, WAYNE	1
10	1,521.00	55	BULLITT	1
11	1,405.00	39	BREATHITT, POWELL, WOLFE	1
12	1,337.00	07	LOGAN, TODD	1
13	1,325.00	27	KNOX, LAUREL	2
14	1,294.00	15	CARROLL, GRANT, OWEN	1
15	1,293.50	06	DAVISS	2
16	1,179.00	56	CALDWELL, LIVINGSTON, LYON, TRIGG	1
17	1,178.00	43	BARREN, METCALFE	1
18	1,177.00	49	ALLEN, SIMPSON	1
19	1,163.00	20	GREENUP, LEWIS	1
20	1,155.00	34	MCCREARY, WHITLEY	2
21	1,138.00	08	WARREN	2
22	1,120.50	28	LINCOLN, PULASKI, ROCKCASTLE	2
23	1,114.00	41	CLAY, JACKSON, LESLIE	1
24	1,110.00	12	HENRY, OLDHAM, TRIMBLE	1
25	1,107.00	24	JOHNSON, LAWRENCE, MARTIN	1
26	1,103.54	30	JEFFERSON	13
27	1,081.00	45	MCLEAN, MUHLENBERG	1
28	1,049.00	11	GREEN, MARION, TAYLOR, WASHINGTON	2
29	1,020.00	52	GRAVES	1
30	1,015.25	16	KENTON	4
31	1,011.00	51	HENDERSON	1
32	957.00	09	HARDIN	2
33	945.00	40	CLINTON, CUMBERLAND, MONROE	1
E 34	938.00	46	BRECKINRIDGE, GRAYSON, MEADE	2
E 34	938.00	44	BELL	1
36	928.00	19	BRACKEN, FLEMING, MASON	1
37	909.00	33	PERRY	1
38	907.00	23	ESTILL, LEE, OWSLEY	1
39	906.50	21	BATH, MENIFEE, MONTGOMERY, ROWAN	2
40	897.00	14	BOURBON, SCOTT, WOODFORD	2
41	874.00	17	CAMPBELL	2
42	860.33	22	FAYETTE	6
43	843.00	48	FRANKLIN	2
44	839.50	35	PIKE	2
45	831.00	01	BALLARD, CARLISLE, FULTON, HICKMAN	1
46	819.00	36	KNOTT, MAGOFFIN	1
47	812.00	29	ADAIR, CASEY	1
48	811.00	50	BOYLE, MERCER	1
49	799.00	37	CARTER, ELLIOTT, MORGAN	1
50	761.00	25	CLARK, MADISON	2
51	738.00	18	HARRISON, NICHOLAS, PENDLETON, ROBERTSON	1
52	731.00	02	MCCRACKEN	2
53	725.50	32	BOYD	2
54	711.00	03	CHRISTIAN	2
55	638.00	05	CRITTENDEN, UNION, WEBSTER	1
56	600.00	47	LETCHER	1
57	468.00	31	FLOYD	2
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Average Cases per Judge: **1,058.77**

Median: **1,020.00**

E = **Even**

Family Court Rankings FY 2005

Filings

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Per Judge</u>	<u>Family Court Site</u>	<u># of Judges</u>
1	2,726.00	FLOYD, KNOTT, MAGOFFIN	1
2	2,713.00	HARDIN	1
3	2,515.00	LINCOLN, PULASKI, ROCKCASTLE	1
4	1,977.00	BOONE, GALLATIN	1
5	1,905.33	FAYETTE	3
6	1,881.00	CHRISTIAN	1
7	1,867.40	JEFFERSON	10
8	1,762.00	CAMPBELL	1
9	1,570.00	JOHNSON, LAWRENCE, MARTIN	1
10	1,533.00	PIKE	1
11	1,495.00	MCCRACKEN	1
12	1,456.50	WARREN	2
13	1,348.00	BARREN, METCALFE	1
14	1,308.50	CLARK, MADISON	2
15	1,298.00	CARTER, ELLIOTT, MORGAN	1
16	1,217.00	CLAY, JACKSON, LESLIE	1
17	1,191.00	HENDERSON	1
18	1,143.00	BOYLE, MERCER	1
19	1,121.00	HENRY, OLDHAM, TRIMBLE	1
20	996.00	CRITTENDEN, UNION, WEBSTER	1
21	866.00	FRANKLIN	1
22	777.00	HARRISON, NICHOLAS, PENDLETON, ROBERTSON	1
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Average Cases per Judge: **1,658.54**

Family Court Rankings FY 2005

Closings

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Per Judge</u>	<u>Family Court Site</u>	<u># of Judges</u>
1	2,350.00	FLOYD, KNOTT, MAGOFFIN	1
2	2,230.00	LINCOLN, PULASKI, ROCKCASTLE	1
3	2,098.00	HARDIN	1
4	1,762.10	JEFFERSON	10
5	1,747.00	MCCRACKEN	1
6	1,741.00	CHRISTIAN	1
7	1,698.00	BOONE, GALLATIN	1
8	1,687.67	FAYETTE	3
9	1,612.00	CAMPBELL	1
10	1,582.00	PIKE	1
11	1,390.50	WARREN	2
12	1,339.00	JOHNSON, LAWRENCE, MARTIN	1
13	1,236.00	CLAY, JACKSON, LESLIE	1
14	1,189.00	BARREN, METCALFE	1
15	1,185.00	HENDERSON	1
16	1,154.00	CARTER, ELLIOTT, MORGAN	1
17	1,150.00	CLARK, MADISON	2
18	1,037.00	BOYLE, MERCER	1
19	930.00	HENRY, OLDHAM, TRIMBLE	1
20	849.00	CRITTENDEN, UNION, WEBSTER	1
21	656.00	FRANKLIN	1
22	644.00	HARRISON, NICHOLAS, PENDLETON, ROBERTSON	1
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			35

Average Cases per Judge: **1,515.49**

District Court

The District Court has limited jurisdiction, which means it hears only certain types of cases. Ninety percent of all Kentuckians involved in court proceedings appear before District Court. Juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, misdemeanors, traffic offenses, probate of wills, felony preliminary hearings, small claims, and civil cases involving \$4,000 or less are all District Court matters, as well as voluntary and involuntary mental commitments and cases relating to domestic violence and abuse. There are 115 district judges in 60 judicial districts in Kentucky. If a district has a high population and a heavy caseload, it may consist of only one county but have several judges. In less populated areas, a district may encompass more than one county, but have only one judge who travels among the district's counties to hear cases. In fiscal year 2005, the District Court recorded 803,704 cases filed and 797,761 cases disposed.

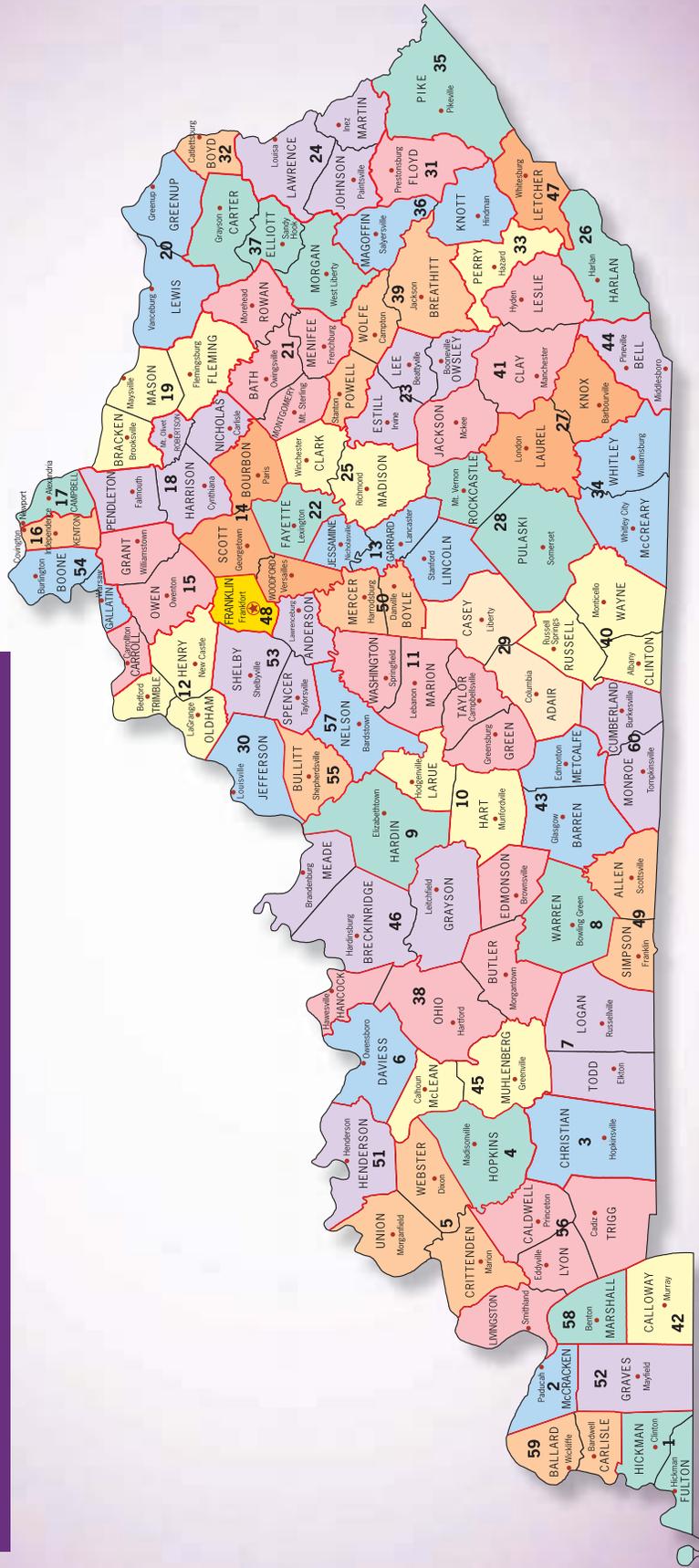


Judge Susan Johnson
24th Judicial District
2005 President, District Judges Association



Judge Karen Thomas
17th Judicial District
2005 Chair, District Judges Education Committee

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS of the Commonwealth of Kentucky



District Court Rankings FY 2005

Closings

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Per Judge</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>District Name</u>	<u># of Judges</u>
1	12,288.0	22	FAYETTE	5
2	11,617.5	08	WARREN	2
3	10,836.0	25	CLARK, MADISON	2
4	9,960.0	39	BREATHITT, POWELL, WOLFE	1
5	9,552.5	54	BOONE, GALLATIN	2
6	9,484.8	30	JEFFERSON	17
7	8,849.5	09	HARDIN	2
8	8,491.0	50	BOYLE, MERCER	1
9	8,293.0	27	KNOX, LAUREL	2
10	8,149.0	26	HARLAN	1
11	7,795.0	57	NELSON	1
12	7,759.0	43	BARREN, METCALFE	1
13	7,733.0	07	LOGAN, TODD	1
14	7,550.3	16	KENTON	4
15	7,528.0	20	GREENUP, LEWIS	1
16	7,460.5	35	PIKE	2
17	7,091.0	37	CARTER, ELLIOTT, MORGAN	1
18	7,084.0	28	PULASKI, ROCKCASTLE	2
19	6,988.0	44	BELL	1
20	6,841.0	52	GRAVES	1
21	6,681.0	12	HENRY, OLDHAM, TRIMBLE	2
22	6,648.7	06	DAVISS	3
23	6,633.0	14	BOURBON, SCOTT, WOODFORD	2
24	6,621.0	02	MCCRACKEN	2
25	6,614.0	17	CAMPBELL	2
26	6,527.0	49	ALLEN, SIMPSON	1
27	6,524.0	45	MCLEAN, MUHLENBERG	1
28	6,443.0	03	CHRISTIAN	2
29	6,269.0	05	CRITTENDEN, UNION, WEBSTER	1
30	5,979.0	21	BATH, MENIFEE, MONTGOMERY, ROWAN	2
31	5,750.0	13	GARRARD, JESSAMINE, LINCOLN	2
32	5,738.0	48	FRANKLIN	2
33	5,736.0	33	PERRY	1
34	5,734.0	53	ANDERSON, SHELBY, SPENCER	2
35	5,424.0	46	BRECKINRIDGE, GRAYSON, MEADE	2
36	5,366.0	51	HENDERSON	2
37	5,339.0	29	ADAIR, CASEY	1
38	5,258.0	36	KNOTT, MAGOFFIN	1
39	5,137.5	11	GREEN, MARION, TAYLOR, WASHINGTON	2
40	5,064.5	55	BULLITT	2
41	5,034.0	15	CARROLL, GRANT, OWEN	2
42	4,975.5	41	CLAY, JACKSON, LESLIE	2
43	4,973.0	23	ESTILL, LEE, OWSLEY	1
44	4,948.0	10	HART, LARUE	1
45	4,893.0	58	MARSHALL	1
46	4,858.0	42	CALLOWAY	1
47	4,833.0	18	HARRISON, NICHOLAS, PENDLETON, ROBERTSON	1
48	4,829.0	19	BRACKEN, FLEMING, MASON	1
49	4,705.0	56	CALDWELL, LIVINGSTON, LYON, TRIGG	2
50	4,621.0	24	JOHNSON, LAWRENCE, MARTIN	2
51	4,358.0	40	CLINTON, RUSSELL, WAYNE	2
52	4,324.5	32	BOYD	2
53	4,298.0	34	MCCREARY, WHITLEY	2
54	4,175.0	04	HOPKINS	2
55	4,127.0	47	LETCHER	1
56	4,028.0	38	BUTLER, EDMONSON, HANCOCK, OHIO	2
57	3,862.5	31	FLOYD	2
58	2,356.0	59	BALLARD, CARLISLE	1
59	2,317.0	60	CUMBERLAND, MONROE	1
60	2,292.0	01	FULTON, HICKMAN	1

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Average Cases per Judge: **6,937.05**

Median: **5,864.50**

SENIOR STATUS PROGRAM for SPECIAL JUDGES



The Senior Status Program for Special Judges began in 2000 when the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 439 which allowed judges to continue contributing their expertise to the courts after their retirement. This legislation kicked off a pilot project that has enabled the Judicial Branch to fill vacancies in a timely manner that was not possible when sitting judges were the only resource to handle dockets statewide.

From the program's creation in 2000 until December 2005, 100 of Kentucky's 120 counties had been served by senior status judges. It is anticipated that all counties will eventually benefit from the program. In 2005 more than 1.1 millions cases came before state courts. The additional resources provided by senior status judges helped to administer timely justice to the

citizens involved in these cases. Kentucky citizens also benefited from the unique knowledge acquired by retired judges who have dedicated years of service to the courts. In fiscal year 2005, senior status judges served a combined total of **4119** days in courts across the state.

Senior judge programs are a national trend among state and federal courts, but Kentucky appears to be unique in compensating judges solely through enhanced retirement benefits rather than general fund appropriations. Because Kentucky senior status judges do not receive a salary, the only additional costs to the state are nominal travel expenses and the annual funding to the Judicial Retirement Plan.



Judge William J. Wehr
Chief Senior Status Judge

Judge Wehr took administrative oversight of the Senior Status Program for Special Judges in September 2004, when he was appointed chief senior status judge by Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert. In this role he assigns senior judges on the behalf of the Chief Justice and signs the resulting orders.

District Court Rankings FY 2005

Filings

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Per Judge</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>District Name</u>	<u># of Judges</u>
1	12,489.8	22	FAYETTE	5
2	11,110.5	25	CLARK, MADISON	2
3	10,985.5	08	WARREN	2
4	9,844.0	54	BOONE, GALLATIN	2
5	9,572.0	39	BREATHITT, POWELL, WOLFE	1
6	9,310.5	27	KNOX, LAUREL	2
7	9,212.2	30	JEFFERSON	17
8	8,970.0	50	BOYLE, MERCER	1
9	8,892.5	09	HARDIN	2
10	8,101.0	07	LOGAN, TODD	1
11	7,840.0	26	HARLAN	1
12	7,590.0	49	ALLEN, SIMPSON	1
13	7,567.5	16	KENTON	4
14	7,416.0	37	CARTER, ELLIOTT, MORGAN	1
15	7,356.0	43	BARREN, METCALFE	1
16	7,336.0	52	GRAVES	1
17	7,272.0	57	NELSON	1
18	7,129.5	14	BOURBON, SCOTT, WOODFORD	2
19	7,106.0	20	GREENUP, LEWIS	1
20	6,960.0	35	PIKE	2
21	6,931.0	44	BELL	1
22	6,919.0	28	PULASKI, ROCKCASTLE	2
23	6,858.0	45	MCLEAN, MUHLENBERG	1
24	6,740.7	06	DAVISS	3
25	6,723.0	17	CAMPBELL	2
26	6,585.5	12	HENRY, OLDHAM, TRIMBLE	2
27	6,518.0	05	CRITTENDEN, UNION, WEBSTER	1
28	6,375.0	03	CHRISTIAN	2
29	6,255.5	13	GARRARD, JESSAMINE, LINCOLN	2
30	6,212.0	02	MCCRACKEN	2
31	6,132.0	21	BATH, MENIFEE, MONTGOMERY, ROWAN	2
32	5,927.0	48	FRANKLIN	2
33	5,889.0	33	PERRY	1
34	5,847.0	53	ANDERSON, SHELBY, SPENCER	2
35	5,577.0	46	BRECKINRIDGE, GRAYSON, MEADE	2
36	5,552.0	29	ADAIR, CASEY	1
37	5,331.0	10	HART, LARUE	1
38	5,278.0	23	ESTILL, LEE, OWSLEY	1
39	5,249.0	36	KNOTT, MAGOFFIN	1
40	5,183.5	15	CARROLL, GRANT, OWEN	2
41	5,136.0	55	BULLITT	2
42	5,134.0	51	HENDERSON	2
43	5,133.5	11	GREEN, MARION, TAYLOR, WASHINGTON	2
44	5,088.0	41	CLAY, JACKSON, LESLIE	2
45	5,000.0	18	HARRISON, NICHOLAS, PENDLETON, ROBERTSON	1
46	4,953.0	19	BRACKEN, FLEMING, MASON	1
47	4,883.0	34	MCCREARY, WHITLEY	2
48	4,882.5	24	JOHNSON, LAWRENCE, MARTIN	2
49	4,838.0	56	CALDWELL, LIVINGSTON, LYON, TRIGG	2
50	4,650.0	58	MARSHALL	1
51	4,608.5	40	CLINTON, RUSSELL, WAYNE	2
52	4,562.0	42	CALLOWAY	1
53	4,387.5	32	BOYD	2
54	4,357.0	47	LETCHER	1
55	4,328.0	04	HOPKINS	2
56	4,134.0	38	BUTLER, EDMONSON, HANCOCK, OHIO	2
57	4,047.5	31	FLOYD	2
58	2,630.0	60	CUMBERLAND, MONROE	1
59	2,361.0	59	BALLARD, CARLISLE	1
60	2,339.0	01	FULTON, HICKMAN	1

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Average Cases per Judge: **6,988.73**

Median: **6,172.00**

Circuit Clerks

The 120 clerks of the circuit courts oversee documentation of trial court activities in each of Kentucky's counties. The clerk of the Circuit Court also serves as the clerk of the District Court for that county. Clerks are elected for a six-year term. Circuit clerks' offices vary in size from one clerk and one deputy clerk to 300 or more deputy clerks and administrative staff. The clerks of the trial courts keep a docket for each original action filed in that court and assign each such action a consecutive file number. All papers filed with the clerk are marked with the file number and noted chronologically in the docket on the page or pages of the docket assigned to the action. These notations show the nature of each paper filed or issued and the substance of each order or judgment. This process is maintained and secured in both paper and electronic records for the nearly one million actions filed in Kentucky courts each year. In fiscal year 2005, the Circuit court clerks' offices collectively processed **\$266,927,627** in fines, fees, costs and other monies.



Gary Haddock
Circuit Clerk, Christian County
2005 President
Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks



Janet Hearld
Circuit Clerk, Muhlenberg County
2005 Chair, Circuit Clerks' Education Committee

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The Circuit Court Clerks attended a special banquet to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks in 1905. They gathered in Louisville for a group photograph that provides an update to the picture (see front cover) of the clerks convened at Grayson Springs.

The circuit court clerks who served Kentucky in 2005 are listed below in alphabetical order by county:

Adair, Dennis Loy • Allen, Todd Calvert • Anderson, Jan Rogers • Ballard, Patricia Oldham
Barren, Nancy Botts • Bath, Nancy Crouch • Bell, Charles Green • Boone, Patricia Gutzeit • Bourbon,
Sherry Rankin • Boyd, Nancy Kay Arthur • Boyle, Trudy Stevens • Bracken, Kathy Free • Breathitt, Patsy
Williams • Breckinridge, Connie Brumfield • Bullitt, Doris Cornell • Butler, Bonnie Howard • Caldwell,
Jo Ann Newsom • Calloway, Vicki Wilson • Campbell, Thomas Calme • Carlisle, Kevin Hoskins • Carroll,
Laman Stark • Carter, Larry Thompson • Casey, Craig Overstreet • Christian, Gary Haddock • Clark, David
Hunt • Clay, James Phillips • Clinton, Jake Staton • Crittenden, Madeline Henderson • Cumberland, Hazel
Jones • Daviess, Susan W. Tierney • Edmonson, Sharon French • Elliott, Delmaine Dickerson • Estill,
Charlene Baker • Fayette, Wilma Lynch • Fleming, Pamela Lowe • Floyd, Douglas Ray Hall • Franklin,
Janice Marshall • Fulton, Sarah Johnson • Gallatin, Sue O'Connor • Garrard, Jennifer Grubbs • Grant,
Shirley Wilson • Graves, Nedra Nall Shemwell • Grayson, Elois Downs • Green, John Frank • Greenup,
Allen Reed • Hancock, Noel Quinn • Hardin, Ralph Baskett • Harlan, Paul Williams • Harrison, Wanda
Marsh • Hart, Rita Doyle • Henderson, Ruth London • Henry, Mary Lou Roberts • Hickman, Carolyn
Kimbell • Hopkins, Carolyn Polley • Jackson, Bobby Morris • Jefferson, Tony Miller • Jessamine, H. Douglas
Fain • Johnson, Vicki Rice • Kenton, Karen Linn • Knott, Judy Watson-Conley • Knox, Greg Helton
Larue, Larry Bell • Laurel, Roger Schott • Lawrence, Martha Kiser • Lee, Emma Adams • Leslie,
Carmolitta Morgan-Pace • Letcher, Margaret Nichols • Lewis, Kathy Hardy • Lincoln, Teresa Reed
Livingston, Jackie Doom • Logan, Sherry Wilkins • Lyon, Rebecca Howard • Madison, Linda Spurlock
Cates • Magoffin, Roger Gullett • Marion, Kimberly May • Marshall, L. Carol Fisk • Martin, Jack Horn
Mason, Kirk Tolle • McCracken, Mike Lawrence • McCreary, Othel King • McLean, Stephanie King
Meade, Evelyn Medley • Menifee, Karen Wells-Sorrell • Mercer, M. Rose Bishop • Metcalfe, Mary Shive
Monroe, Joyce Emberton • Montgomery, Connie Curtis • Morgan, Donna Pelfrey • Muhlenberg, Janet
Hearld • Nelson, Diane Thompson • Nicholas, Sandye Watkins • Ohio, Gaynell Allen • Oldham, Linda
Mason • Owen, Cindy Wright • Owsley, Mike Mays • Pendleton, Michael Redden • Perry, Roger Collins
Pike, David Deskins • Powell, Vickie Reed • Pulaski, George Flynn • Robertson, Judith Walters
Rockcastle, Teresa Vanzant • Rowan, Jim Barker • Russell, Tony Kerr • Scott, Karen Boehm • Shelby, Kathy
Nichols • Simpson, Jan Murphree • Spencer, Phyllis Shafar • Taylor, Rodney Burrese • Todd, Mark Cowherd
Trigg, Pamela Perry • Trimble, June Ginn • Union, Sue Beaven • Warren, Patricia Goad • Washington,
George Graves • Wayne, Richard Morrow • Webster, Amy Villines • Whitley, Gary Barton • Wolfe, Susan
Neff • Woodford, Patricia Kittinger

Monies Collected by Circuit Clerks' Offices

Statewide Totals FY 2005

<u>FEECODE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCES</u>	<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>	<u>CASH DISBURSMENTS</u>	<u>CASH REFUNDS</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCES</u>
Drivers Licn	\$0.00	\$12,587,108.29	\$0.00	\$253.00	\$0.00
Charges for Services	\$0.00	\$4,159,170.77	\$0.00	\$23,221.30	\$0.00
Expungement Fees	\$0.00	\$52,166.50	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Restitution Fees	\$0.00	\$331,320.66	\$0.00	\$395.78	\$0.00
Bond Filing Fee	\$0.00	\$523,792.03	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00
Bond 10% Fee	\$0.00	\$780,201.63	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Bond Forfeitures	\$0.00	\$1,817,378.33	\$0.00	\$10,508.50	\$0.00
Fish & Game Fines	\$0.00	\$186,952.47	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
Highway Work Zone Safety Fines	\$0.00	\$318,208.93	\$0.00	\$395.92	\$0.00
Alcohol Intoxication Fines	\$0.00	\$363,987.60	\$0.00	\$311.08	\$0.00
Energy Recovery Road Fines	\$0.00	\$144,325.70	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Criminal/Traffic Costs	\$0.00	\$52,995,645.28	\$0.00	\$28,047.20	\$0.00
Criminal/Traffic Fines	\$0.00	\$23,144,980.15	\$0.00	\$17,933.67	\$0.00
Handicap Fees	\$0.00	\$61,352.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Jail Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crime Victims Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
D.U.I Service Fees	\$0.00	\$6,478,511.48	\$0.00	\$2,433.50	\$0.00
Brady Bill Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
S.C.H.I.R. Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
T.B.I. Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Court Facilities Fees	\$0.00	\$5,575,760.68	\$0.00	\$3,115.00	\$0.00
Court Security Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Civil Filing Fees	\$0.00	\$10,266,292.97	\$0.00	\$6,190.50	\$0.00
Access to Justice Fees	\$0.00	\$2,978,473.17	\$0.00	\$2,055.00	\$0.00
P.A. Partial Fees	\$0.00	\$1,410,988.54	\$0.00	\$1,477.50	\$0.00
Public Advocate Admin Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$863,301.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Over/(Short)	\$0.00	(\$212,234.05)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total State Money	\$11,064,657.45	\$124,827,684.92	\$123,706,092.38	\$98,582.95	\$12,087,667.04
Jury Fund	\$414,389.75	\$3,424,469.66	\$3,462,347.75	\$0.00	\$376,511.66
Witness Fund	\$8,959.50	\$113,482.98	\$127,836.62	\$0.00	(\$5,394.14)
Bail Bond	\$39,831,678.07	\$75,914,576.15	\$74,281,929.98	\$0.00	\$41,464,324.24
Alimony & Support	\$36,802.31	\$1,636,812.95	\$1,654,773.03	\$0.00	\$18,842.23
Rest & Gar	\$1,836,091.52	\$9,121,025.74	\$8,986,321.29	\$0.00	\$1,970,795.97
Condemnation	\$9,661,858.92	\$15,248,966.30	\$15,123,090.33	\$0.00	\$9,787,734.89
County Jail	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Collect for Others	\$8,895,351.54	\$26,135,992.92	\$26,422,215.56	\$0.00	\$8,609,128.90
Library Fees	\$93,232.09	\$957,150.29	\$950,653.72	\$0.00	\$99,728.66
Sheriff SS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Savings Bal	\$71,843,021.15	\$257,380,161.91	\$254,715,260.66	\$98,582.95	\$74,409,339.45
Spec Escrow	\$17,194,082.38	\$9,547,465.06	\$10,696,890.23	\$0.00	\$16,044,657.21
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$89,037,103.53	\$266,927,626.97	\$265,412,150.89	\$98,582.95	\$90,453,996.66

The A O C

The statutory duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts include: act as fiscal agent for the Court of Justice; maintain data processing systems; disperse and maintain supplies and equipment; administer personnel policies and payroll; oversee the state pretrial and juvenile services programs; supervise the State Law Library; provide educational programs for judges, court clerks, and support staff; prepare, publish and print manuals, forms, stationery, and other materials. The Administrative Office of the Courts consists of a Director's Office and 14 departments, many of which consist of one or more divisions. The AOC departments are identified as follows:

Administrative Services

- Division of Accounting & Purchasing
- Division of Minority Affairs
- Division of Personnel

Auditing Services

Office of Budget and Policy

Court Facilities

Court Services

Drug Court

Education Services

Information Systems

- Division of Customer Service
- Division of Development/Programming
- Division of Networking
- Division of Security Systems

Juvenile Services

- Division of Children's Services
- Division of Court Designated Workers & Law Related Education
- Division of Court Interpreting Services

Mediation and Family Court Services

- Division of Mediation
- Division of Family Court

Office of General Counsel

Pretrial Services

- Division of Accessioning
- Division of Court Security
- Division of Pretrial Services
- Division of Records Operations

Public Information

State Law Library

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Department of Administrative Services provides purchasing and accounting of all goods and services used by the Court of Justice, which includes managing all memoranda of agreement, memoranda of understanding, personal services contracts, price contracts, and federal and private agency activity.

The department also provides centralized payroll and personnel services to more than 3,500 Court of Justice employees and elected officials throughout the state.

Using improved technologies, Administrative Services continually works to improve services. In fiscal year 2005, transition to an automated reporting system and automated employee orientation was completed, as well as 200 newly created positions across the state processed. Additionally, Minority Affairs created a centralized maintenance and access system for all AOC applications.

AUDITING SERVICES

The Department of Auditing Services is responsible for regulating accounting policies and procedures for Kentucky's circuit clerk and master commissioner offices and for monitoring their financial activities, including performing full-scale audits of their accounting records. The department's 10 judicial auditors also provide technical assistance in the receipt, disbursement, investment and reporting of funds collected by clerks and master commissioners.

Auditing Services continues to participate in the development, improvement and implementation of the Windows-based accounting and jury management systems, as well as assisting with training programs and manuals for circuit clerks, deputy clerks and master commissioners.

FY 2005 Services and Days Provided by Judicial Auditors

Field Visits	243
On Site Trainings	87
Installation of Automated Receipts & Bookkeeping Systems (in number of days spent)	289
Investigations & Audits	54
Monthly Financial Reports Reviewed	1500
Annual Financial Reports Reviewed	120
Funds Collected (in millions of dollars)	267.0

BUDGET and POLICY

The Office of Budget and Policy monitors the Judicial Branch budget and serves as the advisory staff for the AOC Director in coordinating

Court facilities also carried out many renovation projects in fiscal 2005 for facilities that needed repair due to everyday use or that needed to be brought into compliance with current standards set forth by OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Renovated judicial centers, like those newly constructed, are equipped with the latest computer technologies,

courtroom video and audio systems,

and security systems. Other

projects involved restoring

areas of historical value to

approximate their original

presence. An example of

this type of renovation

is the Kentucky State

Law Library where

modern furnishings

and fixtures were

replaced with turn-of-the-century style items.

In response to the 2005

General Assembly's

authorization to

build 18 new judicial

centers, AOC and

local governments

began planning and

organizing for their

construction. New

construction is planned

and executed under

governmental guidelines

that ensure court facility

capital construction

projects conform to uniform standards

and procedures.



**Court Facilities
Organization Chart**

Court Facilities' construction procedures and its approach to designing and implementing facility infrastructures are constantly evolving in order to accommodate judicial facility needs and to serve as an example for other types of facilities across the commonwealth and nation. Court Facilities' successes and achievements would not be possible without the ongoing support of the Kentucky Legislature, local government officials and citizens of the Commonwealth.

budgetary administration. In this capacity, the office oversees the preparation and execution of the annual operating budget and the preparation of the Judicial Branch Biennial Budget Request. It attends legislative committee meetings during the General Assembly and provides the AOC with an analysis of legislation that may have a fiscal and programmatic impact on the Court of Justice.

COURT OF JUSTICE BUDGET	
General Fund	
	FY 2005 Actual Expenditures
Court Operations & Administration	
Supreme Court	4,253,000
Court of Appeals	6,768,900
Circuit Court	32,028,700
District Court	17,567,500
Circuit Clerks	63,424,100
Administrative Office of the Courts	34,025,100
Capital Outlay	445,800
Subtotal	158,513,100
Local Facilities Fund	59,907,800
Judicial Retirement	2,299,800
TOTAL BUDGET	220,720,700
<i>Source: FY 2005 Judicial Branch Financial Statements</i>	

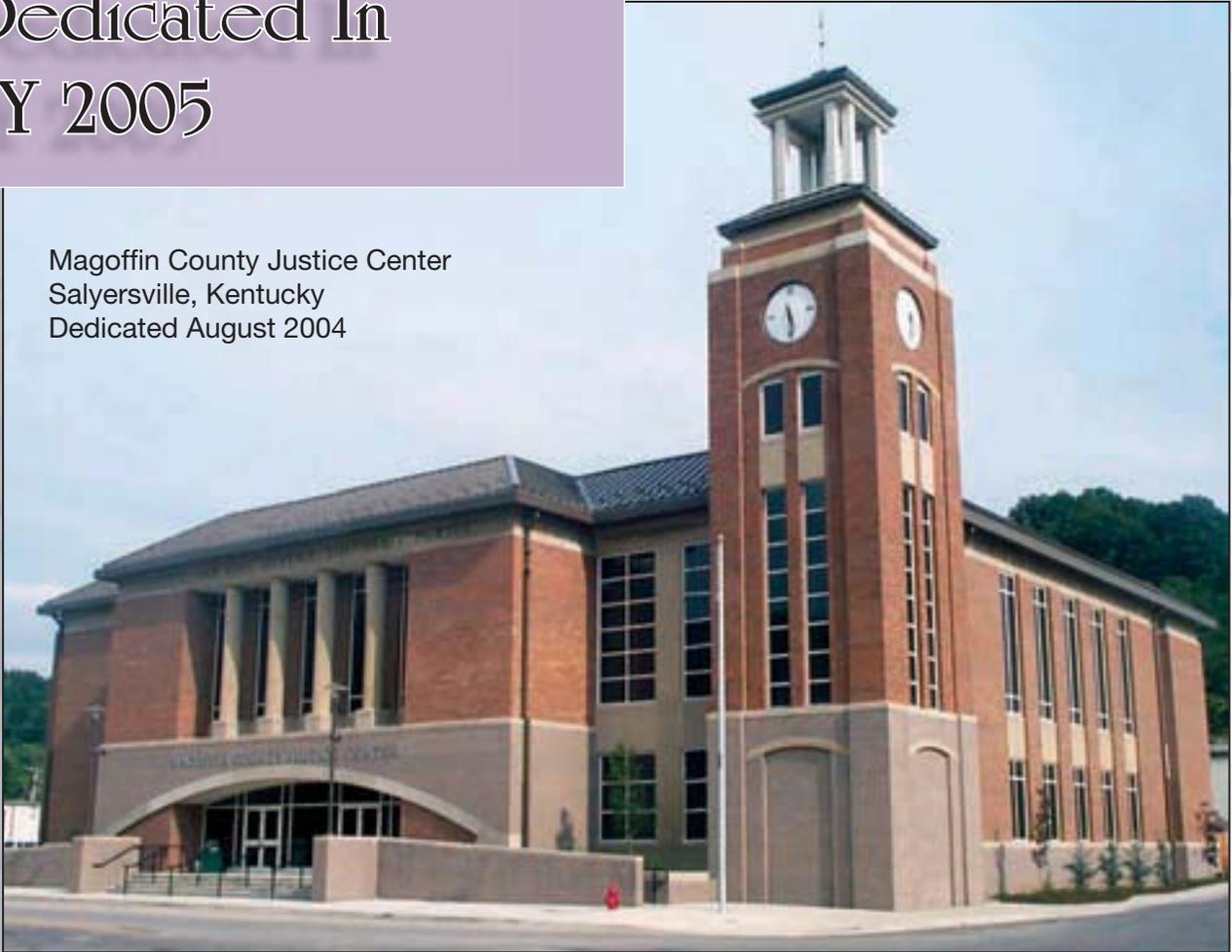
COURT FACILITIES

The Department of Court Facilities is responsible for operating, maintaining and equipping all courtroom and office space for the Court of Justice, including managing new construction as it is needed. Court Facilities currently oversees more than 4,000,000 square feet of facility space occupied by the Court of Justice throughout the state. But the need for additional space increases continually along with Kentucky's growing population and its need for additional judicial services. Through the joint efforts of state officials, local governments, and the AOC, six new judicial facilities were completed during fiscal 2005 and construction continued on three others.

With court security as a high priority, state-of-the-art security equipment is installed in new judicial centers and prisoner movement is segregated by providing for separate entrances, corridors, and elevators.

New Courthouses Dedicated In FY 2005

Magoffin County Justice Center
Salyersville, Kentucky
Dedicated August 2004



Simpson County Justice Center
Franklin, Kentucky
Dedicated August 2004

Carter County Justice Center
Grayson, Kentucky
Dedicated September 2004



Cumberland County Justice Center
Burkesville, Kentucky
Dedicated December 2004



Wayne County Justice Center
Monticello, Kentucky
Dedicated April 2005



Clay County Justice Center
Manchester, Kentucky
Dedicated May 2005



COURT SERVICES

The Department of Court Services through its two divisions, **Case Management** and **Research & Statistics**, currently creates and maintains annual caseload activity as reported by the circuit clerks' offices, supplies pending case reports to all judges and circuit clerks, tracks Notice of Submissions for the Supreme Court and provides aggregate statistical data for the public. The department also provides training for circuit clerks' offices and assists with their emergency needs for personnel.

In fiscal year 2005, in keeping with its mission to provide unified solutions for record management, the department completed the five year process of implementing the automated case management system, KyCourts II, in the Circuit Clerk offices of Kentucky's 120 counties. The e-citation pilot program, developed in collaboration with the Kentucky State Police, was implemented in 20 counties. E-destruction training, inline with the Record Retention Schedule, was completed in over 30 counties. The department also launched a faster and more efficient means of distributing pending cases, 90-day DUI and Notice of Submissions, using Crystal Mass Process and Crystal2PDF email programs.

DRUG COURT

The Department of Drug Court oversees Kentucky's adult and juvenile drug court programs. The mission of drug courts is to help eligible participants break the negative cycle of addiction and related crime which burden the community and prevent drug and alcohol abusers from living productive lives. Drug courts function within a cooperative courtroom environment where treatment services professionals and the justice system collaborate in supporting and monitoring a participant's recovery.

In fiscal year 2005, the number of drug court programs in Kentucky reached 42 – 30 adult, one family and 11 juvenile. Operational programs encompass 58 counties, with 56 judges volunteering their time to oversee drug court meetings and an additional docket each week. Nine new programs were expected to begin within the first month of fiscal year 2006.

During fiscal year 2005, there were 352 graduates from drug courts across the state. Drug courts also witnessed an increase in the amount of court obligations collected from participants, from \$21,469 in 2004 to \$272,748 in 2005. The amount of court obligations paid since the inception of the Kentucky Drug Court totals \$1,210,570.

Outcome Evaluations

The University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research has completed a second independent outcome evaluation on the Kentucky Drug Court, affirming that the programs continue to be effective. The research found that drug court participants were more likely to have prior felony charges and convictions than the comparison group of probationers.

One year after graduating drug court, however, 13.5% of graduates were convicted of a new offense, versus 52.1% of probationers; and two years after graduating drug court 20.2% of graduates were convicted of a new offense, versus 57.3% of probationers.

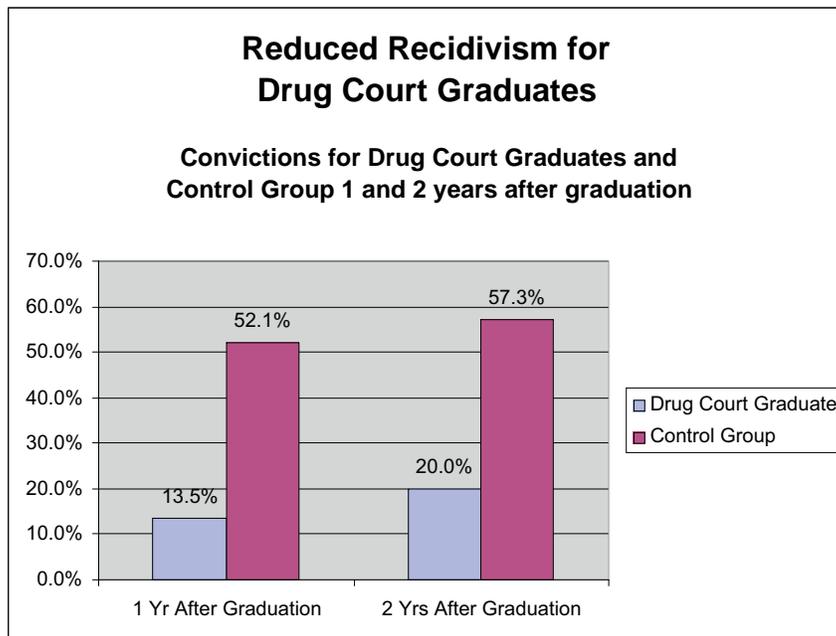
Recognition Awards

The National Association of Drug Court Professionals recognized two Kentucky Drug Court programs for their efforts during National Drug Court Month: the Knott and Magoffin program and that of Fulton, Hickman, Ballard and Carlisle counties.

Federal Funding

In fiscal year 2005, the Kentucky Drug Court received two grants from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, one for an adult program in Bell County and one for a juvenile program in Clark and Madison counties. The Bureau of Justice Assistance provides funding for 11 Kentucky Drug Court programs – eight adult and three juvenile programs.

2004 UKCDAR Outcome Evaluation



Drug Courts Collect Pop Top Tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses

Connie Payne, general manager of AOC Drug Court Department, displays 1,015 pounds of pop top can tabs collected from Drug Court programs across the state. The tabs were donated during National Drug Court Month to raise proceeds for Ronald McDonald Houses.

State Funding

The 2005 Executive Budget provided \$2 million to establish new drug courts in coal-producing counties. The funding was included in the

Office of Drug Control Policy's budget and will be administered by that office. As of July 1, 2005, the Kentucky Drug Court was poised to establish six new drug court programs, encompassing 12 counties. The Office of Drug Control Policy continued to provide funding in 2005 for the McCracken County program, for which Chief Justice Lambert and Lt. Gov. Pence were instrumental in securing funding in 2004.



Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert, with Lt. Governor Stephen B. Pence in the background, speaks at the announcement of program funding for the McCracken County Drug Court.

Operation UNITE

Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment and Education) works closely with the Kentucky Drug Court on issues of illegal drug usage, treatment and recovery. The organization funds 16 Kentucky Drug Court programs, encompassing 24 counties in eastern and southeastern Kentucky: 11 adult and four juvenile. Two of these adult programs were implemented in fiscal year 2005.

Department of Juvenile Justice

In 2005, as in years past, the Department of Juvenile Justice has assisted the Kentucky Drug Court by providing funding for pilot juvenile programs. Without the \$50,000 provided by the Department of Juvenile Justice, at least two pilot juvenile programs (Henderson and Daviess) would not exist.

Management Information System

Throughout fiscal year 2005, the Kentucky Drug Court Department worked with the AOC Informational Systems Department to create a Management Information System (MIS) for drug court programs. The MIS assists drug court staff with the daily intake of information on participants and promotes consistency among the various programs. The MIS capability of creating statistical reports for each program, for a region or for the state is an invaluable tool for the Kentucky Drug Court Department, the drug court teams and the judges.

EDUCATION SERVICES

The Department of Education Services is charged with providing continuing education for members of the judiciary and professional training for circuit court clerks, deputy clerks, trial commissioners, domestic relations commissioners and other court support staff of the Judicial Branch.



Education Services General Manager Deborah Williamson, far left helped coordinate a seminar with a visiting delegation of Russian judges on June 2, 2005. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sara W. Combs, fourth from right, and AOC Director Melinda L. Wheeler, second from right, served as presenters.

Continuing Judicial Education

Supreme Court Rule 8.000 mandates a minimum of 25 hours of continuing judicial education in a two-year period for justices and judges. With direction from the Circuit and District Judges Education Committees, the department conducts annual judicial colleges and specialty programs. Fiscal year 2005 specialty programs included the Administrative Practices Conference, which addressed internal operating procedures within courts, and the Homeland Security-Emergency Health Powers Regional Conference, which explored judicial contingencies in a public health crisis.

Grant funding continued to supplement judicial training in 2005. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, funded spring and fall judicial trainings on issues arising from impaired driving cases.

Circuit Clerk Education Programs

The department, assisted by the Circuit Clerks' Education Committee, plans and conducts conferences for circuit court clerks and regional

trainings for deputy clerks. In fiscal year 2005, training concentrated on performance management, team building and substantive clerical skills for the Office of Circuit Clerk.

Administrative Office of the Courts

Education Services coordinates training programs for staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts. In fiscal year 2005, training was provided on supervisory obligations and substance abuse and sexual harassment issues in the workplace. The department also works with other AOC departments, the judiciary and the clerks to support interdisciplinary training with the bar, agencies and other participants in the system of justice.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Information Systems, in collaboration with court business partners, provides technology solutions to improve the operational efficiency of Kentucky's courts and court support systems. The department consists of four divisions: Development and Programming; Networking; Security Systems; and Customer Service. Each of these divisions is involved in specific areas of technical support for more than 3,500 Court of Justice employees spread across the state in over 600 facilities.

In fiscal year 2005, the department focused on modernizing technologies to prepare for the future. This is a continual process that began in the 1980s with the introduction of computer automation. Since then the capabilities of the Court of Justice's networking infrastructure has grown to provide centralized solutions and web-based programming that is standardized across the state.

Information Systems continues to develop data management applications to help the courts better serve the citizens of the Commonwealth. Examples of these innovative tools are: Circuit Clerk Bookkeeping, E-Citations, Case Designated Worker Management Program, Foster Care Management Program and the Jury Management System.

JUVENILE SERVICES

The Department of Juvenile Services has three divisions: **Dependent Children's Services, Court Designated Workers and Law Related Education, and Court Interpreting Services.**

Dependent Children's Services

The Division of Dependent Children's Services recruits, trains and provides support to Citizen Foster Care Review Board volunteers. It administers the federally funded Court Improvement Project and Children's Justice Act Grant. The division also provides services in permanency mediation and coordinates education programs for Guardian ad Litem and other professionals working in the child protection system. The division's statewide tracking system of children in foster care helps District, Circuit, and Family Court judges manage their juvenile dockets.

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards function in all 120 Kentucky counties. During fiscal year 2005, these boards conducted 22,371 reviews of 9,064 children in out-of-home care. Review findings and recommendations help judges with handling the cases of dependant, neglected and abused children and with expediting their permanent placement.

Citizen Foster Care Review Board volunteers staff the Interested Party Review Pilot Project, which conducts in-person reviews with the parties involved in cases of abuse and neglect. During fiscal year 2005, project reviews affected the lives of more than 200 children.

Guardian ad Litem Education Program

The Children's Justice Act Grant, awarded by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, funds the Guardian ad Litem Education Program which coordinates and conducts training for Guardian ad Litem and serves as an overall child protection resource for judges and other professionals. In fiscal year 2005, the program provided training on issues of dependency, neglect and abuse for 1,737 professionals, including attorneys, law students, law enforcement officers and Department of Community Based Service staff.

Court Designated Workers

Court Designated Worker services are provided for each of Kentucky's 120 counties and are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to process public and status offense complaints against people under the age of 18. Uniform criteria determine which complaints are eligible for informal processing through the Court Designated Worker Program (CDW).

In fiscal year 2005, the CDW program processed 36,474 new public and status offense complaints. This assistance provided to District and Family Courts is broken down as follows:

Public offense complaints: 27,200 cases in which 7,220 (28.5%) were informally diverted through the CDW program with a success rate of 90.8%.

Status offense complaints: 9,274 cases in which 3,794 (42.5%) were informally diverted through the CDW program with a success rate of 65.5%.

The CDW program informally diverted a total of 11,014 cases with a success rate of 82.4%. An additional 3,075 public and status offense cases were informally processed or dismissed at the direction of the court or county attorney, further reducing the caseload for District and Family Courts.

Pre-complaint conferences for status offenses: 1,861 conferences were held, as required by the Kentucky Revised Statutes for status offense cases.

Release of juveniles: of the 15,378 juveniles taken into custody in 2005, the CDW program assisted in the release of 11,965 for an overall release percentage of 75.5%.

Restitution: \$95,005 in restitution to crime victims was collected.

Community service: 68,840 hours in community service was recovered.

In addition, court designated workers reported approximately 325 neglect and abuse cases to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in fiscal year 2005.

Law Related Education

The Law Related Educational Program provides citizens, particularly young people, with information about the law, legal processes and the fundamental principles and values that underlie our constitutional democracy. In fiscal year 2005, 126,318 young people participated in Law Related Education programs across the state. Through these programs, judges, educators, law enforcement officers, juvenile justice practitioners, and attorneys have an opportunity to interact directly with youth in their communities in a positive learning environment.

In fiscal year 2005, Kentucky Teen Court was held in 22 counties with Circuit, Family and District Court judges presiding over a formal court proceeding administered by the offender's peers. In the Kentucky Mock Trial Program, over 50 Appellate, Circuit, Family and District Court judges volunteered their time for statewide Mock Trial competitions. A Kentucky team placed fifth in the national contest. All levels of the judiciary participated in the We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution Program through classroom visits, mock congressional hearings and as speaks for the high school state competition.

Court Interpreting Services

The Supreme Court of Kentucky Rules of Administrative Procedures for the Appointment of Interpreters (Amended AP Part IX) became effective in December 2004. This action codifies initiatives that the Chief Justice and the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts have supported since 2001.

The Amended Order establishes a process for securing the most qualified interpreter to be appointed or requested for a given assignment; defines and clarifies certification requirements for both visual and spoken language interpreters; institutes the Code of Professional Responsibility for Interpreters; implements a Uniform Payment Rate for Freelance Interpreters; and provides for an organizational plan to hire staff interpreters for the Spanish language to serve those regions with the greatest demand.

In fiscal year 2005, the division hired two staff interpreters for Spanish to serve Fayette County, three for Jefferson, two for Kenton and surrounding counties and one for Shelby. The division certified five new court interpreters for Spanish, bringing the total to 13 across the state. The AOC interpreter directory also lists 37 licensed visual language interpreters and 109 spoken language interpreters.

During fiscal year 2005, court interpreters were provided in 28,536 cases. The greatest demand for interpreting services came from District Court with 20,424 cases requiring assistance, followed by Circuit Court with 1,653 and Family Court with 668. There were 5,791 cases where interpreters were needed at other levels of the court's involvement, such as Pretrial, Teen Court and Drug Court.

Adoption Day

Dependent Children's Services collaborated with the Department of Mediation and Family Courts and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to create a statewide initiative to improve the process leading to adoptions. Nine Judicial Forums were held throughout the state to facilitate discussions on ways to expedite permanency. During the first week of June 2005, 117 children were adopted. Events celebrating adoption held in Family Courts across the state helped raise public awareness of the needs of children in foster care. *(See Adoption Day, page 50)*

Kentucky Celebrates First Statewide Adoption Day

A challenge from Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert to Family Court in November 2004 resulted in Kentucky's first statewide adoption day.

"This event resulted in 117 adoptions being finalized during the first week in June," said Patrick Yewell, general manager of the AOC Juvenile Services Department. "Adoption changes lives in a wonderful way. When parents and children come together to form a family, it is something to celebrate."

Family Court took on the challenge by collaborating with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to celebrate the positive power of adoption. Gov. Ernie Fletcher declared June as Family Court Month and Family Court sites across the state planned a variety of ways to highlight adoption from June 1-8.

"There are more than 6,000 children in Kentucky in foster care and hundreds of these children are waiting for adoptive homes," said Penny Warren, general manager for Kentucky Family Court. "We want to encourage Kentucky citizens and their communities to be aware of the plight of children in foster care and to consider the tremendous personal reward that comes from making a lasting difference in the life of a child."

Eugene Foster, Ed.D., undersecretary for Children and Family Services of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said perhaps the greatest benefit of the Adoption Day effort is that it encouraged many jurisdictions to discuss and examine the entire adoption process. "They are developing new methods and procedures to streamline the process," Foster said. "This joint effort between Family Court and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is getting great results. All of those involved are to be commended."

Adoption Day

June 1-8, 2005



Kentucky
UNBROKEN SPIRIT



WLKY-TV anchor, Liz Everman was recognized at the Adoption Day news conference in Louisville for the Wednesday's Child adoption features she produced for the station and for hosting the annual Wednesday's Child Adopt-A-Thon.

All four Louisville TV stations, The Courier-Journal and WFPL-FM public radio covered the Adoption Day news conference in Jefferson County.



Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert spoke on the benefits of adoption to a crowd of about 50 adoptive parents and their children in Jefferson County.

Family Court Judge Tim Feeley of Oldham County poses with an adoptive family.



Adoptive families gathered in Hardin County to celebrate Adoption Day 2005.

Family Court Judge Debra Lambert, far right, who serves Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties, poses with guests after an Adoption Day event in Rockcastle County.



MEDIATION & FAMILY COURT SERVICES

The Department of Mediation and Family Court Services was formed in fiscal year 2005 by a merger of the Department of Family Court and the Department of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Through its two divisions, Mediation and Family Court, the new department provides a wide range of services to assist the Court of Justice in the effective resolution of disputes and the administration of justice.

Mediation Division

The Mediation Division assists Kentucky's District and Circuit Courts through the provision of general, family and juvenile mediation services in an effort to resolve cases in a non-adversarial forum. The division provides 40-hour General and Family Mediation training. It also serves the Court of Justice through the Employee Mediation Program.

In April 2005, the Supreme Court of Kentucky implemented Mediation Guidelines for Court of Justice mediators and established a roster of qualified mediators to improve the quality of mediation in the courts. The availability of qualified mediators helps the division promote the growth of alternative dispute resolution throughout the state. Related programs have been established, such as Settlement Week, which uses qualified volunteers to resolve Circuit Court cases that the court and counsel have referred for mediation.

Other successful programs include small claims, civil mediation in District Courts and child protection mediation, which is designed to reduce the length of time children stay in foster care through efficient resolution of any outstanding legal issues or barriers to permanency.

Family Court Division

The jurisdiction of Family Court was first established by the 1996 General Assembly and was reaffirmed with adoption of the 2002 Constitutional Amendment which authorized the Kentucky Supreme Court to designate one or more divisions of Circuit Court as Family Courts. Family Courts have now been implemented in 22 judicial circuits, encompassing 43 counties and involving 35 full-time circuit judges.

The Family Court Division aids in the implementation and development of Kentucky's Family Courts. The division also coordinates and provides training and necessary services for Family Court judges and staff.

Adoption Day

In June 2005, Family Courts, in conjunction with the Department of Juvenile Services and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, conducted the first statewide Adoption Day, resulting in the adoption of 117 children across the Commonwealth. Extensive publicity surrounding the event increased public awareness of the number of children in foster care still waiting for permanent homes.

Other Successful Programs

During fiscal year 2005, the Department of Mediation and Family Court Services significantly expanded the divorce education programs available in Circuit Court jurisdictions. The Families In Transition Program was implemented in 14 additional counties, for a total of 38 counties. The department also conducted child protection seminars during the Kentucky Bar Association District Bar meetings and provided domestic violence and elder abuse training to various court personnel.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

The work of the Office of General Counsel encompasses nearly every aspect of the Court of Justice operations across the Commonwealth. The office provides a full range of legal services to the Chief Justice, judges, circuit clerks, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and its central staff. These services include counsel on personnel law, contracts, legislative changes, rules of administrative procedure, administration of juror lists and AOC forms. The Office of General Counsel also incorporates the Division of Master Commissioners, which coordinates the Master Commissioner Program as set forth in Rules of Administrative Procedure, Part IV.

PRETRIAL SERVICES

The Department of Pretrial Services encompasses the divisions of **Pretrial Release, Records, Diversion, Court Security, and Accessioning.**

Pretrial Release

Pretrial Services provides a uniform system for assessing a defendant's criminal history and personal data in order to classify their public safety risk and make recommendations to the court for their release. With few exceptions, defendants have a statutory right to an interview with a pretrial officer to determine eligibility for release from custody under a court supervised program administered by Pretrial Services.

In fiscal year 2005, there were 208,491 defendants in Kentucky arrested and placed in custody who were eligible for a pretrial interview. Pretrial officers interviewed 179,024 of these, representing 86%. Of those defendants opting for a pretrial interview, 46,838 were released under the Pretrial Services Program. Domestic violence related charges in fiscal year 2005 accounted for 13,845 arrests. Affidavits of indigence processed were 57,417, which comprised 28% of the arrest population.

Records Division

The Records Division responds to requests from state agencies and the private sector for criminal history data to use for employment screening and other purposes. Data is retrieved from the CourtNet information system, which contains records from Kentucky's 120 counties on all misdemeanor and traffic cases for the last five years and felonies dating back to 1978.

In fiscal year 2005, more than 700,000 record requests were processed, which generated \$3.7 million to offset the cost of operations. The division also screened 8,135 applications to carry concealed deadly weapons.

Diversion Division

Diversion Division programs offer misdemeanor offenders an alternative to prosecution. These diversion and mediation programs benefit the court, the defendant and the community by reducing trial dockets and caseloads, by restitution paid to victims and by the volunteer hours that program clients contributed to non-profit charity and public agencies. In fiscal year 2005 restitution payments to crime victims through the diversion and mediation programs amounted to \$286,765.41.

Court Security Division

The Court Security Division provides security for high profile, potentially volatile trials, and special court functions. The division also trains bailiffs in security procedures. In fiscal year 2005 there were 14,719.76 hours spent providing security for Kentucky's trial and appellate courts. Court Security Inspectors did full security surveys on 206 sites and held 1,167 meetings with elected officials to coordinate security procedures. At the request of local courts, detailed plans for 417 trials were developed with specific responsibilities for the parties involved in covering each trial.

Security assessments were conducted in fiscal year 2005 of all 120 Kentucky courthouses to determine security level preparedness.

Security Level Courthouses	
Level I: Duress alarm system	120
Level II : Bench shielding; entry control systems	46
Level III: Total facility lock down capability	52

Additional surveys were conducted on satellite locations, including appellate judges' offices and sites where driver's licenses are issued.

Accessioning Division

The Accessioning Division assists the Administrative Office of the Courts and the circuit clerks offices in maintaining sound record management practices. In fiscal year 2005, the division surveyed records in 42 counties. A total of 7,373 cubic feet of permanent records was accessioned from 44 counties: 1,414 cubic feet from 22 counties went to the Kentucky Department for Libraries Archives Center and 5,959 cubic feet from 44 counties went to its Records Center. The division also collected 4,164 cubic feet of records for destruction from 52 counties.

Discussions were held with the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives to develop a project for placing indexes on the Internet for historical court records that are older than 70 years. This would provide worldwide access to these records while maintaining the privacy of citizens.

KENTUCKY STATE LAW LIBRARY

The Kentucky State Law Library provides timely and accurate research and reference assistance and materials to justices and judges. The library's collection is available to other state agencies and the public. The library staff provides reference service and instruction in use of the material, but not legal advice.

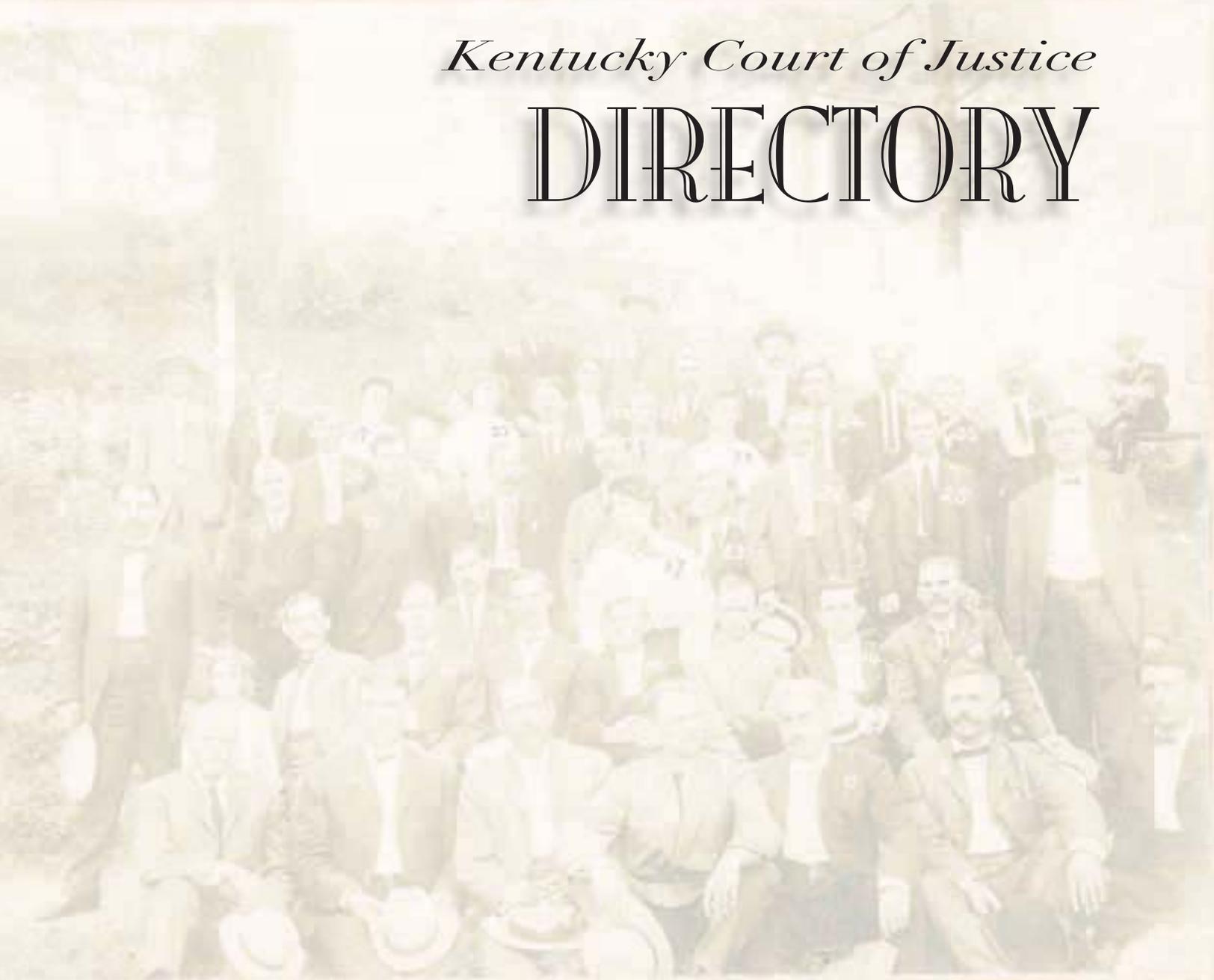
Print resources cover the complete Kentucky primary legal collection, including Kentucky Statutes from 1801, Kentucky Acts from 1801, Kentucky Codes of Practice from 1850 and prior editions of secondary Kentucky legal materials. The library also houses updated statutes of the 50 states including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, federal court decisions and digests, federal laws, the federal code and regulations, as well as regional reporters and legal texts and treatises.

Electronic resources in the form of an online compendium of legal resource materials are supplied to the judiciary throughout the state.



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