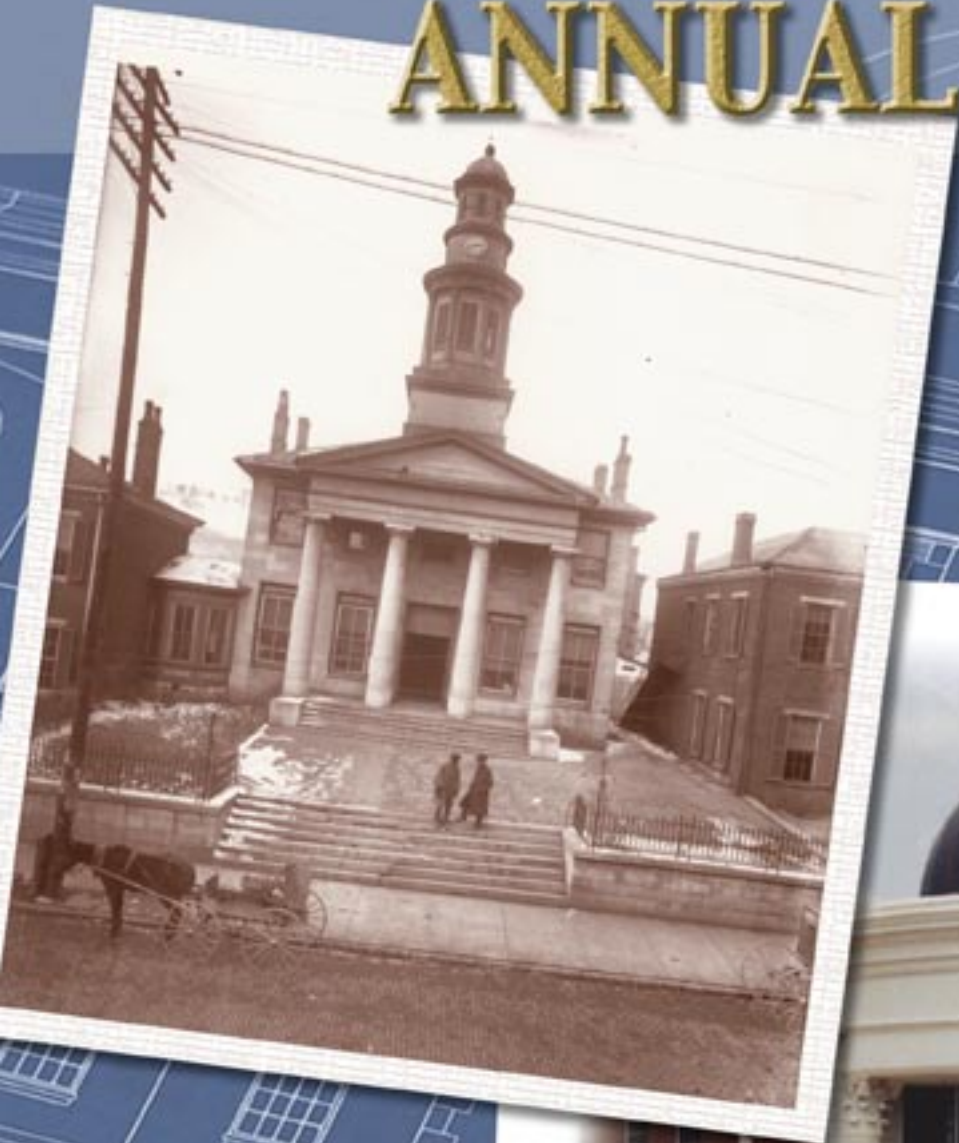
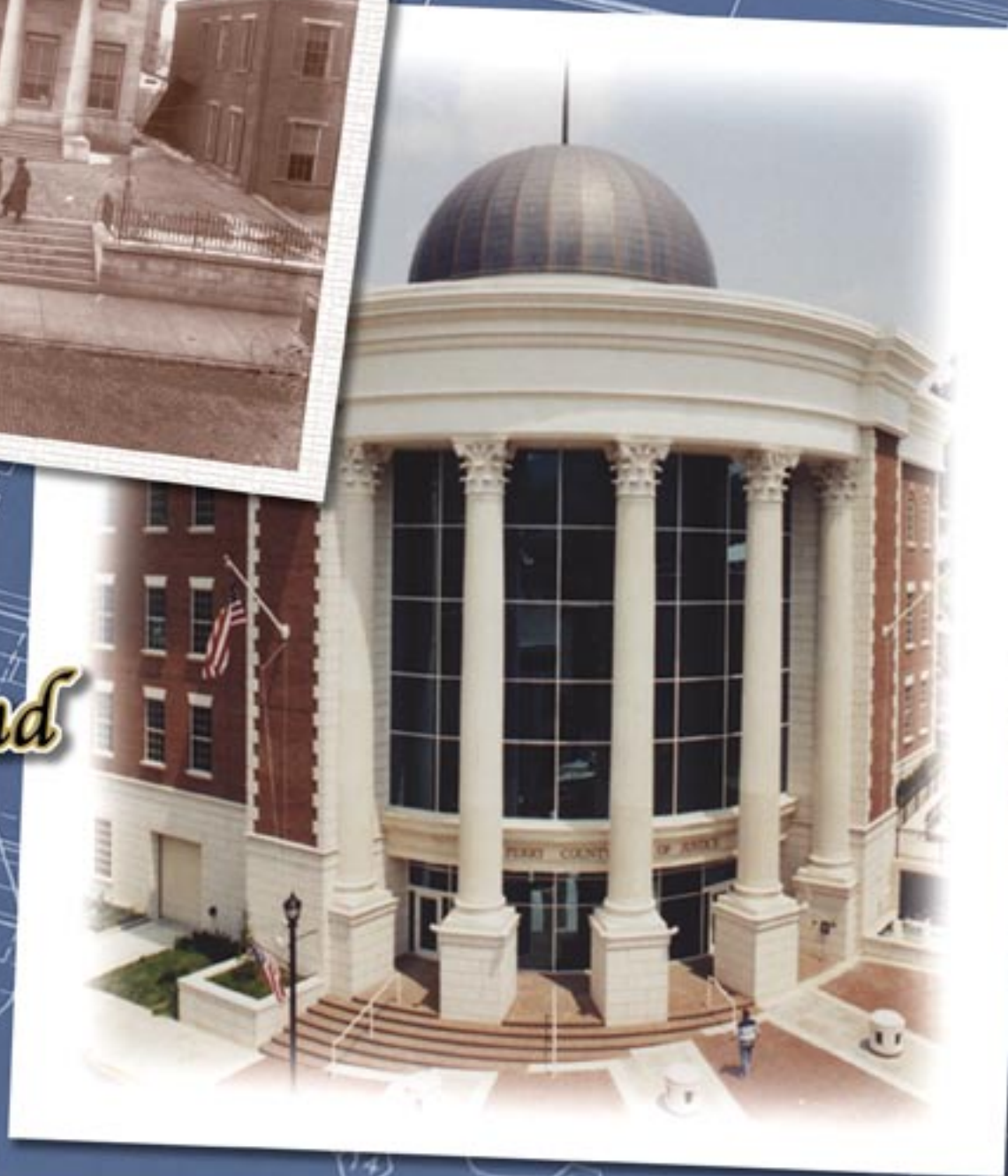


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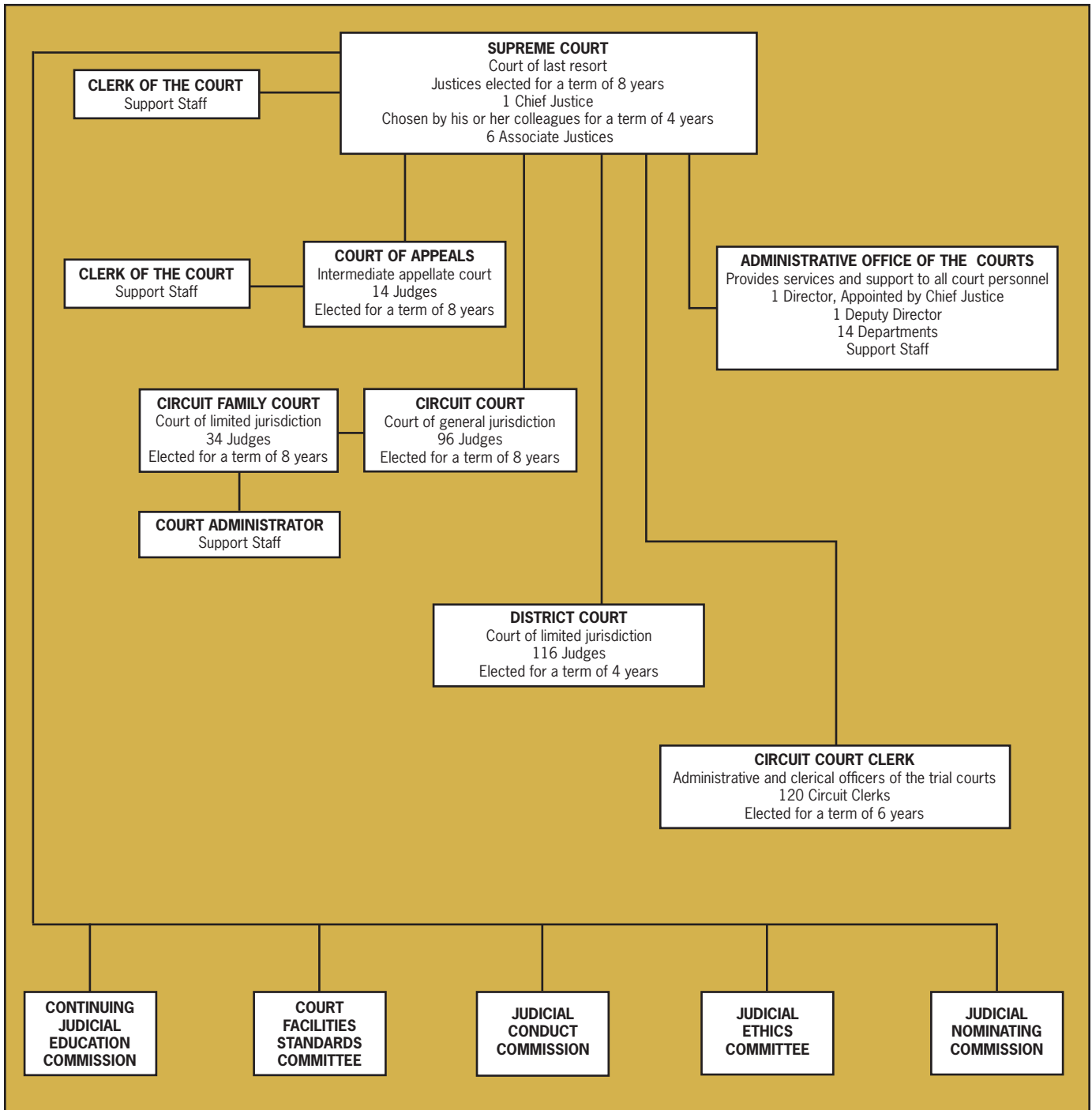
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# KENTUCKY COURT OF JUSTICE

## - 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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## The Commonwealth benefits from Kentucky's strong court system

*Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert*

The Kentucky court system, considered one of the best and most innovative in the country, continued to make important progress this year in its efforts to better serve the citizens of the Commonwealth. I am proud of the work being done by the 3,400 employees of the Kentucky Court of Justice and am pleased to present this report of our accomplishments in FY 2004. The following are highlights of an interesting year in Kentucky courts:

One of the year's most exciting initiatives began in November 2003 when a group of seven distinguished circuit judges was called together to make recommendations that would ensure the timely disposition of criminal cases in Kentucky courts. As a result of these efforts and the increased attention being given to case management, thousands of pending criminal cases have been disposed of in the last year.

These judges and I meet regularly to discuss ways to better manage court cases, such as implementing new Criminal Rules that allow the dismissal of cases without prejudice when insufficient action has been taken to move a pending case toward appropriate conclusion within a year; the semiannual notification of commonwealth's and county attorneys of criminal cases awaiting grand jury disposition; and, giving pending criminal cases a subsequent calendared date to ensure that cases do not escape the attention of the court, the prosecution and the defense. The recommendations made by these judges and the extraordinary change they are directing throughout the system will continue to enhance the Kentucky Court of Justice.

Another area of success is our ongoing collaboration with state legislators and local governments to improve Kentucky's court facilities. This teamwork resulted in the opening of six new courthouses and continuing construction on eight others during FY

2004. We strive to provide efficient, cost-effective court facilities that employ state-of-the art security systems, computer technology and digital audio recording equipment. We are especially proud of creating Court Facilities Standards that govern space planning and architectural design so that new facilities meet governmental standards for safety and accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

We continue to expand Kentucky Drug Courts, which now operate in 55 counties and are proving their worth in the cost savings to taxpayers and the improved quality of life experienced by Drug Court graduates. Only one state other than Kentucky received more Drug Court funding last year from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, which awarded Kentucky \$2 million in grants. In addition, we implemented Drug Courts in several Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky counties, thanks to funding from Operation UNITE, a program developed by Congressman Hal Rogers of Kentucky's 5th Congressional District.

The lack of funding for additional judgeships is being creatively addressed through the Senior Status Program for Special Judges, which began in 2000 with one judge and has grown to a current complement of 25 judges from across Kentucky. The program allows recently retired judges to continue contributing to Kentucky's court system for up to five years through temporary assignments. These experienced judges provide assistance when sitting judges are unavailable and when courts experience heavy caseloads.

Because all Kentucky citizens will at some point avail themselves of the services of the courts, the Kentucky Court of Justice is committed to administering justice in a fair and equitable manner. It is my hope that this report will provide a revealing look inside the Judicial Branch of Kentucky state government.

# Courts strive to serve Kentucky citizens



***Melinda L. Wheeler, Director  
Administrative Office of the Courts***

Throughout my career with the Kentucky Court of Justice, I have seen how the process of administering justice affects the citizens in our great Commonwealth. Kentucky courts touch thousands of lives daily, ranging from such routine business as drivers' licenses and traffic violations, to such life-altering matters as divorce, adoption, and criminal trials. I have met defendants, litigants, and their families, all of whom underscore the importance of maintaining a fair and equitable justice system.

Supporting a court system that fosters public trust is the role of the Administrative Office of the Courts, which oversees the daily operations of the Court of Justice. The court system is comprised of more than 3,400 elected officials and employees statewide. It is the collective efforts of these individuals that define our effectiveness to the public.

In 1975, Kentucky passed the Judicial Reform Amendment, which created a unified court system. The intent and design of this amendment was to assure a system of justice that would operate as a national model for service to citizens. We have accomplished significant elements of this reform and continue to work on important issues. I am pleased to present this annual report, which conveys the Court of Justice's accomplishments during FY 2004.

I am particularly proud of several recent Court of Justice achievements: setting elevated standards to expedite the disposition of criminal cases; designing a complete reform of the rules governing master commissioners who have acted as stewards of the Commonwealth's monies since the late 1800s; implementing a process to certify the quality of court interpreters; and, providing alternative sentencing opportunities through Drug Courts and diversion programs.

I am also honored to work with the thousands of professionals who serve the Court of Justice through their vision and commitment to innovation. I believe their dedication to excellence and high-quality service increases the public confidence in our court system. It is my hope that this annual report reflects our mission to the public we serve.

*Chief Justice Lambert named Melinda L. Wheeler the sixth Director of the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts in September 2004. Ms. Wheeler brings 29 years of experience with the Kentucky court system to this position. She started her extensive career with the AOC as a pretrial officer in 1976, just after the reformation of the Kentucky Court of Justice with the passage of the Judicial Article to the Kentucky Constitution in 1975. Since that time, Ms. Wheeler has held a variety of positions, including General Manager of Pretrial Services and Court Security, and AOC Deputy Director. She also has represented Kentucky courts on the national and state levels. In 2000, she was presented 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

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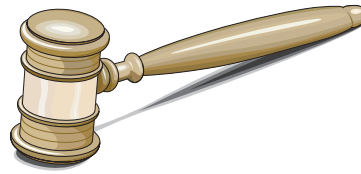
The Supreme Court is the court of last resort and the final interpreter of state law. It consists of seven justices who are elected from the seven appellate districts and serve eight-year terms. The Chief Justice of the Commonwealth is chosen by his or her colleagues and serves a term of four years. 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. The Supreme Court receives administrative support from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Multiple Departments of the AOC provide support services for the justices and their offices.

Most primary is the AOC Department of Information Systems' Networking Division, which provides connectivity for all Court of Justice offices to gain network services. Such services include email, Internet, intranet, Kentucky State Police, Mars, and access to custom applications. The network also allows for backup of all Court of Justice data. The Networking Division further serves the Court of Justice through the maintenance of a state-of-the-art firewall.

Similarly, the Security Division is responsible for identifying any intruders or hackers into the Court of Justice network. This division is also responsible for providing virus protection to all Court of Justice computers and servers. The Security Division provides guidance for security policies, through the dissemination of daily technological events to the Court of Justice.

The Department of Information Systems further supports the Supreme Court through a customized Supreme Court Case Management System which assists the Clerk of the Supreme Court with recording and responding to the receipt of case filings and pleadings.

## Members 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, Kentucky 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, Kentucky. He was in private practice in Mount Vernon, Kentucky 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.



**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.

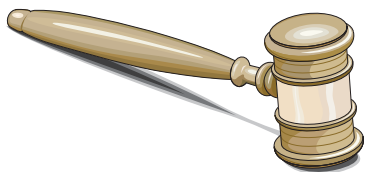
Justice Wintersheimer was born in Covington, Kentucky in 1932. He received his A.B. from Thomas More College in 1953, his M.A. from Xavier University in 1957, and his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1960. He was in private practice until he was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1976,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

## Members of the Court



**Janet L. Stumbo** is the first woman elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky. She has represented the 7th Supreme Court District since her election in November 1993.

Born in Prestonsburg, Kentucky in 1954, Justice Stumbo received her B.A. in 1976 from Morehead State University and her J.D. in 1980 from the University of Kentucky. She worked as a staff attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals from 1980-1982. While in private practice from 1982-1988, she served as Assistant County Attorney for Floyd County from 1982-1985. In 1989 she returned briefly to private practice before being elected to the Court of Appeals where she served until her election to the Supreme Court.

Justice Stumbo was elected to the Morehead State University Hall of Fame in 1990. She received the Justice Award from the Kentucky Women Advocates in 1991 in recognition of her work in the area of spousal abuse. In 1995 her work in the area of gender fairness won her that group's Outstanding Jurist Award, and the 1995 Bull's Eye Award from the Women in State Government Network. In 1996 Justice Stumbo received the Woman Lawyer of Achievement Award from the Kentucky Bar Association.



**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, Kentucky 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 twenty 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 thirty-five 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.



**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, Kentucky 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.

## *Members of the Court*



**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, Kentucky 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.

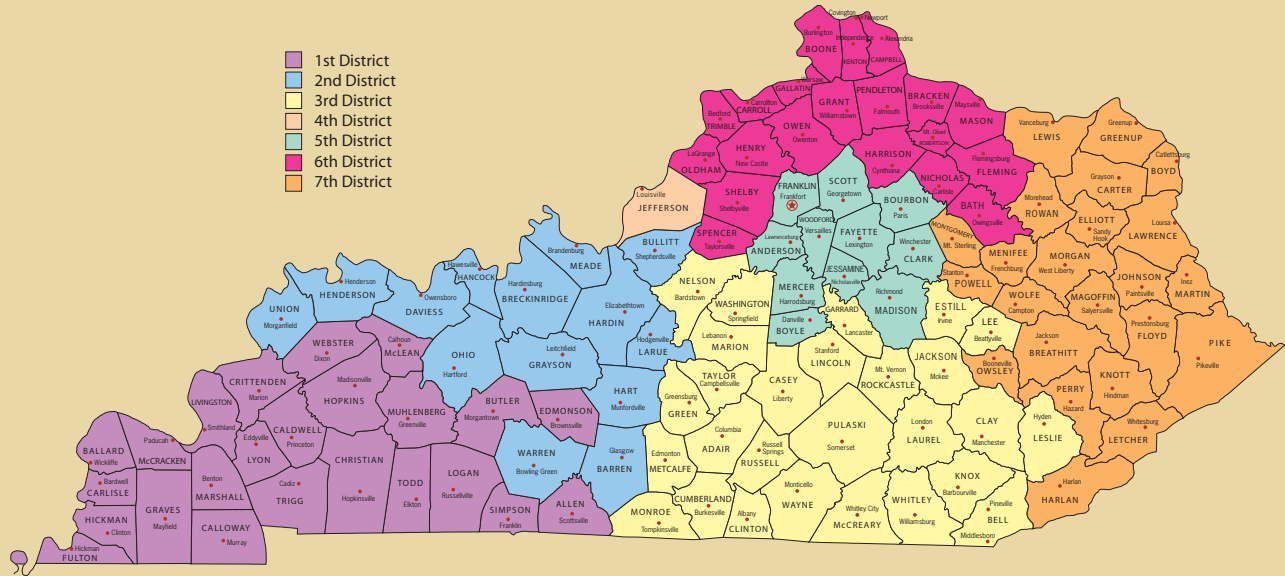


**James Keller** is the newest member of the Supreme Court. Appointed to the Court in May 1999, Justice Keller subsequently won election to a full term as the representative of the 5th Supreme Court District.

Justice Keller was born in Harlan County, Kentucky 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.

# Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Judicial Districts



## Supreme Court Historical Case Load Data

<i>Fiscal Year</i>		<i>Direct Appeals/ Original Actions*</i>	<i>Motions For Injunctive Relief</i>	<i>Motions For Transfer</i>	<i>Motions For Discretionary Review</i>	<i>Petitions For Rehearing</i>	<i>Total Cases</i>
1999-2000	FILED	404	3	24	691	79	1,201
	DISP.	407	4	36	652	77	1,176
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

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

Supreme Court was known as "Court of Appeals" prior to January 1, 1976, when the new intermediate level Court of Appeals was created. Although the new Court of Appeals became operational in August 1976, the Supreme Court retained jurisdiction over motions for injunctive relief and original actions until February 1977.

## Kentucky's Intermediate Appellate Court

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The Kentucky Court of Appeals is comprised of fourteen 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.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) through the Department of Information Systems' Networking Division, and Security Division principally supports the Court of Appeals, similarly to the Supreme Court. However, the Division of Development and Programming's customized Court of Appeals (COA) Case Management System, which assists the Clerk of the COA with recording and responding to the receipt of case filings and pleadings, remains the primary source of support.



**Thomas D. Emberton**, *Chief Judge*  
District 3 - Division Two  
Edmonton

# Court of Appeals



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Division One  
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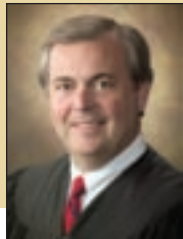


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*District*



**Jeff S. Taylor**  
Division One  
Owensboro



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*District*



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Division One  
London

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*District*



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Division Two  
Louisville

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*Fourth*  
*District*



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Division One  
Lexington



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Division Two  
Lexington

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*District*



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*District*





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Division Two  
Prestonsburg

# 7 Seventh District

## Court Of Appeals Historical Case Load Data

<i>Fiscal Year</i>		<i>Civil Appeals</i>	<i>Criminal Appeals</i>	<i>Original Actions</i>	<i>Motions For Injunctive Relief</i>	<i>Discretionary Review</i>	<i>Civil Petitions For Rehearing</i>	<i>Criminal Petitions For Rehearing</i>	<i>Total Cases</i>
2001-2002	FILED	1,713	822	173	0	90	144	41	2,983
	DISP.	1,846	857	171	0	97	149	38	3,158
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

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.

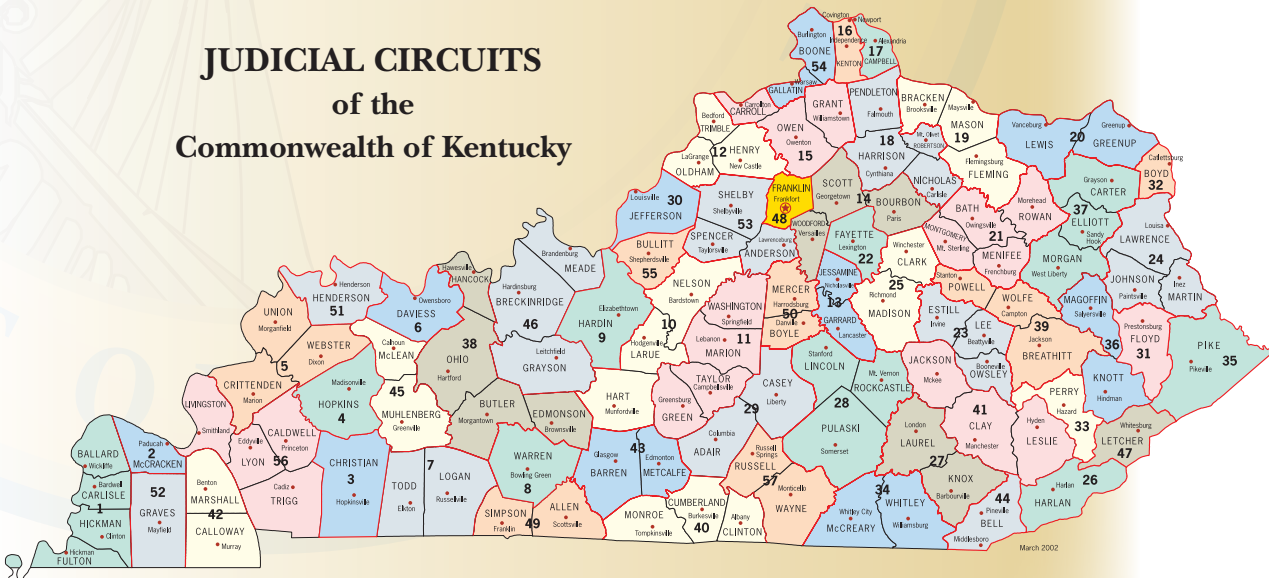
*Kentucky Court of Appeals building in Frankfort*

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 96 circuit judges in fifty-seven judicial circuits and 34 circuit 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 2004, the Circuit Court recorded **103,192** cases filed and **103,801** disposed. In FY 2004, the Circuit Family Court recorded **53,825** cases filed and **50,598** cases disposed.

## JUDICIAL CIRCUITS of the Commonwealth of Kentucky





**Judge James Shake**  
30th Judicial Circuit  
2004 President, Circuit Judges Association



**Judge Roger Crittenden**  
48th Judicial Circuit  
Chairman, Circuit Judges Education Committee

The AOC provides administrative support to the Circuit Court through all of its departments. Some of the more predominant means of assistance arrive through the departments of Budget, Policy & Research, Information Systems, Mediation and Family Courts, Pretrial Services, and the State Law Library.

**- Alternative Dispute Resolution:** ADR assists the Circuit Court through the provision of general, family, and permanency mediation services in effort to resolve disputes in a non-adversarial forum. See ADR at [33](#).

**- Budget Policy & Research, Division of Research & Statistics:** The Division of Research and Statistics (R&S) analyzes and disseminates judicial caseload data for the Court of Justice. A major portion of its responsibilities is devoted to accurately handling and reporting the circuit caseload activity as reported by the Circuit Clerks' offices. For the Circuit Court, R&S verifies data for the following types of cases: civil; domestic relations; contested wills; habeas corpus; UIFSA; adoption and parental termination; criminal; and, appeals from the District Court. This information is verified through a series of "back-end" edits through reports commonly referred to as "Quality Assurance" reports. See Budget, Policy & Research at [33](#).

**- Family Courts:** The Department of Family Courts aids in the implementation, development, and evaluation of family courts across the Commonwealth. The Department assists in obtaining sufficient resources, standardization of policies, practices and procedures, training, automation, data compilation and analysis, and coordination of family court sites uniformity. The Department coordinates training for family court judiciary and staff, and, disseminates information via development of a quarterly newsletter, website, a family court benchbook as well as various reporting materials. See Family Courts at [43](#).

**- Information Systems:** The Development/Programming division of Information Systems is responsible for providing the Kentucky Court of Justice with custom created applications to assist in their daily duties. Examples of applications are: Kentucky Courts, a case management system, which is operational in all trial courts across the Commonwealth; and, CourtNet, a statewide database of all trial court cases in the Commonwealth. CourtNet is used for statistical analysis and

provides a comprehensive statewide criminal history system. See Information Systems at 43.

**- Juvenile Services:** The Court Designated Worker Program and Community Relations provides the Circuit Family Court with the services of a court designated worker (CDW) twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. CDWs provide intake services for all juveniles charged with public (criminal) and status offense and assist the Circuit Court with ascertaining the appropriate placement of the child. CDWs, further, work with law enforcement in formulating alternative, diversionary placement for juveniles prior to arraignment.

The Court Interpreters Program assists the court through coordinating a statewide network of interpreting and translating services, court interpreting and translating training, community outreach, and administration of the interpreter certification program. See Juvenile Services at 44.

**-Pretrial Services:** Pretrial Services serves the court through the provision and supervision of programs such as mediation, diversion and monitoring, as well as a records division, court security, and accessioning unit.

Pursuant to statute and court rule, judges are required to set bail with the least onerous conditions, commencing with consideration of release on recognizance. Pretrial Services is responsible for obtaining the necessary information to make recommendations in effort to assist the court in assessing such issues as flight risk and danger to the community. This task is accomplished through a standardized interview process supplemented by criminal background searches and verification of personal references provided by the defendant.

The Court Security division provides, among other aspects, training curriculums for bailiffs as mandated by statute. Portable walk through metal detectors, scanners and hand held weapons search devices are used to secure courtrooms that otherwise lack this capability. See Pretrial Services at 46.

**- State Law Library:** The State Law Library offers a Virtual Law Clerk Program to the Circuit Court. The Program offers the Circuit Court judges the assistance of University of Kentucky law students when a project calls for extensive research or when a case involves a complex issue. See State Law Library at 48.

## CIRCUIT COURT RANKINGS FY 2004

# Filings

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	2241.00	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	1
2	2041.00	10th	HART-LARUE-NELSON	1
3	1911.00	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	1
4	1747.00	13th	GARRARD-JESSAMINE	1
5	1657.00	42nd	CALLOWAY-MARSHALL	1
6	1617.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
7	1586.00	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	1
8	1579.00	55th	BULLITT	1
9	1483.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	1
10	1446.00	4th	HOPKINS	1
11	1405.00	57th	RUSSELL-WAYNE	1
12	1350.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
13	1313.00	26th	HARLAN	1
14	1296.50	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
15	1281.50	6th	DAVIESS	2
16	1260.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
17	1225.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
18	1223.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
19	1199.00	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	1
20	1196.00	30th	JEFFERSON	13
21	1192.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	1
22	1159.00	45th	MCLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
23	1106.00	8th	WARREN	2
24	1104.00	33rd	PERRY	1
25	1083.00	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	1
26	1073.00	16th	KENTON	4
27	1063.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	1
28	1048.00	40th	CLINTON-CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
29	1040.00	28th	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
30	1012.00	44th	BELL	1
31	1002.00	34th	MCCREARY-WHITLEY	2
32	1000.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
33	993.00	51st	HENDERSON	1
34	983.50	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
35	975.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
36	962.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
37	951.50	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
38	948.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
39	927.33	9th	HARDIN	3
40	891.00	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
41	878.50	22nd	FAYETTE	6
42	867.00	17th	CAMPBELL	2
43	861.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
44	847.00	32nd	BOYD	2
45	842.00	25th	CLARK-MADISON	2
46	837.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
47	823.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
48	816.00	35th	PIKE	2
49	807.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
50	793.00	47th	LETCHER	1
51	780.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
52	756.00	2nd	MCCRACKEN	2
53	751.00	48th	FRANKLIN	2
54	745.00	1st	BALLARD-CARLISLE-HICKMAN-FULTON	1
55	742.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
56	700.00	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
57	426.00	31st	FLOYD	2

**Average Per Judge: 1074.92**

**Median: 1040.00**

**96 Judges**

## CIRCUIT COURT RANKINGS FY 2004

# Closings

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	2063.00	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	1
2	1829.00	10th	HART-LARUE-NELSON	1
3	1640.00	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	1
4	1636.00	55th	BULLITT	1
5	1616.00	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	1
6	1613.00	13th	GARRARD-JESSAMINE	1
7	1550.00	42nd	CALLOWAY-MARSHALL	1
8	1485.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
9	1449.00	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
10	1418.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	1
11	1414.00	57th	RUSSELL-WAYNE	1
12	1401.50	34th	MCCREARY-WHITLEY	2
13	1400.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
14	1397.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
15	1376.00	4th	HOPKINS	1
16	1342.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
17	1280.00	26th	HARLAN	1
18	1213.00	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	1
19	1203.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	1
20	1200.00	28th	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
21	1199.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	1
22	1189.00	30th	JEFFERSON	13
23	1188.00	45th	MCLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
24	1172.00	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	1
25	1136.00	6th	DAVISS	2
26	1081.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
27	1069.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
28	1055.25	16th	KENTON	4
29	1052.50	8th	WARREN	2
30	1050.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
31	1037.00	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
32	1029.50	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
33	1011.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
34	991.00	51st	HENDERSON	1
35	977.00	33rd	PERRY	1
36	963.50	17th	CAMPBELL	2
37	930.50	48th	FRANKLIN	2
38	904.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
39	896.50	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
40	891.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
41	890.67	9th	HARDIN	3
42	887.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
43	884.00	44th	BELL	1
44	859.50	22nd	FAYETTE	6
45	853.50	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
46	851.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
47	846.00	47th	LETCHER	1
48	826.50	25th	CLARK-MADISON	2
49	826.50	35th	PIKE	2
50	822.00	32nd	BOYD	2
51	814.00	40th	CLINTON-CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
52	811.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
53	789.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
54	686.00	1st	BALLARD-CARLISLE-HICKMAN-FULTON	1
55	674.00	2nd	MCCRACKEN	2
56	666.50	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
57	594.00	31st	FLOYD	2

**Average Per Judge: 1081.26**

**Median: 1052.50**

**96 Judges**

## FAMILY COURT RANKINGS FY 2004

# Filings

RANK	PER JUDGE	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	2698.00	FLOYD-KNOTT-MAGOFFIN	1
2	2657.00	WARREN	1
3	2178.00	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	1
4	2082.00	CAMPBELL	1
5	1963.00	BOONE-GALLATIN	1
6	1847.00	FAYETTE	3
7	1768.50	JEFFERSON	10
8	1682.00	CHRISTIAN	1
9	1659.00	PIKE	1
10	1647.00	JOHNSON-MARTIN-LAWRENCE	1
11	1565.00	MCCRACKEN	1
12	1488.00	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	1
13	1260.50	CLARK-MADISON	2
14	1248.00	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
15	1231.00	BARREN-METCALFE	1
16	1057.00	HENDERSON	1
17	1016.00	FRANKLIN	1
18	1010.00	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	1
19	941.00	BOYLE-MERCER	1
20	746.00	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
21	608.00	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
*22	600.00	HARDIN	1

Average per Judge: 1583.09

Average per Family Court: 2446.59

34 Judges

\*Circuit Family Court sites were established in fiscal year 2004. Caseload figures do not reflect a full fiscal year.

## FAMILY COURT RANKINGS FY 2004

# Closings

RANK	PER JUDGE	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	2606.00	FLOYD-KNOTT-MAGOFFIN	1
2	2526.00	WARREN	1
3	1995.00	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	1
4	1925.00	PIKE	1
5	1820.30	JEFFERSON	10
6	1801.00	FAYETTE	3
7	1694.00	BOONE-GALLATIN	1
8	1596.00	CAMPBELL	1
9	1492.00	CHRISTIAN	1
10	1440.00	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	1
11	1351.00	CLAY-JACKSON-LESLIE	1
12	1273.00	MCCRACKEN	1
13	1074.00	BARREN-METCALFE	1
14	1050.00	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
15	998.00	CLARK-MADISON	2
16	943.00	HENDERSON	1
17	890.00	FRANKLIN	1
18	867.00	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	1
19	729.00	BOYLE-MERCER	1
20	716.00	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
21	609.00	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
*22	220.00	HARDIN	1

Average per Judge: 1488.18

Average per Family Court: 2299.91

34 Judges

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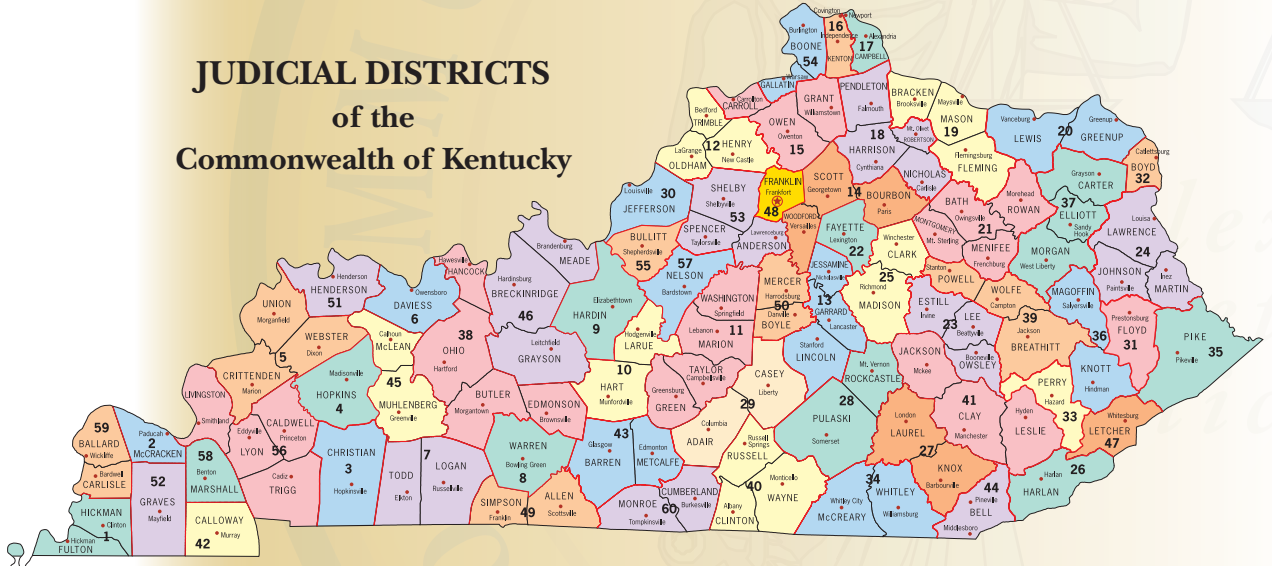


# District Court

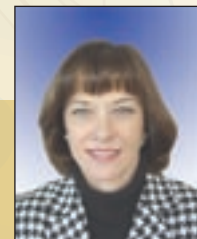
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he District Court has limited jurisdiction, which means it hears only certain types of cases. Ninety percent of all Kentuckians involved in court proceedings appear before District Court. Juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, misdemeanors, 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 116 district judges in sixty 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 2004, the District Court recorded **829,957** cases filed and **818,827** cases disposed.

## JUDICIAL DISTRICTS of the Commonwealth of Kentucky



**Judge Susan M. Johnson**  
24th Judicial District  
2004 President, District Judges Association



**Judge Karen A. Thomas**  
17th Judicial District  
Chair, District Judges Education Committee

The District Court receives support services from all of the Administrative Office of the Courts' twelve departments; however, daily services are more prevalently provided through the departments of Budget, Policy & Research, Drug Court, Information Systems, Mediation and Family Courts, Pretrial Services, and the State Law Library.

**- Alternative Dispute Resolution:** ADR assists the District Court through the provision of small claims mediation services in effort to resolve disputes in a non-adversarial forum. See ADR at 33.

**- Budget Policy & Research:** The Division of Research and Statistics (R&S) analyzes and disseminates judicial caseload data for the Court of Justice. A major portion of its responsibilities is devoted to accurately handling and reporting the district caseload activity as reported by the Circuit Clerks' offices. For the District Court, R&S verifies data for the following types of cases: civil; forcible detainer and UIFSA; domestic violence; involuntary hospitalization/admission and disability; small claims; probate and name change; juvenile and paternity; traffic; misdemeanor; and felony. This information is verified through a series of "back-end" edits through reports commonly referred to as "Quality Assurance" reports. See Budget, Policy & Research at 33.

**- Information Systems:** The Development/Programming division of Information Systems is responsible for providing the Kentucky Court of Justice with custom created applications to assist in their daily duties. Examples of applications are: Kentucky Courts, a case management system, which is operational in all trial courts across the Commonwealth; and, CourtNet, a statewide database of all trial court cases in the Commonwealth. CourtNet is used for statistical analysis and provides a comprehensive statewide criminal history system. See Information Systems at 43.

**- Juvenile Services:** The Court Designated Worker Program and Community Relations provides the District Court with the services of a court designated worker (CDW) twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. CDWs provide intake services for all juveniles charged with public [youthful offender] (criminal) and status offenses and assist the District Court with ascertaining the appropriate placement of the child. CDWs, further, work with law enforcement in formulating alternative, diversionary placement for juveniles prior to arraignment.

The Court Interpreters Program assists the court through coordinating a statewide network of interpreting and translating services, court interpreting and translating training, community outreach, and administration of the interpreter certification program. See Juvenile Services at 44.

**- Pretrial Services:** Pretrial Services serves the court through the provision and supervision of programs such as mediation, diversion and monitoring, as well as a records division, court security, and accessioning unit.

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Pretrial misdemeanor diversion programs offer non-violent offenders an alternative to prosecution. The purpose and goals of the program are to assist first time offenders in avoiding a criminal conviction by making positive changes in their lives, thus preventing future criminal behavior. Through the diversion of minor non-violent offenses the court can reserve resources for more serious cases and keep the overall dockets smaller.

Currently there are eight mediation programs operating within the Court of Justice and administered by Pretrial Services. These programs offer an additional alternative for both the public and the District Court. Mediation programs, depending on the county, range from: intake services for the public; criminal dispute mediation services on cases referred by the court; intake services for small claims cases; and, theft by deception cases referred by the court.

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# Filings

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1	12,266.2	22nd	FAYETTE	5
2	10,983.0	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
3	10770.5	25th	CLARK-MADISON	2
4	10,377.9	30th	JEFFERSON	17
5	9332.0	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
6	9315.0	9th	HARDIN	2
7	9269.0	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
8	9215.5	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	2
9	8781.0	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
10	8083.0	57th	NELSON	1
11	7755.0	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
12	7611.0	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
13	7541.7	8th	WARREN	3
14	7458.8	16th	KENTON	4
15	7415.0	26th	HARLAN	1
16	7279.5	28th	PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
17	7175.0	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
18	7174.0	35th	PIKE	2
19	7131.0	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
20	7084.5	17th	CAMPBELL	2
21	6955.3	6th	DAVIESS	3
22	6811.0	52nd	GRAVES	1
23	6629.5	13th	LINCOLN-GARRARD-JESSAMINE	2
24	6604.0	44th	BELL	1
25	6584.5	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
26	6570.0	36th	KNOTT-MAGOFFIN	1
27	6566.0	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
28	6310.0	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
29	6286.5	2nd	MCCRACKEN	2
30	6254.0	33rd	PERRY	1
31	6253.5	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
32	6121.5	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
33	6106.0	45th	MCLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
34	5977.5	41st	CLAY-JACKSON-LESLIE	2
35	5942.5	51st	HENDERSON	2
36	5933.5	48th	FRANKLIN	2
37	5901.5	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	2
38	5786.0	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
39	5671.5	55th	BULLITT	2
40	5611.0	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
41	5422.5	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
42	5419.0	58th	MARSHALL	1
43	5398.0	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
44	5196.0	10th	HART-LARUE	1
45	5173.0	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
46	4958.0	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	2
47	4955.5	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	2
48	4898.0	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
49	4823.0	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
50	4810.0	42nd	CALLOWAY	1
51	4683.5	34th	MCCREARY-WHITLEY	2
52	4346.5	4th	HOPKINS	2
53	4346.5	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	2
54	4184.0	47th	LETCHER	1
55	4112.5	32nd	BOYD	2
56	3876.0	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	2
57	3812.5	31st	FLOYD	2
58	2903.0	60th	CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
59	2658.0	1st	HICKMAN-FULTON	1
60	2325.0	59th	BALLARD-CARLISLE	1

**Average Per Judge: 7154.80**

**Median: 6253.75**

**116 Judges**

## DISTRICT COURT RANKINGS FY 2004

# Closings

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	12,510.8	22nd	FAYETTE	5
2	10,886.0	25th	CLARK-MADISON	2
3	10,504.0	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
4	9884.5	30th	JEFFERSON	17
5	9665.0	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
6	9402.0	9th	HARDIN	2
7	9365.0	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	2
8	8932.0	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
9	8407.5	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
10	8225.0	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
11	7876.0	57th	NELSON	1
12	7819.0	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
13	7630.7	8th	WARREN	3
14	7556.0	16th	KENTON	4
15	7298.5	35th	PIKE	2
16	7184.0	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
17	6908.0	44th	BELL	1
18	6886.5	28th	PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
19	6886.0	26th	HARLAN	1
20	6872.5	17th	CAMPBELL	2
21	6741.0	6th	DAVISS	3
22	6573.0	52nd	GRAVES	1
23	6564.0	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
24	6544.0	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
25	6537.0	2nd	MCCRACKEN	2
26	6497.0	45th	MCLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
27	6487.5	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
28	6461.0	51st	HENDERSON	2
29	6304.0	36th	KNOTT-MAGOFFIN	1
30	6273.0	13th	LINCOLN-GARRARD-JESSAMINE	2
31	6251.0	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
32	6137.5	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
33	5985.5	48th	FRANKLIN	2
34	5983.0	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
35	5864.5	41st	CLAY-JACKSON-LESLIE	2
36	5850.0	33rd	PERRY	1
37	5814.0	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
38	5691.5	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	2
39	5682.0	55th	BULLITT	2
40	5453.0	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
41	5404.0	58th	MARSHALL	1
42	5398.0	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
43	5335.5	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
44	5244.5	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
45	5130.0	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
46	5114.5	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	2
47	5022.5	31st	FLOYD	2
48	4712.0	42nd	CALLOWAY	1
49	4687.0	10th	HART-LARUE	1
50	4522.0	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	2
51	4519.5	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
52	4374.0	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	2
53	4332.0	47th	LETCHER	1
54	4251.0	34th	MCCREARY-WHITLEY	2
55	4097.5	4th	HOPKINS	2
56	4094.0	32nd	BOYD	2
57	3740.0	38th	BUTLER-HANCOCK-OHIO-EDMONSON	2
58	2690.0	1st	HICKMAN-FULTON	1
59	2657.0	60th	CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
60	2423.0	59th	BALLARD-CARLISLE	1

**Average Per Judge: 7058.85**

**Median: 6262.00**

**116 Judges**

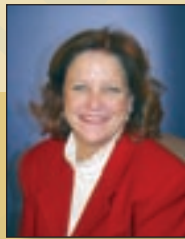
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The 120 clerks of the circuit courts oversee documentation of trial court activities in each of Kentucky's counties. The clerk of the circuit court also serves as the clerk of the district court for that county. Clerks are elected for a six-year term. Circuit clerk 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 2004, the circuit court clerks' offices collectively processed \$260,368,280 in fines, fees, costs and other monies.

**COUNTIES  
of the  
Commonwealth of Kentucky**



**Susan G. Neff**  
Circuit Clerk, Wolfe County  
2004 President, Kentucky Association of Circuit Clerks



**Susan Tierney**  
Circuit Clerk, Daviess County  
2004 Chair, Circuit Clerks Education Committee

As with the entire Court of Justice, the circuit court clerks receive support from the Administrative Office of the Courts. The departments, which most impact the function of the clerks' offices, are Budget, Policy & Research, Court Services and, the Office of General Counsel.

**-Budget, Policy & Research:** A large majority of the Research division's assignment is to accurately handle and report the circuit and district caseload activity as reported by the Circuit Clerks' offices. In addition to caseload reporting, R&S further assists clerks in properly applying procedures for entering case information as delineated in the Circuit Clerks' Manual.

**- Court Services:** The Department of Court Services provides technical support and assistance to Kentucky's 120 circuit court clerks. There exist two supportive divisions:

The Division of Case Management, which concentrates on court record organization, maintenance and retrieval. Case Management representatives travel daily to designated counties within an area to provide individualized, onsite training to circuit court clerks and deputy clerks. Field representatives offer staffing substitutions when unexpected emergencies arise in a circuit court clerk's office. They also provide daily phone support, as needed, to all counties within a given locale. Field representatives collaborate with the Office of General Counsel on updating the Circuit Court Clerks' Procedures Manual and related forms, as well as, KyCourts II, an automated case management system developed by Information Systems in unison with Court Services.

The Division of Cash Management concentrates on bookkeeping and financial reporting. Similar to field representatives, judicial auditors travel to specific locations providing individual instruction to court bookkeepers and offer daily phone support to all counties within a specified area. Judicial auditors advise circuit court clerks on the safekeeping and investments of court funds.

**- Office of General Counsel:** The Office of General Counsel (OGC) provides daily assistance to the circuit and deputy clerks on all matters regarding inquiries as to the application of the procedural provisions contained in the Circuit Clerks' Manual. The OGC creates and revises the Circuit Clerks' Manual quarterly and disseminates the updates by electronic means. The OGC further provides an electronic jury list to the circuit clerks' offices in effort to expedite the jury pool process. Further, the OAG provides all legal opinions premised on application, procedural implications, or any other outshoot that may affect the office of the circuit clerk in its function as an office of the Court of Justice.

**-Pretrial Services:** The Accessioning Division of Pretrial Services was created in July 2003 to assist the Circuit Clerks offices in records management issues and promote sound records management practices. Services provided by the unit include providing guidance to the elected circuit clerks in all areas of records management, accessioning permanent Kentucky Court of Justice records into the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) for permanent storage and identifying records eligible for destruction. The Accessioning Division also performs the necessary destruction of the records. These acts assist the circuit clerks in recovering valuable physical space in their offices.

# CIRCUIT CLERKS

## Case Filings Per Deputy FY 2004

RANK	COUNTY	Filings Inc Prepay	RANK	COUNTY	Filings Inc Prepay	RANK	COUNTY	Filings Inc Prepay
1	ROCKCASTLE	1204	41	LIVINGSTON	805	81	LESLIE	602
2	LYON	1182	42	BREATHITT	802	82	MONROE	598
3	HARDIN	1167	43	CHRISTIAN	801	83	MUHLBERG	597
4	WOLFE	1151	44	MADISON	794	84	BOYLE	596
5	DAVISS	1142	45	BARREN	782	85	LETCHER	590
6	BULLITT	1091	46	WOODFORD	780	86	EDMONSON	585
7	BOONE	1069	47	CALDWELL	774	86	MCCREARY	585
8	WARREN	1036	48	FAYETTE	773	88	MERCER	583
9	GRANT	1023	49	OHIO	769	89	FLEMING	579
10	ALLEN	1009	50	HENDERSON	760	90	CUMBERLAND	575
11	ROWAN	1000	51	LARUE	759	91	WASHINGTON	554
12	MARSHALL	998	52	BRACKEN	743	92	WHITLEY	540
13	SHELBY	997	53	HARLAN	739	93	BUTLER	539
14	LAWRENCE	995	54	ADAIR	737	93	LEWIS	539
15	NELSON	987	55	JEFFERSON	730	95	FULTON	530
16	JESSAMINE	980	56	CASEY	730	96	JACKSON	529
17	SIMPSON	978	57	PULASKI	726	97	BRECKINRIDGE	523
18	LAUREL	975	58	WAYNE	724	98	RUSSELL	518
19	ANDERSON	968	59	MCCRACKEN	723	99	MASON	516
20	FRANKLIN	965	60	PIKE	722	100	FLOYD	513
21	GALLATIN	936	61	MARION	705	101	MARTIN	504
22	GARRARD	924	62	BOYD	702	102	BALLARD	494
23	KNOX	905	63	BELL	700	103	TRIGG	486
24	GRAYSON	882	64	KNOTT	697	104	UNION	485
25	KENTON	870	65	HART	694	105	HARRISON	481
26	GRAVES	864	66	CLINTON	686	106	WEBSTER	469
27	CAMPBELL	860	67	TAYLOR	681	107	LEE	434
28	SCOTT	857	68	MEADE	677	108	MORGAN	415
29	CARROLL	853	69	CALLOWAY	654	109	METCALFE	404
30	CLAY	851	70	MONTGOMERY	653	110	TRIMBLE	399
31	CLARK	842	71	GREENUP	633	111	OWSLEY	385
32	OWEN	841	71	PERRY	633	112	MENIFEE	379
32	TODD	841	73	BATH	627	113	GREEN	377
34	LOGAN	834	74	LINCOLN	618	114	NICHOLAS	351
34	POWELL	834	75	ESTILL	612	115	MCLEAN	343
36	CARTER	832	75	PENDLETON	612	116	CRITTENDEN	329
37	BOURBON	828	77	HANCOCK	609	117	CARLISLE	315
38	SPENCER	823	78	HENRY	607	118	HICKMAN	309
39	HOPKINS	808	79	JOHNSON	606	119	ELLIOTT	261
40	OLDHAM	807	80	MAGOFFIN	605	120	ROBERTSON	209



# The AOC

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 fourteen 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

## **Alternative Dispute Resolution Services**

## **Budget, Policy and Research**

- Division of Research & Statistics

## **Court Facilities**

## **Court Services**

- Division of Case Management
- Division of Cash Management

## **Drug Court**

## **Education Services**

## **Family Court**

## **Information Systems**

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

## **Juvenile Services**

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

## **Office of General Counsel**

- Division of Master Commissioners

## **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 centralized purchasing and accounting of all goods and services used by the Court of Justice. The Department also manages all Memoranda of Agreement, Memoranda of Understanding and Personal Service Contracts, price contracts, federal and private agency grant activity, and insurance claims for the Court of Justice. It further manages the accounting, payroll, and personnel services necessary to support the Court of Justice. Improved technologies, such as custom-made personnel records and the automated reporting system, help the Administrative Services achieve fiscal accountability and provide quality service to the courts.

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Department of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) promotes the use and growth of dispute resolution, primarily mediation, in Kentucky through mediation trainings and court-supported programs. Primary programs of the department include Settlement Week, Permanency Mediation, Small Claims Mediation, Agreement Training for Court Designated Workers, and General Civil and Family Mediation Trainings. The Permanency Mediation Pilot Project, implemented in fiscal year 2004, demonstrates remarkable success with assisting a child in foster care to be permanently placed with a foster family more expeditiously and with less strife, to all parties involved, than ordinary court proceedings. See Alternative Dispute Resolution at 18 and 25.

## BUDGET, POLICY & RESEARCH

The Office of Budget, Policy, & Research monitors the Judicial Branch budget and serves as the advisory staff for the AOC Director in coordinating budgetary administration. In this capacity, the office oversees the preparation and execution of

### COURT OF JUSTICE BUDGET General Fund

#### Court Operations & Administration

#### FY 2004 Actual Expenditures

Supreme Court	3,967,100
Court of Appeals	6,678,900
Circuit Court	31,229,100
District Court	17,346,300
Circuit Clerks	65,795,200
AOC	7,970,000
Boards	244,200
Pretrial Services	8,778,900
State Law Library	1,201,200
Juvenile Services	8,778,900
Capital Outlay	548,600
<b>Total Court Opers. &amp; Admn.</b>	<b>150,490,400</b>

Local Facilities Fund	55,575,300
Judicial Retirement	2,519,400

**TOTAL BUDGET 208,585,100**

Source: FY2004  
Judicial Branch  
Financial  
& Program  
Status Report

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 legislative analysis for fiscal or programmatic impact. See Budget, Policy & Research at 18 and 25.

## **COURT FACILITIES**

In a joint effort among state officials, local governments, and AOC, six new facilities were completed during fiscal year 2004, and construction continues on eight others. Some facilities were renovated under current architectural standards and governmental safety guidelines. Other facilities underwent minor structural, cosmetic, technological, and safety revisions to provide the citizens with a more structurally sound facility and a more efficient court process. Local governments were tireless in their efforts to assist AOC in finding the most skilled artisans and tradesmen to complete minor and major renovations.

Facilities continually seek and implement new technology and methods to meet and exceed current trends and advances. Coinciding with evaluations and recommendations conducted by the Pretrial Services Court Security Unit, Facilities security staff installs state of the art equipment to combat evolving national, state, and local security issues.

With the evolution of Court Facilities' standards for new and existing facilities, the efficient recording and documentation of court proceedings remain a high priority. In collaboration with Information Systems, Facilities commenced replacing outdated tape recorders in district courts with state of the art digital audio recorders. Aside from efficiency in recording information, the audio and product quality are superior to previous systems. Digital audio systems have proven to be cost and space effective by alleviating space issues in Circuit Clerk's offices.

Facilities, with the assistance of local governments, strive to provide unsurpassed customer service. Staff diligently provides architectural service, project oversight, space planning, and administrative support to local agencies on court facility projects. Space planning has been more efficient through the implementation of furniture standards for the Court of Justice. Procedural standards continue to be written and maintained according to current governmental guidelines for new facilities, renovations, and maintenance. Requirements set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act are a priority toward the provision of accessible facilities.

Facilities has accomplished major goals in the fiscal year 2004, none of which would have been possible without the ongoing support of the Kentucky legislature, local governments, officials, and citizens. The success of FY 2004 has served as a catalyst for the years to follow.

*New Courthouses  
Dedicated In  
FY 2004*



Nelson County Justice Center  
Bardstown, Kentucky  
Dedicated December 2003



Casey County Judicial Center  
Liberty, Kentucky  
Dedicated February 2004

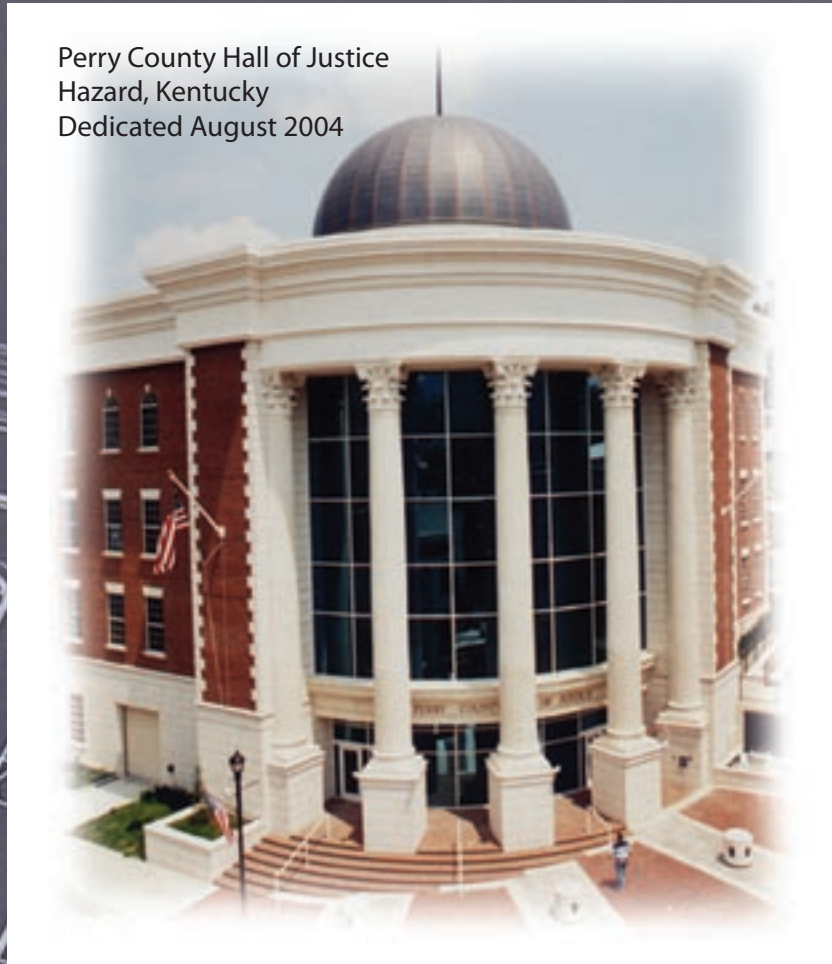
Harlan County Justice Center  
Harlan, Kentucky  
Dedicated July 2004



Webster County Judicial Center  
Dixon, Kentucky  
Dedicated July 2004



Perry County Hall of Justice  
Hazard, Kentucky  
Dedicated August 2004



Knott County Judicial Center  
Hindman, Kentucky  
Dedicated August 2004



## COURT SERVICES

The Department of Court Services provides technical support and assistance to Kentucky's 120 circuit court clerks. The workload is separated into two divisions: *Case Management*, which concentrates on court record organization, maintenance and retrieval, and *Cash Management*, which concentrates on bookkeeping and financial reporting. KyCourts II, an automated case management system developed by Information Systems in unison with Court Services, was successfully implemented in **54** counties during FY 2004. Courts Services further conducts Regional Training sessions every year to acquaint circuit clerks and deputy clerks with new legislation affecting the courts and the office of circuit court clerk. See Court Services at **30**.

### \*SERVICES and DAYS PROVIDED by Field Representatives and Judicial Auditors

Services	FY 2004	
	Field Reps.	Judicial Auditors
Routine Field Visits	245	556
On Site Training	68	18
Staff Fill-In	74	0
Procedural Audits	—	43
Investigations	—	74
Installing Automated Bookkeeping	107	36
KyCourts I Training & Installation	241	—
KyCourts II Installations	54	—
Summary Fin. Reports Reviewed	210	1476*
Other	95	13

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS  
MONIES COLLECTED BY CIRCUIT CLERKS OFFICE  
STATEWIDE TOTALS**

FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2003 TO 6-30-2004

FeeCode Description	Beginning Balances	Cash Receipts	Cash Disbursements	Cash Refunds	Ending Balances
Drivers License	\$0.00	\$11,823,811.16	\$0.00	\$108.00	\$0.00
Charges for Services	\$0.00	\$3,711,775.92	\$0.00	\$24,587.09	\$0.00
Expungement Fees	\$0.00	\$51,738.94	\$0.00	\$725.00	\$0.00
Restitution Fees	\$0.00	\$301,152.10	\$0.00	\$69.07	\$0.00
Bond Filing Fee	\$0.00	\$537,351.32	\$0.00	\$312.00	\$0.00
Bond 10% Fee	\$0.00	\$734,719.93	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
Bond Forfeitures	\$0.00	\$1,501,887.22	\$0.00	\$17,837.50	\$0.00
Fish & Game Fines	\$0.00	\$217,645.55	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
Highway Work Zone Safety Fines	\$0.00	\$491,119.78	\$0.00	\$682.00	\$0.00
Alcohol Intoxication Fines	\$0.00	\$408,531.12	\$0.00	\$26.00	\$0.00
Energy Recovery Road Fines	\$0.00	\$46,954.30	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$0.00
Criminal/Traffic Costs	\$0.00	\$48,940,165.88	\$0.00	\$23,600.80	\$0.00
Criminal/Traffic Fines	\$0.00	\$24,168,359.74	\$0.00	\$18,998.00	\$0.00
Juvenile Fines & Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$5,871,005.43	\$0.00	\$2,040.00	\$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	\$5,515,942.50	\$0.00	\$2,970.00	\$0.00
Court Security Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Civil Filing Fees	\$0.00	\$10,245,522.66	\$0.00	\$5,824.60	\$0.00
Access to Justice Fees	\$0.00	\$2,947,132.52	\$0.00	\$1,610.00	\$0.00
P.A. Partial Fees	\$0.00	\$1,481,206.35	\$0.00	\$1,252.50	\$0.00
Public Advocate Admin. Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$1,019,170.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Over/(Short)	\$0.00	\$156,494.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total State Money	\$10,167,330.96	\$120,171,688.31	\$119,172,114.26	\$102,247.56	\$11,064,657.45
Jury Fund	\$448,895.65	\$3,341,399.55	\$3,375,905.45	\$0.00	\$414,389.75
Witness Fund	\$11,089.68	\$145,050.61	\$147,180.79	\$0.00	\$8,959.50
Bail Bond	\$37,562,566.95	\$73,721,646.94	\$71,452,535.82	\$0.00	\$39,831,678.07
Alimony & Support	\$43,390.30	\$1,953,686.38	\$1,960,274.37	\$0.00	\$36,802.31
Restitution & Garnishment	\$1,604,960.34	\$8,882,211.94	\$8,651,080.76	\$0.00	\$1,836,091.52
Condemnation	\$13,315,521.22	\$13,104,767.40	\$16,758,429.70	\$0.00	\$9,661,858.92
County Jail	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Collect for Others	\$6,877,025.51	\$27,125,129.44	\$25,106,803.41	\$0.00	\$8,895,351.54
Library Fees	\$91,950.49	\$1,018,529.02	\$1,017,247.42	\$0.00	\$93,232.09
Sheriff SS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Savings Balance</b>	<b>\$70,122,731.10</b>	<b>\$249,464,109.59</b>	<b>\$247,641,571.98</b>	<b>\$102,247.56</b>	<b>\$71,843,021.15</b>
Special Escrow	\$14,840,781.06	\$10,904,229.54	\$8,550,928.22	\$0.00	\$17,194,082.38
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$84,963,512.16</b>	<b>\$260,368,339.13</b>	<b>\$256,192,500.20</b>	<b>\$102,247.56</b>	<b>\$89,037,103.53</b>



## DRUG COURT

### *Grant Awards And New Programs*

In June 2003, there were twenty-four drug court programs in Kentucky - fifteen adult, seven juvenile and two family. As of June 30, 2004, Kentucky had expanded to thirty-nine drug court programs – twenty-seven adult, ten juvenile and two family. The operational programs now encompass fifty-five counties, with fifty-seven judges volunteering their time to oversee drug court meetings and an additional docket each week. At the close of fiscal year 2004, twenty-five judges, in twenty-seven counties, had attended trainings to obtain grant funding for a drug court program.

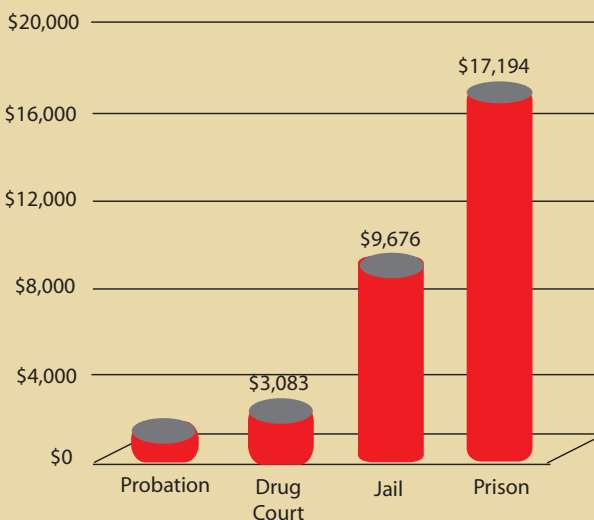
In September 2003, the Kentucky Drug Court Department was awarded four grants, totaling nearly \$2 million, by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). These awards funded the creation of adult drug courts in Henry/Oldham/Trimble counties, Adair/Casey counties, Johnson/Martin/Lawrence counties and a juvenile program in Warren County. Only one other state was awarded more grant funding from BJA than Kentucky.

In 2003, Congressman Harold Rogers created Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment and Education) to combat the drug problem in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (eastern and southeastern Kentucky). Operation UNITE utilizes Drug Court as one prong in its multi-disciplinary approach to the drug epidemic. The Kentucky Drug Court Department received an award of \$1.2 million from Operation UNITE. This award established adult drug courts in Whitley/McCreary, Bell, Letcher, Harlan, Pulaski/Rockcastle, Clay/Jackson/Leslie, Lee/Owsley, Knott/Magoffin, Floyd, and Pike counties. It also created juvenile drug courts in Letcher, Pike, Knox/Laurel and Whitley/McCreary counties.

In addition to these awards, the Cincinnati Health Foundation awarded the Drug Court Department a \$55,000 grant for Campbell Juvenile Drug Court and the Department of Juvenile Justice awarded \$50,000 for Christian Juvenile and \$38,500 for Whitley Juvenile Drug Courts.

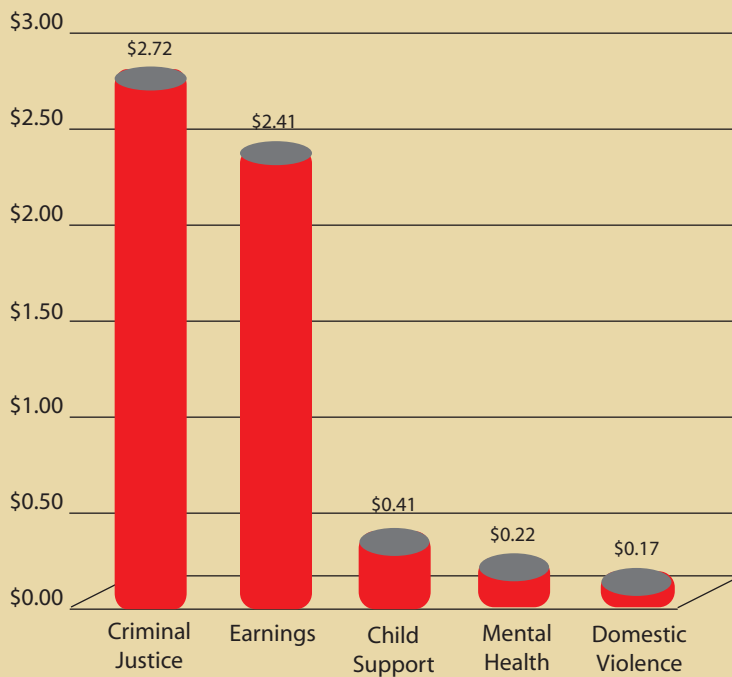
### **Cost Comparisons of Criminal Justice Alternatives for Drug Offenders**

#### **Average Per Capita Cost: Correctional & Court Programs in Kentucky**



<b>TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004</b>	
Number of Assessments	1243
Number of Individual Sessions	24,255
Number of Group Sessions	35,728
Number of Family Sessions	2,679
Number of Drug Court Sessions	1,905
Number of Ancillary Referrals	1,531
Number of Residential Referrals	480
Number in Educational Pursuit	258
Amount of Court Obligations Paid	\$215,469.00
Number of Participants as of 6/30/04	813
Number of Participants Accepted	703
Number of Graduates	326
Number of Drug Free Babies	18
Number of Drug Screens	71,518
Number of Participants Employed	510
Number of New Convictions-Felony	38
Number of New Convictions-Misdemeanor	81
<b>Totals do not include Jefferson County Adult or Jefferson County Juvenile</b>	

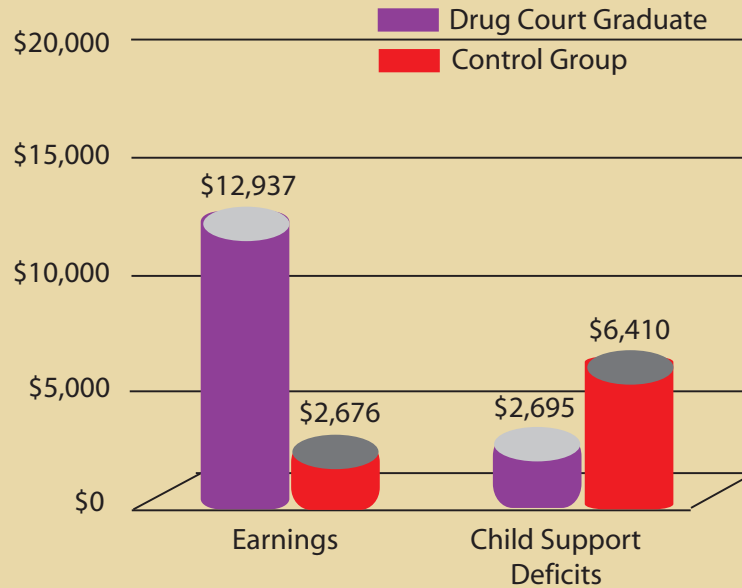
### Cost Savings for Drug Court Graduates



**Amount Returned for Every Dollar Spent on Drug Court Graduates**

## Productivity of Drug Court Graduates

### Earnings & Child Support Deficits 12 Months After Drug Court Graduation



### Recognition Awards

Kentucky Drug Court was awarded the National Drug Court Month Award for the third time in five years at the annual conference of National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). Since 2000, the NADCP has presented the annual award to the court, community, jurisdiction, or state whose outstanding efforts to celebrate National Drug Court Month increase community awareness of Drug Court and its mission on a national, state, and local level.

Fayette Circuit Judge Mary Noble was inducted into the Stanley M. Goldstein Drug Court Hall of Fame, at a NADCP conference, for her role in laying the foundation for Drug Court in Kentucky. The NADCP established the hall of fame in 2002 to recognize individuals worldwide who have made preeminent contributions to the Drug Court field.

### State Funding

Even though Kentucky was facing a budget crisis, in the 2004 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, the Kentucky Drug Court Department was awarded \$2.2 million dollars for fiscal year 2004-2005 and \$4.1 million dollars for fiscal year 2005-2006. The appropriation will replace the federal and restricted funds for existing drug court sites whose funding expires during the 2004-2006 fiscal biennium.

Throughout the past, the state judicial budget provided match money for the numerous grants the Kentucky Drug Court Department had received, but did not fund any drug court programs. Commencing July 2004, existing operational drug court programs will be completely supported by the state general fund. Financial endorsement by the Kentucky Legislature ensures that drug court, with its combination of treatment, judicial supervision, drug testing, sanctions and incentives will continue to serve the citizens and communities of the Commonwealth.



implemented a pilot project on an e-citation program, currently being tested in 2 counties. Further, an electronic timesheet has been developed which is being piloted internally. IS also developed a cash management system that is currently being tested in 5 counties while continuing to upgrade KyCourts II in 110 counties. See Information Systems at [8](#), [13](#), [18](#) and [25](#).

## **JUVENILE SERVICES**

### **Dependent Children's Services**

Dependent Children's Services recruits, trains, and provides services to volunteers of the Citizen Foster Care Review Boards; administers the Kentucky Court Improvement Project; and, coordinates education programs for guardians ad litem and other professionals serving in the child protection system.

#### **Citizens Foster Care Review Boards**

During fiscal year 2004 alone, Citizen Foster Care Review Boards set an all-time record by conducting 23,133 case reviews of children in out-of-home care. Of the 23,133 case reviews of children in out-of-home care, 13,572 of the reviews were conducted for Family Courts. The remaining 9,561 reviews were conducted on behalf of District or Circuit courts (in those counties where there is not a Family Court).

#### **Guardian ad Litem**

In FY 2004, the Guardian ad Litem Training Program conducted seminars in 10 Family Court locations serving 21 counties. Seven District Court Judges hosted guardian ad litem trainings in their respective districts. Also, in conjunction with the Kentucky Bar Association Committee on Child Protection and Domestic Violence, four Regional Child Protection Conferences were held to provide training for attorneys, social workers, court staff and other professionals from 66 counties.

#### **Interpreter Services**

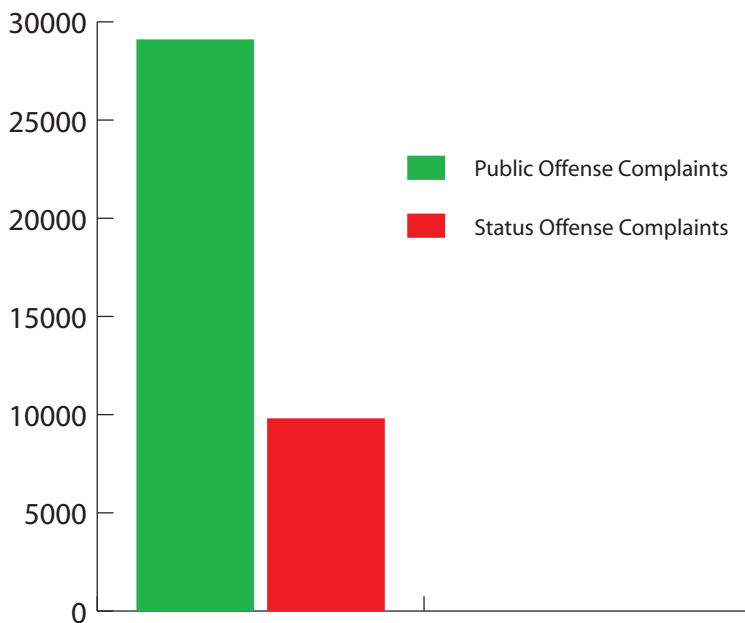
Fiscal year 2004 saw interpreters provided in approximately 28,887 cases across the state in District Courts, Circuit Courts, Family Courts, or at some other level of the courts' involvement (Pretrial, Teen Court, Drug Court). The vast majority of the interpreting services was provided at the District Court level (24,289), followed by Circuit Court (1958), Family Court (1004), with the remainder being disbursed at other levels of court involvement (1636). Overall, FY 2004 saw a 42% increase in services provided over FY2003.

#### **Law Related Education**

LRE provides the Kentucky Court of Justice's judiciary with an opportunity to directly interact with youth within their communities. For example, the FY 2004 Kentucky Teen Court Program had Circuit/Family Court and/or District Court Judges from twenty-nine counties presiding over a formal court process administered by the offender's peers. In the Kentucky Mock Trial Program, fifty Appellate, Circuit/Family Court, and District Court Judges volunteered countless hours as judges for the mock trial competitions held statewide. In FY 2004, one hundred and thirty-four Appellate, Circuit/Family Court and District Court Judges requested additional information regarding civic education and crime prevention materials provided by the Division of Law Related Education at the AOC.

## Court Designated Workers

The Court Designated Worker Program assisted the District and Family Courts, in fiscal year 2004, through processing **38,920** new public and status offense complaints. The assistance provided is broken down as follows:



**29,108 Public Offense Complaints** in which 8,499 (30.8%) were informally diverted through the CDW Program with a success rate of 92.3%.

**9,812 Status Offense Complaints** in which 4,316 (46.5%) were informally diverted through the CDW Program with a success rate of 67.0%.

**12,815** total cases informally diverted through the CDW Program with a success rate of 84.6%.

**3,190** additional public and status offense cases were otherwise informally processed or dismissed at the direction of the court or county attorney, further reducing the caseload for District and Family Courts.

**1,704 Pre-Complaint Conferences** for status offenses were held. These conferences are required by the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

**16,257 Juveniles taken into Custody** - the Court Designated Worker Program assisted in the release of 12,615 juveniles with an overall release percentage of 75.6%.

**\$123,345** in restitution for crime victims was collected by the Court Designated Worker Program through the diversion process.

**77,031** hours in community service was recovered for the counties of the Commonwealth by the Court Designated Worker Program through the diversion process.

## **OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

The work of the Office of General Counsel (OGC) encompasses virtually every aspect of the Court of Justice operations throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The OGC provides a full range of legal services to the Chief Justice, judges, circuit clerks, the AOC Director, and the AOC central staff. These include counsel on personnel law, contracts, legislative changes, rules of administrative procedure, administration of juror lists, and AOC forms. In fiscal year 2004, the OGC added a Division of Master Commissioners, which coordinates the Master Commissioner Program as set forth in Rules of Administrative Procedure Part IV. See Office of General Counsel at 30.

## **PRETRIAL SERVICES**

In FY 2004 there were 210,680 defendants arrested and placed in custody who were eligible for a pretrial interview. Of these, Pretrial Services interviewed 86%. There were 48,414 defendants released from custody under the Pretrial Services Program supervision. This number accounts for 23% of all bailable arrests in the Commonwealth. In response to concerns for domestic violence issues, Pretrial Services implemented policies related to victim safety. In FY 2004, there were 13,041 domestic violence related arrests, accounting for 6% of all bailable offenses. In addition to interviewing defendants, pretrial officers are statutorily required to collect information relative to the defendant's ability to afford the services of an attorney. In FY 2004, 58,658 affidavits of indigence were completed, accounting for approximately 28% of the arrest population. In Kentucky, 67% of all defendants arrested in FY 2004 were released pending trial.

The Pretrial Services Diversion, Monitoring and Mediation Programs benefit the court, the defendant, and the community through the reduction of trial docket caseloads resulting in court resources being allocated to more important and serious cases.

### **No Insurance Monitoring Program**

Pretrial Services began offering the Jefferson County Attorney's Office an alternative to traditional prosecution of defendants charged with Failure to Maintain Liability Insurance. The program started on February 1, 2004. Upon recommendation by the prosecutor, a district court judge can refer a defendant to the Pretrial Services Monitoring Program. The program is voluntary and the defendant must possess a valid driver's license and show proof of liability insurance. In a case where an accident occurred, the defendant may be ordered by the court to make restitution to the victim. Court cost can be ordered at the discretion of the court and payment monitored by Pretrial Services. A program fee of \$25 is required for participation. However, a person's inability to pay will not exclude him or her from the program. The fee can be reduced or waived based on a sliding scale according to the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

### **Pretrial Services Misdemeanor Diversion Program**

Currently there are four misdemeanor diversion programs operating within the Court of Justice and administered by Pretrial Services. These programs exist in Boone, Campbell, Kenton, and Marshall Counties. The Marshall County program was created in January 2004. This is the first expansion program in the past 26 years. The

program attempts to fulfill the individual needs of the offender while maintaining the confidence of the victim and the court.

The following statistical table reflects the success of the Pretrial Services Misdemeanor Diversion Program. These figures are based on the monthly reports provided by the Boone, Marshall, Kenton, and Campbell county programs for fiscal year 2002/2003 and 2003/2004.

Fiscal Year	Cases Diverted	Success Rate	Restitution Paid	Volunteer Hours Completed	Clients Completing Education Program	Clients Completing Treatment Program	Active Caseload
2003	1675	73.91%	\$14,627.31	9750	176	878	June 2003: 498
2004	2016	69.94%	\$17,325.43	11,336	244	1041	June 2004: 550

### Pretrial Services Dispute Mediation Program

Currently there are eight mediation programs operating within the Court of Justice and administered by Pretrial Services. These programs exist in Boone, Gallatin, Kenton, Campbell, Fayette, Jefferson, Harrison, and Pendleton Counties. Mediation provides another alternative for both the public and the court. The programs in Fayette, Kenton, Campbell, and Jefferson counties provide intake services for the public. The Boone and Gallatin County programs offer criminal dispute mediation services on cases referred by the court. In addition, the Boone County program offers intake services for small claims cases. The Harrison and Pendleton County programs offer mediation services on theft by deception cases referred by the court.

### Mediation Restitution and Court Cost Annual Report (2003/2004)

TBD Program	Small Claims	Mediation	Court Costs
<b>\$76,680.74</b>	<b>\$100,703.96</b>	<b>\$31,126.70</b>	<b>\$25,732.50</b>

### Mediation Statistical Report

Fiscal Year	# Mediation Hearings Held	# TBD Mediation	Success Rate
2002/2003	4333	2098*	84.47%
2003/2004	3201	892	76.79%

\*Jefferson County discontinued bad check mediation in January 2003

### Pretrial Services Records Division

The Pretrial Services records division was created to answer a demand for statewide criminal history data from the CourtNet information system. In FY 2004 more than 8,081 such applications were screened and more than 674,000 total record requests were processed generating approximately \$2.8 million to offset the cost of the operation.



### **Pretrial Services Court Security**

The primary objective of Court Security is to provide security for high profile, potentially volatile trials, and special court functions. In FY 2004 over 6,900 hours were spent providing security for the trial and appellate courts in the Commonwealth. Court Security Officers did full security surveys on 74 sites and had more than 13,419 meetings with elected officials.

### **Pretrial Services Accessioning Unit**

In FY 2004, the Accessioning Division surveyed records in 83 counties. It accessioned a total of 5,962 cubic feet of permanent records from 22 of these counties. This breakdown consisted of a total of 1,529 cubic feet of records to the KDLA Archives Center and a total of 4,433 cubic feet of records to the KDLA Records Center. The Accessioning Division also picked up a total of 3,138.55 cubic feet of records for destruction.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

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## **STATE LAW LIBRARY**

The State Law Library's primary function is to provide research, reference, and materials to the justices and judges of Kentucky. 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. In fiscal year 2004, the State Law Library implemented the Virtual Law Clerk Program for the circuit and district courts. See State Law Library at [19](#) and [26](#).



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