

CLERK OF COURT

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GENERAL REPORT
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The total revenue collected for the year 2005 in the Toledo Municipal Court, Clerk's Office totaled \$15,053,115.90. In the year 2004 the receipts totaled \$13,754,129.05, for an increase of \$1,298,986.85.

The City of Toledo General Fund received the sum of \$1,477,358.99 from the Civil Division of the Clerk's Office; the sum of \$2,783,152.08 from the Criminal/Traffic Division of the Clerk's Office, for a total of \$4,260,511.07 and for an increase of \$645,136.19. The total in 2004 was \$3,614,374.88.

Of the fiduciary accounts, the Clerk has disbursed \$7,673,857.82 for a balance forward to 2006 of \$316,099.22.

The total filings for the Clerk's Office for the year 2005 was 118,536 compared to 118,286 in 2004, for an increase of 250 filings.

A complete and detailed report on the operation for the year 2005 of the Criminal/Traffic and Civil Divisions of the Toledo Municipal Court, Clerk's Office follows.

TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT
TRUSTEESHIP DIVISION

	2005	2004
<u>TRUSTEESHIP ACCOUNTS FILED:</u>	147	163
<u>ACCOUNTS DISBURSED</u>		
Paid in Full	14	26
Paid on Active Accounts	221	261
Canceled	127	134
Bankruptcy	16	7
Reinstated	3	3
Reactivated	18	10
Other terminations	12	12
Voluntary cancellations	1	0
TOTAL	559	616
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Payments made by debtors into Trusteeship accounts	\$232,705.72	\$243,851.03
Disbursements of debtors' funds to creditors	\$225,257.80	\$254,972.04
Checks issued	1,257	1,391
Motions filed for additions to Trusteeship	75	65
Open and Active Accounts as of 12-31-05	177	179

TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT
CIVIL DIVISION

	2005	2004
CIVIL BRANCH FILINGS:		
New Cases	20,382	21,207
Certified Cases	1,116	1,386
Small Claims	2,791	3,030
Trusteeship	147	163
TOTAL	24,436	25,786
REVENUE COLLECTED:		
Fiduciary Accounts	7,659,492.32	7,411,410.58
Civil Costs Collected	2,494,458.04	1,677,417.65
TOTAL	\$10,153,950.36	\$9,088,828.23
REVENUE DISBURSED:		
General Fund	1,477,358.99	904,894.02
Other City Accounts	407,726.83	198,509.20
State Treasurer-Legal Aid	361,269.20	319,913.51
Toledo Legal News	243,432.14	254,100.92
Fiduciary Accounts expenditures	7,673,857.82	7,443,320.26
TOTAL	\$10,163,644.98	\$9,120,737.91
CIVIL BRANCH ACTIVITIES:		
Transcripts	99	90
Certificates of Judgment	3,336	3,614
Revocations	102	136
Executions	555	260
Garnishees	13,179	13,676
Motions	2,956	2,940
Restitutions	3,985	3,378
Revivors	121	307
TOTAL	24,333	24,401

TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

NEW CASES/CHARGES

	2005		2004	
	Charges	Cases	Charges	Cases
Traffic	58,187	32,358	56,878	33,638
Criminal	35,913	25,166	35,622	25,700
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TOTAL	94,100	57,524	92,500	59,338

REVENUE COLLECTED:

Fines	1,889,886.80	1,736,390.26
Costs and Fees	2,928,323.40	2,869,719.99
H.I.T.T.	12,033.42	12,024.45
Bond Forfeitures	13,683.00	12,918.00
Concentration Account	-0-	77.38
Over Payments	55,238.92	34,170.74
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TOTAL	\$4,899,165.54	\$4,665,300.82

REVENUE DISBURSED:

General Fund	2,783,152.08	2,709,480.86
Other City Accounts	743,101.39	623,149.21
Lucas County Treasurer	204,511.06	163,934.40
Treasurer of State	859,445.83	876,728.05
Ottawa Hills	30,966.80	36,043.00
Ottawa Hills-LEEF/Drug Fund	4,862.00	2,711.00
Lucas County Law Library	11,219.31	10,624.66
Department of Natural Resources	3,880.00	2,615.00
State Pharmacy Board	5,595.50	4,412.00
Over Payments	55,238.92	34,170.74
Humane Society and MCO LEEF	350.00	374.00
Lucas County Law Enf. Drug Fund	22,288.21	18,741.90
Lucas County Sheriff LEEF/Drug Fund	570.00	915.00
OSP LEEF/Drug Fund	2,397.80	1,913.00

University of Toledo LEEF/Drug Fund	725.00	863.00
Washington Township LEEF/Drug Fund	4,180.09	1,093.00

Liquor Board Drug Fund	55.00	-0-
BMV Fee	63,749.10	4,877.00
TMC Change Bank	100.00	-0-
Capital Recovery Systems	102,777.45	-0-

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In 2005, gains were made to improve operations in the Toledo Municipal Clerk of Court's office.

In the Criminal/Traffic Division, the Clerk began entering case data in real time during afternoon traffic court. This allows the Clerk's staff to enter court proceedings into the Clerk's computer system as the Magistrate verbalizes them, not hours to days after the fact. This benefits the community in two ways. First, the public spends less time in court waiting for their paperwork to be processed. Second, before the defendant leaves the courtroom, he/she receives a sheet with the date of his or her next court appearance and the amount of money owed to the court.

Second, the Clerk put a livescan fingerprint/mugshot machine into operation. The livescan machine allows the Court to capture fingerprints and mugshots in the Courthouse. This improves successful prosecution by capturing more positive defendant identification. From November 1-- December 31, 2005, 107 defendants were fingerprinted and had mugshots taken at Toledo Municipal Court. Of these, approximately 45% involved violent offenses that would have otherwise gone undocumented.

Third, the Clerk collected over \$500,000 in delinquent accounts owed to Toledo Municipal Court through a court collection program. Implemented in August 2005, unpaid court fines and costs are sent to Capital Recovery Systems (CRS) for collection services. This is done at no cost to the taxpayers. CRS adds a thirty percent collection fee to the amount the defendant owes Toledo Municipal Court and only receives it after the Court is paid in full.

In the Civil division, the Clerk worked to make the files more organized and durable by changing the type of case jacket used. In the past, filings on a case were placed loose in the jacket. Under that system, there was the possibility that filings could fall out of the file or be left on a desk. Filings are now organized and attached within the jacket.

Finally, the Clerk's office was one of three organizations to receive an Outstanding Labor-Management Cooperation award at the 17th Annual Awards for Labor Management Cooperation in January of 2005. The management of the Clerk's office and AFSCME Local 3411 received this award from the Toledo Labor Management Citizens Committee for exemplary labor-management relations. Both management and the AFSCME bargaining unit were honored for tackling work related problems as a cooperative venture in monthly labor-management meetings. This resulted in a decrease in the number of grievances filed in the office and it increased trust and confidence between both parties.