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NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT ANNUAL REPORT 2005



Orange County Courthouse

Letter from the Chief Judge

Dear Citizens of Orange and Osceola counties:

Welcome to the Ninth Judicial Circuit 2005 Year in Review. I am pleased to present this publication on behalf of the judiciary.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. It contains important statistical information about the past achievements and future goals of the Ninth Circuit. Included is a photo directory of our judges, a listing of our programs and services and a quick reference phone listing for the judiciary. Hopefully, the report will help you become more familiar with the work of our courts and illustrate how we strive, everyday, to operate the best possible system of justice for the citizens we serve.

As our Central Florida community continues to grow and prosper, so does our court. In the last ten years, we have added seven new judgeships and the Florida Supreme Court determined that the Legislature should fund additional positions in order to keep pace with growth. The judges of the Ninth Circuit are committed on and off the bench to preserving the quality of our judicial system. In order to operate an efficient court, we are continually looking for

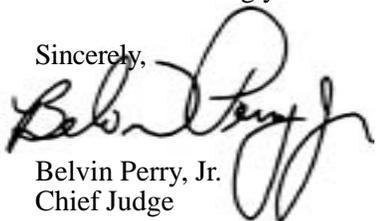
new ways to streamline the judicial process and improve case management. In order to operate an effective court we are continually developing new programs and services that make a difference to the individual and to our entire community.

In the past year, we formed a Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Commission that is addressing some very tough issues so that we can make the necessary changes in our system to help protect families. We have secured an additional \$2.8 million dollars from the State Legislature for the Central Receiving Center, which will continue to serve as an alternative treatment facility for those with mental illness or substance use disorders. Our diversionary programs like Neighborhood Restorative Justice and Teen Court, continue to grow and help hundreds of young people learn from their mistakes and steer clear of criminal prosecution. And, after being in operation for only 2 years, our Complex Business Litigation Court, Florida's first Business Court, has been expanded to a second division.

In the coming year, we will add three new courtrooms to the Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center and three new courtrooms at the Orange County Jail for initial appearances. We plan to establish an expedited mental health case tracking system in Orange County. In Osceola County, we also hope to open on-site daycare similar to "A Place for Children" which has operated successfully for years in Orange County.

As a circuit, we are working very hard to stay ahead of growth to provide the best system of justice to the people of our community. I am very proud to serve as your Chief Judge and look forward to great achievements in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge



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*M*ission *S*tatements

The mission of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court is to fairly and impartially administer justice and resolve disputes brought before the court.

The mission of Court Administration is to efficiently and effectively provide comprehensive administrative support to all the judges of the circuit, to manage programs and to act as a liaison between the Court and the people it serves.





Orange County
Roger A. Barker Courtroom

The Ninth Judicial Circuit Court serves Orange and Osceola counties as the state trial court with jurisdiction over criminal and civil cases. The fourth largest circuit of the state's 20 judicial circuits, the court's authority covers 2,000 square miles of Central Florida and more than 1.2 million residents.

In addition to its year round population, the area is one of the top tourist destinations in the world. In 2004 alone, Orange and Osceola Counties boasted more than 25 million overnight visitors. That number is expected to exceed 30 million by 2008.

The demographics of Orange and Osceola counties reveal the rich diversity of a population drawn to beautiful weather, a strong economic climate and attractive offerings in office, retail and residential sites. More than 30 percent of the population falls under the 25-44 age range. Additionally, both counties are racially and ethnically diverse. Hispanics make up over 35 percent of residents in Osceola County and over 20 percent in Orange County. African Americans equal 20 percent of residents in Orange County and 10 percent in Osceola County.

Orlando International Airport (OIA) is one of the fastest growing major metropolitan airports in the country. OIA is 24th in the world in passenger traffic. It ranks fourth in the nation in domestic origin and destination travel, according to Seabury Airline Planning Group. OIA is the largest airport in the state according to Airports Council International.

As the population and tourism numbers boom, the justice system of the Ninth Judicial Circuit strives to meet the growing demand for its services.

Annually, each circuit submits a request for new judgeships to the Florida Supreme Court. Under the Florida Constitution, the high court analyzes the requests and certifies its findings and recommendations. It is up to the Legislature to fund the positions. Since 1995, the Ninth Judicial Circuit has requested 50 judges to meet the mounting workload. Consideration is given to the complexity of cases and changes in statute. During that period, the Florida Supreme Court, through the Delphi Study, recommended 40 judgeships for the Ninth Circuit while the Legislature funded only 14 new positions.

Florida's court system consists of the supreme court in Tallahassee; five district courts of appeal with appellate jurisdiction located in Tallahassee, Lakeland/Tampa, Miami, West Palm Beach and Daytona Beach; 20 circuit courts and county courts in each of Florida's 67 counties. Each area has magistrates and hearing officers. The addition of circuit and county judges ensures the increased efficiency and performance of a state court system that citizens expect and deserve. To fulfill its constitutional mandate to resolve cases in a fair, impartial and timely manner, it is absolutely essential for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court to continue to expand to meet the growing needs of the vibrant community it serves.



Osceola County Ceremonial Courtroom



The Ninth Judicial Circuit is comprised of two counties: Orange and Osceola. The Orange County Courthouse is in downtown Orlando. Juvenile, delinquency and dependency cases are heard at the Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center, south of downtown on Michigan Street. To provide residents greater access to the courts, there are satellite courts in Apopka, Ocoee and Winter Park. The Osceola County Courthouse is in downtown Kissimmee.

Orange County Courthouse

425 North Orange Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801
407-836-2050

Branch Courthouse/Apopka

1111 North Rock Springs Road
Apopka, Florida 32712

Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center

2000 East Michigan Street
Orlando, Florida 32806
407-836-7590

Branch Courthouse/Ocoee

475 North Story Road
Ocoee, Florida 32761

Osceola County Courthouse

2 Courthouse Square
Kissimmee, Florida 34741
407-343-2400

Branch Courthouse/Winter Park

450 North Lakemont Avenue
Winter Park, Florida 32789



Circuit Court

As a court of general jurisdiction, the Circuit Judges serving in the Ninth Judicial Circuit preside over felonies and misdemeanors, traffic, probate matters, juvenile proceedings, family court and civil actions of law, where the amount in dispute exceeds \$15,000. Divisions include:



Circuit Criminal Division -- In the Circuit Criminal Division, judges preside over felony cases.

Circuit Civil Division -- In the Circuit Civil Division, judges preside over civil disputes where the amount in dispute exceeds \$15,000 and other civil matters.

Domestic Relations -- In the Domestic Relations Division, judges preside over cases involving family issues, including domestic violence allegations.

Juvenile Division -- In the Juvenile Division, judges preside over cases of delinquency and dependency.

Probate Division -- In the Probate Division, judges preside over the processing of wills, settlement of estates, guardianship, mental health cases and involuntary civil commitments of sexually violent predators.

County Court is divided into two divisions:

County Civil Division -- In the County Civil Division, judges preside over disputes where possible damages do not exceed \$15,000, including landlord and tenant eviction cases.

Criminal Division -- In the Criminal Division, judges preside over misdemeanors and traffic infractions.





Orange County Courthouse

Orange County Courthouse

The 23-story Orange County Courthouse is located in downtown Orlando. The courthouse has 48 courtrooms, 24 hearing rooms, and a special purpose courtroom with state of the art technology on the 23rd floor. Circuit and county judges preside over criminal, civil, domestic and traffic cases. The court complex includes the State Attorney and Public Defender offices in buildings on either side of the main courthouse. Also, the Clerk of the Court, an Office of the Orange County Sheriff, and Court Administration are located in the main building.

Osceola County Courthouse

The Osceola County Courthouse is located in downtown Kissimmee. The courthouse has twelve courtrooms. Circuit and county judges preside over criminal, civil, domestic, juvenile and traffic cases. In addition, the building contains the Clerk of the Court, State Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Court Administration and the Osceola County Sheriff’s Judicial Services Division.



Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center

Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center

The Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center (Juvenile Court) is a one-story building located at 2000 E. Michigan Street in Orlando, south of the main courthouse. Judges here preside over Orange County delinquency and dependency cases, in which the petitioner is generally the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The Clerk of Court, State Attorney, Court Administration, Department of Juvenile Justice and Orange County Public Schools have offices in the building. The court is conveniently located near the state-run Orange Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Orange County’s Great Oaks Village (which provides care for dependent children) and the Public Defender’s Juvenile Division office.



Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida Branch Services Buildings

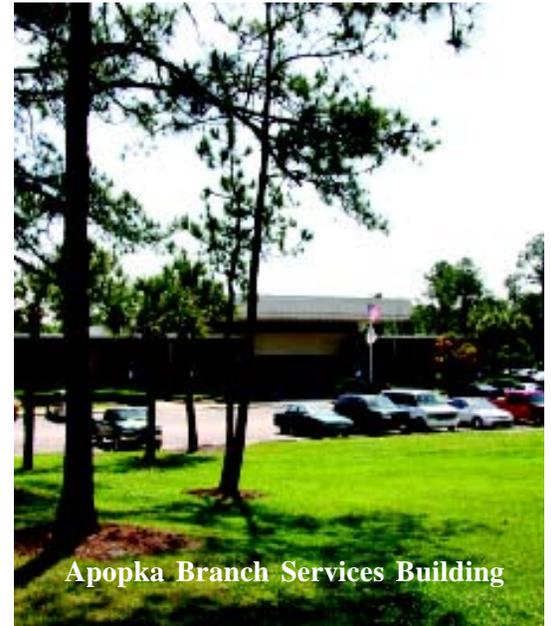
Orange County Court judges travel to the three satellite courts in Ocoee, Apopka and Winter Park to hear traffic and misdemeanor arraignments. In addition, hearing officers travel to the satellite courts to hear traffic infraction cases. The Ocoee and Apopka Branch Services buildings were built at the same time and are identical.



Ocoee Branch Services Building

The **Ocoee Branch Services Building** is located at 475 Story Road in Ocoee and was dedicated in 1975. Traffic hearing officers hold infraction hearings on Mondays, and judges hear court matters on Wednesdays. The building houses offices for the judge and hearing officer, an arraignment courtroom, the Sheriff’s substation and Marine Unit, Orange County Health Department and Vital Statistics, Youth and Family Services and the State of Florida Driver License renewal. The Clerk of the Court office processes all county court matters, including traffic, misdemeanor and civil cases involving disputes less than \$15,000, passports, landlord/tenant evictions, and marriage licenses.

The **Apopka Branch Services Building** is located at 1111 North Rock Springs Road in Apopka and was also dedicated in 1975. Traffic hearing officers hold infraction hearings on the fourth Tuesday of every month, and judges hear court matters on Thursdays. The building houses offices for the judge and hearing officer, an arraignment courtroom, the Sheriff’s substation, Orange County Health Department and Vital Statistics, Youth and Family Services, and Veteran’s Assistance. The State of Florida does not renew driver licenses in this building. The Clerk of the Court processes all county court matters, including traffic, misdemeanor and civil cases involving disputes less than \$15,000, passports, landlord/tenant evictions, and marriage licenses.



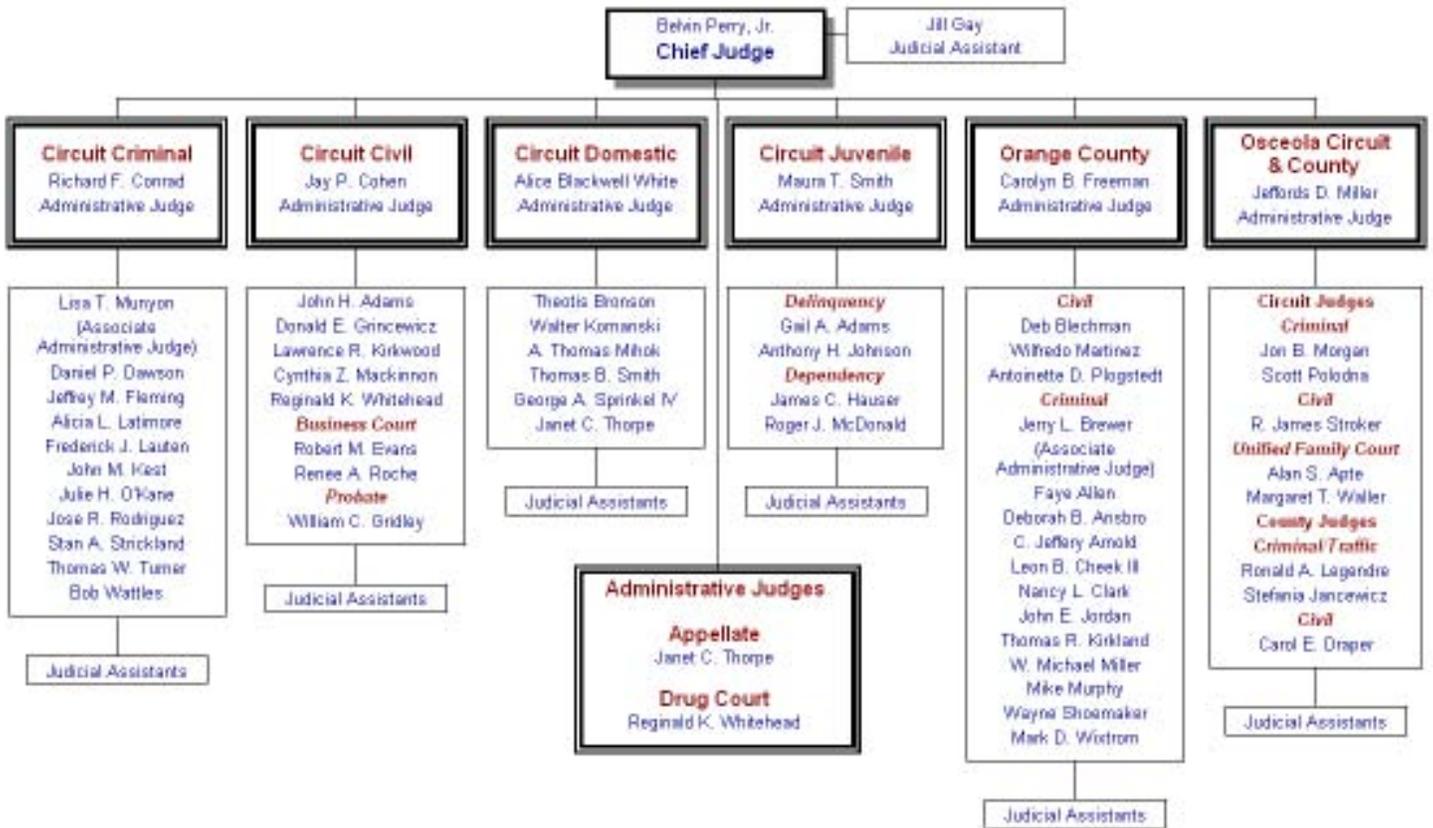
Apopka Branch Services Building



Winter Park Branch Services Building

The **Winter Park Branch Services Building** is located at 450 North Lakemont Avenue in Winter Park. The Clerk of the Court moved there in 1991 and the courts began operation in 1992. Prior to that, Winter Park court cases were heard at Winter Park City Hall, and the Clerk of the Court was housed across the street. Traffic hearing officers hold infraction hearings on Tuesdays, and a judge hears court matters on Fridays. The building houses offices for the judge and hearing officer and an arraignment courtroom. The State of Florida renews driver licenses at this location. The Clerk of the Court processes all county court matters, including traffic, misdemeanor and civil cases involving disputes less than \$15,000, passports, landlord/tenant evictions and marriage licenses.





Administrative Judges Serving in 2005 & 2006

2005 Administrative Judges for Circuit and County Courts

Honorable Jay P. Cohen – Circuit Civil Division
 Honorable Richard F. Conrad – Criminal Division
 Honorable Lisa T. Munyon – Associate Criminal Division
 Honorable Maura T. Smith – Juvenile Division
 Honorable Robert M. Evans – Family Court Division
 Honorable Jeffords D. Miller – Osceola County
 Honorable Reginald Whitehead – Drug Court
 Honorable Lawrence R. Kirkwood – Probate/Mental Health/Guardianship
 Honorable Janet C. Thorpe – Appellate Division
 Honorable Carolyn B. Freeman – Orange County
 Honorable Jerry L. Brewer – Orange County Associate

2006 Administrative Judges for Circuit and County Courts

Honorable Jay P. Cohen – Circuit Civil Division
 Honorable Richard F. Conrad – Criminal Division
 Honorable Lisa T. Munyon – Associate Criminal
 Honorable Maura T. Smith – Juvenile Division
 Honorable Alice Blackwell White – Family Court Division
 Honorable Jeffords D. Miller – Osceola County
 Honorable Reginald Whitehead – Drug Court
 Honorable Janet C. Thorpe – Appellate Division
 Honorable Carolyn B. Freeman – Orange County
 Honorable Jerry L. Brewer – Orange County Associate



Judiciary





Gail A. Adams

Circuit Judge: 2001-present
 Judge of Compensation
 Claims: 1992-2001
 JD: Stetson University
 BA: University of Central
 Florida
 Major: Finance and
 Economics



John H. Adams, Sr.

Circuit Judge: 1991-present
 County Judge: 1985-1991
 JD: University of Michigan
 BA: Webster College
 Major: Mathematics



Faye L. Allen

Orange County Judge:
 2005- present
 JD: Florida State University
 BA: Florida A&M University
 Major: Criminology



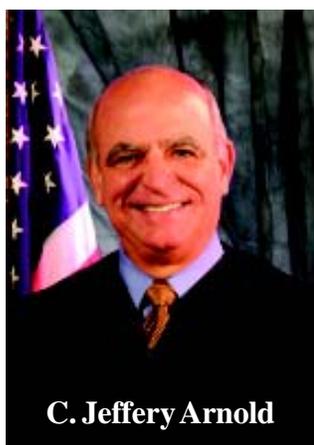
Deborah B. Ansbro

Orange County Judge:
 2006 - present
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: University of Central
 Florida
 Major: History



Alan S. Apte

Circuit Judge: 2003-present
 JD: Nova University
 BA: University of Miami
 Major: Chemistry



C. Jeffery Arnold

Orange County Judge:
 1994-present
 JD: Florida State University
 BA: College of William and
 Mary
 Major: Pre-Law



Deb S. Blechman

Orange County Judge:
 1995-present
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: University of Central
 Florida
 Major: Political Science/Pre-
 Law



Jerry L. Brewer

Orange County Judge:
 1995-present
 JD: Cumberland School
 of Law
 BA: University of
 Central Florida
 AA: Valencia Community
 College
 Major: Political Science





Theotis Bronson

Circuit Judge: 1993-present
 County Judge: 1986-1993
 JD: University of Florida
 BS: Rollins College
 AA: Seminole Community College
 Major: Psychology



Leon B. Cheek III

Orange County Judge:
 1998-present
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: University of Florida
 Major: Political Science



Nancy L. Clark

Orange County Judge:
 2000-present
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: University of Florida
 Major: Political Science



Jay P. Cohen

Circuit Judge: 1994-present
 County Judge: 1990-1994
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: University of Florida
 Major: English Literature



Richard F. Conrad

Circuit Judge: 1988-present
 County Judge: 1985-1988
 JD: Stetson University
 BA: St. Louis University
 Major: Zoology & Chemistry



Daniel P. Dawson

Circuit Judge: 1991-present
 JD: Stetson University
 BS: University of Florida
 Major: Business Administration



Carol Engel Draper

Osceola County Judge:
 1993-present
 JD: Stetson University
 BA: Ithaca College
 Major: Music Education



Robert M. Evans

Circuit Judge: 1995-present
 JD: Florida State University
 BA: Ball State University
 Major: Political Science





Jeffrey M. Fleming

Circuit Judge: 2005-present
County Judge: 2002-2005
JD: Florida State University
BA: University of Central Florida
Major: Political Science



Carolyn B. Freeman

Orange County Judge:
1991-present
JD: Florida State University
BS: Rollins College
Major: Business



William C. Gridley

Circuit Judge: 1973-present
Juvenile Judge: 1972-1973
JD: University of Florida
BA: University of Florida
Major: Political Science



Donald E. Grincewicz

Circuit Judge: 1995-present
County Judge: 1994-1995
JD: Detroit College of Law
BS: Wayne State University
Major: Political Science



James C. Hauser

Circuit Judge: 1991-present
County Judge: 1980-1991
JD: Boston University
BS: University of Pennsylvania/Wharton School of Finance
Major: Economics



Stefania Jancewicz

Osceola County Judge:
2006-present
JD: Stetson University
BA: Flagler College
Major: Secondary Education and English



Anthony H. Johnson

Circuit Judge: 1997-present
Senior Judge: 1991-1997
County Judge: 1986-1990
JD: Stetson University
BS: American University
Major: Administration of Justice



John E. Jordan

Orange County Judge:
2005-present
JD: University of Florida
BA: University of South Florida
Major: Political Science





John Marshall Kest

Circuit Judge: 2003-present
 JD: Florida State University
 BA: Rollins College
 Major: Biology



Thomas R. Kirkland

Orange County Judge:
 1977-present
 JD: Stetson University
 BS: University of Florida
 Major: Industrial
 Management



**Lawrence R.
 Kirkwood**

Circuit Judge: 1981-present
 JD: University of Florida
 MA: University of
 Nevada-Reno
 BA: Florida
 Southern College
 Major: History/Government



Walter Komanski

Circuit Judge: 1985-present
 County Judge: 1981-1985
 JD: John Marshall
 Law School
 BA: University of
 Central Florida
 Major: Communications/
 Political Science



Alicia L. Latimore

Circuit Judge: 2006-present
 JD: University of Florida
 BS: Duke University
 Major: Psychology



Frederick J. Lauten

Circuit Judge: 1999-present
 County Judge: 1993-1999
 JD: Villanova University
 MBA: Rollins College
 BA: Rollins College
 Major: History



Ronald A. Legendre

Osceola County Judge:
 1981-present
 JD: Florida State University
 BA: Loyola of New Orleans
 Major: History



Cynthia Z. Mackinnon

Circuit Judge: 1994-present
 JD: University of Florida
 MA: Emory University
 BA: Emory University
 Major: English





Wilfredo Martínez

Orange County Judge:
1998-present
JD: New York University
BA: Yale University
Major: Spanish Literature



Roger J. McDonald

Circuit Judge: 1997-present
JD: University of Florida
BS: Florida State University
Major: Finance



A. Thomas Mihok

Circuit Judge: 1995-present
JD: Stetson University
BS: United States
Naval Academy
Major: Math, Science &
Engineering



Jeffords D. Miller

Circuit Judge: 1987-present
JD: Cumberland Law School
MA: Rollins College
BA: Rollins College
Major: History &
Government



W. Michael Miller

Orange County Judge:
1991-present
JD: University of Florida
BA: Furman University
Major: Political Science



Jon B. Morgan

Circuit Judge: 2005-present
County Judge: 1998-2005
JD: University of Florida
BA: University of Florida
Major: Political Science



Lisa T. Munyon

Circuit Judge: 2003-present
JD: University of Florida
BS: University of Florida
Major: Finance



Mike Murphy

Orange County Judge:
2005-present
JD: University of Florida
BS: University of Florida
Major: Management





Julie H. O'Kane

Circuit Judge: 2003-present
 JD: Stetson University
 BA: Florida Atlantic University
 Major: Marketing



Belvin Perry, Jr.

Chief Judge
 Circuit Judge: 1989-present
 JD: Texas Southern University
 MA: Tuskegee University
 BS: Tuskegee University
 Major: History



Antoinette Plogstedt

Orange County Judge:
 2001-present
 JD: University of Florida
 BS: University of Tampa
 Major: Marketing



Scott Polodna

Circuit Judge: 2006 – Present
 JD: University of Florida
 BS: University of Florida
 Major: Psychology



Renee A. Roche

Circuit Judge: 1997-present
 County Judge: 1995-1997
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: Auburn University
 Major: History



Jose R. Rodriguez

Circuit Judge: 1994-present
 County Judge: 1987-1994
 JD: Florida State University
 BA: University of Central Florida
 AA: Miami-Dade Community College
 Major: Communications



Wayne Shoemaker

Orange County Judge:
 1999-present
 JD: South Texas College of Law
 BA: University of Central Florida
 Major: Criminal Justice



Maura T. Smith

Circuit Judge: 1996-present
 JD: Florida State University
 BA: Tufts University
 Major: Economics





Thomas B. Smith

Circuit Judge: 2002-present
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: University of South Florida
 Major: History



George A. Sprinkel IV

Circuit Judge: 1990-present
 County Judge: 1977-1990
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: University of Florida
 Major: Political Science



Stan Strickland

Circuit Judge: 1998-present
 Judge of Compensation Claims: 1993-1998
 County Judge: 1995-1998
 JD: Mercer University
 MA: Florida State University
 BA: Florida State University



R. James Stroker

Circuit Judge: 1982-present
 County Judge: 1977-1982
 Municipal Court Judge: 1974-1976
 JD: Cornell University
 BS: Cornell University
 Major: Industrial Relations



Janet C. Thorpe

Circuit Judge: 2000-present
 JD: Emory University
 BA: Union College
 Major: American History/
 Political Science



Thomas W. Turner

Circuit Judge: 2003-present
 JD: Wayne State University
 BA: Ball State University
 Major: Political Science



Margaret T. Waller

Circuit Judge: 1998-present
 County Judge: 1994-1998
 JD: University of Florida
 BA: University of Florida
 Major: English



Bob Wattles

Circuit Judge: 1995-present
 JD: University of Florida
 BS: University of Florida
 Major: Journalism/Public Relations





Alice Blackwell White

Circuit Judge: 1991-present
JD: University of South Carolina
BA: Furman University
Major: Political Science



Reginald Whitehead

Circuit Judge: 1995-present
County Judge: 1994-1995
JD: University of Florida
BS: University of Mississippi
Major: Political Science



Mark D. Wixtrom

Orange County Judge:
2006-present
JD: University of Florida
BA: University of South Florida
Major: Political Science



Historic Osceola County Courthouse





Ted Coleman

Senior Judge: 2003-present
 Circuit Judge: 1983-2002
 County Judge: 1973-1979
 JD: University of Florida
 BS: University of Florida
 AA: Brevard Community College
 Major: Advertising



Frank N. Kaney

Senior Judge: 2001-present
 County Judge: 1973-1977
 Circuit Judge: 1977-2000
 JD: University of Miami
 BA: Florida State University
 Major: Speech Communications



Frederick Pfeiffer

Senior Judge: 1994-present
 Circuit Judge: 1973-1993
 JD: George Washington University
 BA: University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
 Major: History



Rom W. Powell

Senior Judge: 1998-present
 Circuit Judge: 1978-1997
 JD: Stetson University
 BA: Dartmouth College
 Major: English Literature



Charles N. Prather

Senior Judge: 2002-present
 Circuit Judge: 1990-2001
 County Judge: 1983-1989
 JD: Stetson University
 BA: Stetson University
 Major: Economics



Dorothy J. Russell

Senior Judge: 2003-present
 Circuit Judge: 1990-2003
 County Judge: 1983-1990
 JD: Stetson University
 MA: Rollins College
 BA: State University of New York at Buffalo
 AA: Olympic College



Janice Mary Halker Simpson

Senior Judge: 2005-present
 Orange County Judge: 1979-2005
 JD: University of Florida
 MA: Loyola University
 BA: University of Florida
 Major: Sociology



Magistrates



Maureen Bell



Howard Friedman



James E. Glatt, Jr.



Maria Hinds



Linh Ison



Odessia Joyner

Hearing Officers



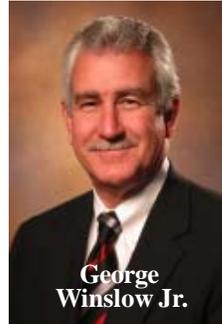
Christine Groves



Steven Jablon



Norberto Katz



George Winslow Jr.



A court administrator in each of the 20 judicial circuits is tasked with assisting the chief judge to carry out the court's administrative duties. The court administrator is selected by a majority vote of the circuit and county judges and reports directly to the chief judge.

Matt Benefiel, court administrator for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and his staff assist the judiciary in the following areas: budget administration, fiscal administration, human resources, public information, jury management, court reporting, case management, legal research, court technology, dispute resolution and court interpreting. Court Administration develops and manages programs and services for the circuit, disseminates information about the court system to the media and general public and assists the judiciary with all aspects of court management.

NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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Administrative Offices (Orange County) 407-836-2050
Administrative Offices (Osceola County) 407-343-2400

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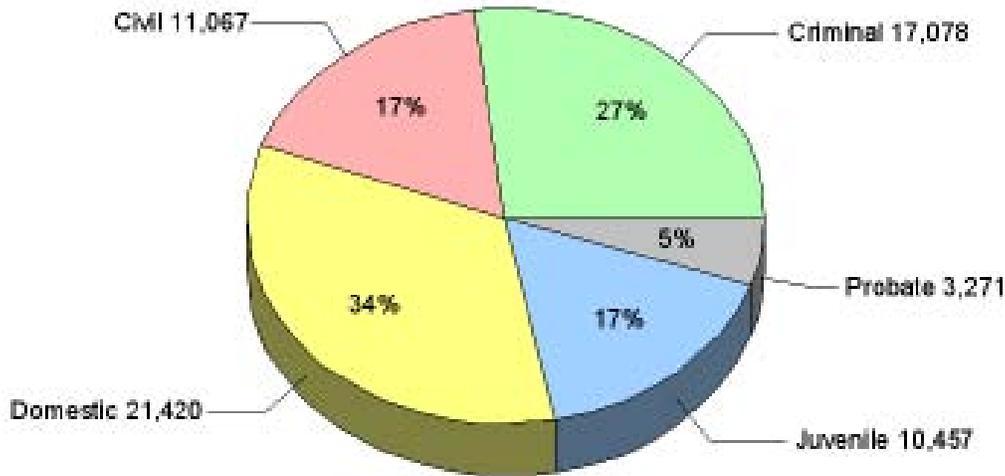
A Place for Children	407-836-2108
Audio/Visual Services	407-836-0522
Business Court	407-836-2366
Child Support Hearing Officers	407-836-2287
Court Interpreting Services	407-836-2399
Court Reporting Services	407-836-2280
Court Resource Center	407-836-0517
Digital Court Reporters	407-836-2270
Dispute Resolution Services (Mediation)	407-836-2004
Drug Court	407-836-0501
Family Court Case Management	407-836-6054
Family Ties Program	407-836-0426
Human Resources/Fiscal	407-836-2261
Jury Services	407-836-2206
Juvenile Court Services	407-836-7590
Magistrates	407-836-1621
Neighborhood Restorative Justice	407-836-9553
Pay-Up	407-836-8972
Sanctioned To Read	407-836-9313
Technology Services	407-836-6010
Teen Court	407-836-9517
Traffic Infraction Hearing Officers	407-836-2334

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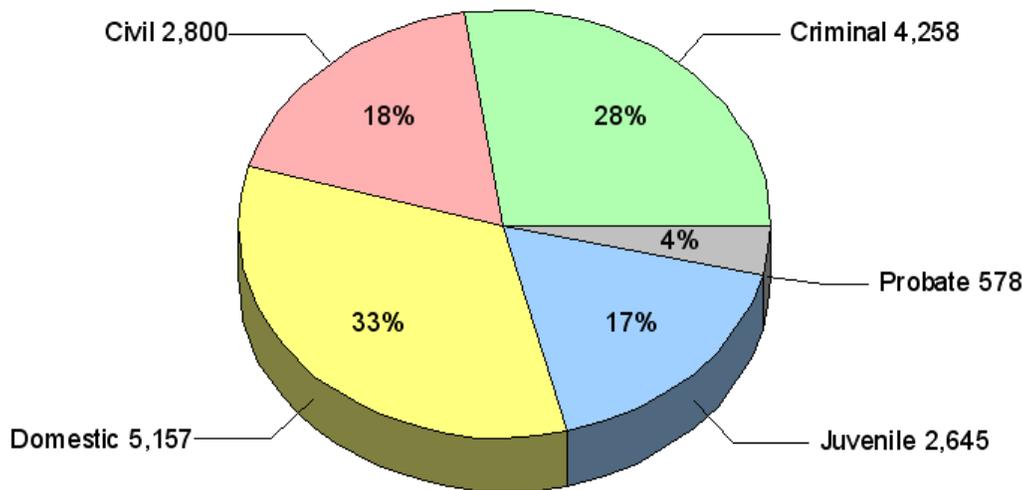
Audio Visual Services	407-343-2530
Child Support Hearing Officer	407-343-2460
Children's Visitation Center	407-343-2467
Court Interpreters	407-343-2400
Court Reporting Services	407-343-2482
Dispute Resolution Services (Mediation)	407-343-2431
Drug Court	407-343-2518
Family Court Case Management	407-343-2474
Jury Services	407-343-2423
Magistrate	407-343-2428
Technology Services	407-343-2487
Teen Court	407-343-2465
Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer	407-343-2400



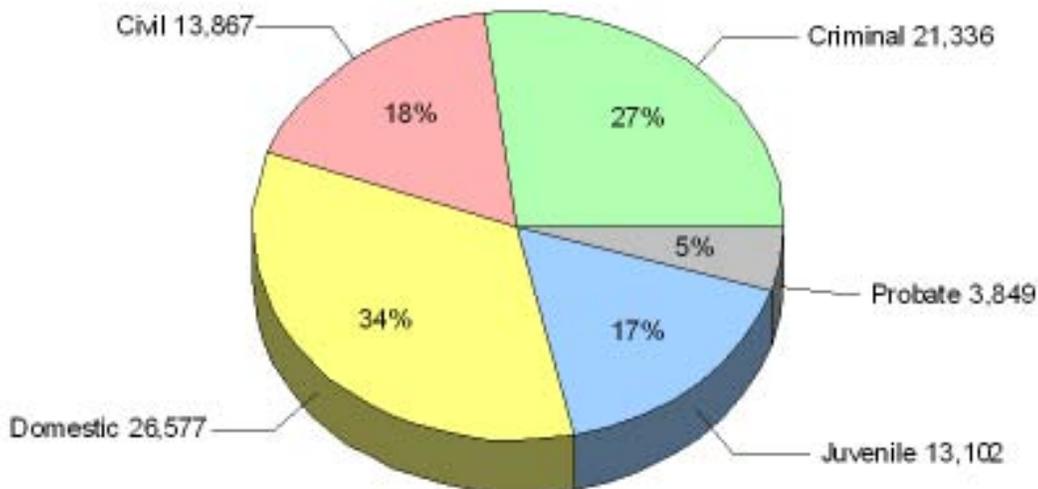
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Circuit Case Filings - *Osceola* 2005

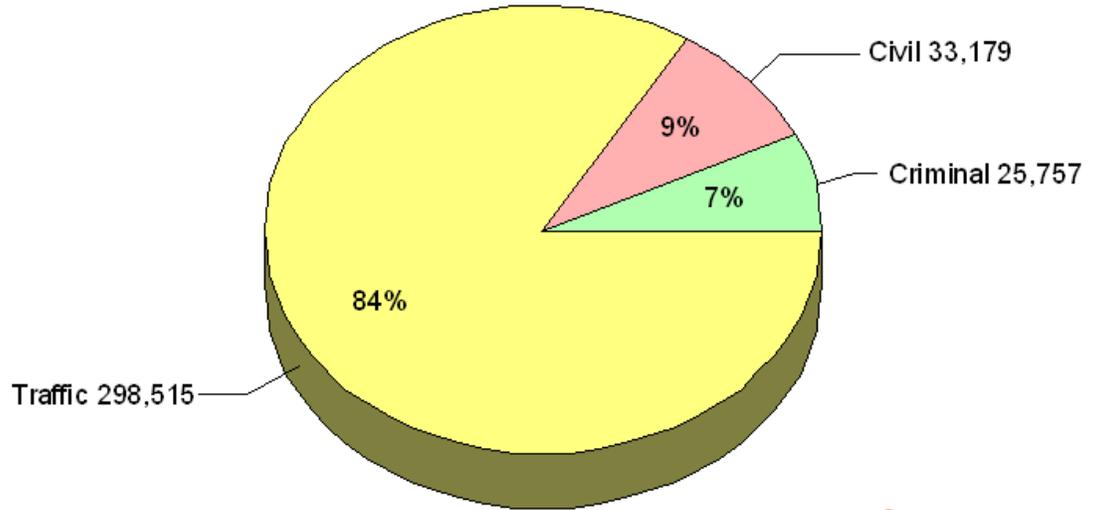


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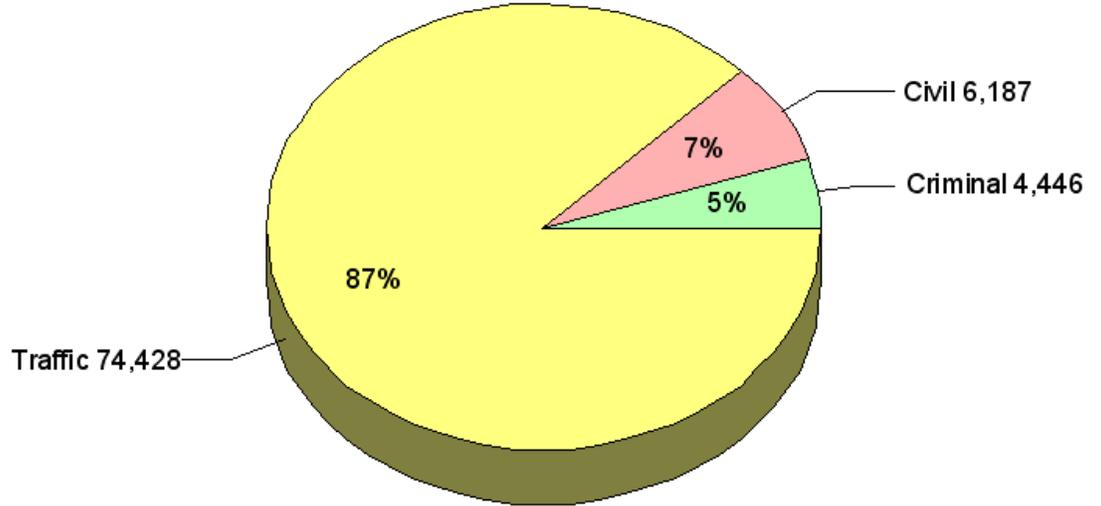




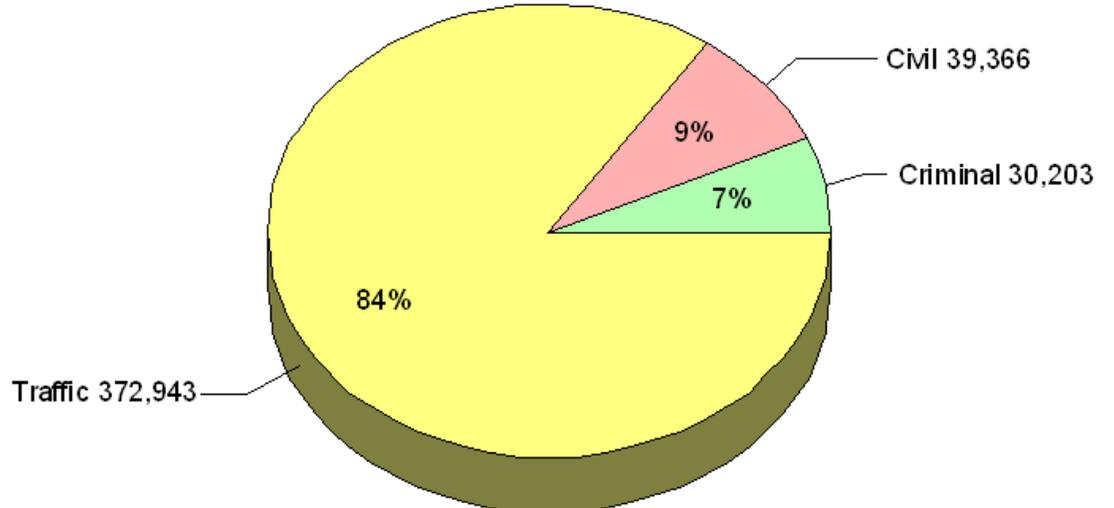
County Case Filings - **Orange 2005**



County Case Filings - **Osceola 2005**



Total County Case Filings **2005**



Promote Responsible Technology and Automated Procedures

Objectives

- Add imaging and web interface to jury management application - Osceola
- Develop Judicial Dashboard case management system for Judges
- Provide court reporting coverage for all court facilities from one location
- Implement JACs uniform for all Civil, Domestic & Probate Divisions
- Develop audio/video network to branch courthouses
- Provide video courtroom with access to criminal history data
- Develop spreadsheets for domestic calculations and instructions
- Research remote video mediation
- Develop automated traffic arraignment scheduling plan
- Add imaging and web interface to jury management application – Orange

Develop and Efficiently Use Resources

Objectives

- Explore methods for identifying service of subpoenas - Juvenile Court
- Coordinate direct filings between Felony and Juvenile Divisions
- Research the use of school-based probation accountability boards
- Create case management system for domestic violence cases
- Review the possibility of a direct file division
- Establish uniform/staggered trial periods for Circuit Criminal Division
- Implement departmental inventory system
- Implement invoice audit process
- Develop Family Division resource manual
- Develop circuit-wide interpreter policy
- Develop unified circuit-wide forms for Domestic Division
- Develop Teen Court alternative sanctions program
- Develop judicial training video for interpreter usage
- Expand Mental Health Court - Osceola County
- Establish Mental Health Court - Orange County

Improve Public Access

Objectives

- Develop Spanish sub-titles for all court video productions
- Create flyer outlining ADA guidelines
- Develop self-help education programs for pro se litigants
- Establish “A Place For Children” for Osceola County

Enhance Public Trust, Confidence, Relationships, and Professionalism

Objectives

- Create information directory with maps for each courthouse
- Coordinate case status reporting with Clerk’s Office
- Produce informational videos for display in waiting areas
- Produce “State of the Court Address” for Orange TV and the Internet

- Provide video training for attorneys on using courtroom technology
- Establish Florida Association of Jury Administration (FAJA)
- Develop mock trial video for distribution to schools and Orange TV
- Produce historical perspective video on the Ninth Judicial Circuit
- Develop “Inside the Courts” program - Osceola County
- Develop courtroom proceedings security plan
- Provide audio/video equipment info & schedule on NINJA
- Distribute Inside the Courts for statewide broadcast

Develop and Support Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods

Objectives

- Establish Alternative Resolution Program at Branch Courthouses
- Re-vitalize Civil Non-Binding Arbitration program
- Implement Citizens’ Dispute Center (i.e., pre-litigation mediation)



2005 Completed Objectives

- Integrated the teleconference and language lines into the PA system - Juvenile Justice Center
- Established Juror Appreciation Week
- Established Annual Employee Appreciation Event
- Established Unified Family Court-Osceola County
- Upgraded all audio/video feeds in Courtroom 23 to fiber
- Developed mobile computer training center
- Configured all circuit criminal courtrooms for real-time reporting
- Developed plan for sharing civil courtrooms-Orange County
- Implemented new resource scheduling application
- Developed automated time sheet application
- Re-structured performance evaluation process



Programs & Services

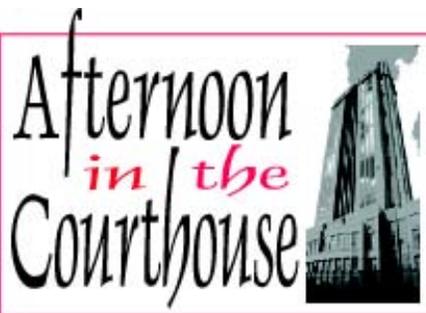


A Place for Children - - A Place for Children is an on-site childcare facility for families with official court business which allows children the chance to relax and have fun as an alternative to spending long court sessions being exposed to adult situations. The program is operated by the Children's Home

Society of Florida, a 100 year old non-profit agency that focuses on child welfare issues. A Place for Children, which began in 1998, is funded by Orange County, Heart of Florida United Way, and private contributions. More than 1,950 children were served by this licensed drop-in center last year. The program, which cares for children up to age 14, also provides a link between high-risk families and social services. All families who utilize the center are offered referrals for community services. Last year, more than one-quarter accepted those referrals. In 2002, the center began providing free childcare for people summoned for jury duty. Reservations are required for jurors' children. The professionally staffed center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, on the 2nd floor of the Orange County Courthouse. For more information about A Place for Children, or to make a donation of toys, childrens' videos, or financial contributions, please call **407-836-2108**.

An Afternoon in the Courthouse Seminar - - This seminar's focus is to provide helpful hints for area attorneys as they practice before the judges of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court.

It provides insight into local judicial practices and procedures and is designed to teach new attorneys the "nuts and bolts" of how to successfully navigate the courts. The seminar, presented by the Young Lawyers Section of the



Orange County Bar Association, is open to attorneys, law clerks and legal assistants and is offered twice a year. Teams of judges from various divisions teach the seminars. During the past five years, more than 1,625 attorneys, paralegals and law students have participated in these seminars.

Audio/Visual Services - - The Ninth Judicial Circuit's Audio Visual (A/V) Department is recognized as a world leader in courthouse and courtroom technology. The A/V

Department provides comprehensive support for the Orange and Osceola County Courthouses, the Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center, the three branch courthouses, and the courtroom located at the Orange County Jail. A/V staff have designed and installed cutting edge technology that centralizes service delivery and support.



From a single location or from any computer on the network, A/V staff provides for and supports video arraignments and initial appearances, video conferencing, remote depositions, centralized court reporting, media production, evidence presentation systems and Internet broadcast. In addition to covering over 60 court venues, the A/V staff also maintains and supports the Roger A. Barker Courtroom which is one of the most technologically advanced courtrooms in the world. An engineer is available at all times and can be reached at **407-836-0522**. For assistance in Osceola County please call **407-343-2530**.

The State of Florida Department of Revenue reported the Child Support Hearing Officer Program and associated agencies collected \$77 million in child support from July 2004-June 2005.



Child Support Hearing Officers - - Child Support Hearing Officers assist the judges assigned to the domestic relations division by hearing cases which help reduce the large caseload assigned to each judge. The hearing officers are responsible for hearing and resolving all Department of Revenue related child support cases. These cases include voluntary paternity actions, establishment of support, public assistance reimbursement, medical/health insurance obligations and the enforcement and modification of existing support orders. The hearing officers also hear and resolve establishment, enforcement and modification of out of state support requests (UIFSA actions). The child support hearing officer program in Orange County and associated agencies collected \$77 million in child support in the fiscal year July 2004 through June 2005. With a successful hearing officer program, the citizens of the State of Florida are assured that state tax dollars and assets are used effectively and efficiently to have the parents of minor children provide for the support and well-being of their children. In Orange County, call **407-836-2287**. In Osceola County, call **407-343-2460**.



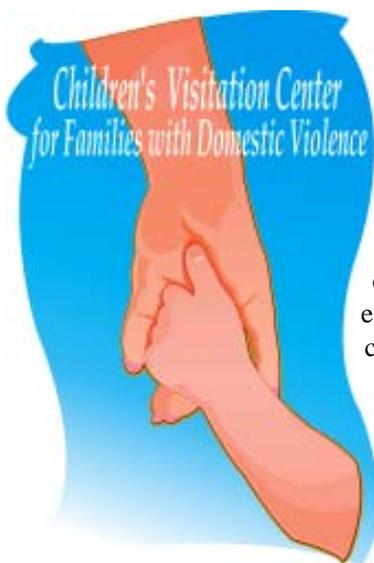
Civil Traffic Infractions Hearing Officer Program - - The purpose of the Civil Traffic Infractions Hearing Officer Program is to divert less serious civil traffic infractions away from the more formal traffic court. The Traffic Hearing Officers are members of The Florida Bar and are subject to The Florida Bar Code of Professional Responsibility and to relevant portions of the Code of Judicial Conduct. They have the power to accept pleas from defendants, hear and rule upon motions, decide whether a defendant has committed a civil traffic infraction and adjudicate or withhold adjudication in the same manner as a county court judge. They cannot, however, conduct contempt proceedings, hear any case involving an accident with injuries,

Civil Traffic Hearing Officers



or suspend a defendant's driver's license. The Civil Traffic Infractions Hearing Officer Program is an essential part of the court system. In 2005 alone, it disposed of approximately 229,000 Orange County traffic cases. In Orange County, please call **407-836-2334**. In Osceola County, please call **407-343-2400**.

Children's Visitation Center for Families with Domestic Violence - - The center opened in Osceola County in February 1999 thanks to a collaborative effort between local government, the school system, law enforcement and the courts. It is a court-operated, visitation/monitored exchange center which allows children to spend time with their non-custodial parent in a pleasant, and safe atmosphere while ensuring their safety. The center also provides monitored exchange and day visit services to allow parents



to safely exchange children for the purpose of visitation. Since the program began, 710 families and 1,443 children have been served. Participation in this program requires a court order. For information, call **407-343-2467**.

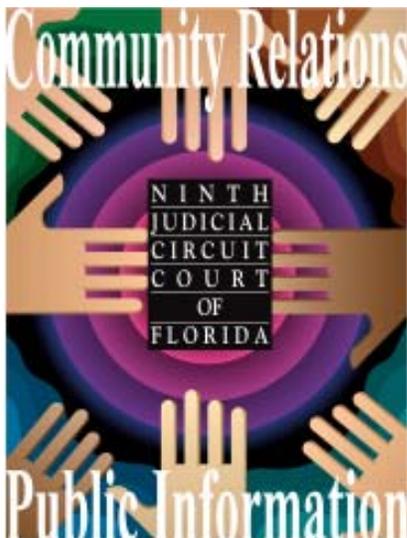
Collection Court - - Collection Court is designed to secure unpaid fines and costs imposed in the criminal justice system. Collection Courts in Orange and Osceola counties obtain fines and costs in felony and misdemeanor cases,



public defender liens, court appointed attorney liens, restitution, county ordinance and municipal ordinance infractions, civil traffic infractions and parking fees. Collection Court reflects the judges' commitment to the public to ensure that required payments are made in all cases.

Orange County Collection Court helps enforce the collection of fines and fees imposed on defendants. From January to September 2005, nearly \$34 million was collected.



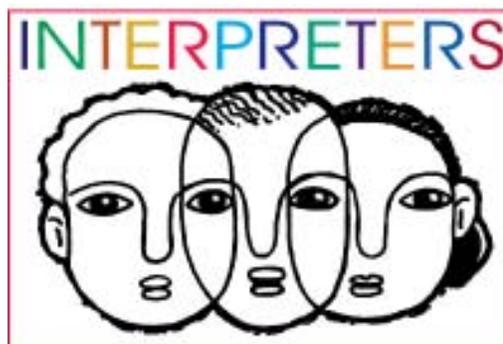


Community Relations/ Public Information - - The Ninth Judicial Circuit is committed to educating the public by enhancing understanding of the Court's roles and responsibilities in the community. A comprehensive Public Information Program that inspires public trust and confidence and provides the community with an opportunity to learn about

the judicial branch is actively underway in the circuit. Successful community outreach programs and services include: Inside the Courts, Judicial Ride-Along, Speakers Bureau, Town Halls, comprehensive court tours and various court publications. In addition, the judges and court staff visit numerous schools and speak to children from kindergarten to college about the courts and opportunities in the legal profession. In 2005, an African/American Judicial Town Hall was held honoring Black History month. Future Town Halls are currently being planned. The Court's quarterly news magazine, *Court Illustrated*, highlights the work of the judiciary and staff and provides the community with information on innovations in court management, case processing, programs and outreach. Other publications, such as the Year in Review, court brochures and the court coloring book assist in providing a better understanding of the Court's role in the community. The Court has moved further into the technological realm in creating jury videos, initial appearance and arraignment videos and public service announcements on court programs and services. Many of these videos are produced in different languages and can be viewed on the Court's web site or on Orange TV, Channel 9. For additional information, contact **407-836-2047**.

Complex Business Litigation Court - - Established in 2003, the Complex Business Litigation Court is the first court in Florida devoted entirely to complex business litigation cases. It serves as a subdivision of the Circuit Civil Division in Orange County and was created to hear more complicated cases that require a higher degree of case management. By limiting its focus to complex business litigation, the court provides a streamlined process for efficiently and effectively resolving complicated corporate and commercial disputes in a fairly short amount of time, and thereby greatly reducing the costs involved in lengthy litigation. The court also places great emphasis on alternative

dispute resolution and pre-trial settlement, which significantly reduces costs. In just its second full year of operation, the court received approximately 475 new complex business litigation cases and resolved approximately 415. Cases involving contracts, Article 9 and antitrust suits, intellectual property, franchise disputes and/or unfair competition disputes are among the cases suitable for adjudication in this subdivision, provided that the amount in controversy is greater than \$75,000.00. For more information in Orange County, please call **407-836-2366**.



Court Interpreting Services - - The Ninth Judicial Circuit faces the challenge of meeting the rapidly increasing ethnic and linguistic diversity in Central Florida. The Court has responded to the challenge of providing equal access to the courts for non-English speakers by hiring qualified interpreters, recruiting freelance interpreters and offering orientation workshops for interpreters of all languages. Court Interpreters provide neutral interpreting and translating services for the courts. Interpreters are required in criminal cases for all defendants and witnesses who do not speak or understand English. The program allows a non-English speaking person to participate meaningfully in

In 2005, Osceola County interpreters handled 6,088 cases. That number is projected to reach 8,195 in 2006.



the judicial process. Court Interpreters are not for public hire. They are assigned to cover all circuit and county criminal matters, traffic, initial appearances, domestic violence injunctions and juvenile court. Orange and Osceola counties utilize staff interpreters for Spanish speakers. On-call contractual interpreters are used when necessary. In 2005, interpreters handled nearly 22,000 cases in 32 languages from Albanian to Vietnamese. Spanish was the most frequently used language, followed by Creole, Russian, American Sign Language and Portuguese. To learn more, call **407-836-2399** in Orange County or **407-343-2400** in Osceola County.

Orange County interpreters saw almost a 100-percent increase in cases over the last 5 years. In 2000, interpreters handled 8,283 cases compared with 15,737 cases in 2005. The division projects more than 20,000 cases will be handled in 2006.

Court Reporting Services - - The Office of Court Reporting Services is responsible for the official record of all criminal court proceedings in the Ninth Circuit plus other proceedings per statute and administrative order. There are four separate departments of Court Reporting Services. They are: (1) Official Court Reporting, (2) Digital Court Reporting, (3) Digital Court Reporting, Juvenile Division, and (4) Osceola Court Reporting Services. One manager of Court Reporting Services is responsible for all four departments. There is one senior user support analyst who is responsible for maintenance and technology of Court Reporting Services. All transcripts/duplicate media requests are produced in-house. All four departments combined produced approximately 110,000 pages of appeal and non-appeal transcripts, and approximately 1,000 CD and taped copies of proceedings last year. Court Reporting Services has 45 employees, including 36 in Orange County and nine in Osceola County.



The Official Court Reporting Office (Orange County) has one managing court reporter who is Computer Assisted Transcript (CAT) certified, three real-time certified reporters, seven other CAT certified court reporters and two voice-writer (steno mask) court

reporters. The staff handles all 12 circuit criminal courts when in trial plus visiting judges in trial. This department annually produces approximately 60,000 pages of transcript. For more information, call **407-836-2280**.

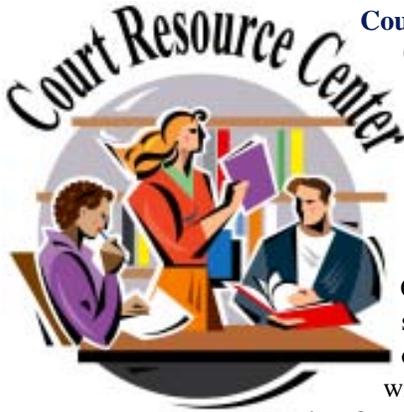
The Digital Court Reporting Office (Orange County) has one managing digital court reporter, one assistant managing digital court reporter and 19 digital court reporters. The department handles all 12 circuit criminal courts when not in trial, 12 misdemeanor and traffic courts, domestic violence court, drug court, initial appearances and arraignments, probate and guardianship hearings, mental health and Baker Act hearings, three satellite courts, and visiting judges covering criminal proceedings not in trial. All criminal courts are covered from the reporter's individual workstation. All other courts are covered at the location of the proceeding. This department annually produces approximately 21,000 pages of transcript and 500 CD copies of proceedings. For more information, call **407-836-2270**.

The Court Reporting Services Department produced 110,000 pages of transcripts in 2005.

The Digital Court Reporting Office, Juvenile Division (Orange County), has one assistant managing digital court reporter and two digital court reporters. This department handles five juvenile courts, both dependency and delinquency, from the reporter's individual workstation. This department annually produces approximately 9,000 pages of transcript and 110 taped copies of proceedings. For more information, call **407-836-9520**.

Osceola Court Reporting Services has one managing court reporter who is CAT certified, two other CAT certified stenograph court reporters, and six digital court reporters. The department handles all court reporting services for the Osceola County Courthouse, including circuit criminal courts, misdemeanor and traffic courts, domestic violence court, juvenile court, drug court, initial appearances and child support. All proceedings are covered digitally at a central monitoring station. The department annually produces approximately 20,000 pages of transcript and 390 CD copies of proceedings. For more information, call **407-343-2482**.





Court Resource Center - - The Court Resource Center was created to provide a comfortable environment for court visitors to work, perform legal research and obtain information. The Ninth Judicial Circuit Court and the Orange County Bar Association support the center, which offers telephones, computers with Internet access, a printer,

copier, fax machine, court brochures and magazines. The center, which is staffed by Court Administration, is open to all visitors of the Orange County Courthouse. It is located on the 3rd floor (Room 365). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In 2005, the Courthouse Resource Center assisted more than 22,000 people. The Court's web site has some of the same services online, plus domestic relations court forms, through its virtual "Court Resource Center." For more information, call **407-836-0517**. Please visit the Virtual Court Resource Center at <http://Ninja9.org/courtadmin/courtresourcecenter/courtresourcecenter.htm>.

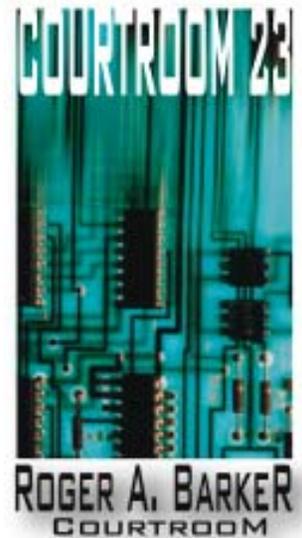


Courthouse Law Academy - - Educating the leaders of tomorrow, the Courthouse Law Academy is an active, hands-on opportunity for students to experience a real courtroom and the dynamics of our judicial process. Hosted by a Ninth Judicial Circuit judge, this mock trial program puts young people in charge of the courtroom where they learn the dynamics of a real trial by taking on the roles of prosecutor, defense attorney, clerk, juror and even judge to try such cases as the "Cookie Caper" or "Popcorn on the Mind." The Courthouse Law Academy is a sometimes zany, but always fun way to learn about our court system and its important role in the community. Additionally, the program emphasizes the importance of the individual and encourages young people to always do their best. The Courthouse Law Academy is available to all school

groups and youth organizations and programs are tailored for various age groups. The programs and scenarios are free and tailored to specifically fit an organization's needs. Reservations are required and group sizes are limited. For more information or to schedule this fun and educational program in Orange County, call **407-836-0521**.

Courtroom 23 (The Roger A. Barker Courtroom) - - The Roger A. Barker Courtroom, located on the 23rd floor of the Orange County Courthouse, is a high-tech courtroom that seamlessly integrates the latest in technology and is one of the most advanced and integrated courtrooms in the world. The project began in March 1997, when staff from the Ninth Circuit traveled to Williamsburg to tour its preeminent high-tech courtroom. Two years later, after much planning, discussion and hard work, the Ninth Judicial Circuit formally opened one of the world's most technologically advanced and integrated courtrooms.

The courtroom contains the following key elements: fiber-optic cabling; evidence presentation system; voice-activated video conferencing; Internet and remote broadcast; digital and real-time court reporting; video annotation; videoconferencing; touch screen integration; wireless technology; and flat and plasma screen displays. With annual upgrades, the courtroom continues to mature and stay on the technological edge. Courtroom 23 is open for tours and orientation. If interested, please call **407-836-2380**.



Dependency Case Coordination Program - - This program, under Court Administration, provides administrative, operational and clerical assistance to the juvenile dependency judges. The Department of Children and Families files a petition to intervene or remove a child from parental custody in instances where there are allegations that a child has been abused, abandoned or neglected. The department may remove the child until the concerns are resolved. When the case begins, the dependency case coordinator assists indigent parents to obtain court appointed counsel and helps expedite the process for the appointment of a guardian ad litem to represent the best interest of the child. Additionally, the case coordinator acts as a liaison among the parties to promote communication and efficiency, and provides any assistance necessary to resolve problems and



avoid unnecessary delays. For more information about this program, call **407-836-9560** in Orange County or **407-343-2531** in Osceola County.



Dispute Resolution Services - - Mediation is a way to help parties resolve a dispute through discussion. The mediator, a neutral person, meets with both sides to encourage and facilitate resolution. Mediation programs provide litigants with an efficient and satisfying alternative to the traditional litigation

process. By reaching a settlement, parties avoid the uncertainty of a trial. Mediation is an important part of conflict resolution in a wide range of disputes in the court system. The circuit has several programs in place utilizing volunteer and paid mediators. In an effort to resolve cases before trial, judges may refer a variety of cases to mediation including county civil, juvenile dependency, domestic relations and some restitution. For information concerning Orange County's Dispute Resolution Services, call **407-836-2004**. For information concerning mediation in Osceola County, call **407-343-2431**.

County Mediation: Involves all county civil cases, including small claims and landlord/tenant actions. Small claims are automatically sent to mediation pre-trial, while a judge must refer the remaining cases. In 2005, over 19,488 small claims and county civil cases were referred to mediation in Orange and Osceola counties. More than 80% of the 6,047 cases mediated reached an agreement.

Family Mediation: Consists of mediation in family cases, including changes made before and after a judge issues a ruling, divorces, paternity, visitation, parental rights, temporary matters and child support issues. In 2005, 3,517 family cases were referred to mediation in Orange and Osceola counties. More than 75% of those cases mediated reached full or partial agreement.

Juvenile Dependency: Involves cases with accusations of child abuse, neglect or abandonment. The parents, attorneys, guardian ad litem who is assigned to look out for the child's best interests, and

the Department of Children and Family Services discuss case plans for reunification or termination of parental rights. In Orange and Osceola counties in 2005, 80 cases were referred to mediation.

Arbitration is a process of dispute resolution in which a neutral third party renders a decision after a hearing at which both parties have an opportunity to be heard. Arbitration may be court ordered (non-binding) or voluntary (binding or non-binding depending on the agreement).

Dispute Resolution Services mediated nearly 9,000 cases in 2005.

Small Claims Arbitration: A voluntary program for unrepresented parties in small claims cases as an alternative to judicial action. They may choose to go before a panel of three arbitrators to have the case heard. The process is binding on all parties.

Circuit Civil Arbitration: The Ninth Circuit maintains a list of attorneys who are trained and who are willing to serve as arbitrators in court ordered non-binding arbitration in the Ninth Circuit.

Parenting Coordination: This program is administered by Dispute Resolution Services. The goal of the Parenting Coordination Program is to successfully reduce the stress of children in separated/divorcing families by strengthening co-parenting. Parenting Coordinators are certified family mediators who may have a background in law and/or mental health. The Parenting Coordinator meets with both parents and children to clarify the parenting issues involved. Their responsibilities include fostering communication and problem-solving skills between parents, teaching appropriate parental interaction in front of the children, refining child contact schedules, mediating parenting disputes, and increasing parenting knowledge (child development, child divorce issues). In 2005, Parenting Coordination conducted more than 1,750 sessions with high conflict parents. For more information, call **407-836-2116**.





Program Office. In Orange County, for fiscal year 2004-2005, 67 juveniles were admitted, 50 were discharged of which 29 were successful graduates for a 58% successful completion rate. Osceola County began a Juvenile Drug Court Program in October 2003 thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The program has assisted over 55 youth since its inception. In Osceola County, for fiscal year 2004-2005, 27 juveniles were admitted, 24 were discharged of which 18 were successful graduates for a 67% successful completion rate. For Delinquency Drug Court in Orange County, call **407-836-0501**. In Osceola County, call **407-343-2518**.

Drug Courts - - The Ninth Judicial Circuit recognizes the effectiveness of drug court for adult and juvenile offenders and operates them in both counties.

Adult Drug Court: The Drug Court Program started in 2000. This is a diversionary program created for nonviolent felony drug offenders who have admitted guilt. It provides for identification, evaluation, case management and the placement of substance abusing offenders into treatment. The drug court judge reviews progress reports and holds biweekly status hearings for participants. Participants who do not comply with the rules appear before the judge for appropriate action. In fiscal year 2004-2005 in Orange County, an additional 207 defendants were ordered into the program, bringing the monthly average caseload to 162. During this period, a total of 327 defendants were discharged, of which 243 were successful. This provided for a successful completion rate of 74%. In fiscal year 2004-2005 in Osceola County, an additional 144 clients were accepted into the Adult Drug Court. During this period 135 clients were discharged from the program with 74 successfully graduating. This provided a successful completion rate of 59%. In Orange County, call **407-836-0501**. In Osceola County, call **407-343-2431**.

Delinquency Drug Court: When the illegal behavior of juveniles includes substance abuse, select delinquency cases are referred to a special docket handled by a designated judge. The juvenile drug court judge maintains close oversight of each case. The four-phase outpatient model includes an aftercare component. Case management personnel make regular school and home visits and require random urinalysis testing on all participants. The Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court Program was recognized and honored as a “Mentor Court” by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Drug Courts

Juvenile Reentry Drug Court: The reentry drug court program identifies youths who will be (or have been) committed to a Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) commitment facility and assists their placement in this program as a condition of release. The juveniles are closely monitored by treatment and DJJ staff and must attend biweekly hearings before the designated judge to assess their progress. Participants are required to submit to weekly random urinalysis. The Orange County Juvenile Reentry Drug Court had 36 new admissions in fiscal year 2004-2005. There were 44 discharges of which 17 were graduates for a successful completion rate of 39%. The Reentry Drug Court was established through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Court Program Office. For more information in Orange County, call **407-836-9500**.

Osceola County Adult Drug Court has an alumni program called TAG, which meets twice a month. Clients attend the self-help group as part of the transitional phase between drug court and graduation. This program began in October 2005.

Family/Dependency Drug Court: The Dependency Drug Court program was launched in Orange and Osceola counties with the goal of reunifying families. Dependency Drug Court serves as a single approach to address the problem of drug use by one or both of a child’s parents through monitoring progress and compliance. During fiscal year 2004, Orange County received a Department of Justice Family Drug Court implementation grant for a 3-year period and those funds will be utilized to continue services. In Orange County, call **407-836-9500**.



Drug Testing Laboratory: The Osceola County Forensic Drug Testing Laboratory (OCFDTL) was created in conjunction with



Osceola County Drug Court as part of the Comprehensive Drug of Abuse (D.O.A.) urine testing system. The lab conducts urine analysis in house on Olympus diagnostic equipment with Dade Behring's Syva chemistry. The lab currently tests Osceola County Probation, Pre-Trial Release and multiple outside agencies.

The lab observes collections as well as monitors dilution and adulteration levels. A medical review officer is on call for positive test confirmation. The screening process reduces the fiscal cost to clients and the county agencies that mandate drug testing both as a part of their business and as a responsibility to public safety. Since the advent of the OCFDTL, 3000+ clients have contributed to 30,000+ collections and the processing of 110,000+ individual tests. The OCFDTL technicians are certified by Olympus Diagnostics, Dade Behring University and DATIA (Drug Alcohol Testing Industry Association). For more information in Osceola County, call **407-962-1432**.

training of staff in emergency evacuation procedures. For assistance in Orange, call **407-836-2244**. In Osceola, call **407-343-2440**.

Family Court Case Management - - Family Court Case Management manages cases for parties who file family law cases and have chosen to represent themselves. Case management services include overseeing the progress of the case, monitoring compliance with court orders, referring cases to mediation, scheduling hearings and handling judicial referrals. In 2005, there were 5,769 divorces in Orange County, 3,423 of which were case managed by Family Court Case Management. That number represents 59% of the divorces filed in Orange County. In 2005, Osceola County implemented a Unified Family Court and managed 4,114 cases. In Osceola County, the Family Court Management Unit managed 1,333 pro se filings, which represents 63% of the 2,123 divorce and other domestic cases filed in 2005. Other services provided in both counties included social investigations and parenting coordination programs. To learn more about the unit in Osceola County, call **407-343-2474**. To learn more in Orange County, call **407-836-6054**.



Facilities Support Services - - Court Administration works closely with various agencies responsible for courthouse facilities by assisting and advising them on issues regarding building repair,

growth and needed improvements. This includes all support services such as copiers, telecommunications and video equipment to air conditioning, elevators and custodial needs. Court Administration implemented an emergency notification call-in system in 2004. The goal of



this system was to provide current information to all judges, JAs and employees during emergencies. Both Orange and Osceola counties used the system successfully during three major hurricanes in 2004. Facilities support also handles the





Family Ties - - The concept for the Family Ties Program grew out of a concern for the murders of children by parents embroiled in custody disputes. Family Ties is a court-operated, visitation/monitored exchange center, which gives parent-child contact in a friendly environment with assurance for the child's safety. Family Ties opened in September 1997. Since its inception, the

program has 8,268 completed visits and 1,700 completed exchanges. More than 1,090 families have been through the program and 1,694 children have received services. Family Ties allows children to spend time with their non-custodial parent in a pleasant, safe atmosphere. The center also provides monitored exchange services for families that need assistance moving children safely from one parent to the other. Participation in Family Ties requires a court order. For information, call **407-836-0426**.

may be or has been mistreated or fear that that person's assets may be or have been misappropriated, he or she may make a report by calling the newly established Guardianship Action-Line at **407-836-0503**. The individual need not provide his or her name nor identify him or herself in any way; all that is needed is enough information to locate the person in need of protection. For information in Orange County, please call **407-836-6058**.



Human Resources Department
This department is responsible for personnel administration, including employment, classification and pay, employee benefits, employee relations, employee records, training, and development. In addition, the HR Department supervises the Court's volunteer program. Human Resources is responsible for the Circuit's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and for the intake and investigation of discrimination complaints filed under the Circuit's Civil Rights Complaint Procedure. For Human Resources in Orange County, call **407-836-2261** and in Osceola County, call **407-343-2418**.

Fiscal Services - -

This department is responsible for all fiscal activities for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court, including budgeting, revenue analysis, court statistics, purchasing and travel. This involves evaluating revenues and monitoring expenditures from diverse funding sources including Orange and Osceola counties and the State of Florida. In Orange County, call **407-836-2234**. In Osceola County, call **407-343-2440**.



Inside the Courts - - Citizens of Orange and Osceola counties interested in learning more about the legal system can participate in Inside the Courts, a 4-part educational series taught by a team of judges. Inside the Courts is a proactive outreach program that is uniquely designed to allow citizens to learn about the court and interact with the judges in an informal setting. Topics presented include criminal and civil courts, probate and mental health, domestic, juvenile, traffic, and collections court, as well as mediation and court interpreting. Presentations are designed to be dynamic, with audience participation and interactivity, along with plenty of opportunity for questions and answers. Individuals who complete the program receive certificates of achievement. Nearly 300 attendees participated in the most recent program and thousands have participated since the series first began in 1998. Inside the Courts is a free



Guardianship Monitor Program - - The Guardianship Monitor Program was established in Orange County to ensure that all court-appointed guardians comply with Florida guardianship law by meeting filing deadlines and providing the appropriate level of personal and/or financial care to their wards. The Court currently employs one full-time Court Monitor for this purpose. The Court Monitor investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation of elderly wards or the misappropriation of wards' assets. If a member of the community suspects that a disabled or incapacitated person



program. Sessions are offered annually and previous programs air regularly on Orange TV. For more information or to register for the next program, please call **407-836-0517**.

Injunction Processing Unit - - In Osceola County, the Injunction Processing Unit, formerly known as the Victim Assistance Program, provides assistance to all victims of crime, including victims of domestic violence, as they proceed through the criminal justice system, particularly with the injunction for protection process. It is funded by the Osceola Clerk of the Court and managed by Court Administration. It is a walk-in service; no appointment, referrals or legal representation is required. Regular business hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, an on-call staff member is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, via pager. In 2005, the Injunction Processing Unit served 2,680 first time individuals and provided over 8,000 referrals and information regarding additional community resources. To learn more, call **407-343-2464**.

Judicial Ride-Along Program - - The Ninth Judicial Circuit offers elected officials the opportunity to participate in the circuit's Judicial Ride-Along Program. The program's goal is to provide public officials with insight in to the indispensable role the courts play in the justice system. The program is designed to give them a personal understanding of the daily duties and responsibilities of the trial court judge in relation to the volume, complexity and variety of cases on the docket. It encourages elected officials to observe the judicial process first hand and discuss matters of mutual concern. The program is tailored to meet the interests of participating officials. In 2005, several elected officials in Orange and Osceola counties participated in the Court's Judicial Ride-Along Program. For more information, call **407-836-2047**.

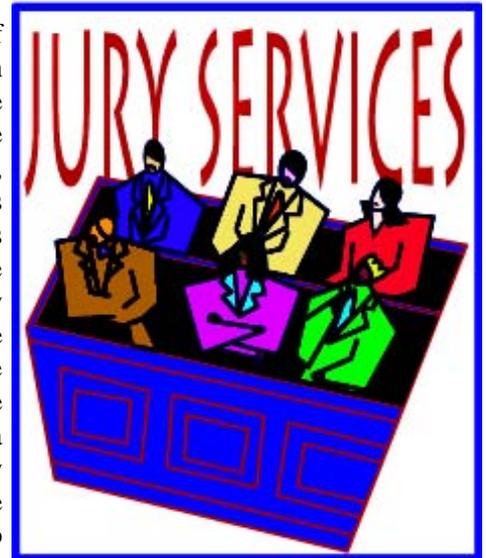
Jury Services - - The Jury Management Program of the Ninth Judicial Circuit was initiated in October of 1990, in response to an administrative order of the Florida Supreme Court to efficiently manage the time and fiscal resources dedicated to

the management of jurors.

Through automation and effective management, jurors are utilized more fully, resulting in less inconvenience to citizens because fewer people are now summoned for jury service. Prospective jurors called to service can submit an acceptable excuse or request a postponement by sending an email via the Court's Internet web site. In the past, the list

of prospective jurors was drawn from the voter registration list. Today, residents are chosen from Florida driver licenses or identification cards issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Jurors are required to serve one day or the length of one trial. They are compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per day for the first three days if they are not paid by their employers, are unemployed or self-employed. Payment increases to \$30.00 per day for the fourth and any subsequent days. Prospective jurors report to the jury assembly room before they are assigned to a case. In Orange County, jurors can take advantage of free bus passage on any existing Lynx Bus route for transportation to and from jury service. In order to prepare for jury service, Orange TV airs a video daily, produced by Court Administration, with juror information. In addition, an orientation video is shown every morning at both the Orange and Osceola County Courthouses. The ninja9.org website allows prospective jurors to check after 5 p.m. for the next day's reporting instructions.

In Orange County, pagers are available to alert prospective jurors who need to leave the courthouse for a smoke break. Storage lockers allow jurors to lock their personal effects while at lunch. There are also vending machines, pay phones, board games and reading materials to create a more comfortable environment. Hook-ups for laptops and cable TV have been added to the jury room. The Cyber Café allows visitors the chance to browse the Internet or play computer games on any of twenty-two computers. The Orange County Public Library has been donating books for jurors to read/take home as they choose. In Orange County, free childcare is offered for jurors' children through *A Place for Children*. Reservations are required.



Orange County sent out approximately 4,400 jury summons a week in 2005. Osceola County sent out nearly 1,000 jury summons a week in 2005.

In Osceola County, the jury assembly room is also equipped with many amenities including vending machines, courtesy phones, and complimentary coffee and tea service. A twelve computer Cyber Café allows jurors to browse the Internet or play computer games. The Cyber Café also contains a fax machine and laptop connections for juror use. Reading materials, televisions, board games, and “quiet rooms” make the juror’s experience more enjoyable. A secure smoking area is also provided. In 2005, the circuit hosted a Juror Appreciation Week to emphasize the importance of our jury system. For additional information about Jury Services in Orange County, call **407-836-2206**. In Osceola County, call **407-343-2423**.

Law Student Internships - - Each year, the Court matches a limited number of law school students with judges for a judicial internship for one semester or summer. Those selected work closely with the judges, observe court proceedings and perform legal research and writing for their assigned judge or group of judges. The internships are volunteer positions (unpaid). Students in their second or third year of law school are preferred, and the interns are required to commit to a minimum of ten hours per week. Interns are subject to a criminal background check. If interested in a law student internship, please email a cover letter which includes your approximate start and end dates and approximate hours per week available to work to ctadds1@ocnjcc.org. Also, attach a résumé, short writing sample, and a transcript of your law school grades. For further information, contact **407-836-0411**.

Magistrates - - The Magistrate Program was created to assist the judges by hearing matters in cases involving domestic relations, civil issues, juvenile dependency and mental health. The Circuit has six magistrates; one of the magistrates is assigned to Osceola County while the other five serve in Orange County. The magistrates are attorneys who are appointed by the Chief Judge. Magistrates hear varied types of cases and issues as referred by the judges. During the last ten months of 2005, the



magistrates conducted over 8,000 hearings. Magistrates’ available hearing times are listed on the Ninth Judicial Circuit’s web site at www.ninja9.org under Judicial Automated Calendaring System. For information, call **407-836-1621**.



Media Relations - - It is the Ninth Judicial Circuit’s goal to meet the informational needs of the media and public, ensure the rights of litigants to fair court proceedings and guarantee the operational integrity of the courts. Initial appearances and arraignments are broadcast daily on the Court’s web site. Whenever possible, judicial orders, jury

instructions and relevant court documents are made available to the media in a timely manner on the web site or by hard copy. The circuit hosts media workshops to assist journalists in understanding the programs and services offered by the court. These workshops provide media representatives the opportunity to talk to the judiciary about topics of concern. Information is provided daily to news media about specific cases, new projects and innovations in the judicial system and the Court’s community outreach efforts. For more information, call **407-836-2047**.



Mental Health Court (Osceola) - - Mental Health Court, which began in Osceola County in 2000, is a diversionary program aimed at helping mentally ill individuals arrested for non-violent misdemeanor offenses who need treatment rather than punishment. The Mental Health Court judge is responsible for administering mental health court and coordinating the role of the judiciary with the functions of the various agencies and providers. In Osceola County, call **407-343-2411**.



Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program - - The Neighborhood Restorative Justice (NRJ) Program is a diversionary program primarily for first time misdemeanor juvenile offenders. Restorative justice diverts less serious crime from the juvenile court system while empowering victims and the community with a key role in the justice process. The program requires juveniles to take responsibility for their crimes and make reparations. At the same time, the program builds on the offenders' strengths and assets to make them productive citizens. To be eligible, the juvenile must first admit guilt to the charges and accept responsibility for the harm caused. A conference is scheduled with a Neighborhood Accountability Board, comprised of trained volunteers from the community, the victim, offender, offender's parent(s) or guardian(s) and any community member affected by the crime. The parties discuss and develop appropriate sanctions for the juvenile.

These sanctions may include a written apology, essay, community service or restitution. A Sanction Coordinator monitors the juveniles. The juveniles are required to check in once a week in the NRJ Program (which lasts about 90 days). They are assigned curfews, school attendance is mandatory, and they cannot receive any referrals, suspensions or expulsions. If the program is completed, the original charge is dismissed. If not, the case is



returned to the state attorney for prosecution. This program has been successful through partnerships with the police departments of Apopka, Ocoee, Eatonville and Maitland. Apopka (including the communities of Plymouth and Zellwood) was the first Neighborhood Restorative Justice program in Orange County. In 2005, 85 juveniles completed the NRJ Program with the help of the committed volunteers and police officers. For information, call **407-836-9553**.



NINJA9.ORG - - The Ninth Judicial Circuit's web site (NINJA) is an interactive site providing a wealth of information on the judiciary and the courts for a broad-based audience. Information on the site includes the following:

- **Administrative Orders - Searchable**
- **Appellate Opinions - Searchable**
- **Audio/Visual Request Form**
- **Available Hearing Times**
- **Court Dockets**
- **Court Forms**
- **Court Resource Center**
- **Court Rulings**
- **Directions**
- **Job Listings**
- **Judicial Directory**
- **Judicial Profiles**



- **Juror Information**
- **Legal Research**
- **Live Broadcasts**
- **Press Releases**
- **Publications - Audio**
- **Publications - Print**
- **Statistics**
- **Video Library**

In 2005, the site experienced more than 11.5 million hits or more than 31,000 per day.

**The Court's web site,
www.ninja9.org, received
11,546,228 hits or visits in 2005.**

The Court's web site is 100% developed and maintained by the Ninth Judicial Circuit staff. Please visit the site at www.ninja9.org.

Ninth In a Nutshell from the JAs - - The Judicial Assistants of the Ninth Circuit use this program to forge an information link between local law offices and the judiciary. Judicial Assistants provide a procedure manual with helpful information about the Circuit, including division assignments, telephone numbers, location of chambers, instructions for the Judicial Automated Calendaring System (JACS), court preferences for each judge and other helpful hints. The 2006 edition includes new procedures for the three newly formed divisions in County Court, Felony Court and Business Court. Order forms for the manuals are available on the Court's web site under court forms. For more information, call **407-836-2276**.

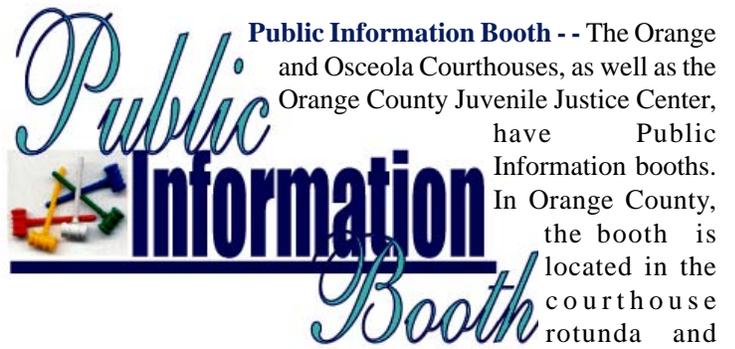
Pay Up - - Pay Up, a program in Orange County, holds young people accountable for their restitution, court fines and fees, public defender and court appointed attorney costs, and community service as ordered by the Court. The program provides a comprehensive approach to addressing juvenile restitution while teaching valuable lessons and skills to juvenile offenders, ages 10-18 years of age. The Pay Up program helps them obtain jobs through Employability Skills Training classes.



The L.E.A.R.N. (Learning Ethics Accountability and Responsibility Now) component enables youth to earn minimum wage through the Department of Transportation Youth Work project contract. Court-ordered youth participating in L.E.A.R.N. pull weeds, pick up trash, cut

grass, and clean signs on Orange County Roads under the supervision of Orange County Corrections. The money they earn is paid directly to the victim through the clerk's office. The Pay Up program utilizes two alternative work sites which include the Orange County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit and Catalina Park. The L.E.A.R.N. component of Pay Up is operated through a community effort between the Courts, the Department of Corrections, Goodwill and the Department of Transportation.

Despite the hurricanes in 2004, the program was able to collect \$52,956 in restitution and fees. In 2005, \$87,146.34 was collected through the L.E.A.R.N. program. Impressively, Pay Up has collected an additional \$100,490.44 through juveniles making monthly payments from jobs they have obtained on their own. The total collected is \$187,636.78 in restitution, Crime Compensation Trust Fund, attorney fees and other monies owed. Pay Up is operated by the Orange County Juvenile Division of the Ninth Circuit. For more information, call **407-836-8972**.



Public Information Booth - - The Orange and Osceola Courthouses, as well as the Orange County Juvenile Justice Center, have Public Information booths. In Orange County, the booth is located in the courthouse rotunda and has been in operation since December 1998. At the Thomas S. Kirk Juvenile Justice Center and at the Osceola County Courthouse, the Public Information Booth is located in the main lobby. Volunteers are recruited and managed by Court Administration to staff the booths. They provide assistance and directions to litigants, attorneys and the general public at these facilities. Volunteers provide a valuable service to the court, the county and to the public. Since the program began,



information booth volunteers in Orange County have logged more than 25,000 hours. In 2005, volunteers in Orange County logged more than 3,000 hours. In Osceola County, information booth volunteers logged 694 hours.

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Sanctioned to Read - - The Ninth Judicial Circuit's Sanctioned to Read program is devoted to improving the reading skills and self-confidence of juveniles who are court-ordered into the program. Sanctioned to Read was created in August 2003 to achieve literacy for students through a 40-hour tutoring program



that is highly individualized and motivational. The program also incorporates diagnostic and prescriptive elements. It is guaranteed to increase a student's reading ability at least one grade level. Students are tutored in various skills including: oral (receptive) vocabulary, phonics, written vocabulary, comprehension and oral reading. The program, by design, not only improves reading skills required for language arts classes, but also helps students in other

academic areas where reading comprehension is important, such as social studies and science. When the students' reading skills improve, their self-confidence and self-esteem also improve. Since the program was created, 83 students have completed the entire reading program increasing their grade levels in functional vocabulary and comprehension by 1.4 grades with an age level increase in oral/receptive vocabulary of 1.78. For more information in Orange County, call **407-836-9313**.

Speakers Bureau - - As part of the Ninth Judicial Circuit's community outreach efforts, a Speakers Bureau was established to make the courts user-friendly and to enhance the public's perception and understanding of the court's role in the community. Members of the judiciary and court administration staff are available to speak to schools and community groups on topics of interest. The courts have a major influence on society and daily life and the judiciary can provide insight into how civil and criminal cases proceed through the court system and how conflicts are resolved. Judges can speak on topics including alternative dispute resolution, landlord/tenant issues, small claims, court technology, family law, juvenile justice system, jury service, civil justice system and criminal courts, among other topics. To request a speaker, call **407-836-0471**.



Staff Attorney Department - - Staff attorneys provide integral support to the judiciary by researching complex legal questions



on pre-trial, trial and post-trial issues which arise in all divisions of the court. They also assist the judges with a variety of other matters, such as appeals, writs, postconviction motions, and

capital cases. They prepare written memoranda in some cases and in others, report directly to the judges, either in person or via e-mail. They regularly draft proposed orders and appellate opinions for the judges' review and approval. The staff attorney program greatly increases the efficiency of court operations by providing the judges more time to devote to hearings and trials and by ensuring that difficult questions of law are thoroughly researched. In 2005, the staff attorneys researched and prepared memoranda/proposed orders in 279 appellate cases, over 1,000 postconviction matters, and countless other cases in all areas of the law.



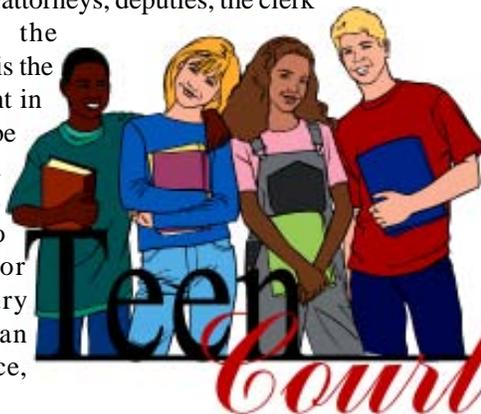


Technology Services - -
The Department of Technology Services provides comprehensive computer support for the Court's 59 judges, 59 judicial assistants and 213 employees housed in six court facilities which are located throughout the Ninth Judicial Circuit. Services include the following:

- Computer maintenance and support
- Network analysis and support
- Internet maintenance and support,
- Web page development, maintenance and support
- Application development
- Data base administration
- Audio/visual design, maintenance, and support
 - courtroom technology
 - evidence presentation systems
 - video conference
 - digital court reporting
 - fiber installation
- Training

To reach Technical Services, please call **407-836-6010** for Orange County and/or **407-343-2487** for Osceola County.

Teen Court - - Teen Court is a diversionary program for first-time juvenile offenders who are tried and sentenced by their peers. Teen Court's purpose is to divert less serious cases away from the more formal juvenile court. Teen Court is based on the premise that youthful offenders will more readily accept responsibility for their actions when judged and sentenced by teens their own age. Teenage volunteers, who act the parts of prosecutors, defense attorneys, deputies, the clerk and jurors, run the program. The judge is the only adult participant in the proceedings. To be eligible for Teen Court, participants must admit guilt to their misdemeanor charges. The jury determines an appropriate sentence,

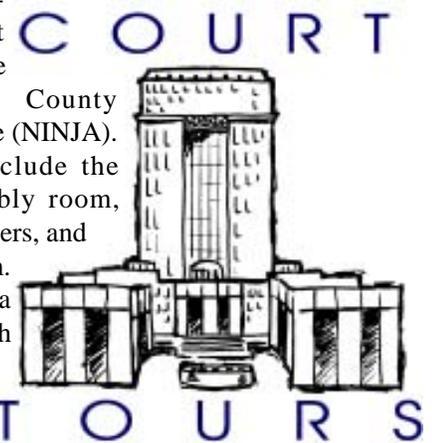


The Orange and Osceola County Teen Court Programs have 439 volunteers.

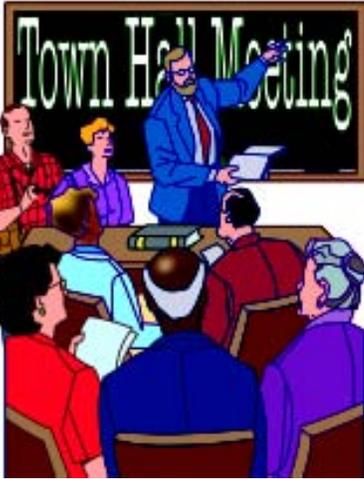
which may include community service, one day boot camp, jail tour, drug testing, road crew trash detail, abiding by a curfew, serving on a Teen Court jury, making restitution, writing a report, or apologizing. If the sentence is completed, the original charge is dismissed. If not, the case is turned over to Juvenile Court. Judges and attorneys volunteer time to preside over the hearings. Orange County's Teen Court offers free anger management classes for defendants and parenting classes for parents. The Orange County program is the largest in the state, both in number of cases and number of volunteers. The Orange County program handled 1,385 criminal cases in 2005 and has 379 teen volunteers. The Osceola Program handled 750 criminal cases last year and its adult/teen volunteers donated a total of 7,765 hours of service. Volunteers earn one-half a high school credit for working 75 hours in a school year and qualify for the Thomas S. Kirk Teen Court Scholarship. For Orange County, call **407-836-9517** and for Osceola County, call **407-343-2465**.

In 2005, the Florida Legislature adopted a \$3 fee in circuit and county criminal court for the operation of Teen Court.

Tours - - Court Administration provides organized tours of the Orange and Osceola County Courthouses to schools, community organizations and the general public. A written tour guide provides a floor-by-floor directory. The Court also offers comprehensive tours of the Orange County Courthouse, via its web site (NINJA). Tour stops generally include the rotunda, the jury assembly room, courtrooms, judicial chambers, and the judicial conference room. The highlight of the tour is a stop in the Court's high-tech courtroom. To take a virtual tour, simply visit www.ninja9.org and select Virtual Tours. With mouse in hand, a virtual courthouse visitor can traverse the complex from a remote location without ever leaving his or her desk. To schedule a tour of the Orange County Courthouse, call **407-836-2380**. For tours of the Osceola County Courthouse, please call **407-343-2413**.



Town Hall Meetings - - Town Hall meetings provide an opportunity for judges and citizens to meet and openly discuss concerns and issues regarding our judicial system. The meetings are generally held at a church or community center and typically



target a specific section of the community. Citizens not only get a chance to meet the judges and learn about how our judicial system operates, but they also get to express their views of the judiciary, which helps the judges understand their needs and perceptions of the court. The agenda for the meetings includes panel discussions, questions and answer sessions, a meet and greet opportunity and, at our last town hall, a “get to know

your legal community fair,” with booths from local community assistance and legal organizations. For information on upcoming Town Hall Meetings, call **407-836-2047**.

Truancy Court - - In 2001, using grant funding, the Ninth Judicial Circuit in conjunction with the Orange County Youth and Family Services Division and the Orange County Public Schools, established Truancy Court to provide a forum to hear and rule on truancy petitions filed against minor children for alleged excessive absences from school. Initially, hearings were conducted in the evening by a general master, who made recommendations to the Court concerning punishment and other issues. Unfortunately, funding ended in June of 2004. In July of 2004, the Florida Legislature provided funding for a statewide magistrate system. Following implementation of a Magistrate Division in the Ninth Circuit, a general magistrate was assigned to assist the circuit judges sitting in the Juvenile Division of the court, and currently a general magistrate spends one full day each week hearing truancy cases. The program provides

participants and their families information and directions for services, as well as timely intervention and case management. For the year from mid-March 2005 until mid-March 2006, the magistrate conducted 611 truancy hearings.



Unified Family Court (Osceola) - - The Unified Family Court (UFC) utilizes a fully integrated comprehensive approach in handling all cases involving children, families and victims of domestic violence while simultaneously resolving family disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. Since January 2006, the UFC has two judges assigned to handle all family and juvenile cases in a mirror image procedure and on an alternating week basis. The goal is to have all companion cases linked together and assigned to one judge in order for the presiding judge to have a complete overview of all cases pertaining to an entire family. The UFC also has case managers to monitor court orders and the parties’ compliance. Additionally, case managers research approximately 5,000 cases per month and reassign/notify the presiding judge of any and all open cases involving the parties. The case managers also provide litigants with a booklet of community resources available to them. For more information, call **407-343-2531**.



On average, 61,000 people visit the Osceola County Courthouse every month.

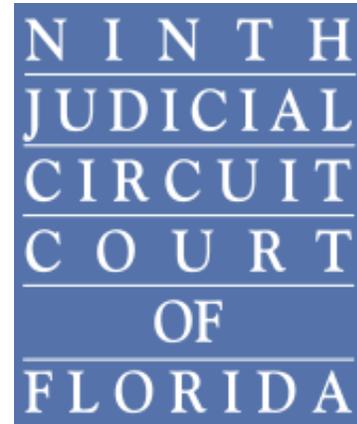


Volunteer Program - - The Ninth Judicial Circuit's Volunteer Program is committed to promoting community awareness of, and involvement in, the judicial system. The Court acknowledges



the value of community support and its role in an effective and fair judicial system. Court volunteers save taxpayers thousands of dollars each year through their service. Court volunteers work in the information booths at the courthouses as well as various departments in Orange and Osceola counties. Volunteers may also assist with numerous court programs, such as Teen Court, the Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program,

and mediation programs. To volunteer in Orange County call **407-836-2261** and in Osceola County call **407-343-2418**.



For more information about the Ninth Judicial Circuit, please visit our award-winning web site at **www.ninja9.org**.



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