

From the Desk of Van Blanchard II, Judge



The year 2012 was a year of continued change and growth at the Coshocton County Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Division. It was my first full year at the Court; although this can result in less efficiency as the Judge gets oriented, I do not believe this was the case. Due to past efforts of Judge Pierce and Judge Burns in organizing, programming, and staffing the Court, we immediately proceeded on our mission. I thank the dedicated and committed staff for all their efforts in the transition.

Clearly, I cannot overstate the importance of everyone who works at the Court, and any loss is hard. At the end of 2012, we suffered a significant loss when Steve Spaulding became ill and passed in March of 2013. Steve came to the Court with Judge David Burns in 2009 and worked as a juvenile probation officer. His impact and contributions were immediate and significant due to the special rapport and trust he built with kids while supervising. I know this not only because he was effective in his work, but also he was a friend and I experienced this first hand.

The greatest challenges to the Court remain an ever demanding caseload and need for services and programs in a time of diminishing resources. Significant areas of growth at the Court during the year were as follows:

- The Volunteer Guardianship Program, started in January 2012, recruited and trained volunteers from the community to serve as guardians to people with no family or friends who could serve. Jennifer Tahyi coordinates the program, and we are always looking for more volunteers. Currently we have 6 volunteers in the program.
- In May 2012, the Court was awarded a grant from the Coshocton Foundation's unrestricted funds for the Probate Court's Microfilm Imaging Project. Upgrades to the Court's records room have included: Docket Book restoration, microfiche imaging and enhancement capability, and increased seating and search capabilities. *The Supreme Court of Ohio* assisted Coshocton County with hosting a Regional Meeting for Probate Courts to highlight record preservation and the impact of gas and oil exploration on Court record searches. Special Thanks to the *Coshocton Foundation* for providing funding for equipment to enhance and convert records to digital for future online search capabilities.
- The *Child Support Division* of the local DJFS in collaboration with the Juvenile Court worked to improve collections of child support. Collection on current support is at its highest since 2008, and Coshocton County ranked 5th of 88 counties on improved performance in this category in late 2012!
- Two interns completed hours at the Court in 2012 and also a job shadowing experience was conducted for a recent graduate of Bowling Green State University. The Court has had past interns from COTC, Zane State, Muskingum University, Ohio State University, and Kent State University.

Thank you again to <u>everyone</u> for assisting the Court during the transition to a new Judge, to those who give their time to participate in the court's programs, to those who provide grant funding that enables the Court to increase services to the community, and to the citizens of Coshocton County who support the Court. As always, I encourage anyone who has an interest in any of the Court's programs, whether as a volunteer or financial contributor or just desiring information, to contact the Court.

Sincerely,

Van Blanchard II, Judge

General Court Information

• Scheduled Court Hearings & Case Reviews

Type of Hearing	Hearings / Prehearings	Cases Reviewed
Probate	127	127
Show Cause	15	203
Drug Court	30	48
Custody/ Support	220	220
Support Pre-Hearing	34	233
Abuse/Dep/Neglect	127	127
Delinquency/Detention	315	315
Delinquency Pretrial	18	163
Traffic	17	115
2012 TOTAL	903	1,551



2012 Court Staff presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the family of the Late Judge David Burns.

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General Fund Budget CY 2012	961,738
Revenue Generated 2012: (Approximate)	375,457
Grants	
-Coshocton Foundation	13,390
-Family & Children's First (CAP Program)	1,000
Ohio Dept. Youth Services -Best Practice Training	19,500
-Youth Services	65,581
-Supplemental #1	12,856
-Supplemental #2	47,830
-Juvenile Accountability	10,000
Indirect Costs (Title IV-D)	78,800
Probate Costs	63,264
Juvenile Costs	26,757
Placement on Deposit	1,172
Fees on Deposit	14,072
Special Projects	21,235

Community Service



2012 United Way Taste of Coshocton & celebrating Lake Park Pavilion Cleanup

- Sites Utilized: Habitat for Humanity, County Fairgrounds, Restore, Animal Shelter, Higher Hopes Therapeutic Stables, Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices, Family & Children's First Council, Kid's America, Family Fun Day, Relay for Life, Riders for Relief, Memorial Fest, Head Start, Lake Park, Coshocton Public Library, Salvation Army, Hopewell, Warsaw Park, New Life Ministries, United Way, and numerous others!
 - ** 148 youth completed 1,929 hours of work **
- C.A.P. Program: Started in mid-2012, the Community Accountability Program
 allows for youth to contribute service to non-profit agencies so that crime
 victims can be paid for their losses due to the juvenile offense.
 - ** 5 youth completed 162 hours of service **
 - ** \$810.00 has been paid to crime victims **



Past Cleanup Coshocton Litter Crew

• Juvenile Traffic Offender Program

Seminar: First time juvenile traffic offenders are ordered to attend this 1.5 hour program with a parent at the Coshocton County Career Center. The session focuses on safety issues for young drivers and responsible driving. Presenters include a local resident Jill Hammersley (in honor of Cody), an Ohio State Highway Patrolman, and an EMT from Coshocton County EMS.

** 67 youth attended 4 seminars in 2012 **

School Support

School Truancy Program: Collaborative efforts between the Juvenile Court, Coshocton County Prosecutor Jason Given, Coshocton County Job & Family Services, and the Public School Systems in Coshocton County work to assist schools with compulsory education laws and to identify students with attendance issues. Informal meetings are held to address attendance issues without having formal Court or Agency involvement.

Academic	First	Second	Third	Informal	Unruly	Neglect
Year	Notices	Notices	Notices	Meetings	Complaints	Referrals
2012-13*	229	85	13	54	9	3
2011-12	323	116	39	77	12	10
2010-11	363	166	44	109	23	8
2009-10	305	133	55	105	43	14
2008-9	357	159	41	109	15	0

 Coshocton Opportunity School Care-team: Court staff participates in weekly student review sessions with the Coshocton Opportunity School to provide positive input for student success. Numerous at-risk students graduate each year with a high-school diploma.

** 35 students graduated in 2012 **



Proud Graduates (not local)

- Coshocton County Alternative School: Court staff provides case monitoring and supportive services for the Coshocton County Alternative School. Regular visits of probation youth, attendance at referral and suspension meetings, monitoring outcomes of court involved youth and reintegration back to the home school highlights support offered.
 - ** \$9125.00 in financial support was provided in 2012 **
- County Superintendent's Meetings: Truancy Probation staff attends this
 monthly meeting of the County School systems to provide each district
 updates on the County Truancy Program. Input and programmatic changes
 are also discussed and reviewed along with changes in local and state policy.

- Counseling, Related Programs & Supportive Services
- Juvenile Drug Court: Started in 2002, the Coshocton County Juvenile Drug Court
 continues work intensively with those youth with chronic abuse issues. Weekly court
 hearings as well as treatment, mental health counseling, education, and family
 support are major components to this intensive non-traditional program. The four
 phase program takes participants one year minimum to complete.
 - ** 38 youth have participated in this program with 4 current enrollees **
- Friends of the Coshocton County Drug Court: This nonprofit organization supports the efforts of the Drug Court Program. They operate separately from the Court and maintain funds to encourage the positive efforts of youth and families in the program. Various Community Agency and concerned citizens comprise the Board.



Retired Coshocton HS Counselor honored by Judge Blanchard and Friends of the Coshocton County Drug Court for her many years of support of the Drug Court Program

- Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices: Is an active participant in Juvenile Drug Court
 and provides an assortment of treatment, assessment and intervention for addictive
 behaviors. Individual, Group, and Family participation is encouraged based on needs
 of the youth. Many youth successfully complete traditional treatment interventions
 without the need for the intensive drug court program.
- Intensive Probation Program: Since 2004, the Court has received various federal, state and local grant funds to support the Intensive Probation Program. In 2012 the Court received a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant to continue a night monitoring program that has proven to be a valuable asset. Specialized populations of juvenile offenders including drug court youth, felony offenders, and youth with sexually acting-out behaviors were main focuses of the evening check program.

Year	Hours	Contacts	Felony	Misdemeanor
2008	959.25	1056	143	913
2009	696.5	848	257	591
2010	664.5	965	265	700
2011	443.5	556	156	410
2012	462.0	635	210	425

Counseling, Related Programs & Supportive Services





University of Cincinnati Staff train local counselors and presenters in best -practice programming

- Thompkins Child & Adolescent Services: Adolescent offenders and at-risk youth are referred from the Court for various assessment, therapeutic, psychological and group sessions. Some of the direct services for court involved youth include:
 - Aggression Interruption: An intensive life-skills based curriculum that teaches youth how to improve social skills, learn about the anger control chain, and utilize tools to make positive decisions to stay out of trouble.
 - Integrated Family and Systems Treatment (I-FAST): This evidence based model works with community agency supports and strengths of individual families to resolve family relationship issues. Home-based services and individualized treatment is utilized with family goal setting as a strength based approach to resolving conflict and maintaining placement within the home.
 - S.A.Y. Program: The SAY program utilizes intensive out-patient treatment for youth with sexually acting out behaviors. Assessment utilizing the J-SOAP II, family involvement, group, and individualized services are provided with this program. Regular Court review hearings are also held in order to monitor progress in treatment and compliance with probation terms.
 - ** 18 youth and families participated in 2012 **

** The Court received grant funds for "Best Practice Training" in order to offer community and Regional Training Opportunities **

- University of Cincinnati provided 4 days of best practice training for staff from a 5 county area in Coshocton County in 2012.
- The Court hosted a Community Agency Training on Integrated and Family Systems Treatment and Community Collaboration = 38 attendees.
- Treatment staff training was provided by Dave Grove on therapeutic interventions using Integrated Family and Systems Treatment = 29 staff.

• Court Affiliated Community Programs



Volunteer Guardian Molly Hall and her ward.

- Volunteer Guardianship Program: The Probate Court began exploring options in 2011 for establishing a volunteer guardianship program for citizens and youth that may not able to manage their affairs either due to mental or physical disability. After selection and training, community volunteers are appointed and able to assume decision making responsibility for individuals that meet program criteria.
- Mentoring Program: Established with a grant award from the Schooler Family
 Foundation, this program utilizes volunteers that have undergone criminal history
 checks and an interview process to mentor youth. The goal for this program is to
 match positive adult role models with identified at-risk and court involved youth.
 The focus age group is 11-16, but other factors are considered.
- Coshocton County JFS Access Visitation Grant The Court worked collaboratively
 with the Child Support Division in completing this application, which was granted for
 a 3 year continuation from 2013-201. Some of the services provided with this
 funding include:
 - o Parent Education- various programs based on developmental age and need.
 - Mediation- work towards agreements in custody cases with the Court. Of 68 cases referred, 18 were resolved successfully with no additional court action.
 - o Monitored Parenting- a center where monitored visitation can occur
- Guardian Ad Litem Program: The Court, through Local Rule and in conjunction with
 the Supreme Court of Ohio Rules of Superintendence oversees and operates a
 Guardian Ad Litem Program. These independent investigators contract for the Court
 to make recommendations on Abuse, Dependency, Neglect, and certain Custody and
 other cases. Both attorney and non-attorney professionals are used as investigators
 on these difficult cases.
- Adoption Assessment: Adoption Assessors investigate those cases in which
 adoption paperwork is filed with the Court. Both public and private cases may be
 investigated by one of two independent contract investigators on the Court's
 Assessment list.

Juvenile Court – Programs & Statistics

• Youth Placed into Juvenile Detention – Muskingum County JDC



Muskingum County Juvenile Detention Center, Zanesville, Ohio

YEAR	TOTAL YOUTH	TOTAL BED DAYS	AVG DAYS PER YOUTH	AVG DAILY POP.	TOTAL COST
2007	85	1,476	17.36	4.04	\$134,662
2008	75	876	11.68	2.39	\$120,830
2009	65	886	13.63	2.37	\$114,917
2010	90	1,186	13.18	3.25	\$100,727
2011	81	1,444	17.83	3.96	\$108,782
2012	78	1,300	16.67	3.56	\$99,130

• Probationers over age 18 Detained at Coshocton County Justice Center

YEAR	TOTAL YOUTH	TOTAL DAYS	AVG. STAY
2012	6	487	81.2 days



Court Security Deputy Dave Selders

• Video Hearings – Coshocton County Juvenile Court

YEAR	Number of Hearings	Approximate Savings
2012	36	\$9,900
2011	38	\$10,450
2010	44	\$12,100
2009	14	\$3,850
TOTAL	132	\$36,300

2012 JUVENILE COURT ADJUDICATIONS BY CASE TYPE

Violation	Male	Female	Total
FELONY OFFENSES			
Rape F-1 (2 juveniles had 4 counts each = 8)	9	0	9
Attempted Grand Theft of M V F-5 (1 Juvenile)	0	4	4
Aggravated Assault F-4	1	0	1
Breaking & Entering F-5 (3 juveniles had 4 counts each)	12	0	12
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide F-3	1	0	1
Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle F-4	1	0	1
Gross Sexual Imposition F-3	3	0	3
Illegal Conveyance of Weapon F-5	2	0	2
Sexual Battery F-2 (1 juvenile had 4 counts)	4	0	4
Tamper with Record F-3	0	1	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle F-4	2	0	2
TOTAL FELONY VIOLATIONS	35	5	40
MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES			
Assault M-1	9	1	10
Contributing M-1	0	2	2
Criminal Damaging M-2	7	0	7
Criminal Trespass M-4	2	0	2
Cruelty to Animals M-2	2	0	2
Curfew M-M	1	0	1
Disorderly Conduct M-4	2	0	2
Disorderly Conduct M-M	2	0	2
Domestic Violence M-1	3	0	3
Failure to Comply M-1	1	0	1
Menacing M-4	1	0	1
Obstruction M-1	1	0	1
Obstruction of Official Business M-2	0	1	1
Petty Theft M-1	13	4	17
Possession of Controlled Substance M-M	1	0	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia M-4	3	1	4
Probation Violation	22	13	35
Receiving Stolen Property M-1	3	0	3
Resisting Arrest M-2	1	0	1
School Truancy - Unruly	4	6	10
Telecom Harassment M-1	0	1	1
Tobacco Violation - Unruly	2	1	3
Underage Consumption M-1	7	2	9
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES	87	32	119
TOTAL FELONY & MISDEMEANOR	122	37	159

JUVENILE COURT CASES FOR 2012

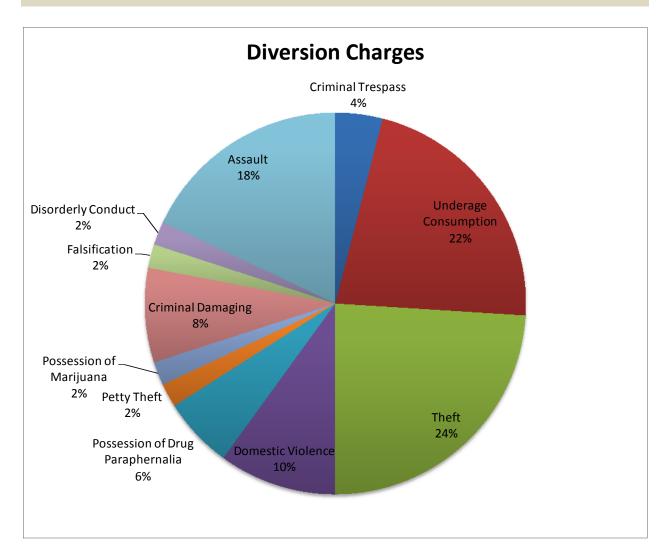
MONTH	DELINQUE NT	TRAFFIC	DEP/NEG ABUSED	UNRULY	ADULT	PERM. CUSTODY
JANUARY	9	7	2	3	0	1
FEBRUARY	13	10	1	3	0	0
MARCH	22	9	9	3 (2)	0	0
APRIL	16	10	8	0	1	4
MAY	21	12	4	2 (1)	0	0
JUNE	10	11	6	0	0	0
JULY	19	18	6	0	0	0
AUGUST	19	9	8	0	0	0
SEPTEMBER	19	12	10	2	0	0
OCTOBER	13	3	5	1	0	0
NOVEMBER	12	6	8	0	0	0
DECEMBER	12	8	0	2 (1)	0	0
TOTAL	185	115	67	16 (4)	1	5

* 4 OF THE UNRULY CASES REFLECT TOBACCO TICKETS

MONTH	CUSTODY/ VISITATION	SUPPORT	PATERNITY	UIFSA	OTHER	TOTAL
JANUARY	7	69	0	0	0	98
FEBRUARY	14	56	0	0	0	97
MARCH	11	49	1	2	1	107
APRIL	6	54	1	0	0	100
MAY	11	46	0	0	0	96
JUNE	8	38	1	0	0	74
JULY	14	50	2	0	1	110
AUGUST	15	47	1	3	0	102
SEPTEMBER	17	38	0	0	0	98
OCTOBER	7	42	0	1	0	72
NOVEMBER	8	49	3	2	0	88
DECEMBER	7	50	3	0	0	82
TOTAL	125	588	12	8	2	1124

MONTH	DIVERSION CASES	DETENTION HEARINGS (JUVENILE PRESENT)	VIDEO DETENTION HEARINGS	OTHER VIDEO HEARINGS
JANUARY	3	1	3	
FEBRUARY	0	0	5	
MARCH	4	1	5	
APRIL	2	0	3	1
MAY	7	6	3	
JUNE	5	2	1	
JULY	4	4	3	
AUGUST	2	5	1	
SEPTEMBER	9	4	1	
OCTOBER	2	1	3	
NOVEMBER	4	0	4	
DECEMBER	3	2	3	
TOTAL	45	26	35	1
		Total Detention	n Hearings	61

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Four (4) Youth had two charges upon entering Diversion:

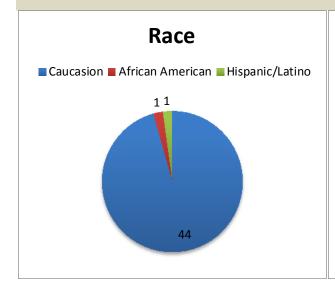
- Underage Consumption & Falsification
- Underage Consumption & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Theft (2)
- Theft (2)

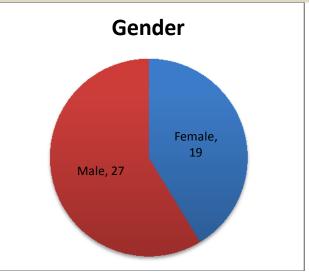
Twenty One (21) Youth successfully completed Diversion in 2012

Eight (8) Youth were released unsuccessfully from Diversion and were transferred to Probation for additional services.

- More Charges (1)
- Failed Drug Screens (5)
- Non-Complaint (2)

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	Supervised Community Service						
Date	Location	Number of Youth	Hours Served				
January 22, 2012	Kids America	13	91				
March 4, 2012	Kids America	8	56				
April 14, 2012	Family Fun Day	9	63				
April 29, 2012	Riders for Relief	9	63				
May 29, 2012	Elks	7	49				
July 10, 2012	Elks	5	35				
August 14, 2012	Lake Park	6	45				
October 6, 2012	Fair Grounds	7	54.25				
October 27, 2012	Head Start	5	37.5				
<u>December 22, 2012</u>	Kids America	<u>6</u>	<u>48</u>				
		Total 75	541.75				

Nurturing Parenting Sessions										
Date	Number of Families									
January 19, 2012 & January 26, 2012	6									
February 16, 2012 & February 23,2012	10									
April 12, 2012 & April 19, 2012	9									
June 14, 2012 & June 21, 2012	9									
September 6, 2012 & September 13, 2012	8									
November 8, 2012 & November 15, 2012	9									
<u>December 6, 2012 & December 13, 2012</u>	<u>5</u>									
TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED	56									

COMPARISON OF JUVENILE COURT CASES BY YEAR

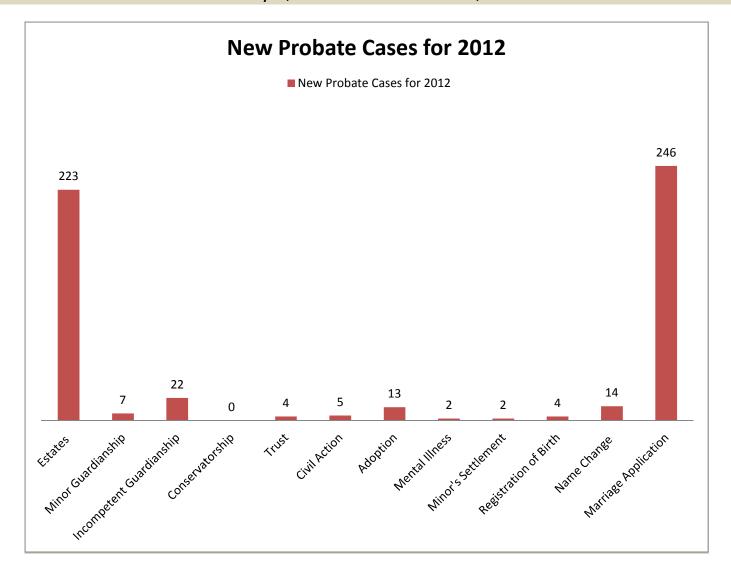
YEAR	DELINQUENT	TRAFFIC	DEP/NEG ABUSED	UNRULY	ADULT	PERM. CUSTODY
2000	220	265	20	20	0	4
2001	281	262	37	47 (15)	0	3
2002	301	272	51	53 (33)	0	5
2003	236	258	50	29 (19)	0	4
2004	268	186	40	24 (16)	0	12
2005	182	165	32	28 (9)	0	0
2006	176	182	37	15 (1)	0	2
2007	207	156	37	37 (3)	0	1
2008	161	153	36	24 (4)	0	2
2009	136	143	57	24 (3)	0	1
2010	186	119	40	29 (4)	0	0
2011	159	109	53	26 (4)	0	5
2012	185	115	67	16 (4)	1	5

(THE UNRULY CASES REFLECT TOBACCO TICKETS IN PARENTHESIS)

YEAR	CUSTODY/ VISITATION	SUPPORT	PATERNITY	UIFSA	OTHER	TOTAL
2000	53	257	51	1	2	893
2001	53	311	42	6	0	1042
2002	114	408	40	8	0	1252
2003	94	393	43	10	0	1117
2004	96	486	64	10	0	1186
2005	81	532	40	8	1	1069
2006	124	508	16	10	5	1075
2007	136	577	17	6	2	1176
2008	144	535	11	4	5	1075
2009	165	644	19	5	1	1198
2010	122	642	12	9	1	1160
2011	162	664	15	1	1	1195
2012	125	588	12	8	2	1124

YEAR	DIVERSION CASES	DETENTION HEARINGS	VIDEO
	51.525		HEARINGS
2000	81	49	
2001	86	97	
2002	80	112	
2003	86	105	
2004	67	94	
2005	49	62	
2006	71	67	
2007	82	73	
2008	79	60	
2009	51	49	14
2010	68	81	44
2011	73	76	34
2012	45	61	35

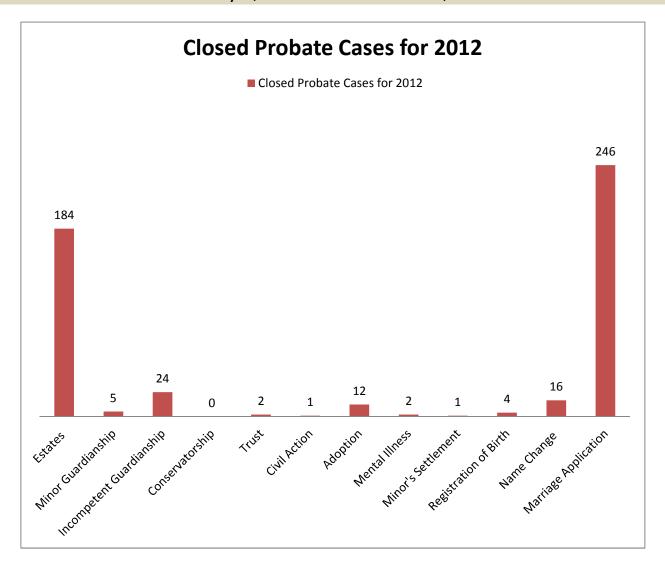
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New/Opened Probate Court Cases for 2012 By Quarter

Date	Estates	Minor	Incmp.	Conser-	Trusts	Civil	Adoption	Mental	Minors'	W/Death	Birth	Name	Marriage	Total
		Grd.	Grd.	vatorship		Actions		Illness	Settle.		Reg/Cor	Change	Appl.	
03/31	50	1	7	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	5	39	108
06/30	63	3	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	3	73	152
09/30	43	3	2	0	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	4	73	137
12/31	67	0	8	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	61	145
Totals	223	7	22	0	4	5	13	2	2	0	4	14	246	542

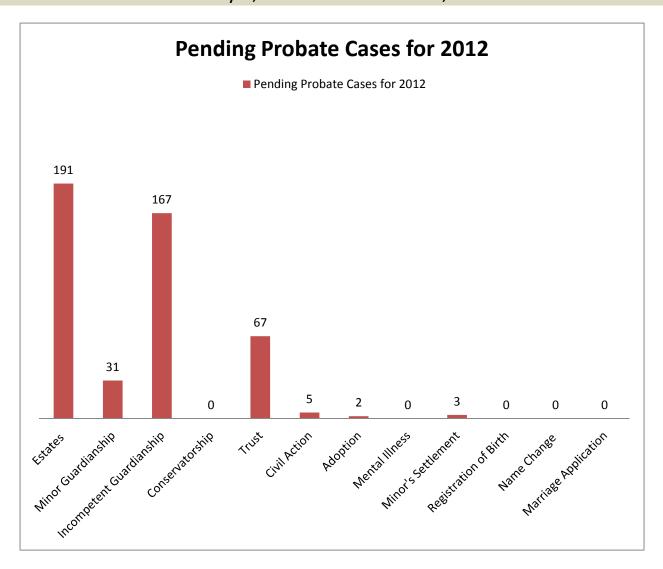
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Closed Probate Court Cases for 2012 By Quarter

Date	Estates	Minor	Incmp.	Conser-	Trusts	Civil	Adoption	Mental	Minors'	W/Death	Birth	Name	Marriage	Totals
		Grd.	Grd.	vatorship		Actions		Illness	Settle.		Reg/Cor	Change	Appl.	
03/31	49	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	39	102
06/30	36	0	12	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	3	73	130
09/30	42	3	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	2	73	130
12/31	57	1	6	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	4	61	135
Totals	184	5	24	0	2	1	12	2	1	0	4	16	246	497

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Pending Probate Court Cases for 2012 By Quarter

Date	Estates	Minor	Incmp.	Conser-	Trusts	Civil	Adoption	Mental	Minors'	W/Death	Birth	Name	Marriage	Totals
		Grd.	Grd.	vatorship		Actions		Illness	Settlemnts		Reg/Cor	Change	Appl.	
03/31/12	153	29	173	0	64	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	427
06/30/12	180	32	166	0	64	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	449
09/30/12	181	32	165	0	67	3	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	454
12/31/12	191	31	167	0	67	5	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	466