

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISIONS I - IX
OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES
MONROE COUNTY PROBATION SERVICES

PREPARED BY:

Staff *Office of Court Services*
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MONROE CIRCUIT COURT PERSONNEL

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I

Karina Brikmanis	Official Court Reporter
Angela Waldrip	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II

Katherine Scanlan	Official Court Reporter
Shannon Guidry	Associate Court Reporter
Ann Arthur	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION III

Tina Saunders	Official Court Reporter
Monica Bartlett	Associate Court Reporter
Tiffany Shupe	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION IV

Sandi Tatlock	Official Court Reporter
Jayma Chandler	Associate Court Reporter
Angie Patton	Associate Court Reporter
Colleen McPhearson	Family Court Coordinator

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION V

Cindy Deckard	Official Court Reporter
Carol Derflinger	Associate Court Reporter
Katy Sturgeon	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VI

Beth Reardon	Official Court Reporter
Kyla Stogsdill	Associate Court Reporter
Tara Stogsdill	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VII

Connie Crohn	Official Court Reporter
Shirley McClure	Associate Court Reporter
Brenda Stauch	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VIII

Amber Waldon	Official Court Reporter
Terri Francis	Associate Court Reporter
Kelly Landrum	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION IX

Kathy Pointer	Official Court Reporter
Nora Liell	Associate Court Reporter
Joy Miller	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER

Cathy Hash	Official Court Reporter
Christina McGlocklin	Associate Court Reporter
Wendy Crohn	Associate Court Reporter

OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES

Bonnie Austin	Court Administrator
Lisa Abraham	Jury Coordinator
Lorie Robinson	Case Management Coordinator
Shelly Huston	Financial Coordinator
Michelle Pritchard	Public Service Coordinator
George Trippany	Bailiff
William White	Bailiff
Steve Chambers	Bailiff
Rick Blocksom	Bailiff
Mike Osborn	Bailiff
Barrett Kapperman	Bailiff
Marty Stephens	Bailiff
Dina D. Meyers	Associate Court Reporter
Connie Axsom	Associate Court Reporter
Amy Cain	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE COURT PROBATION SERVICES

Linda Brady, Chief Probation Officer

ADULT DIVISION

Valerie Collins	Supervisor
James Adcock	Probation Officer
Heath Adkins	Probation Officer
Leah Baker	Probation Officer
Jill Barnett	Probation Officer
Alexander Bracke	Probation Officer
Ken Bugler	Probation Officer
Eric Chambers	Probation Officer
Andrew Chandler	Probation Officer
Denea Chandler	Probation Officer
Megan Mahaffey	Probation Officer
Brenda Ogborn	Probation Officer
Rachael Scott	Probation Officer
Leah Snow	Probation Officer
Becca Streit	Probation Officer
Erin Werner	Probation Officer

JUVENILE DIVISION

Christine McAfee	Supervisor
Rob Allison	Juvenile Case Manager
Pamela Cain	Probation Officer
Nikki Faletic	Juvenile Case Manager
Brier Frasier	Family Preservation Coordinator

Mandy Hutchison	Probation Officer
Kara Mahuron	Family Preservation
Amy Matney	Part Time Probation Officer
Melanie Humbard	Youth Placement Officer
Nathan Quick	Probation Officer
Amanda Wyatt	Juvenile Case Manager
Debra Wray	Juvenile Alternative Management Services

INTAKE UNIT

Susan Allen	Supervisor/Court & Alcohol Drug Program Director
Marsha Anderson	Probation Officer
Angela Chalfant	Probation Officer
Sandra Moss	Probation Officer
Julie Robertson	Probation Officer
Christy Scheid	Probation Officer
Brent Townsend	Probation Officer
Michelle Yeger	Probation Officer

SUPPORT STAFF

Melissa Wallace	Office Administrator
Tammy Noel	Cashier
Lynne Hobbs-Livingston	Adult Secretary
Natalie Wisniewski	Administrative Assistant
Kellan Wohler	Receptionist
Vacant	Juvenile Secretary

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Thomas Rhodes	Assistant Chief Probation Officer/Director
Marilyn Brock	Office Manager
Jeff Hartman	CASP Supervisor
Troy Hatfield	Special Programs Supervisor
Vacant	CASP Case Manager
Margaret Hollers	Receptionist
DJ Capps	CASP Field Officer
Chad Christensen	CASP Field Officer
Charles Cohenour	CASP Field Officer
Troy Greene	CASP Field Officer
Bennie Hatch	Road Crew
Amanda Kuhfahl	CASP Case Manager
Kelley McKinney	Day Reporting-Coordinator
Debbie Murphy	CASP Case Manager
Tony Pulliam	Floater
Scott Thiery	Juvenile Field Officer

DRUG COURT UNIT

Steve Malone	Coordinator
Ted Berry	Case Manager
Rhonda Welp	Case Manager
Vacant	Case Manager

PART-TIME PROBATION OFFICER

ASSISTANTS

Stephanie Bauer	Probation
Jordan Bunch	Probation
Stancie Cartwright	Community Corrections
Andrea Clayton	Community Corrections
Morgan Craig	Probation
Dawn Dassell	Probation
Sharon Davis	Community Corrections
Jacob Druding	Community Corrections
Brittany Faris	Community Corrections
Tiffany Gravatte	Probation
Teri Guhl	Community Corrections
Arie Lipinski	Probation
Tomas Perez	Community Corrections
Adam Stevens	Community Corrections
Chelesea Walters	Probation
Mallory Yoder	Community Corrections

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT

BOARD OF JUDGES

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILES

CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION 1

E. Michael Hoff

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 1993

Family Members:

Susan J. Fernandes, Wife
Jessica M. Hoff, Daughter
Antonia J. Curry, Daughter

Undergraduate Degree:

Indiana University, Bachelor of Arts (Economics), 1972

Law School:

Indiana University, School of Law, Bloomington, Doctor of Jurisprudence (1975)

Related Legal Experience(s):

Deputy Prosecutor, Monroe County (1977-78)
Private Practice (1976-1992)

Additional Judicial Service:

Member, Monroe County Domestic Violence Task Force
Former Member, Domestic Relations Committee, Indiana Judicial Conference
Member, Civil Instructions Committee, Indiana Judicial Conference
Member, Monroe County Racial Justice Task Force
Member, Board of Directors, Indiana Judges Association
Graduate, Indiana Judicial College

Professional Organizations:

Monroe County Bar Association
Indiana Bar Association
Indiana Judges Association
American Judicature Society

CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II

Marc R. Kellams

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 1981

Undergraduate Degrees:

Indiana University, Bachelor of Arts
Religious Studies

Law School:

Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Doctor of Jurisprudence (1978)

Related Legal Experience(s):

Legal Intern, Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney
Clerk, Baker, Barnhart & Andrews
Clerk, Mallor and Fitzgerald
Staff Attorney, Indiana University
Associate, Rogers, McDonald & Grodner
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law, Indiana University, Bloomington (1983-present)

Related Work Experience(s):

Probate Commissioner, Monroe Circuit Court
Juvenile Referee, Monroe Circuit Court

Special Honors or Accomplishment(s):

Phi Eta Sigma (Honorary)
Graduate Indiana Judicial College

Military History:

United States Navy

Community Involvement – Previous

Bloomington Rotary Club, Board of Directors
Bloomington Rotary Foundation, Board of Directors
Monroe County Youth Services Bureau/Youth Shelter, Board of Directors
American Red Cross, Board of Directors
Bloomington Hospital Advisory Council
Bloomington Hospital Foundation Development Council Chair
Bloomington Hospital, Board of Directors
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Parish Council

Community Involvement – Present

Bloomington Hospital
Strategic Management Committee
Southern Indiana Surgery Center
Board of Directors
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Permanent Deacon

Professional Involvement

Monroe County Bar Association
Indiana Judges Association, Past President
Indiana Judges Association-Association of Indiana Counties, IJA Liaison
American Judicature Society

CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION III

Kenneth G. Todd

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 1979

Family Members:

Bonnie L. Todd, Wife

Erin Nicole Todd, Daughter

Undergraduate Degrees:

Indiana University, Bachelor of Arts, Economics (1967)

Law School:

Indiana University, Doctor of Jurisprudence (1970)

Graduate, Indiana Judicial College (1990)

Related Legal Experience(s):

Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Malmstrom AFB, MT (1970-1972)

Chief Prosecutor, Second Judicial District, USAF (1972-1974)

Private Practice, Bloomington, Indiana (1974-1978)

Probate Commissioner Monroe Circuit Court (1976-1978)

Presiding Judge, Monroe Unified Courts (1984-1987, 1992-1994, 2007-present))

Military History:

United States Air Force (1970-1974)

Community Involvement:

Community Corrections Advisory Board, President 2005- present

Youth For Christ Board of Directors, 2000-2005

Advisory Board, victim Offender-Reconciliation Program (1998-2003)

Board of Directors, South Central Community Mental Health Center (1991-1998); Chair 1994-1997

Past Board of Directors, Parent-Aid Program (1990-1994)

Past Board of Directors, Ray of Love, Inc. (1981-1991)

Past Board of Directors, Shelter, Inc. (1988-1991)

Board of Advisors, Board of Honors, Big Brothers/Big Sisters (1984-1996)

Past Board of Directors, Monroe County Council on Prevention of Child Abuse (1988-1991)

Past Board of Directors, Middleway, Inc. (1981-1982)

Northside Exchange Club

Professional Organizations:

Indiana Judges Association

Indiana State Bar Association

Monroe County Bar Association

Indiana State Bar Association-Family and Juvenile Law Section, ADR Section

Monroe County Bar Association

Indiana State Child Welfare Assessment Group (2003-2004)

Kentucky Rural Family Court Development Advisory Panel (2002)

National CASA Divorce Custody Task Force (1998-99)

CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION VI

Frances Gall Hill

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 2007

Family Members: Sarah Hill, daughter

Undergraduate Degree: Purdue University, B.A., Sociology and Secondary Education, 1970-1974, With Honors
Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, J.D., December 1979, Cum Laude

Admitted to Indiana State Bar, 1980, Attorney No. 7958-53-A

Domestic Relations Mediation Training, 2005

EMPLOYMENT

Current: Judge, Monroe Circuit Court, Bloomington Indiana. Case load: protective orders, small claims, divorce, CHINS.

Self-Employed Consultant: Indiana Supreme Court Family Court Project, 1999-2006; Lilly Foundation Grant to update CHINS Deskbook on litigating child abuse, 2005; Monroe County Court Consultant on Court-Community Education and Strategic Planning, Nov. 2004-May 2005

Clinical Associate Professor and Director Child Advocacy Clinic, Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, 1996-1999

Adjunct Faculty in Juvenile Law, Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, 1985-1996

Monroe County Juvenile Court Referee and Probate Commissioner, 1981-1986

Law Clerk positions, 1980-1978

- 1980 Law clerk in the Indiana Court of Appeals for the Honorable V. Sue Shields, now serving as the Magistrate Judge US District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- 1979 Summer law clerk Barrett, Barrett, and McNagny law firm, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- 1978-1979 Law clerk in the Monroe County Superior Court for the Honorable John G. Baker, now serving as Judge, Indiana Court of Appeals
- 1978 Student law clerk internship William E. Steckler, Federal Court Southern District
- 1977-1978 Student bailiff in the Monroe County Superior Court for the Honorable R. Douglas Bridges

Caseworker, Whitley County Welfare Department, 1975-1976

Sales, Van Camp Hardware and Iron, wholesale distributors, Indianapolis 1974-1975

ADDITIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND TEACHING

- Initiated Monroe County CASA Program; ongoing CASA Attorney Trainer, 1983-2005
- Coordinated Indiana Supreme Court Pro Bono 40 hour Domestic Relations Mediation Training, June 2005
- Instructor in Child Abuse and Neglect Law for state, regional and local Division of Family and Children (now Department of Child Services), 1986-2005
- Presenter for Indiana Juvenile Judges Conference and Judicial College, 1981-2005
- Member of Juvenile Judges Benchbook Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference, 1983-1986

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

- Indiana Family Court Project Report, Supreme Court publication, Fall 2003.
- Frances G. Hill and Derelle Watson Duvall, CHINS DESKBOOK 2001, Children's Law Center Publication, 2001. (also original CHINS Deskbook 1986 and updates 1988, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1996).
- Frances G. Hill, "What's a Family Court, and What's in it for the Lawyer?", Res Gestae, Journal of Indiana State Bar Association, November 2000.
- Frances G. Hill, "Clinical Education and the Best Interest Representation of Children in Custody Disputes: Challenges and Opportunities in Lawyering and Pedagogy", 73 Ind. L. Journal 605, 1998.
- Frances G. Hill, "Legal Primer I and II", Training Child Welfare Attorneys and Case Managers, 1996, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, BOARDS AND TASK FORCES

- Judicial Domestic Relations Committee, Child Support Guidelines revision 2008
- Indiana State Bar Association-Family and Juvenile Law Section, ADR Section
- Monroe County Bar Association
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- Indiana State Child Welfare Assessment Group (2003-2004)
- Kentucky Rural Family Court Development Advisory Panel (2002)
- National CASA Divorce Custody Task Force (1998-99)

- Indiana Adoption and Safe Families Act Implementation Group (1999)
- Indiana Task Force on Legal Competency Based Training (1998)
- Governor’s Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (1987)

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY AND RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS

- Bloomington Rotary Club
- First United Methodist Church: Trustee 2006, Children’s Music Program
- Monroe County YMCA, IU Riddle Point Rowing Association
- Women’s Tennis League
- Bible Study Fellowship, Hoosier Hills Emmaus Community
- Past President and Board of Directors Monroe County Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Past Board of Directors Monroe County Family Services Association
- Past Board of Directors Hoosier Hills YFC Campus Life

Circuit Court Division V

Mary Ellen Diekhoff

Dated Accepted Position:

January 1, 2005

Family Members:

Michael Diekhoff, Husband

Caitlin Diekhoff, Daughter

Undergraduate Degrees:

Valparaiso University, Bachelor of Arts, (1982 Honors Graduate)

Sociology/Psychology

Law School:

Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Doctor of Jurisprudence (1986)

Related Legal Experience:

Associate Attorney, Harrell, Clendening and Coyne

Judge Pro Tem, Monroe Circuit Court

1st Deputy Attorney, Monroe County Prosecuting Attorneys Office

Adjunct Professor, Indiana University Criminal Justice Department

Certifications:

Indiana Bar

Admitted, Federal District Court for the Northern and Southern District of Indiana

Certified Mediator, State of Indiana

Community Involvement-Previous:

Monroe County Parent Aid

Designated Drivers Council of Monroe County

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Tulip Trace Council of Girl Scouts

Board of Education, St. Charles School

Community Involvement-Present:

National Volunteer Mediator, Girl Scouts USA

Professional Involvement:

Monroe County Bar Association

Indiana Judges Association

Indiana Judges Association Criminal Instructions Committee

CIRCUITCOURT, DIVISION VI

David L. Welch

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 1991

Family Members:

Peggy M. Welch, Wife
David E. Welch II, Son

Education:

Bachelor of Arts, English & Political Science, Indiana University
Doctor of Jurisprudence, George Mason University School of Law
Graduate, Indiana Judicial College & Indiana Graduate Program for Judges

Related Legal Experience:

General Solo Practitioner
Monroe County Deputy Attorney, Monroe County Commissioners & Council
Town Attorney, Board of Trustees, Town of Nashville & Stinesville, Indiana

Related Work Experience:

Executive Assistant to Administrator, U.S. Veterans Administration
Legislative Assistant, United States Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
Indiana State Field Coordinator, United States Senator Vance Hartke
District Field Representative, United States Representative Lee H. Hamilton
Staff, Indiana House of Representatives

Related State Activities:

Former Member, Indiana State Council, Prison Fellowship
Former Chair, Indiana Advisory Board, Justice Fellowship
Former Chair, Community Relations Committee, Indiana Judicial Conference & Media/Judiciary Study Committee
Former Member, Judicial Independence Committee, Indiana Judges Association
Former Member, Indiana Public Trust Working Group, of the National Public Trust & Confidence in the Judiciary Initiative

Miscellaneous:

Presiding Judge, Monroe Circuit Court, (1998-1999)
Adjunct Instructor of Law & Public Policy, School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, (1983-1988; 2003-Present)
Instructor, Indiana Vocational Technical College
President, Student Bar Association, George Mason University School of Law
“Most Outstanding Student Bar Association 1980-1981”, American Bar Association
Indiana University Foundation Working Student Scholarship

Military History:

First Lieutenant, Retired, United States Army Reserves
Second Lieutenant, 38th Adjutant General Company, Indiana National Guard

Community Service:

Member, Bloomington North Rotary Club
Member, American Legion, Post 18
Member, Amvets Post 2000
Former Member, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission
Former President, Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Inc.
Former Chairman, Board of Directors, Leadership Bloomington Alumni, Inc.
Former Chairman, Legislative Affairs Subcommittee, The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce
Former Board Member, Monroe County American Red Cross
Former Member, Board of Directors, Monroe County Chapter, NAACP

Professional Organizations:

Indiana Judges Association
Indiana State Bar Association
Monroe County Bar Association
Christian Legal Society

CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VII

Stephen R. Galvin

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 2005

Family Members:

Wife: Tamara Galvin

Son: Conor Galvin

Undergraduate Degrees:

Wabash College, 1978

Law School:

Indiana University, 1981

Employment History:

Attorney for the Monroe County Council, Commissioners, Auditor and Sheriff, 1990-2004

Attorney for the Monroe County Office of Family and Children, 1990-2004

Deputy Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney, 1987-1989

Public Defender, 1981-1986

Monroe County Government:

Monroe County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Monroe County Tech Services Board

Juvenile Facility Committee

Community Involvement:

Martha's House Emergency Homeless Shelter, Former President and Current Vice-President

Parent Aid, Board Member

Northside Exchange Club of Bloomington, President beginning July, 2006

Stepping Stones, Advisory Board

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Former President of Parish Council

Youth Services Board, Former Secretary

Indiana Department of Corrections Juvenile Detention Standards Advisory Committee (1993)

Professional Organizations:

Monroe County Bar Association

Indiana State Bar Association

Indiana State Bar Association, Juvenile Bench Book Committee

Indiana State Judges Association

Former member, Indiana State Bar Association Committee on the Civil Rights of Children

CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION VIII

Christine Talley Haseman

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Judge of the Monroe Circuit Court, Bloomington, IN, January 2008 – Present

- Appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels to serve one year term
- Preside over a court of general jurisdiction, with primary responsibility for family law, protective order, and small claims cases
- Serve as Special Judge in Monroe, Greene, Owen and Lawrence Counties in various legal matters
- Serve as a member of the Monroe County Board of Judges, the Judicial Branch of Monroe County Government
- Supervise staff and develop procedures to ensure that court runs smoothly and efficiently

Attorney At Law, *Haseman Law Office*, Bloomington, IN, January 2000 – December 2007

- Estate Planning and Probate Attorney, including Guardianships and Adoptions
- Family Law Attorney
- *Guardian Ad Litem*, represent the best interests of children in divorce, paternity, guardianship, Children in Need of Services, and delinquency cases
- *Guardian Ad Litem*, represent the best interests of adults in guardianship cases
- Owen County Family Court Facilitation Project Administrator (2002 – 2004)

Juvenile Court Referee, *Lawrence Circuit Court*, Bedford, IN, January 2004 – March 2006

- Judicial Officer assigned to hear and decide all aspects of the following cases:
 - Juvenile Delinquency and Child in Need of Services, including initial, fact finding, dispositional, review, detention, contempt, and Parental Participation Hearings
 - Paternity actions
 - Actions filed under the Indiana Civil Protection Order Act
 - Child support actions brought by the Title IV-D attorney
- Two decisions made as Referee were appealed to the Indiana Court of Appeals and both decisions were affirmed by the Court of Appeals
- Served as Judge *Pro Tempore* in Judge Andrea McCord's absence and heard civil, criminal, divorce, guardianship, adult protective services, and probate matters.

CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION IX

Teresa D. Harper

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 2007

Undergraduate Degrees:

Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis

Law School:

Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, Doctor of Jurisprudence (1982)

Legal Experience(s):

Clerk, Indiana Supreme Court, Former Chief Justice Richard M. Givan (1979-82)

Deputy, Assistant Chief Deputy, Indiana State Public Defender (1985 – 1995)

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Indiana University, Bloomington (2004)

Director of Training, Editor of the *Defender*, Indiana Public Defender Council (1995-1998)

Designer/Director of Training Events, National Legal Aid and Defender Association (1999-2004)

Projector Co-Director, National Consortium on Death Penalty Training (2004-2005)

Professional Organizations:

Current

Member, Board of Directors, Judicial Conference of Indiana

Monroe County Bar Association

Indiana Judges Association

Previous

Member, Board of Directors, Indiana Public Defender Council (1993-1995; 1999-2006)

Member, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (1998-2005)

Community Involvement

Member, Board of Directors, Community Kitchen of Monroe County (1998-2008)

Member, Sheriff's Merit Board (2002 – 2006)

Member, Bloomington Friends Meeting

CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER

Bret Raper

Date Accepted Position: July 9, 2004

Family Members:

Angela F. Parker, Spouse
Hannah Parker, Step-Daughter
Gregory Parker, Step-Son

Undergraduate Degrees:

Indiana University, Bachelor of Arts (Secondary Ed.), 1992

Law School:

Indiana University, School of Law, Bloomington, Doctor of Jurisprudence (1995)

Related Legal Experience(s):

Associate Attorney, Riester & Strueh (1995-96)
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Monroe County (1997-2004)

Additional Judicial Service:

Advisory Member, Monroe County Family Court
Advisory Member, Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program

Military History

United States Air Force (1986-1990)

Professional Organizations:

Indiana State Bar Association

OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

Each day more than 1,000 people enter the Justice Building to file a complaint, pay traffic or probation fees, gather information about a case, or serve as a lawyer, petitioner, defendant, witness or juror to a trial. The increasing complexity of life and the scope of litigation in the United States have created a non-judicial administrative burden on the courts that the judges and traditional court staff cannot handle alone. The Office of Court Services, under the guidance of the Board of Judges, provides administrative support for the Circuit Court. The office is responsible for the daily operations in financial management, security management, jury management, case management and court support programs. The Office of Court Services staff reviews system operations, analyzes management problems, recommends solutions to the judges, and implements efficient change. In 2008 the Office of Court Services successfully implemented the following administrative programs and procedures.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

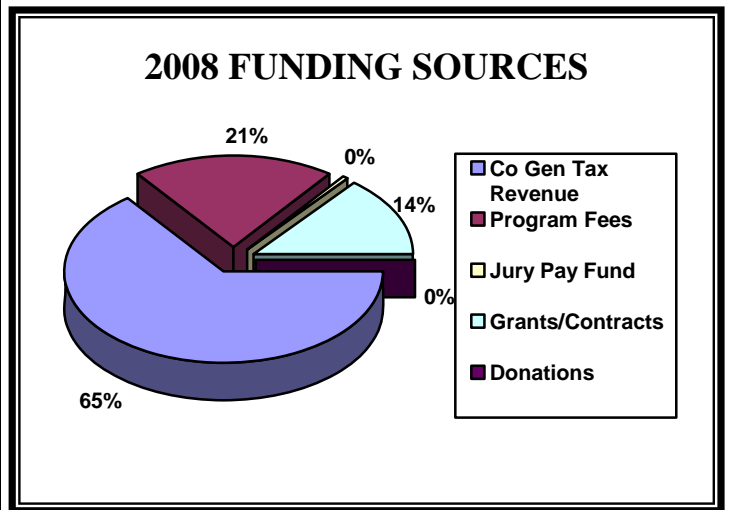
Fifteen budgets totaling just over \$6 million were prepared, monitored and analyzed by the Office of Court Services. Fiscal management of these budgets includes the preparation of the payroll for over 145 employees, the monitoring of grants received on federal, state and local levels, and the procurement of office furniture, supplies and equipment. The following is a 2008 summary of the funding sources, the amount and types of generated revenue, and the budget and expenditures for the Monroe Circuit Court.

I. FUNDING SOURCES

The Monroe Circuit Court receives funds from the following sources:

- (1) County General Tax Revenue: Provides funds for personnel, computers, capital outlays, supplies and operating expenses for the Court.
- (2) Program Fees: Provides funds generated by case filings, court costs, fines, infraction judgments, support fees, user fees and investment interest.
- (3) Grants/Contracts: Awarded by the State of Indiana for Community Corrections, SHOCAP, Interpreter Supplement, Title IV-D reimbursement; Byrne Grant awarded by the US Dept. of Justice/Office of Justice Programs.

County General Tax Revenue:	
Monroe Circuit Court	\$4,027,666
Program Fees:	
Probation User Fees	1,297,283
Grants/Contracts:	
Federal/State Grants/Contracts	756,819
Title IV-D Court Reimbursement	126,006
State Interpreter Grant (Court)	4,000
Jury Pay Fund	
	22,850
Donations	
	412
TOTAL	\$6,235,036



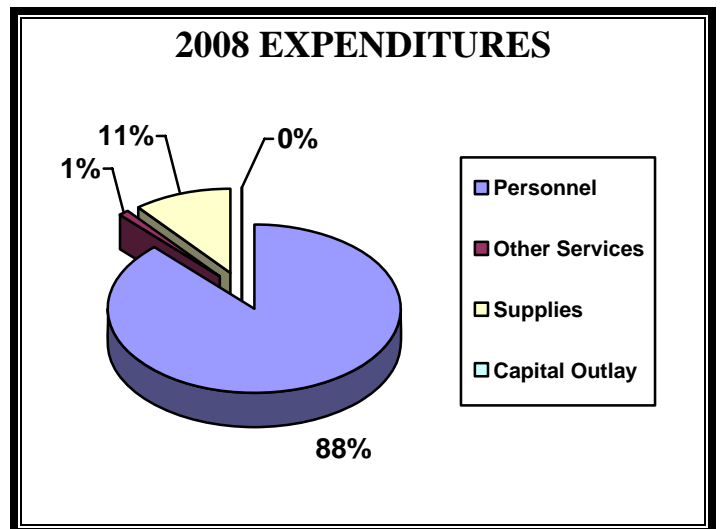
As indicated on the pie graph, Monroe County provides the Court over one-half (65%) of their annual budget. Fees and grants make up the remaining portion (35%) of the budget. In 2008, the Monroe Circuit Court received total funding of \$6,235,036.

II. EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for 2008 by the Monroe Circuit Court totaled \$6,120,548. The pie graph below shows the percentage and types of expenses incurred.

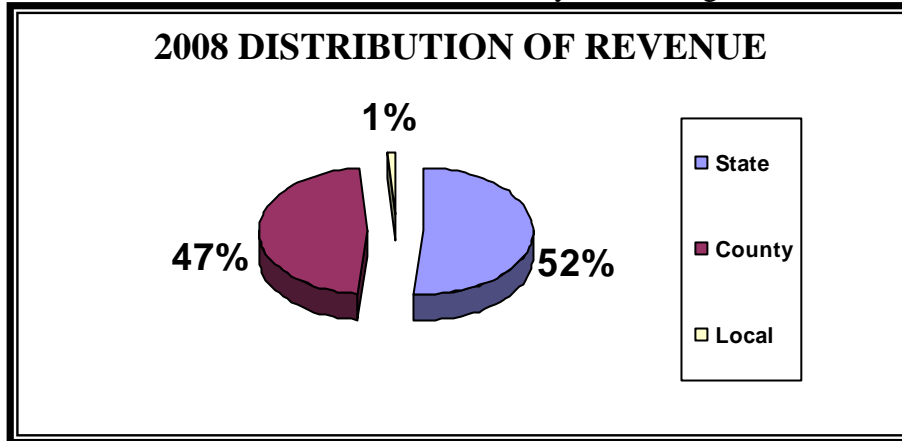
2008 Monroe Circuit Court Expenditures

Personnel Services	\$5,387,708
Other Services and Charges	652,042
Supplies	77,516
Capital Outlays	3,282
TOTAL	\$6,120,548



III. REVENUE

In 2008, the Monroe Circuit Court generated \$4,428,066 in total revenue. The revenue generated by the Monroe Circuit Court is disbursed to three government entities. The pie graph below shows the percentage of disbursement of this revenue to state, county and local government.



STATE--Total Revenue: \$2,276,029

Sources: Court costs (filing fees, traffic/criminal court costs)
Fines & forfeitures (criminal cases)
Infraction judgment (traffic)
Overweight Vehicle Fees (infraction judgments)
User Fees (25% of drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction & correction fees;
25% of alcohol & drug countermeasures fees)
Automated Record Keeping Fee
Judicial Insurance Adjustment Fees
Child Abuse Prevention Fees (State Family Violence Victim Assistance Fund)
Domestic Violence Prevention Fees (State Family Violence Victim Asst. Fund)

COUNTY--Total Revenue: \$2,099,015

Sources: Court Costs (filing fees, traffic/criminal court costs)
Support Fees, Bond Administration Fees
Late Surrender Fees, Document Storage Fees

User Fees: SADS (Substance Abuse Division--First time minor offenses program fees:
Marijuana Eradication Program Fees)
Project Income--user fees for offender programs: Job Release, Road Crew,
House Arrest & Public Restitution
Pretrial Diversion User Fees (program fees for minor offenses)
County Drug Fee (felony & misdemeanor fines)
Law Enforcement Continuing Education (felony, misdemeanor & traffic fines)
Infraction Diversion Fees (traffic)
Adult Probation User Fees (program/treatment fees for adult offenders)
Juvenile Probation User Fees (program/treatment fees for juvenile offenders)
Supplemental Public Defender Fees (offender fees for legal representation)
Miscellaneous (parent aid program, jury fees, miscellaneous administrative fees)

LOCAL (Municipal)--Total Revenue: \$53,022

Sources: Court Costs (filing fees, traffic/criminal court costs)

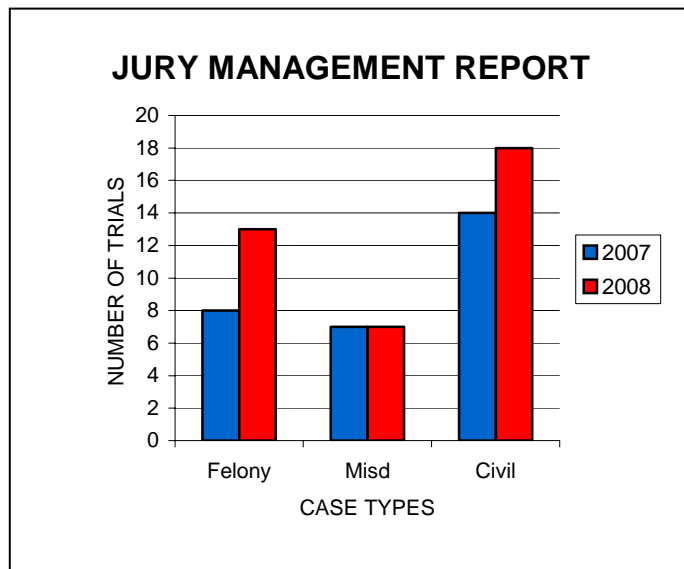
SECURITY MANAGEMENT

Violence in this country is on the rise and concomitantly, there have been recent tragic events involving the Judiciary within court facilities. Judges, bailiffs, witnesses, lawyers, parties and the general public have been vulnerable to bombs, armed attack and hostage situations. Inadequate courtroom security or the absence of security has been identified as causative factors. By Order of the Court, all firearms, dangerous weapons and destructive devices are prohibited from being in the Justice Building. To take preventive measures, the Office of Court Services employs bailiffs, who are trained in handling weapons, bombs and serious threats, to be present in the courtrooms. In 1995 the County installed a magnetometer and X-ray machine at the entrance of the Justice Building. The implementation of this comprehensive security plan has insured the safety of litigants and other citizens conducting business in the Justice Building.

JURY MANAGEMENT

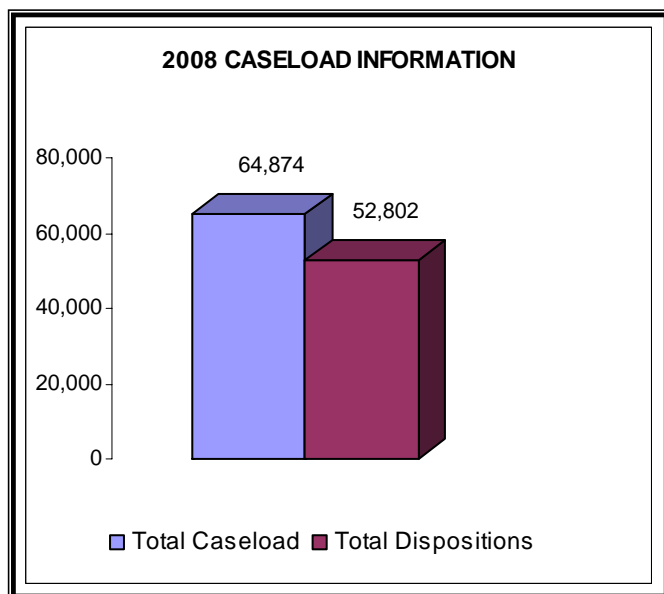
The goal of the Office of Court Services is to maximize efficiency while minimizing jury system costs and inconvenience to citizens summoned for jury duty. In 2008, prospective jurors' names are randomly selected from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Property Tax lists for Monroe County. The master list contained thirty-eight hundred names and addresses. These citizens receive a juror summons for a one-month term of service. To achieve cost savings, standard panel sizes of thirty-six (36) prospective jurors are summoned for a panel of twelve (12) jurors and eighteen (18) prospective jurors are summoned for a panel of six (6) jurors. In 2008, a total of 894 citizens reported for jury duty; and 28 percent of these actually served on juries. By state law, a juror received \$15.00 per day for reporting for jury service and \$40.00 per day if sworn as a member of a jury. All receive \$.44 per mile to and from the Justice Building. Prospective jurors are called one time within their one-month term of service and if empaneled to serve on a jury, their service lasts around two days. In 2008, the average cost per trial was \$1,044.23.

In 2008, there were 38 jury trials held in Monroe Circuit Court. Of these, 34% involved felony offenses, 19% involved misdemeanor cases and 47% involved civil cases.



CASE MANAGEMENT

The Office of Court Services monitors case assignments to insure the equity of caseload between judges and provides the judges with case management information in order to reduce case delay. Case statistics are provided to the State Court Administrator's Office quarterly and analyzed by the Office of Court Services to determine case management trends and growth of judicial workload. With the assistance of an automated case tracking system, information is available for assisting the judges, court support staff, and the public more efficiently.



In 2008, 64,874 cases were before the Monroe Circuit Court. These included previous pending cases, new filings, reopened cases and venued-in cases from other counties. Fifty-six percent (56%) or 36,286 of these cases were new and venued-in cases and the remaining were reopened cases. Reopened cases are defined as cases redocketed for further action, such as proceedings supplemental to collect money judgments, petitions to modify child custody, support or visitation, and modifications of criminal sentences. The cases include criminal, civil, domestic, small claims, juvenile, probate, mental health, ordinance violations and civil infractions. The nine courts disposed of 52,802 cases in 2008.

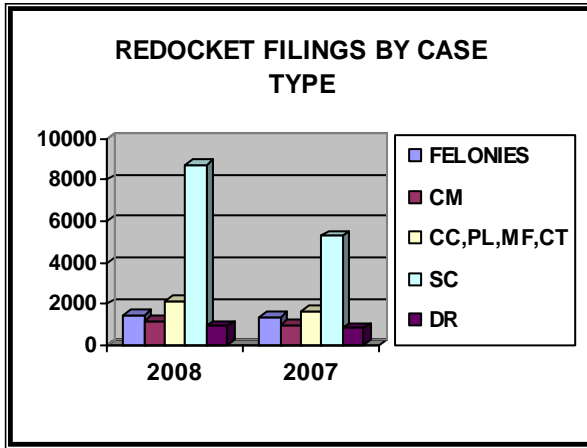
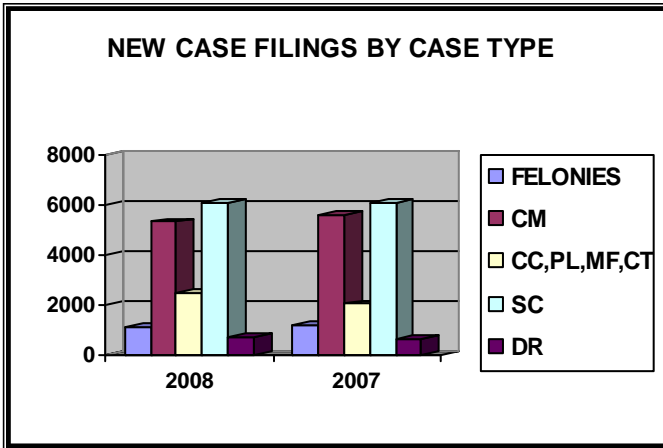
Civil Infractions: The staff of the Clerk and Prosecutor's Office manages civil infraction cases. Most of the traffic cases settle prior to court. Diversion programs are established for first time offenders. If programs are violated, civil infraction cases are assigned to the judges. There were 3,451 pending civil infractions as of January 1, 2008 and 16,299 cases filed during 2008; approximately 2% were assigned to the judges.

Ordinance Violations: The City Attorney and staff of the Clerk's Office manage ordinance violation cases. There were 193 previously pending cases and 1,670 new ordinance violations filed in 2008; nearly 2% were assigned to the judges.

Case Assignment per Judge: Considering the number of cases pending, new filings, redocketed cases, civil infractions and ordinances violations assigned to the judges, the average number of cases assigned to each of the nine judges for 2008 was 7,208.

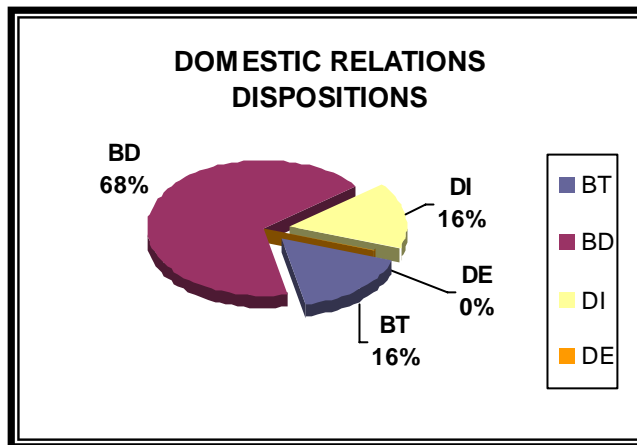
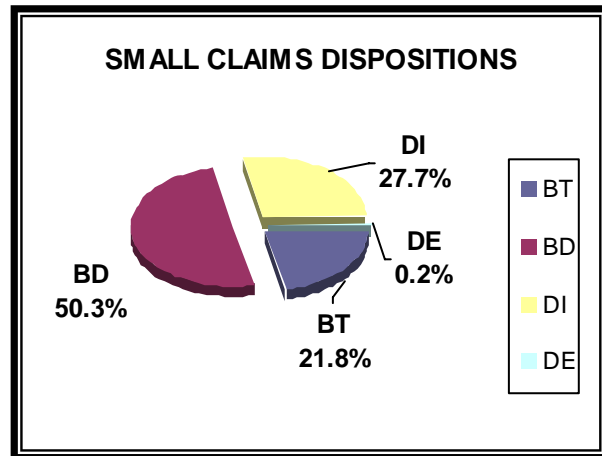
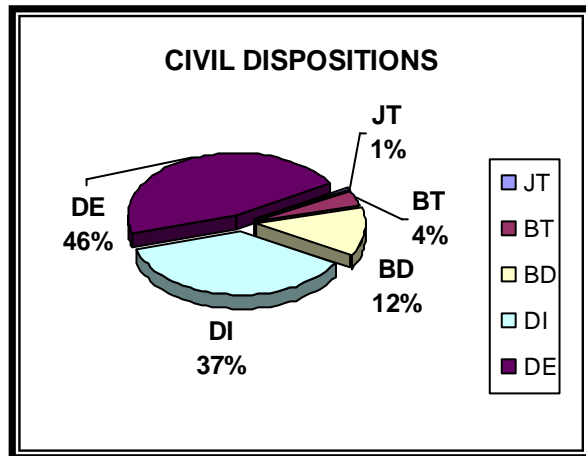
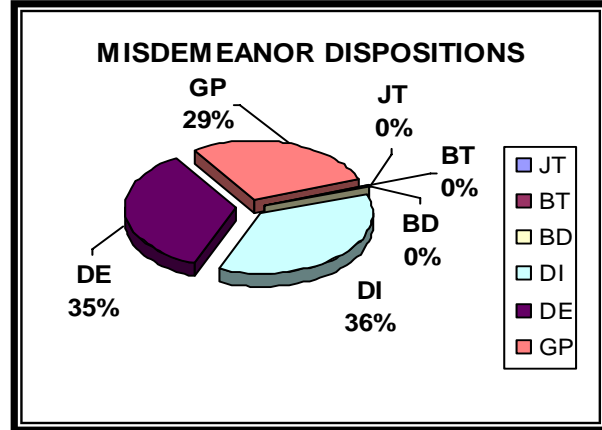
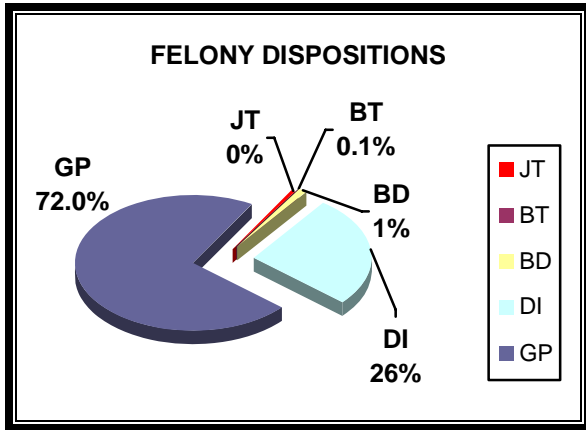
Case Filings and Dispositions: Criminal and Civil

This year, Monroe Circuit Court launched Odyssey, the new case tracking system. In 2008, four judges of the Monroe Circuit Court were randomly assigned criminal cases. Civil and domestic relations cases were randomly assigned to four other judges. Between 2007 and 2008, Felony and Misdemeanor new filings showed decreases while disposition rates increased. Reopened criminal case filings have increased as has the disposition rate of Misdemeanors. New Civil Plenary and Civil Tort case filings increased by 18%. Domestic Relations new filings have increased by 7% and the number of Small Claims cases reopened increased dramatically by 64%, but the disposition rate kept pace with the increase.

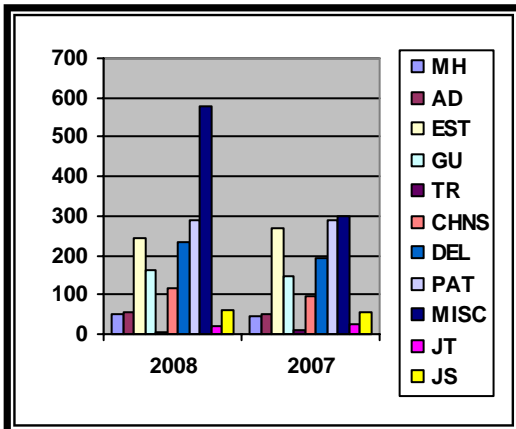


	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION RATE	
	2,008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
FELONIES (A,B,C,D,MR)	1,119	1,228	1,104	1,017	99%	83%
Redockets	1,472	1,339	1,285	1,640	88%	122%
MISDEMEANORS (CM)	5,310	5,601	5,310	5,230	100%	93%
Redockets	1,154	998	1,033	1,078	90%	108%
CIVIL PLENARY (CC,PL,MF)						
CIVIL TORT (CT)	2,469	2,042	2,288	1,994	93%	98%
Redockets	2,154	1,636	1,890	2,110	88%	129%
SMALL CLAIMS (SC)	6,100	6,064	6,382	6,233	105%	103%
Redockets	8,701	5,304	8,517	8,976	98%	170%
DOMESTIC RELATIONS (DR)	719	677	766	712	107%	105%
Redockets	942	846	1,155	1,160	123%	137%

Criminal, civil, small claims and domestic relations cases are decided by jury trial (JT), bench trial (BT), guilty plea (GP), default (DE), dismissal (DI) or bench dispositions (BD). The following pie charts show how the new case filings were disposed in 2008.



Juvenile and Probate: Caseload includes civil commitments of mentally ill, the processing of estates and trusts, adoption of children, the establishment of paternity of children born out of wedlock, juvenile delinquency, and CHINS (Children in Need of Services). CHINS cases involve the abuse and neglect of children. All cases are disposed by bench trial, bench disposition or dismissal.



The two-year comparative graph to the left shows new filings for 2007 and 2008. Although new filings, overall, show an increase of 23%, the spike is attributed to a change in Delinquent filing procedures with Odyssey requiring a Juvenile Miscellaneous Informal Adjustment be filed simultaneously. This procedure has since been revised. The overall Disposition Rate has also been impacted by the same. CHINS and Delinquency cases have seen dramatic increases in Disposition Rates this year.

	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION RATE	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
MENTAL HEALTH	50	45	29	36	60%	80%
Redockets	9	11	1	9	12%	82%
ADOPTIONS	54	52	51	53	94%	102%
Redockets	23	20	21	19	92%	95%
ESTATES	242	270	162	268	67%	99%
Redockets	40	58	31	53	78%	91%
GUARDIANSHIPS	162	147	158	125	97%	85%
Redockets	30	15	17	21	57%	140%
TRUSTS	7	8	8	9	114%	113%
Redockets	7	2	4	3	58%	150%
CHIN CASES	116	98	91	60	116%	61%
Redockets	18	18	32	46	178%	256%
DELIQUENCIES	232	192	247	191	107%	99%
Redockets	211	131	204	133	97%	102%
PATERNITY	289	287	303	296	104%	103%
Redockets	644	569	565	486	88%	85%
MISCELLANEOUS	580	301	438	262	75%	87%
Redockets	14	19	17	16	122%	84%
PATERNAL TERMINATION	22	25	25	20	113%	80%
Redockets	4	5	4	6	100%	120%
JUVENILE STATUS	61	58	58	68	95%	117%
Redockets	53	50	46	50	87%	100%

MONROE COUNTY FAMILY COURT

Monroe County was selected in February, 2000 as one of three pilot counties for the Indiana Supreme Court's Family Court Project. The initial funding for Family Court was received under a two-year grant from the Indiana Supreme Court, Division of State Court Administration. The Monroe County Family Court has continued its services to families in the legal system beyond the pilot project phase. Family Court currently operates under the administration of Division VI of the Monroe Circuit Court.

The family court concept was initiated as a way to provide a more coordinated approach to families in the legal system. Outside the framework of family court, the judicial system often does not deal with the family as a whole. Instead the legal problems of the family are compartmentalized and separated for judicial resolution, sometimes handled by several different judges. Dealing with each of a family's legal matters as a separate and independent case may result in uninformed decision making, conflicting orders, and fragmented service delivery. The safety of family members and children may be at risk. A family court approach provides a more effective and thoughtful means to deal with troubled families.

The Monroe County Family Court Project has had three program components:

- I. The "one judge-one family" model allows the Court to bundle together related cases that involve children and their adult family members. This method of handling cases provides simplification of scheduling for the Court and the family. Family Court greatly improves judicial economy by reducing multiple court hearings involving the same family issues. Family members spend less time away from employment and school to attend court hearings. Managing a family's cases through a holistic approach promotes consistency in the determination of appropriate dispositional orders, including treatment and counseling, and provides a mechanism for ensuring compliance and early intervention in times of crisis.
- II. Case Management: Complex and contentious divorce cases involving children can receive services through Family Court. These are families who do not have active involvement in juvenile court, but need case management and service referral. The Family Court Coordinator works directly with these families to resolve their difficulties outside the courtroom, thereby reducing the number of court appearances required for these cases, and ensuring that family members receive services in a timely manner.
- III. Mediation: The Family Court Mediation Clinic was created at the request of Judge Viola Taliaferro, Division VII. In August, 2002, the Family Court Coordinator began working with the Child Advocacy Clinic of the Indiana University School of Law, and the Community Conflict Resolution Project (CCRP) to develop a method of resolving custody, visitation, and related disputes that arise within the context of paternity cases. It was envisioned that law students and other participants could be trained to provide mediation services on a volunteer basis in the paternity court. Implementation of the project began in January, 2003. This highly successful program expanded in August, 2003 to include divorce cases involving child custody and parenting time issues. Families are eligible to participate in the mediation clinic if they are unable to afford private mediation services. The collaborators in the development of the Mediation Clinic believe that the children affected by these cases will best be served by providing a forum for parents to actively negotiate parenting arrangements that protect the child's best interests.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund Plan of the Monroe Circuit Court. This plan operates under the provisions of Indiana Code 33-23-6-1 to -4. An additional twenty-dollar filing fee is collected from parties filing petitions for legal separation, paternity, or dissolution of marriage. The fee is deposited into the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) fund and is used to foster domestic relations ADR services for litigants who have the least ability to pay. Litigants receiving services covered by the fund make a modest co-payment for the services based upon the litigant's ability to pay.

During the academic year, mediation services are provided in part by IU Law students who have completed the domestic relations mediation training course and are registered mediators in Indiana. Students work under the training and supervision of Professor Amy Applegate (Director of the Children and Family Mediation Clinic at the IU School of Law) and Colleen McPhearson (Family Court Coordinator). Professor Applegate and Ms. McPhearson conduct mediations for the Family Court Mediation Clinic throughout the year. Senior judges and private mediators may provide services under the ADR plan as well.

In 2008, 154 families received mediation services through this program. By the end of 2008, more than 700 families had been referred for mediation services.

Additional Programming Needs:

The Civil division has identified additional programming needs for families in divorce proceedings in the Monroe Circuit Court.

Pro Se Assistance: The Family Court Project has been working with the District 10 Pro Bono Project to provide updated and revised court forms for persons representing themselves in divorce cases. The District 10 Pro Bono Project provides assistance to self-represented parties in completing the forms. The Family Court Coordinator also receives referrals from the court to assist parties in providing more complete and accurate information to the court in order to expedite their cases.

Parenting Coordinators: Similar to the case management services described in part II above, the court has identified a need for families to have access to trained Parenting Coordinators to assist parties in resolving their ongoing parenting conflicts. A group of professionals has been convened by the Family Court Coordinator to advise the court on the feasibility of a court-based referral system for this service.

Guardian Ad Litem: Advocates for children in divorce cases are a very limited resource in Monroe County. The court has clearly identified a need to have trained advocates who can investigate and report to the court on the best interests of a child in a child custody or parenting time dispute. Oftentimes, the court's only options are to assign this duty to an attorney with family law experience at a much-reduced hourly fee, or to ask the attorney to serve on a pro bono basis. Not only does the court have limited funds to pay for this service, but the availability of attorneys to undertake this time-consuming task is very limited as well. The Family Court Coordinator will continue to work within our community to provide additional training opportunities for attorneys willing to serve as Guardians Ad Litem. Professor Amy Applegate at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and Diane Walker of the District 10 Pro Bono Project have collaborated to provide training in the past, and have indicated their willingness to do so in the near future.

COURT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

CASA

The Monroe Circuit Court has contracted with Family Service Association of Monroe County to provide volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates to represent the best interests of children involved in CHINS cases.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

The child advocacy clinic of the IU School of Law, opened in the Spring of 1996 to train law students to represent the best interests of children as guardian ad litem in custody and visitation cases.

CHILDREN COPE WITH DIVORCE

The Monroe Circuit Court has contracted with Visiting Nurse Service to provide a required 4-hour educational program for parents, prior to the issuance of a final divorce decree, which focuses on parenting and the needs of children. In 2008, 463 parents participated in the program. Seventy-one percent (71%) stated they had a greater understanding of the difference between children's needs and parent's needs as a result of their participation. The median age of the participants was 30-39.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

The Center for Behavior Health, by order of the Court, performs psychiatric evaluations on defendants to determine mental sanity at the time of the alleged offense, the defendant's comprehension to stand trial and assist in own defense, the defendant's ability to comprehend punishment for the crime at the time of sentencing, the defendant's need for treatment prior to sentencing, or the defendant's mental/emotional status while incarcerated. The Center for Behavioral Health performs these services at no cost.

MEDIATION

Parties recognize that litigation can be a long, tedious and expensive process for resolving disputes. At any time during the case process, the court can order, or one or both of the parties can request, that the case be settled by mediation. Mediation is a negotiation facilitated by an acceptable, impartial and neutral third-party who works with the parties to reach a mutually agreeable settlement to the dispute. The Office of Court Services maintains a list of State certified civil and family mediators.

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The ADA requires that the courts perform an assessment of their facilities, programs and services and eliminate both architectural and communication barriers that impede a disabled person's access to the use of a court facility. The courts must "reasonably accommodate" disabled individuals. The Office of Court Services, upon request, provides auxiliary aides to disabled individuals and will consider alternative methods of making court services and programs more accessible.