

# MONROE CIRCUIT COURT

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

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## **Greetings from the Monroe Circuit Court:**

On behalf of the Monroe Circuit Court Board of Judges and our many valued employees, it is my pleasure to report on the state of the Monroe Circuit Court for 2002.

The Monroe Circuit Court consists of dedicated employees who strive to assist others in the most difficult of circumstances. The people of Monroe County are well served by our 119 employees; court reporters, court services staff, probation officers, community corrections staff and judges.

The year 2002 brought about significant changes and enhancements within the Court System. In August the County signed a contract with Doxpop which operates a web development and hosting service, and specializes in making public records available to users via the Internet. Through collaboration with the County, Computer Systems, Inc. and Doxpop, the Monroe Circuit Court was able to provide public information from our court case tracking system to the local Bar and other interested parties. In addition, Monroe County developed and implemented a new County web site. The Circuit Court is now able to provide our local rules and additional vital court information via the Internet. Another significant change was the implementation of a new jury computer software program which allowed the Circuit Court to expand the jury pool to include not only those citizens who are registered to vote, but also names from the Bureau of Vehicles, and from property tax records.

Not only was it a busy year for implementation of projects, but it was indeed a busy year for the judges and staff. The seven divisions of our court disposed of 49,044 cases in 2002. There was a 5.7% increase in felony filings, a 5% increase in small claims filings, a 19% increase in estate filings and a 17% increase in guardianship filings. The good news is that juvenile delinquency filings were down

The year set a record in the collection of Probation user fees: \$1,113,402. These fees largely offset the burden to the Monroe County taxpayer to operate the Office of Probation Services, which includes Community Corrections. Public restitution and road crew participants performed 57,325 hours of community service, which when computed at minimum wage, resulted in the equivalent of \$295,224 of labor donated to the community.

The court continues a tradition of leadership in the state by using innovative programs to address the challenges we face. In a cooperative venture with the Department of Correction, the Court began utilizing the Technical Rule Violations Center (Liberty Hall) as an alternative sentencing option. Indiana University graduate and undergraduate students from the School of Education contributed 784 hours to the juvenile after-school day reporting program known as JAMS. The Family Preservation Program continued its mission of enhancing parenting skills, strengthening families and saving county dollars. The Drunk Driving Victim Impact Panel continued in 2002, with 691 convicted drunk drivers from Monroe County attending the presentation. Children Cope with Divorce, an education program for parents getting divorced, had 513 participants. In August, the Family Court began working with the Child Advocacy Clinic of Indiana University and the Community Conflict Resolution Project to develop a method of resolving custody, visitation and related disputes that arise within the context of paternity cases. And once again, we are proud of the accomplishments of the Drug Court Project. Under the direction of Judge Todd, three program participants who originally entered the Pilot Program in 1999 graduated. These graduates were successfully terminated from the program and had their criminal charges dismissed, by completing substance abuse treatment and remaining substance-free for a minimum of two years.

We hope that you will find the information contained within this report helpful.

Respectfully,

MARC R. KELLAMS  
Presiding Judge

# **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT PERSONNEL**

## **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I**

Anne Tryba	Official Court Reporter
Karina Brikmanis	Associate Court Reporter
Martha Selk	Associate Court Reporter

## **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II**

Katherine Scanlan	Official Court Reporter
Amanda Bryant	Associate Court Reporter
Ellen Kerby	Associate Court Reporter

## **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION III**

Lisa Richards/Tina Saunders	Official Court Reporter
Lindy Moscrip	Associate Court Reporter
Cynthia Jones	Associate Court Reporter

## **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION IV**

Cindy Deckard	Official Court Reporter
LuAnne Yeatman	Associate Court Reporter
Denise Tavares	Associate Court Reporter

## **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION V**

Melissa Starry	Official Court Reporter
Joy Miller	Associate Court Reporter
Kimberly Cyr	Associate Court Reporter

## **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VI**

Connie Crohn	Official Court Reporter
Michelle Moore	Associate Court Reporter
Amy Cain	Associate Court Reporter

## **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VII**

Kathy Pointer	Official Court Reporter
Cathy Collins	Associate Court Reporter
Sandra Tatlock	Associate Court Reporter

## **OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES**

Bonnie Austin	Court Administrator
Beth Reardon	Case Management Coordinator
Lisa Abraham	Jury Coordinator
Lorie Robinson	Financial Coordinator
Shirley McClure	Public Service Coordinator
Marie Young	Youth Placement Coordinator
Colleen McPhearson	Family Court Coordinator
Barbara Webb	Baliff
Rick Shimkus	Baliff
William White	Baliff
Tiffany Shupe	Associate Court Reporter
Amber Waldon	Associate Court Reporter

**MONROE COUNTY PROBATION SERVICES**  
**Linda Brady, Chief Probation Officer**

**ADULT DIVISION**

Brenda Ogborn	Supervisor
James Adcock	Probation Officer
Heath Adkins	Probation Officer
Leah Baker	Probation Officer
Ken Bugler	Probation Officer
Griffin Brown	Probation Officer
Angela Chalfant	Probation Officer
Heather Dorsett	Probation Officer
Trisha Haines	Probation Officer
Johnna Lattin	Probation Officer
Leah Snow	Probation Officer
Brent Townsend	Probation Officer
Erin Werner	Probation Officer

**JUVENILE DIVISION**

Christine McAfee	Supervisor
Joseph Ahr	Probation Officer
Pamela Cain	Probation Officer
Nikki Faletic	Probation Officer
Mandy Hutchison	Probation Officer
Brier Frasier	Family Preservation Coordinator
Walter Campbell	Family Preservation Officer
Michele Kiefer	Family Preservation Officer
Holly Welker	Family Preservation Officer
Jill Barnett	SHOCAP Coordinator

**INTAKE UNIT**

Susan Allen	Supervisor/Court Alcohol & Drug Pgm. Director
Michelle Hall	Probation Officer
Sandra Moss	Probation Officer

**DRUG COURT UNIT**

Shelley Bontrager	Coordinator
Jeff Anderson	Field Probation Officer
Marsha Anderson	Probation Officer
Andrew Chandler	Case Manager

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Kathy Mills	Office Administrator
Tonya Sutherland	Administrative Assistant
Monica Bartlett	Receptionist
Melissa Smith	Secretary
Christina Strunk	Cashier
Kristina Temple	Secretary

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Thomas Rhodes	Director
Denise Young	Office Manager
Jeff Hartman	CASP Supervisor
Lori Matthews	Special Programs Supervisor
Ted Berry	CASP Case Manager
Kari Buis	CASP Case Manager
Debbie Murphy	CASP Case Manager
Charles Cohenour	CASP Field Officer
Troy Greene	CASP Field Officer
Brian Main	CASP Field Officer
Chad Shaw	CASP Field Officer
Scott Thiery	CASP Field Officer
Steve Malone	Day Reporting Coordinator
Anthony Whitlow	Road Crew Officer
Christy Scheid	Community Services Coordinator
Jennifer Dustin	Receptionist
Tracy Carlson	Juvenile Field Officer
Amy Matney	Juvenile Day Reporting Program Coordinator
Rachael Miller	Juvenile Day Reporting Program Facilitator
Valerie Collins	Juvenile Case Manager

**PART TIME**

Scott Emely	Community Corrections
Melissa Hunsucker	Community Corrections
Brian Johnson	Community Corrections
DeJuan Jordan	Community Corrections
Elizabeth Kinst	Community Corrections
Kelley McKinney	Community Corrections
Shea Reliford	Community Corrections
DeJavieur Speller	Community Corrections
Seth Tacket	Community Corrections
Emily Thorne	Community Corrections
Jennifer VanHook	Community Corrections
Mario Javier Zaragoza	Community Corrections
Katie Buis	Probation Officer Assistant
Andrea Hale	Probation Officer Assistant
Michelle Heeke	Probation Officer Assistant
Jaimie Supinski	Probation Officer Assistant
Jennifer Wineland	Probation Officer Assistant
Jennifer Woodward	Probation Officer Assistant

# 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 Degrees:

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  
Member, Civil Instructions Committee, Indiana Judicial Conference

Professional Organizations:

Monroe County Bar Association  
Indiana Judges Association  
American Judicature Society

**CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II**

Marc R. Kellams

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 1981

Family Members:

Christina Fox Kellams, Wife  
Amy Alison Kellams, Daughter  
Sarah Anne Kellams, Daughter  
Katherine Elizabeth Kellams, Daughter

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, Indiana

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  
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Parish Council

Community Involvement – Present

Bloomington Hospital and Healthcare System  
Board of Directors  
Strategic Management Committee, Chair  
Southern Indiana Surgery Center of Board of Directors

Professional Involvement

Monroe County Bar Association  
Indiana Judges Association, Secretary-Treasurer  
Indiana Judges Association-Association of Indiana Counties, IJA Liaison  
Indiana Judicial Conference, Committee on Judicial Ethics  
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)

Presiding Judge, Monroe Circuit Court (1992-1994)

Military History:

United States Air Force (1970-1974)

Community Involvement:

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

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: Chair, Community Relations Committee (1984-1988); Civil Instructions Committee (1996-present)

Indiana State Bar Association

Monroe County Bar Association



**CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION IV**

Elizabeth N. Mann

Date Accepted Position: July 28, 1989

Family Matters:

Henry S. and Shana Noyes, Son and Daughter-in-law  
Elizabeth N. Noyes, Daughter  
Charles Noyes, Grandson

Undergraduate Degrees:

Indiana University, Bachelor of Arts, History (1973)

Law School:

Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana  
Doctor of Jurisprudence, cum laude (1976)

Related Legal Experience(s):

Partner: Cotner, Andrews, Mann & Chapman  
County Attorney, Monroe County  
Deputy Public Defender, Monroe County

Special Honors or Accomplishments:

Monroe Circuit Court, Presiding Judge (1994-1995)  
Graduate, Indiana Judicial College  
Graduate, Indiana Graduate Program for Judges  
Graduate, National Judicial College  
Faculty, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forums  
Author, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Publications  
Chairperson, Indiana State Bar Association Committee on Judicial Improvements (1995)  
Board of Trustees, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Community Involvement:

Bloomington North Rotary  
Indiana University Law School, Board of Visitors

Professional Organizations:

American Bar Association  
Indiana State Bar Association, House of Delegates  
Monroe County Bar Association, past Treasurer  
Indiana Judges Association, past member of the Board of Managers  
American Judicature Society  
National Conference of State Trial Judges  
National Association of Women Judges  
Judicial Conference of Indiana, past member of the Board of Directors

**CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION V**

Douglas R. Bridges

Date Accepted Position: September 1, 1985

Family Members:

Vivien M. Bridges, Wife  
Bradley Allen, Son  
Milissa Cameron, Daughter  
John Thomas, Son  
Sarah Leone, Daughter  
Heidi Baker, Step Daughter  
Matthew Gerstman, Step Son

Undergraduate Degrees:

Purdue University, Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering (1957)

Law School:

Indiana University, Doctor of Jurisprudence (1966)

Related Legal Experience(s):

Deputy Prosecutor Monroe County (1966-1971)  
Indiana legislature-Majority Attorney, House (January, 1971 to May, 1971)  
Judge, Monroe Superior Court II (January, 1972 to December, 1978)  
Judge, Monroe Superior Court (September, 1985-1991)  
Private General Practice (September, 1966 to December, 1971 and January, 1979 to August, 1985)  
Judge, Monroe Circuit Court (Jan., 1992 to Present)

Related Work Experience(s):

Phillips Petroleum Co., Inspection Engineer (1959-1963)  
Adjunct Professor of Law, Indiana University School of Law (1974-1976)  
Adjunct Professor, Indiana University School of Forensic Studies (1980-1981)

Special Honors and Accomplishments:

Graduate, National College for State Judiciary  
Graduate, Indiana Judicial College (1986)  
Graduate, Indiana Judicial Graduate Program  
Member, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, undergraduate  
Member, Society of Professional Engineers, Oklahoma

Military History:

United States Navy, (August, 1957 to August, 1959)  
United States Navy Reserve, (August, 1959 to August, 1966)

Community Involvement:

Boy's Club Board	Jaycees	Bloomington Track Club
United Way	Rotary	Trinity Episcopal Church
Bloomington Drug Commission	BHSS Band Boosters	Masons
Indiana University Varsity Club	BASH, Inc. (Advisor)	
Bloomington Soccer Club	Young Republicans	
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Purdue Club of Monroe County	

Professional Organizations:

American Bar Association	Indiana Judges Association
Indiana State Bar Association	Monroe County Bar Association
American Judicature Society	Indiana Lawyers Commission
ICJPA, Organized Crime Adv. Council	Board of Visitors, Indiana University School of Law

**CIRCUIT COURT, 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:

Chair, Indiana Advisory Board, Justice Fellowship  
Member, Indiana State Council, Prison Fellowship  
Former Chair, Community Relations Committee, Indiana Judicial Conference & Media/Judiciary Study Committee  
Member, Judicial Independence Committee, Indiana Judges Association  
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, 38<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General Company, Indiana National Guard

Community Service:

Member, Bloomington North Rotary Club  
Member, American Legion, Post 18  
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

## CIRCUI COURT, DIVISION VII

Viola J. Taliaferro

Date Accepted Position: July 1, 1995

Family Members:

George Taliaferro, Husband  
Linda T. Harvey, Daughter  
Renee A. Buckner, Daughter  
Donna Rutherford, Daughter  
Terri T. Pendleton, Daughter

Undergraduate Degree:

Bachelor of Science Degree, Business Administration, Virginia State University

Advanced Study:

Morgan State University

Graduate Degree:

M.L.A. Political Science, Johns Hopkins University

Law School:

Doctor of Jurisprudence (1977), Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Related Legal Experience (s):

Private Practice (1977-1989)

Related Work Experience(s):

Social Worker  
School Teacher/Department Head  
Director, Senior Citizens Center  
Counselor, Reading & Study Skills Center  
Associate Instructor, School of Law, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
ICLEF Publications

Community Involvement:

Youth Services Bureau  
Community Service Council  
Bloomington Parks and Recreation  
Bloomington Symphony Orchestra  
Camerata Chamber Orchestra  
Rotary  
Vital Advisory Board Member  
Indiana Youth Services Association Board member  
Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County

Professional Organizations:

Monroe County Bar Association (1977 to Present)  
American Bar Association (1977 to Present)  
Fellow, Indiana Bar Foundation  
Fellow, American Bar Foundation  
National Council of Juvenile and Family Law Judges  
American Law Institute  
Former Chair, Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee  
Indiana Human Resources Investment Council  
Indiana State Bar Association (1977 to Present)  
Chairman, By-Laws Committee  
Member, Commission on Lawyer Discipline  
Member, Committee on Opportunities for Minorities  
Chair, House of Delegates (1989-1990)  
Chair, Committee on Children's Civil Rights  
Council Member, Family Law Section

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# OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES

## INTRODUCTION

Each day more than 650 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. Staff of the Office of Court Services reviews system operations, analyzes management problems, recommends solutions to the judges and implements efficient change. In 2002 the Office of Court Services successfully implemented the following administrative programs and procedures.

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Twelve budgets totaling over \$4.1 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 100 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 2002 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, Family Preservation, SHOCAP, Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Drug Court Grant awarded by the US Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs and the Family Court Pilot Project awarded by the Indiana legislature.

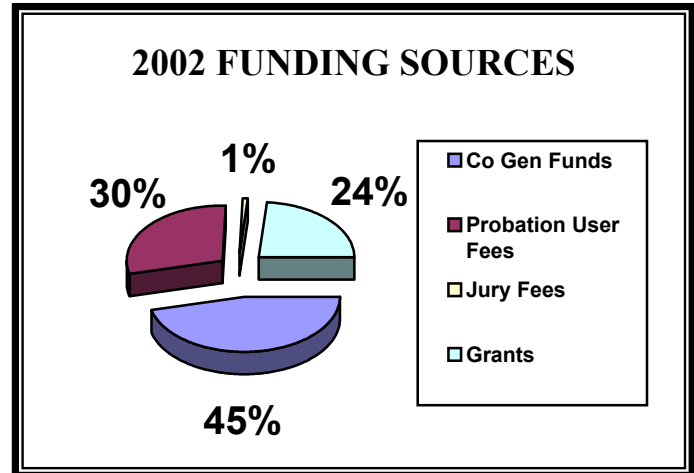
**County General Funds:**

Monroe Circuit Court . . . . . **\$2,056,980**

**Special Funds:**

Probation User Fees . . . . . 1,320,100  
 Federal/State Grants/Contracts . . . . . 1,052,346  
 Jury Fee . . . . . 38,500  
**TOTAL . . . . . \$2,410,946**

**GRAND TOTAL . . . . . \$4,467,926**



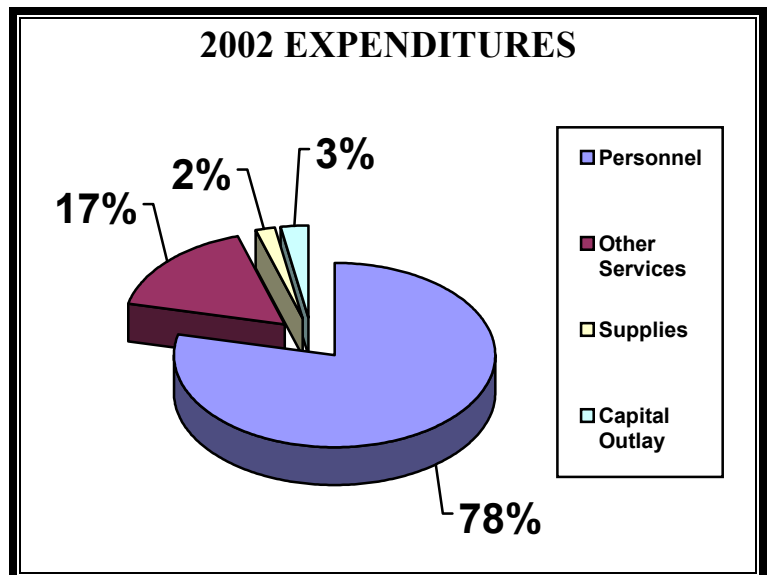
As indicated on the pie graph, Monroe County provides the Court less than one-half (46%) of their annual budget. Fees and grants make up the remaining portion (54%) of the budget. In 2002, the Monroe Circuit Court received total funding of \$4,467,926.

**II. EXPENDITURES**

Expenditures for 2002 by the Monroe Circuit Court totaled \$3,693,852. The pie graph below shows the percentage and types of expenses incurred.

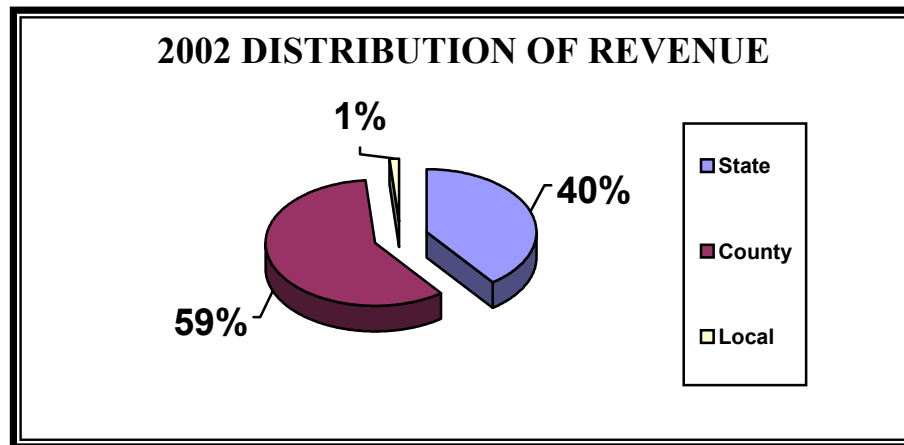
**2002 Monroe Circuit Court Expenditures**

Personnel Services . . . . . \$2,908,189  
 Other Services and Charges . . . . . 616,091  
 Supplies . . . . . 64,921  
 Capital Outlays . . . . . 104,651  
**TOTAL . . . . . \$3,693,852**



### III. REVENUE

In 2002, the Monroe Circuit Court generated \$3,632,090 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: \$1,439,474

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)  
Death Benefit Fees (bail bond fees)  
Child Abuse Prevention Fees (State Family Violence Victim Assistance Fund)  
Domestic Violence Prevention Fees (State Family Violence Victim Asst. Fund)

#### COUNTY--Total Revenue: \$2,146,712

Sources: Court Costs (filing fees, traffic/criminal court costs)  
Support Fees  
Late Surrender 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: \$45,904

Sources: Court Costs (Filing fees, Traffic/Criminal court costs)



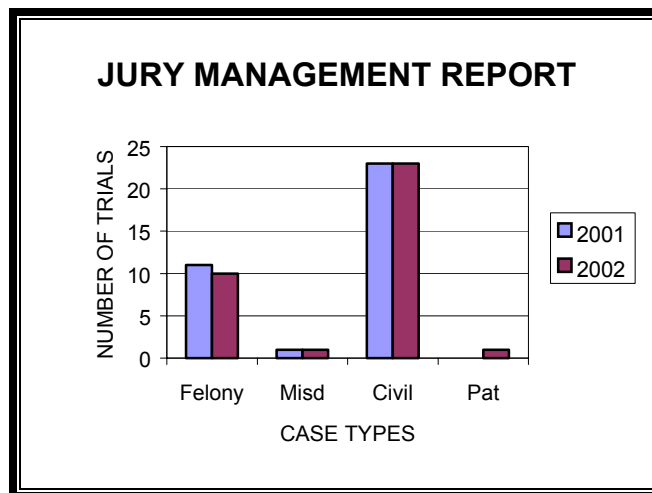
## SECURITY MANAGEMENT

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

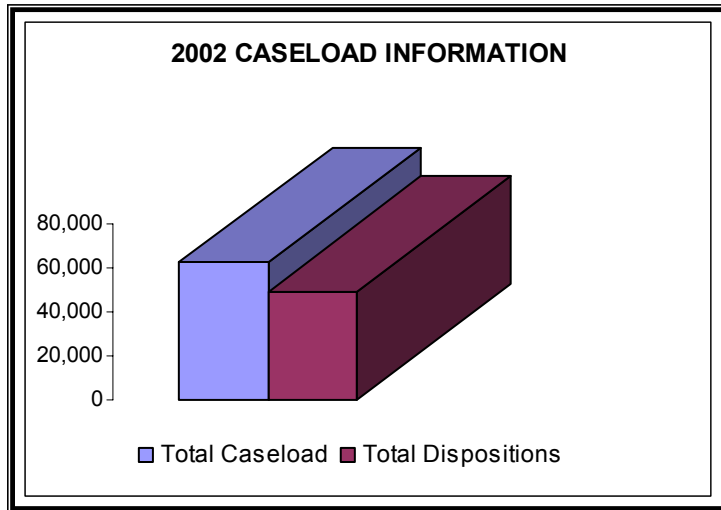
The goal of the Office of Court Services is to maximize efficiency while minimizing jury system costs and inconvenience to citizens summoned for jury duty. Beginning in 2002, prospective jurors' names are randomly selected from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Property Tax and Voter Registration lists for Monroe County. The master list contains thirteen hundred names and addresses. These citizens receive a juror summons for a 3-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 2002, a total of 703 citizens reported for jury duty; and 34 percent of those actually served on juries. By state law, each 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 received \$.28 per mile to and from the Justice Building. Prospective jurors were called about one (1) time within their three-month term of service and if empanelled to serve on a jury, their service averaged around two days. In 2002, the median cost per trial was \$926.44.

In 2002, there were 35 jury trials held in Monroe Circuit Court. Of these, 28% involved felony offenses, 3% involved misdemeanor cases, 66% involved civil cases, and 3% involved paternity 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 readily available for assisting the judges, court support staff, and the public more efficiently.



In 2002, a total 62,388 cases were before the Monroe Circuit Court. These included previous pending cases, new filings, redockets, transfers and venued in cases from other counties. Seventy percent (70%) or 43,435 of these cases were new cases and the remaining were redocket cases. Redocket cases are defined as cases reopened 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 seven courts disposed of 49,044 cases in 2002 retaining 21% to be disposed at a later date.

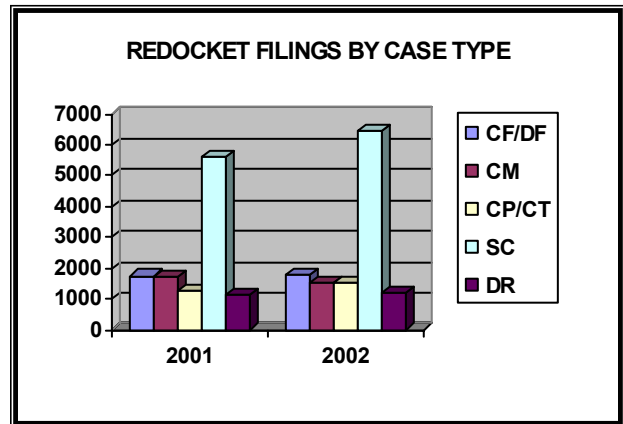
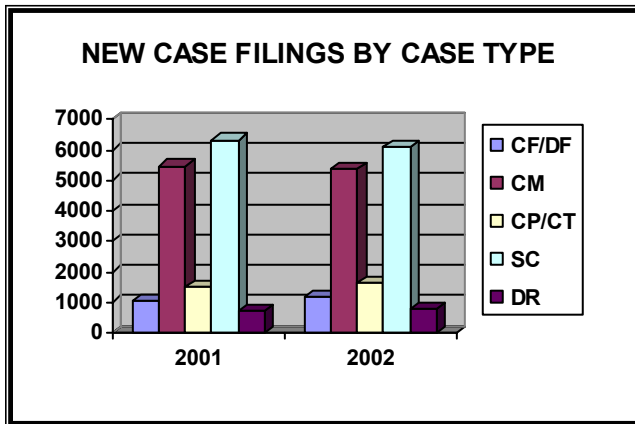
**Civil Infractions:** The staff of the Clerk's and Prosecutor's Offices manages civil infraction case. Most of the traffic cases settle prior to court. Diversion programs are established for first time offenders. If programs are violated, civil infraction cases are assigned to the judges. There were 2,401 pending civil infraction as of January 1 and 15,810 cases filed in 2002; 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 281 previous pending cases and 974 new ordinance violations filed in 2002; almost 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 before each judge (Divisions I-VII) for 2002 was 6,187.

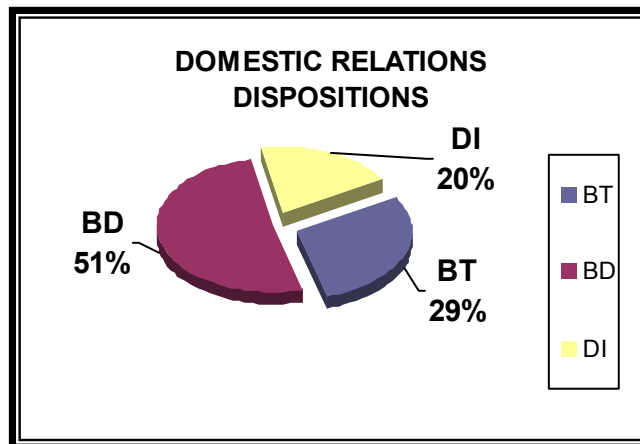
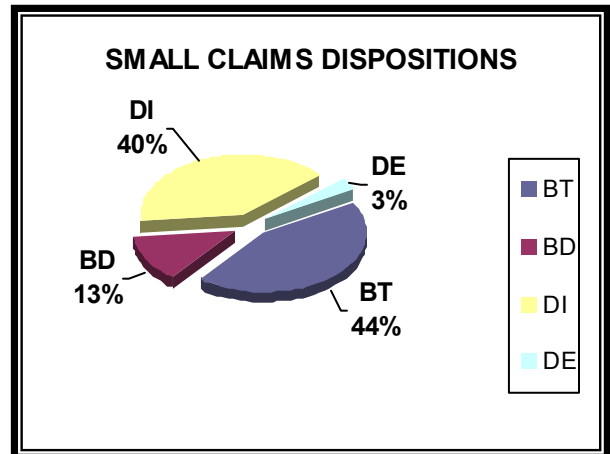
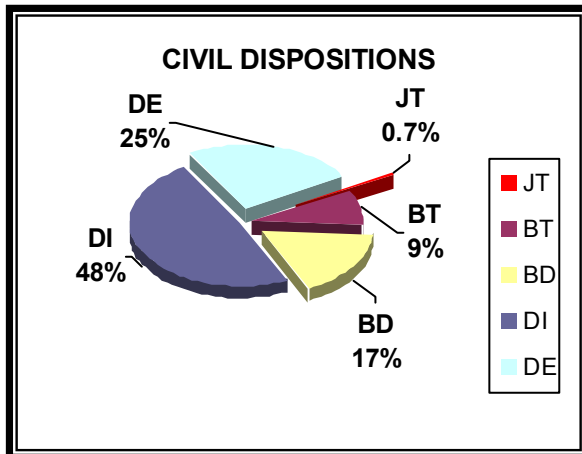
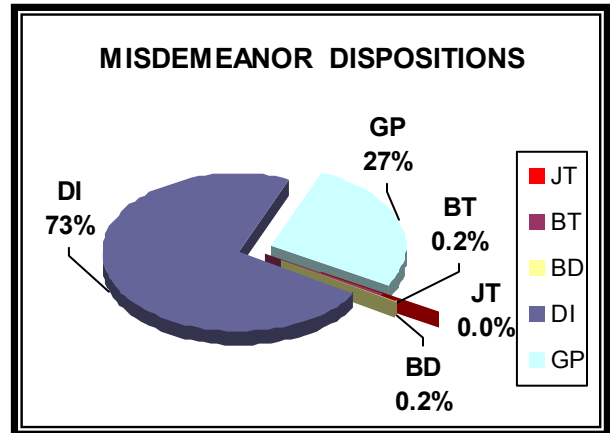
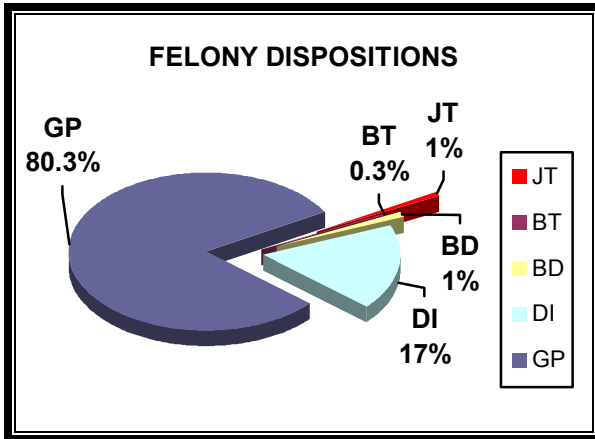
## Case Filings and Dispositions: Divisions (I-VI)

Six of the judges of the Monroe Circuit Court are randomly assigned criminal, civil, and domestic relations cases. Small claims cases are assigned to the judges on a rotation basis. Between 2001 and 2002, there was a 5.7% increase in felony filings while misdemeanor filings decreased by 4%. Small claims also showed an increase in filings of 5%.

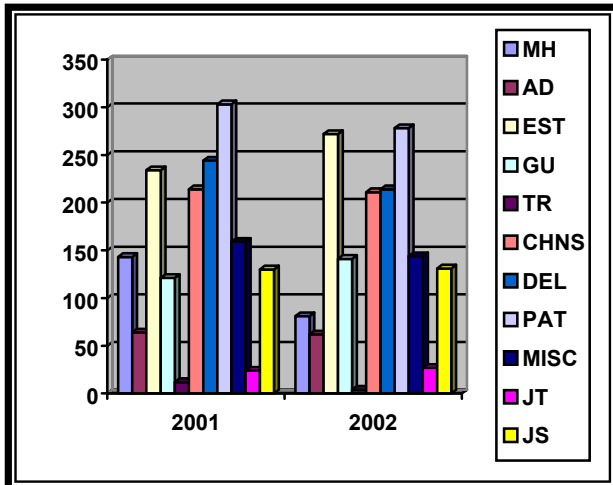


	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION DATE	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
<b>FELONIES (CF/DF)</b>	1,170	1,049	1,076	845	92%	81%
Redockets	1,784	1,745	1,847	1,746	104%	100%
<b>MISDEMEANORS (CM)</b>	5,374	5,458	5,627	5,349	105%	98%
Redockets	1,510	1,701	1,634	1,674	108%	98%
<b>CIVIL PLENARY/ CIVIL TORT (CP/CT)</b>	1,638	1,485	1,584	1,399	97%	94%
Redockets	1,545	1,279	1,557	1,256	101%	98%
<b>SMALL CLAIMS (SC)</b>	6,094	6,315	6,109	6,242	100%	99%
Redockets	6,442	5,606	6,834	5,189	106%	93%
<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS (DR)</b>	779	723	804	713	103%	99%
Redockets	1,188	1,134	1,268	1,138	107%	100%

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 2002.



**Judge Division VII:** Judge Taliaferro's caseload includes civil commitments of mentally ill, the processing of estates and trusts, the 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 2001 and 2002. From 2001 to 2002, there has been an overall 2% decrease in these filings. The most significant increases have been in estate status cases showing a 19% increase and guardianships showing a 17% increase. The chart below compares filings (new filings and redockets) to cases decided by the Court. The overall disposition rate for 2001 was 108%; however, the overall disposition rate for 2002 was 94%.

	NEW FILINGS		DECIDED CASES		DISPOSITION DATE	
	(Excl. Transfers)		(Excl. Transfers)			
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	81	143	72	146	89%	102%
Redockets	52	62	53	66	102%	106%
<b>ADOPTIONS</b>	62	64	76	66	123%	103%
Redockets	13	16	10	18	77%	113%
<b>ESTATES</b>	272	234	236	379	87%	162%
Redockets	55	40	50	47	91%	118%
<b>GUARDIANSHIPS</b>	141	121	92	253	65%	209%
Redockets	24	20	20	18	83%	90%
<b>TRUSTS</b>	4	12	7	42	175%	350%
Redockets	4	5	3	7	75%	140%
<b>CHIN CASES</b>	211	214	201	236	95%	110%
Redockets	301	276	276	276	92%	100%
<b>DELIQUENCIES</b>	214	244	240	221	112%	91%
Redockets	237	296	246	241	104%	81%
<b>PATERNITY</b>	278	303	240	249	86%	82%
Redockets	463	395	424	420	92%	106%
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	144	159	144	160	100%	101%
Redockets	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
<b>PATERNAL TERMINATION</b>	27	24	35	24	130%	100%
Redockets	4	4	5	8	125%	200%
<b>JUVENILE STATUS</b>	131	130	122	121	93%	93%
Redockets	53	54	52	51	98%	94%

## YOUTH PLACEMENT MANAGEMENT

In 1996, Monroe County obtained a technical assistance grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. This grant enabled Monroe County to obtain consulting services to conduct a countywide juvenile services needs assessment. In early 1997, the consultants presented their findings in a document entitled "Monroe County Juvenile Justice Master Plan." As a result of this "master plan" the Youth Placement Coordinator position was created. This position began on January 5, 1998. The purpose of this position includes compilation of case management data, cost analysis, monitoring of length of stay, assessing quality of service, and financial reporting for out-of-home placements for both delinquency and CHINS cases.

The Youth Placement Coordinator serves as a link between Juvenile Court, Monroe County Office of Family and Children and the Monroe County Probation Department - Juvenile Division. The following mission statement was written for Juvenile Court by the above agencies:

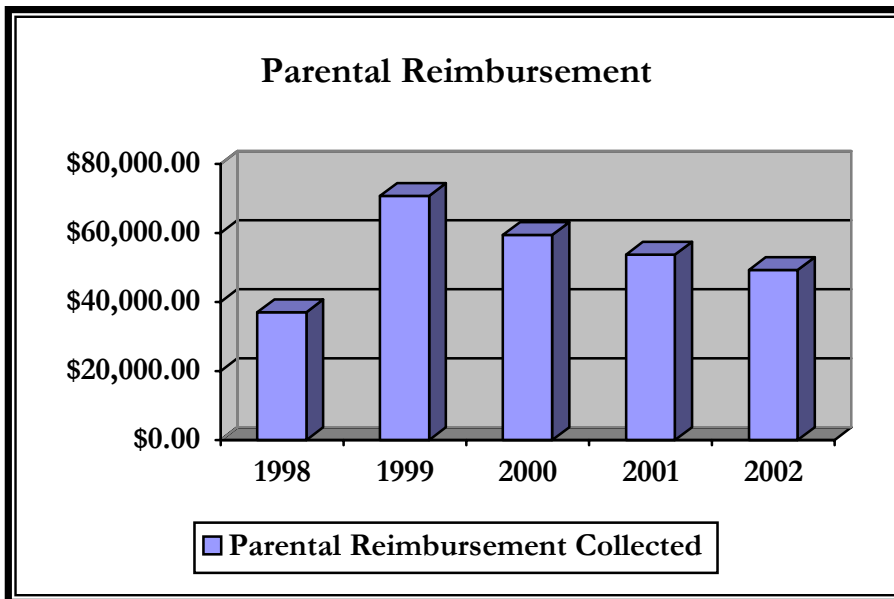
*Working together to serve and protect the citizens of Monroe County, Indiana by providing the least intrusive cost effective rehabilitative services to identified children and families.*

Attempting to obtain case management data has resulted in the development of a treatment report outline that all placement agencies must follow when reporting on the treatment of children in out-of-home placements. Typically placement agencies report to caseworkers or probation officers on a quarterly basis. It is now required that all reports for Monroe County placements be completed on a monthly basis. Through more frequent and more uniform reporting requirements, it will be easier to track the progress of each child and to determine the quality of care that is being provided to the child. Additionally, concerns with treatment, such as parent participation, medication, and/or lack of participation by the child, can be addressed in a more timely fashion rather than waiting for review hearings. Additionally, the Youth Placement Coordinator conducts periodic placement visits to assess the care and progress of the child.

The State of Indiana is participating in the Title IV-E FC Waiver Demonstration Project through the federal government. This was originally to be a five-year demonstration project involving federal reimbursement for in-home/in-community services. The State of Indiana was one of 10 states participating in this project. However, the State of Indiana is the only state in which all counties are participating. Monroe County initially received 47 - \$9,000.00 slots. In 1998, Monroe County received an additional six non-eligible slots. These slots allow the county to spend up to \$9,000.00 on any given child for services in the home to prevent out-of-home placement or for services in the home to speed up the reunification process. In using these slots the county will receive \$.63 for every dollar spent. These are not new monies, but a more cost effective way of spending existing monies. The 'slots' are divided by the family's eligibility for Title IV-E FC. Thirty-five slots are for eligible children and 18 slots are for non-eligible children. The Monroe County Office of Family and Children maintains all records for these slots. The Youth Placement Coordinator has become the link between delinquency court and the Office of Family and Children. The Coordinator files the eligible slots. However, the request was denied until a study of use of the other 52 slots could be completed. In 2000, the Youth Placement Coordinator submitted a proposal to the Director of the Monroe County Office of Family and Children to begin using the slots for prevention by expanding the referral base for the

project to include the Monroe County Youth Services Bureau and Monroe County Wrap-Around. The approved proposal stated that each agency is allowed one referral into an eligible waiver slot for a family that has not had any referrals to child protective services and/or probation services. The Demonstration Project was due to end on December 31, 2002. However, the State of Indiana and the Federal Government have agreed to allow continuation of the program potentially for an additional two years.

Since July 1, 1995, Juvenile Court is required by statute to seek parental reimbursement for services paid for by the County, including secure detention and out-of-home placement costs. Prior to January 5, 1998, petitioning the Court for Parental Reimbursement was the responsibility of the Juvenile Probation Officers. As of January 5, 1998, it became the responsibility of the



Youth Placement Coordinator. In 1997, the Office of the Clerk of Monroe Circuit Courts collected \$16,966.63 into its Parent Aid Fund account as parental reimbursement to Monroe County in delinquency cases. In 1998, \$37,088.63 was collected; in 1999, \$70,801.86 was collected; in 2000, \$59,361.70 was collected; in 2001, \$53,646.46 was

collected; and in 2002, \$49,244.47 into the fund for cases petitioned by the Coordinator. Typically, the parents are ordered to reimburse the entire amount paid for secure detention costs. However, due to placements typically being longer term and at a higher cost, the parents are expected to reimburse the County a percentage of the total costs. In all cases, the parents' ability to pay must be considered by the Court. There was a significant increase in collections in 1999 due to the Coordinator pursuing parents for non-payment and petitioning for reimbursement in every case, which had not occurred in previous years. There has been a gradual decline in the amount collected due to parents' failure to pay as ordered, the Coordinator being unable to locate parents, and the Coordinator gaining additional responsibilities not originally outlined, which has reduced the amount of time available to pursue reimbursement. Parents of children alleged to be Children in Need of Services are also ordered to reimburse Monroe County. However, this is the responsibility of the Office of Family and Children and occurs at a much lower rate.

In years past, the Youth Placement Coordinator has actively participated in community-based committees/teams, such as the Monroe County Wrap-Around Oversight Committee, Steering Committee, Evaluation Committee and Community Team. In 2001, the Coordinator was asked to facilitate the Confidentiality Committee for Wrap-Around. This participation has allowed

dialogue between the coordinator, service providers and community members outside of the Court and outside specific cases.

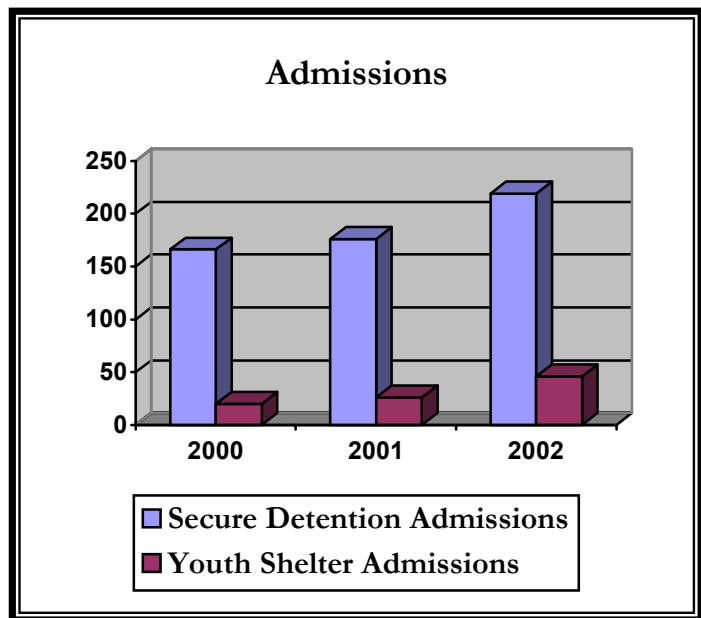
The Youth Placement Coordinator maintains a weekly and yearend detention and placement log to help the Court, the Probation Department, and the Monroe County Office of Family and Children track the use of and costs for detention and treatment. There was a 6% increase in secure detention placement from 166 admissions in 2000 to 176 admissions in 2001. There was a 20% increase in secure detention

placements from 176 admissions in 2001 to 219 admissions in 2002. There was also a 23% increase in Court ordered youth shelter placements from 20 admissions in 2000 to 26 admissions in 2001. There was a 46% increase in Court ordered youth shelter placements from 26 admissions in 2001 to 46 admissions in 2002. In 2002, there were 54 admissions to out-of-home care. Six of those admissions were to foster care homes. The remaining 48 admissions were for residential programs. As of December 31, 2002, twenty-seven children were in out-of-home placements (foster care or residential program). The increase in

secure detention admissions is due, in part, to consequences given through programs such as JAMS and SHOCAP and the need at times for “time-outs” for children in residential treatment due to aggressive or assaultive behavior or noncompliance. The increase in residential placements can be contributed, in part, to more children having addictions issues, more children having behaviors that cannot be maintained or supervised successfully on an outpatient basis, and more children participating in self-harming behaviors.

In 2002, it became apparent that medical needs and costs were on the rise for children securely detained. As a result, the Youth Placement Coordinator in conjunction with the Juvenile Probation Division will be applying for ward Medicaid through the Monroe County Office of Family and Children for all children securely detained who do not have medical insurance and/or Medicaid.

Although there has not been a decrease in the amount of money spent by the Monroe County Office of Family and Children for out-of-home placements in delinquency cases, there has been an improvement in the quality of service these children and their families have received. This is being accomplished through the use of monthly treatment reports, frequent placement visits and telephone contact with the treatment provider by the Coordinator and Probation Officers, and referrals to the Wrap-Around program and the Family Preservation Program for early transition/discharge planning. This type of pro-active approach not only can address the





effectiveness of the treatment but can help ensure that the progress while in care can continue at home and in the community. This in the long run will be a savings to Monroe County.

## **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 the Office of Court Services.

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.

In Monroe County, the Family Court has two main components:

The "one judge-one family" model allows Division VII (Judge Taliaferro) 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. At the end of the year 2002, fifty-one families had been served under the one judge-one family model, with an average of five active cases per family.

Division II (Judge Kellams) assigns complex and contentious divorce custody proceedings to 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. Sixteen families have received case management services within this component of Family Court.

A third component of Family Court has recently been initiated. The Paternity 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. Training and implementation of the project began in January, 2003. The collaborators in the development of the Mediation Clinic all 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.

## **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 2002, 513 parents participated in the program. Sixty-three percent (63%) 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.