

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT

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

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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
Jessica Grubb	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION III

Lisa Richards/Tina Saunders	Official Court Reporter
Lindy Moscrip	Associate Court Reporter
Tiffany Shupe	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION IV

Cindy Deckard	Official Court Reporter
Denise Tavares	Associate Court Reporter
Shannon Bland	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION V

Melissa Starry	Official Court Reporter
Joy Miller	Associate Court Reporter
Sarah Butler	Associate Court Reporter

MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VI

Connie Crohn	Official Court Reporter
Amy Cain	Associate Court Reporter
Cynthia Jones	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-Elisabeth Young	Youth Placement Coordinator
Colleen McPhearson	Family Court Coordinator
George Trippany	Baliff
Rick Shimkus	Baliff
William White	Baliff
Amber Waldon	Associate Court Reporter
Wendy Fox	Associate Court Reporter
Brenda Stauch	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
Jill Barnett	Probation Officer
Ken Bugler	Probation Officer
Renee Campos	Probation Officer
Angie Chalfant	Probation Officer
Andrew Chandler	Probation Officer
Johnna Lattin	Probation Officer
Leah Snow	Probation Officer
Brent Townsend	Probation Officer
Erin Werner	Probation Officer

JUVENILE DIVISION

Christine McAfee	Supervisor
Pamela Cain	Probation Officer
Troy Hatfield	Probation Officer
Mandy Hutchison	Probation Officer
John Lumpkin	Field Officer
Brier Frasier	Family Preservation Coordinator
Kara Graves	Family Preservation Officer
Michael Titus	Family Preservation Officer
Deborah Wray	Juvenile Alternative Management Services
Wally Campbell	Juvenile Case Manager
Nikki Faletic	Juvenile Case Manager

INTAKE UNIT

Susan Allen	Supervisor/Court & Alcohol Program Director
Michelle Hall	Probation Officer
Sandra Moss	Probation Officer

SUPPORT STAFF

Kathy Mills	Office Administrator
Melissa Smith	Administrative Assistant
Jenny Farmer	Cashier
Mary Ann Miller	Receptionist
Christina Strunk	Juvenile Secretary
Natalie Wisniewski	Adult Secretary

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Thomas Rhodes	Director
Lori Ridge	Office Manager
Jeff Hartman	CASP Supervisor
Lori Matthews	Special Programs Supervisor
Ted Berry	CASP Case Manager
Marilyn Brock	Receptionist
DJ Capps	CASP Field Officer
Tracy Carlson	CASP Field Officer
Charles Cohenour	CASP Field Officer
Valerie Collins	CASP Case Manager
Troy Greene	CASP Field Officer
Kelly McKinney	Day Reporting Coordinator
Debbie Murphy	CASP Case Manager
Christy Scheid	Community Services Coordinator
Robert Thomas	CASP Field Officer
Anthony Whitlow	Road Crew

DRUG COURT UNIT

Steve Malone	Coordinator
Marsha Anderson	Probation Officer
Alexander Bracke	Field Officer
Rhonda Welp	Case Manager

PART TIME

Jennifer Adams	Community Corrections
Sarah Cleves	Community Corrections
Rachel Goodman	Probation Officer Assistant
Dawna Haswell	Probation Officer Assistant
Bennie Hatch	Community Corrections
Matt Kalmuk	Community Corrections
Evan Kendrick	Probation Officer Assistant
Brandy Meadows	Community Corrections
Kristy Mitchell	Probation Officer Assistant
Elizabeth O'Keefe	Community Corrections
Chris Raymond	Community Corrections
Aja Romano	Community Corrections
Kylie Shaw	Probation Officer Assistant
Becca Streit	Community Corrections
Samantha Timpe	Probation Officer Assistant
Tommie Jo Vernon	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 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
Member, Monroe County Racial Justice Task Force
Graduate, Indiana Judicial College

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 Kellams Dollens, 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 (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
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Parish Council

Community Involvement – Present

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

Professional Involvement

Monroe County Bar Association
Indiana Judges Association, 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)

Presiding Judge, Monroe Circuit Court (1992-1994)

Military History:

United States Air Force (1970-1974)

Community Involvement:

Community Corrections Advisory Board, President 2005

Youth For Christ Board of Directors, 2000-Present

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

Circuit Court Division IV

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

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, District Governor	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

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 VII

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:

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
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)
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 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

Professional Organizations:

Indiana State Bar Association

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 2005 the Office of Court Services successfully implemented the following administrative programs and procedures.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Fourteen budgets totaling just over \$4.5 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 2005 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, Interpreter Supplement, Title IV-D reimbursement; Drug Court Grant and the Byrne Grant awarded by the US Dept. of Justice/Office of Justice Programs; Family Court Pilot Project awarded by the Indiana legislature.

County General Tax Revenue:

Monroe Circuit Court \$2,117,667

Program Fees:

Probation User Fees 1,442,762

Grants/Contracts:

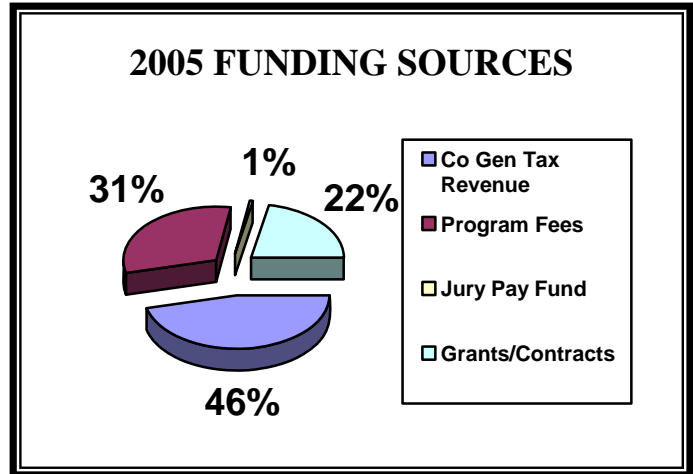
Federal/State Grants/Contracts 912,586
 Title IV-D Court Reimbursement 87,240
 State Interpreter Grant (Court) 2,500

Jury Pay Fund

26,668

TOTAL \$2,471,756

GRAND TOTAL \$4,589,423



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 2005, the Monroe Circuit Court received total funding of \$4,589,423.

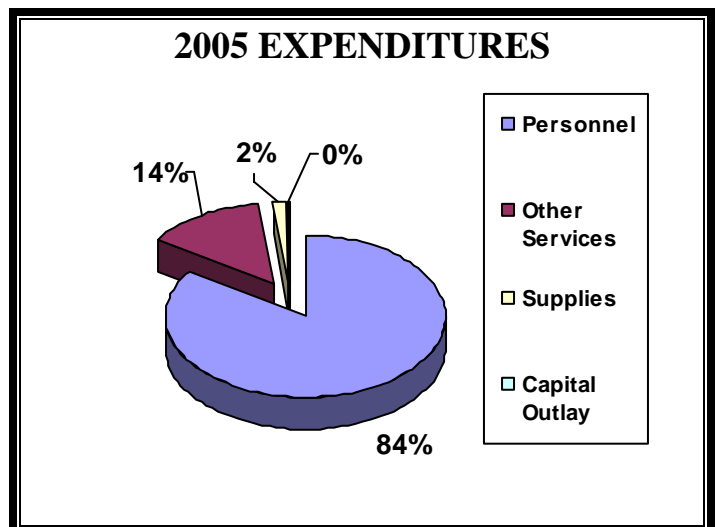
II. EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for 2005 by the Monroe Circuit Court totaled \$4,102,848. The pie graph below shows the percentage and types of expenses incurred.

2005 Monroe Circuit Court Expenditures

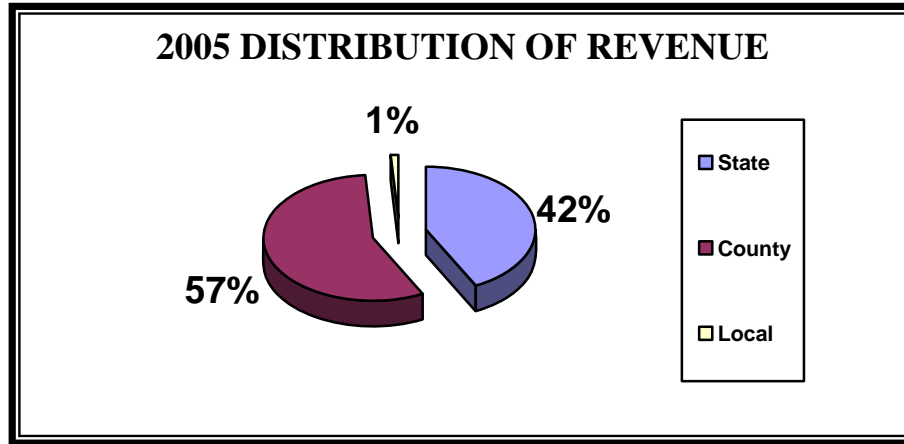
Personnel Services..... \$3,459,905
 Other Services and Charges 570,303
 Supplies 64,082
 Capital Outlays 8,558

TOTAL \$4,102,848



REVENUE

In 2005, the Monroe Circuit Court generated \$4,259,848 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: \$1,807,921

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: \$2,402,513

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: \$49,414

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

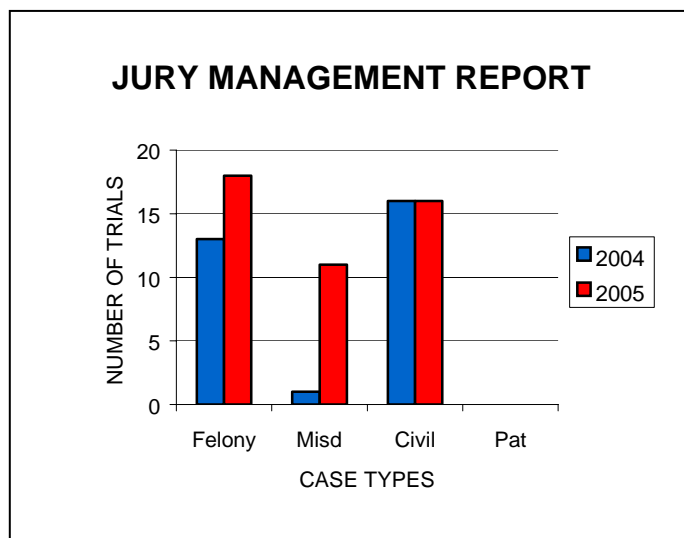
SECURITY MANAGEMENT

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

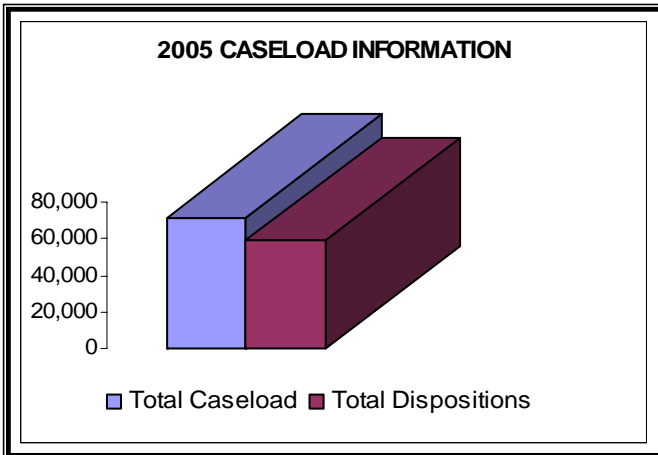
The goal of the Office of Court Services is to maximize efficiency while minimizing jury system costs and inconvenience to citizens summoned for jury duty. Beginning in 2002, prospective jurors' names are randomly selected from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Property Tax and Voter Registration lists for Monroe County. The master list contained fourteen hundred names and addresses. These citizens receive a juror summons for a three-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 2005, a total of 1078 citizens reported for jury duty; and 30 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 \$.40 per mile to and from the Justice Building. Prospective jurors are called one time within their three-month term of service and if empaneled to serve on a jury, their service lasts around two days. In 2005, the average cost per trial was \$1,077.99.

In 2005, there were 45 jury trials held in Monroe Circuit Court. Of these, 18% involved felony offenses, 11% involved misdemeanor cases, 36% involved civil cases, and 0% 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 2005, a total 71,651 cases were before the Monroe Circuit Court. These included previous pending cases, new filings, redockets, transfers and venued in cases from other counties. Sixty-six percent (66%) or 47,312 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 59,170 cases in 2005 retaining 17% to be disposed at a later date.

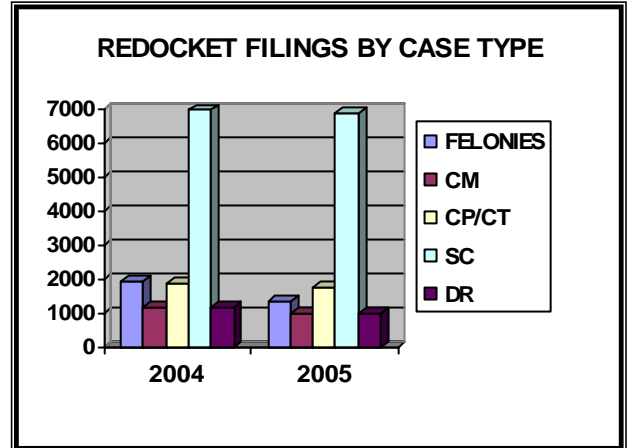
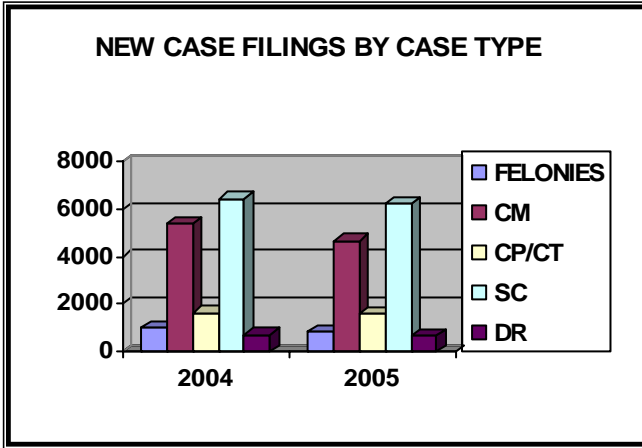
Civil Infractions: The staff of the Clerk and Prosecutor's Office manages civil infraction cases. Most of the traffic cases settle prior to court. Diversion programs are established for first time offenders. If programs are violated, civil infraction cases are assigned to the judges. There were 2,414 pending civil infractions as of January 1, 2005 and 16,790 cases filed during 2005; 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 519 previous pending cases and 3,579 new ordinance violations filed in 2005; 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 2005 was 6,973.

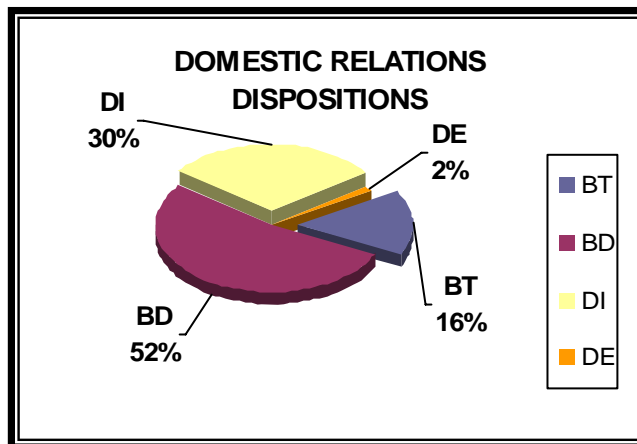
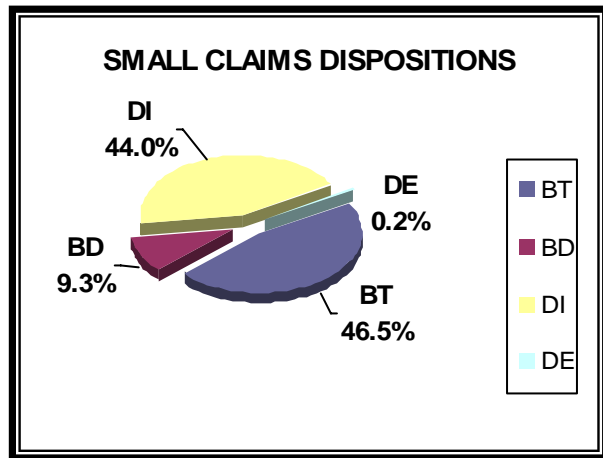
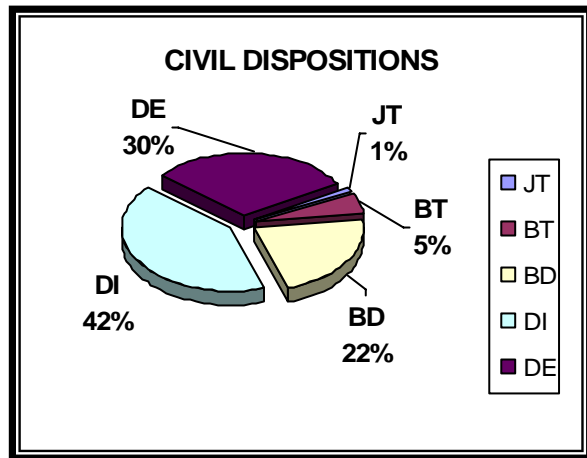
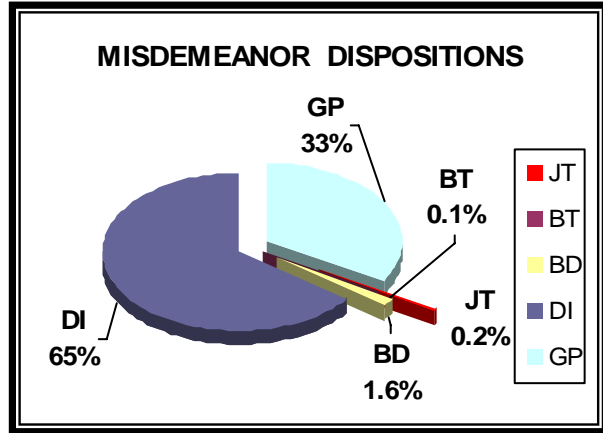
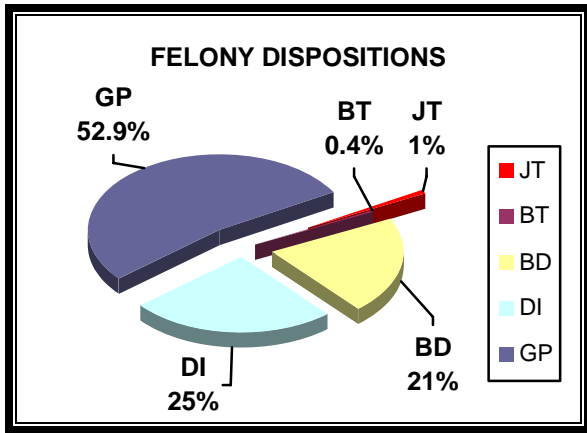
Case Filings and Dispositions: Divisions (I-VI)

As a result of the Court restructuring, three judges of the Monroe Circuit Court are randomly assigned criminal cases. Civil and domestic relations cases are randomly assigned to the three other judges. Between 2004 and 2005, all categories of new filings and redockets showed a decrease; most significantly was a 20% decrease in felony new filings and a 29% decrease in felony redockets. Misdemeanor new and redocket filings were down by 13% and 12% respectively. While domestic relations redocket filings were also down by 16%, all other civil filings showed little change.

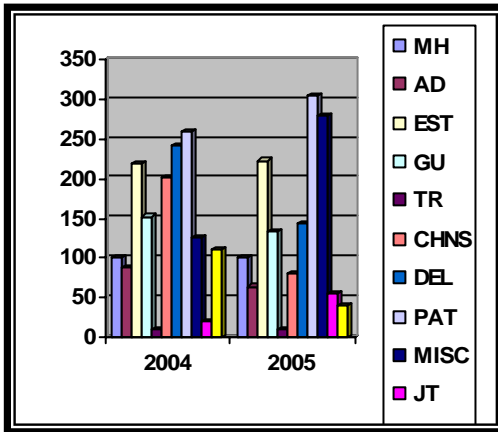


	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION DATE	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
FELONIES (CF/DF)	1,004	803	1,139	1,288	113%	160%
Redockets	1,942	1,380	2,035	1,776	105%	129%
MISDEMEANORS (CM)	5,370	4,679	4,874	5,292	91%	113%
Redockets	1,157	1,016	1,292	1,432	105%	127%
CIVIL PLENARY/ CIVIL TORT (CP/CT)	1,632	1,603	1,841	1,786	113%	111%
Redockets	1,863	1,773	1,903	1,860	102%	105%
SMALL CLAIMS (SC)	6,459	6,234	6,690	7,834	104%	126%
Redockets	6,968	6,878	6,917	7,701	99%	112%
DOMESTIC RELATIONS (DR)	703	675	803	948	114%	140%
Redockets	1,187	995	1,386	971	117%	98%

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 2005.



Judge Division VII: Judge Welch’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 2004 and 2005. From 2004 to 2005, there has been an overall decrease of 1% in these filings. The most significant decreases have been in Delinquency cases showing a 35% decrease and juvenile chins showing a 40% decrease. The chart below compares filings (new filings and redockets) to cases decided by the Court. The overall disposition rate for 2004 was 107%; the overall disposition rate for 2005 was 122%.

	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION DATE	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	MENTAL HEALTH	107	100	103	104	96%
Redockets	54	47	52	50	96%	106%
ADOPTIONS	75	64	95	48	127%	75%
Redockets	17	13	18	13	106%	100%
ESTATES	244	223	253	206	104%	92%
Redockets	53	51	53	54	100%	106%
GUARDIANSHIPS	166	134	141	133	85%	99%
Redockets	21	15	17	15	81%	100%
TRUSTS	8	10	9	8	113%	80%
Redockets	7	2	6	1	86%	50%
CHIN CASES	134	80	239	236	178%	295%
Redockets	342	84	328	260	96%	310%
DELIQUENCIES	219	143	245	145	112%	101%
Redockets	345	137	359	158	104%	115%
PATERNITY	250	305	328	277	131%	91%
Redockets	513	650	559	511	109%	79%
MISCELLANEOUS	141	279	92	270	65%	97%
Redockets	6	33	6	30	100%	91%
PATERNAL TERMINATION	41	55	32	62	78%	113%
Redockets	6	0	5	3	83%	300%
JUVENILE STATUS	66	40	98	39	149%	97%
Redockets	59	33	51	32	86%	97%

YOUTH PLACEMENT MANAGEMENT

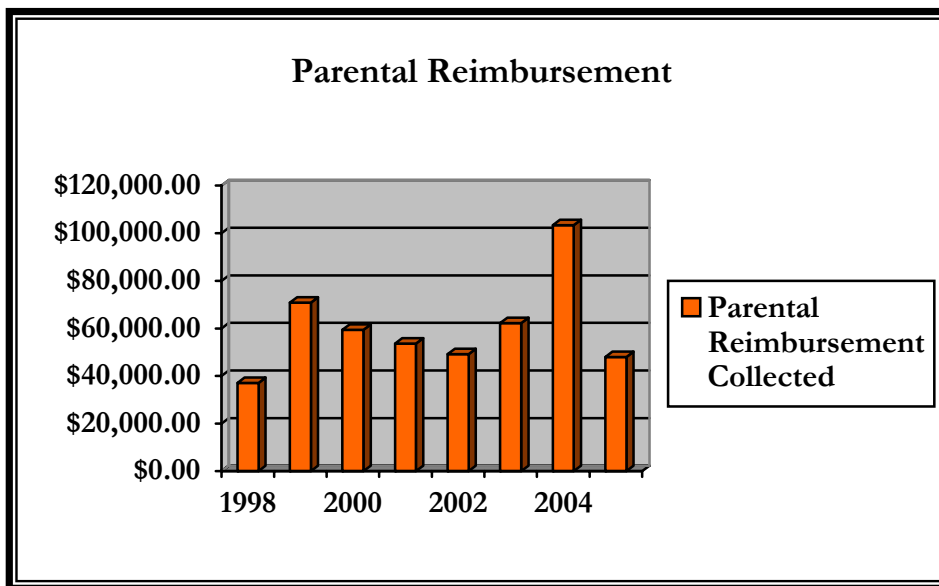
Youth Placement Management includes compilation of case management data, cost analysis, monitoring of length of stay, location of stay, assessing quality of service, and financial reporting for out-of-home placements for both delinquency and CHINS cases.

The position serves as a link between Juvenile Court, Monroe County Department of Child Services 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.

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. The Demonstration Project was due to end on December 31, 2002. However, the program continued for an additional two years while the value of the program was evaluated. In 2004, the State of Indiana entered into a new agreement with the Federal Government to continue our participation in the Title IV-E FC Waiver Demonstration Project.

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



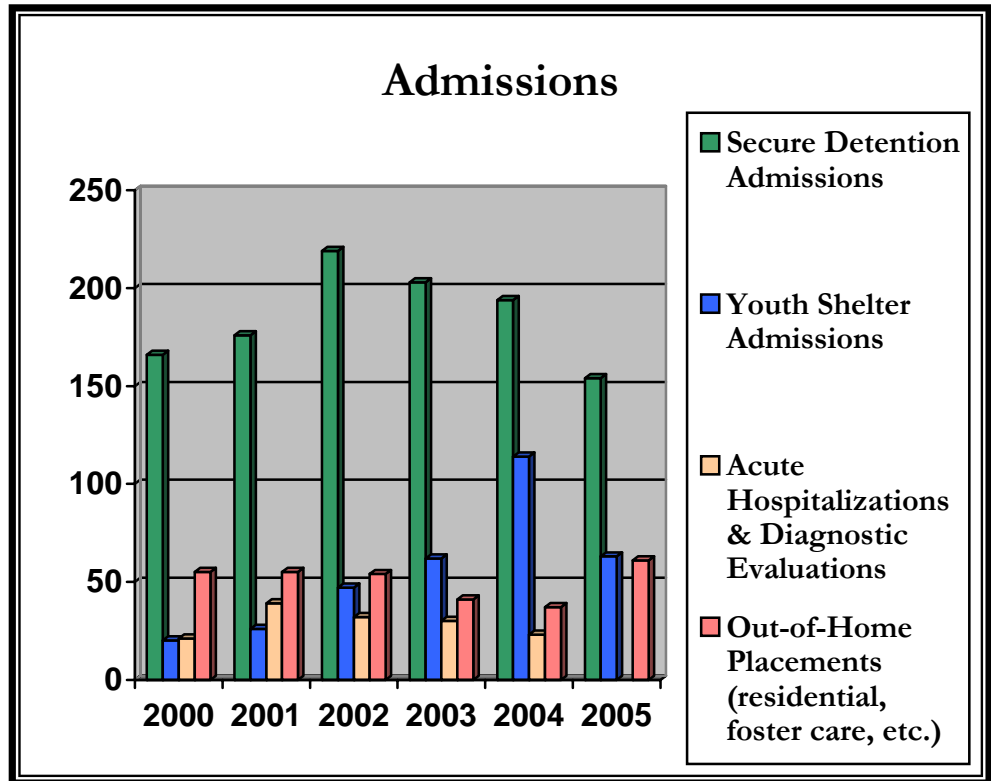
January 5, 1998, petitioning the Court for Parental Reimbursement was the responsibility of the Juvenile Probation Officers. As of January 5, 1998, it became the responsibility of the Youth Placement Coordinator. In 2005, \$47,998.01 was collected into the Parent Aid Fund as reimbursement for costs incurred by

Monroe County for detention, youth shelter, and placements. 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.

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 Monroe County Office of Family and Children. The Monroe County Office of Family and Children is limited in the cases in which it can pursue parental reimbursement due to statutes regarding the collection of child support by the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office Child Support Division and Title IV-E Foster Care regulations.

A detention and placement log is maintained 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 21% decrease in the number of admissions to secure detention from 194 admissions in 2004 to 154 admissions in 2005. There was a 45% decrease in the number of admissions to shelter care from 114 admissions in 2004 to 63 admissions in 2005.



There were 61 admissions to out-of-home care to include foster care, group home, independent living, and residential placement.

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 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. At the end of the year 2005, eighty-seven families had been served under the one judge-one family model, with an average of three active cases per family.
- II. 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. Forty families have received case management services within this component of Family Court.
- III. 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.

In March of 2005, the Family Court Mediation Clinic implemented the Domestic Relations 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.

By the end of 2005, a total of two hundred and seventy-six families had been referred for mediation services.

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 2005, 474 parents participated in the program. Sixty-seven percent (67%) 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.