

# 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 my colleagues and our employees, it is my pleasure to report on the Monroe Circuit Court for 2003.

The Monroe Circuit Court consists of dedicated employees who strive each work day to assist others in the most difficult of circumstances. The people of Monroe County are well served by our 129 employees who include court reporters, court services staff, probation staff, community corrections staff and judges.

Every year the Monroe Circuit Court faces challenges and 2003 was no different. Once again, 2003 proved to be a busy year for the Judges and staff. The seven divisions of our court disposed of 46,272 cases. Over 59,497 cases were before the court, and of those over 39,820 were newly filed cases. The remainder were previously disposed and subsequently brought back to the court for one reason or another.

The Monroe Circuit Court is funded from a variety of sources. The seven court divisions and their employees are primarily funded from County General funds. Probation and Community Corrections are funded primarily from user fees and grants. The year set records in the collection of Probation user fees: \$1.2 million. These fees collected offset the burden to the Monroe County taxpayer to operate the Probation Department.

The court continues a tradition of leadership in the state by using innovative programs to address the challenges we face including jail overcrowding. In July of 2003 Monroe County began utilizing the services at Liberty Hall in Indianapolis for Community Transition Program (CTP) participants. By the end of 2003, four (4) offenders had been placed on CTP. In addition, during 2003 the Court continued to place some felony probation and community correction violators in the Technical Rule Violations Center (TRV) at Liberty Hall. The TRV program is another example of alternative sentencing utilized by our Court; by the end of 2003, 35 Monroe County clients had been referred to the program.

Beginning in 2003, the Family Court expanded services and 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. These services resulted in the resolution of cases outside the courtroom and thus saved time and money. Once again, we are proud of the accomplishment of the Drug Court which is operated under the direction of Judge Ken Todd. To date, 30 program participants have graduated from this rigorous program; these graduates completed substance abuse treatment and remained substance-free for a minimum of two years. In 2003 Indiana University graduate and undergraduate students from the School of Education contributed 211 volunteer hours to the juvenile after-school day reporting program, JAMS. Public restitution and road crew participants performed 42,301 hours of community services; when computed at a minimum wage, this resulted in \$217,850 of labor being donated to our community. The Family Preservation Program completed its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation and continued its mission of enhancing parenting skills, strengthening families and saving county dollars. Adult Division Drunk Driving Victim Impact Panel continued in 2003, with 683 convicted drunk drivers from Monroe County attending the presentation during the year. Children Cope with Divorce, an education program for parents, had 549 parents participate in the program.

We hop 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
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 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

# 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
Supervisor	
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
Coordinator	

## 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 Sutherlin	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
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
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
DeJavieure 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

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 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 (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:

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

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  
Edith Noyes, Granddaughter

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, past President  
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, 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**

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, 38<sup>th</sup> Adjutant General Company, Indiana National Guard

Community Service:

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

Professional Organizations:

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

CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VII

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  
Salvation Army

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 2003 the Office of Court Services successfully implemented the following administrative programs and procedures.

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Eleven budgets totaling 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 2003 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.

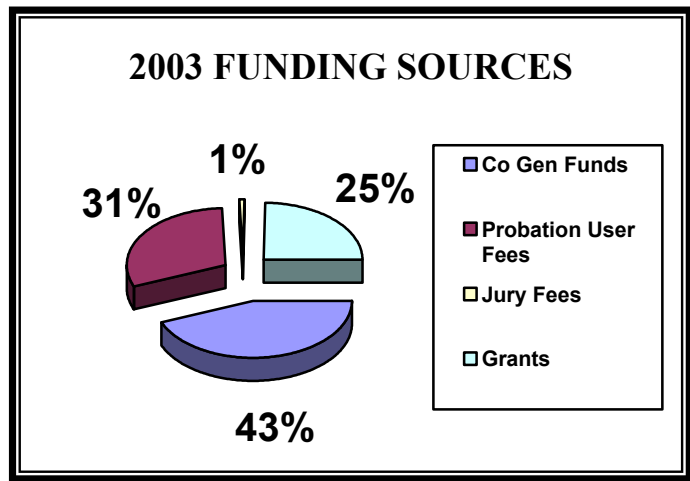
**County General Funds:**

Monroe Circuit Court . . . . . **\$2,017,309**

**Special Funds:**

Probation User Fees . . . . . 1,399,195  
 Federal/State Grants/Contracts . . . . . 1,126,967  
 Jury Fee . . . . . 38,844  
**TOTAL . . . . . \$2,565,006**

**GRAND TOTAL . . . . . \$4,582,315**



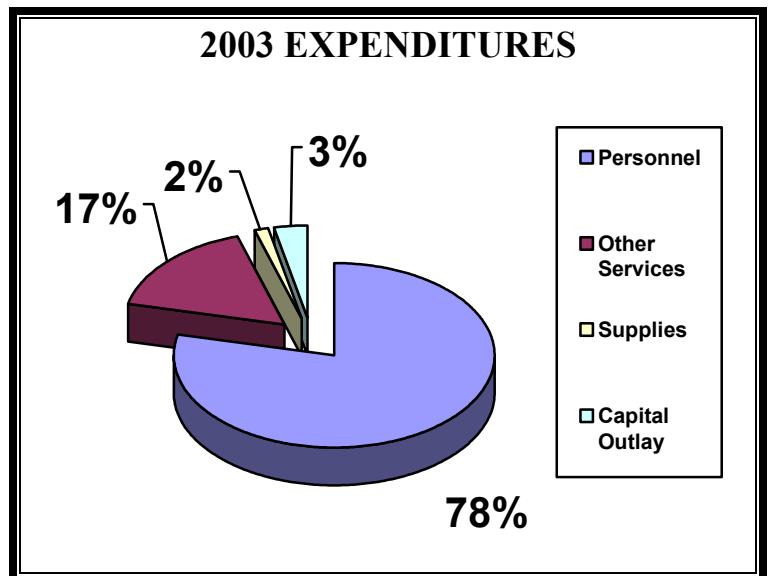
As indicated on the pie graph, Monroe County provides the Court less than one-half (44%) of their annual budget. Fees and grants make up the remaining portion (56%) of the budget. In 2003, the Monroe Circuit Court received total funding of \$4,582,315.

**II. EXPENDITURES**

Expenditures for 2003 by the Monroe Circuit Court totaled \$3,770,047. The pie graph below shows the percentage and types of expenses incurred.

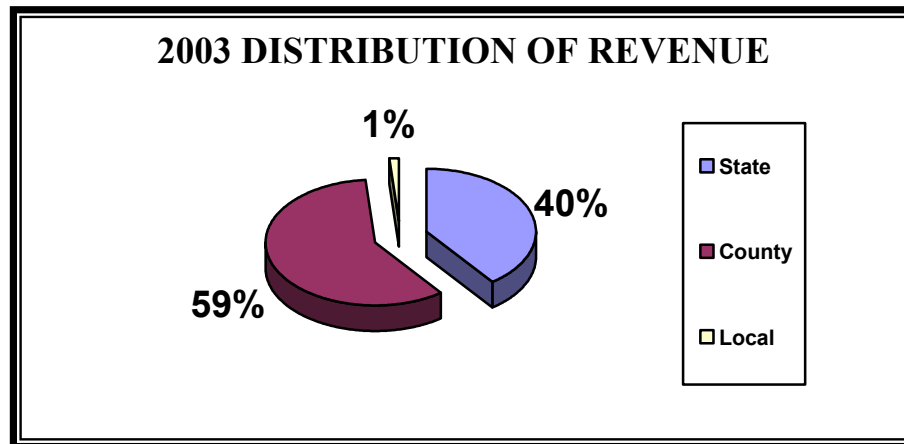
**2003 Monroe Circuit Court Expenditures**

Personnel Services . . . . . \$2,963,676  
 Other Services and Charges . . . . . 627,311  
 Supplies . . . . . 57,785  
 Capital Outlays . . . . . 121,275  
**TOTAL . . . . . \$3,770,047**



### III. REVENUE

In 2003, the Monroe Circuit Court generated \$3,343,152 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: \$1,345,520

- 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
  - 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: \$1,956,627

- 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: \$41,005

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



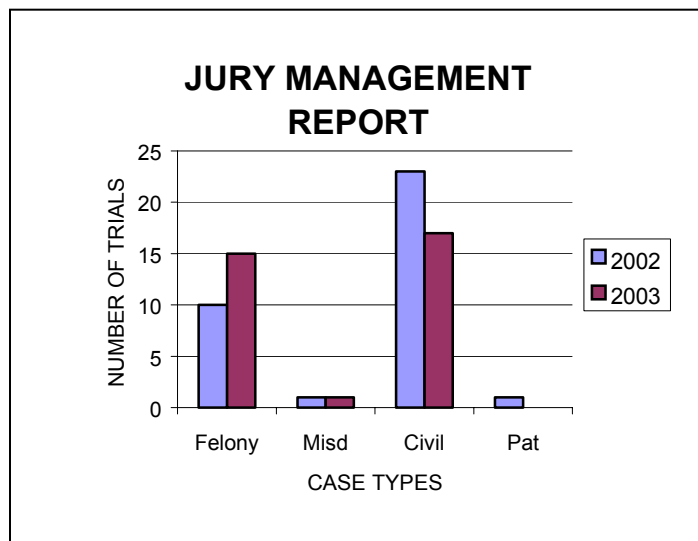
## SECURITY MANAGEMENT

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

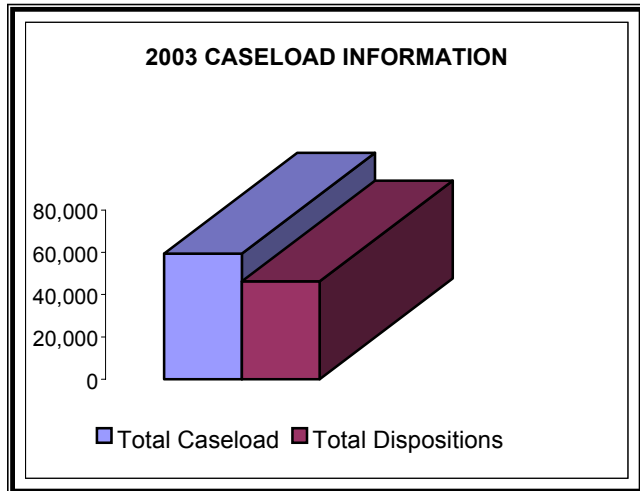
The goal of the Office of Court Services is to maximize efficiency while minimizing jury system costs and inconvenience to citizens summoned for jury duty. Beginning in 2002, prospective jurors' names are randomly selected from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Property Tax and Voter Registration lists for Monroe County. The master list contained sixteen 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 2003, a total of 840 citizens reported for jury duty; and 27 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 \$.28 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 2003, the average cost per trial was \$1,035.81

In 2003, there were 33 jury trials held in Monroe Circuit Court. Of these, 45% involved felony offenses, 3% involved misdemeanor cases, 52% 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 2003, a total 59,497 cases were before the Monroe Circuit Court. These included previous pending cases, new filings, redockets, transfers and venued in cases from other counties. Sixty-seven percent (67%) or 39,820 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 46,272 cases in 2003 retaining 22% to be disposed at a later date.

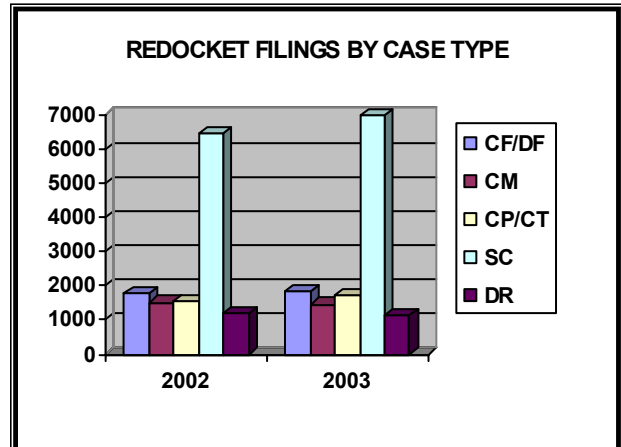
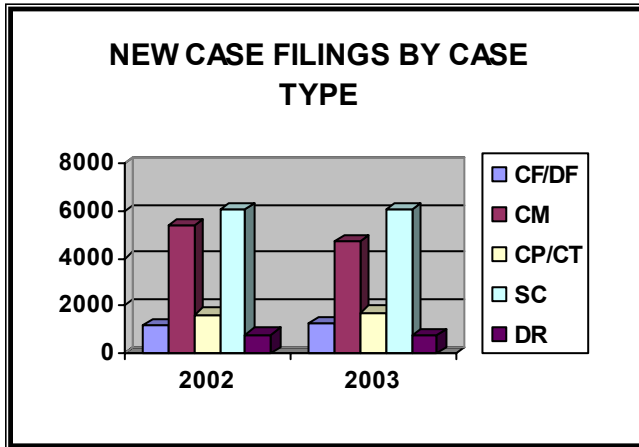
**Civil Infractions:** The staff of the Clerk's and Prosecutor's Offices manages civil infraction case. Most of the traffic cases settle prior to court. Diversion programs are established for first time offenders. If programs are violated, civil infraction cases are assigned to the judges. There were 1,983 pending civil infraction as of January 1 and 12,955 cases filed in 2003; 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 265 previous pending cases and 1,572 new ordinance violations filed in 2003; 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 2003 was 6,151.

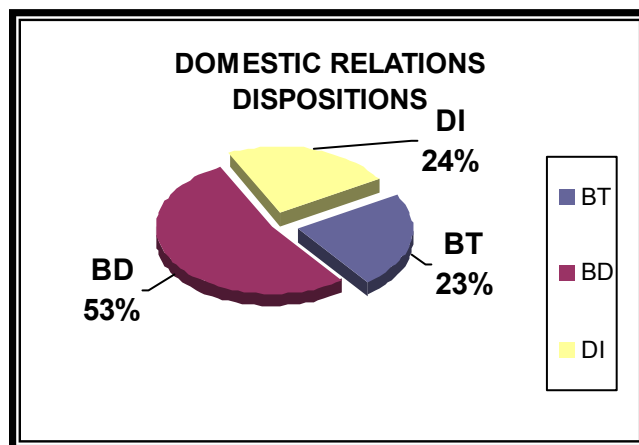
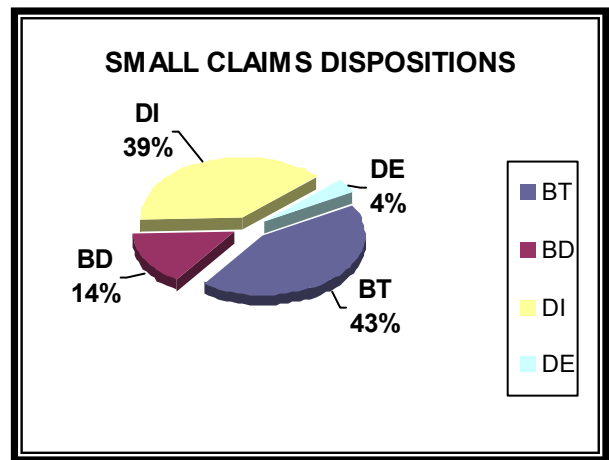
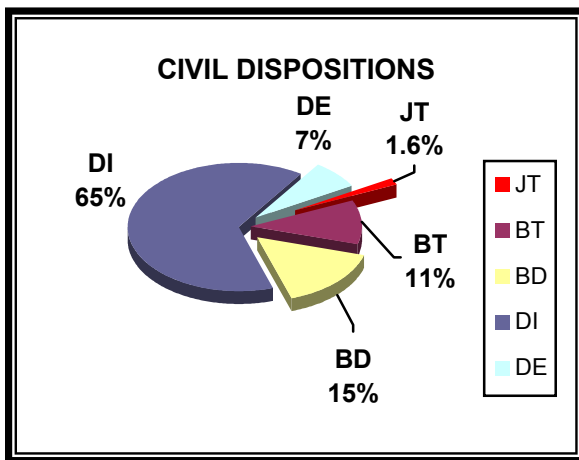
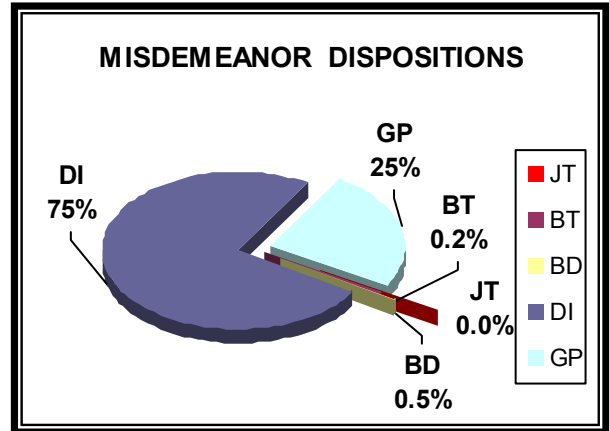
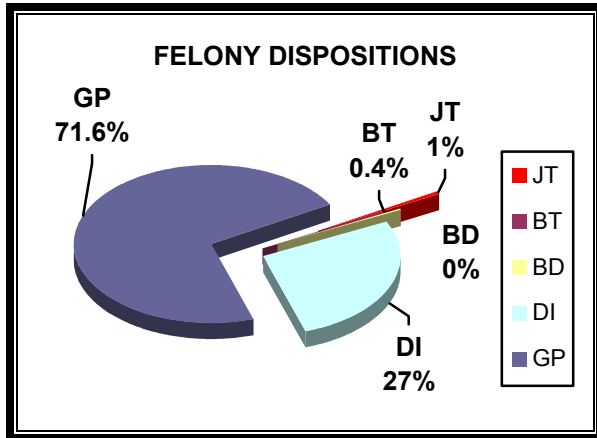
## Case Filings and Dispositions: Divisions (I-VI)

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 2002 and 2003, there was a 4% increase in felony filings while misdemeanor filings decreased by 1%. Small claims also showed an increase in filings of 4%.

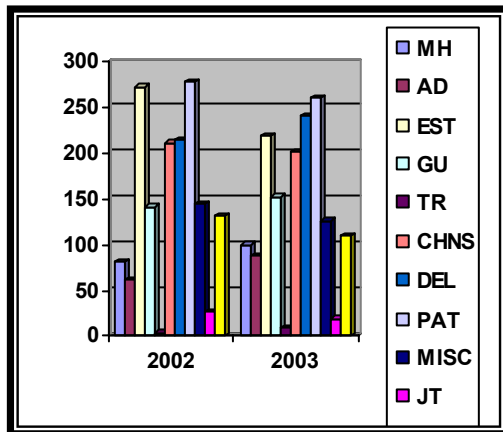


	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION DATE	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
<b>FELONIES (CF/DF)</b>	1,259	1,170	1,117	1,076	89%	92%
Redockets	1,823	1,784	1,887	1,847	104%	104%
<b>MISDEMEANORS (CM)</b>	4,719	5,374	4,852	5,627	103%	105%
Redockets	1,453	1,510	1,432	1,634	99%	108%
<b>CIVIL PLENARY/ CIVIL TORT (CP/CT)</b>	1,714	1,638	1,637	1,584	96%	97%
Redockets	1,704	1,545	1,728	1,557	101%	101%
<b>SMALL CLAIMS (SC)</b>	6,087	6,094	5,808	6,109	95%	100%
Redockets	6,990	6,442	6,978	6,834	100%	106%
<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS (DR)</b>	723	779	737	804	102%	103%
Redockets	1,119	1,188	1,203	1,268	108%	107%

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 2003.



**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 2002 and 2003. From 2002 to 2003, there has been an overall 4% increase in these filings. The most significant increases have been in trust status cases showing a 9% increase and juvenile chins showing a 4% increase. The chart below compares filings (new filings and redockets) to cases decided by the Court. The overall disposition rate for 2002 was 94%; however, the overall disposition rate for 2003 was 101%.

	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION DATE	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
	<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	100	81	103	72	103%
Redockets	47	52	49	53	104%	102%
<b>ADOPTIONS</b>	88	62	78	76	89%	123%
Redockets	16	13	19	10	119%	77%
<b>ESTATES</b>	219	272	267	236	122%	87%
Redockets	50	55	49	50	98%	91%
<b>GUARDIANSHIPS</b>	152	141	164	92	108%	65%
Redockets	13	24	13	20	100%	83%
<b>TRUSTS</b>	10	4	11	7	110%	175%
Redockets	5	4	6	3	120%	75%
<b>CHIN CASES</b>	201	211	197	201	98%	95%
Redockets	334	301	329	276	99%	92%
<b>DELIQUENCIES</b>	241	214	233	240	97%	112%
Redockets	321	237	330	246	103%	104%
<b>PATERNITY</b>	260	278	283	240	109%	86%
Redockets	499	463	447	424	90%	92%
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	126	144	126	144	100%	100%
Redockets	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
<b>PATERNAL TERMINATION</b>	19	27	17	35	90%	130%
Redockets	5	4	5	5	100%	125%
<b>JUVENILE STATUS</b>	110	131	114	122	104%	93%
Redockets	55	53	66	52	120%	98%

## 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.

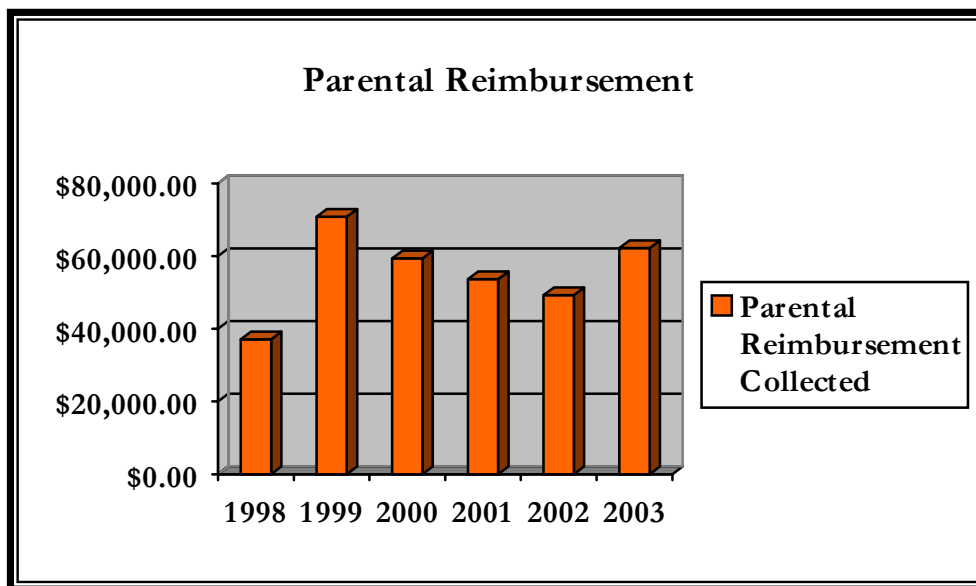
The position serves as a link between Juvenile Court, Monroe County Office of Family and Children and the Monroe County Probation Department - Juvenile Division. The following mission statement was written for Juvenile Court by the above agencies:

*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.*

In years past, there has been active participation in community-based committees/teams, such as the Monroe County Wrap-Around Oversight Committee, Steering Committee, Evaluation Committee and Community Team. In 2003, the Youth Placement Coordinator was asked to be a member of the Oversight Committee. This participation has allowed dialogue between the Court, service providers and community members outside of the Court and outside specific cases.

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 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



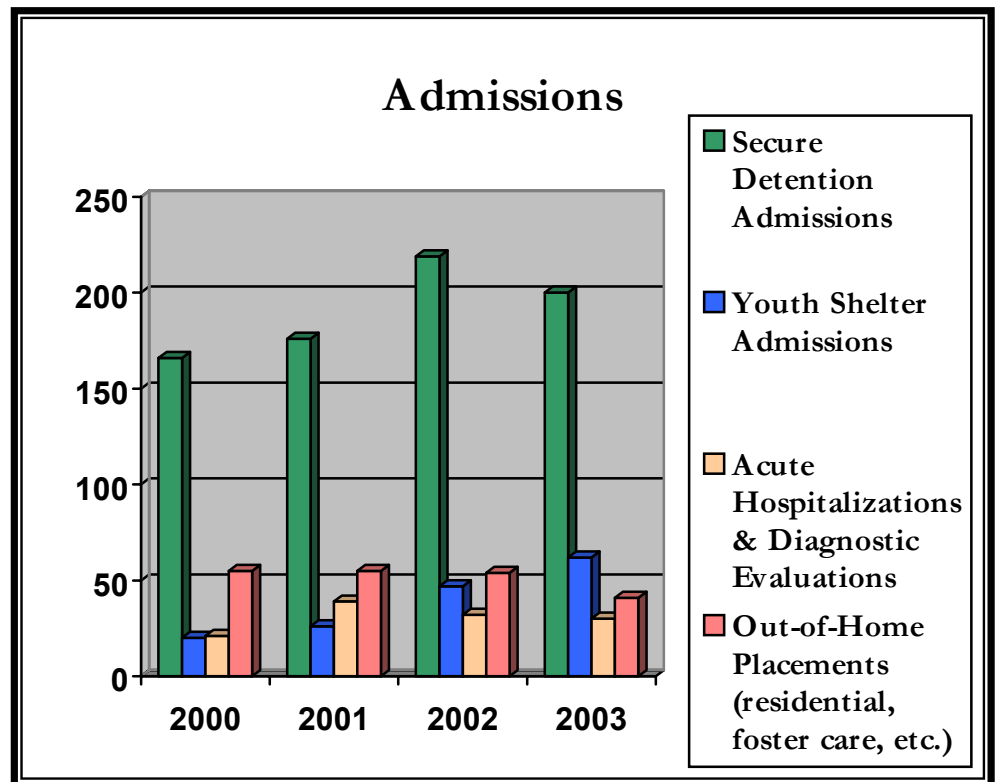
of the Juvenile Probation Officers. As of January 5, 1998, it became the responsibility of the Youth Placement Coordinator. In 2003, \$62,167.40 was collected into the

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.

There was a significant increase in collections in 1999 due to 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, parents failing to provide accurate addresses, additional responsibilities not originally outlined, which has reduced the amount of time available to pursue reimbursement. In 2003, there was a significant increase in collections due to the filing of numerous Verified Informations for Rule to Show Cause against parents who had failed to pay as previously ordered. Additionally, over 200 new Petitions for Parental Reimbursement were filed with payment plans beginning in 2004, which should again increase the amount of money collected on behalf of the County.

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 weekly 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 9% decrease in the number of admissions to secure detention from 219 admissions in 2002 to 200 admissions in 2003. There was a 24% increase in the number of admission to shelter care from 47 admissions in 2002 to 62 admissions in 2003.



Admissions for acute psychiatric care and diagnostic evaluations reflect a 46% increase in the number of admissions from 21 admissions in 2000 to 39 admissions in 2001. Since 2001 the number of admissions has declined from 39 to 30 for a 23% decrease.

There were 41 admissions to out-of-home care to include foster care, group home, independent living, and residential placement. Of those 41 admissions, seven (7) were into foster care, eight (8) were into group homes, and (4) were into independent living/halfway houses. The remaining 22 admissions in 2003 were into residential treatment programs. This is a 54% decrease from 2002 admissions into residential treatment programs. As of December 31, 2003, seventeen children were in out-of-home placements.

There are several possible reasons for the decrease in residential placements, the decrease in secure detention admissions, and the increase in shelter care usage, such as an increase in status offense referrals, fewer children meeting the requirements for secure settings, and a conscious effort by all involved to exhaust all community based services prior to removal in order to save money. However, it would not appear to be a continuing trend given the steady need for acute hospitalizations and diagnostic evaluations to address increasing mental health issues among the juvenile population.

The Monroe Circuit Court is proud to recognize that in 2003 Marie-Elisabeth Young, the Youth Placement Coordinator, was awarded the DeMott-Reeves Memorial Award from Open Arms Christian Ministries. This award is given to one recipient each year who demonstrates a dedication above and beyond their job to the well-being of children.



## 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 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 2003, seventy-seven families had been served under the one judge-one family model, with an average of five active cases per family.
- II. Division II (Judge Kellams) assigns complex and contentious divorce cases involving children 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. Twenty-two families have received case management services within this component of Family Court.
- III. The 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. Mediation services are provided by the Family Court coordinator, trained law students, and CCRP volunteers. Families are eligible to participate in the mediation clinic at no cost if they are unable to afford private mediation services. Seventy-five families were referred for services in 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 2003, 549 parents participated in the program. Sixty-three percent (65%) 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.