

# MONROE CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISIONS I - VIII  
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
Angela Waldrip	Associate Court Reporter

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

Katherine Scanlan	Official Court Reporter
Shannon Guidry	Associate Court Reporter
Sarah Bundy	Associate Court Reporter

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

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

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

Cindy Deckard	Official Court Reporter
Carol Derflinger	Associate Court Reporter
Darlene Huxtable	Associate Court Reporter

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

Melissa Starry	Official Court Reporter
Joy Miller	Associate Court Reporter

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

Connie Crohn	Official Court Reporter
Amy Cain	Associate Court Reporter
Brenda Stauch	Associate Court Reporter

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

Beth Reardon	Official Court Reporter
Shirley McClure	Associate Court Reporter
Kyla Stogsdill	Associate Court Reporter

## **MONROE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION VIII**

Sandi Tatlock	Official Court Reporter
Jayma Chandler	Associate Court Reporter
Angie Patton	Associate Court Reporter
Kathy Pointer	Associate Court Reporter

## **OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES**

Bonnie Austin	Court Administrator
Lorie Robinson	Case Management Coordinator
Lisa Abraham	Jury Coordinator
Shelly Huston	Financial Coordinator
Michelle Pritchard	Public Service Coordinator
Marie-Elisabeth Young	Youth Placement Coordinator
Colleen McPhearson	Family Court Coordinator
George Trippany	Bailiff
Rick Shimkus	Bailiff
William White	Bailiff
Steve Chambers	Bailiff
Rick Blocksom	Bailiff
Amber Waldon	Associate Court Reporter
Katy Sturgeon	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
Alex	Bracke	Probation Officer
Ken	Bugler	Probation Officer
Eric	Chambers	Probation Officer
Andrew	Chandler	Probation Officer
Denea	Chandler	Probation Officer
Kellie	Liponoga	Probation Officer
Jaime	Reust	Probation Officer
Leah	Snow	Probation Officer
Erin	Werner	Probation Officer

**JUVENILE DIVISION**

Christine	McAfee	Supervisor
Rob	Allison	Juvenile Case Manager
Pamela	Cain	Probation Officer
Nikki	Faletic	Juvenile Case Manager
Amanda	Ferguson	Juvenile Case Manager
Brier	Frasier	Family Preservation
Mandy	Hutchison	Probation Officer
Kara	Mahuron	Family Preservation Officer
Nathan	Quick	Probation Officer
Keith	Simpson	Field Officer
Michael	Titus	Family Preservation Officer Coordinator
Deborah	Wray	Juvenile Alternative Management Services

**INTAKE UNIT**

Susan	Allen	Supervisor/Court & Alcohol Drug Program Director
Angie	Chalfant	Probation Officer
Michelle	Hall	Probation Officer
Johnna	Lattin	Probation Officer
Saundra	Moss	Probation Officer
Brent	Townsend	Probation Officer

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Kathy	Mills	Office Administrator
Jodi	Drescher	Adult Secretary
Jenny	Farmer	Juvenile Secretary
Robin	Groomer	Receptionist
Mary		
Ann	Miller	Cashier
Melissa	Smith	Administrative Assistant

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Thomas	Rhodes	Director Office
Natalie	Wisniewski	Manager
Jeff	Hartman	CASP Supervisor
Troy	Hatfield	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 CASP Field Officer
Bennie	Hatch	Road Crew

**DRUG COURT UNIT**

Steve	Malone	Coordinator
Marsha	Anderson	Probation Officer
Christopher	Shipman	Field Officer
Rhonda	Welp	Case Manager

**PART  
TIME**

Chris	Amick	Community Corrections
Walter	Campbell	Community Corrections
Barbara	Cooney	Community Corrections
Deanna	Dwenger	Community Corrections
Rachel	Goodman	Probation Officer Assistant
Jamie	Hamilton	Community Corrections
Amy	Matney	Community Corrections
Brandy	Meadows	Community Corrections
Kristy	Mitchell	Probation Officer Assistant
Melanie	Norris	Probation Officer Assistant
Tomas	Perez	Community Corrections
Julie	Robertson	Community Corrections
Aja	Romano	Community Corrections
Kylie	Shaw	Probation Officer Assistant
Becca	Streit	Community Corrections
Samantha	Timpe	Probation Officer Assistant
Chelsea	Walters	Probation Officer Assistant
Rachael	Webb	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  
Member, Board of Directors, Indiana Judges Association  
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 Lippman, Daughter  
Katherine Kellams Dollens, Daughter  
Bradford Reed Dollens, Grandson  
Christian Theodore Dollens, Grandson

Undergraduate Degrees:

Indiana University, Bachelor of Arts  
Religious Studies

Law School:

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

Related Legal Experience(s):

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

Related Work Experience(s):

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

Special Honors or Accomplishment(s):

Phi Eta Sigma (Honorary)  
Graduate Indiana Judicial College

Military History:

United States Navy

Community Involvement – Previous

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

Community Involvement – Present

Bloomington Hospital  
Strategic Management Committee  
Southern Indiana Surgery Center  
Board of Directors

Professional Involvement

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

## CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION III

Kenneth G. Todd

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 1979

Family Members:

Bonnie L. Todd, Wife

Erin Nicole Todd, Daughter

Undergraduate Degrees:

Indiana University, Bachelor of Arts, Economics (1967)

Law School:

Indiana University, Doctor of Jurisprudence (1970)

Graduate, Indiana Judicial College (1990)

Related Legal Experience(s):

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

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

Private Practice, Bloomington, Indiana (1974-1978)

Probate Commissioner Monroe Circuit Court (1976-1978)

Presiding Judge, Monroe Unified Courts (1984-1987)

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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:

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

Miscellaneous:

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

Military History:

First Lieutenant, Retired, United States Army Reserves  
Second Lieutenant, 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 VIII**

Jeffrey A. Chalfant

Date Accepted Position: January 1, 2006

**Family Members:**

Angela Chalfant, Wife  
James Qualters, Step-son

**Undergraduate Degrees:**

DePauw University, Bachelor of Arts, 1992

**Law School:**

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

**Related Legal Experience(s):**

Deputy Prosecutor, Monroe County (1997-2000) Deputy Public Defender, Monroe County (2000-2001) Private Practice  
(1995-1997, 2002-2006)

**Additional Judicial Service:**

Member, Monroe County Domestic Violence Task Force Member, Monroe County Criminal Justice Coordinating  
Council

**Professional Organizations:**

Monroe County Bar Association  
Indiana Judges Association

CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER

Bret Raper

Date Accepted Position: July 9, 2004

Family Members:

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

Undergraduate Degrees:

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

Law School:

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

Related Legal Experience(s):

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

Additional Judicial Service:

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

Military History

United States Air Force (1986-1990)

Professional Organizations:

Indiana State Bar Association

# OFFICE OF COURT SERVICES

## INTRODUCTION

Each day more than 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. The Office of Court Services staff reviews system operations, analyzes management problems, recommends solutions to the judges, and implements efficient change. In 2006 the Office of Court Services successfully implemented the following administrative programs and procedures.

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Fourteen budgets totaling just over \$4.8 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 130 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 2006 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; Byrne Grant awarded by the US Dept. of Justice/Office of Justice Programs.

**County General Tax Revenue:**

Monroe Circuit Court . . . . . **\$2,562,048**

**Program Fees:**

Probation User Fees . . . . . 1,165,472

**Grants/Contracts:**

Federal/State Grants/Contracts . . . . . 957,946

Title IV-D Court Reimbursement . . . . . 133,061

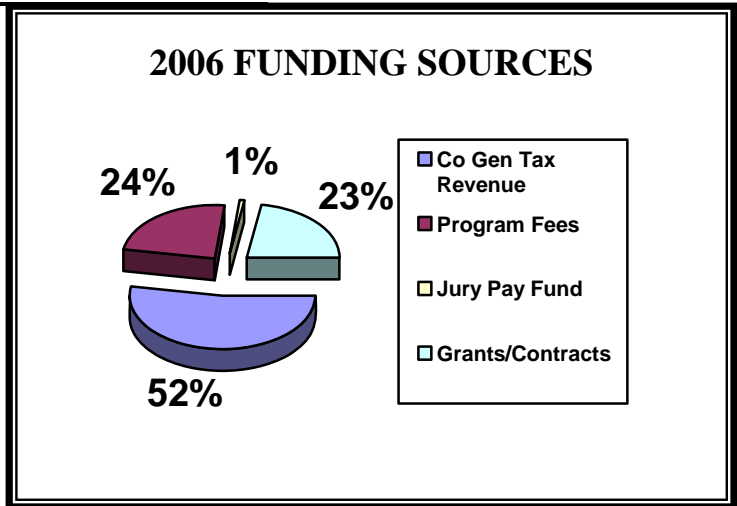
State Interpreter Grant (Court) . . . . . 3,000

**Jury Pay Fund**

32,500

TOTAL . . . . . **\$2,291,979**

**GRAND TOTAL . . . . . \$4,855,527**



As indicated on the pie graph, Monroe County provides the Court a little over one-half (52%) of their annual budget. Fees and grants make up the remaining portion (48%) of the budget. In 2006, the Monroe Circuit Court received total funding of \$4,855,527.

**II. EXPENDITURES**

Expenditures for 2006 by the Monroe Circuit Court totaled \$4,513,360. The pie graph below shows the percentage and types of expenses incurred.

**2006 Monroe Circuit Court Expenditures**

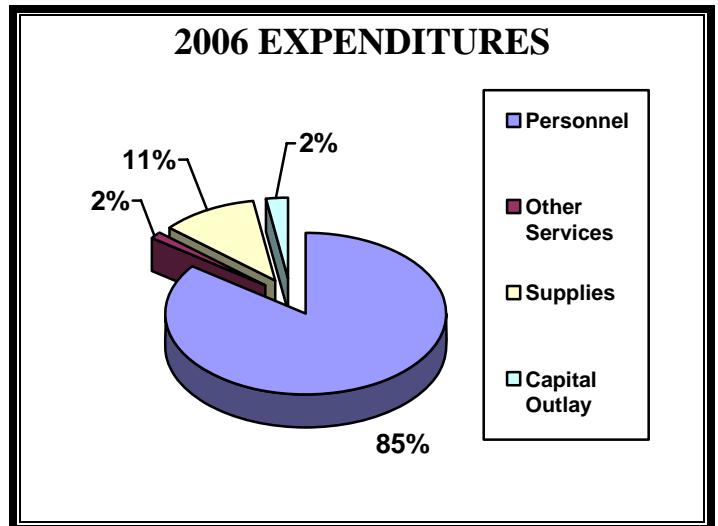
Personnel Services..... \$3,836,588

Other Services and Charges ..... 499,452

Supplies ..... 67,913

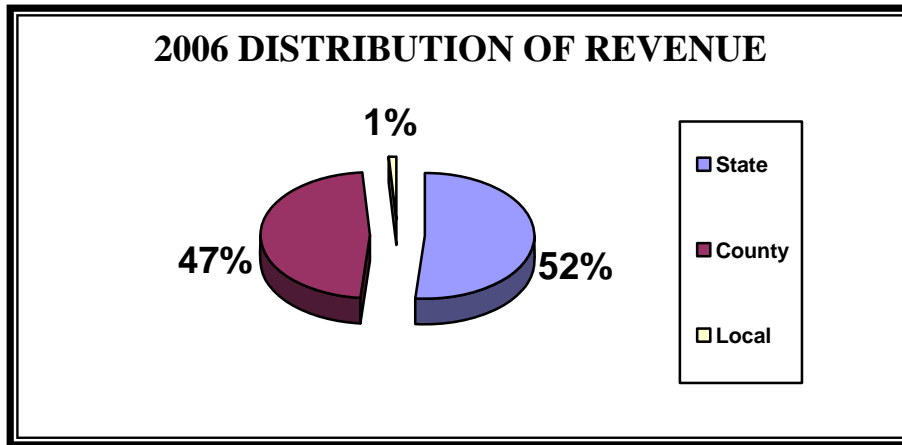
Capital Outlays ..... 109,407

TOTAL ..... **\$4,513,360**



### **III. REVENUE**

In 2006, the Monroe Circuit Court generated \$4,358,880 in total revenue. The revenue generated by the Monroe Circuit Court is disbursed to three government entities. The pie graph below shows the percentage of disbursement of this revenue to state, county and local government.



#### **STATE--Total Revenue: \$2,238,564**

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: \$2,069,033**

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: \$51,283**

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



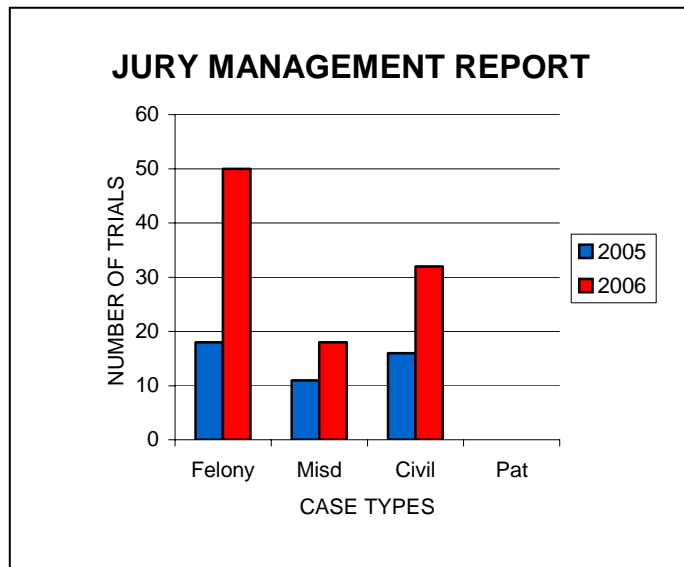
## SECURITY MANAGEMENT

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

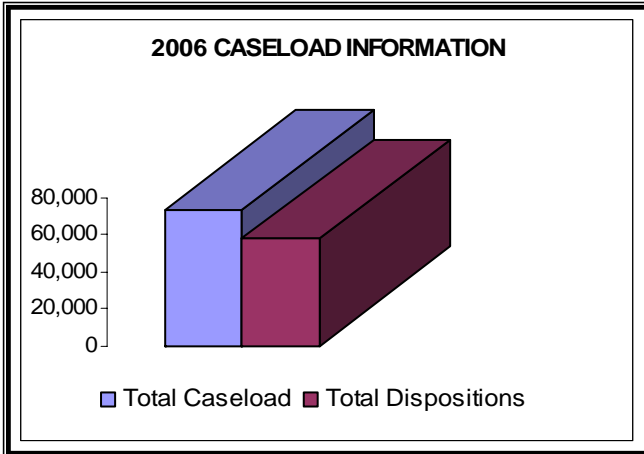
The goal of the Office of Court Services is to maximize efficiency while minimizing jury system costs and inconvenience to citizens summoned for jury duty. Beginning in 2006, prospective jurors' names are randomly selected from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Property Tax lists for Monroe County. The master list contained thirty-four 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 2006, a total of 1058 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 2006 the average cost per trial was \$1,172.26.

In 2006, there were 44 jury trials held in Monroe Circuit Court. Of these, 50% involved felony offenses, 18% involved misdemeanor cases, 32% 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 2006, a total 73,419 cases were before the Monroe Circuit Court. These included previous pending cases, new filings, redockets, transfers and venued in cases from other counties. Sixty-four percent (64%) or 47,242 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 eight courts disposed of 57,936 cases in 2006 retaining 21% to be disposed at a later date.

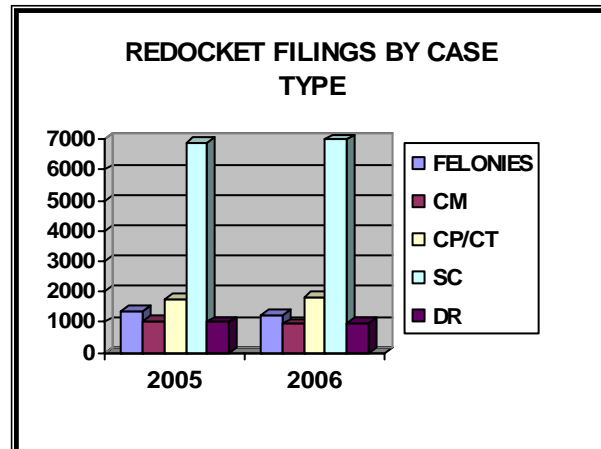
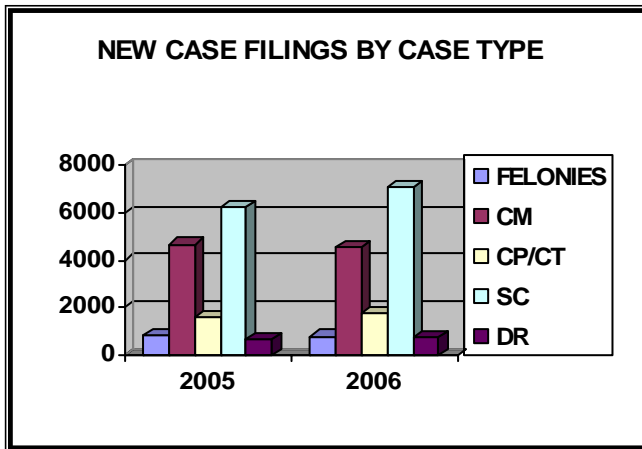
**Civil Infractions:** The staff of the Clerk and Prosecutor's Office manages civil infraction cases. Most of the traffic cases settle prior to court. Diversion programs are established for first time offenders. If programs are violated, civil infraction cases are assigned to the judges. There were 2,173 pending civil infractions as of January 1, 2006 and 18,849 cases filed during 2006; 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 568 previous pending cases and 3,249 new ordinance violations filed in 2006; 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-VIII) for 2006 was 6,135.

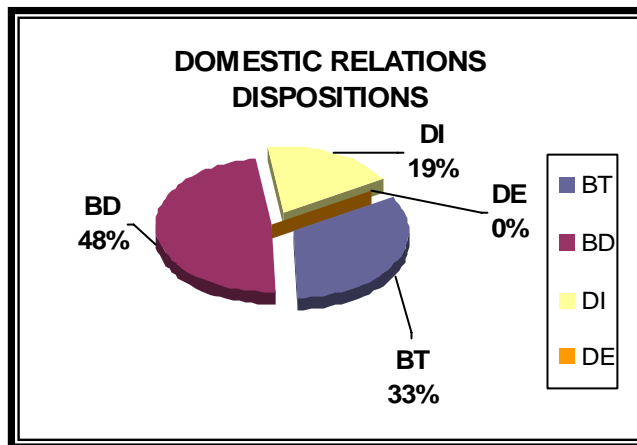
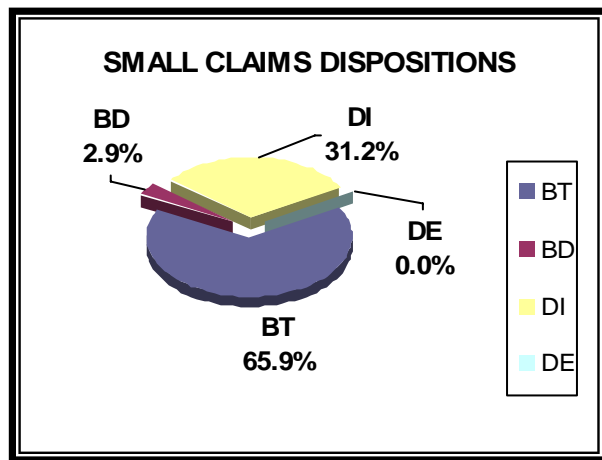
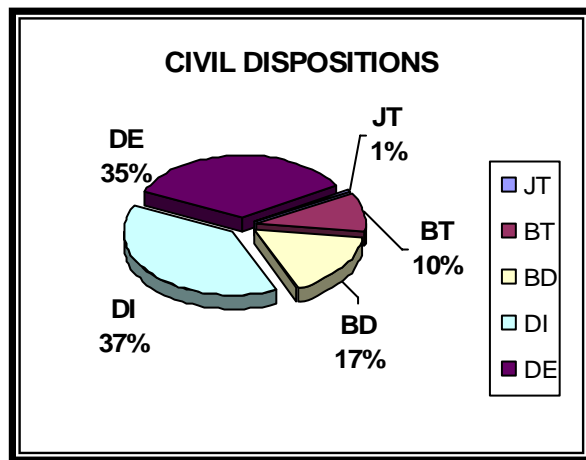
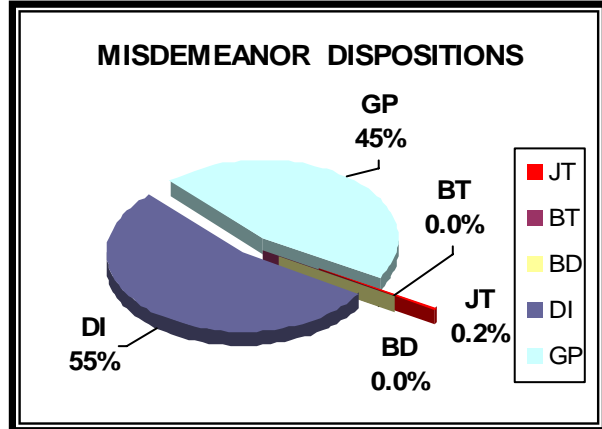
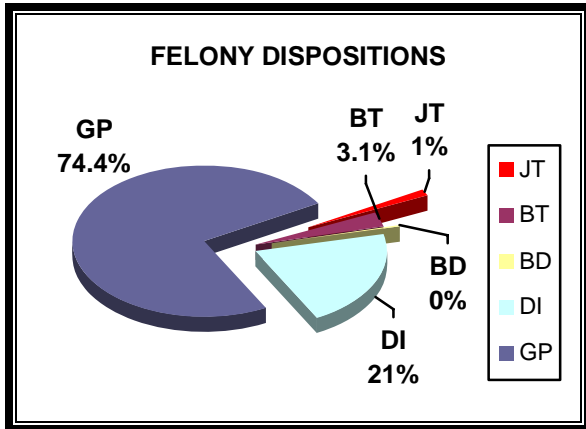
## Case Filings and Dispositions: Criminal and Civil

As a result of the Court restructuring in 2005, three judges of the Monroe Circuit Court are randomly assigned criminal cases. Civil and domestic relations cases are randomly assigned to four other judges. Between 2005 and 2006, all categories of criminal new filings and redockets showed a decrease; most significantly was a 4% decrease in felony new filings and a 12% decrease in felony redockets. Misdemeanor new and redocket filings were down by 3% and 9% respectively. While domestic relations new filings increased by 13%; small claims and other civil new filings also showed an increase of 13% and 10% respectively.

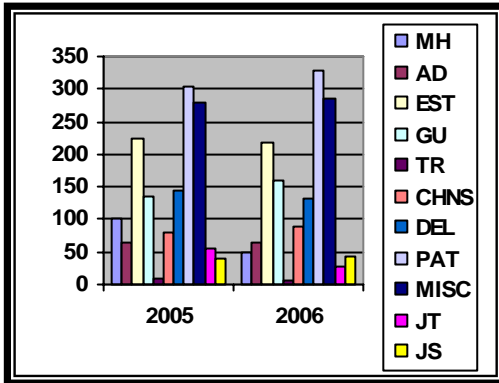


	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION RATE	
	2,005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<b>FELONIES (CF/DF)</b>	803	798	1,288	726	160%	91%
Redockets	1,380	1,214	1,776	1,687	129%	139%
<b>MISDEMEANORS (CM)</b>	4,679	4,552	5,292	4,222	113%	93%
Redockets	1,016	926	1,432	1,009	127%	109%
<b>CIVIL PLENARY/ CIVIL TORT (CP/CT)</b>	1,603	1,769	1,786	1,657	111%	94%
Redockets	1,773	1,837	1,860	2,116	105%	115%
<b>SMALL CLAIMS (SC)</b>	6,234	7,060	7,834	7,180	126%	102%
Redockets	6,878	6,986	7,701	8,279	112%	119%
<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS (DR)</b>	675	764	948	811	140%	106%
Redockets	995	983	971	1,204	98%	122%

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 2006.



**Juvenile and Probate:** 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.



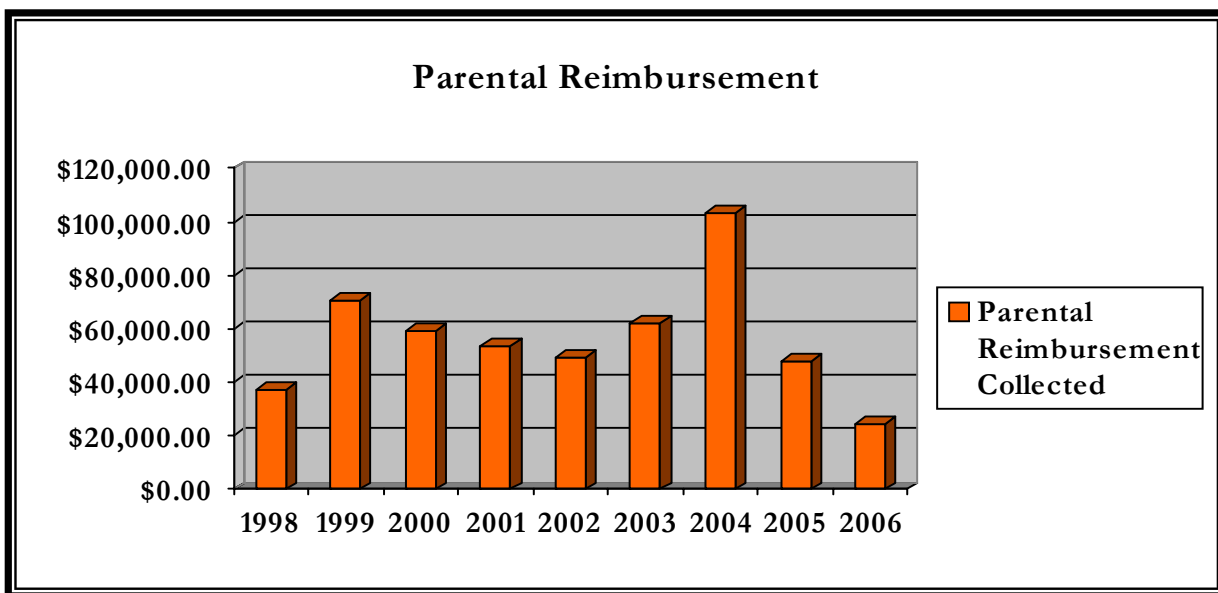
The two-year comparative graph to the left shows new filings for 2005 and 2006. There has been an overall decrease of 2.5% in these filings. The most significant decreases have been in Mental Health cases showing a 52% decrease and Parental Terminations showing a 51% decrease. The chart below compares filings (new filings and redockets) to cases decided by the Court. The overall disposition rate in 2005 was 122%; overall disposition rate in 2006 was 92%.

	NEW FILINGS (Excl. Transfers)		DECIDED CASES (Excl. Transfers)		DISPOSITION RATE	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	100	48	104	29	104%
Redockets	47	46	50	22	106%	48%
<b>ADOPTIONS</b>	64	65	48	62	75%	95%
Redockets	13	14	13	14	100%	100%
<b>ESTATES</b>	223	217	206	234	92%	108%
Redockets	51	53	54	51	106%	96%
<b>GUARDIANSHIPS</b>	134	159	133	140	99%	88%
Redockets	15	38	15	30	100%	79%
<b>TRUSTS</b>	10	6	8	4	80%	67%
Redockets	2	3	1	4	50%	133%
<b>CHIN CASES</b>	80	89	236	61	295%	69%
Redockets	84	148	260	170	310%	115%
<b>DELIQUENCIES</b>	143	131	145	119	101%	91%
Redockets	137	149	158	159	115%	107%
<b>PATERNITY</b>	305	329	277	303	91%	92%
Redockets	650	580	511	510	49%	88%
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	279	284	270	234	97%	82%
Redockets	33	37	30	37	91%	100%
<b>PATERNAL TERMINATION</b>	55	27	62	28	113%	104%
Redockets	0	10	3	10	300%	100%
<b>JUVENILE STATUS</b>	40	42	39	40	97%	95%
Redockets	33	39	32	46	97%	118%

## 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. The position, also, serves as a link between Juvenile Court, Monroe County Department of Child Services and the Monroe County Probation Department - Juvenile Division.

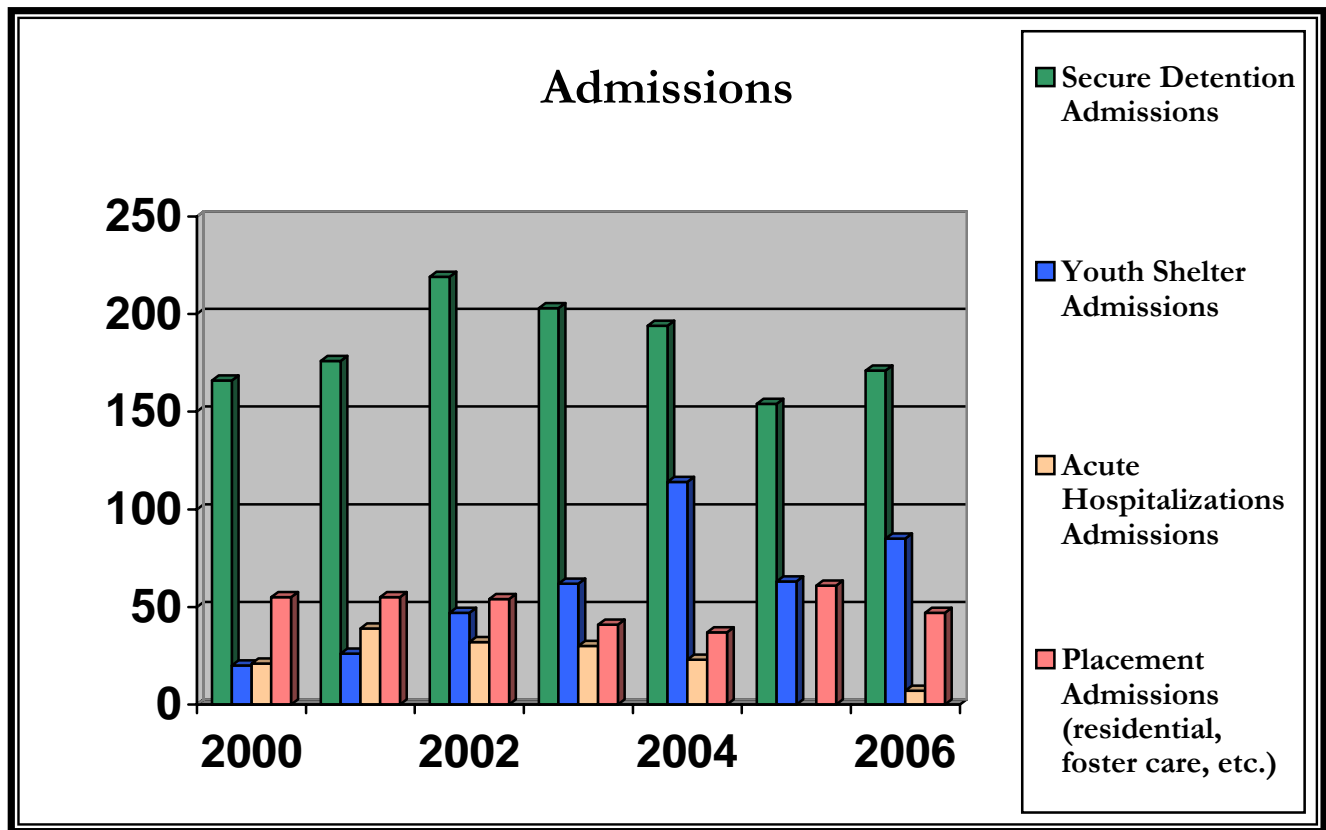
The State of Indiana is participating in the Title IV-E FC Waiver Demonstration Project through the Federal Government. This was originally to be a five-year demonstration project involving federal reimbursement for in-home/in-community services. The State of Indiana was one of 10 states participating 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 2006, \$24,424.60 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 10% increase in the number of admissions to secure detention from 154 admissions in 2005 to 171 admissions in 2006. There was a 26% increase in the number of admissions to shelter care from 63 admissions in 2005 to 85 admissions in 2006.

There were 47 admissions to out-of-home care to include 7 foster care admissions, 3 group home admissions, 2 independent living admissions (scattered site housing), and 35 residential placement admissions. This is a 23% decreased from admissions in 2005.

## 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 2006, ninety-six 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-four 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 2006, a total of three hundred and sixty-three 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 2006, 440 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.

