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# MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

## 2015 Annual Report

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DALE H. CHASE, JUDGE

NANCY L. ABBOTT, CLERK

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**MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT  
2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

**MARCH 31, 2016**

Medina City Council & Mayor  
Medina County Commissioners

The following is the yearly report of operations for the Medina Municipal Court as required by Ohio Revised Code Sec. 1901.14.

The Court received new filings of 13,145 cases and terminated 13,154 cases.

These cases generated \$4,014,325.71 of disbursements, which include bond and civil judgments.

## **CASE FILINGS AND TERMINATION STATISTICS**

Lori A. Henry, Court Administrator

The following is a report of the Medina Municipal Court on cases filed and terminated for each case type as established by the Ohio Supreme Court. The information provided is taken from the Administrative and Individual Judge Reports of the Ohio Supreme Court.

| <b>CRIMINAL &amp; TRAFFIC CASES</b>         |               |               |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | 2015          | 2014          | 2013          | 2012          | 2011          |
| <b>FELONIES</b>                             |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cases Filed:                                | 204           | 265           | 195           | 204           | 218           |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 206           | 264           | 197           | 198           | 216           |
| <b>MISDEMEANORS</b>                         |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cases Filed:                                | 1,820         | 2,000         | 1,831         | 1,734         | 1,782         |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 1,773         | 1,928         | 1,779         | 1,733         | 1,704         |
| <b>O.M.V.I. (DUI)</b>                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cases Filed:                                | 526           | 563           | 575           | 536           | 544           |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 517           | 565           | 553           | 527           | 540           |
| <b>TRAFFIC</b>                              |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cases Filed:                                | 8,086         | 8,136         | 7,503         | 7,200         | 7,550         |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 8,148         | 7,951         | 7,437         | 7,088         | 7,592         |
| <b>CIVIL &amp; SMALL CLAIMS CASES</b>       |               |               |               |               |               |
|   | 2015          | 2014          | 2013          | 2012          | 2011          |
| <b>PERSONAL INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>      |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cases Filed:                                | 7             | 7             | 6             | 29            | 22            |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 4             | 10            | 13            | 27            | 26            |
| <b>CONTRACTS</b>                            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Case Filed:                                 | 1,018         | 1,228         | 1,116         | 1,607         | 1,573         |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 1,039         | 1,073         | 1,350         | 1,405         | 1,644         |
| <b>F.E.D. (Forcible Entry and Detainer)</b> |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cases Filed:                                | 391           | 409           | 445           | 430           | 570           |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 443           | 445           | 415           | 502           | 551           |
| <b>OTHER CIVIL</b>                          |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cases Filed:                                | 865           | 755           | 818           | 780           | 958           |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 783           | 676           | 760           | 914           | 980           |
| <b>SMALL CLAIMS</b>                         |               |               |               |               |               |
| Cases Filed:                                | 228           | 257           | 274           | 299           | 290           |
| Cases Terminated:                           | 241           | 269           | 273           | 314           | 301           |
| <b>TOTAL CASES FILED:</b>                   | <b>13,145</b> | <b>13,620</b> | <b>12,763</b> | <b>12,819</b> | <b>13,507</b> |
| <b>TOTAL CASES TERMINATED:</b>              | <b>13,154</b> | <b>13,181</b> | <b>12,777</b> | <b>12,708</b> | <b>13,554</b> |

**CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES**  
**TOTAL TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CASES FILED**

| <b>AGENCY</b>                     | <b>2015</b>       | <b>2014</b>       | <b>2013</b>       | <b>2012</b>       | <b>2011</b>       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Brunswick City                    | 450               | 482               | 429               | 550               | 512               |
| Brunswick Hills Township          | 1,033             | 1,062             | 362               | 400               | 731               |
| Bureau of Criminal Investigation  | 0                 | 0                 | 1                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Chippewa Lake Constable           | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 3                 |
| Chippewa Lake Zoning              | 0                 | 6                 | 2                 | 4                 | 5                 |
| Division of Watercraft Safety     | 0                 | 1                 | 2                 | 3                 | 0                 |
| Division of Wildlife              | 40                | 49                | 17                | 45                | 10                |
| Granger Township Constable        | 0                 | 0                 | 1                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Hinckley Township                 | 374               | 587               | 414               | 558               | 625               |
| Lafayette Township                | 18                | 6                 | 7                 | 31                | 52                |
| Litchfield Township               | 27                | 29                | 19                | 35                | 47                |
| Liverpool Township                | 21                | 10                | 18                | 20                | 19                |
| Lodi                              | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Medina City                       | 2,548             | 2,517             | 1,777             | 1,485             | 2,037             |
| Medina City Building Department   | 6                 | 5                 | 5                 | 22                | 40                |
| Medina City Zoning                | 3                 | 12                | 3                 | 2                 | 4                 |
| Medina County Drug Task Force     | 41                | 90                | 70                | 23                | 46                |
| Medina County Parks               | 4                 | 3                 | 10                | 5                 | 7                 |
| Medina County Sheriff             | 513               | 481               | 595               | 673               | 595               |
| Medina County SPCA                | 6                 | 14                | 10                | 3                 | 7                 |
| Medina Dog Warden                 | 0                 | 0                 | 2                 | 1                 | 4                 |
| Medina Township                   | 834               | 951               | 1,168             | 945               | 689               |
| Medina Township Zoning            | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Medway Enforcement Group          | 0                 | 3                 | 1                 | 0                 | 2                 |
| Metro Parks                       | 8                 | 10                | 30                | 76                | 77                |
| Montville Township                | 743               | 846               | 1,032             | 687               | 791               |
| North Royalton                    | 2                 | 5                 | 3                 | 3                 | 3                 |
| Ohio Bureau of Workers' Comp      | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 1                 |
| Ohio Department of Agriculture    | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 1                 | 0                 |
| Ohio Department of Transportation | 6                 | 5                 | 8                 | 0                 | 2                 |
| Ohio Investigative Unit           | 9                 | 5                 | 5                 | 8                 | 22                |
| Ohio State Patrol                 | 3,573             | 3,425             | 3,744             | 3,612             | 3,184             |
| Private Citizens                  | 8                 | 9                 | 4                 | 18                | 28                |
| Spencer Village                   | 67                | 80                | 92                | 186               | 194               |
| State of Ohio                     | 2                 | 2                 | 1                 | 3                 | 2                 |
| Strongsville                      | 2                 | 0                 | 2                 | 3                 | 0                 |
| Zoning Violations                 | <u>1</u>          | <u>1</u>          | <u>0</u>          | <u>0</u>          | <u>2</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>10,339</b>     | <b>10,696</b>     | <b>9,834</b>      | <b>9,402</b>      | <b>9,741</b>      |
| <b>Reactivated Cases</b>          | <b><u>297</u></b> | <b><u>268</u></b> | <b><u>270</u></b> | <b><u>272</u></b> | <b><u>353</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>10,636</b>     | <b>10,964</b>     | <b>10,104</b>     | <b>9,674</b>      | <b>10,094</b>     |

**CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES  
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL CASES**

| <b>AGENCY</b>            | <b>2015</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2011</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Brunswick City           | 69          | 74          | 53          | 68          | 63          |
| Brunswick Hills Township | 34          | 12          | 13          | 23          | 29          |
| Hinckley Township        | 30          | 35          | 39          | 41          | 39          |
| Lafayette Township       | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 2           |
| Litchfield Township      | 1           | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0           |
| Liverpool Township       | 0           | 0           | 0           | 2           | 0           |
| Medina City              | 110         | 131         | 88          | 96          | 137         |
| Medina County Sheriff    | 27          | 32          | 33          | 38          | 38          |
| Medina Township          | 35          | 48          | 71          | 31          | 22          |
| Metro Parks              | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 1           |
| Montville Township       | 62          | 63          | 91          | 43          | 34          |
| North Royalton           | 1           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 2           |
| Ohio State Patrol        | 145         | 148         | 171         | 163         | 157         |
| Spencer Village          | <u>4</u>    | <u>1</u>    | <u>3</u>    | <u>11</u>   | <u>7</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>518</b>  | <b>545</b>  | <b>562</b>  | <b>519</b>  | <b>531</b>  |
| Reactivated Cases        | <u>10</u>   | <u>18</u>   | <u>13</u>   | <u>17</u>   | <u>13</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>528</b>  | <b>563</b>  | <b>575</b>  | <b>536</b>  | <b>544</b>  |

**CASE LOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES  
TOTAL OTHER TRAFFIC CASES**

| <b>AGENCY</b>              | <b>2015</b>  | <b>2014</b>  | <b>2013</b>  | <b>2012</b>  | <b>2011</b>  |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Brunswick City             | 215          | 207          | 214          | 262          | 257          |
| Brunswick Hills Township   | 879          | 930          | 279          | 302          | 616          |
| Chippewa Lake              | 0            | 59           | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Chippewa Village Constable | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            |
| Division of Wildlife       | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| Granger Township Constable | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            |
| Hinckley Township          | 303          | 432          | 322          | 449          | 518          |
| Lafayette Township         | 18           | 6            | 7            | 30           | 50           |
| Litchfield Township        | 26           | 27           | 19           | 35           | 45           |
| Liverpool Township         | 21           | 10           | 18           | 18           | 21           |
| Medina City                | 1,590        | 1,519        | 953          | 722          | 1,072        |
| Medina County Sheriff      | 292          | 261          | 385          | 397          | 361          |
| Medina Township            | 621          | 665          | 843          | 743          | 544          |
| Metro Parks                | 2            | 3            | 11           | 18           | 15           |
| Montville Township         | 535          | 607          | 721          | 527          | 671          |
| North Royalton             | 1            | 5            | 3            | 1            | 0            |
| Ohio State Patrol          | 3,317        | 3,194        | 3,474        | 3,373        | 2,950        |
| Spencer Village            | 49           | 67           | 72           | 143          | 160          |
| State of Ohio              | 0            | 1            | 1            | 2            | 0            |
| Strongsville               | <u>2</u>     | <u>0</u>     | <u>2</u>     | <u>3</u>     | <u>0</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>7,872</b> | <b>7,993</b> | <b>7,325</b> | <b>7,025</b> | <b>7,282</b> |
| Reactivated Cases          | <u>212</u>   | <u>143</u>   | <u>178</u>   | <u>175</u>   | <u>268</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>8,084</b> | <b>8,136</b> | <b>7,503</b> | <b>7,200</b> | <b>7,550</b> |

The Brunswick Mayor's Court, which is within the Court's jurisdiction, provided the following information:

| <b>CASE TYPE</b> | <b>CASES FILED</b> | <b>CASES TRANSFERRED TO MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|--|
| Traffic          | 3,393              | 139  |
| OVI              | 189                | 19   |
| Criminal         | 722                | 76   |
| Tax              | 654                | ---  |
| Dog              | 43                 | 4  |
| Building         | 14                 | ---  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>5,015</b>       | <b>238</b>   |

**CLERK OF COURT  
NANCY L. ABBOTT**

The following is a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Medina Municipal Court for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

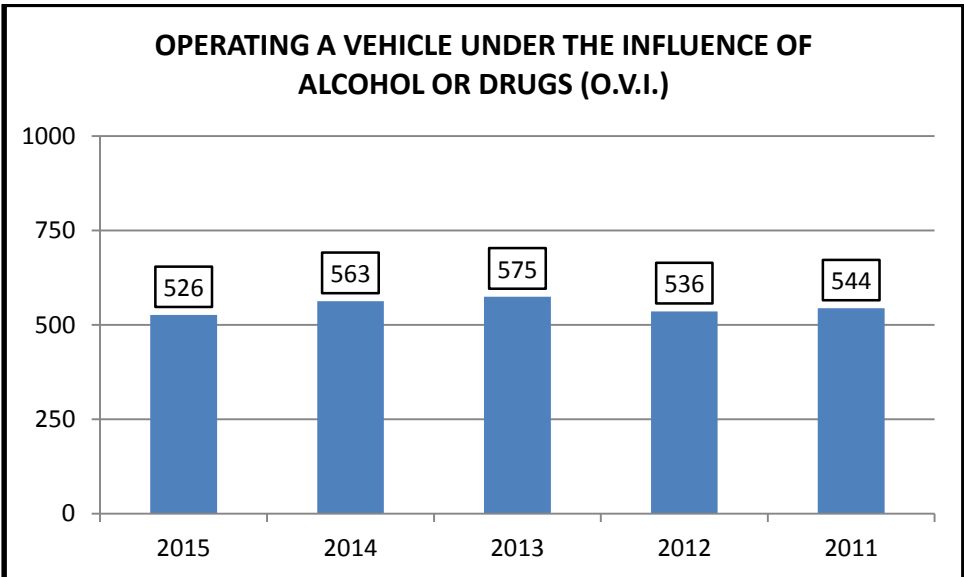
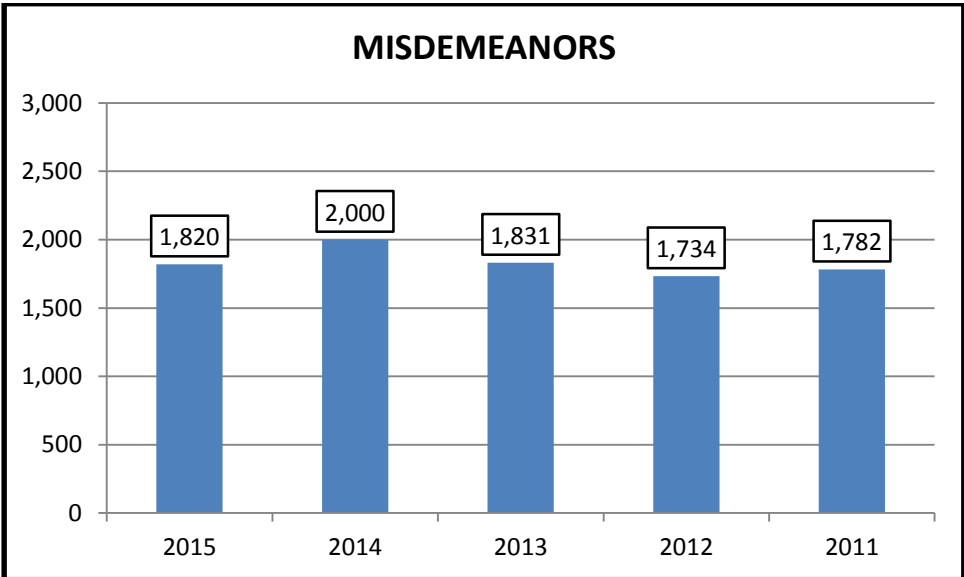
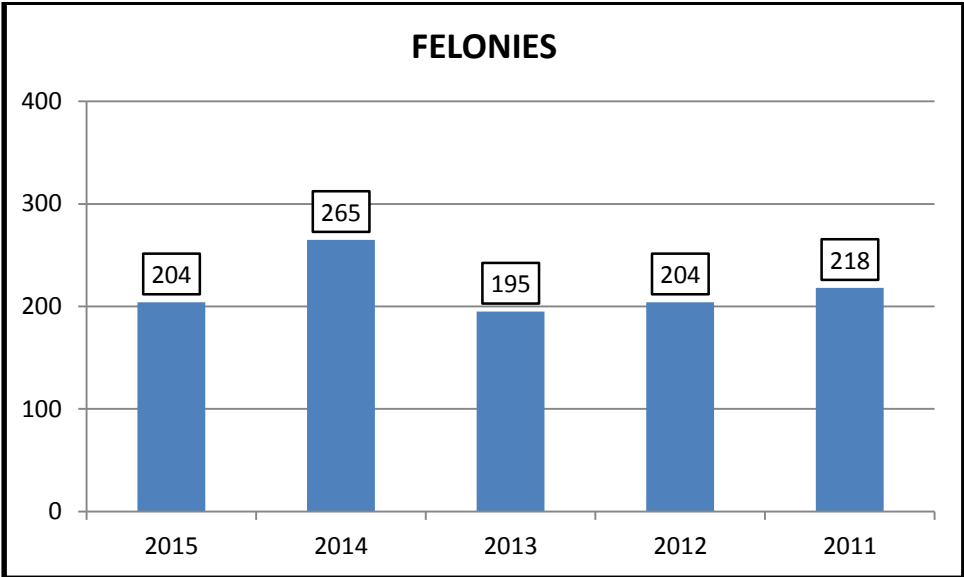
| <b>BOND ACCOUNT</b>                                |  |              |
|--|--|--------------|
| Cash Receipts:                                     |  |              |
| Balance as of January 1, 2015                      |  | 69,786.00    |
| Total receipts for 2015                            |  | 394,369.45   |
| Adjustments (Voided Checks)                        |  | 1,062.76     |
| Disbursements:                                     |  |              |
| Total disbursements for 2015                       |  | 393,826.18   |
| Indigent Defense State Fund (IDSF)                 |  | 6,297.50     |
| Balance as of December 31, 2015                    |  | 65,094.53    |
| <b>CIVIL / LANDLORD-TENANT / TRUSTEE DIVISION</b>  |  |              |
| Cash Receipts:                                     |  |              |
| Balance as of January 1, 2015                      |  | 123,087.51   |
| Cash Receipts                                      |  | 1,446,496.38 |
| Disbursements:                                     |  |              |
| City of Medina                                     |  |              |
| Bailiff Fees                                       |  | 8,702.00     |
| Bank Processing Fee                                |  | 4,938.00     |
| Case Management                                    |  | 7,407.00     |
| Computer Legal Research Service Fee                |  | 7,407.00     |
| Computer Capital Improvement Fund                  |  | 24,690.00    |
| Court Administrative Fee                           |  | 608.94       |
| Court Costs  |  | 221,966.70   |
| Special Project Fund                               |  | 49,380.00    |
| Special Project Fund (FF&E)                        |  | 861.00       |
| State of Ohio                                      |  | 60,285.06    |
| Miscellaneous                                      |  |              |
| Foreign Sheriff Fees                               |  | 0.00         |
| Jury and Witness Fees                              |  | 750.00       |
| Judgments, Returns & Transfers                     |  | 1,043,439.21 |
| Adjustments (voided checks, voided receipts, etc.) |  | -4,064.06    |
| Total Civil Disbursements                          |  | 1,426,370.85 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2015                    |  | 143,213.04   |
| <b>CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC ACCOUNT</b>                    |  |              |
| Cash Receipts:                                     |  |              |
| Balance as of January 1, 2015                      |  | 0.00         |
| Total CR/TR Receipts for 2015                      |  | 2,187,831.18 |

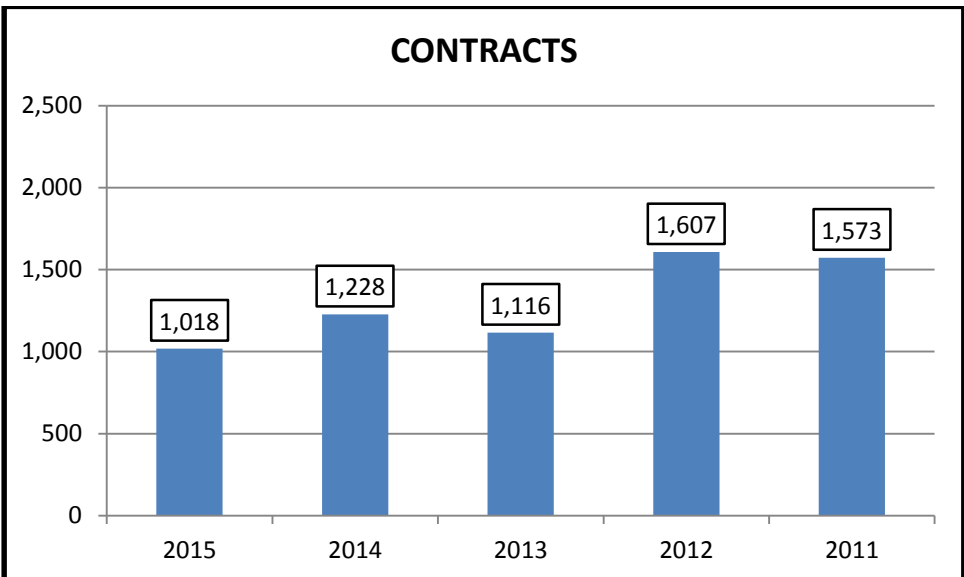
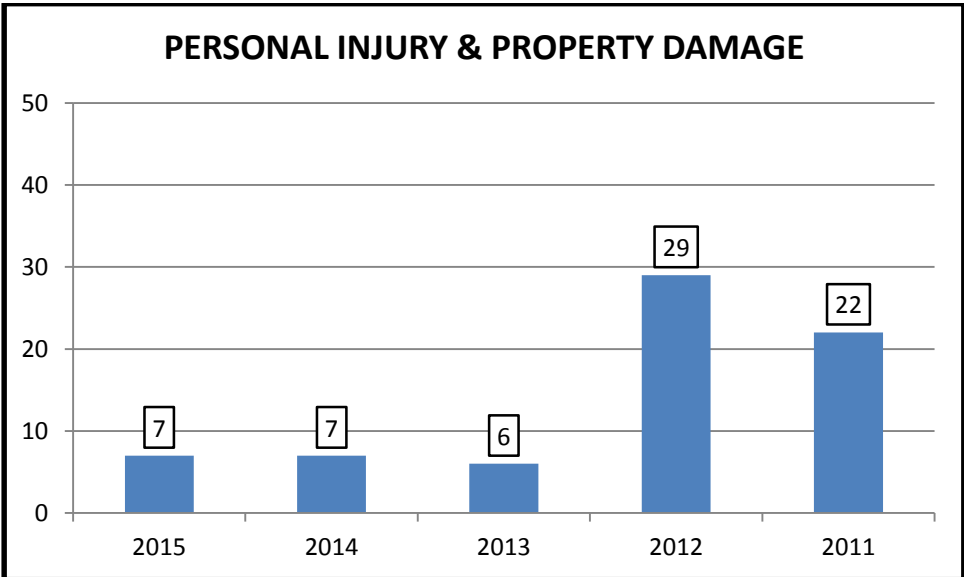
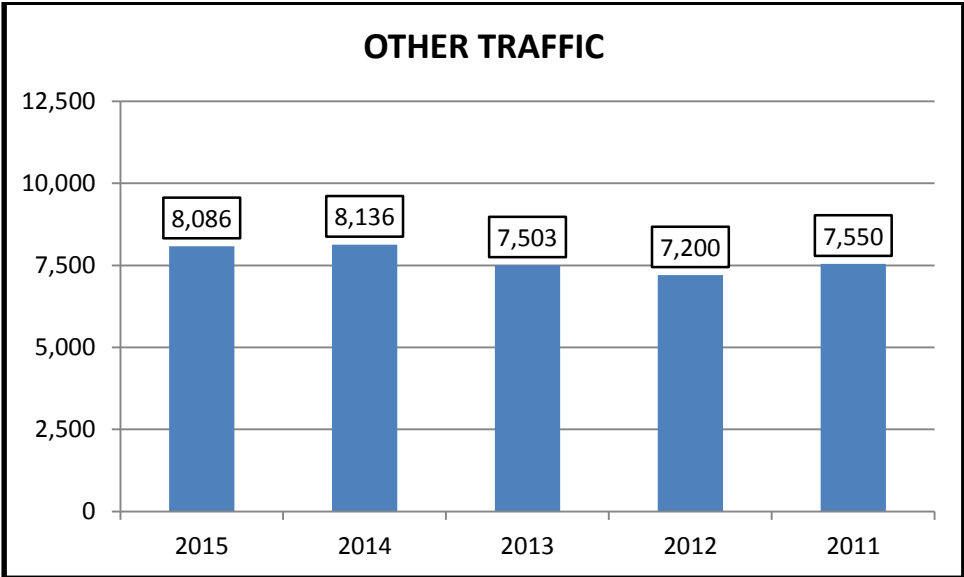
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| <b>City Disbursements: City of Medina Finance Director</b> |  |                     |
|  | Bank Processing Fee                    | 17,480.00           |
|  | Building Code Fines                    | 150.00              |
|  | Case Management Fund                   | 26,118.00           |
|  | City Police Fines                      | 68,047.00           |
|  | Computer Capital Improvement Fund      | 87,756.81           |
|  | Computer Legal Research Fund           | 26,373.90           |
|  | Court Costs                            | 442,052.57          |
|  | Court Reporter Costs                   | 28,516.50           |
|  | Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Act | 23,687.15           |
|  | Indigent Interlock Fund                | 18,171.00           |
|  | Medina City Drug Enforcement Act       | 100.00              |
|  | Medina City DUI Enforcement Act        | 2,053.00            |
|  | Medina Street Maintenance              | 5,274.00            |
|  | Probation Service Fund                 | 125,364.40          |
|  | Reimbursed Jury & Witness Fees         | 1,564.00            |
|  | Special Project Fund                   | 198,592.60          |
|  | Special Project Fund - FF&E            | 3,885.00            |
|  | State Highway Patrol Fines             | 87,223.45           |
|  | Zoning Fines                           | 700.00              |
| <b>Total Criminal Disbursements to Medina City:</b>        |  | <b>1,163,109.38</b> |
| <b>State Disbursements: Treasurer, State of Ohio</b>       |  |                     |
|  | Child Safety Act                       | 509.00              |
|  | Drug Law Enforcement Fund              | 27,450.85           |
|  | Expungement Fees                       | 3,210.00            |
|  | Indigent Defense Support Fund          | 242,486.50          |
|  | Liquor Fines                           | 350.00              |
|  | Seat Belt Fines                        | 19,158.00           |
|  | State Highway Patrol DUI Enforcement   | 2,465.00            |
|  | State Highway Patrol Fines             | 108,996.80          |
|  | State Highway Patrol Safety Fund       | 18.00               |
|  | Victims of Crime                       | 70,437.10           |
| <b>Total State Distribution:</b>                           |  | <b>475,081.25</b>   |
| <b>Miscellaneous County Distributions:</b>                 |  |                     |
|  | Dog Warden Fines                       | 50.00               |
|  | Expungement Fees                       | 2,140.00            |
|  | Indigent Application Fees              | 9,278.50            |
|  | Highway Maintenance Fund               | 4,266.00            |
|  | Jury & Witness Fees                    | 1,535.50            |
|  | Liquor Control Fines                   | 350.00              |
|  | Medina County Park Fines               | 100.00              |
|  | Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation   | 64.00               |
| <b>Total Miscellaneous County Distributions:</b>           |  | <b>17,784.00</b>    |

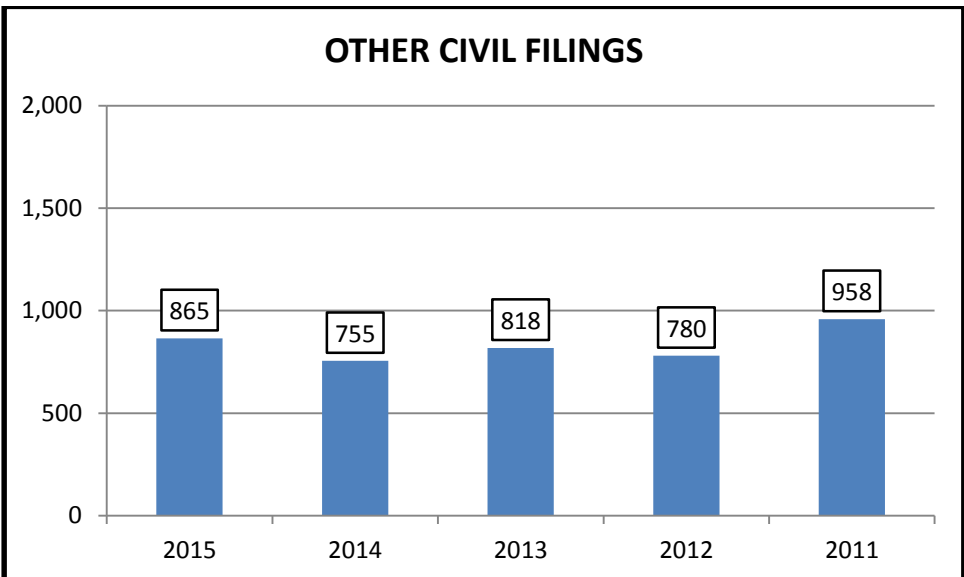
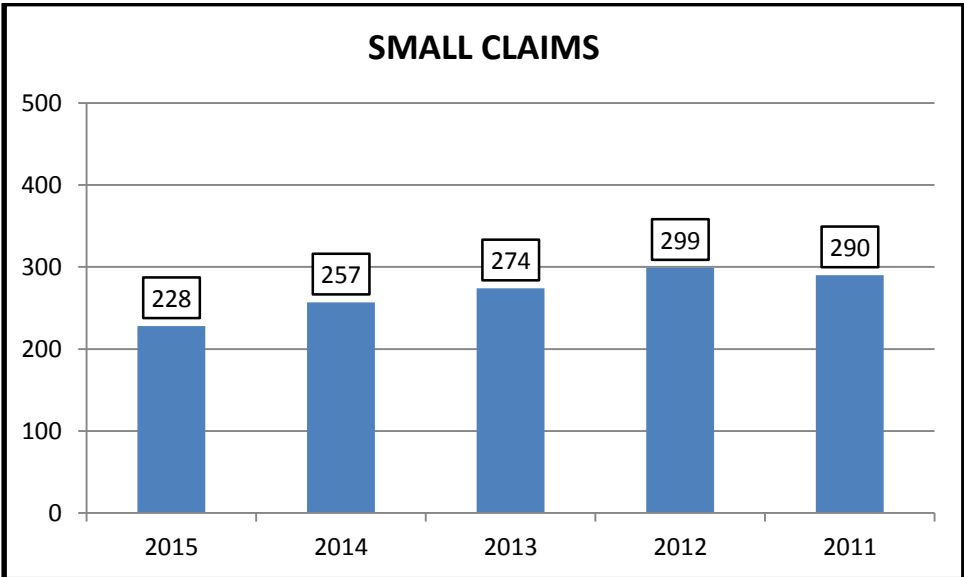
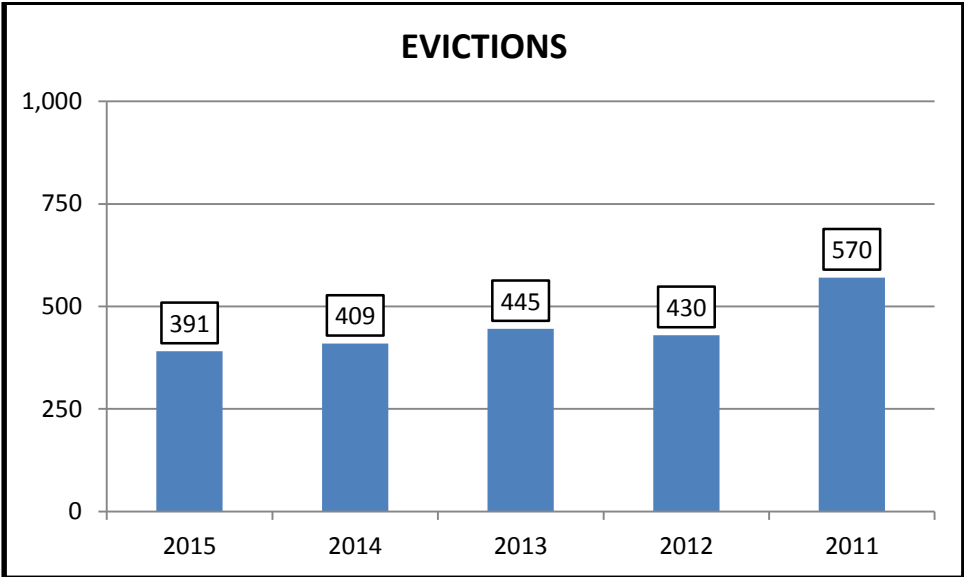


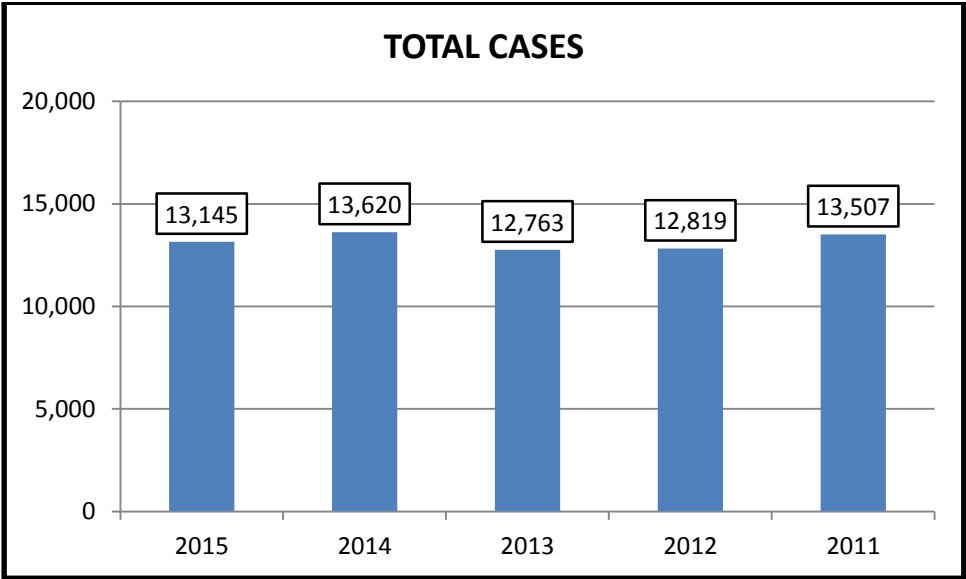
| County Disbursements: Treasurer - County of Medina |                    |            |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| Brunswick City Police Fines:                       | 4511-4513 Sections | 12,859.00  |
|  | All Other Sections | 4,220.00   |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 3,256.00   |
| Brunswick Hills Township Police Fines:             | 4511-4513 Sections | 33,284.00  |
|  | All Other Sections | 4,575.00   |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 10,650.50  |
| Chippew Lake Village Police Fines:                 | All Other Sections | 521.80     |
| Hinckley Township Police Fines                     | 4511-4513 Sections | 54,120.00  |
|  | All Other Sections | 4,554.00   |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 2,325.00   |
| Lafayette Constable Fines:                         | 4511-4513 Sections | 1,050.00   |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 220.00     |
| Litchfield Constable Fines:                        | 4511-4513 Sections | 1,510.00   |
|  | All Other Sections | 50.00      |
| Liverpool Constable Fines:                         | 4511-4513 Sections | 1,380.00   |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 125.00     |
| Medina City Police Fines - State Code:             | 4511-4513 Sections | 33,534.50  |
|  | All Other Sections | 19,080.50  |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 30,656.60  |
| Medina Township Police Fines:                      | 4511-4513 Sections | 44,945.00  |
|  | All Other Sections | 7,157.00   |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 11,338.00  |
| Montville Township Police Fines:                   | 4511-4513 Sections | 43,469.00  |
|  | All Other Sections | 6,562.00   |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 16,224.85  |
| Ohio State Patrol - 10%:                           | 4511-4513 Sections | 20,628.15  |
|  | All Other Sections | 135.00     |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 1,039.10   |
| Spencer Township Police Fines:                     | 4511-4513 Sections | 75.00      |
|  | All Other Sections | 748.00     |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 450.00     |
| Spencer Village Police Fines:                      | 4511-4513 Sections | 1,690.00   |
|  | All Other Sections | 375.00     |
|  | Aud. Cir. 81-5     | 975.00     |
| Total County Distributions:                        |                    | 373,783.00 |

| MISCELLANEOUS DISTRIBUCTIONS:             |              |
|---|--------------|
| Medina County - Sheriff - Fees:           | 5,254.00     |
| Medina County - Sheriff Fines:            | 36,624.19    |
| Medina County - Sheriff DUI Enforcement:  | 628.00       |
| Medina County DUI Jail Costs:             | 24,221.50    |
| Brunswick City - Fines & Costs:           | 32,002.00    |
| Brunswick City - DUI Enforcement:         | 1,699.00     |
| Brunswick Hills Police Fees:              | 4,725.00     |
| Brunswick Hills DUI Enforcement:          | 489.00       |
| Cleveland Metro Parks - Fines:            | 200.00       |
| Cleveland Metro Parks - DUI Enforcement:  | 0.00         |
| Hinckley Police Fines:                    | 1,770.00     |
| Hinckley DUI Enforcement:                 | 710.00       |
| Litchfield Township DUI Enforcement:      | 0.00         |
| Medina Township Police Fines:             | 3,595.00     |
| Medina Township DUI Enforcement:          | 963.00       |
| Montville Township Police Fines:          | 2,886.00     |
| Montville Township DUI Enforcement:       | 1,415.00     |
| North Royalton Police Fines:              | 123.00       |
| Spencer Village Fines:                    | 2,572.00     |
| Spencer Village DUI Enforcement:          | 35.00        |
| Strongsville Police Fines:                | 453.00       |
| Capital Recovery Collections:             | 14,042.20    |
| Cuyahoga County Sheriff:                  | 35.49        |
| Franklin County Sheriff:                  | 10.49        |
| Lake County Sheriff:                      | 21.00        |
| Lorain County Sheriff:                    | 47.74        |
| Medina County Treasurer - Law Library:    | 7,000.00     |
| Ohio Board of Pharmacy:                   | 13,094.50    |
| Ohio Department of Natural Resources:     | 1,637.00     |
| Portage County Sheriff:                   | 39.50        |
| SPCA Fines:                               | 1,766.98     |
| Wayne County Sheriff:                     | <u>13.96</u> |
| Total Miscellaneous Distributions:        | 158,073.55   |
| <hr/>                                     |              |
| Total Criminal and Traffic Disbursements: | 2,187,831.18 |









## **PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Marirose Power, Chief Probation Officer

The probation department employs three full-time general supervision/ presentence investigation officers, a part-time officer, a full-time intensive supervision probation officer, a full-time chief probation officer, and three part-time clerical staff. A grant from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction funds the position of the intensive supervision officer and one of the clerical staff. The grant award was increased this year to cover the cost of in-house programming for moderate and high risk offenders. The grant-funded program serves both the Medina and Wadsworth Municipal Courts.

The department completed presentence investigations in 920 cases, and 114 sealing-of-records investigations. Additionally, probation officers reviewed 223 traffic cases for sentencing, and evaluated 269 victim impact statements.

410 offenders were placed on probation. 61% were convicted of an OVI related offense, 10% were convicted of a domestic violence offense, 7% were convicted of theft/property crimes, 7% were convicted of underage alcohol charges and 8% were convicted of assault. The remaining 7% committed offenses such as cruelty to animals, using weapons while intoxicated, violating protection orders and public indecency.

Reporting appointments for the year totaled 2,929 and 2,505 drug tests were conducted. The probation department also supervised persons ordered to bond reporting and electronically monitored house arrest/transdermal alcohol monitoring. All intervention in lieu of conviction candidates were monitored by probation officers, as were approximately 47 individuals assigned to complete over 2,000 hours of community service. 98 individuals were charged with violating conditions of probation.

## **ALCOHOL TREATMENT FUNDS AND JAIL COSTS**

The Court collected \$44,436.64 for the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Act (IDATA) in 2015. These funds can be used to pay for treatment of indigent defendants. The Court collected \$24,221.50 for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol jail costs, which was paid to the Medina County Auditor. The Court disbursed to townships, cities, Medina County and the State of Ohio a total of \$10,457.00 from funds collected under the Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Act. These funds may be used by the arresting agencies for equipment, training, and enforcement of driving under the influence of alcohol laws.

## **BAILIFF'S OFFICE**

Carl Meding, Bailiff

Current staffing of the Court's Bailiff's Office consists of the Bailiff, four full-time and four part-time Deputy Bailiffs (who also work as security officers manning the Court's metal detector at the Court's public entrance). Bailiffs remain responsible for courtroom and building security, attending to the Court's electronic recording system, as well as overseeing the activities of all people using the Court and its facilities. The bailiff also supervises three additional part-time security guards who operate the Court's metal detector.

One Deputy Bailiff is responsible for the service of subpoenas and other Court papers throughout the Court's jurisdiction. This includes executing evictions and court ordered sales of property. In 2015 the Bailiff's Office executed 167 Writs of Restitution (eviction orders), a 1.8% increase compared to 2014. (See Table #1)

The Bailiff's Office maintains and operates the Court's Law Enforcement Automated data System (LEADS) terminal. The Court once again passed the triennial performed by LEADS, and remains in compliance with all LEADS and NCIC regulations. Of note, the LEADS auditor specifically complimented the Court for zero errors noted when conducting criminal history background checks, (which are routinely performed by the Court's bailiffs and probation officers).

Furthermore, the Court's Bailiff's Office continues to actively pursue defendants who have failed to appear at the Court, or have otherwise ignored court orders. During 2015 the Court's bailiffs physically arrested 71 defendants, and cleared a total of 286 warrants by all means. (See Table #2) Additionally, Table #3 details warrants on hand at the end of 2015.

The Bailiff's office also administers the Court's program of data entry concerning the Court's probationers into the National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) Supervised Release File. These entries allow law enforcement agencies across the nation (and Canada and Mexico) to identify people they come into contact with who are on probation to this Court. These agencies may then contact the Court's probation staff for additional information as necessary, (e.g. individuals being screened for a firearms purchase, or being screened by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement – ICE). This allows the Court's Probation Department to better monitor those defendants.

At the end of 2015 the court listed 426 probationers in the Supervised Release File. During 2015 the Court recorded 125 contacts with various law enforcement agencies dealing with the Court's probationers. These contacts include relatively minor traffic violations, to more serious crimes such as OVI, Domestic Violence, Violating Protection Orders and felony matters such as Felonious Assault.



| TABLE #1  |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| EVICTION ACTIVITY<br>(FORCIBLE ENTRY AND LOCK CHANGE) |                     |
| YEAR  | NUMBER OF EVICTIONS |
| 2011  | 166                 |
| 2012  | 113                 |
| 2013  | 135                 |
| 2014  | 164                 |
| 2015  | 167                 |

The activity of the warrant enforcement bailiff is reflected in the following report:

| TABLE #2                                  |     |
|---|-----|
| TOTAL NUMBER OF WARRANTS RESOLVED:        | 286 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS:               | 270 |
| WARRANTS RESOLVED BY ACTION TAKEN:        |     |
| Executed By Arrest:                       | 71  |
| Came to Court After Home Visit:           | 55  |
| Came to Court After Phone Contact:        | 97  |
| Came to Court After Warrant Block Letter: | 62  |
| Otherwise Resolved                        | 1   |
| NUMBER OF HOME VISITS MADE:               | 443 |

| TABLE #3                              |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| WARRANTS ON HAND                      |     |
| NUMBER OF FAILURE TO APPEAR WARRANTS: | 536 |
| ARRAIGNMENT:                          | 272 |
| TRIAL:                                | 78  |
| CHANGE OF PLEA:                       | 25  |
| SENTENCING:                           | 119 |
| PROBATION VIOLATION:                  | 27  |
| SHOW CAUSE HEARING:                   | 5   |
| COMPETENCY HEARING:                   | 0   |
| JAIL SENTENCE:                        | 3   |
| NUMBER OF CIVIL SHOW CAUSE WARRANTS:  | 7   |

## **COMPUTER DEVELOPMENTS**

Rich Armstrong, Management Information Specialist

The court employs a Management Information Specialist to coordinate all technology applications. The current equipment in place consists of 42 printers, 3 printer/copier/fax systems, 50 desktop and 5 laptop PC's. 2 Dell Power Edge VRTX Servers handle the case management system, document storage and online court access. A Meraki firewall appliance was installed to comply with requirements from the Ohio Leads organization. The antivirus protect was upgraded to Trend Micro installed on all systems. Three Meraki Wi-Fi access points are installed in the Court to allow access by employees and visitors to the internet.

The equipment was upgraded this year with the servers replaced with Dell VRTX Power Edge systems running the Windows 2012 operating system. The servers are running virtualization software Hyper V from Microsoft allowing redundant backup capability and multi-processing. Along with the Meraki firewall system, all the switches were replaced with Meraki gigabit capable intelligent switches. The server upgrade was driven by the age of the old server and the expiration of the Windows 2003 server software from Microsoft. The tape drive backup system was replaced by the Barracuda Cloud Backup system that continually saves the system throughout the day. New UPS backup systems from APC were installed to protect the server setup.

Major changes to the security and logon systems were implemented requiring more secure logon procedures and passcodes. The operating systems were upgraded to use more modern assignment of security, sharing and IP addressing schemes.

The above changes were made possible by the hiring of the local technology company, Technology Engineering Group who works with the City of Medina guiding their hardware and software programs. They were highly valued for their expertise in implementing the system.

The Court uses Case Management software from Civica Systems of Englewood, Ohio. The software is continually upgraded throughout the year in response to user requests generated at the meetings throughout the year.

The Court records are backed up continually to the Barracuda Cloud system which is maintained off site for additional safety. The court data contains records back to 1980.

The audio is recorded in both courtrooms by software from FTR systems and stored on multiple computers. Backups are made for each courtroom and stored offsite and on multiple pc's within the building allowing quick recovery for court staff, attorneys and clients. Our records currently go back to late 2003 for audio. The court audio is also backed up by the Barracuda Cloud appliance.

The technical staff attends various meetings throughout the year to keep current on changes to the case management system as well as new trends in hardware and software development.

Two LEADS computer systems are in use by the Court allowing timely lookup of data for the Court processing, as well as reducing the workload for the Medina Police Department. The LEADS systems were upgraded to the newest DPM release allowing much faster access to the information. The new Meraki firewall was installed to enhance security for this upgrade.

The website is hosted by Blue Domino. The website allows lookups based on case scheduling for both Criminal and Traffic as well as Civil cases.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

All judicial seminars are through the Judicial College of the Supreme Court of Ohio unless otherwise noted.

### **Judge Chase is an active member of the Ohio Association of Municipal/County Court Judges.**

Judge Chase attended the following association meeting:

- January 2015 – Association of Municipal/County Court Judges of Ohio 2015 Winter Conference.
- September 2015 – National Center for State Courts Technology Conference.

### **Magistrates Lawrie, Leggett and Dougherty are active members of the Ohio Association of Magistrates.**

Chief Magistrate Lawrie serves on the Court Technology Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference ([www.ohiojudges.org](http://www.ohiojudges.org)). The committee “explores new development in court technology and policies related to it, and serves as a resource to help Ohio judges effectively use technology.”

Chief Magistrate Lawrie attended the following association meetings and seminars:

- April/May 2015 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2015 Spring Conference – *Getting to Judgment and Back Again (Civil Rule 12(B) Defenses and Objections; Civil Rule 4 (F) Dormant Judgment and Revivor; Civil Rule 55 Default Judgment; Civil Rule 56 Summary Judgment; Case Law Update; Civil Rule 60 Relief from Judgment); Professional Conduct: Ethical Issues; Professional Conduct: Interpreter Services.*
- September/October 2015 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2015 Fall Conference – *Report on the Judiciary; Contract Law and Standard Measures of Damages; The Personal Injury Case, Medical Write-Offs, and Bills; Points of Interest; Overview of State Collection Cases: Review of R.C. 131.02 & Case Law, How to Calculate Costs and Interest; Awarding Punitive or Exemplary Damages; Professional Conduct.*

Magistrate Leggett attended the following association meetings and seminars:

- April/May 2015 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2015 Spring Conference – *Take Notice! (Judicial Notice); Dealing with Documents; Children as Witnesses: Legal Issues and Practical Challenges; Evidence Through Film; Getting to Judgment and Back Again (Civil Rule 12(B) Defenses and Objections; Civil Rule 4(F) Dormant Judgment and Revivor; Civil Rule 55 Default Judgment; Civil Rule 56 Summary Judgment; Case Law Update; Civil Rule 60 Relief from Judgment); Professional Conduct: Ethical Issues; Professional Conduct: Interpreter Services.*

Magistrate Dougherty attended the following association meetings and seminar:

- September/October 2015 – Ohio Association of Magistrates 2015 Fall Conference – *Judging Credibility; Report on the Judiciary; Contract Law and Standard Measures of Damages; The Personal Injury Case, Medical Write-Offs, and Bills; Points of Interest; Overview of State Collection Cases; Review of R.C. 131.02 & Case Law, How to Calculate Costs and Interest; Awarding Punitive or Exemplary Damages; Professional Conduct: Judicial Wellness.*

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES**

The Court continues to see an increase in the number of criminal and traffic cases involving defendants who do not speak English and require assistance in their native language to understand court proceedings. The Court contracted with Language Line Services of Monterey, California to provide language translation for short court proceedings (approximately 5 to 10 minutes in length) and with Monarca Language Services, a Medina business, for other translation services.

## **WEDDINGS**

Judge Chase performed 66 weddings in 2015.

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Respectfully submitted:

MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

MARCH 31, 2016

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DALE H. CHASE, JUDGE

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NANCY L. ABBOTT, CLERK