



# MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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**GARY F. WERNER**  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

**NANCY L. ABBOTT**  
CLERK OF COURTS

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135 North Elmwood Avenue  
Medina, Ohio 44256

*Proudly serving the communities of Brunswick Hills Township, Brunswick City, Chatham Township, Chippewa Lake Village, Granger Township, Hinckley Township, Lafayette Township, Litchfield Township, Liverpool Township, Medina City, Medina Township, Montville Township, Spencer Township, Spencer Village, York Township, in addition to the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, Medina County Sheriff and the Ohio State Patrol*

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March 31, 2019

Medina City Council & Mayor  
Medina County Commissioners

The following is the 2018 annual report of operations for the Medina Municipal Court as required by Ohio Revised Code Sec. 1901.14.

The Court received new filings of 13,821 cases and terminated 14,308 cases.

These cases generated \$3,726,753.43 of disbursements, which include bond, criminal, traffic and civil judgments.

Judge Werner requested the Supreme Court of Ohio to perform two evaluations in 2018. The Supreme Court of Ohio Court Services Division reviewed and submitted a “Case Management Review Report Summary” and its Office of Court Security performed a Physical Security Assessment. Recommendations from both reports were reviewed and several have since been implemented.



# MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

## **COURT STAFF**

### Judicial Staff

**Gary F. Werner**  
Charles T. Lawrie  
Linda Leggett

**Judge, Administrative/Presiding**  
Chief Magistrate  
Magistrate

### Administrative Staff

Cindy Lastuka  
Katie Krosse  
Jon Mazanetz  
Shari McKee

Court Manager  
Administrative Assistant  
Senior IT Technician  
Assignment Commissioner

### Bailiffs

Carl Meding  
Bill Saus  
Patty Lavery  
Kim Province  
Dave Ellinger  
Ross Gould

Chief Bailiff  
Bailiff  
Bailiff  
Bailiff  
Bailiff  
Bailiff (P/T)

### Probation Department

Marirose Power  
Molly Kafer  
Gene Merinar  
Angela Kiss  
Melanie Stroup  
Amy Darr  
Noelle Hayes  
Renee Thomas

Chief Probation Officer  
Probation Officer  
Probation Officer  
Probation Officer  
Probation Officer (P/T)  
Probation Officer (P/T)  
Probation Officer/Support Staff (P/T)  
Probation Secretary (P/T)

### Building Maintenance

Ed Giriunas

Custodian



## CLERK OF COURT STAFF

### Supervisory Staff

**Nancy L. Abbott**  
Jacqueline Ols

**Clerk of Court**  
Chief Deputy Clerk

### Criminal Traffic

Sue McNutt  
Cynthia Kolosky  
Nichole Galante  
Nikki Meyers  
Doris Sidwell  
Krystal Hartshorn  
Peggy Natterer  
Tracy Wasmer

Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Clerk (P/T)  
Deputy Clerk (P/T)

### Civil/Small Claims

Kate Cather  
Laura Riegelsberger  
Michele Sloan

Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Clerk  
Deputy Clerk (P/T)

**CASE FILINGS AND TERMINATION STATISTICS**

Cindy Lastuka, Court Manager

The following is a report of the Medina Municipal Court 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.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>CRIMINAL &amp; TRAFFIC CASES</b>					
<b>FELONIES</b>					
Cases Filed	250	230	210	204	265
Cases Terminated	263	227	216	206	264
<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>					
Cases Filed	1649	1765	1693	1820	2000
Cases Terminated	1808	1674	1666	1773	1928
<b>O.M.V.I. (DUI)</b>					
Cases Filed	563	521	464	526	563
Cases Terminated	603	495	459	517	565
<b>TRAFFIC</b>					
Cases Filed	8446	7841	6869	8086	8136
Cases Terminated	8665	7725	6932	8148	7951
<b>CIVIL &amp; SMALL CLAIMS CASES</b>					
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>					
Cases Filed	13	4	1	7	7
Cases Terminated	10	3	6	4	10
<b>CONTRACTS</b>					
Cases Filed	1745	1477	1030	1018	1228
Cases Terminated	1814	1060	1031	1039	1073
<b>F.E.D. (Forcible Entry and Detainer)</b>					
Cases Filed	298	377	397	391	409
Cases Terminated	241	393	407	443	445
<b>OTHER CIVIL</b>					
Cases Filed	504	556	634	865	755
Cases Terminated	549	611	771	783	676
<b>SMALL CLAIMS</b>					
Cases Filed	353	634	473	228	257
Cases Terminated	355	724	292	241	269
<b>TOTAL CASES FILED</b>	13821	13405	11771	13145	13620
<b>TOTAL CASES TERMINATED</b>	14308	12912	11780	13154	13181

<b>MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b>					
<b>TOTAL CASES 2018-2014</b>					
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC &amp; CRIMINAL CASES BY ARRESTING AGENCY</b>					
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Brunswick City	385	408	450	450	482
Brunswick Hills Township	1240	1169	966	1033	1062
Bureau of Criminal Investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Lake - Zoning	3	2	1	0	6
Chippewa Lake Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Watercraft Safety	0	0	0	0	10
Division of Wildlife	6	17	10	40	49
Granger Township Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	346	508	302	374	587
Lafayette Twp.	3	4	10	18	6
Litchfield Twp.	16	16	24	27	29
Liverpool Twp.	10	11	15	21	10
Medina City Police	3191	2500	2246	2548	2517
Medina City Bldg. Dept.	3	1	4	6	5
Medina City Parks	6				
Medina City Zoning	37	7	4	3	12
Medina Co. Drug Task Force	63	66	62	41	90
Medina Co. SPCA	1	5	4	6	14
Medina County Parks	0	2	3	4	3
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	531	606	560	513	481
Medina Dog Warden	4	2	0	0	0
Medina Twp.	507	582	582	834	951
Medway Enforcement Group	0	0	0	0	3
Metro Parks	10	10	8	8	10
Montville Twp.	594	635	767	743	846
North Royalton	1	1	0	2	5
Office of Inspector General	1	0	0	0	0
Ohio Bureau Workers' Comp	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Dept. of Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Dept. of Transportation	0	1	6	6	5
Ohio Investigative Unit	10	0	1	9	5
Ohio State Patrol	3855	3310	2667	3573	3425
Private Citizens	12	11	13	8	9
Spencer Village	69	99	48	67	80
State of Ohio	1	2	5	2	2
Strongsville	1	1	3	2	0
Zoning Violations	2	0	0	1	1
Total	10908	9976	8761	10339	10705
Reactivated Cases	481	381	475	297	268
Total	11,389	10,357	9,236	10,636	10,973

**MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT  
CASELOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCY  
2018-2014**

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CASES**

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Brunswick City	39	59	60	69	74
Brunswick Hills Twp.	47	31	20	34	12
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	42	21	25	30	35
Lafayette Twp.	1	1	0	0	0
Litchfield Twp.	0	3	0	1	1
Liverpool Twp.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina City Police	105	99	90	110	131
Medina County Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	27	32	36	27	32
Medina Twp.	28	35	32	35	48
Metro Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Montville Twp.	33	39	50	62	63
North Royalton	0	0	0	1	0
Ohio State Patrol	240	184	137	145	148
Spencer Village	0	1	1	1	1
Total	562	505	451	515	545
Reactivated Cases	15	16	13	10	18
Total	577	521	464	525	563

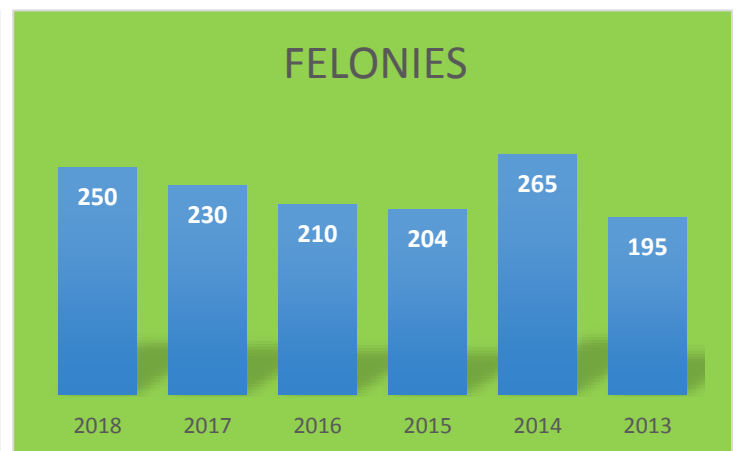
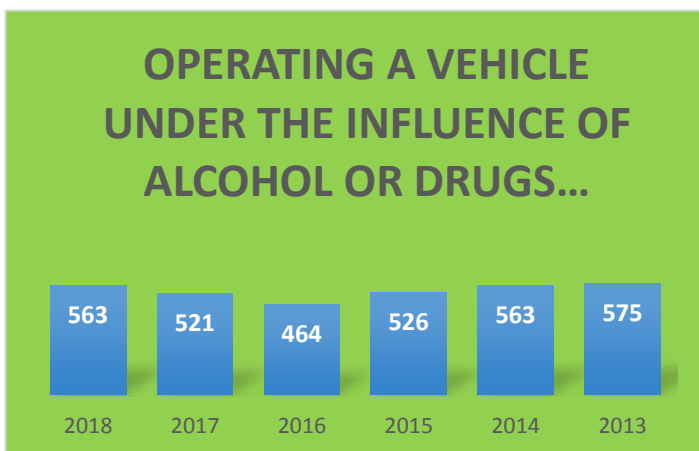
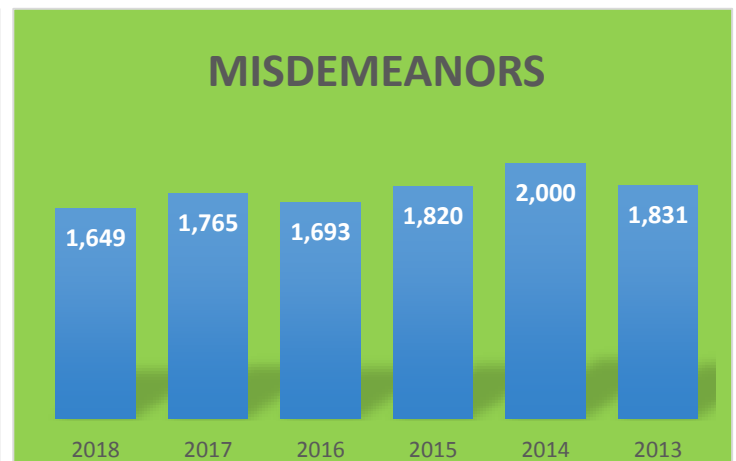
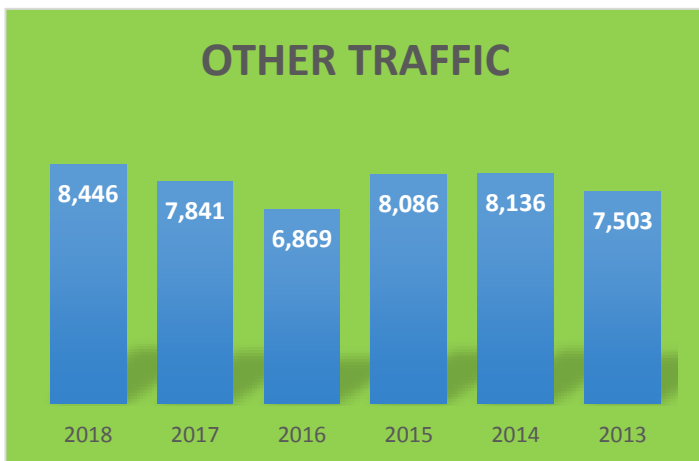
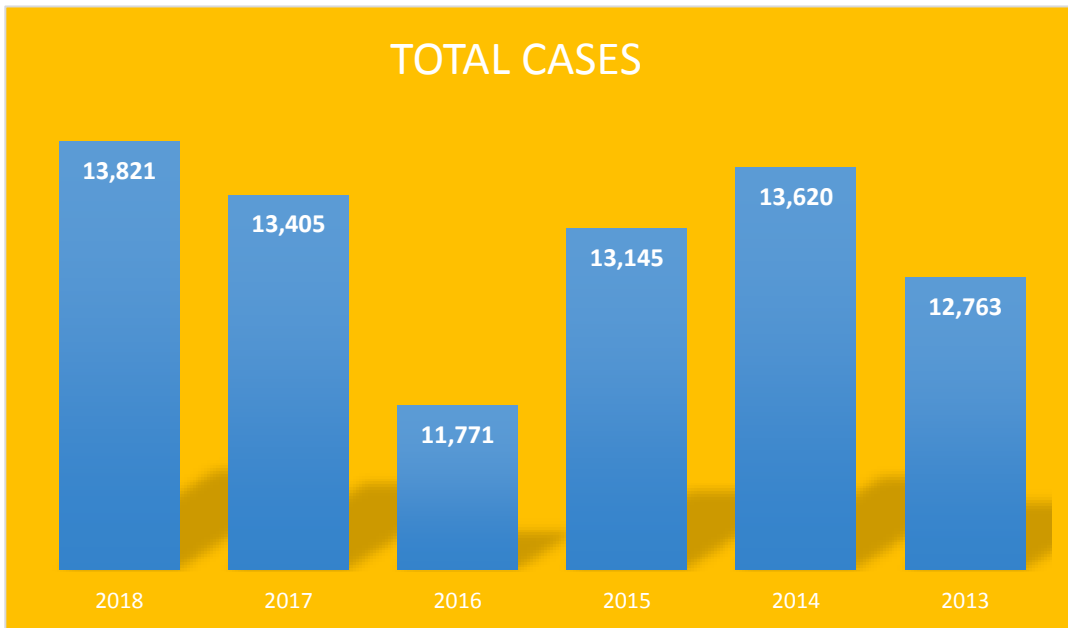


<b>CASELOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES</b>					
<b>TOTAL OTHER TRAFFIC CASES</b>					
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Brunswick City	176	180	198	215	207
Brunswick Hills Twp.	1019	977	773	879	930
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	59
Chippewa Lake Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Village Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Wildlife	0	0	0	1	0
Granger Township Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	256	439	238	303	432
Lafayette Twp.	2	3	10	18	6
Litchfield Twp.	15	12	23	26	27
Liverpool Twp.	10	11	15	21	10
Medina Police Department	2374	1766	1505	1590	1,519
Medina County Parks	0	1	0	0	0
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	262	328	308	292	261
Medina Twp.	339	350	409	621	665
Metro Parks	4	6	3	2	3
Montville Twp.	425	436	571	535	607
North Royalton	1	1	0	1	5
Ohio State Patrol	3501	3023	2437	3317	3,194
Spencer Village	62	90	42	49	67
State of Ohio	1	2	1	0	1
Strongsville	1	1	3	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,448</b>	<b>7,626</b>	<b>6,536</b>	<b>7,872</b>	<b>7,993</b>
Reactivated Cases	339	215	333	212	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,787</b>	<b>7,841</b>	<b>6,869</b>	<b>8,084</b>	<b>8,136</b>

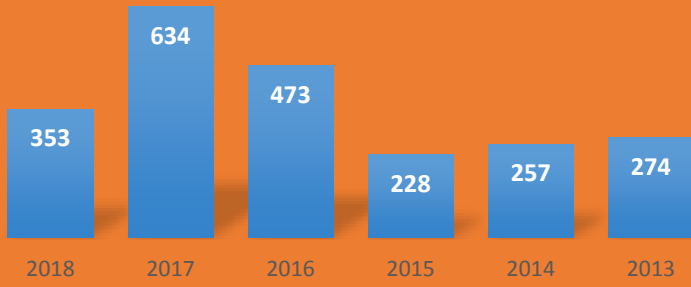
The Brunswick Mayor's Court, which is within the Court's jurisdiction, provided the following information:

<b>CASE TYPE</b>	<b>CASES FILED</b>	<b>CASES TRANSFERRED TO MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b>
<b>Traffic</b>	2835	123
<b>OVI</b>	92	11
<b>Crminial</b>	650	71
<b>Tax</b>	580	0
<b>Dog</b>	35	1
<b>Building</b>	14	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4206</b>	<b>206</b>

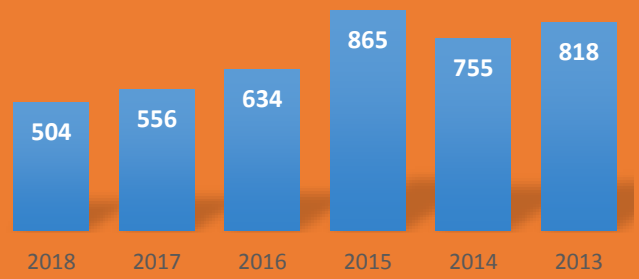
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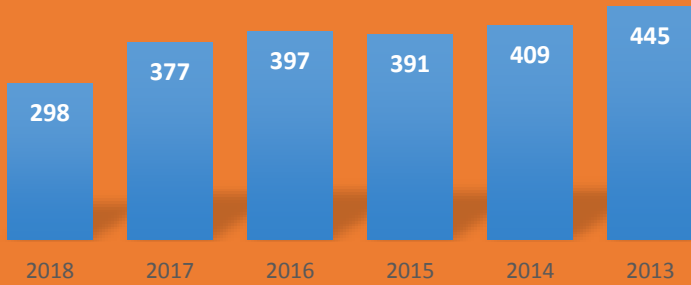
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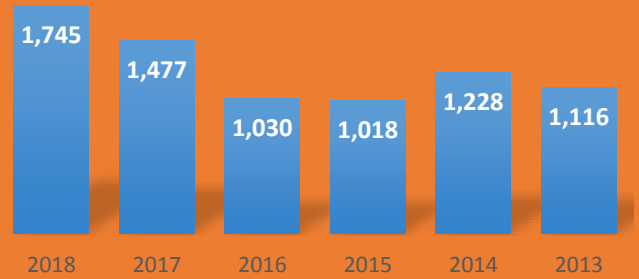
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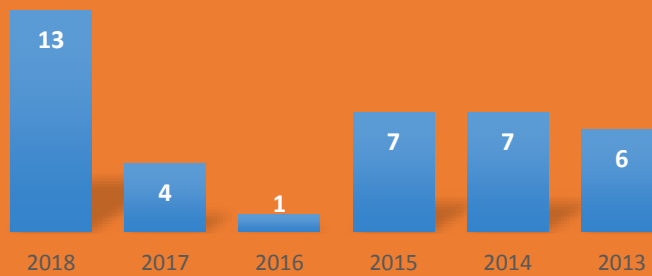
### FORCIBLE ENTRY & DETAINER



### CONTRACTS



### PERSONAL INJURY & PROPERTY DAMAGE



**CLERK OF COURT  
NANCY L. ABBOTT**

**The following is a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Medina Municipal  
Court for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.**

**BOND ACCOUNT**

**Cash Receipts:**

<b>Balance as of January 1, 2018</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70,605.13</b>
<b>Total receipts for 2018</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>398,504.65</b>

**Disbursements**

<b>Indigent Defense Support Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>53,373.25</b>
<b>Disbursements-Judgments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>311,090.65</b>

Balance as of December 31, 2018		\$ 104,645.88
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**CIVIL /LANDLORD-TENANT/TRUSTEE DIVISION**

**Cash Receipts:**

<b>Balance as of January 1, 2018</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>146,753.28</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,568,697.40</b>

**Disbursements:**

<b>City of Medina</b>		
<b>Bailiff Fees</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,108.50</b>
<b>Computer Legal Service Fee</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,619.00</b>
<b>Clerk's Computer Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,630.00</b>
<b>Court Administrative Fee</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>692.11</b>
<b>Bank Processing Fee</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Special Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Case Management</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,312.00</b>
<b>Special Projects Fund - (FF&amp;E)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Court Costs</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>255,821.05</b>
<b>State of Ohio</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>68,518.89</b>
<b>Judgements, Returns &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,208,546.85</b>

Total Civil Disbursements		\$ 1,591,268.40
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<b>Adjustments</b>		<b>\$ 6,036.30</b>
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Balance as of December 31, 2018		\$ 130,218.58
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<b>COUNTY DISBURSEMENTS: TREASURER-COUNTY OF MEDINA</b>		
<b>Brunswick City Fines:</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 8,230.00
	All Other Sections	\$ 3,445.50
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 3,240.00
<b>Medina City Police Fines – State Code:</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 28,358.50
	All Other Sections	\$ 23,121.50
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 34,578.20
<b>10% Ohio State Patrol Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 24,114.67
	All Other Sections	\$ 210.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 913.70
<b>Brunswick Hills Police Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 26,171.00
	All Other Sections	\$ 6,835.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 11,413.30
<b>Hinckley Police Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 70,654.00
	All Other Sections	\$ 3,161.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 1,662.00
<b>Lafayette Constable Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 257.00
	All Other Sections	\$ -
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 50.00
<b>Litchfield Constable Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 1,100.00
	All Other Sections	\$ -
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ -
<b>Liverpool Constable Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 425.00
	All Other Sections	
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 50.00
<b>Medina Twp Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 17,962.10
	All Other Sections	\$ 7,955.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 7,620.60
<b>Montville Twp Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 28,944.00
	All Other Sections	\$ 4,177.50
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 16,549.80
<b>Spencer Township Fines</b>		
	4511-4513 Sections	\$ 100.00
	All Other Sections	\$ 250.00
	Aud. Cir. 81-5	\$ 350.00

<b>COUNTY DISBURSEMENTS: TREASURER-COUNTY OF MEDINA - cont.</b>		
Expungement Fees		\$ 1,540.00
Indigent Application Fee		\$ 11,955.00
Dog Warden Fines		\$ 150.00
Jury & Witness Fees		\$ 1,012.50
Medina County Park Fines		\$ 300.00
Medina County Sheriff Fines		\$ 38,343.50
Highway Maintenance Fund		\$ 2,086.00
Medina County Drug Enforcement		\$ 1,230.00
Medina County DUI Jail Costs		\$ 29,737.50
Liquor Control Fines		\$ 44.00
Sheriff DUI Enforcement		\$ 610.00
North Royalton Fines		\$ 50.00
Strongsville Fines		\$ 50.00
<b>Total County Distributions</b>		<b>\$ 419,007.87</b>

<b>STATE DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Treasurer, State of Ohio	OSP Fines	\$ 126,186.81
	OSP DUI Enforcement	\$ 4,309.00
	Victims of Crime	\$ 77,527.50
	Expungements	\$ 2,310.00
	Seat Belt Fines	\$ 14,786.00
	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 29,942.78
	Liquor Fines	\$ 44.00
	Child Safety Act	\$ 185.00
	Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$ 265,380.96
	State Highway Safety Fund	\$ 65.00
<b>Total State Distributions</b>		<b>\$ 520,737.05</b>

<b>CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC ACCOUNT</b>		
	Balance as of January 1, 2018	\$0.00
	Total CR/TR Receipts for 2018	\$ 2,135,485.03
City Disbursements: City of Medina Finance Director		
	City Police Fines	\$ 106,293.50
	State Highway Patrol Fines	\$ 100,958.45
	Building Code Fines	\$ -
	Zoning Fines	\$ 800.00
	Medina Street Maintenance	\$ 3,058.00
	Reimbursed Jury & Witness Fees	\$ 5,501.90
	Court Costs	\$ 416,532.78
	Court Reporter Costs	\$ 11,775.88
	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Act	\$ 24,396.02
	Computer Legal Service Fund	\$ 28,057.00
	Medina City DUI Enforcement Act	\$ 2,972.00
	Probation Service Fund	\$ 117,243.33
	Clerk's Computer Fund	\$ 93,449.00
	Special Projects Fund	\$ 8,786.33
	Bank Processing Fee	\$ 242.00
	Indigent Interlock Fund	\$ 19,257.50
	Case Management Fund (SPF)	\$ 46,419.00
	FF&E (SPF)	\$ 1,840.00
	Medina City Drug Enforcement Fines	\$ 3,899.70
	10% Bond Fee	\$ 34,530.87
	Community Service (SPF)	\$ 1,480.00
	Pre-Sentence Investigation (SPF)	\$ 35,446.25
	Sealing of record (SPF)	\$ 5,500.00
<b>Total Criminal Disbursements to Medina City</b>		<b>\$ 1,068,439.51</b>

<b>MISC DISTRIBUTIONS</b>		
		\$ 4,535.50
Medina County Sheriff - Fees		
Brunswick Hills Police Fees		\$ 5,479.20
Brunswick Hills DUI Enforcement		\$ 700.00
Brunswick City Clerk – Fines & Costs		\$ 31,519.00
Brunswick City Clerk – DUI Enforcement		\$ 1,734.00
Cleveland Metro Parks – Fines		\$ 275.00
Hinckley Police Fees		\$ 1,657.00
Hinckley DUI Enforcement		\$ 1,016.00
Medina Twp. Police Fees		\$ 2,022.40
Medina Twp. DUI Enforcement		\$ 430.00
Montville Twp. Police Fees		\$ 2,754.00
Montville DUI Enforcement		\$ 665.00
Montville Twp. Resolution Fines		\$ 200.00
Spencer Village Fines:		\$ 4,435.00
Spencer Village DUI Enforcement		\$ 123.00
Chippewa Village Fines		\$ 300.00
Lafayette Township DUI Enforcement		\$ -
Litchfield DUI Fines		\$ -
Medina County Treasurer – Law Library		\$ 7,000.00
Oho Dept. of Natural Resources		\$ 3,430.00
Ohio Board of Pharmacy		\$ 14,937.20
SPCA Fines		\$ 200.00
Ohio BMV Fees		\$ -
Brunswick City Drug Fines		\$ 365.00
Hinckley Drug Fines		\$ 345.00
Montville Township Drug Fines		\$ 1,900.00
North Royalton Fines and Fees		\$ 25.00
Capital Recovery Collections		\$ 41,224.34
Cuyahoga County Sheriff Fees		\$ 28.96
Summit County Sheriff Fees		
<b>Total Miscellaneous Distributions</b>		<b>\$ 127,300.60</b>
<b>Total Criminal &amp; Traffic Disbursements</b>		<b>\$ 2,135,485.03</b>



## **Probation Department 2018** **Marirose Power – Chief Probation Officer**

The Probation Department employs two full time general supervision/ presentence investigation officers, two part-time officers, a full time intensive supervision probation officer, a full time chief probation officer and two 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 part time officers.

The department completed presentence investigations in 1,217 cases, and 120 sealing of records investigations. Additionally, 231 traffic cases were reviewed and prepared for sentencing, and 289 victim impact statements were processed.

Three hundred seven offenders were placed on probation. Of these 56% were convicted of an OVI or closely related offense, 8% were convicted of domestic violence/ threatening domestic violence/ a reduced charge which originated as domestic violence, 5% were convicted of theft/property crimes, 4% committed assault/an act of violence, 3% had aggravated menacing/menacing charges, and another 3% had underage alcohol convictions. The remaining 21% represent a broad range of offenses such as violating protection orders, falsification, possessing drug abuse instruments and resisting arrest.

Reporting appointments for the year totaled 2,616 and over 1,000 drug tests were completed. 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 thirty people assigned to complete over 1,500 hours of community service.

Fifty-six individuals were formally charged with violating conditions of probation.

## **Bailiff's Office 2018** **Carl Meding – Chief Bailiff**

Current staffing of the Court's Bailiff's Office consists of the Bailiff, four full-time and one part-time Deputy Bailiff (who works as a security officer 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 five additional part-time security guards who operate the Court's metal detector at the Court's security checkpoint.

In regard to the court security function, the Bailiff's Office handled five (5) extraordinary incidents in the court. A synopsis of these incidents is listed in the accompanying attachment.

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 2018 the Bailiff's Office scheduled and executed 113 Writs of Restitution (eviction

orders), a 14.4% decrease compared to 2017. (See Table #1) Additionally, the Court's Bailiff Office conducted one (1) Replevin Action per court order during 2018.

The Bailiff's Office maintains and operates the Court's Law Enforcement Automated data System (LEADS) terminal. The Court once again passed the triennial audit performed by LEADS without issue, and remains in compliance with all LEADS and NCIC regulations. This included the supervision of the training by all new court personnel regarding the updated LEADS Security Policy, as well as updating all participation and operational agreements between the new Judge and all relevant LEADS agencies.

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 2018 the Court's bailiffs physically arrested 28 defendants, and cleared a total of 230 warrants by all means. This compares to the 47 defendants arrested, and 241 total warrants cleared in 2017 by the Bailiff's Office, a decrease of 40.4% in physical arrests, and a smaller decrease of .05% in the total number of warrants cleared. This decrease is explained by the Bailiff's Office experiencing staff shortages due to an extended illness by one of the deputy bailiffs which directly impacted the ability of the office to conduct activities outside of the court. (See Table #2) Additionally, Tables #3 and #4 detail warrants on hand at the end of 2018. Additional activities detailed later in this report also contributed to a lower warrant activity effort.

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 (as well as Canada and Mexico) to identify people they have 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 ICE). This allows the Court's Probation Department to better monitor those defendants on probation.

At the end of 2018, the court listed 337 probationers in the Supervised Release File. During 2018 the Court recorded 111 contacts with various law enforcement agencies dealing with the Court's probationers. These contacts run the gamut of relatively minor traffic violations, to more serious crimes such as OVI, Domestic Violence, Violating Protection Orders and felony matters such as Felonious Assault and Felony Drug Possession. In concert with this program, the Bailiff's Office is now pro-actively attempting to visit certain residences of subjects being monitored by the Probation Department. These visits are done at the request of the Court's probation officers in order to monitor and insure compliance with conditions of probation. In 2018 the Bailiff's Office conducted 40 such visits. These visits resulted in three (3) violations being found, and 17 visits where no violations were discovered. The remainder of the visits (20), found the probationer not being at home.

Beginning in April of 2018, the Bailiff's Office also began a new program to enter defendants with specific CONDITIONS OF BOND into the aforementioned LEADS/NCIC Supervised Release File. This became possible after the Bailiff's Office successfully lobbied the LEADS administration to specifically allow courts to do this. Thus the Court and its Magistrates can help alleviate overcrowding at the County Jail by releasing more low risk defendants with personal recognizance or low cash bonds, yet maintaining supervision of these defendants by subjecting them to specific conditions of bond which are designed to encourage compliance. During 2018 the Bailiff's Office entered 159 such defendants into the Supervised Release File. These entries yielded 42 subsequent contacts with law enforcement agencies for a variety of reasons, a 26.4% violation contact rate. To

further enforce these conditions of bond, The Bailiff's Office conducted 108 random compliance checks. Defendants were found at home during 45 of these visits, during which 16 violations were discovered, and 29 instances where no violations were discovered. When combining the 42 law enforcement reported violations, and the 16 Court discovered violations, there were a total of 58 violations recorded in relationship to the 159 defendants entered in the Supervised Release File. This then represents a 36.5% bond condition violation rate.

## **ATTACHMENT ONE** **Security Incident Synopsis**

### **3-16-2018**

Prisoner in main courtroom became disruptive and violent during Court proceedings. Prisoner, though handcuffed with belly chain, turned over a table and began to threaten the Judge and other hearing participants. Deputy Bailiffs and law enforcement personnel present in the courtroom restrained the defendant, and subsequently removed him from the building, returning him to the Medina County Jail. Defendant later indicted for several offences relating to this incident.

### **4-18-2018**

After arraignment on Drug Abuse Instruments charge, the defendant (age 18) became involved in a verbal argument with his father as they exited the court via the main entrance. Just outside the door of the court building the argument escalated with the father throwing a punch towards the defendant which missed. The two then began to grapple and were immediately restrained by the Court Security Officer, a deputy bailiff and a Sheriff's Deputy who had just arrived to the court to deliver various papers. Medina PD was summoned and subsequently charged the father with Domestic Violence.

### **6-21-19**

Medical emergency. After being sentenced to a jail term, defendant began experiencing chest pains. Life Support Team was summoned and EKG readings indicated abnormal results. Defendant was subsequently transported to the hospital for treatment.

### **7-9-2018**

Court Security officer at screening checkpoint discovered a small amount of marijuana in a diaper bag that a woman coming into court with a baby had in her possession. Medina PD was summoned and subsequently issued the woman a minor misdemeanor citation for Marijuana Possession.

### **7-11-2018**

An individual with mental health issues became agitated while speaking with a mental health counselor at the Alternative Paths facility in Medina. The individual left the facility as staff was calling for assistance to have the individual committed for an involuntary mental health evaluation. The individual came to the court where he encountered the Chief Probation Officer in the lobby of the court. Deputy Bailiffs and the Court Security officer at the security checkpoint were able to detain the individual until Medina PD arrived to take him to the hospital for his mental health evaluation.

**Table #1**  
**EVICITION ACTIVITY**  
 (Forcible Entry and Lock Change)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF EVICTIONS</u>
2014.....	164
2015.....	167
2016.....	155
2017.....	132
2018.....	113

**Table #2**  
**WARRANT ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

TOTAL NUMBER OF WARRANTS RESOLVED.....	230
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS.....	227
WARRANTS RESOLVED (BY ACTION TAKEN):	
EXECUTED BY ARREST.....	28
CAME TO COURT AFTER HOME VISIT.....	44
CAME TO COURT AFTER PHONE CONTACT.....	92
CAME TO COURT AFTER WARRANT BLOCK.....	66
NUMBER OF HOME VISITS MADE.....	343

**Table #3**  
**WARRANTS ON HAND**

NUMBER OF FAILURE TO APPEAR WARRANTS.....	598
ARRAIGNMENT.....	285
PRE-TRIAL.....	5
TRIAL.....	85
CHANGE OF PLEA.....	27
SENTENCING.....	109
PROBATION VIOLATION.....	37
SHOW CAUSE/STATUS HEARING.....	39
COMPETENCY HEARING.....	0
JAIL SENTENCE.....	4
CIVIL SHOW CAUSE WARRANTS.....	7

**Table #4**  
**WARRANTS ON HAND BY GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION**

WITHIN MEDINA COUNTY.....	28
WITHIN ADJACENT COUNTY AREA.....	165
WITHIN STATE OF OHIO.....	141
OUTSIDE OF OHIO.....	244
OUTSIDE OF UNITED STATES.....	20

NOTE: THESE LOCATIONS ARE BASED UPON THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE BAILIFF'S OFFICE AS OF 2-1-2019

# **IT Department 2018**

**Jon Mazanetz,**

The court employs a Management Information Specialist to coordinate all technology applications. The current equipment in place consists of 38 printers, 3 printer/copier/fax systems, 48 desktop workstations, 2 laptops. Two Dell Power Edge VRTX servers handle the case management system, segmented network storage, and online court access. A Meraki firewall appliance is installed to comply with requirements from the Ohio Leads Organization. For virus protection the court has Trend Micro running on all systems. Three Meraki access points are installed to allow employee and visitor access to the internet.

The court continues to work with Technology Engineering Group for guidance in hardware and software programs. They continue to be a highly valued asset to the courthouse for high level troubleshooting, maintenance, and implementation.

The court currently uses case management software from Civica Systems of Englewood, Ohio. The court is in the process of migrating away from Civica Systems.

A new case management system called Benchmark is being implemented by Pioneer Technology Group of Sanford, Florida. The IT Admin is heavily involved in the implementation of the new Benchmark software. This is to help with a smooth transition, and to become proficient in supporting the needs of the users in the courthouse regarding the software. With this new software, the court can shift into a mostly paperless environment. This will free up the cost of any physical storage, as well as printer maintenance. This software is expected to greatly increase productivity both within and between departments.

After the implementation of the new software, the court's main technology goal is to update all workstations to Windows 10. This is in response to Windows 7 end of life date on January 14, 2020.

The court records are continually backed up to the Barracuda Cloud system which is maintained offsite for disaster recovery purposes. This data contains records dating back to the 1980. Audio is recorded in both courtrooms by software from FTR systems and is stored on the network drives. This audio dates to 2003 and is also backed up to the Barracuda Cloud system.

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

There are two LEADS systems in use by the court allowing authorized users to look up data for court processing. This also reduces the workload for Medina Police Department. The system is secured by a Meraki firewall.

The website is hosted by Blue Domino. The site has the functionality to allow lookups based on case scheduling for criminal, traffic, and civil cases.

The court camera system is managed on through via a Hikvision DVR with 15 total cameras, 3 IP cameras and 12 analog cameras.

# **Magistrates' Office 2018**

**Charles T. Lawrie – Chief Magistrate**  
**Linda Leggett – Magistrate**

Magistrate Lawrie and Magistrate Leggett are both active members of the Ohio Association of Magistrates.

Chief Magistrate Charles 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.”

As a member of the Court Technology Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference, Magistrate Lawrie prepared and participated in presentations for the Ohio Judicial Conference’s Court Technology Conference in April 2018.

## **Judicial Seminars**

(All seminars are through the Judicial College of the Supreme Court of Ohio unless otherwise noted)

Magistrate Lawrie attended the following seminar(s):

- April 2018: Ohio Association of Magistrates 2018 Spring Conference – *When Will the Law Catch Up to Science?; Cognitive Judicial Decision Making; Vicarious Trauma; When to Use and Affidavit Instead of a Witness; Alternative Ways of Testifying; How to Handle Reluctant Witnesses in Domestic Violence Cases; Police Officers as Witnesses: Body-Worn Cameras; Qualifying an Expert Witness; When Traffic Cameras Come to Your City; How to Handle Electronic Evidence; Crossing the Line: Judicial Notice or Error*
- *Active Shooter Awareness; Dealing with Stress, Depression, and Aging; Professionalism; Anatomy of a Trial; Evidence Made Easy; Best Practices; Review of a Trial Practice; Perception and Persuasion in Communication*

Magistrate Leggett attended the following seminar(s):

- September 2018: Ohio Association of Magistrates Fall Conference – *Understanding & Mitigating Implicit Bias; Game Theory as a Foundation of Law; Marsy’s Law & Restitution; Ability to Pay; Ohio Court’s Update; Understanding Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Program; Sealing of Records – AG’s Pilot Program; Bail/Bond Reform; Dealing with Decision Fatigue; Understanding Sexual Harassment.*

Magistrate Leggett also serves on the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center Community Excellence Council since 2014, and on the Pretrial Standards and Recommendations Committee of the County’s Local Corrections Planning Board. In 2012, Magistrate Leggett received certification from Ohio Supreme Court in Basic Mediation & Uniform Mediation Act Training.

## **Foreign Language Interpreting Services**

The Court maintains interpreting services for defendants who do not speak English and require assistance in their native language to understand court proceedings. The Supreme Court of Ohio contracts with Language Line Services of Monterey, California and offers their services to Ohio Courts to provide language translation for short court proceedings (approximately 5 to 10 minutes in length). Monarca Language Services, a Medina business, is used by the Court for other translation services.

## **Weddings**

Judge Werner performed 70 weddings in 2018.

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Respectfully submitted:

**MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT**

**MARCH 31, 2019**

*Gary F. Werner*

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GARY F. WERNER, JUDGE

*Nancy L. Abbott*

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NANCY L. ABBOTT, CLERK