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Tennessee Judiciary*



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Message from the Chief Justice and Administrative Director

Dear Fellow Tennesseans,

It is with pleasure that we present the 2002-2003 Annual Report of the Tennessee Judiciary. The report contains information we hope you will find useful, including statistics on case filings and



*Chief Justice
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dispositions, the names of judges and clerks in the appellate courts and each judicial district, information on awards in civil cases and much more.

Each year the annual report also has a special focus. This year we are taking you "Behind the Scenes" in the judicial branch. Television, movies and fictional literature may leave the impression that the court system is one-dimensional. And, indeed, the critical and visible work of judges, clerks, lawyers and others inside every courthouse is the heart and soul of the system. But there are many other functions performed to provide support and additional vital services. The

Administrative Office of the Courts has wide-ranging responsibilities - including many mandated by law - that help make our courts function openly and efficiently to provide a justice system second-to-none.

In "Behind the Scenes," you will read about the AOC's diverse support team working with judges and clerks to maintain and continually improve the system we have inherited and others will inherit from us. From the Technology Division, which provides computer support for more than 1,400 court system personnel, to the Education Section, with its myriad of duties including overseeing educational conferences for judges and clerks, the AOC is an office in perpetual motion.

Those of us who are privileged to be part of the judicial branch are constantly reminded, as we perform our individual roles, what a remarkable system of justice the founders of our state created. Our pledge is to be faithful and diligent caretakers.

Sincerely,

Frank F. Drowota, III

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank F. Drowota, III".

Connie Clark

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Clark".



*Director
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"There is created the Administrative Office of the Courts. The purpose of this office is to assist in improving the administration of justice in the state . . ."

Tennessee Code Annotated



The AOC's Evolving Mission

The AOC, created by statute, provides an array of support services to the entire state court system. The director, who is appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court, is chief administrative officer for the courts and oversees the AOC. Duties of the office include preparing the court system's annual budget; providing judicial education, law libraries, computers, other equipment, training and

technical support for judges and other court personnel; assisting judges with case assignments; administering payroll accounts for the court system; conducting orientation for new judges; administering the official state criminal court reporter system; providing assistance to judicial committees; compiling data; and reviewing and disbursing funds to court-appointed attorneys, experts and foreign language interpreters appointed to assist indigents. Many of the responsibilities are mandated by the General Assembly, while others are based on necessity to help keep courts operating efficiently.

Duties are added as the court system evolves to serve a changing state and changing times. For example, in 2003, the number of officially certified and registered foreign language interpreters grew to 84 in five languages - Spanish, Arabic, Dutch, Bulgarian/Russian and Mandarin, reflecting Tennessee's increasing diversity. The standards for interpreters to become certified or registered are spelled out in Supreme Court rules, adopted in response to need in urban and rural courts across the state. The AOC's Court and Public Services Division (CAPS), working with the National Center for State Courts, tests interpreter applicants and maintains a roster of interpreters for judges.

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The roster also is available on the court system website, which is another AOC responsibility. The website - www.tsc.state.tn.us - includes information, forms, opinions and even a section for children and is maintained by a full-time webmaster. It is increasingly used as a resource, with nearly 36 million hits and 1.24 million visitors during 2003.



Staff Attorney Amy Frogge and Programs Manager Mary Rose Zingale

Executive Division

In addition to providing overall agency management and administration, the Executive Division's duties include staffing judicial commissions and conferences. Specifically, the division staffs the Judicial Selection Commission, the Judicial Council, the Tennessee Judicial Conference and the Tennessee General Sessions Court Judges' Conference. Judicial designations are coordinated through the Executive Division when it is appropriate for a judge assigned to a case to recuse himself or herself. The division also has primary responsibility for government and legislative relations and works on behalf of the judicial branch with associations and constituencies of the Tennessee bar.

Education and Training

With responsibilities including organizing and staffing 14 training sessions and educational conferences for judges, clerks, staff attorneys and others in the judicial system and coordinating four SCALES Projects involving nearly 2,000 high school students, the Education Section of the CAPS Division was moving at full speed in 2003.

The staff also helped with or oversaw other meetings and conferences dealing with topics as far afield as planning for disasters in the court system and providing equal access to justice for pro se - or self-represented - litigants. In addition, the Education Section and other AOC staff planned and participated in a national conference, Women Working in Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

Training is a vital part of the AOC's mission, not only for court system personnel, but also for Foster Care Review Boards, youth services officers, foster parents, attorneys, Department of Children's Services workers, juvenile judges and others involved in protecting children in state custody. Through the federally-funded Court Improvement Program, which is a part of CAPS, training was provided for nearly 600 individuals across the state. CIP either conducted or participated in another 19 trainings, including the state's first Methamphetamine Conference with 580 attendees.

Additional CAPS Responsibilities

The role of the CAPS Division is wide-ranging and also includes responsibility for the website, media relations, producing publications and administering the VORP Project, the Parenting Plan Program, the Judicial Evaluation Program and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. More than 150 mediators attended the ADR Commission's advanced mediation seminar in Nashville this year. Additionally, the legal section is part of the CAPS division, providing a variety of services from legal research to legislative tracking for the judicial system.

Tennessee Court Information System

The Tennessee Court Information System (TnCIS) is a statutorily-authorized trial court case management software system integrating case tracking and accounting functions for court clerks, including circuit, criminal, chancery, probate, juvenile and general sessions. TnCIS software will provide participating clerks with an automated case management system to improve record keeping, reduce paperwork, improve timeliness, enhance fee collection, allow for better sharing and transfer of data, aid in the efficient management of the court's time and provide better service to the public.

2003 has been a busy year on the TnCIS project. The TnCIS staff worked on final design deliverables for Wave 1 - General Sessions only functionality. After those were completed, the team from Local Government started programming while the AOC team began preparations for testing. Loudon, Wilson and Madison counties were selected as pilot sites for Wave 1. The first pilot site is expected to be installed in the early Spring of 2004.



Accounting Technician Debbie Hill

Technology in the Courts

Technology Services, another of the AOC's divisions, provides computer support for more than 1,400 court system personnel, maintains 74 local area networks and oversees the wide area communications that tie together all appellate court sites, as well as Tennessee Court Information System (TnCIS) project sites and the AOC. The staff also provides classes on court-supplied software and the help-desk assists court personnel with support issues.

Software upgrades were started in 2003 for the Judicial Information Tracking System (JITS). The updates are expected to enhance the system's performance. In addition, the division continued to improve the quality and accuracy of Tennessee Judicial Information System (TJIS) data.

To comply with legislation requiring the AOC to collect data from general sessions courts, the Technology Services Division established a limited data set that was implemented July 1 and is moving toward complete statistical data collection as funding allows.

Updated software was completed and put into operation for tracking court reporters and a needs analysis, workflow and specifications were developed for an improved indigent defense tracking system.

Human Resources

The employees who perform the multitude of tasks at the AOC, as well as all other judicial department employees, have their own behind-the-scenes support from the Human Resources Division. In 2003, the division - with help from the Technology Division - made a significant efficiency improvement with implementation of the Human Resources Information System (HRIS) to manage attendance and payroll hours. Using the computer-based system, employees enter their annual and sick leave, rather than submitting paper time sheets showing the number of hours they worked each day.

Fiscal Services

But none of the AOC divisions, and in fact, the entire court system, could operate without the Fiscal Services Division with its three major sections - accounting management, facilities management and office management. The work of the three groups within Fiscal Services affects all employees of the court system.

During fiscal year 2002-03, the division processed 66,269 indigent defense claims, entered at least 1.5 million lines of data into the overclaim database, audited and paid approximately 12,870 invoices and expense reports, processed approximately 460 journal vouchers, accounted for over 4,500 equipment items and deposited 2,300 checks.

The budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 was \$81,329,800, before supplemental appropriations, with total expenditures of \$84,462,673.

Appellate and Trial Courts	\$42,261,630	50.04%
Supreme Court Buildings	2,381,306	2.82%
Child Support Referees	987,395	1.17%
Guardian Ad Litem	1,662,036	1.97%
Indigent Defendants Counsel	16,897,986	20.01%
Civil Legal Representation Fund	3,327,900	3.94%
Verbatim Transcripts	3,400,103	4.03%
Law Libraries	570,774	0.68%
Judicial Conference	195,572	0.23%
Judicial Programs and Commissions	462,668	0.55%
State Court Clerks' Conference	172,975	0.20%
Administrative Office of the Courts	2,408,773	2.86%
TnCIS	4,944,300	5.85%
Appellate Court Clerk's Offices	1,680,808	1.99%
Board of Law Examiners	588,311	0.70%
Board of Professional Responsibility	1,886,363	2.23%
TN Lawyers' Assistance Program	217,401	0.26%
Continuing Legal Education	385,764	0.46%
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection	30,588	0.04%
Total Expenditures	\$84,462,673	

The criminal indigent defense fund expended \$16,897,986 for fiscal year 2002-2003, including \$3,649,471 for capital cases. Listed below are the expenditures for the indigent defense fund and for capital cases for fiscal years 1997-98 through 2002-03:

Expenditures from the indigent defense fund:

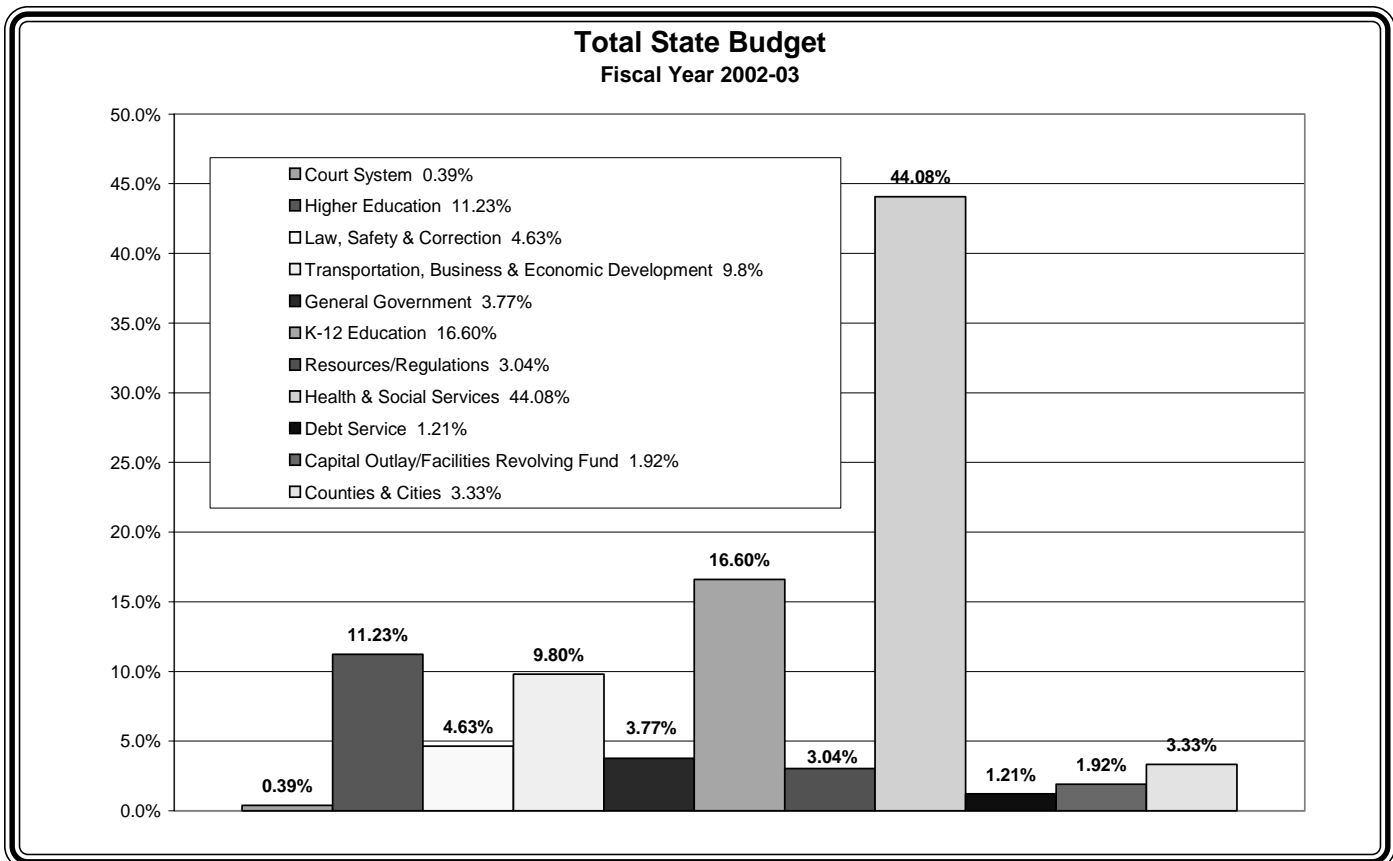
Fiscal Year 2002-2003	\$ 16,897,986
Fiscal Year 2001-2002	14,897,665
Fiscal Year 2000-2001	12,877,960
Fiscal Year 1999-2000	12,878,170
Fiscal Year 1998-1999	11,288,119
Fiscal Year 1997-1998	9,628,384

Expenditures from the indigent defense fund for capital cases:

Fiscal Year 2002-2003	\$ 3,649,471
Fiscal Year 2001-2002	3,014,000
Fiscal Year 2000-2001	2,719,636
Fiscal Year 1999-2000	3,234,723
Fiscal Year 1998-1999	2,574,955
Fiscal Year 1997-1998	2,189,110



Inventory Control Clerk Laura Hood



2003: Tornado, Storms Damage Jackson Building, Appellate Courts Move to New Home in Knoxville

Court buildings in Jackson and Knoxville were in the news during 2003. In May, the Tennessee Supreme Court Building in Jackson, which houses the Western Section Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals and where the Supreme Court meets, was heavily damaged by storms and tornados. The Madison County Criminal Justice Complex also was ravaged, forcing trial and general sessions judges to find temporary quarters. The courts were back in operation within days as judges heard cases in makeshift facilities ranging from a motel to the jail chapel. Clerks also made quick arrangements to provide services. Updated information for jurors, litigants and attorneys was posted on the court system website during the crisis.



Storm and tornado-ravaged Supreme Court Building in Jackson

On a brighter note, after outgrowing the cramped Supreme Court Building on Locust Street in Knoxville, the three appellate courts moved into spacious quarters in the historic downtown Post Office Building. Besides serving as a post office for many years, the building had housed U.S. District Court for 64 years.

The State Building Commission approved the move after nearly a decade of discussion and debate about possible sites to house the courts, clerk's office and legal library. The Supreme Court is mandated by the state Constitution to sit in Knoxville, Nashville and Jackson. The other appellate courts sit in panels of three to hear cases in the three locations.

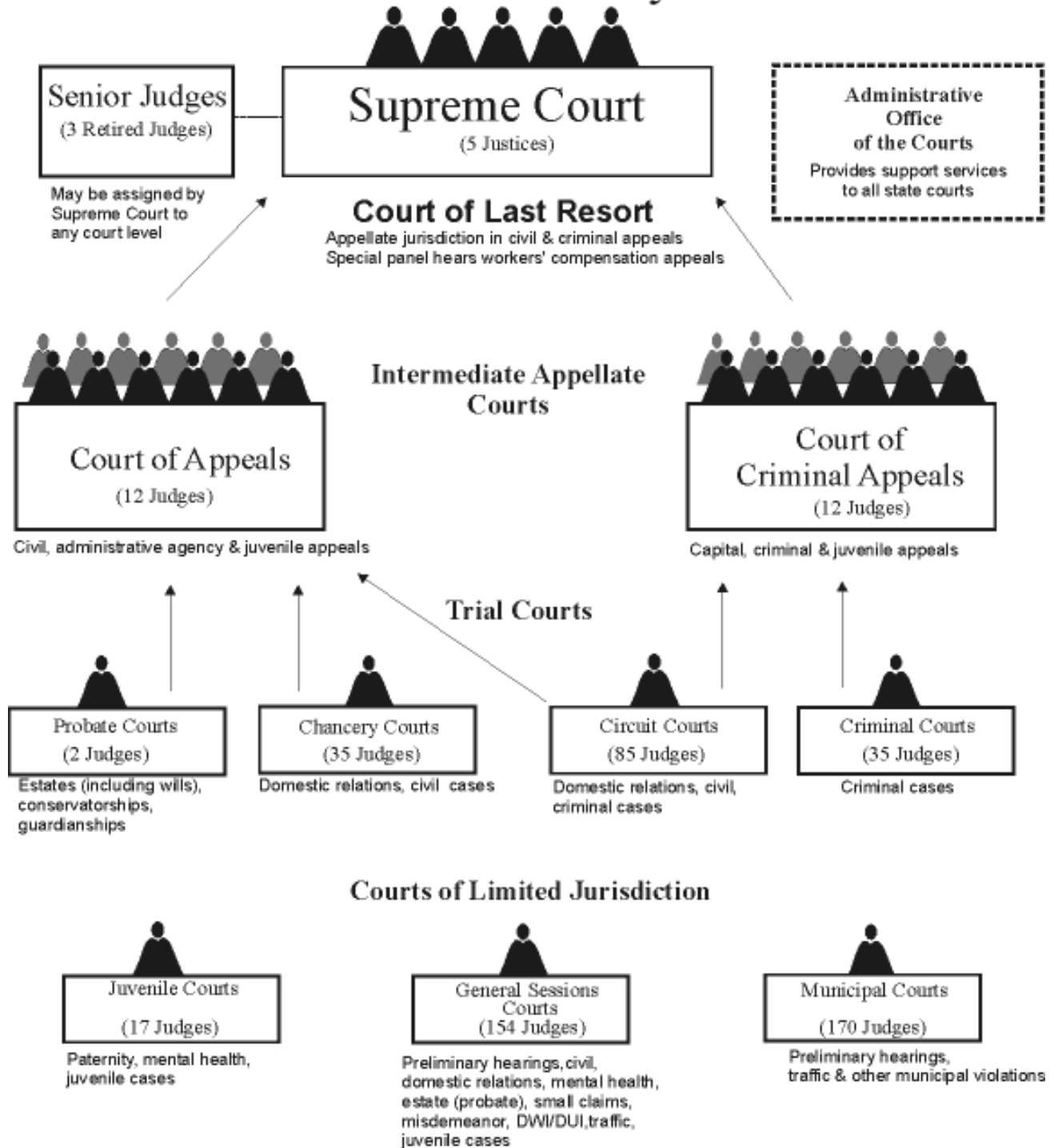


Historic Post Office Building in Knoxville

The judicial branch leased 46,000 square feet from the building's owner, who used a \$500,000 historic preservation grant for renovations. The space includes a large courtroom on the second floor.

The courts, clerk's office and library, with about 50 employees, had 32,000 square feet in the former Supreme Court Building, which was in serious need of repairs.

Tennessee Judicial System



Tennessee Courts

Supreme Court

The **TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT** is the state's highest court and may accept appeals of civil and criminal cases from lower state courts. The five justices also interpret the laws and Constitutions of Tennessee and the United States.

The Supreme Court may assume jurisdiction over undecided cases in the Court of Appeals or Court of Criminal Appeals when there is special need for a speedy decision. The court also has appellate jurisdiction in cases involving state taxes, the right to hold public office and issues of constitutional law. Appeals to the Supreme Court are discretionary except in death penalty cases. The court is required by law to review those cases on direct appeal.

Attorneys may present oral arguments before the Supreme Court. Oral arguments also are heard in the two intermediate appellate courts - the Court of Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals. After Supreme Court justices have heard oral arguments, if arguments are presented, and reviewed attorneys' briefs and records in the cases, they issue their written opinions. Only opinions on federal constitutional issues can be appealed to the federal appellate courts, which may or may not agree to consider the appeals.

Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals are elected on a "yes-no" ballot every eight years. When a vacancy occurs the 17-member Judicial Selection Commission interviews applicants and recommends three candidates to the governor, who appoints a new judge to serve until the next August general election.

By state law, judges on the three courts must be evaluated every eight years. Results are published in newspapers across the state to help voters decide whether judges should be retained.

The Supreme Court also has administrative responsibilities relating to the entire court system and adopts rules to ensure that the judicial branch functions efficiently, effectively and fairly. Rules of the court can be found on the court system website at www.tsc.state.tn.us.



As required by the state Constitution, the five members of the Tennessee Supreme Court normally hear cases in Nashville, Jackson and Knoxville. Pictured in the courtroom at the Supreme Court Building in Nashville are (from left) Justice Janice M. Holder of Memphis; Justice E. Riley Anderson of Knoxville; Chief Justice Frank F. Drowota, III, of Nashville; Justice Adolpho A. Birch, Jr., of Nashville; and Justice William M. Barker of Chattanooga. The five justices of the Supreme Court sit "en banc," or as a whole, to hear oral arguments.

In 1995, the Tennessee Supreme Court initiated its SCALES Program for high school students. SCALES, an acronym for the Supreme Court Advancing Legal Education for Students, is designed to educate young Tennesseans about the judicial system. The Supreme Court meets in communities across the state to hear oral arguments in actual cases. Students and their teachers attend the court sessions and also are provided, in advance, with materials explaining issues in the cases they will hear and also the judicial branch of government. In addition, their teachers attend professional development sessions where they receive notebooks of instructional materials to use in their classrooms. More than 11,500 students have participated in SCALES during the program's first nine years.

Intermediate Appellate Courts

The **COURT OF APPEALS**, created by the General Assembly in 1925, hears appeals in civil — or noncriminal — cases from trial courts and certain state boards and commissions.

The **COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**, created by the General Assembly in 1967, hears trial court appeals in felony and misdemeanor cases, as well as post-conviction petitions. State law requires the Court of Criminal Appeals to review all death sentences. If a capital case conviction and sentence are affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals, there is an automatic review by the state Supreme Court.

All other Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals decisions may be appealed, by permission, to the state Supreme Court. Each of the intermediate appellate courts has 12 members, who normally sit in panels of three in Jackson, Knoxville and Nashville. They may also meet in other places as necessary.



Court of Appeals judges are (from left, front row) Charles Susano, W. Frank Crawford, Houston Goddard, William Koch, Jr., (from left, back row) Holly Kirby, Herschel P. Franks, Allen E. Highers, Michael D. Swiney, William Cain, David R. Farmer, Patricia J. Cottrell and Frank Clement, Jr.



Court of Criminal Appeals judges are (from left, front row) David G. Hayes, Joseph M. Tipton, Gary R. Wade, David H. Welles, Jerry Smith, (from left, back row) Alan E. Glenn, Norma McGee Ogle, James Curwood Witt, Jr., Joe Riley, Thomas Woodall, John Everett Williams and Robert W. Wedemeyer.

Message from the Tennessee Judicial Conference President



Circuit Court Judge Don Ash of Murfreesboro took office as president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference in June 2003 for a one-year term. The conference is made up of the state's trial and appellate court judges. Chancellor Steve Stafford of Dyersburg preceded Judge Ash as president. His successor, beginning in June 2004, is Circuit Court Judge John McLellan, III, of Kingsport.

*By Circuit Court Judge Don Ash
16th Judicial District*

It has been an extremely rewarding year for the Judiciary in Tennessee. We have accomplished many goals and have laid a beneficial foundation for Tennessee's court system for future years.

First, in a major effort to provide assistance to trial judges, a program has been initiated to send technological equipment to each judicial district. A portable evidence presenter, LCD projector and portable screen have been included in this technological package which will prove to be especially beneficial in jury trials. Training has already been provided at each judicial conference and there will be a longer program discussing its uses at the March Conference.



Judge Don Ash

Second, with the help of Chancellor Skip Frierson, great strides have been made to create a Tennessee Judicial Family Institute. This program is designed to assist new judges and their families in the transition from attorney to judge. The TJFI will include programs such as ethics training and a mentoring program for spouses or significant others of members of the bench.

A website also will be created to assist judicial families.

The SCALES program has been well received across the state. Thousands of Tennessee high school students have learned about our court system through this important program. In almost every judicial district, outreach programs are taking place to educate the public about our jobs as judges and how our jobs are performed.

Efforts have been made to work with the Tennessee Lawyers Association of Women, Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association and the Tennessee Bar Association to coordinate the June 2004 conference in Nashville. There will be programs held in conjunction with each of these important groups and it should be a terrific meeting.

In closing, some of the finest men and women in this state serve as judges in Tennessee. They are dedicated to public service and improving the court system as well as educating their local communities about our branch of government. It is an honor to serve with these gifted individuals.

Trial Judges by Judicial District

1st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Carter, Johnson, Unicoi & Washington counties

CHANCERY COURT

G. Richard Johnson

CIRCUIT COURT

Thomas J. Seeley, Jr. (Part I)

Jean A. Stanley (Part II) *

CRIMINAL COURT

Lynn W. Brown

Robert E. Cupp

2nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Sullivan County

CHANCERY COURT

Richard E. Ladd *

CIRCUIT COURT

John S. McLellan, III (Part I)

R. Jerry Beck (Part II)

CRIMINAL COURT

Phyllis H. Miller

3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Greene, Hamblen, Hancock & Hawkins counties

CHANCERY COURT

Thomas R. Frierson, II

CIRCUIT COURT

John K. Wilson (Part I)

Ben K. Wexler (Part II)

Kindall T. Lawson (Part III)

CRIMINAL COURT

James E. Beckner *

4th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cocke, Grainger, Jefferson & Sevier counties

CHANCERY COURT

Telford E. Forgety, Jr.

Judiciary Experiences Losses, Adds New Faces in 2003

January 31 - Circuit Court Judge Allen Wallace retires in the 23rd Judicial District.

February 3 - Judge Allen Wallace becomes a senior judge.

February 12 - Circuit Court Judge George Sexton is appointed in the 23rd Judicial District.

April 27 - Chancellor Joe Morris of the 26th Judicial District dies.

June 19 - Chancellor James F. Butler is appointed in the 26th Judicial District.

September 1 - Court of Appeals Judge Ben Cantrell retires.

September 8 - Criminal Court Judges Mark Fishburn and Monte Dwight Watkins are appointed to fill two newly-created positions in the 20th Judicial District.

September 17 - Chancellors Richard Dinkins and Claudia Bonnyman are appointed to fill one newly-created position and a vacancy created by the retirement of Chancellor Irvin Kilcrease, Jr., in the 20th Judicial District.

September 17 - Court of Appeals Judge Frank Clement, Jr., is appointed.

October 1 - Chancellor Irvin Kilcrease, Jr., retires in the 20th Judicial District.

November 25 - Circuit Court Judge David "Randy" Kennedy is appointed in the 20th Judicial District to succeed former Circuit Court Judge Frank Clement, Jr.

December 13 - Senior Judge John K. Byers dies.



Chancellor Irvin Kilcrease, Jr., who retired from his 20th Judicial District seat effective Oct. 1, 2003, was recognized for his years of service by Attorney General Paul Summers (left) and Criminal Court Judge Cheryl Blackburn during a swearing-in ceremony for new judges.

CIRCUIT COURT

Ben W. Hooper, II (Part I)
Richard Robert Vance (Part II)
Rex Henry Ogle (Part III)
O. Duane Slone (Part IV) *

5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Blount County

CHANCERY COURT

Telford E. Forgety, Jr.

CIRCUIT COURT

W. Dale Young (Part I) *
D. Kelly Thomas, Jr. (Part II)

6th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Knox County

CHANCERY COURT

John F. Weaver (Part I)
Daryl R. Fansler (Part II)
Sharon J. Bell (Part III)

CIRCUIT COURT

Dale Workman (Division I)
Harold Wimberly, Jr. (Division II)
Wheeler A. Rosenbalm (Division III)
Bill Swann (Division IV)

CRIMINAL COURT

Richard R. Baumgartner (Division I) *
Ray L. Jenkins (Division II)
Mary Beth Leibowitz (Division III)

7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Anderson County

CHANCERY COURT

William E. Lantrip

CIRCUIT COURT

James B. Scott, Jr. *

8th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott & Union counties

CHANCERY COURT

Billy Joe White

CIRCUIT COURT

Conrad Troutman, Jr.*

CRIMINAL COURT

E. Shayne Sexton

9th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Loudon, Meigs, Morgan & Roane counties

CHANCERY COURT

Frank V. Williams, III

CIRCUIT COURT

Russell E. Simmons, Jr.

CRIMINAL COURT

E. Eugene Eblen *



Circuit Court Judge Marietta Shipley of Nashville was among participants in a 2003 Pro Se Summit sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The AOC received a \$20,000 State Justice Institute (SJI) grant for the summit to begin identifying barriers confronted by self-represented litigants in Tennessee.

10th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bradley, McMinn, Monroe & Polk counties

CHANCERY COURT

Jerri Bryant

CIRCUIT COURT

Larry H. Puckett (Part I) *
John B. Hagler, Jr. (Part II)
Carroll Lee Ross (Part III)

CRIMINAL COURT

Robert Steven Bebb

11th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Hamilton County

CHANCERY COURT

W. Frank Brown, III (Part I)
Howell N. Peoples (Part II) *

CIRCUIT COURT

Jacqueline E. Schulten (Division I)
Samuel H. Payne (Division II)
L. Marie Williams (Division III)
W. Neil Thomas, III (Division IV)

CRIMINAL COURT

Douglas A. Meyer (Division I)
Rebecca J. Stern (Division II)
Steve M. Bevil (Division III)

12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea & Sequatchie counties

CHANCERY COURT

Jeffrey Stewart *

CIRCUIT COURT

Thomas W. (Rusty) Graham (Part I)
J. Curtis Smith (Part II)
Buddy D. Perry (Part III)

13th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam & White counties

CHANCERY COURT

Vernon Neal

CIRCUIT COURT

John A. Turnbull (Part I)
John J. Maddux, Jr. (Part II)

CRIMINAL COURT

Leon C. Burns, Jr. (Division I)
Lillie Ann Sells (Division II) *

14th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Coffee County

CIRCUIT COURT

L. Craig Johnson (Part I) *
John Rollins (Part II)

15th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale & Wilson counties

CHANCERY COURT

C. K. Smith

CIRCUIT COURT

Clara W. Byrd (Division I)
John D. Wootten, Jr. (Division II) *

CRIMINAL COURT

James O. Bond

16th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cannon & Rutherford counties

CHANCERY COURT

Robert E. Corlew, III

CIRCUIT COURT

Steve Daniel (Part I) *
James K. Clayton, Jr. (Part II)
Don R. Ash (Part III)
Royce Taylor (Part IV)

17th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall & Moore counties

CHANCERY COURT

James B. (J. B.) Cox

CIRCUIT COURT

William Charles Lee (Part I) *
Lee Russell (Part II)

18th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Sumner County

CHANCERY COURT

Thomas E. Gray *

CIRCUIT COURT

C. L. "Buck" Rogers

CRIMINAL COURT

Jane W. Wheatcraft



Chancellor Jeff Stewart of the 12th Judicial District attended the 2003 Tennessee Judicial Conference at Paris Landing State Park. The educational conferences are conducted by the AOC.

19th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Montgomery & Robertson counties

CHANCERY COURT

Carol Catalano

CIRCUIT COURT

Ross H. Hicks (Part I)

Mike Jones (Part II) *

John H. Gasaway, III (Part III)

20th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Davidson County

CHANCERY COURT

Claudia Bonnyman (Part I)

Carol McCoy (Part II)

Ellen Hobbs Lyle (Part III)

Richard Dinkins (Part IV)

CIRCUIT COURT

Hamilton Gayden, Jr. (Division I)

Marietta M. Shipley (Division II)

Barbara N. Haynes (Division III)

Muriel Robinson (Division IV)

Walter C. Kurtz (Division V)

Thomas W. Brothers (Division VI) *

David (Randy) Kennedy (Division VII)

Carol Soloman (Division VIII)

CRIMINAL COURT

Steve R. Dozier (Division I)

J. Randall Wyatt, Jr. (Division II)

Cheryl A. Blackburn (Division III)

Seth Norman (Division IV)

Monte Watkins (Division V)

Mark Fishburn (Division VI)

21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Hickman, Lewis, Perry & Williamson counties

CIRCUIT COURT

Russ Heldman (Division I)

Robert E. Lee Davies (Division II)

Donald P. Harris (Division III)

Timothy Easter (Division IV) *

22nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Giles, Lawrence, Maury & Wayne counties

CIRCUIT COURT

Jim T. Hamilton (Part I)

Robert Holloway (Part II) *

Robert L. (Bob) Jones (Part III)

Stella Hargrove (Part IV)

23rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys & Stewart counties

CIRCUIT COURT

Robert E. Burch (Division I)

Leonard Martin (Division II)

George Sexton

24th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin & Henry counties

CHANCERY COURT

Ron E. Harmon

CIRCUIT COURT

Charles Creed McGinley (Part I)

Julian P. Guinn (Part II) *

25th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy & Tipton counties

CHANCERY COURT

Dewey C. Whinton (Part I)

Martha Brasfield (Part II) *

CIRCUIT COURT

Jon Kerry Blackwood (Part I)

Joseph H. Walker, III (Part II)

26th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Chester, Henderson & Madison counties

CHANCERY COURT

James Butler *

CIRCUIT COURT

Roy B. Morgan, Jr. (Division I)

Donald H. Allen (Division II)

Roger A. Page (Division III)

27th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Obion & Weakley counties

CHANCERY COURT

W. Michael Maloan *

CIRCUIT COURT

William B. Acree, Jr.

28th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Crockett, Gibson & Haywood counties

CHANCERY COURT

George R. Ellis

CIRCUIT COURT

Clayburn Peeples *

29th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Dyer & Lake counties

CHANCERY COURT

J. Steven Stafford (Part I) *

CIRCUIT COURT

Russell Lee Moore, Jr. (Part I)

30th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Shelby County

CHANCERY COURT

Walter L. Evans (Part I)

Arnold Goldin (Part II)

D. J. Alissandratos (Part III)

CIRCUIT COURT

John R. McCarroll, Jr. (Division I)

James F. Russell (Division II)

Karen R. Williams (Division III)

Rita L. Stotts (Division IV) *

Kay S. Robilio (Division V)

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* Presiding judge

Senior Judges

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John K. Byers (Died December 13, 2003)
William H. Inman
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Allen Wallace



Circuit Court Judge Don Allen (left) and Chancellor James F. Butler (right) of the 26th Judicial District attended a 2003 disaster planning conference coordinated by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Speakers included Craig Waters, public information officer for the Florida Supreme Court.

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Cecil Crowson (left), who joined the judicial branch in 1975 and became appellate court clerk in 1993, announced his retirement in 2003. Chief Justice Frank Drowota, III, (right) said, "His dedication to the judicial branch has been unwavering throughout his career with the courts." *Michael Catalano* was appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court to succeed *Crowson* effective Jan. 1, 2004.

Appellate and trial court clerks are responsible for maintaining dockets and records and handling administrative matters in their courts. The clerks also serve as judicial system goodwill ambassadors since they have day-to-day interaction with the public.

Circuit Court clerks, elected in each county for four-year terms, also serve as General Sessions Court clerks in counties without designated General Sessions Court clerks. Clerks also are elected in counties with Probate and Criminal Courts. Each Chancery Court is served by a clerk and master who is appointed by the Chancery Court judge for a six-year term.



Staff Clerk Tim Young

The Office of the Appellate Court Clerk is responsible for filing appellate papers submitted by the parties with cases on appeal. The division where a case originates controls where the parties file their appeals. In capital cases in which all appeals have been exhausted and the execution date has been set, all papers submitted to the Supreme Court are filed in the Middle Division.

In addition to cases on appeal, the Middle Division is where all Rules of Court are filed, and where matters before the Court of the Judiciary, Board of Law Examiners, Board of Professional Responsibility and certified questions of law from federal courts are heard. Also any petition for public response altering or amending the Rules is filed in the Middle Division.

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