

***WASHINGTON COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS***

Probate-Juvenile Divisions



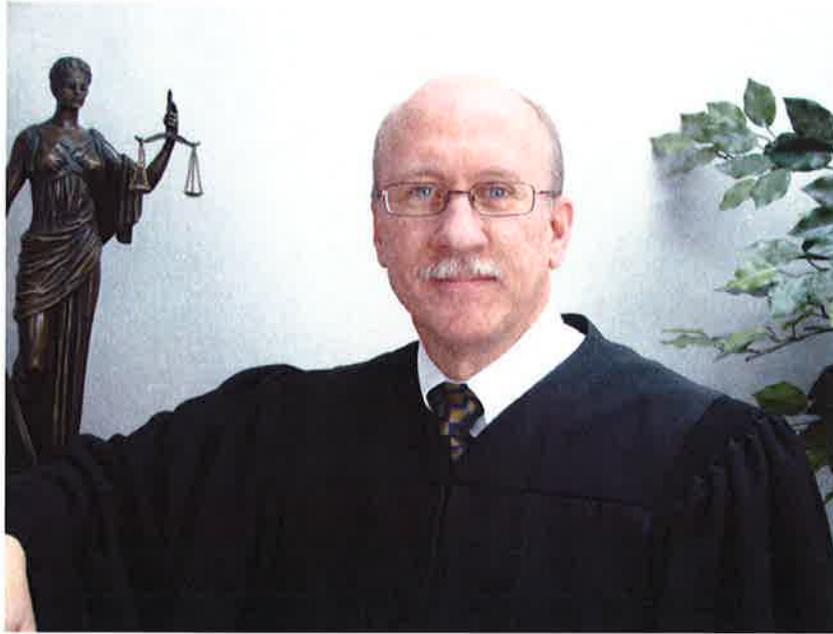
2012 Annual Report

Washington County, Ohio

Honorable Timothy A. Williams

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I present to you the 2012 Annual Report of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, for your information and use.

This report contains information on the Court's cases, services, and programs provided to the citizens of Washington County.

If you have any questions concerning any information contained in this report, please feel free to contact Rae Ward, Court Administrator.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Williams, Judge



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**PROBATE-JUVENILE
DIVISIONS**

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

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PERSONNEL

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- Hon. Timothy A. Williams Judge
 - Mark KerenyiMagistrate
 - Rae A. Ward Court Administrator

 - Peggy Shiflett..... Bookkeeper
 - Pat RalstonDeputy Clerk/Probate
 - Trish WhiteleyDeputy Clerk/Probate
 - Rachel DavisDeputy Clerk/Probate
 - Lisa BurkhartDeputy Clerk/Juvenile
 - Jill RoachDeputy Clerk/Juvenile
 - Judy McAteeDeputy Clerk/Juvenile
 - Melody ZimmermanProbation Officer
 - Kim HinkleProbation Officer
 - Kristi Offenberger.....Probation Officer
 - Justin GregoryProbation Officer
 - Matt TulliusProbation Officer

PROBATE – JUVENILE COURT



Judge Timothy A. Williams serves as the Probate Judge for Washington County. The position is an elected, non-partisan office with a six-year term. He was first elected in February 1997.

Judge Williams is a 1984 graduate of Ohio Northern University law school. He served as an associate editor of the Ohio Northern University Law Review. After graduation, he entered private practice from 1984 through 1997. From 1989 to 1997 he also served as a part-time Juvenile Court Magistrate for Washington County.

Judge Williams appointed Attorney Mark Kerényi to serve as a part time Magistrate for the Juvenile Court on March 1, 2004, to help handle the caseload of the Court. He is a 1990 graduate of Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

As Probate Judge for Washington County, Judge Williams presides over both the Probate Court Division and the Juvenile Court Division.

PROBATE COURT JURISDICTION

The Probate Court handles the following types of cases: estates, guardianships, trusts, adoptions, mental commitments, wrongful deaths, minor settlements and name changes. The Court also issues all marriage licenses for Washington County.

While most Probate Court records are open to the public, Ohio law closes records pertaining to mental illness and adoptions.

The Court maintains the following records that are open to the public during business hours:

- Estates, Guardianships, Trusts, Misc. 1789 to present
- Marriage 1789 to present
- Birth and Death 1867 to 1908

The Judge and his staff are dedicated to serving the public in a professional manner. While the staff of the Probate Court is prevented from practicing law, all efforts are made to help the public within the constraints of the law.

The day-to-day operation of the Court, including supervision of all employees, is managed by the Court Administrator, Rae A. Ward. Ms. Ward holds a National Certificate in Court Management from the National Center for State Courts. If you have questions or concerns about the operation of the Court, please contact Ms. Ward at (740)373-6623 Ext. 252.

PROBATE COURT ACTIONS FILED

TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL
Admission of Will without Estate Filing	11
Adoption of Adult	2
Adoption of Minor Child	15
Conservatorship	0
Disinterment of Body	0
Filing Will Only (no estate)	15
Full Estate Filings	184
Guardianship of Incompetent	23
Guardianship of Minor	1
Marriage Licenses Issued	418
Mental Illness	42
Minor's Settlement	5
Miscellaneous Civil Proceedings	12
Name Change	20
Ohio Estate Tax Filings	53
Registration of Birth/Correction of Birth Record	3
Release of Estate	54
Search Warrants Issued	66
Summary Release of Estate	64
Transfer of Structured Settlements	3
Trusts	7
Wrongful Death Settlements	6
TOTAL FILINGS FOR 2012	1004

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION

Judge Timothy A. Williams as the Probate Judge also serves as the Judge of the Juvenile Division for Washington County.

The Juvenile Court hears the following types of cases: abused, neglected, dependent, unruly and delinquent children, juvenile traffic offenders, custody, visitation, parentage, child support actions, and cases charging adults with failing to send children to school and contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of children.

To monitor the behavior of the children that the Judge and Magistrate place on probation, the Court has a juvenile probation staff consisting of five (5) full-time probation officers.

The Court also operates the Washington County Juvenile Center, a residential treatment and rehabilitation program for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, which lasts an average of six months. The Center can accommodate 25 children in the program.

The day-to-day operation of the Court, including supervision of all employees, is managed by Court Administrator, Rae A. Ward.

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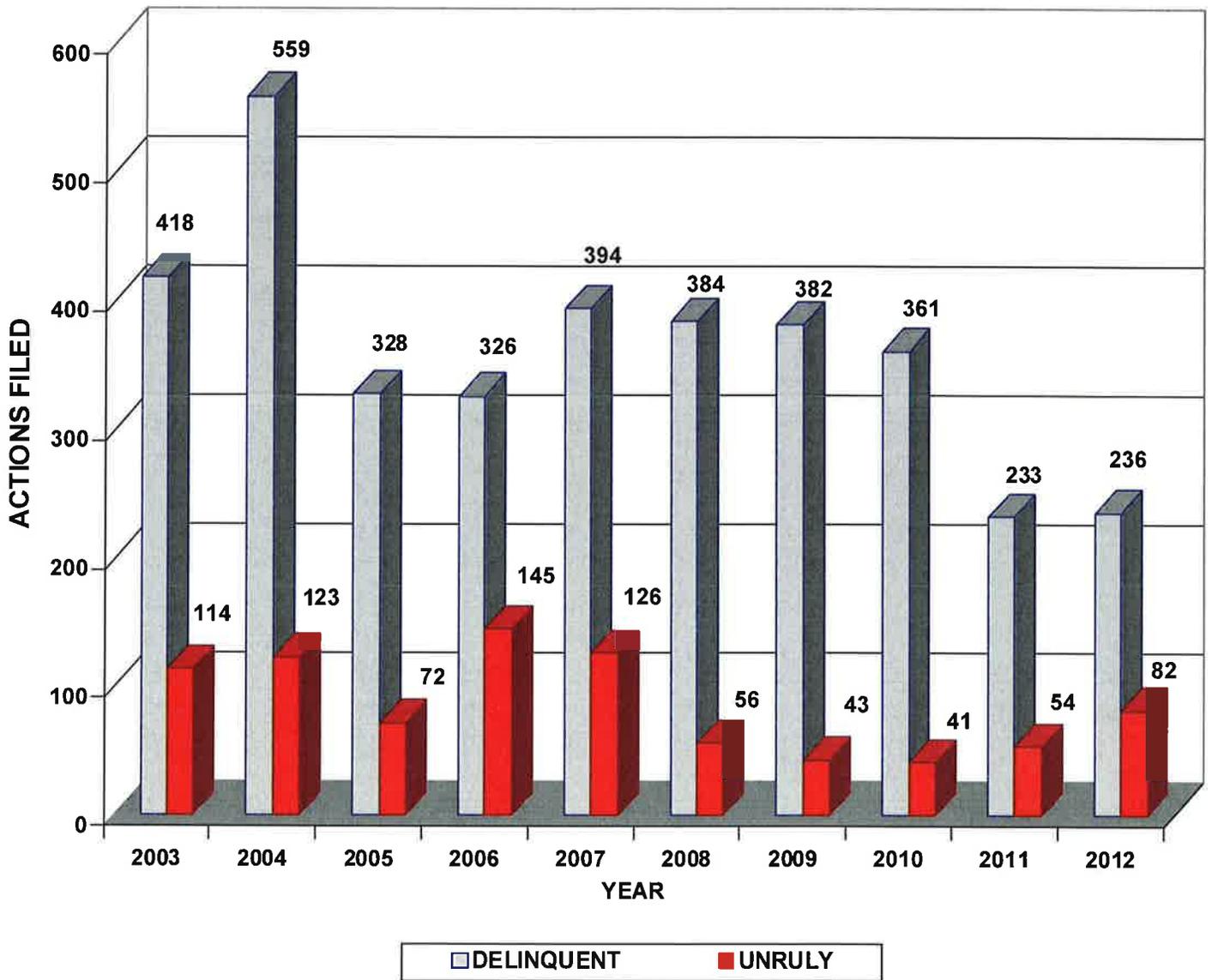
JUVENILE COURT ACTIONS FILED

TYPE OF CASE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Delinquency (Juvenile Crimes – 219) (Truancy – 17)	186	50	236
Probation Violations	35	9	44
Unruly (School Truancy - 28) (Parental/School Unruly - 54)	47	35	82
Traffic	214	121	335
Tobacco Offenses	1	0	1
Abuse and Neglect	n/a	n/a	65
Custody/Visitation	n/a	n/a	78
Permanent Custody	n/a	n/a	8
Permanent Surrender of Child	n/a	n/a	9
Civil Protection/Stalking Order	n/a	n/a	1
Paternity	n/a	n/a	3
Child Support Action	n/a	n/a	85
Juvenile Marriage	n/a	n/a	1
Complaints against Adults – Contributing	n/a	n/a	6
Complaint against Adults – Failure to Send Child to School	n/a	n/a	45
TOTAL COMPLAINTS FOR 2012			999

Of the above cases, 2 delinquency and 22 unruly were handled informally.

An **informal complaint** is a complaint which is handled by the Court in an informal administrative hearing by a probation officer rather than a formal court hearing. These complaints generally involve children who are coming to the Court for the first time and involve less serious offenses.

10 YEAR HISTORY OF DELINQUENT AND UNRULY ACTIONS FILED



TOP 20 OFFENSES

Committed by Delinquent Children

NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL COMMITTED
1	Drug Offenses	34
2	Underage Drinking	28
3	Theft	23
4	Assault	21
5	Delinquent by School Truancy	17
6	Disorderly Conduct	15
7	Sex Related Offenses	14
8	Obstruction of Official Business	10
9	Illegal Hunting	9
10	Criminal Damaging	8
11	Escape	7
12	Domestic Violence	6
tie	Criminal Trespass	6
tie	Burglary	6
15	Possession of Weapons in School	5
16	Vandalism	4
17	Breaking and Entering	3
tie	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	3
19	Resisting Arrest	2
20	Arson	1

TOP 15 TRAFFIC OFFENSES

NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL COMMITTED
1	Speed	127
2	Failure to Control	53
3	No Seat Belt	46
4	Assured Clear Distance	24
5	No Operator's License/License Violation	21
6	Stop Sign/Red Light Violation	17
7	License Plates and Tag Violation	8
8	Following Too Close Violation	7
9	Failure to Yield	6
tie	Drunk Driving	6
11	Improper Backing	4
12	Left of Center/Lane Violation	3
tie	Passenger Restriction Violation	3
14	Tire Squealing	2
15	Hit Skip	1

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Probation officers make regular contact with the children, parents, schools, agencies and others involved with the children to assist them in making positive changes in their lives.

The Probation Department monitors youth placed under Court supervision. The department's goal is to provide a community based corrections program with consistent sanctions geared toward altering negative behavior.

Probation officers see that probationers comply with Court orders by assisting the youth in accepting personal responsibility for their actions.

The Court has five probation officers. These five officers supervised a total of 191 children in 2012.

120 Youth were placed on probation during 2012

88 male: 73%

32 female: 27%

A total of 191 Youth were supervised on probation in 2012, including 71 from previous year

44 probation violations were filed in 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Program is a valuable and constructive dispositional option. The program has proven to be a positive way that juveniles can take responsibility for their actions. Youth are ordered by the Court to perform a specific number of community service work hours serving non-profit organizations in the community.

The Court monitors the progress of the children to ensure successful completion of court ordered community service hours.

In 2012, juvenile offenders provided a total of ***7,681 hours of volunteer work*** for various non-profit agencies in the community.

Based on minimum wage, the ***community received \$59,144*** in donated labor and services from these offenders.

RESTITUTION PROGRAM

The Juvenile Court Restitution Program provides a dispositional option for youth committing personal property crimes where restitution is appropriate. The program's goal is to assure that responsibility for behavior rests with the youth. It is also intended to obtain compensation for the victim.

Juvenile offenders who can make monetary restitution to their victim are ordered to pay the victim under the supervision of the probation staff.

In 2012, juvenile offenders were ***ordered to pay a total of \$4,600.30*** to their victims. A total of ***\$2,146.02 was collected*** and paid out for past and present restitution.



WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

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Administrative Personnel

Amanda Herron	Superintendent
Natalie Doughty	Professional Clinical Counselor
Stephanie Galati	Senior Case Manager
Niccole Burkhart	Case Manager
Katelyn Gedon.....	Case Manager
Mary Summers	Medical Coordinator
Lorraine Rammage	Administrative Assistant
Peggy Shiflett	Bookkeeper
Sue Lane	Teacher
Erika Copley	Teacher
Kendra Whittekind	Teacher's Aide

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

Mission

The Washington County Juvenile Center is a residential rehabilitation facility for youth committed by the Juvenile Judge. All young men and women in residence at the Center are between the ages of twelve and eighteen at the time of admission. The Center can accommodate 15 boys and 10 girls in the residential rehabilitation program.

The Center's mission is to provide a safe, structured environment where a delinquent youth receives professional help and support through a behavioral modification program to address the problems causing the negative behaviors. The Center challenges the residents to modify their behaviors by changing the way they think. The program emphasizes positive reinforcement and focuses on improving the child's behavior, academics, and emotional and mental well-being.

The Washington County Juvenile Center is operated under guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Center is inspected by the Department each year and meets all state requirements.

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

Program Highlights

- *Rehabilitation plan prepared by child and family team consisting of child, parents, probation officer, case manager, counselor, and teacher.*
- *3 case managers and 12 youth specialists work with the youth helping them achieve their rehabilitation plan.*
- *2 certified teachers and 1 teacher's aide employed through Marietta City Schools provide individualized classroom instruction on site.*
- *Professional Clinical Counselor on staff provides individual mental health counseling to the youth.*
- *A licensed Professional Counselor provides family counseling.*
- *Mental health services provided by Tri County Mental Health.*
- *Weekly anger management and individual and group drug and alcohol counseling provided by L & P Services.*
- *Court ordered parenting program.*
- *Tutors that help youth with problem academic areas.*
- *Community Service performed by youth for nonprofit entities.*
- *Daily recreation provide on premises.*
- *Voluntary running club.*
- *Voluntary non-denominational church service offered.*
- *Medical, dental, and optical care provided by local providers.*
- *Menus planned by licensed dietitian.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER 2012 Statistics

REHABILITATION PROGRAM	SHELTER CARE PROGRAM	DETENTION PROGRAM

ADMISSIONS: 2012 Admissions: 18 Males 13 Females 5 2011 Admissions still in Program during 2012: 17 Males 12 Females 5 Total Served 2012: 35 Males 25 Females 10	ADMISSIONS: 26 Males 14 Females 12 OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 23 Felonies 5 Misdemeanors 18 Unruly Children 3 MISCELLANEOUS: Average length of stay 27 days	ADMISSIONS: 7 Males 5 Females 2 OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 5 Felonies 3 Misdemeanors 2 Out of State Abscondees 2 MISCELLANEOUS: Average length of stay 13.5 hours
OFFENSES: Delinquent Children 35 Felonies 8 Misdemeanors 27 Unruly Children 0 Average days to complete program 225	<p>Community Service Hours Performed: 4,539</p> <p><i>Based on minimum wage, the community received \$34,950 in donated labor and services from these probationers.</i></p>	

PLACEMENT OF YOUTH OUTSIDE HOME 2012 Statistics

Department of Youth Services
(Juvenile Prison System)

9 Boys
0 Girls

Hocking Valley Community Residential Center
(Boys only facility located in Nelsonville, Ohio)

4 Boys

Washington County Juvenile Center
(Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, Marietta, Ohio)

13 Boys
5 Girls

Multi County Detention Center
(Detention Facility in Fairfield County)

16 Boys
1 Girls

**Foster Care with
Washington County Children Services**

8 Delinquent and Unruly children
17 Abused, Neglected and Dependent children