

# SHAKER HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

### JUDGE ANNE WALTON KELLER

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**Administrative and Presiding Judge Anne Walton Keller**

**Shaker Heights Municipal Court gratefully acknowledges  
the service of its former judges:**

|   |                     |
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| <b>The Honorable John C. Corlett</b>      | <b>1958 to 1968</b> |
| <b>The Honorable Blanche Krupansky</b>    | <b>1968</b>         |
| <b>The Honorable Manuel M. Rucker</b>     | <b>1968 to 1981</b> |
| <b>The Honorable Paul R. Donaldson</b>    | <b>1982 to 1992</b> |
| <b>The Honorable Virgil E. Brown, Jr.</b> | <b>1993</b>         |
| <b>The Honorable K.J. Montgomery</b>      | <b>1994 to 2021</b> |

March 31, 2024

To: Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne, Cuyahoga County Council Members, and the Mayors and Council Members of Beachwood, Hunting Valley, Pepper Pike, Shaker Heights and University Heights.

***Re: 2023 Shaker Heights Municipal Court Annual Report***

Dear County Executive, Cuyahoga County Council Members, Mayors and Municipal Council Members:

Pursuant to R.C. 1901.14, enclosed is the 2023 Annual Report of Shaker Heights Municipal Court. It summarizes the Court's finances and caseload, describes the daily operations of the Court's Clerk, Magistrate, Bailiff, and Probation Departments and highlights Court improvements and community collaborations.

A municipal court is created by statute. The Court's authority and duties are controlled by the Ohio Revised Code. Laws require this Court district to include the municipalities of Beachwood, Hunting Valley, Pepper Pike, Shaker Heights and University Heights and be physically located in Shaker Heights. State laws require that there be one judge in the jurisdiction and limit the types of cases that the judge can hear.

This Court's duties to collect fines, fees and costs and to disburse them to the state, county or court communities are also directed by statute. Laws provide that "court costs" be paid to Shaker Heights to help that City pay for the cost of operating a municipal court. They require that fines be paid to the State of Ohio or the court municipality under whose authority a criminal or traffic case is filed. Additionally, laws require that certain fees be assessed for every court case to fund many state programs and one county-run program. These transactions are audited annually by the State of Ohio. The Court is proud to have been found in full compliance with these technical laws by the Ohio Auditor for the 25th consecutive year. I am thankful to **Clerk of Court Steve Tomaszewski** for his attention to these financial matters.

## **FINANCE AND CASELOAD**

Every fall, the Court sets a budget for the following calendar year. Included in the budget are the Court's anticipated expenses. These generally include the costs for employee salaries and benefits, postage for all required notices and entries that must be mailed pursuant to law, Ohio Supreme Court mandated record retention expenses, updated technology expenses and much more. The Court did not exceed its **\$2,419,722** projected 2023 budget prepared in the fall of 2022. I am pleased to report that we underspent our budget by approximately **\$380,167**.

Anticipated revenues are projected in the annual budget. The municipalities look to the court to work hard to collect fines, costs and fees associated with criminal and civil case filings and adjudications. This is especially true as we continue to be impacted by a troubled economy. It is noteworthy that without case filings there can be no moneys to collect. The amount of funds available to collect is directly tied to the number of court cases filed, payments to the Court, and the financial ability of defendants to pay moneys owed. The Court collected **\$2,588,499** for the year in court costs, fines, and state fees.

**2023 Case Filings Totaled 9,243:** The Court receives complaints for traffic and criminal case filings from its five police departments, and from the general public for civil and small claims case filings. In 2023, we saw a decrease in case filings. The total case filings of **9,243** was a decrease of 1,389 cases from the previous year’s filings. Case filings in the traffic and criminal division decreased by 1,353 cases. Civil and small claims filings decreased by 36 cases.

## **COST SAVING MEASURES**

Expenses are monitored very carefully. Court functions, like notification of payment delinquency and giving individuals the opportunity to be heard, are required by law. The Court needs staff to perform these tasks. Some of our cost saving measures include leaving open positions in certain departments, scrutinizing the necessity of all expenditures and using Special Funds and Grants to defray costs.

## **REQUIRED DISBURSEMENTS**

A court must disburse money collected in accordance with law. It has no funds of its own. Rather, it acts as a collector of money which it then distributes in accordance with state law. In 2023, the Court distributed money it collected to the five municipalities it serves as follows:

| <b>Municipality</b>                        | <b>Amount Distributed</b> |
|--|---------------------------|
| Shaker Heights (fines and all court costs) | \$2,080,960               |
| University Heights (fines only)            | \$ 44,930                 |
| Beachwood (fines only)                     | \$ 41,512                 |
| Pepper Pike (fines only)                   | \$ 33,058                 |
| Hunting Valley (fines only)                | \$ 9,524                  |

The balance of the money collected by the Court went to the State of Ohio for its general fund as well as to various state programs (\$69,049.00 of fines and \$271,715.00 of fees). The State of Ohio requires that we collect money on every court case to benefit various state programs. For example, an additional \$37,751.00 was collected on civil and small claims filings and sent to Ohio’s Legal Aid program. Other state programs we must support include Victims of Crime, Crime Stoppers, Indigent Drivers’ Alcohol Treatment, Indigent Defense Support, and the Drug Law Enforcement Program. Cuyahoga County also imposes a mandatory \$5.00 fee on every municipal court traffic conviction to support the Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS). These state and local payments must be made regardless of whether the funded program provides service to the Court.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

We continue to be innovative with technology. The Court’s website was renovated this year and launched in March, 2023. It is user-friendly, and now mobile phone accessible. We have an improved case docket which now includes images. This increases transparency and access to case information for the public.

We continue to offer parties the option of having a virtual hearing via ZOOM in certain cases. This was extremely popular with Court users and led to us upgrading courtroom equipment to improve these hearings. In 2023, the Court began offering ZOOM as an option for parties to appear for an eviction hearing.

Text message reminders continue to be used for traffic and criminal hearings. This year, the Court began sending probation meeting reminders via text messages. Text reminders have improved appearance rates and reduced postage and labor costs.

Our Bailiff's Department upgraded the Court's security and communication equipment for the safety of those entering the Courthouse.

In October, our e-filing project began. We are working with our case management company to implement e-filing as an option for many matters in the Court.

## **SPECIAL COURT DOCKETS**

The **Domestic Violence Docket** continues to be a successful addition to the Court. The mission of this docket is to reduce the risk of recurring domestic violence in our community. We accomplish this by giving extra attention to domestic violence cases, increasing offender accountability through status hearings, and expanding monitoring during the pretrial and post-conviction phases of a domestic violence case. We have increased collaboration with community partners to strengthen our resources in these cases. Assistance to victims is provided through **The Journey Center for Safety and Healing**. Through the Journey Center, victims of violence in this Court are immediately supported by **Advocate Janice Smith**. She appears in Court along with victims, and provides knowledge, suggestions for protection, and guidance throughout the prosecution of a case.

The Court's **Driving Under Suspension Docket** educates defendants and helps resolve license suspension issues. These cases take longer to conclude, but result in lowered financial sanctions when the driver obtains a valid license. The financial sanctions are lowered for valid drivers and it differs from a time when defendants were simply fined, often heavily, for driving with a suspended license. Defendants concluding their cases with a valid license and car insurance are a benefit to all.

## **COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS**

The Court is fortunate to have the services of **Recovery Resources**. Recovery Resources has been funded by the **Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board** to provide liaisons to our jails and municipalities when defendants display symptoms of mental illness or substance dependency. The liaisons respond to police or court requests by visiting inmates and assessing whether they need to be seen by a doctor or screened by a professional for issues of mental health or substance abuse. The liaisons provide the Court with a report containing recommendations. These reports assist the Court in determining whether further diagnostic assessments are needed and provide valuable information for the Court's use when determining bond conditions or probation conditions at sentencing. Recovery resources also provides outpatient treatment to defendants.

The Court has continued to expand its use of community service. We work with **Court Community Service (CCS)**, a not-for-profit agency that arranges community service work for individuals referred by courts as part of sentencing. CCS schedules and closely supervises offenders as they complete tasks ranging from litter collection, landscaping, maintenance, painting, and other specific tasks. The Court referred **315 people to CCS in 2023**. A total of **9,264 hours of community service** hours were completed in 2023 by Shaker Heights Municipal Court defendants.

I am a member of the **Cuyahoga County Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF)**. The group includes Judges throughout greater Cleveland as well as representatives from the County Executive's Office, Legal Aid, Municipal and County Prosecutors' offices, Family Justice Center, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association, Cuyahoga County Public Defenders Association, sexual assault nurses, area probation and clerks' office personnel and more. The task force has addressed concerns involving the transfer of cases between municipal and common pleas courts, the entry of protection orders into the law enforcement automated data system, and the proper disposal of weapons. The group also promotes education on violence-related topics.

The Court continues to participate with **Cleveland Municipal Clerk of Court Earle B. Turner** in a project aimed at restoring defendants' driver's licenses. Known as "**In The Neighborhood**", the Cleveland Clerk of Court holds meetings at churches and recreation centers throughout Cleveland. The purpose of the meetings is to assist defendants in clearing up arrest warrants and court cases which have caused license suspensions and/or license and registration blocks.

**Cleveland Municipal Court** continues to accept defendants referred from this Court to participate in specialized docket programs such as **The Judge Larry A. Jones Drug Court, the Mental Health Court, and the Veteran's Treatment Docket**. Suburban courts can transfer individuals in need of treatment and intense supervision to the Drug Court. Similarly, the Mental Health Court and Veteran's Treatment Docket offer individuals convicted in this Court access to the treatment and care that these specialized dockets can provide. We are fortunate to be able to refer eligible offenders to these programs. Our Probation Department continues to monitor the progress of those participating in these specialized dockets.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Engaging in our community is of the utmost importance to me. Being a Judge gives me the opportunity to be involved, participate in educational opportunities, speak to organizations, and enhance the public's understanding of the judicial system.

In April, I had the privilege to be a part of the **Beaumont School** Career Day. I spoke to high school students about careers within our justice system and my role as a judge. Additionally, I enjoyed presiding over a Mock Trial of a case presented by **Cleveland State University (CSU) College of Law** trial advocacy students. It was a great opportunity to engage with our future lawyers. I also had the opportunity to speak to students in **Case Western Reserve University School of Law's** Criminal Procedure Class about the criminal justice system.

I invite local schools to bring students to the Court for a field trip. Students from **Lomond Elementary** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and **St. Dominic School's** 5<sup>th</sup> grade visited the Court. It was wonderful to talk to the bright young students about the Court and the legal system.

I am an active member of the **Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA)**. The CMBA, under the direction of **Executive Director Rebecca McMahan**, is a nonprofit organization that promotes the highest ethical and professional standards for legal professionals while assisting its members to serve the greater Cleveland community with pro bono and community service programs. I am a member of the CMBA's Bar Admissions and Bench-Bar Committees. Members of the Bar Admissions Committee conduct character and fitness interviews of candidates who have applied to sit for the Ohio bar exam. The Bench-Bar committee brings together lawyers and judges to increase communication between them for the benefit of the justice system.

This year I had the opportunity to present at five Continuing Legal Education (CLE) events: in February, I spoke at the CMBA New Lawyer Training seminar sharing information about the way judges view and handle cases; in May, I had the pleasure of speaking at the **Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers** seminar on the topic of Senate Bill 215 and Changes to Ohio Firearm Laws; in June, I participated in a panel of Judges for the **CSU College of Law Alumni Association** Domestic Violence Symposium where I spoke about No Contact Orders in cases involving offenses of violence; in September, I had the opportunity to teach for the Ohio Judicial College on the topic of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence; and, in October, I taught at an annual Municipal Court CLE on the subject of Protection Orders.

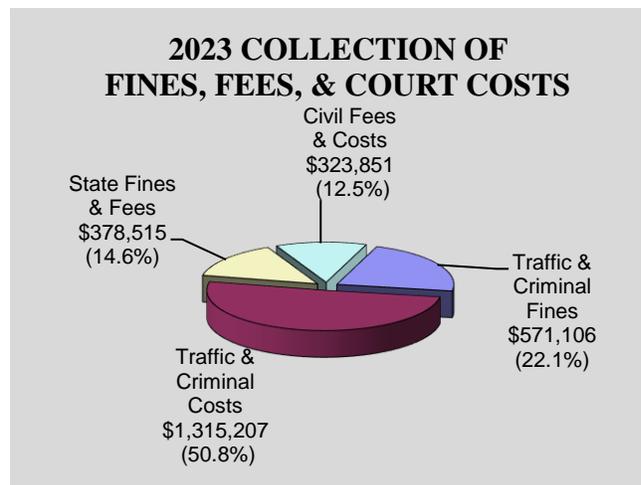
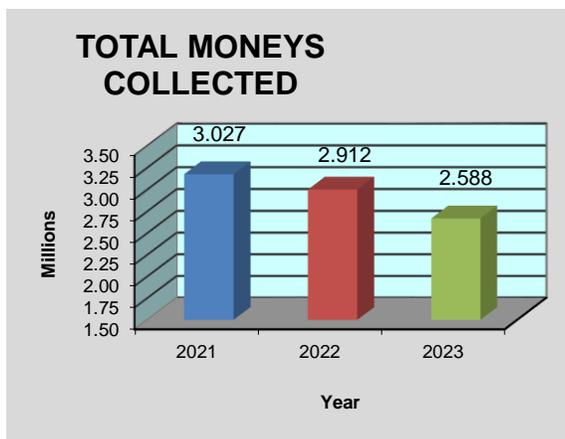
I am the President of the **William K. Thomas American Inn of Court**, an association of lawyers and judges who share a commitment to professionalism, ethics, and civility in the legal profession. The American Inns of Court inspire the legal community to advance the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education, and mentoring.

I currently serve as President-Elect of the **Northern Ohio Municipal Judges Association**. I serve on the **Ohio Judicial Conference’s Criminal Law and Procedure Committee** which analyzes pending legislation with a judicial impact on criminal laws and procedures and reviews issues and proposals of relevance to judges. The Committee makes recommendations to improve the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, and relevant Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence. Additionally, I serve on the **Ohio Judicial Conference’s Legislative Committee**. The Legislative Committee advises the Judicial Conference staff and the Judicial Conference committees as they evaluate the judicial impact of legislation and respond to inquiries from legislators and others regarding judges and courts.

## DEPARTMENTS

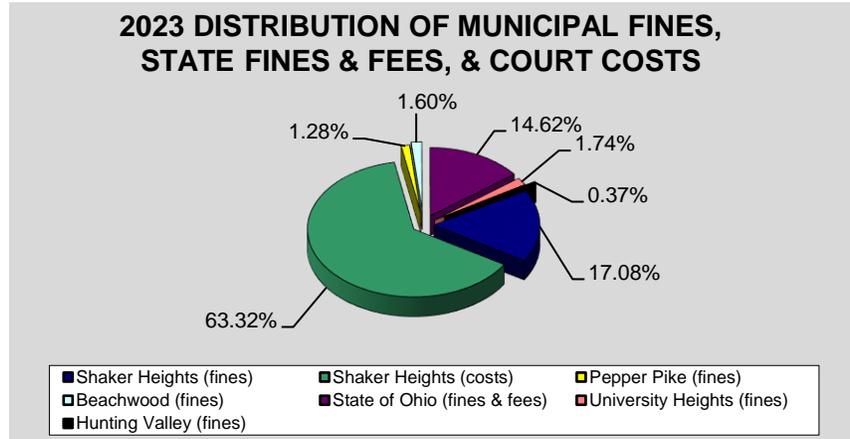
### CLERK OF COURT - Fiscal Matters

The Clerk’s Office is by law responsible for receiving, collecting, and disbursing all moneys payable to the Court. Moneys payable to the Court are received as fines, court costs, state fees, county fees, garnishment payments, rent deposits, restitution, and trusteeship payments. The following charts show a comparison of moneys collected in years 2021 through 2023 for fines, costs and fees.



Moneys were distributed to the municipalities of the Court as follows:

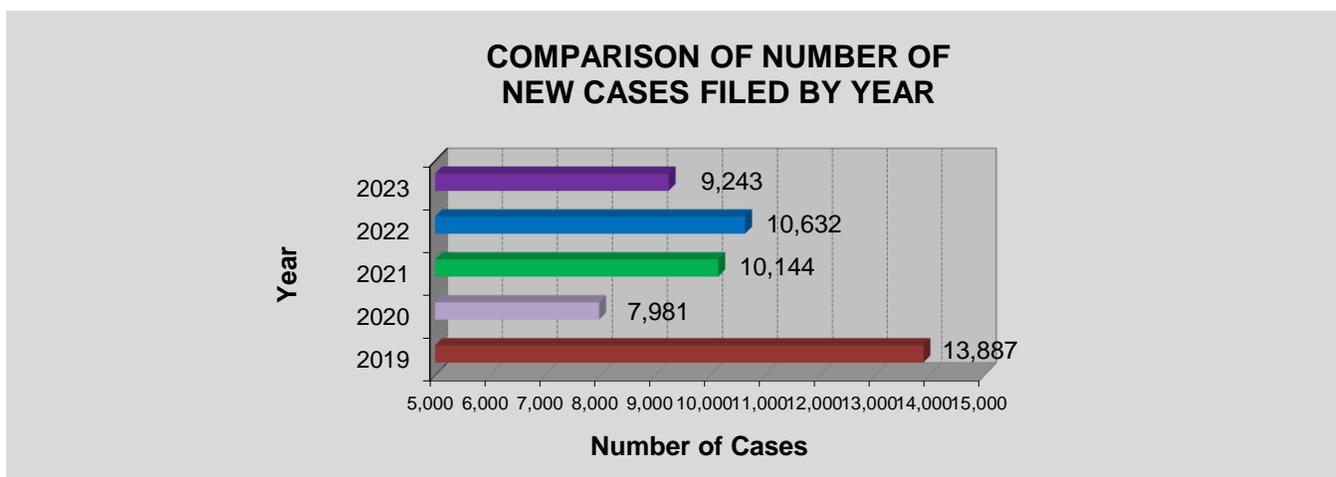
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The Court received certification from Ohio’s state auditors for the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that moneys were properly collected and disbursed by the Court.

### CLERK OF COURT – Cases Filed

The amount of funds coming into the Court typically correlate to the number of cases filed. Further, the Court does not generate cases. The Court is dependent on the police departments in its district for traffic and criminal filings and the public for civil filings. Once a case is filed, the Clerk’s Office collects fines and associated costs on criminal and traffic cases (and Shaker Heights parking violations). The Court also collects civil and small claims court costs. The total number of cases filed in 2023 was 9,243. This is a decrease of 1,389 cases from the previous year’s filings. The filings in the traffic and criminal division fell by 1,353 cases. Civil and small claims filings fell by 36 cases. The chart below compares cases filed over the last five years.



## **CLERK OF COURT – Technology Improvements**

As permitted by statute, the Court charges fees to fund special accounts including the Court Computer/Legal Research Fund, the Clerk’s Computerization Fund, and the Court Special Projects Fund. In 2023, the Court continued an ambitious computer capital improvement program, by using only the Court Computer/Legal Research Fund and Clerk’s Computerization Fund and grants.

Our 2023 technological improvements included a renovation of the Court’s website. The renovated website is user-friendly, and now mobile phone accessible. We have an improved case docket to include images creating easier accessibility for the public. The Court also installed text message reminders for probation appointments. The Clerk’s Office began emailing warrant clears to Police Departments in the Court’s jurisdiction. In October, our e-filing project got underway. Our case management software company gave us a presentation of the e-filing capabilities of our software for launch in 2024. The Court continues to offer online payment capability to provide the public with a convenient method to pay their fines and court costs. For the year 2023, web payments comprised about 44% of the Court’s total revenue. The Court received 11,565 online payments totaling \$1,146,513.

## **MAGISTRATE**

The Magistrate Department of the Shaker Heights Municipal Court consists of one full-time magistrate and two part-time magistrates. In 2023, **Kyle Ripma** served as the Court’s full-time Magistrate. Magistrates have their own responsibilities. Our full-time Magistrate manages the civil and small claims dockets, and assists the Judge by hearing evictions, civil pre-trials and trials, garnishments, and replevins.

In 2023, the Court began offering ZOOM as an option for parties to appear for an eviction hearing. This has increased participation in eviction proceedings. The Court continues to use forms for parties who want to enter into structured settlements of eviction claims. The purpose of these structured settlements is to either permit the parties to preserve the landlord-tenant relationship through a pay-to-stay arrangement or, in the alternative, to dissolve the landlord-tenant relationship in a way that avoids an eviction judgment against a tenant, should the evidence support such an award. After a structured settlement, the Court permits the parties to appear at subsequent status hearings via ZOOM. These status hearings are heard by a magistrate.

Part-time **Magistrates Greg Gentile** and **Leslie Johns** assist the Judge by hearing traffic matters. Specifically, Magistrate Gentile conducts arraignments for general traffic tickets and Magistrate Johns hears the Court’s Driving Under Suspension Docket (DUS) and conducts arraignments for traffic cases when a defendant is charged with DUS. The Court also employs a law clerk to research a number of legal issues, prepare memos on various motions, and prepare jury instructions. The clerk also maintains the law library, ensures that the codified ordinances are up to date, and performs various administrative tasks in an effort to aid Court staff.

## **BAILIFF**

The Bailiff Department of the Shaker Heights Municipal Court is responsible for many different aspects of Court operations. The Bailiff Department consists of **Chief Bailiff Joseph Gogala** and three full-time deputy bailiffs.

Bailiffs maintain the safety and security of all persons entering the courthouse. During Court sessions, bailiff's call cases and record traffic, criminal, and civil proceedings. Their hands-on involvement maintains an orderly courtroom, and has been well received by lawyers, litigants and the public. In addition to the courtroom, bailiffs are responsible for preserving and properly disposing of evidence. They also give courthouse tours to visitors including elementary and middle school students.

The Bailiffs were re-certified to carry TASERS and firearms, through the help of the **Beachwood Police Department**. This year, the Bailiff Department purchased in-ear communication equipment for improved team communication and court security stability.

The Bailiff Department continually strives to maintain a cooperative and professional attitude toward the public we serve, all of the municipalities and the legal profession.

## **PROBATION**

The Probation Department consists of **Chief Probation Officer Gail Chisholm**, two full-time Probation Officers, and a newly created, grant-funded position of Pre-Trial Services/Probation Officer.

Probation officers are responsible for supervising defendants while on probation/community control. They conduct pre-sentence investigations and personal interviews with victims and defendants, and review mental health/substance abuse assessments, criminal histories and driving records in order to make recommendations to the Court for sentencing. In 2023, the Probation Department conducted a total of 165 pre-sentence investigations. Upon sentencing, probation officers assist defendants with their sentencing requirements, monitor their progress to ensure compliance, work through barriers/issues that may impede their progress, and, if necessary, report violations of probation. Other functions of the Probation Department include monitoring defendants in the First Offender Program, supervision of housing code violation cases, reviewing and preparing limited driving privileges, and monitoring payment of restitution for victims. Last year there was over **\$12,374.00 in restitution** payments made to victims through the Probation Department. Probation officers assign and monitor community service orders from the Court, in some cases, in lieu of fines and costs for indigent defendants. The Probation Department makes community service referrals to Court Community Service, and other non-profit organizations. The Probation Department uses ZOOM and telephone reporting for effective case management and convenience.

The Court utilizes a grant from the Office of Criminal Justice Services awarded in 2022 through the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**. The funds from ARPA support our Pre-trial Services/Probation Officer. Pretrial services and the Probation Department monitor certain defendant's use of alcohol through a Secured Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) and monitor defendants who are ordered to be on a GPS monitor as a condition of their bond or a term of probation. In 2023, 40 defendants were monitored by SCRAM for alcohol consumption for a total of 2,494 days. Of those days, **2,486 were sober days resulting in a 99.6% success rate**. In 2023, GPS clients were monitored for a total of **1,652** days.

The Court and its Probation Department continued to partner with the Cleveland Municipal Court's specialized dockets. These programs provide suburban municipal court defendants with the benefits of direct access to drug/alcohol treatment, mental health services, veteran's services, and other social services.

The Chart below illustrates the number of cases referred to the Probation Department in 2023.

| Officer       | Defendants Referred to Probation | Defendants On Active Supervision as of 12/31/23 |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Chisholm      | 170                              | 109   |
| Maharidge     | 288                              | 126   |
| Panter-Graham | 97                               | 117   |
| Lee           | Pre Trial 54/ Active 25          | Pre Trial 12 /Active 19                         |

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Every day **my staff** does their best to assist the judicial process by effectively performing their tasks. They present innovative ideas and work hard as part of the Court team. I am grateful for their skill, commitment and loyalty.

In 2023, the Court continued to work well with court partners including **Beachwood Mayor Justin Berns, Hunting Valley Mayor Bruce Mavec, Pepper Pike Mayor Richard Bain, Shaker Heights Mayor David Weiss, and University Heights Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan**, and the council members of those communities.

The Court also thanks **Police Chiefs Michael Cannon, Katherine McLaughlin, Karl Dietz, Wayne Hudson, and Dustin Rogers** for their assistance, dedication, and willingness to partner in our many efforts to provide a safe community and fairly administer justice.

We are fortunate to work with these and many other professionals and community members who give their time to make our court communities among the very best in northeast Ohio.

This annual report is provided to each of the mayors and council members of the court district since the municipalities we serve share in the expense of our operations and in the benefits of revenue and service. This report also constitutes the Court's 2023 Annual Report issued to the legislative authority of its home municipality as required by R.C. Section 1901.14(A) (4). To further comply with this statute, which refers only to "county commissioners," we are also sending the 2023 Annual Report to the County Executive and the County Council Members who represent the Court district.

Finally, the public is notified that they may review reports listing revenues, expenditures, and uses of the Court's special project and restricted funds which have been established and maintained in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 1901.26, 1901.261, 1901.262, 2151.541, 2301.031 and/or 2303.201. To review these reports, please contact **Court Administrative Manager Juli Freeman-Johnson** at [jfjohnson@shakerheightscourt.org](mailto:jfjohnson@shakerheightscourt.org).

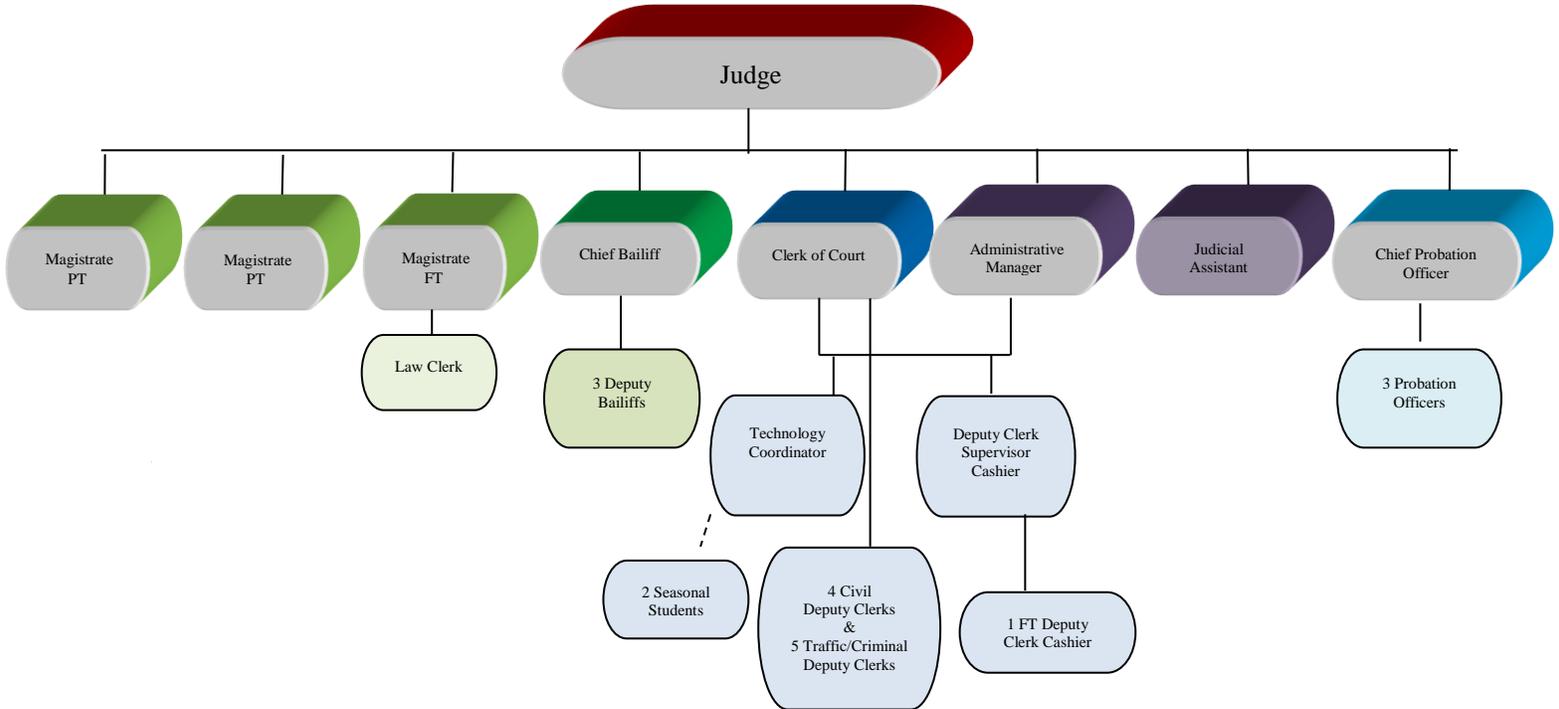
Respectfully submitted,



Judge Anne Walton Keller

# ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

## SHAKER HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

| <b>COMPARISON OF CASE ACTIVITY IN CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION</b>      |                  |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>NEW CASES FILED</b>   | <b>2021</b>      | <b>2022</b>      | <b>2023</b>      |
| Personal Injury and Property Damage Claims                                 | 2                | 9                | 8                |
| Breach of Contract or Agreement Claims                                     | 546              | 519              | 629              |
| Forcible Entry and Detainer (Evictions)                                    | 463              | 685              | 579              |
| All Other Civil Matters  | 5                | 3                | 11               |
| Small Claims   | 584              | 636              | 589              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>1,600</b>     | <b>1,852</b>     | <b>1,816</b>     |
| <b>Terminations/Dispositions of Cases by Type</b>                          |                  |                  |                  |
| Judge and Magistrate Trials  | 91               | 141              | 134              |
| Default Judgment Hearings Before Magistrate                                | 904              | 842              | 1233             |
| Jury Trials  | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| Pretrial Settlements   | 26               | 35               | 73               |
| Lack of Prosecution Dismissals – Failure of Plaintiff to go Forward        | 28               | 72               | 164              |
| Transferred to Other Court Due to Conflicts or Lack of Venue               | 92               | 84               | 89               |
| Bankruptcy/Interlocutory Appeal Which Stay Cause                           | 7                | 3                | 12               |
| All Other Dismissals   | 545              | 646              | 772              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>1,693</b>     | <b>1,823</b>     | <b>2,477</b>     |
|  |                  |                  |                  |
| Aids in Execution Issued (Garnishments, Bank Attachments and Examinations) | 481              | 561              | 685              |
| Certificates of Judgment of Lien/Transfer Filed                            | 274              | 278              | 274              |
| Judgments Transferred from Other Courts for Collection                     | 3                | 4                | 4                |
| Levies Against Property – Requested/Filed/Executed                         | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| Marriages Performed  | 7                | 11               | 19               |
| Motions or Requests Ruled Upon by the Judge                                | 2186             | 2,411            | 2,813            |
| Jury Demands Filed   | 5                | 0                | 2                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>2,956</b>     | <b>3,265</b>     | <b>3,797</b>     |
|  |                  |                  |                  |
| Regular Civil and Small Claims – Fees and Costs Collected                  | \$258,255        | \$308,170        | \$323,056        |
| Rent Escrow Deposit Fees   | \$292            | \$812            | \$777            |
| Trusteeship (Debtor’s Payment Arrangement Accounting Fees)                 | \$26             | \$0              | \$18             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$258,573</b> | <b>\$308,982</b> | <b>\$323,851</b> |
| <b>TOTAL JUDGMENT PAYMENTS DISBURSED TO SUCCESSFUL PARTY IN CASE</b>       | <b>\$516,052</b> | <b>\$561,011</b> | <b>\$602,980</b> |

| <b>COMPARISON OF CASE ACTIVITY IN CRIMINAL DIVISION</b>   |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>NEW CASES FILED</b>  | <b>2021</b>  | <b>2022</b>  | <b>2023</b>  |
| Felony  | 148          | 159          | 160          |
| Misdemeanor   | 745          | 807          | 962          |
| Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence (“OVI”)   | 240          | 239          | 201          |
| Traffic   | 7,411        | 7,575        | 6,104        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>8,544</b> | <b>8,780</b> | <b>7,427</b> |
| <b>BREAKDOWN BY MUNICIPALITY OF TRAFFIC CASES FILED (Excluding OVI Cases)</b>                           |              |              |              |
| Shaker Heights  | 6,311        | 6,094        | 4,608        |
| University Heights  | 526          | 536          | 494          |
| Beachwood   | 293          | 385          | 422          |
| Pepper Pike   | 224          | 406          | 338          |
| Hunting Valley  | 57           | 184          | 242          |
| Other   | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>7,411</b> | <b>7,575</b> | <b>6,104</b> |
| <b>BREAKDOWN BY MUNICIPALITY OF OVI CASES FILED</b>   |              |              |              |
| Shaker Heights  | 138          | 136          | 119          |
| University Heights  | 24           | 18           | 23           |
| Beachwood   | 61           | 60           | 36           |
| Pepper Pike   | 16           | 24           | 22           |
| Hunting Valley  | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>240</b>   | <b>239</b>   | <b>201</b>   |
| <b>BMV LICENSE SUSPENSION APPEAL CASES FILED</b> – For persons whose licenses were suspended by the BMV | <b>19</b>    | <b>28</b>    | <b>27</b>    |
| <b>PARKING CITATIONS (Shaker Heights Only) FILED</b>  | <b>3,265</b> | <b>2,472</b> | <b>1,815</b> |
| <b>TRAFFIC WARRANTS ISSUED</b> – Contempt of court for non-appearance                                   | <b>1,572</b> | <b>2,316</b> | <b>1,836</b> |

**COMPARISON OF COMPLETED CRIMINAL CASES  
BY MUNICIPALITY**

| <b>MISDEMEANORS COMPLETED BY MUNICIPALITY</b>   | <b>2021</b>    | <b>2022</b>    | <b>2023</b>     |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Shaker Heights  | 205            | 260            | 259             |
| University Heights  | 237            | 142            | 163             |
| Beachwood   | 299            | 311            | 277             |
| Pepper Pike   | 19             | 33             | 21              |
| Hunting Valley  | 0              | 1              | 2               |
| Other (Transfer)  | 0              | 0              | 0               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>760</b>     | <b>747</b>     | <b>722</b>      |
| <b>FELONIES – COMPLETED BY BINDOVER OR OTHER DISPOSITIONS INCLUDING DISMISSALS</b>              |                |                |                 |
| Shaker Heights  | 57             | 74             | 62              |
| University Heights  | 38             | 25             | 34              |
| Beachwood   | 37             | 48             | 44              |
| Pepper Pike   | 6              | 11             | 9               |
| Hunting Valley  | 1              | 0              | 0               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>139</b>     | <b>158</b>     | <b>149</b>      |
| <b>HOUSING CASES FILED / COMPLETED</b>  |                |                |                 |
| Shaker Heights  | 7 / 18         | 17 / 16        | 17 / 18         |
| University Heights  | 7 / 11         | 18 / 13        | 78 / 54         |
| Beachwood   | 0 / 0          | 0 / 0          | 1 / 2           |
| Pepper Pike   | 0 / 5          | 1 / 1          | 4 / 4           |
| Hunting Valley  | 0 / 0          | 0 / 0          | 0 / 0           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>14 / 34</b> | <b>36 / 30</b> | <b>100 / 78</b> |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY</b>   |                |                |                 |
| Criminal Warrants Issued – Contempt of court for non-appearance                                 | 537            | 678            | 704             |
| Extradition Hearings – To determine whether to return defendant to place where offense occurred | 0              | 2              | 1               |
| Jury Demands Filed  | 36             | 32             | 38              |
| Jury Trials Heard and Not Otherwise Resolved  | 2              | 0              | 2               |

**CRIMINAL DIVISION COMPARISON BY MUNICIPALITY  
OF NEW CASES FILED**

| <b>2023</b>        | <b>FELONY</b> | <b>MISDEMEANOR</b> | <b>OVI</b> | <b>TRAFFIC</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| Beachwood*         | 48            | 342                | 36         | 422            | 848          |
| Hunting Valley     | 0             | 2                  | 1          | 242            | 245          |
| Pepper Pike        | 9             | 22                 | 22         | 338            | 391          |
| Shaker Heights     | 63            | 326                | 119        | 4,608          | 5,116        |
| University Heights | 40            | 270                | 23         | 494            | 827          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>160</b>    | <b>962</b>         | <b>201</b> | <b>6,104</b>   | <b>7,427</b> |
| <b>2022</b>        | <b>FELONY</b> | <b>MISDEMEANOR</b> | <b>OVI</b> | <b>TRAFFIC</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Beachwood*         | 48            | 333                | 60         | 385            | 826          |
| Hunting Valley     | 0             | 1                  | 1          | 184            | 186          |
| Pepper Pike        | 8             | 26                 | 24         | 406            | 464          |
| Shaker Heights     | 79            | 293                | 136        | 6,064          | 6,572        |
| University Heights | 24            | 154                | 18         | 536            | 732          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>159</b>    | <b>807</b>         | <b>239</b> | <b>7,575</b>   | <b>8,780</b> |
| <b>2021</b>        | <b>FELONY</b> | <b>MISDEMEANOR</b> | <b>OVI</b> | <b>TRAFFIC</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| Beachwood*         | 41            | 309                | 61         | 293            | 704          |
| Hunting Valley     | 1             | 1                  | 1          | 57             | 60           |
| Pepper Pike        | 7             | 13                 | 16         | 224            | 260          |
| Shaker Heights     | 66            | 229                | 138        | 6,311          | 6,744        |
| University Heights | 33            | 193                | 24         | 526            | 776          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>148</b>    | <b>745</b>         | <b>240</b> | <b>7,411</b>   | <b>8,544</b> |

\*The city of Beachwood maintains a Mayor's Court. These figures reflect only those cases processed by the Shaker Heights Municipal Court.

**COMPARISON OF MONEYS GENERATED AND COLLECTED BY  
SHAKER HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT BY MUNICIPALITY**

| <b>SHAKER HEIGHTS FINES AND COSTS</b>              | <b>2021</b>        | <b>2022</b>        | <b>2023</b>        |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Parking Fines                                      | \$53,859           | \$47,418           | \$30,369           |
| Fines – Criminal and Traffic                       | \$485,982          | \$440,827          | \$411,713          |
| Court Costs – Criminal and Traffic                 | \$1,626,062        | \$1,540,634        | \$1,315,207        |
| Court Costs & Fees<br>Civil/Small Claims (ADR Fee) | \$258,573          | \$308,982          | \$323,851          |
| <b>TOTAL FOR SHAKER HEIGHTS</b>                    | <b>\$2,424,476</b> | <b>\$2,337,861</b> | <b>\$2,080,960</b> |
|  |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>OTHER MUNICIPALITIES</b>                        | <b>2021</b>        | <b>2022</b>        | <b>2023</b>        |
| University Heights – Fines                         | \$64,593           | \$49,566           | \$44,930           |
| Beachwood – Fines                                  | \$43,437           | \$46,546           | \$41,512           |
| Pepper Pike – Fines                                | \$20,512           | \$35,028           | \$33,058           |
| Hunting Valley – Fines                             | \$2,760            | \$7,107            | \$9,524            |
| <b>TOTAL FOR OTHER MUNICIPALITIES</b>              | <b>\$131,302</b>   | <b>\$138,247</b>   | <b>\$129,024</b>   |
|  |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>STATE OF OHIO</b>                               | <b>2021</b>        | <b>2022</b>        | <b>2023</b>        |
| Traffic and Criminal Cases –<br>Fines and Fees     | \$439,378          | \$398,752          | \$340,764          |
| Civil Cases – Fees                                 | \$32,438           | \$37,122           | \$37,751           |
| <b>TOTAL FOR STATE OF OHIO</b>                     | <b>\$471,816</b>   | <b>\$435,874</b>   | <b>\$378,515</b>   |
|  |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>                             | <b>\$3,027,594</b> | <b>\$2,911,982</b> | <b>\$2,588,499</b> |

**COMPARISON OF MONEYS DISTRIBUTED TO MUNICIPALITIES  
FROM CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CASES**

| <b>COURT COSTS (Distributed to Shaker Heights pursuant to law)</b>                     | <b>2021</b>        | <b>2022</b>        | <b>2023</b>        |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Shaker Heights Parking   | \$23,597           | \$19,654           | \$12,583           |
| Shaker Heights – Traffic & Criminal Costs  | \$1,186,687        | \$1,118,571        | \$905,973          |
| University Heights – Traffic & Criminal Costs  | \$178,031          | \$134,708          | \$130,005          |
| Pepper Pike – Traffic & Criminal Costs   | \$40,428           | \$62,321           | \$60,735           |
| Beachwood – Traffic & Criminal Costs   | \$185,200          | \$179,040          | \$170,559          |
| Hunting Valley – Traffic & Criminal Costs  | \$7,719            | \$21,278           | \$32,392           |
| Bail Bond Fees (considered by law as costs)  | \$42,770           | \$39,105           | \$25,214           |
| <b>TOTAL COURT COSTS DISTRIBUTED</b>   | <b>\$1,664,432</b> | <b>\$1,574,677</b> | <b>\$1,337,461</b> |
| <b>SHAKER HEIGHTS FINES</b>  |                    |                    |                    |
| Parking Fines  | \$53,859           | \$47,418           | \$30,369           |
| Traffic and Criminal Fines   | \$485,982          | \$440,827          | \$411,713          |
| <b>TOTAL SHAKER HEIGHTS FINES</b>  | <b>\$539,841</b>   | <b>\$488,245</b>   | <b>\$442,082</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL FINES AND COSTS DISTRIBUTED TO SHAKER HEIGHTS</b>                             | <b>\$2,204,273</b> | <b>\$2,062,922</b> | <b>\$1,779,543</b> |
| <b>STATE OF OHIO FINES &amp; FEES</b>  |                    |                    |                    |
| Traffic & Criminal Fines   | \$89,808           | \$72,263           | \$69,049           |
| BMV Registration Block Fees/DLE Fund   | \$150              | \$103              | \$73               |
| Mandated Fees  | \$349,569          | \$326,488          | \$271,715          |
| <b>TOTAL FINES &amp; FEES DISTRIBUTED TO STATE OF OHIO</b>                             | <b>\$439,527</b>   | <b>\$398,854</b>   | <b>\$340,837</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL FINES DISTRIBUTED TO UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS</b>                                   | <b>\$64,593</b>    | <b>\$49,566</b>    | <b>\$44,930</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL FINES DISTRIBUTED TO PEPPER PIKE</b>  | <b>\$20,512</b>    | <b>\$35,028</b>    | <b>\$33,058</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL FINES DISTRIBUTED TO BEACHWOOD</b>  | <b>\$43,437</b>    | <b>\$46,546</b>    | <b>\$41,512</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL FINES DISTRIBUTED TO HUNTING VALLEY</b>                                       | <b>\$2,760</b>     | <b>\$7,107</b>     | <b>\$9,524</b>     |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL CRIMINAL &amp; TRAFFIC MONEYS DISTRIBUTED (FINES, COSTS &amp; FEES)</b> | <b>\$2,775,102</b> | <b>\$2,600,023</b> | <b>\$2,249,404</b> |