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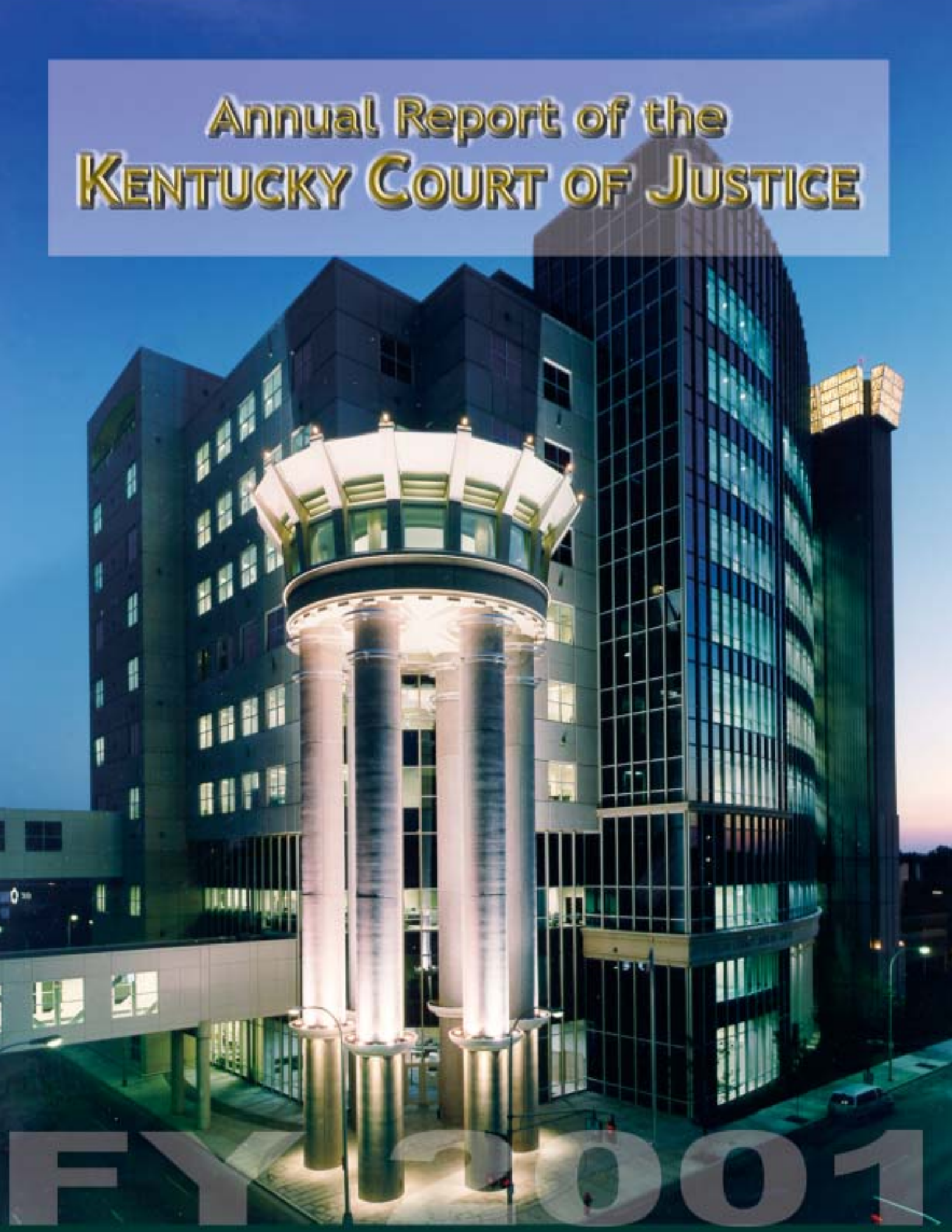

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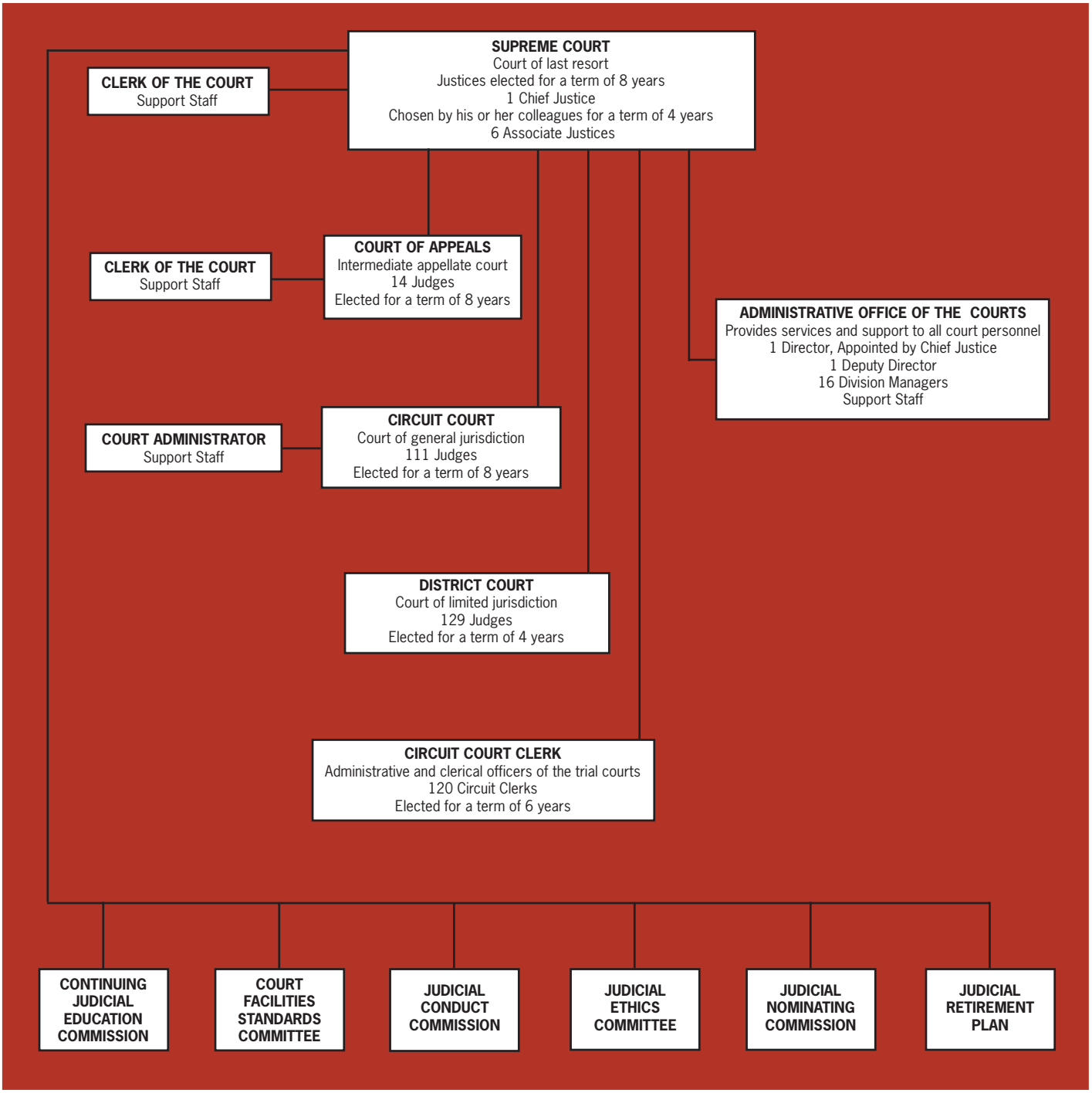
KENTUCKY COURT OF JUSTICE
- ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE -

In 1975, Kentucky voters supported a constitutional amendment to the Judicial Article that provided for a unified, four-tiered judicial system for operation and administration, called the Court of Justice. Judicial power of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is thus vested in one Court of Justice, which is divided into a Supreme Court, a Court of Appeals, a trial court of general jurisdiction known as the Circuit Court and a trial court of limited jurisdiction known as the District Court.



CHIEF JUSTICE JOSEPH E. LAMBERT

Thousands of people came before the Court of Justice this past year for the redress of grievances and resolution of disputes. As in prior years, the courts dealt with severe problems within families, acts of outrage against the innocent, commercial disputes over monies and the host of other conflicts for which the courts serve as neutral arbiter; this past year over 940,000 legal matters were brought to courts. And, as it has since its inception, the Court of Justice continues to meet public trust and confidence that it serves as a fair, efficient and effective forum for the resolution of those conflicts.

To serve that trust amid growing demands for judicial oversight, the Court of Justice effectively uses innovative court management, technology and the highly-skilled judges, clerks and staff of the courts. Our unified judicial system and unified court administration promote the efficient administration of justice. The Court continues to expand those resources to serve the people of the Commonwealth, supported by the Kentucky General Assembly and its funding of ongoing operations and court innovations.

The Family Court Project continues to grow, consolidating the legal problems of families in distress before a single judge. An innovation in court management, the one-family, one-judge system of the Family Court Project has grown to encompass nineteen counties. With their special focus, the Family Courts have been given special resources to handle the painful and complicated issues of families. With one judge to focus on the difficulties our families in court must face, those families won't "fall through the cracks" but will have a better chance with the judicial resolution of their problems.

This year the Family Court Project will face the people of Kentucky for a vote on its continued existence. This November, the voters will decide on an amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky that will make the Family Courts a permanent part of the Court of Justice. With the amendment, the current Family Court Project courts will continue as Family Courts, with gradual expansion as resources permit; without the amendment, the Family Court Project will end and Family Court families will have their cases sent out to the several different courts and judges that would have previously heard them. The vote on the Family Court Amendment is one of great and long-lasting importance to the courts and the families of Kentucky.

I am pleased that judicial resources to deal with the hundreds of thousands of cases before the Kentucky courts have grown with the addition of five new judgeships in this last fiscal year. These new judgeships and the resources to support them will address pressing caseloads in Clay, Leslie, Jackson, Henderson, Union, Crittenden, Webster, Carter, Elliott, Morgan, Russell, and Wayne Counties.

In addition to new judgeships, the Court of Justice is implementing both a state-wide electronic network and a new, Windows-based case management system for the courts. The wide-area network for our courts is complete, giving real-time electronic access via the Internet to the courts for case data, e-mail and computer-assisted legal research. Our case management system, KyCourts, has eased the growing record-keeping duties of the courts and provides the foundation for expanding public and lawyer access to information on court activities.

And to adequately and safely house the courts, twenty-seven new courthouses and judicial centers have been completed or are under construction. These new facilities reflect the dignity of our courts and the respect that should be shown all who come before them. These new courthouses are also secure in their design and operations, reflecting the risks to those who enforce the rule of law in America and the world.

It is the rule of law that assures the best security for all, and the blessings of peace for the people of the Commonwealth. There may always be those who claim to be above the law or who abuse their powers. Yet in the courts of Kentucky all stand equally before the law, for protection or for punishment. The men and women of the Court of Justice, as I, will always support the Constitution of the United States and of this Commonwealth of Kentucky. I am proud of the work of justice we have all done, judges, clerks, you and I. As always, I invite and welcome you to work with us on this great enterprise of justice and law.

Joseph E. Lambert, Chief Justice
Commonwealth of Kentucky

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Cicely Jaracz Lambert, appointed March 8, 1999 as its fifth director, oversees the seventeen departments of the AOC that provide support services for Kentucky's 261 judges and 120 circuit court clerks. Ms. Lambert was in private legal practice in Louisville, Kentucky before accepting her appointment. She also served as the General Counsel at the AOC for eight years and as Assistant Attorney General under former Attorneys General Steve Beshear, David Armstrong and Fred Cowan. Ms. Lambert holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Transylvania University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

As the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts these last three years, I am pleased to report that we have consistently fulfilled the statutory duties of the Kentucky Constitution while moving steadily forward in improving and increasing services for the Court of Justice. The AOC, acting as fiscal agent for the Court of Justice, prepares a biennial budget draft and executes the judicial budget. With 2.62 percent of the Kentucky's general fund appropriations, this office directs and supports the activities of over 3,300 Kentuckians employed by the Court of Justice, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit clerks.

The Kentucky Court of Justice is a national leader in court technology. Responding to the needs of its unified court system, AOC maintains a state of the art data communications network linking computers for courts and court supported activities in all 120 counties across the state. With input from several AOC departments, ***Information Systems*** *developed computer systems to manage trial and appellate cases, jury lists, court document imaging, criminal histories, as well as personnel records, budget, and facility payments. The* ***Office of General Counsel*** *guided the development of "smart" forms. Court personnel, members of the bar, law enforcement and the public can access these forms at any time from any Internet enabled computer, enter data, print the completed document, and file it in Kentucky courts. This technology prepares the way for electronic submission of documents to Kentucky courts. With the filing and deposition of nearly one million cases each year in the court system, the value of these innovative services cannot be overstated.*

During 2001, the ***Department of Court Facilities*** *took on a major role in courthouse construction throughout the Commonwealth. In implementing the Real Property Management Guide, the AOC for the first time became a true partner with local governments in the construction and renovation of courthouses.* ***Court Facilities*** *oversaw the construction or renovation of twenty-seven courthouses, totaling over $350 million in costs. Court security remained an important topic throughout fiscal year 2001.* ***Court Security*** *trained 134 bailiffs for service to the courts of the Commonwealth, and maintained security for high profile trials. Court Security also works with Court Facilities to address security needs in our 600 court related facilities. The AOC is responsible for supporting these facilities throughout the Commonwealth. It also distributes and maintains supplies and equipment for the facilities and for court personnel.*

The 2001 General Assembly, at the urging of Chief Justice Lambert, passed a bill that puts the issue of Family Courts to the voters. Eleven Family Courts currently operate in the Commonwealth as a pilot project. Their success has become a model for how issues can more efficiently be resolved when brought before a single court, with the same judge hearing all matters relating to a particular family. The ***Department of Family Courts*** *oversees these courts.*

The AOC also houses several statewide programs. ***Pretrial Services*** *department collects data to assist trial court judges in making informed decisions about release of persons awaiting trial on criminal charges. Additionally, the* ***Records*** *division of Pretrial Services operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to provide criminal history information*

to the judiciary and the public. ***Juvenile Services*** *processed over 42,000 youth cases submitted for diversion from formal court.*

Our citizens receive direct benefit from nationally acclaimed programs administered and/or supported by AOC staff. Among these are Kentucky ***Drug Courts,*** *which have successfully integrated treatment services with the judicial system. The* ***Dependent Children Services*** *department works with dependent child advocacy initiatives to expedite permanent placement for Kentucky's abused and neglected children. The* ***Office of Minority Affairs*** *works with the judiciary and the public to eliminate real or perceived cultural barriers within our justice system. The* ***Youth, Families and Community Services*** *department develops and implements practical alternatives for Kentucky's at risk youth and families through its various outreach and prevention programs.*

The ***Education Services*** *department provides continuing educational programs for judges, court clerks and support staff. The* ***Administrative Services*** *department coordinates purchasing and accounting for the Court of Justice and publishes and prints all judicial and administrative materials. Field representatives and judicial auditors from the* ***Courts Services*** *department assist circuit court clerks with court record keeping and cash management. The* ***State Law Library*** *provides support to our judiciary, and the department of* ***Research and Statistics*** *provides information from our statewide database to all three branches of government, the media, and the public. Our* ***Personnel*** *department processes payroll, insurance and other benefit information for over 3,300 elected officials and employees. The* ***Budget Review*** *department oversees the biennial budget.*

Serving the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the many seen and unseen aspects of my office is an honor, not only for the high purposes of ensuring justice for its people, but for the responsible manner with which those who are entrusted with this service, the men and women with whom I work, carry out their appointed tasks. I am proud of the achievements of the Court of Justice and look forward to the new challenges we face.

Joseph E. Lambert, *Chief Justice*
Susan Stokley Clary, *Clerk*

SUPREME COURT

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The Supreme Court is the court of last resort and the final interpreter of state law. It consists of seven justices who are elected from the seven appellate districts and serve eight-year terms. The Chief Justice of the Commonwealth is chosen by his or her colleagues and serves a term of four years. The justices, as a panel, hear appeals of decisions from the lower courts and issue decisions or "opinions" on cases. A case which comes before the Supreme Court is not retried. The case is presented to the Supreme Court by attorneys with written briefs and oral arguments addressing the legal issues which the Court must decide. Cases involving the death penalty, life imprisonment or imprisonment for twenty years or more go directly from the circuit court level, where the cases are tried, to the Supreme Court for review. After a decision by the Kentucky Supreme Court, a case can only be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is also responsible for establishing rules of practice and procedures for the Court of Justice, which includes the conduct of judges and attorneys.

Joseph E. Lambert was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky on October 5, 1998, having been elected by his peers to serve as Kentucky's fourth Chief Justice. He has represented the 3rd Supreme Court District since his election in November 1986.

Chief Justice Lambert was born in Berea, Kentucky in 1948. He received his B.S. from Georgetown College in 1970 and his J.D. from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1974.

Chief Justice Lambert served as a staff member for United States Senator John Sherman Cooper in Washington, D.C. from 1970-1971. From 1974-1975 he served as law clerk for United States District Judge Rhodes Bratcher in Louisville, Kentucky. He was in private practice in Mount Vernon, Kentucky from 1975-1987.

Chief Justice Lambert was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Louisville School of Law in 1988. He was Featured Alumnus of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities in 1995. He was named Lambda Chi Alpha, Outstanding Alumnus in 1997. In 1999 he was awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws from Georgetown College and Eastern Kentucky University. He was named Outstanding Judge of Kentucky by the Kentucky Bar Association in 2000. He received the Leadership Award from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in 2000, and presently serves on its Board of Directors. Chief Justice Lambert also serves on the Board of the National Conference of Chief Justices.

Donald C. Wintersheimer has the distinction of being the longest serving member of the court. First elected to represent the 6th Supreme Court District in 1982, he was reelected in 1990, and again in 1998.

Justice Wintersheimer was born in Covington, Kentucky in 1932. He received his A.B. from Thomas More College in 1953, his M.A. from Xavier University in 1957, and his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1960. He was in private practice until he was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1976, where he served until his election to the Supreme Court.

A prolific opinion writer, Justice Wintersheimer writes, on average, over 40 opinions each year. He has published numerous articles in various state and national law journals. Recognized nationally for his judicial experience and legal expertise, Justice Wintersheimer appeared on a 1998 PBS television special entitled "Inside the Law."

Justice Wintersheimer is a member of several bar associations, the American Judicature Society, the institute of Judicial Administration, Phi Delta Phi, and Tau Kappa Alpha. Prior to his judicial career, Justice Wintersheimer served for 14 years as Covington city attorney. His military service includes two years in the U.S. Army Infantry.

Justice Wintersheimer is a former president of both the Thomas More Alumni Association and the Kentucky Municipal Attorneys' Association. He received the Community Service Award from Thomas More College in 1970 and was named Outstanding Teacher in 1973. He is a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. In 1998 he was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He served as Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Chase College of Law and was named Outstanding Jurist by Phi Alpha Delta Legal Foundation in 1990.

In 2001 the Supreme Court recorded 1,177 cases filed and disposed 1,106 of those.

Janet L. Stumbo is the first woman elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky. She has represented the 7th Supreme Court District since her election in November 1993.

Born in Prestonsburg, Kentucky in 1954, Justice Stumbo received her B.A. in 1976 from Morehead State University and her J.D. in 1980 from the University of Kentucky. She worked as a staff attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals from 1980-1982. While in private practice from 1982-1988, she served as assistant county attorney for Floyd County from 1982-1985. In 1989 she returned briefly to private practice before being elected to the Court of Appeals where she served until her election to the Supreme Court.

Justice Stumbo was elected to the Morehead State University Hall of Fame in 1990. She received the Justice Award from the Kentucky Women Advocates in 1991 in recognition of her work in the area of spousal abuse. In 1995 her work in the area of gender fairness won her the group's Outstanding Jurist Award, also receiving the 1995 Bull's Eye Award from the Women in State Government Network. In 1996 Justice Stumbo received the Woman Lawyer of Achievement Award from the Kentucky Bar Association.

John William Graves began serving in Kentucky's trial courts in 1984, first serving as a district judge and later as a circuit judge. He was elected to the Supreme Court in November 1995. Justice Graves represents the 1st Supreme Court District.

Born in Paducah, Kentucky in 1935, Justice Graves received his B.S. in 1957 from the University of Notre Dame. He studied at the University of Louisville School of Medicine from 1957-1958. He received his J.D. in 1963 from the University of Kentucky. Prior to his appointment as district judge, Justice Graves was in private practice for 20 years, concentrating primarily on disability law and negligence law, with special emphasis in worker's compensation cases. He was appointed as circuit judge in 1989 and was elected to the Supreme Court in November 1995.

During more than 35 years of active and reserve military service, Justice Graves completed the Command & General Staff College, the Airwar College, and the National Defense University. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in 1987, the Army Meritorious Service Medal in 1989, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal in 1993.

Martin E. Johnstone is the first judge in Kentucky to have served at all four levels of the Court of Justice. Prior to the Judicial Article of 1975, Justice Johnstone was elected as a magisterial district judge. In 1978 he assumed the duties of district judge, and in 1983 he was elected as circuit judge. He served as Jefferson County Chief District Judge and Chief Circuit Judge. In 1993 he was appointed and later elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, where he served as Chief Judge Pro Tem. He has represented the 4th Supreme Court District since his election in November 1996 and has served as Deputy Chief Justice since 1998.

Justice Johnstone is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and was born in 1949. After receiving his baccalaureate degree from Western Kentucky University and his J.D. from the University of Louisville, he was in private practice until 1976.

Justice Johnstone was named Judge of the Year by the Louisville Bar Association in 1981 and 1999. He received the Henry V. Pennington Outstanding Trial Judge Award from the Kentucky Association of Trial Attorneys in 1991.

William S. Cooper began his judicial career as a circuit judge in 1979. He served as Vice-chief Regional Judge from 1981-1992, and as Chief Regional Judge from 1992-1996. In 1996 he was elected to represent the 2nd Supreme Court District.

Justice Cooper was born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky in 1941. He received both his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Kentucky, graduating first in his law school class of 1970.

An Air Force veteran, Justice Cooper is a member of the American Legion, Rotary, and the Knights of Columbus. He is past president of the University of Kentucky Law Alumni Association. Justice Cooper has served on numerous working committees, some of which include the Kentucky Council for Higher Education Subcommittee for Legal Education, the Committee on Justice and Corrections, the Evidence Rules Review Commission, and the Commission on *Guardians ad litem.* He currently serves as chair of the Supreme Court Criminal Rules Committee and the Kentucky Evidence Rules Review Commission.

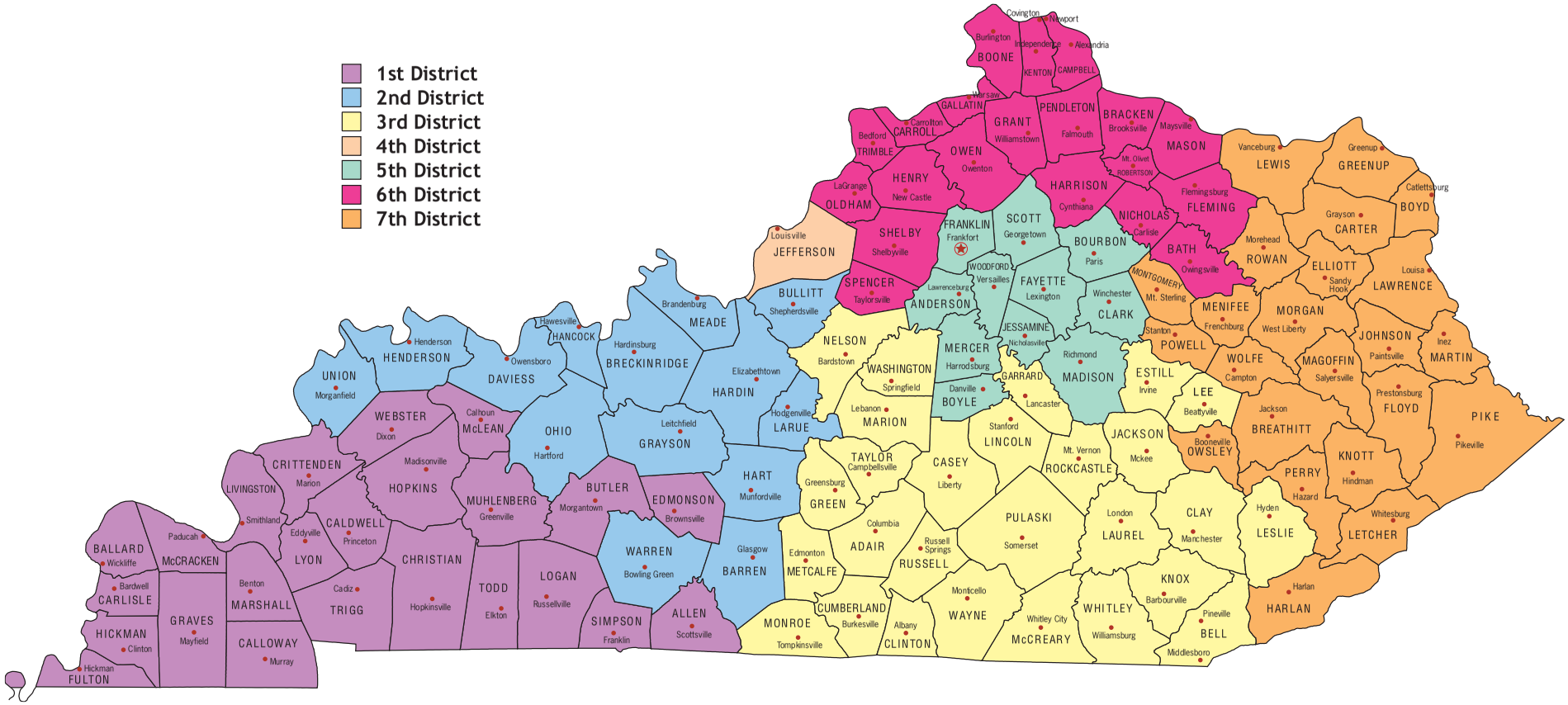
Justice Cooper is a diligent lecturer, dedicated to the continuing education of those in the legal community. He has published several law journal articles and wrote *Kentucky Instructions to Juries, Vol. 1 (Criminal).* Justice Cooper was named a Charter Life Fellow of the Kentucky Bar Foundation in 1986 and received the association's Kentucky Bar Center Award in 1992. Other awards include the Knights of Columbus 1991 Community Service Award, the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Chamber of Commerce 1997 Hall of Fame Award. He was elected to the University of Kentucky Law Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001.

James Keller is the newest member of the Supreme Court. Appointed to the court in May 1999, Justice Keller subsequently won election to a full term as the representative of the 5th Supreme Court District.

Justice Keller was born in Harlan County, Kentucky in 1942. He completed his undergraduate studies while attending Eastern Kentucky University on a football scholarship. He received his J.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1965. During the ten years he spent in private practice, he served for eight years as Master Commissioner of the Fayette Circuit Court. He was appointed as circuit judge in 1976, where he served until 1999. Twice elected as president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association, he also served two terms as Fayette County Chief Circuit Judge.

Justice Keller helped to establish several highly effective court programs during his tenure as circuit judge. He is most proud of his efforts in establishing the *Parents Education Clinic*, a program for divorcing parents, which is now used in several Kentucky jurisdictions. He was instrumental in establishing *Kids' Time*, a program for children of divorcing parents. He helped establish the Kentucky Mediation Center and the Fayette Drug Court. Justice Keller currently serves as a member of the Judicial Advisory Committee to the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services.

SUPREME COURT & COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICTS



Paul D. Gudgel, *Chief Judge*
George Geoghegan, *Court Clerk*
George Fowler, *Chief Staff Attorney*
Barbara Moberly, *Court Administrator*

COURT OF APPEALS

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The Kentucky Court of Appeals is comprised of fourteen judges. Two judges are elected from each of the seven appellate districts, to serve a term of eight years. Each month, the judges are randomly divided into panels of three to review and decide cases, with the majority determining the decision. The panels do not sit permanently in one place, but try to visit all parts of the state on a regular basis. For the most part, cases come to the Court of Appeals when the losing party in a lower court decides to have that court's decision reviewed. The Court of Appeals does not retry the case. Rather, the panel bases its decision on the record compiled in the lower court and on arguments by attorneys criticizing or supporting the lower court's disposition of the case as reflected in that record. The Kentucky Court of Appeals ranks as one of the nation's busiest. In 2001, the Court recorded 2,992 cases filed and 3,320 cases disposed.

David C. Buckingham
District 1
Murray

Rick Johnson
District 1
Mayfield

Joseph R. Huddleston
District 2
Bowling Green

John D. Miller
District 2
Owensboro

Robert W. Dyche, III
District 3
London

Thomas D. Emberton
District 3
Edmonton

William E. McAnulty, Jr.
District 4
Louisville

William L. Knopf
District 4
Louisville

Chief Judge
Paul D. Gudgel
District 5
Lexington

Julia Tackett
District 5
Lexington

Daniel T. Guidugli
District 6
Newport

Wilfrid A. Schroder
District 6
Covington

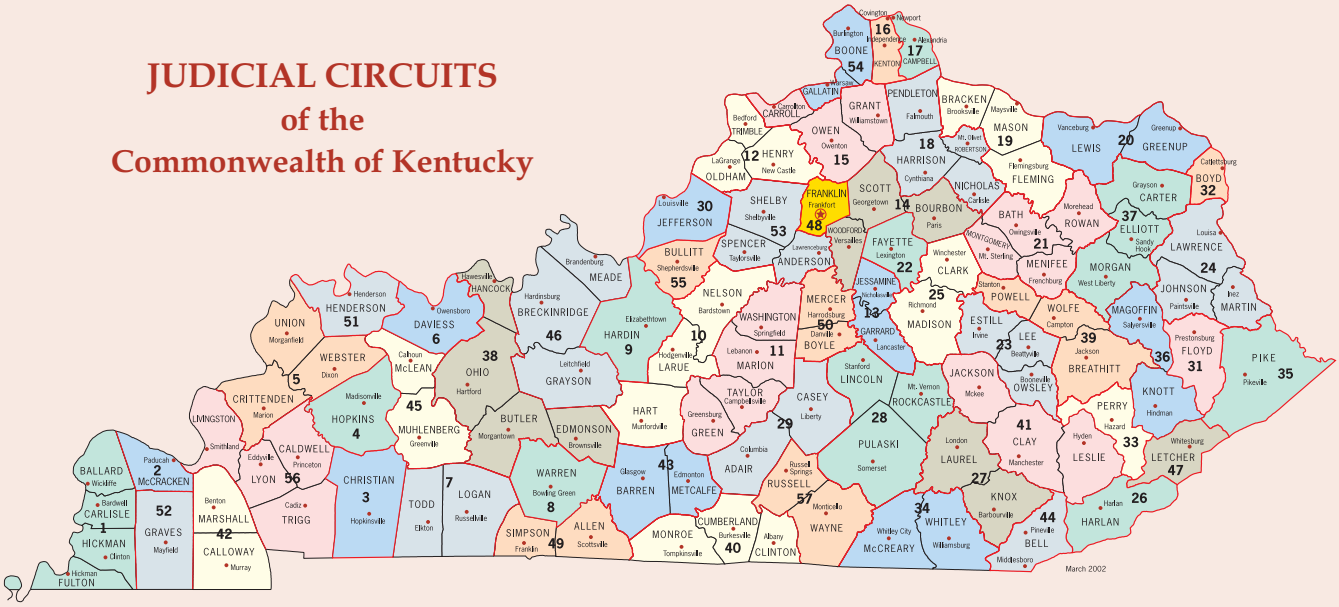
Sara W. Combs
District 7
Stanton

David Barber
District 7
Prestonsburg

CIRCUIT COURT

The Circuit Court is the court of general jurisdiction and hears civil matters involving more than $4,000. Circuit courts have jurisdiction over cases involving capital offenses and felonies, divorces, adoptions, terminations of parental rights, land dispute title problems and contested probates of will. Circuit courts have the power to issue injunctions, writs of prohibition, writs of mandamus and hear appeals from district courts and administrative agencies.

Currently, there are 111 circuit judges in 57 judicial circuits. One judge may serve more than one county within a circuit. Some circuits contain only one county but have several judges, depending on population and caseload. Circuit judges serve eight-year terms.



Judge Robert McGinnis
18th Judicial Circuit
President, Circuit Judges' Association

Judge Roger Crittenden
48th Judicial Circuit
Chairman, Circuit Judges' Education Committee

CIRCUIT COURT RANKINGS FY 2001

BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS (FAMILY COURT INCLUDED)

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	1,589.00	10th	HART-LARUE-NELSON	1
2	1,516.00	42nd	CALLOWAY-MARSHALL	1
3	1,414.00	38th	BUTLER-EDMONSON-HANCOCK-OHIO	1
4	1,400.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
5	1,372.00	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	1
6	1,366.00	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	1
7	1,345.00	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	1
8	1,298.00	13th	GARRARD-JESSAMINE	1
9	1,291.00	55th	BULLITT	1
10	1,253.00	51st	HENDERSON	1
11	1,228.00	4th	HOPKINS	1
12	1,222.00	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
13	1,200.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
14	1,181.00	26th	HARLAN	1
15	1,178.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY-CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
16	1,158.00	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	2
17	1,140.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
18	1,108.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	1
19	1,103.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	1
20	1,083.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
21	1,061.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
22	1,059.00	6th	DAVIESS	2
23	1,052.00	17th	CAMPBELL	2
24	1,016.88	30th	JEFFERSON	17
25	995.00	45th	McLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
26	980.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
27	948.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
28	932.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
29	921.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
30	907.00	33rd	PERRY	1
31	899.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
32	897.75	16th	KENTON	4
33	893.33	8th	WARREN	3
34	872.67	28th	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	3
35	852.00	2nd	McCRACKEN	2
36	836.00	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
37	833.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
38	826.67	9th	HARDIN	3
39	813.00	3rd	CHRISTIAN	3
40	807.00	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
41	800.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
42	798.63	22nd	FAYETTE	8
43	778.50	32nd	BOYD	2
44	775.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
45	773.00	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
46	770.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
47	753.33	25th	CLARK-MADISON	3
48	717.00	47th	LETCHER	1
49	715.50	34th	McCREARY-WHITLEY	2
50	714.00	1st	BALLARD-CARLISLE-HICKMAN-FULTON	1
51	713.00	44th	BELL	1
52	708.00	35th	PIKE	3
53	706.50	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
54	678.50	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
55	584.33	48th	FRANKLIN	3
56	431.33	31st	FLOYD	3

Average:986.86 **Median: 926.50** **111 Judges**

CIRCUIT COURT RANKINGS FY 2001

BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS (FAMILY COURT EXCLUDED)

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	1,648.00	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	1
2	1,589.00	10th	HART-LARUE-NELSON	1
3	1,515.00	42nd	CALLOWAY-MARSHALL	1
4	1,414.00	38th	BUTLER-EDMONSON-HANCOCK-OHIO	1
5	1,400.00	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	1
6	1,372.00	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	1
7	1,366.00	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	1
8	1,345.00	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	1
9	1,298.00	13th	GARRARD-JESSAMINE	1
10	1,291.00	55th	BULLITT	1
11	1,253.00	51st	HENDERSON	1
12	1,228.00	4th	HOPKINS	1
13	1,222.00	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
14	1,200.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
15	1,180.00	26th	HARLAN	1
16	1,178.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY-CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
17	1,140.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
18	1,108.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	1
19	1,103.00	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	1
20	1,083.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
21	1,061.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	1
22	1,059.00	6th	DAVIESS	2
23	1,052.00	17th	CAMPBELL	2
24	995.00	45th	McLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
25	980.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
26	964.50	8th	WARREN	2
27	961.50	28th	LINCOLN-PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
28	948.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
29	932.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
30	921.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
31	913.23	30th	JEFFERSON	13
32	907.00	33rd	PERRY	1
33	899.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
34	897.75	16th	KENTON	4
35	835.50	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
36	833.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
37	826.67	9th	HARDIN	3
38	807.00	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
39	798.63	22nd	FAYETTE	8
40	778.50	32nd	BOYD	2
41	775.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	1
42	773.00	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
43	763.00	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
44	738.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
45	717.00	47th	LETCHER	1
46	715.50	34th	McCREARY-WHITLEY	2
47	714.00	1st	BALLARD-CARLISLE-HICKMAN-FULTON	1
48	713.00	44th	BELL	1
49	711.00	35th	PIKE	2
50	706.50	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
51	678.50	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
52	667.50	48th	FRANKLIN	2
53	652.50	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
54	644.50	25th	CLARK-MADISON	2
55	595.50	2nd	McCRACKEN	2
56	348.50	31st	FLOYD	2

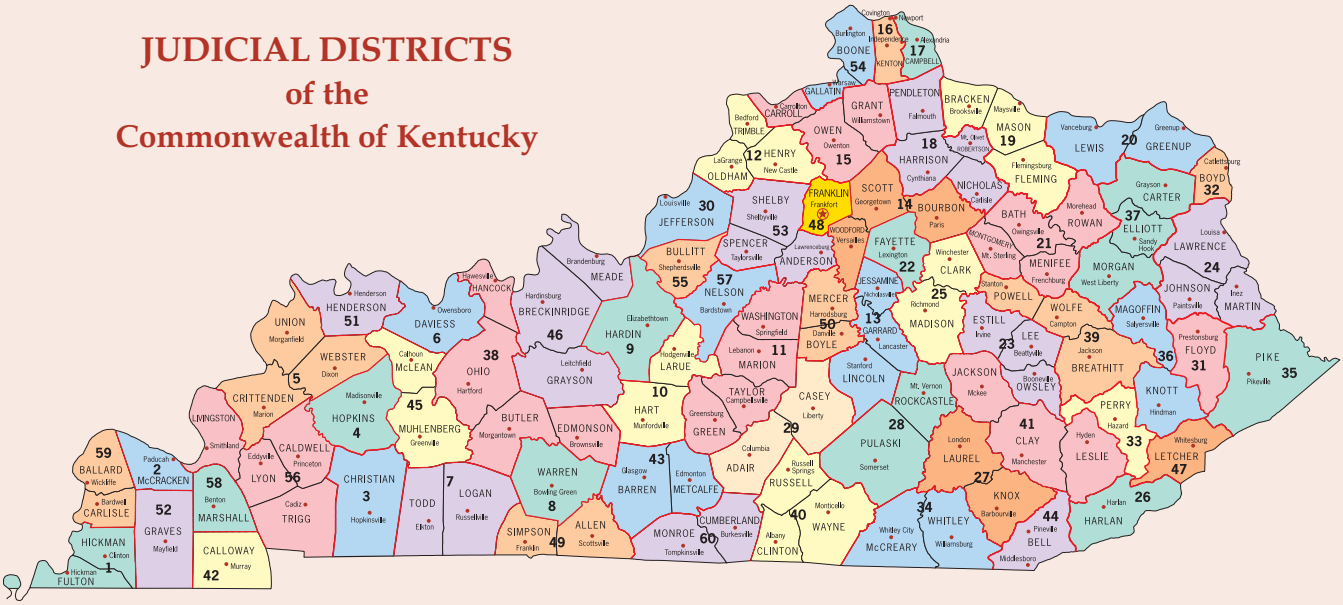
Average:920.46 **Median: 946.75** **99 Judges**

DISTRICT COURT

The District Court has limited jurisdiction, which means it hears only certain types of cases. Ninety percent of all Kentuckians involved in court proceedings appear in District Court.

Juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, misdemeanors, traffic offenses, probate of wills, felony preliminary hearings, and civil cases involving $4,000 or less are heard in District Court, as well as voluntary and involuntary mental commitments and cases relating to domestic violence and abuse.

There are 129 district judges in 60 judicial districts in Kentucky. If a district has a high population and a heavy caseload, it may consist of only one county but have several judges. In less populated areas, a district may encompass more than one county, but have only one judge who travels between the counties to hear cases.



Judge Jeffrey M. Walson
25th Judicial District
President, District Judges' Association

Judge Michael W. Harrod
53rd Judicial District
Chairman, District Judges' Education Committee

DISTRICT COURT RANKINGS FY 2001

BASED ON ORIGINAL FILINGS (FAMILY COURT INCLUDED)

RANK	PER JUDGE	CIRCUIT NO.	COUNTIES	NO. OF JUDGES
1	10,366.00	39th	BREATHITT-WOLFE-POWELL	1
2	9,742.00	22nd	FAYETTE	6
3	9,432.00	54th	BOONE-GALLATIN	2
4	9,426.00	37th	CARTER-ELLIOTT-MORGAN	1
5	8,866.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
6	8,768.00	9th	HARDIN	2
7	8,686.50	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
8	8,487.70	25th	CLARK-MADISON	3
9	8,369.73	30th	JEFFERSON	23
10	7,964.50	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
11	7,713.70	8th	WARREN	3
12	7,534.50	13th	LINCOLN-GARRARD-JESSAMINE	2
13	7,527.00	57th	NELSON	1
14	7,500.00	33rd	PERRY	1
15	7,484.00	44th	BELL	1
16	7,373.00	16th	KENTON	4
17	7,226.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
18	7,015.00	28th	PULASKI-ROCKCASTLE	2
19	6,971.00	26th	HARLAN	1
20	6,685.00	49th	ALLEN-SIMPSON	1
21	6,331.00	29th	ADAIR-CASEY	1
22	6,252.00	5th	CRITTENDEN-UNION-WEBSTER	1
23	6,172.00	21st	BATH-MENIFEE-MONTGOMERY-ROWAN	2
24	6,139.50	41st	CLAY-LESLIE-JACKSON	2
25	6,066.50	11th	GREEN-TAYLOR-MARION-WASHINGTON	2
26	6,051.00	3rd	CHRISTIAN	2
27	6,010.50	35th	PIKE	2
28	5,996.00	19th	BRACKEN-FLEMING-MASON	1
29	5,976.70	6th	DAVIESS	3
30	5,873.00	52nd	GRAVES	1
31	5,841.50	43rd	BARREN-METCALFE	2
32	5,698.00	51st	HENDERSON	2
33	5,547.00	15th	CARROLL-GRANT-OWEN	2
34	5,544.00	45th	McLEAN-MUHLENBERG	1
35	5,420.00	36th	MAGOFFIN-KNOTT	1
36	5,385.50	23rd	ESTILL-LEE-OWSLEY	1
37	5,385.50	53rd	ANDERSON-SHELBY-SPENCER	2
38	5,361.00	7th	LOGAN-TODD	1
39	5,266.30	17th	CAMPBELL	3
40	5,196.50	55th	BULLITT	2
41	5,065.00	46th	BRECKINRIDGE-GRAYSON-MEADE	2
42	5,043.00	48th	FRANKLIN	2
43	4,797.00	10th	LARUE-HART	1
44	4,643.00	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	2
45	4,233.00	34th	McCREARY-WHITLEY	2
46	4,143.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
47	4,141.00	47th	LETCHER	1
48	4,121.50	31st	FLOYD	2
49	4,016.00	32nd	BOYD	2
50	3,993.50	4th	HOPKINS	2
51	3,894.00	42nd	CALLOWAY	1
52	3,687.50	38th	BUTLER-EDMONSON-HANCOCK-OHIO	2
53	3,645.30	2nd	McCRACKEN	3
54	3,597.00	50th	BOYLE-MERCER	2
55	3,521.50	56th	CALDWELL-LIVINGSTON-LYON-TRIGG	2
56	3,469.00	58th	MARSHALL	1
57	3,112.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	2
58	2,714.00	60th	CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
59	2,682.00	1st	HICKMAN-FULTON	1
60	2,498.00	59th	BALLARD-CARLISLE	1

Average: 5,929.93 **Median: 5,857.25** **129 Judges**

DISTRICT COURT RANKINGS FY 2001

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6	8,866.00	14th	BOURBON-SCOTT-WOODFORD	2
7	8,768.00	9th	HARDIN	2
8	8,686.50	27th	KNOX-LAUREL	2
9	8,116.67	25th	CLARK-MADISON	3
10	7,964.50	12th	HENRY-OLDHAM-TRIMBLE	2
11	7,527.00	57th	NELSON	1
12	7,500.00	33rd	PERRY	1
13	7,484.00	44th	BELL	1
14	7,424.50	13th	LINCOLN-GARRARD-JESSAMINE	2
15	7,373.00	16th	KENTON	4
16	7,260.67	8th	WARREN	3
17	7,226.00	20th	GREENUP-LEWIS	1
18	6,971.00	26th	HARLAN	1
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43	4,797.00	10th	LARUE-HART	1
44	4,728.50	48th	FRANKLIN	2
45	4,643.00	40th	CLINTON-RUSSELL-WAYNE	2
46	4,233.00	34th	McCREARY-WHITLEY	2
47	4,143.00	24th	JOHNSON-LAWRENCE-MARTIN	2
48	4,141.00	47th	LETCHER	1
49	4,016.00	32nd	BOYD	2
50	3,993.50	4th	HOPKINS	2
51	3,894.00	42nd	CALLOWAY	1
52	3,687.50	38th	BUTLER-EDMONSON-HANCOCK-OHIO	2
53	3,679.00	31st	FLOYD	2
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56	3,469.00	58th	MARSHALL	1
57	3,112.00	18th	HARRISON-NICHOLAS-PENDLETON-ROBERTSON	2
58	2,714.00	60th	CUMBERLAND-MONROE	1
59	2,682.00	1st	HICKMAN-FULTON	1
60	2,498.00	59th	BALLARD-CARLISLE	1

Average: 6,650.52 **Median: 5,744.5** **123 Judges**

CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS

The 120 clerks of the circuit courts oversee the documentation of the activities of trial courts of Kentucky in each of Kentucky's counties; the clerk of the circuit court for a county is also the clerk of the district court for that county. Clerks are elected for six-year terms and manage staffs of deputy clerks and others; the offices of the circuit clerks range in size from two to 300+ deputy clerks and administrative staff.

The clerks of each trial court keep a docket for each original action filed in that court; each such action is assigned a consecutive file number. All papers filed with the clerk, are marked with the file number and noted chronologically in the docket on the page or pages of the docket assigned to the action. These notations show the nature of each paper filed or issued and the substance of each order or judgment of the court and of the returns showing execution of process. This process is maintained and secured in both paper and electronic records for the nearly one million actions filed in Kentucky courts each year.

COUNTIES of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Established in 1976, the Administrative Office of the Courts serves as staff for the Chief Justice of Kentucky. The state constitution outlines certain duties which are the responsibility of the AOC, under the supervision of its administrative director. Statutory duties include: act as fiscal agent of the Court of Justice; maintain data processing systems; disperse and maintain supplies and equipment for the court system; administer personnel policies and payroll for the Court of Justice; oversee the state pretrial and juvenile services programs; supervise the State Law Library; provide educational programs for judges, court clerks, and support staff; prepare, publish and print manuals, forms, stationery, and other materials; and handle press and public information for the courts.

The Administrative Office of the Courts consists of seventeen departments, currently employing 222 people through the central office in Frankfort and another 3,154 at offices across the state. Departments include:

- Accounting and Purchasing
- Budget/Program Review
- Court Services
- Dependent Children's Services
- Director's Office
- Drug Court
- Education Services
- Facilities Management
- Family Court
- Information Systems
- Minority Affairs
- Office of General Counsel
- Personnel Administration
- Pretrial Services
- Research & Statistics
- State Law Library
- Youth, Families & Community Services

OVERVIEW

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Lee Guice, General Manager

The primary function of the Department of Administrative Services is to provide centralized purchasing and accounting of all goods and services used by the Court of Justice. In fiscal year 2001, Administrative Services processed 5,381 purchase documents, 35,000 payment documents, and monitored the receipt of all goods and services purchased. The department also manages all Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Personal Service Contracts (PSC), price contracts, federal and private agency grant activity, and insurance claims for the Court of Justice.

To meet the increasing demands of the Court of Justice and to provide more efficient service, Administrative Services is developing new processes, forms, and databases for tracking and reporting. Administrative Services staff works closely with executive branch personnel to effectively integrate Management Administration & Reporting System (MARS) technology, an accounting and purchasing management software used by all branches of state government. In compliance with KRS Chapter 45A, Administrative Services recently assumed more responsibility for issuing bid solicitations and negotiating contracts for services rendered to the Court of Justice. This function was formerly handled by the Cabinet of Finance and Administration.

Another component of Administrative Services' responsibilities is to meet virtually all the Court of Justice printing needs. These include judicial and administrative forms, stationery, publications, manuals, and reports. A new computerized application assists printing services with filling inventory requests and maintaining a surplus of forms, publications, and supplies. Printing services consistently upgrades equipment and implements new technology to meet today's printing demands.

Administrative Services' staff directs all incoming telephone calls to the Administrative Office of the Courts and receives visitors to its Central Office located in Frankfort, Kentucky. It opens and distributes mail received and processes all outgoing mail.

BUDGET & PROGRAM REVIEW

John Kilkenny, General Manager

The Department of Budget and Program Review monitors the Judicial Branch budget and serves as staff for the AOC Director in coordinating budgetary administration. In this capacity, Budget and Program Review oversees the preparation and execution of the annual operating budget and the preparation of the Judicial Branch Biennial Budget Request. It attends legislative committee meetings during the General Assembly and provides legislative analysis for fiscal or programmatic impact.

The Budget enacted by the 2000 General Assembly provided for continuance of current services, including a 5% salary increment in each year of the biennium (FY 01 & FY 02). The 2001 General Assembly session authorized five new judgeships to be effective April 2002. New judgeships are: 5th District, 37th District, 41st Circuit, 51st Circuit, and 57th Circuit.

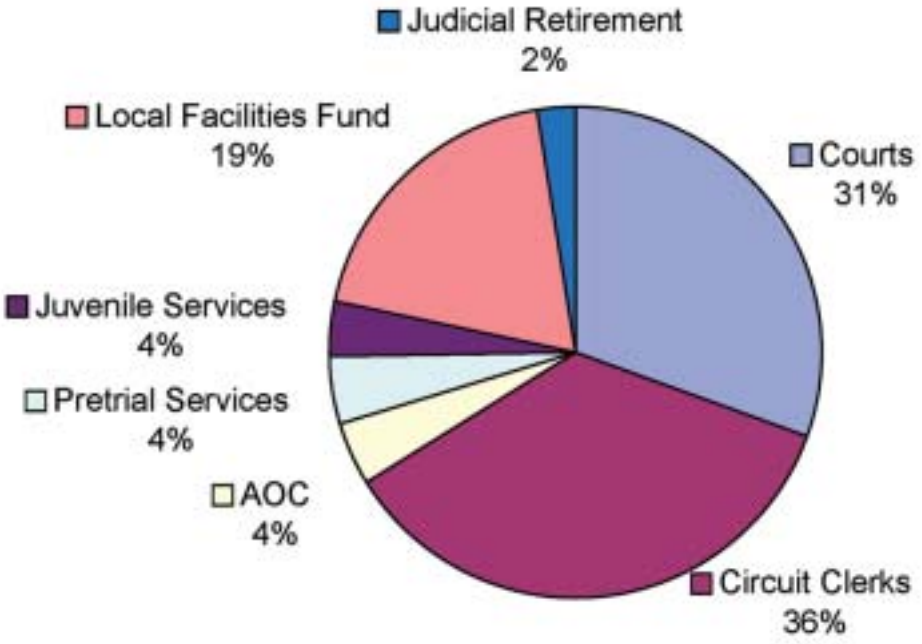
Budget reductions were implemented in FY 2001 due to declining revenues. The total reduction for the Judicial Branch was $200,000 from Court Operations and Administration appropriation. A budget reduction of $2.3 million is anticipated for FY 2002.

COURT OF JUSTICE BUDGET
General Fund

Court Operations & Administration	**FY 2001 Actual**	**FY 2002 Budget**
Supreme Court	3,288,300	3,675,400
Court of Appeals	5,855,700	6,265,600
Circuit Court	26,142,900	28,505,300
District Court	16,991,200	18,026,500
Circuit Clerks	60,887,300	62,771,200
AOC	7,023,100	7,605,800
Boards	145,200	137,500
Pretrial Services	7,554,400	7,724,900
State Law Library	926,000	1,084,800
Juvenile Services	6,064,500	6,765,000
Capital Outlay	690,900	569,900
Total Court Opers. & Admn.	**135,569,500**	**143,131,900**
Local Facilities Fund	**33,205,800**	**45,245,200**
Judicial Retirement	**4,196,700**	**4,213,400**
TOTAL BUDGET	**172,972,000**	**192,590,500**

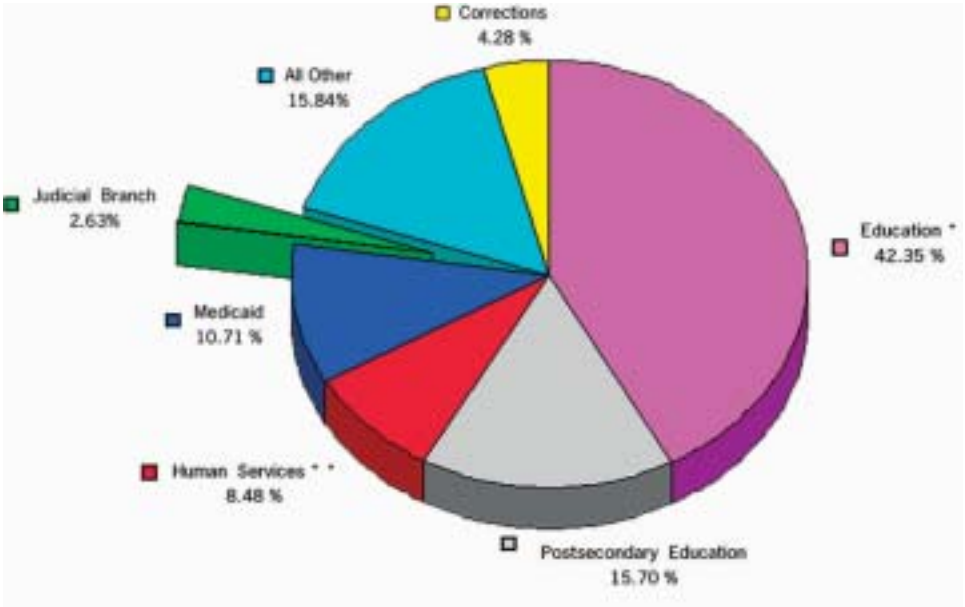
Source: FY 2001 - Judicial Branch Financial Statement – Final FY 01 Expenditures
FY 2002 – Judicial Branch Financial Statement

FY 2001 Distribution of General Fund Expenditures



FY 2001-2002 Distribution of General Fund Appropriations

Total = $14.1 Billion



*Includes the Deparment of Education, the Teachers' Retirement System, and the School Facilities Construction Commission.
**Includes the Cabinets for Families and Children and Health Services (net of Medicaid).
Source: 2000-2002 Executive Budget and Judicial Budget

COURT SERVICES

Donna Tucker, Manager

The **Department of Court Services** provides technical support and assistance to Kentucky's 120 circuit court clerks. The workload is separated into two divisions: **Case Management**, which concentrates on court record organization, maintenance and retrieval, and **Cash Management**, which concentrates on bookkeeping and financial reporting.

The **Division of Case Management** has nine field representatives, eight of whom are assigned a fifteen county per representative area. These field representatives travel daily to designated counties within that area to give individualized, on-site training to circuit court clerks and deputy clerks. Field representatives provide staffing substitutions when unexpected emergencies arise at circuit court clerk's offices. They also provide daily phone support, as needed, to all counties within their area. One field representative is assigned to the AOC central office in Frankfort and works closely with Information Systems to design and develop new circuit court clerk case management programs. Field representatives collaborate with the Office of General Counsel on updating the Circuit Court Clerk's Procedures Manual and related forms. KyCourts I, an automated case management system developed by Information Systems, was successfully implemented in thirty-five counties during this biennium. Field representatives conducted ten two-day classes of KyCourts I training for 875 deputy clerks.

The **Division of Cash Management** has six judicial auditors who each cover a twenty county area. Like the field representatives, judicial auditors travel to specific locations to give individual instruction to court bookkeepers, and they provide daily phone support to all counties within their area. Judicial auditors work with Information Systems to develop new software for receipt and bookkeeping. It is expected that a new program will be implemented in fiscal year 2002. Updating the Circuit Court Clerk's Accounting Manual and related forms is an integral part of the responsibilities of this division. Judicial Auditors advise circuit court clerks on the safe keeping and investments of court funds. Judicial auditors worked closely with a contracted Certified Public Accountant firm to perform twenty full-scope financial/procedural audits for each year of this biennium. During the biennium, judicial auditors reviewed 2,952 Summary Financial Reports.

Department of Court Services' field representatives and judicial auditors conduct regional training sessions every year for circuit court clerks and deputy clerks to acquaint them with new legislation affecting the courts and its implementation.

***SERVICES and DAYS PROVIDED by Field Representatives and Judicial Auditors**

Services	Field Reps.	Judicial Auditors
Routine Field Visits	183	251
On Site Training	177	113
Staff Fill-In	20	5
Special Projects	82	144
Procedural Audits	---	53
Investigations	---	177
Installing KyCourts I	---	51

MONIES COLLECTED BY CIRCUIT CLERKS
FY 2000 & 2001 COMBINED

Drivers License	$23,211,548.15
Charges for Services	4,960,567.95
Expungement Fees	31,231.51
Deputy Clerk Enhancement Fee	2,798,542.97
Bond Filing Fees	1,073,800.61
Bond 10% Fees	1,209,777.63
Bond Forfeitures	1,732,825.63
Fish and Game Fines	446,199.23
Highway Work Zone	759,461.12
Alcohol Intoxication Fines	1,054,503.71
Energy Recovery Road Fines	10,730.19
Criminal Traffic Fines and Costs	83,806,087.99
State Jail Fund	10,616,335.97
Juvenile Fines and Costs	155,730.39
Crime Victims Fund	4,626,845.10
D.U.I. Service Fees	9,949,207.85
Brady Bill Fees	728,948.59
Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Fund	6,365,006.11
Traumatic Brain Injury Fee	4,773,239.00
Court Facility Fees	2,765,981.61
Court Security Fees	2,580,398.62
Civil Filing Fees	15,526,102.42
Access to Justice	2,584,265.15
Public Advocate Recoupment Fees	1,907,796.36
Public Advocate Administration Fees	1,716,572.07
Interest Income	2,906,889.47
Over/Short	(163,879.58)
Total State Monies	188,134,715.82
Jury Fund	7,408,880.27
Witness Fund	229,102.09
Bail Bonds	119,439,525.72
Alimony and Support	6,456,280.53
Restitution and Garnishment	15,027,300.77
Condemnation	46,876,136.82
County Jail Fees	5,313,579.26
Money Collected for Others	46,425,269.06
Library Fees	1,995,412.67
Sheriff's Security Service Fees	5,360,954.20
Total Savings Balance	442,667,157.21
Special Escrow Funds	17,563,139.76
Total All Funds	**$460,230,296.97**

DEPENDENT CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Patrick Yewell, General Manager

Dependent Children's Services oversees and supports dependent child advocacy boards and initiatives that expedite permanent placement for Kentucky's abused and neglected children. It promotes education and accountability among professionals who provide services to dependent children. Dependent Children's Services administers the Kentucky Court Improvement Project, recruits and trains volunteers for Citizen Foster Care Review Boards, and coordinates education programs for the Guardian ad litem Training initiative.

The Kentucky Court Improvement Project

The Kentucky Court Improvement Project (CIP) is dedicated to serving Kentucky's children and families by improving the courts of juvenile and family jurisdictions. Judges face difficult decisions directly affecting abused and neglected children in foster care and other substitute placements throughout the state. CIP plays an essential role in helping judges handle each child's case safely and expeditiously. The mission of CIP is to develop best practice guidelines and technology systems to help courts streamline and improve the permanent placement process for children and their permanent custodians.

CIP maintains a Foster Care Information Management System that facilitates Citizen Foster Care Review Boards case reviews. This tracking system identifies all children in foster care and follows them through the review process, houses review board findings and recommendations data , and tracks all children in foster care through court placement orders. Data on 23,000 children is updated daily and made accessible to judges, volunteers, court personnel, and other state officials. Recent collaboration between Dependent Children's Services and the Cabinet for Families and Children has allowed information sharing and the possibility of electronic case notification.

By coordinating the efforts of Family Courts, interagency groups, Foster Care Review Boards, Guardians ad litem, social workers, attorneys, and other professionals, CIP reduces system delays that Kentucky's children experience in foster care. CIP pilot sites have been successful in moving children toward permanent placement by networking with adoption initiatives, model court work groups, cross-discipline training, and the "One Legal Voice" initiative.

Citizen Foster Care Review Boards

Statewide Citizen Foster Care Review Boards (CFCRB) are mandated to review case files of all children committed to the Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC). The CFCRB mission is to ensure that permanency for at-risk children remains a central objective of the courts and the CFC. Case file review is required by statute (KRS 620) at least once every six months until the child is permanently placed or until adoption proceedings become final. Findings and recommendations of the boards are sent to the judge assigned to the case and to the CFC.

AOC began administering these boards in 1987. Boards are located in each of Kentucky's 120 counties. There are currently over 650 volunteers serving on the 144 CFCRB operating in the Commonwealth. Volunteers are recruited, trained, and provided continual support by the AOC in conjunction with other volunteers. All

volunteer reviewers must be certified and maintain a minimum of six continuing training credit hours annually.

During fiscal year 2001, review boards conducted 14,173 reviews of 6,514 children, which means that these children were reviewed an average of 2.2 times during the year. Of those children reviewed, 2,316 were released; the remaining 4,197 were still active in the foster care system as of August 15, 2001. Approximately 332 of the children released were adopted. The average age of children active in the foster care system is eleven years old and the average age of children released is 10.7 years. Children experience an average of 37 months in foster care.

Guardian Ad Litem

A Guardian ad litem (GAL) is an attorney appointed by the courts when an independent view is needed to ensure that the interests of an abused or neglected child are properly represented. The GAL does not work for the local authority or the court involved in the case, but helps the courts make informed decisions about the welfare of the child. The GAL interviews all parties concerned, studies the relevant case files and gets to know the child or children involved. Once the necessary inquiries are made, the GAL writes reports to the court and makes recommendations.

In 1998, Chief Justice Lambert established a commission to study and recommend improvements in the legal representation of children. One of these recommendations was to establish and implement a standard GAL training program administered by the AOC in coordination with the Kentucky Bar Association. A GAL Education Specialist is on the staff of Dependent Children's Services to coordinate and assist the GAL training program. Since its inception, over 400 attorneys have been trained with the best practice model for abuse, neglect, and dependency cases.

DRUG COURT

Lisa Minton, Manager

The Department of Drug Courts was created in 1996 to oversee Kentucky's adult and juvenile drug courts. Drug Courts operate or are planned in over half of the 120 counties in Kentucky. These courts have become exemplars of non-adversarial approaches to drug offenses, integrating treatment services and the justice system. Judges work with treatment providers and community representatives to help eligible participants achieve both sobriety and productive lives. Combining intensive judicial supervision, mandatory drug testing, and graduated sanctions with a continuum of alcohol and drug treatment, drug courts help offenders break the cycle of addiction. Participants in Kentucky's drug court programs are required to take part in educational and community service activities and to hold employment. They contribute to society and support their families. In 2001 they paid over $88, 600 toward restitution, child support, court costs, fines, and other obligations.

The Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators adopted resolutions on August 2, 2000 supporting these problem solving courts which represent the best practice of therapeutic jurisprudence. In June, 2001, Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert became the first Chief Justice elected to the National Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. In August, 2001, the U. S. Justice Department reported the first decline of inmate population in state prisons since 1972 and attributed this to "new attitudes about offering drug offenders

treatment instead of locking them up." A recent Kentucky Treatment Outcome Study, funded by the Division of Substance Abuse, showed that $8 in avoided cost is saved for every $1 spent on treatment services. For example, forty-two drug free babies have been born to participants in Kentucky's Drug Courts, a significant achievement giving those at-risk children a healthy, drug-free start on life, as well as avoiding the reported cost of $250,000 in medical expenses for every drug-addicted baby born. The Criminal Justice Council and the Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy have endorsed Drug Courts for continuation and expansion.

The University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research is one of six research entities awarded a $1.9 million grant by the National Institute on Drug Abuse to monitor the effect on drug court retention through programs that increase employment skills of participants. The randomized study focuses on Drug Courts in Fayette and Warren counties. According to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), only one quarter of drug users in U. S. prisons were previously in treatment, but the number of those charged with drug related crimes who need treatment exceeds two million a year. Periods of incarceration alone do not change drug use behavior; 60 to 75% of untreated parolees with a history of cocaine and/or heroin use, return to addiction within 3 months of release. The U. S. Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that 82% of paroled persons returned to prison were drug and alcohol abusers; 40% of those were unemployed; 75% have not completed high school; and 19% were homeless.

The UK Center performs evaluations of all Drug Courts in the Commonwealth. AOC and the UK Center have developed a revolutionary automated Drug Court Management Information System (MIS) to process drug court cases. MIS statistical reports, generated from information collected statewide, help rate the overall effectiveness of Drug Court programs. Evaluation outcomes of the first three sites, Jefferson, Fayette, and Warren, express the savings of Drug Courts graduates in "avoided" costs to society, such as arrest and conviction, victim compensation, Medicaid claims, public aid, and decreased annual earnings. Drug Court costs for 586 graduates was $1,548,691 as compared with $8,609,100 for one year in prison, an avoided cost savings of $7,060,900.

From left to right: Dr. Robert Straus, George Moorman, a 1998 Fayette Drug Court graduate, receiving the 2001 Robert Straus Award for Community Service in Substance Abuse and Michael E. Townsend, Director of the Division of Substance Abuse.

"I am proud of my life today. Drug Court helped me get on the right side of the law."

George Moorman

Adult Drug Courts
Current Services

	Actual FY 99-00	Actual FY 00-01	Estimated FY 01-02	Estimated FY 02-03	Estimated FY 03-04
# referrals	673	748	915	1,104	1,334
# assessments	479	700	850	1,025	1,238
# eligible participants	393	532	903	1,109	1,341
# group meetings	5,689	6,918	8,585	10,669	13,274
# individual sessions	10,973	14,542	13,956	19,256	22,495
# family sessions*	557	530	663	823	1,030
# residential referrals	218	314	375	480	620
# ancillary service referrals	573	827	1,289	1,599	1,974
# enrolled in school/GED	127	154	190	230	300
# enrolled/graduated college	12	18	26	41	66
# home visits conducted*	942	1,136	1,420	1,775	2,219
# employment site visits*	670	928	1,160	1,450	1,813
# drug tests	33,172	45,505	53,631	63,789	76,482
$ restitution collected*	5,679	6,247	7,810	9,763	12,203
$ fines/court costs collected*	24,929	16,747	23,983	29,979	37,475

** Jefferson County Drug Court not included.*

Juvenile Drug Courts
Current Services

	Actual FY 99-00	Actual FY 00-01	Estimated FY 01-02	Estimated FY 02-03	Estimated FY 03-04
# referrals	34	102	136	215	290
# assessments	32	99	134	211	286
# eligible participants	28	86	120	184	254
# group meetings	197	778	93	1,111	1,337
# individual sessions	1074	2,259	2,949	3,311	3,764
# family sessions	591	1,255	1,879	1,959	2,059
# residential referrals	4	34	44	53	66
# ancillary service referrals	23	48	60	78	93
# enrolled in schools	23	84	118	178	250
# enrolled/graduated college	2	0	2	3	4
# home visits conducted	37	2252	3319	3419	3519
# employment site visits	39	52	80	130	175
# drug tests	1,578	4,869	6,836	7,795	8,993
$ restitution collected*	855	400	500	625	756
$ fines/court costs collected*	0	84	105	130	163

** Jefferson County Drug Court statistics not included.*

- Outstanding Achievements In Drug Courts -

- Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert, 2001: elected to the National Board of Directors of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals
- Lisa Minton, AOC Department of Drug Courts, Manager, 2001: Straus Award presented by the Division of Substance Abuse for outstanding achievements
- Kentucky juvenile participant, 2001: 1st Place, National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference essay contest
- Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert, 2000: honored by Congress of Drug Court State Association
- Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert, 2000: accepted for Kentucky Drug Courts the National Association of Drug Court Professionalism first annual award for Outstanding Accomplishment
- Fayette County Drug Court & Jefferson County Drug Court: National Association of Drug Court Professionals/ Community Oriented Policing Services Mentor Training Court

EDUCATION SERVICES

Michael Losavio, Manager

The Department of Education Services plans and coordinates continuing education and professional training for the judiciary and other Court of Justice personnel. Seminars and conferences provide professional curricula for judges, circuit court clerks, deputy clerks, trial commissioners, domestic relations commissioners, and other court support staff.

Education Services staffs the Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education Commission, which oversees judicial education in Kentucky. Kentucky Supreme Court Rules mandate continuing judicial education (CJE) for justices and judges. A minimum attendance of twenty-five hours of approved programs in a two-year period is required. With direction from the Circuit and District Judges Education Committees, Education Services conducts annual judicial colleges and specialty programs as needed. In 2001, Education Services provided 95.5 hours of CJE programming. Program courses included domestic violence, judicial ethics, evidence, and court procedure.

Circuit court clerk and deputy clerk training is a significant part of Education Services' schedule. The department, assisted by the Circuit Clerk's Education Committee, plans and conducts summer and fall conferences for circuit court clerks. Circuit and deputy clerk regional conferences are also conducted across the state. Training concentrates on legal requirements, office management, bookkeeping practices, personnel policies and procedures, judicial accounting, driver licensing, legislative updates, and court technology. Education Services delivered 115 hours of training for circuit and deputy clerk regional conferences in fiscal year 2001.

Education Services is committed to excellence in all its programs. Faculty Development seminars are held for instructors to prepare their presentations under the guidance

of expert trainers. A valuable component of Faculty Development is feedback from other presenters. In 2001, Education Services brought together faculty presenters for several of its diverse programs to exchange program ideas on professional education.

In 1999, a federal law enforcement grant helped fund the creation of a statewide Internet based computer network for Kentucky's Court of Justice. In conjunction with Information Systems, Education Services provides court technology training for the judiciary and court support personnel. At the Circuit and District Judges Judicial Colleges and the Circuit Clerks' Fall Conference, small breakout sessions with computers gave participants concentrated, hands-on training at their proficiency level. An Education Services technology coordinator surveys and coordinates court technology training needs and designs strategies for learning.

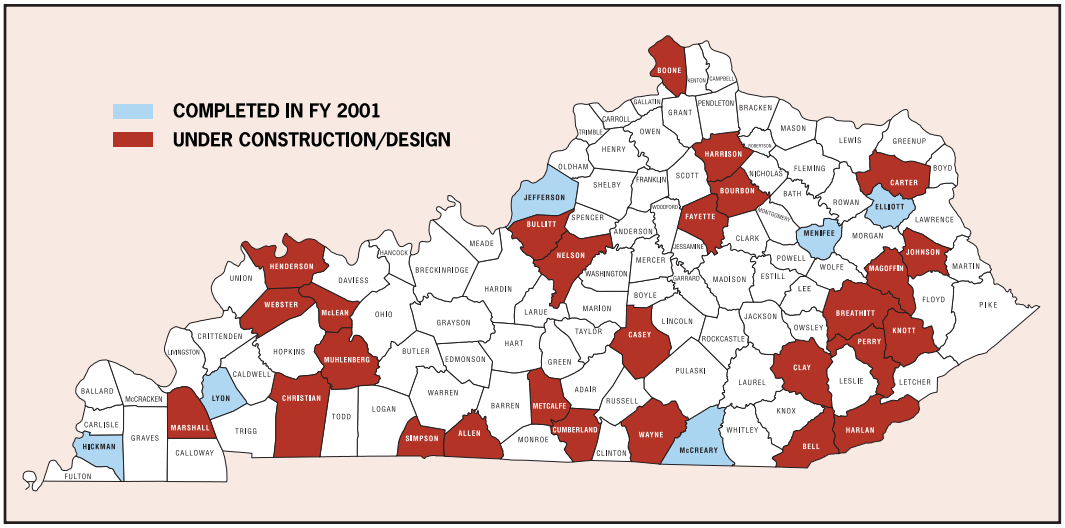
With assistance from the Office of General Counsel, Education Services maintains an internal web site for bill tracking during the annual legislative sessions of the General Assembly. Education Services also prepares the Court of Justice Annual Report and press releases on Court of Justice activities. It assists the Court of Justice Technology Committee and Court Security Task Force.

Education Services supports other Court of Justice initiatives such as Regional Bench-Media Forums. These forums bring together justices, judges and journalists from the print and broadcasting professions to examine their unique roles in service of the public good. Conflicts over the citizen's right to information and the court's duty to guarantee a fair trial are discussed in an open exchange. The candid nature of these forums improves the working relationship of the judiciary and the media. Forums began in 2000 and have moved across the Commonwealth.

FACILITIES

Garlan E. Vanhook, General Manager

The Court of Justice currently occupies over 300 facilities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky, some of which are Kentucky's finest historical sites. The gross size of these facilities totals over 3,500,000 square feet. Space needed to house the Court of Justice, however, is constantly increasing with Kentucky's growing population. Additional judicial services and judicial sponsored community programs such as Drug Courts, Family Courts and juvenile outreach efforts require a dynamic approach to space management and visionary planning for expansion.



Construction projects for the Court of Justice in fiscal year 2001 enjoyed dramatic and positive changes. The enactment of House Bill 734

by the 2000 General Assembly solidified the authority and responsibility of the Court of Justice to achieve specific goals and resolve pertinent issues. In compliance with the *Court of Justice Rule of Administrative Procedure, Part X.,* implemented in October 2000, projects are now subject to comprehensive and defined criteria for program development policy, which makes it possible for the Court of Justice to proactively respond to the judicial needs of the Commonwealth.

The Department of Court Facilities Management is responsible for operating, maintaining and equipping courtroom and office space statewide, including facilities leased from the private sector. Court Facilities Management assists county governments in maintenance, repair, and preservation of their historic sites. It also oversees all construction of new court facilities. During fiscal year 2001, Court Facilities Management undertook major construction programs in twenty-seven counties, costing approximately $350,000,000. The scope of these programs ranged from projects under construction to site procurement and design. (*See map on page 31*)

Court Facilities Management is also responsible for all shipping, receiving, and inventory accountability of the furnishings, supplies, and equipment it distributes and maintains for court facilities. It provides conscientious management of all leased space, including security systems, building repairs, and grounds maintenance.

Anticipating growth and future needs, Court Facilities Management effectively and economically prepares construction and operation budget forecasts. It manages contracts to focus expenditures on design features that minimize operation and maintenance costs. This includes new construction as well as existing courthouse expansions, major repairs and upgrades, and small construction projects. All construction design and implementation take into consideration the need for adaptable infrastructures to facilitate evolving information systems and communication technologies.

FAMILY COURT

Carla Kreitman, Manager

The Department of Family Courts provides the resources necessary for family courts to effectively respond to the unique communities they serve. Kentucky's family courts are a pilot project that began in 1991 with the creation of a first site in Jefferson County. There are now eleven family court projects, involving nineteen counties, operating in the Commonwealth.

These courts have comprehensive jurisdiction over all civil matters relating to the family. The impetus for establishing family courts arose from the difficulty of settling disputes that overlap the jurisdictions of the separate courts. Moving families through a complicated system of several courts to resolve an issue creates confusion, delays and hardships. In family courts, cases are presented before a single court with the same judge hearing all matters involving a particular family.

The success and growth of Kentucky's family courts is one of the most praiseworthy accomplishments of the Court of Justice in the last ten years. Family courts have received national recognition and statewide appreciation for their innovative improvement of court services to families and children. The Department of Family Courts is involved with every phase of family court development and operation, from budgetary considerations, facility procurement and equipping to linking courts with

social services, such as drug and alcohol treatment providers, social workers, and other helping professionals. It establishes performance goals and measures for the courts, and assists with standardizing court orders, procedures, and rules. It provides family court program training for judges and staff, and contributes to continuing education for judges. The department develops diversionary alternatives to court action through court-community collaborations. Outreach programs, community education, family court councils, and advisory committees help families resolve matters without a formal court hearing. "Families in Transition," a divorce education program, is one example of how family courts impact the community.

The Family Courts department is constantly refining internal evaluation and reporting mechanisms to improve case coordination and system response to the needs of families served by the courts. Tools for data capture and outcome analysis are under development, with enhancements such as courtroom data entry and immediate issuance of court orders from the bench. With a grant from the State Justice Institute, the Family Courts department created a valuable technical assistance publication for other states contemplating a family court model. In 2001, *Kentucky Rural Family Courts: Lessons Learned: A Comprehensive Handbook for Implementation* was completed and disseminated throughout the United States.

As Kentucky family courts begin a second decade of operation, their "project" status is at issue. Judges assigned to family courts must be "cross-sworn" to hear matters under both circuit and district court jurisdictions. The Kentucky Constitution allows the Chief Justice to assign any judge to sit in any court, but only "temporarily." A proposed amendment to the Kentucky Constitution would provide the Supreme Court with the authority to designate family courts as a permanent division of Circuit Court. On November 5, 2002, Kentucky voters will be asked to ratify or reject the family court amendment. Passage of the Constitutional Amendment will ensure that family courts continue to provide services that protect Kentucky's children and families.

Specific language of the proposed amendment: ***"The Supreme Court may designate one or more divisions of Circuit Court within a judicial circuit as family court divisions. A Circuit Court division so designated shall retain the general jurisdiction of the Circuit Court and shall have additional jurisdiction as may be provided by the General Assembly."***

- FAMILY COURT CASE TYPES -

- Domestic or Family Issues
- Dissolution of Marriage
- Child Custody and Visitation
- Support and Equitable Distribution
- Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights
- Non-criminal Juvenile Status Offenses
- Domestic Violence
- Paternity, Uniform Interstate Family Support Act
- Dependency, Neglect and Abuse

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Mike Donnelly, General Manager

The Department of Court Information Systems supports the computer infrastructure of Kentucky's unified court system. From the introduction of computer automation to the Court of Justice in the 1980s, Information Systems has developed a basic, intra-office system into a highly sophisticated and complex statewide data communications network. This network connects all computers in the Court of Justice to all outside agencies, and other Internet-accessible people and systems.

Over 3000 computers communicate with each other on this network, using over 170 frame relay circuits to provide e-mail services to all employees, computer assisted legal research for judges and staff, and updates to the statewide court database every twenty minutes. Information Systems maintains over 300 file and database servers and a large mainframe computer to process, store, analyze and communicate court data. This statewide network, designed and implemented in-house by Information Systems, was completed in 2001. Information Systems provides user support for this technology with on site training, equipment and software installation, and Help Desk trouble-shooting and consultation for over 3,300 Court of Justice employees.

Information Systems developed computer programs to manage trial and appellate cases, jury lists, criminal histories and court document imaging. An automated jury management system was installed in Jefferson County during fiscal years 2000-2001 for the large number of jurors called daily. Technical personnel within Information Systems, who are familiar with the business processes of the courts, designed systems to manage administrative tasks for the Court of Justice, such as bookkeeping, personnel records, budget management, and facilities payments.

AOC Help Desk
(800) 860-4262

Using Internet technologies, Information Systems created KyCOURTNET, to allow justice personnel access to criminal case information from any web-enabled computer at any time. Over 3,000 law enforcement and corrections personnel, prosecutors, and public defenders registered to use this system to obtain data regarding charges, convictions, bench warrants, bail, pretrial release conditions and sentences. KyCOURTS I, another Information Systems innovation, is a windows-based case management system that replaced the earlier SUSTAIN system. It was installed in over sixty counties during the 2000-2001 fiscal years. An enhanced version, KyCOURTS II, is now in use and has upgraded features, including full digital imaging of court documents.

With the assistance of the Office of General Counsel, Information Systems converted more than seventy-five court forms to on-line Internet "smart" forms. Using "smart" forms, attorneys, court personnel, law enforcement and the public can now enter information, print, and submit a signed hard copy to the court for filing. These electronic forms pave the way for future electronic filing directly to the courts.

Another technology embraced by the Courts in 2001 is digital audio recording. This technology replaces the cassette tape with Compact Disc (CD), and the four-channel recorder with a personal computer. Not only does digital audio produce higher quality recordings, but these records may also be transmitted electronically.

MINORITY AFFAIRS
Priscilla Johnson, Manager

The Office of Minority Affairs develops diversity outreach programs for the community and assists with diversity training for judges and support staff. It conducts public forums to promote trust and understanding of court process and provides a contact point for the community to express concerns about diversity issues in the courts. Minority Affairs also provides leadership for overcoming organizational barriers and discriminatory conditions, purposeful or inadvertent, within the court system. It works to ensure that policies and procedures do not operate to the detriment of any person based on race, creed, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or national origin.

The Court of Justice is committed to equal employment opportunity. Minority Affairs maintains a resume bank and an expanded employment notice circulation to increase opportunities for minorities within the courts. It maintains high visibility at job fairs, minority conventions, and college and university campuses to make the public aware of opportunities for service. Because of the under-representation of minority students applying for judicial clerkships, which are important starting points for law school graduates, the Office of Minority Affairs is developing a minority law clerk recruitment program to encourage students to seek these positions. It encourages law school placement officers and the Kentucky Bar Association to mentor minority law students.

"The courts must have the trust and confidence of all the citizens of the community. It is our duty to ensure that no citizen has a reasonable basis to doubt the fairness of the system."

Joseph E. Lambert
Chief Justice,
Commonwealth of Kentucky

Active with the Minority Speaker's Bureau, Minority Affairs arranges for judges and key court personnel to address issues affecting the minority community. An open relationship with minority organizations and associations is vital to the success of the Office of Minority Affairs. Among others, it networks with the NAACP, Urban League, Hispanic Coalition, Arab American Association, Women's Task Force, Black Achievers, Blacks in Government, American Bar Association Council on Racial & Ethnic Justice, National Bar Association, and National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. It also maintains a relationship with various commissions and task force initiatives: Race Relations Commission, Peace and Justice, National Consortium of Task Forces, and the Commission of Racial Bias in the Courts. Chief Justice Lambert recently created two commissions to study diversity issues in Kentucky courts: Commission of Review on Racial Fairness in Jefferson County Courts, and Implementation Task Force for Racial/Ethnic Fairness in Kentucky Courts.

Minority Affairs promotes National Law Day programs that honor the importance of law in a free society. It attends open house ceremonies in courthouses around the state and encourages the minority community to take part. During Jurors Appreciation Week, Minority Affairs holds special ceremonies to applaud jurors for their citizenship.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
Carol Ullerich, Manager

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) provides a wide range of legal services to the Court of Justice with special emphasis on personnel and contract law, legislative analysis, and administrative procedures. It offers other counsel as needed. The work of the legal staff encompasses virtually every aspect of the Court of Justice operations throughout the Commonwealth.

Special Projects: OGC staff design and revise all official forms used by the courts, the bar and AOC central staff. Beginning in the spring of 2001, OGC worked closely with Information Systems and the AOC Print Shop to convert many of these forms to a "smart" on-line format accessible via the Internet. Court personnel, attorneys, law enforcement, and the public may now access smart forms 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and electronically enter data onto the form, print the completed document, and file it in Kentucky courts as needed. This project is providing valuable information on the use of electronic documents as the Court of Justice prepares for direct electronic submission of documents to Kentucky trial courts. OGC also assisted in the development of KyCourts II, an enhancement of the statewide case management system. Other significant projects assigned to OGC include administering the Senior Status Judge Program, jury list requests, balloting for the Judicial Conduct Commission, and revision of the judicial candidate packet.

Legal Support: AOC staff attorneys are statutorily prohibited from appearing in Kentucky courts, but OGC provides extensive support when the Court of Justice and/or its employees are named in litigation. Examples of this type of support include securing legal representation for judges and circuit clerks as well as researching and drafting pleadings. Staff attorneys have defended Court of Justice interests before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the Board of Claims and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

OGC provides legal support to all AOC departments. For example, in concert with the Personnel Manager, OGC revises the Court of Justice Personnel Policies. With the Department of Court Facilities, OGC analyzes Court of Justice construction guidelines for courthouse facilities and reviews all lease agreements for court space. AOC staff attorneys draft and/or review all personal service contracts, memoranda of agreement (MOA), memoranda of understanding (MOU) and requests for proposals (RFP) involving the Court of Justice. An AOC staff attorney attends all Government Contract Review Committee hearings.

The OGC represents the interests of the Court of Justice on various boards, work groups, task forces and commissions. Examples include the Court Security Task Force, Court of Justice Statewide Technology Committee, Criminal Justice Council Uniform Court Costs Work Group (co-chair), Penal Code Revision Work Group, Capital Litigation Committee, Court Facilities Standards, and the Uniform Schedule of Bail Revision Committee. AOC staff attorneys assist the agency's Committee on Sexual Harassment, the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee, and the Employee Grievance Committee. OGC also reviews felony and misdemeanant diversion protocols as well as domestic violence protocols prior to submission to the Chief Justice for approval. This year OGC represented Kentucky in the multi-state Project Passport initiative, which resulted in a statewide uniform domestic violence order that has become a model for the nation. OGC also serves on the Governor's Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and the Intimate Partner Violence Surveillance Advisory Committee of the University of Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center.

Legislative Monitoring: During annual legislative sessions, OGC reviews all bills introduced for their impact on the Judicial Branch of government and attends all House and Senate Judiciary Committee hearings. OGC staff distributes daily reviews of new bills and present a weekly update on bill status for elected court officials and AOC central staff. In tandem with Education Services, OGC maintains a web page to track bill progress for the Court of Justice. Upon conclusion of the session, OGC summarizes every enrolled bill and conducts training on all new legislation for Court

of Justice employees. Copies of all newly passed bills are then distributed to all judges, trial commissioners, domestic relations commissioners and master commissioners. In fiscal year 2001, OGC offered regional training on all new legislation to pretrial services officers and deputy clerks.

Training and Literature: Training and literature development are a major focus of the OGC. OGC staff contribute to judicial education programs and coordinate revision of judicial bench books with circuit and district judges. AOC legal staff assist with new circuit clerk orientation, write and revise the *Kentucky Circuit Court Clerk's Manual,* and administer the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerk's Examination. OGC staff have served as faculty at education programs for deputy clerks, pretrial officers, Domestic Relations Commissioners, Trial Commissioners, court designated workers and law clerks on topics ranging from accountability and ethics to technology and court practice. OGC staff also review Court of Justice brochures and web postings and coordinate presentations on various AOC programs for bar groups.

PERSONNEL

Rita Cobb, Manager

The Department of Personnel Administration provides the administrative, accounting, and clerical services necessary to support approximately 3,300 elected and non-elected employees of the Court of Justice. It prepares payroll each month for the entire Court of Justice and administers its personnel policies, including the selection of AOC personnel and the maintenance of personnel classification. Personnel Administration also processes workers' compensation claims, and responds to approximately 1,300 requests regarding employee benefits each year. Improved technologies, such as custom-made personnel records and the automated reporting system, help the department achieve fiscal accountability and provide quality service to the courts.

PRETRIAL & COURT SECURITY SERVICES

Starkey Ray, General Manager

The Department of Pretrial and Court Security Services provides three major services for the Kentucky Court of Justice: Pretrial Release, Record Services and Court Security.

PRETRIAL RELEASE

Pretrial Services supports the courts in their constitutional duties to individuals charged in a criminal matter. It was created in 1976 as a part of the Bail Bond Reform Act, which eliminated the commercial bail bond system that tied the constitutional right to bail to a profit-making enterprise. Kentucky remains the only state to statutorily abolish this archaic practice of providing bond for profit. Investigative Pretrial Services now compiles background information on defendants awaiting trial on criminal charges. Trial court judges use this information to reach knowledgeable decisions about releasing an accused from custody, and if so, under what conditions.

After twenty-five years of operation, this innovative approach still assures that a defendant's presumption of innocence under the law is protected

without financial penalty. By checking criminal histories and conducting interviews with defendants to determine eligibility for release, the Pretrial Services Officer acts as a neutral information-gathering arm of the courts. The defendant's compliance with imposed conditions for release is tracked by Pretrial Services Officers who assist in their return to court should they fail to appear. Pretrial Services Officers also collect Affidavits of Indigence for defendants seeking representation by the Public Defender's Office pursuant to the Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

PRETRIAL SERVICES WORKLOAD

Fiscal Year	Arrest Numbers	Interviews	Releases	Affidavits
FY 2000	197,102	166,423	47,209	39,686
FY 2001	194,995	166,411	44,684	39,763

RECORD SERVICES

The Record Services Division responds to the growing demand by the public, state and other agencies for the criminal histories and court disposition of persons seeking employment, housing and other services. Record Services also provides background information to licensing agencies, such as the Kentucky State Police, Alcohol and Beverage Control, Kentucky Board of Nursing, and the Kentucky Bar Examiners.

The CourtNet Criminal History database contains records of all misdemeanor and traffic cases for at least the last five years, and felonies dating back to 1978. It contains information from all 120 counties, and includes over 4 million records. This database is updated every twenty minutes with information from the offices of the 120 circuit clerks across Kentucky. A record can be obtained via fax, standard mail, or walk-in service through the AOC Central Office in Frankfort for a $5 fee. With the close of fiscal year 2001, Record Services completed its first year during which background screening for school volunteers was required. It provides screening free of charge for persons with the supervisory responsibility for minors, and will continue to do so for as long as possible. However, requests for school volunteer screening now represent 29% of Pretrial Services' workload. This is an increase from 8% in 2000 when the service was first implemented.

PRETRIAL RECORDS PROCESSED

Fiscal Year	Youth Leaders	Totals
FY 2000	21,014	312,050
FY 2001	137,279	470,279

Pretrial Services, with the help of Office of General Counsel, developed the *Electronic Access to Court Records Policy*, which was reviewed by the Court of Justice Committee on Technology and approved by the Supreme Court. This policy balances the need for reasonable access to information with the strong privacy safeguards that protect citizens from exploitation and abuse.

COURT SECURITY SERVICES

Court Security Services provides special security at trials and court-sponsored events where high-risk conditions are anticipated. Preparations involve coordination at many levels. Meetings with judges, sheriffs, local police, jailors, prosecutors, and other participants are held. Surveys of facilities determine what procedures, staffing, and equipment are necessary for a secure environment for court business. In some cases, emergencies require immediate mobilization of security professionals. To maintain

readiness, Court Security Specialists train local bailiffs so they can provide professional assistance to the judicial officers of the state.

In December of 2000, the Chief Justice convened the first comprehensive Task Force on Court Security in the history of the Commonwealth. The Task Force brought together judges, judge executives, legislators, sheriffs, court officials, and others whose sole focus was to develop recommendations for improving the security of each courthouse in the state. These recommendations were issued in a final report sent to all governmental units in each court and court related facility.

RESEARCH & STATISTICS

Bonnie Embry, Manager

The Department of Research and Statistics collects and disseminates judicial caseload data for the Court of Justice. The department also fulfills written requests from the public and private sector for caseload data. Circuit and District caseload information is reported by circuit court clerk offices and must be accurately handled. The Court of Justice is in the process of replacing older case management systems with KyCourts, developed in house by Information Systems. As this conversion process moves across the Commonwealth, Research and Statistics must still deal with older systems in circuit clerk offices in many counties. The Quality Assurance program used by Research and Statistics tracks errors or potential inaccuracies through fifty-five different editing processes established for older systems. This allows staff to make corrections and expungements of older case records to the new KyCourts database. These self-critical analysis mechanisms are vital to keeping criminal history data accurate.

STATE LAW LIBRARY

Marjorie Jones, State Law Librarian

The State Law Library is established by statute (KRS 27A.200, et seq.) as a support service for the Court of Justice and is the central collection of legal research tools for state government. The primary function of the State Law Library is to provide research and reference assistance to the Court of Justice. It purchases and maintains research tools for the use of judicial offices throughout the Commonwealth and maintains and improves the central library's legal research capabilities. Through the use of technology, the State Law Library has been able to replace a number of expensive print materials in favor of more cost efficient formats, which reduce space requirements.

The State Law Library is also available for the use of public officials and their staffs, state employees, attorneys and the public.

YOUTH, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dr. Deborah Williamson, General Manager

The Department of Youth, Families and Community Services provides outreach, prevention, and diversion services for Kentucky's at-risk families through the Court Designated Worker Program and citizenship education. Youth, Families and Community Services was created in 1998 by combining Juvenile Services and Court-Community Relations departments. Supporting the activities of these departments through one office is a more holistic approach to serving youth and families.

JUVENILE SERVICES - COURT DESIGNATED WORKER PROGRAM

On September 20, 2001, over 300 policy makers and professionals came together in Lexington, Kentucky to celebrate the phenomenal success of the Court Designated Worker Program. According to the U.S. Office of Justice, juvenile crime incidents in Kentucky were significantly lower in 2001 than in previous years, indicating that prevention programs are making a positive difference in young people's lives. In compliance with the mandate, each of the 59 judicial districts in the Commonwealth has the services of Court Designated Workers (CDW) available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 135 CDW employed by the Court of Justice provide in-take services for all juveniles charged with public (criminal) and status offences. CDW assist law-enforcement with juveniles taken into custody and formulate alternative, diversionary placements for juveniles prior to arraignment.

Karma Potter, Crystal Bohlander, Regenia Wilkerson and Darlene Drake were honored for outstanding work with CDW Program at the 15th Anniversary Celebration.

Formal sanctions for delinquency are the last resort. Uniform criteria determine which juvenile complaints require court action and which are eligible for informal processing by the CDW. After conducting preliminary investigations with an eligible juvenile, a CDW formulates and enters into a diversionary agreement with the juvenile for redress of offenses without court action and a formal court record. Diversionary terms may include paying restitution to the victim, completing assigned community service, and attending counseling and educational programs. CDW managed approximately 42,000 juvenile cases and 16,000 custody cases during fiscal year 2001. Of those public offenders processed by CDW, 92% successfully complete the terms of diversion.

COURT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The mandate to provide diversionary alternatives for juveniles charged with criminal and status offenses led to the creation of Court-Community Relations, formerly called Law-Related Education (LRE). Court-Community Relations provides a variety of court education programs designed to teach citizenship. Juveniles, educators, police officers, attorneys, judges, and juvenile justice professionals take part in Court-Community Relations programs and all participants are required to be actively involved. Participants become acquainted with the legal process and learn the fundamental principles and values underlying our constitutional democracy. Interaction with representatives from the legal community, law-enforcement, and juvenile justice

professionals familiarize juveniles with the justice system in a non-threatening environment. Field experience is emphasized with courtroom tours, mock trials, ride-alongs with police, and civic-oriented projects.

Court and Community Relations offers numerous Citizenship training programs.

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