

# The Rocky River Municipal Court

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## ANNUAL REPORT 1961

As provided by law, I submit herein the annual report of the Rocky River Municipal Court for the year 1961, indicating the receipts of the Court, the expenditures made and the number of cases heard, decided and settled.

In order that the operations of the Rocky River Municipal Court may be fully stated, this report will include the operation for each political subdivision within the jurisdiction of the court, as well as a combined operation of all political subdivisions.

During the year 1961, there were 6175 criminal cases and 705 civil cases filed with the court. As of January 1, 1962, there were 131 criminal cases pending and 229 civil cases pending.

The following is the disposition by the court of all criminal cases during 1961. It also indicates the origin of each case.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>Fines</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rocky River	1351	\$21,728.50	\$9,644.25	\$31,372.75
North Olmsted	1181	26,047.20	8,348.30	34,395.50
Fairview Park	1229	17,548.00	8,511.80	26,059.80
Parkview Village	667	8,909.00	4,660.40	13,569.40
Westlake	942	22,812.00	6,833.35	29,645.35
Bay Village	696	11,865.60	4,831.80	16,697.40
State of Ohio	45	1,924.00	574.20	2,498.20
Metropolitan Park	<u>64</u>	<u>520.00</u>	<u>266.00</u>	<u>786.00</u>
TOTAL	6175	\$111,354.30	\$43,670.10	\$155,024.40

Inasmuch as the general fund of the City of Rocky River receives all costs assessed by the court regardless of place of origin, the above statement indicates that the City of Rocky River received \$43,670.10 in costs together with their own fines in the amount of \$21,728.50 or a total of \$65,398.60 from the Criminal Branch of the court.

As a further function of the court with reference to its criminal branch, the sum of \$45,235.00 was received in the cash bond account. A carry-over from 1960 in the amount of \$9,894.20 makes a total of \$55,129.20 in this account for 1961. As of January 1, 1962, there remains on hand the sum of \$4,648.00 in cash bail bonds for further disposition by the court.

With reference to the Civil Branch of the court there were 265 cases pending as of January 1, 1961. There were 705 new cases filed during the year, making a total of 970 cases for disposition during the year. There were 741 cases heard, decided or settled during the year 1961, leaving 229 civil cases pending as of January 1, 1962. It may be noted that 36 more civil cases were disposed of during the year 1961 than were filed. This is of a particular significance in view of the fact that the civil case load increased substantially during the year 1961 and reflects the current status of the court's civil docket.

During the year 1961, there were \$7,118.93 Civil Court costs taxed and collected in the cases disposed of during the year 1961, which amount has likewise been paid into the General Fund of the City of Rocky River. In addition \$2,367.58 was paid over to the City of Rocky River for court costs during the year 1961 for civil costs which had accrued during 1960.

Adding together all sums paid into the General Fund of the City of Rocky River from the Criminal and Civil branches of the court, this report indicates that a grand total of \$74,885.11 was paid to the City of Rocky River, Ohio, by the Rocky River Municipal Court.

The Council of the City of Rocky River appropriated the sum of \$43,580.00 for current expenses and other expenses of the court during the year 1961, out of which amount the court expended the sum of \$41,057.42 as follows:

Salaries	\$33,921.62
Substitute Judge Salary	345.21
Mileage Expense	591.40
Incidentals	1,900.73
Law Library	396.48
Furniture and Fixtures	-0-
Stationery and Supplies	1,201.69
Janitor Service	1,888.29
Jury Fees	785.00
Witness Fees	<u>27.00</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL COURT	\$41,057.42

From the foregoing, it is apparent that the Rocky River Municipal Court has been self-sustaining. Receipts to the City of Rocky River for 1961 amounted to \$74,885.11. Expenses of the court for 1961, which were paid by the City of Rocky River, amounted to \$41,057.42. The balance of \$33,827.69, therefore, became available to the City of Rocky River for general expenses.

Inasmuch as this report is primarily of a financial nature, and in conformity with the policy established by the court since its inception, this report does not reflect criminal cases when the defendant was discharged, unserved warrants issued for non-appearance or nolle prosequis.

The conciliation Branch of the court, during the year, processed 123 claims and filed 32 conciliation cases of which 27 were disposed of during the year 1961. \$814.70 was paid to the court on claims and \$613.77 was paid to the Clerk on judgments, and both sums in turn were paid to the respective litigants. Many of the claims were settled direct upon receiving notice from the court.

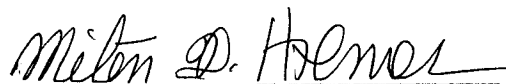
In connection with the Civil Branch of the court, the receipts and disbursements thereof are as follows:

<u>CIVIL BRANCH</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
Balance January 1, 1961	\$ 7,716.21	
Civil Docket Costs and Deposits	10,395.58	
Other Costs	138.26	
Payments on Judgments	9,672.20	
Payments on Conciliation Claims	814.70	
Payments on Trusteeships	4,166.19	
Court Costs paid Rocky River		\$ 9,486.51
Deposit Refunds		3,660.38
Other Costs		143.12
Payments on Judgments		10,716.16
Payments on Conciliation Claims		814.70
Creditors paid on Trusteeships		4,984.54
Cash on Hand		<u>3,097.73</u>
	<u>\$ 32,903.14</u>	\$ 32,903.14

I trust that you will find the above in order.

Respectfully submitted,

ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT

  
Milton D. Holmes, Judge

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