

# The Rocky River Municipal Court

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## ANNUAL REPORT

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As provided by law, I submit herein the annual report of the Rocky River Municipal Court for the year 1965, 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 1965, there were 8,848 criminal cases and 838 civil cases filed with the court. Of the criminal cases filed, funds were collected on 8,283 by way of fines and/or costs. As of January 1, 1966, there were 124 criminal cases pending. Of course funds were not collected in every case disposed of; the cases on which funds were not collected fall into the following categories: (a) cases where the defendant pled not guilty; (b) cases where the defendant pled no contest and was found not guilty; (c) cases where the sentence was suspended; (d) outstanding warrants and capiases; (e) nollis, dismissals for want of prosecution, etc.; (f) felony cases.

The following is the disposition by the court of all criminal cases during 1965 on which funds were collected. 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	1553	\$ 34,545.50	\$ 11,128.70	\$ 45,674.20
North Olmsted	1486	41,315.00	11,203.55	52,518.55
Fairview Park	1255	24,767.00	8,797.95	33,564.95
Parkview Village	714	11,205.00	4,970.40	16,175.40
Westlake	1836	39,386.80	12,844.55	52,231.35
Bay Village	1147	25,084.00	8,115.40	33,199.40
State of Ohio	184	2,794.00	1,652.91	4,446.91
Metropolitan Park	<u>108</u>	<u>1,335.00</u>	<u>573.00</u>	<u>1,908.00</u>
TOTAL	8283	\$180,432.30	\$ 59,286.46	\$239,718.76

As a further function of the court with reference to its Criminal Branch, the sum of \$74,118.00 was received in the cash bond account. A carry-over from 1964 in the amount of \$8,140.00 makes a total of \$82,258.00 in this account for 1965. As of January 1, 1966 there remains on hand the sum of \$7,395.00 in cash bail bonds for further disposition by the court. Further, with reference to the work of the court in criminal cases, there were 9 jury trials (not included within this figure are criminal cases where a jury was summoned and the defendant pled guilty before trial) and 203 non-jury trials. There were 23 felony cases filed with the court in which the defendants were bound over to the County Grand Jury.

With reference to the Civil Branch of the Court, there were 165 cases pending as of January 1, 1965. There were 838 new cases filed during the year, making a total of 1003 cases for disposition during the year. There were 868 cases disposed of during the year 1965, leaving 235 civil cases pending as of January 1, 1966.

During the year of 1965 there were 9 civil jury trials (not included in this figure are civil cases where a jury was summoned and not used because the case was settled on morning of trial) and 155 non-jury trials. 85 pre-trial conferences were conducted by the court. The Civil Docket of the court is current to the point where cases were being tried in December which had been filed in October. Where there is a longer period than 60 days between the filing and the trial of a civil case, it is because the litigants themselves have caused the delay.

During the year 1965 there were \$10,198.40 civil court costs taxed and collected in the cases disposed of during the year 1965, which amount has likewise been paid into the General Fund of the City of Rocky River.

The Conciliation Branch of the court, during the year, processed 163 claims of which 48 went to trial. \$1,769.85 was paid to the court on claims and \$650.92 was paid to the Clerk on Judgments, and both sums in turn were paid to the respective litigants in Conciliation Court. Many such claims were settled direct upon receiving notice from the court.

The Council of the City of Rocky River appropriated the sum of \$51,300.00 for current expenses and other expenses of the court during the year 1965, out of which amount the court expended the sum of \$50,761.00 as follows:

Salaries	\$ 40,316.00*
Substitute Judge Salary	723.00
Mileage Expenses	905.00
Incidentals	1,531.00
Law Library	1,081.00
Stationery and Supplies	1,751.00
Janitor Service	2,083.00
Jury and Witness Feed	<u>2,371.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 50,761.00

\*Not included in this figure is that portion of the Judge's, Clerk's and Bailiff's salaries paid by Cuyahoga County.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that the Rocky River Municipal Court has been more than self-sustaining as usual.

The following chart reflects the accounting of monies received and disbursed by the Clerk:

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Conciliation</u>	<u>Trustee-ship</u>
Bal. Jan. 1, '65	\$ 36,458.61	\$ 30,152.60	\$ 5,549.31	\$ 10.00	\$ 746.70
Receipts	<u>355,520.23</u>	<u>313,836.76</u>	<u>32,448.30</u>	<u>3,089.67</u>	<u>6,145.50</u>
TOTAL	\$391,978.84	\$343,989.36	\$ 37,997.61	\$3,099.67	\$6,892.20
Disbursements	<u>357,613.70</u>	<u>315,727.36</u>	<u>33,302.97</u>	<u>3,074.67</u>	<u>5,508.70</u>
Bal. Dec. 31, '65	\$ 34,365.14	\$ 28,262.00	\$ 4,694.64	\$ 25.00	\$1,383.50

I trust that you will find the above in order.

Respectfully submitted,

ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT



Milton D. Holmes, Judge