

THE ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT

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ANNUAL REPORT

1971

As provided by law, I submit herein the annual report of the Rocky River Municipal Court for the year 1971, 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 1971, there were 10,968 criminal cases and 1,460 civil cases filed with the court. Of the criminal cases filed, funds were collected on 10,044 by ways of fines and/or costs. As of January 1, 1972, there were 229 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 and was found 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) nollies,

dismissals for want of prosecution, etc; (f) felony cases.

The following is the disposition by the court of all criminal cases during 1971 on which funds were collected. It also indicates the origin of each case.

Municipality	No. of Cases	Fines	Costs	Total
Rocky River	2412	\$ 55,928.00	\$ 21,161.50	\$ 77,089.50
North Olmsted	1870	\$ 55,039.10	\$ 16,295.65	\$ 71,334.75
Fairview Park	1743	\$ 38,182.00	\$ 14,580.25	\$ 52,762.25
Westlake	1819	\$ 46,216.00	\$ 15,395.00	\$ 61,611.00
Bay Village	1338	\$ 36,108.00	\$ 11,234.75	\$ 47,342.75
Metropolitan Park	314	\$ 5,195.00	\$ 2,557.00	\$ 7,752.00
State of Ohio	548	\$ 18,137.00	\$ 5,037.85	\$ 23,174.85
	10,044	\$254,805.10	\$ 86,262.00	\$341,067.10

As a further function of the court with reference to its Criminal Branch, the sum of \$97,588.75 was received in the cash bond account. A carry-over from 1970 in the amount of \$16,190.00 makes a total of \$113,778.75 in this account for 1971. As of January 1, 1972 there remains on hand the sum of \$18,735.00 in cash bail bonds for further disposition by the court. Further, with reference to the work of the court in criminal cases, there were 12 jury trials and the 302 non-jury trials. There were 95 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 356 cases pending as of January 1, 1971. There were 1,460 new cases filed during the year, making a total of 1,557 cases for disposition during the year. There were 1,107 cases disposed of during the year 1971 leaving 450 civil cases pending as of January 1, 1972.

During the year of 1971 there were 5 civil jury trials and 413 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 January which had been filed in September. Where there is a longer period than 120 days between the filing and the trial of a civil case, it is because the litigants themselves have caused the delay.

During the year 1971 there were \$17,130.56 civil court costs taxed and collected in the cases disposed of during the year 1971, of which amount \$17,130.56 has been paid into the General Fund of the City of Rocky River.

The Small Claims Division (formerly the Conciliation Branch) of the Court during the year 1971 filed 259 cases. \$1,106.92 was paid to the respective litigants on judgments. There were 68 trials and 100 of the cases filed were settled or paid prior to trial date, 78 default judgments and 2 passed for service.

The Council of the City of Rocky River appropriated the sum of \$106,019.01 for current expenses and other expenses of the court during the year 1971, out of which amount the court expended the sum of \$103,971.91 as follows:

*Salaries	\$ 82,755.44
Jury and Witness Fees	\$ 2,323.00
Retirement	\$ 6,943.84
Hospitalization and Insurance	\$ 2,377.82
Local Travel	\$ 1,327.40
Non-Local Travel	\$ 193.72
Telephone	\$ 1,399.17
Postage	\$ 1,958.10
Maintenance and Equipment	\$ 50.25
Xerox	\$ 322.66
Membership Fees	\$ 49.96
Office Supplies	\$ 2,125.93
Operating Supplies	<u>\$ 2,144.62</u>
	\$103,971.91

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

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

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Civil</u>	Small Claims	Trustee- <u>Ship</u>
Bal. Jan. 1, '71	\$ 19,479.71	\$ 16,190.00	\$ 1,119.74	\$ 62.76	\$ 2,107.21
Receipts	<u>\$486,802.86</u>	<u>\$434,734.35</u>	<u>\$ 36,682.31</u>	<u>\$ 2,728.32</u>	<u>\$ 12,657.88</u>
	\$506,282.57	\$450,924.35	\$ 37,802.05	\$ 2,791.08	\$ 14,765.09
Disbursements	<u>\$483,231.15</u>	<u>\$432,189.35</u>	<u>\$ 36,235.48</u>	<u>\$ 2,728.32</u>	<u>\$ 12,078.00</u>
Bal. Dec. 31, '71	\$ 23,051.42	\$ 18,735.00	\$ 1,566.57	\$ 62.76	\$ 2,687.09

Respectfully submitted,

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Milton D. Holmes, Presiding Judge