

The Rocky River Municipal Court

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ANNUAL REPORT

1972

As provided by law, I submit herein the annual report of the Rocky River Municipal Court for the year 1972, 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 1972, there were 11,750 criminal cases and 1,438 civil cases filed with the court. Of the criminal cases filed, funds were collected on 10,542 by ways of fines and/or costs. As of January 1, 1973, there were 185 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) nolle,

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

The following is the disposition by the court of all criminal cases during 1972 on which funds were collected. It also indicates the origin of each case.

Municipality	No. of Cases	Fines	Costs	Total
Rocky River	2186	\$ 48,232.00	\$ 19,908.50	\$ 68,140.50
North Olmsted	1994	\$ 53,813.00	\$ 17,931.10	\$ 71,744.10
Fairview Park	1914	\$ 37,167.00	\$ 16,362.00	\$ 53,529.00
Westlake	2134	\$ 46,781.00	\$ 18,509.50	\$ 65,290.50
Bay Village	1226	\$ 31,463.00	\$ 10,743.50	\$ 42,206.50
Metropolitan Park	402	\$ 6,330.00	\$ 3,397.00	\$ 9,727.00
State of Ohio	<u>686</u>	<u>\$ 16,778.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,392.40</u>	<u>\$ 23,170.40</u>
	10,542	\$240,564.00	\$ 93,244.00	\$333,808.00

As a further function of the court with reference to its Criminal Branch, the sum of \$96,640.33 was received in the cash bond account. A carry-over from 1971 in the amount of \$18,735.00 makes a total of \$115,375.33 in this account for 1972. As of January 1, 1973 there remains on hand the sum of \$13,885.00 in cash bail bonds for further disposition by the court. Further, with reference to the work of the court in criminal cases, there were 19 jury trials and the 329 non-jury trials. There were 81 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 450 cases pending as of January 1, 1972. There were 1,438 new cases filed during the year, making a total of 1,888 cases for disposition during the year. There were 1,415 cases disposed of during the year 1972 leaving 473 civil cases pending as of January 1, 1973.

During the year of 1972 there were 5 civil jury trials and 532 non-jury trials. 94 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. Often when 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 1972 there were \$20,406.65 civil court costs taxed and collected in the cases disposed of during the year 1972, of which amount \$20,406.65 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 1972 filed 285 cases. \$2,313.32 was paid to the respective litigants on judgments. There were 72 trials and 102 of the cases filed were settled or paid prior to trial date, 98 default judgments and 4 passed for service.

The Council of the City of Rocky River appropriated the sum of \$149,825.00 for current and other expenses of the court during the year 1972. The court expended the sum of \$151,085.65 as follows:

*Salaries	\$107,447.08
Jury and Witness Fees	3,673.00
Retirement	8,261.43
Hospitalization and Insurance	3,446.21
Local Travel	1,317.60
Non-Local Travel	650.79
Telephone	2,074.78
Postage	2,868.05
Maintenance and Equipment	624.59
Xerox	431.53
Membership Fees	252.00
Office Supplies	1,959.64
Operating Supplies	2,616.62
Law Library	1,585.74
**Furniture and Fixtures, etc.	<u>13,876.59</u>
	\$151,085.65

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

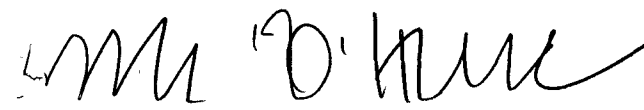
**This gross figure was furnished to the Court by the Finance Department of the City of Rocky River and expended on behalf of the Court by the City to provide for a new Court room and Judge's chamber, and furnishing for the same, remodeling to compensate for the loss of the law library and electronic recording equipment. In reference to the electronic recording equipment, the City will be reimbursed \$2,825.25 by the Federal Grant. Most of the expenditures represent capital improvements and are non-recurring.

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

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Small Claims</u>	<u>Trustee- Ship</u>
Bal. Jan. 1, '72	\$ 23,051.42	\$ 18,735.00	\$ 1,566.57	\$ 62.76	\$ 2,687.09
Receipts	<u>\$504,491.31</u>	<u>\$425,952.33</u>	<u>\$ 57,853.12</u>	<u>\$ 4,467.32</u>	<u>\$ 16,218.54</u>
	\$527,542.73	\$444,687.33	\$ 59,419.69	\$ 4,530.08	\$ 18,905.63
Disbursements	<u>\$506,715.45</u>	<u>\$430,802.33</u>	<u>\$ 56,744.15</u>	<u>\$ 4,467.32</u>	<u>\$ 14,701.65</u>
Bal. Dec. 31, '72	\$ 20,827.28	\$ 13,885.00	\$ 2,675.54	\$ 62.76	\$ 4,203.98

Respectfully submitted,

ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT


 Milton D. Holmes, Presiding Judge