

**RICHARD M. WEISS**

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT - Beginning 2008 reporting as Fiscal Year and not Calendar Year

	2007	2008	2,009
<b>CIVIL DIVISION</b>			
<b>COUNTY COURT CIVIL</b>			
General Civil Cases Added:			
General Civil	3,212	3,480	4,028
Tenant Eviction	5,170	4,502	3,210
<i>Total General Civil Cases Added</i>	<u>8,382</u>	<u>7,982</u>	<u>7,238</u>
Summary Civil Cases Added:	9,837	9,207	7,577
<i>Total County Court Civil Cases Addea</i>	<u>18,219</u>	<u>17,189</u>	<u>14,815</u>
<i>Total Co. Court Civil Cases Disposea</i>	<u>15,630</u>	<u>16,143</u>	<u>17,437</u>
Miscellaneous Information:			
General Civil Cases Reopened	1,512	1,534	1,620
Summary Civil Cases Reopened	2,088	2,377	2,474
General Civil Garnishments Filed	613	683	820
Small Claim Garnishments Filed	601	755	885
Appeals	15	7	6
Non-Jury Trials	143	124	124
<b>CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL</b>			
General Cases Added:			
General Civil	2,978	3,096	3,491
Habeas Corpus	100	78	64
Mortgage Foreclosures	5,132	8,661	10,674
<i>Total General Civil Cases Added</i>	<u>8,210</u>	<u>11,835</u>	<u>14,229</u>
Family Cases Added:			
Dissolution of Marriage	2,706	2,653	2,453
Simplified Dissolution of Marriage	123	145	172
Uniform Reciprocal Support	371	344	347
Domestic Violence	3,373	3,075	3,166
Repeat Violence	1,699	1,661	1,613
Other Family	3,125	2,537	3,069
<i>Total Family Cases Added</i>	<u>11,397</u>	<u>10,415</u>	<u>10,820</u>
<i>Total Circuit Court Civil Cases Addea</i>	<u>19,607</u>	<u>22,250</u>	<u>25,049</u>

	2007	2008	2009
Cases Disposed:			
General Civil	16,802	15,300	10,550
Dissolution of Marriage	2,693	2,557	2,613
Simplified Dissolution of Marriage	115	141	158
Other Family Cases Disposed	8,390	7,388	7,630
<i>Total Circuit Court Civil Cases Disposea</i>	<i>28,000</i>	<i>25,386</i>	<i>20,951</i>

Miscellaneous Information:			
Appeals filed in the District Court	211	118	135
Appeals filed in Circuit Civil	25	15	6
Bond Estreatures	42	47	63
Name Changes	152	150	112
Cases Reopened:			
Family	9,741	12,423	12,440
General Civil	2,226	2,655	4,635

## **PROBATE**

Cases Added:			
Estates	1,668	1,638	1,465
Guardianships	258	212	193
Mental Health	1,364	1,495	1,514
Trusts	10	25	22
Caveats	90	75	74
Miscellaneous	302	279	280
<i>Total Probate Cases Addea</i>	<i>3,692</i>	<i>3,724</i>	<i>3,548</i>

Cases Disposed:			
Estates	1,741	1,643	1,536
Guardianships	464	457	463
Mental Health	1,525	1,530	1,599
Trusts	10	24	23
Caveats	0	0	118
Miscellaneous	240	207	385
<i>Total Probate Cases Disposea</i>	<i>3,980</i>	<i>3,861</i>	<i>4,124</i>

Miscellaneous Information:			
Safekeeping of Wills	814	912	802
Appeals	7	8	3
Delayed Birth Certificates	1	1	1

<b>JUVENILE</b>	2007	2008	2009
Cases Added:			
Delinquent Cases	5,403	5,226	5,440
Dependent Cases	843	624	527
<i>Total Juvenile Cases Added</i>	<u>6,246</u>	<u>5,850</u>	<u>5,967</u>
<i>Total Juvenile Cases Disposed</i>	<u>4,227</u>	<u>5,687</u>	<u>5,168</u>
Miscellaneous Juvenile Information:			
Restitution Collected	\$173,229	\$168,408	\$128,296
Attorney Fees Collected	\$102,205	\$58,045	\$42,301
Cases Reopened	9,853	4,382	\$3,423
Detention and Shelter Hearings	2,888	3,754	\$3,912
Crimes Compensation Trust Fund	\$110,928	\$101,842	\$60,551
Cases Added Civil Division:			
County Court Civil	18,219	17,189	14,815
Circuit Court Civil	19,607	22,250	25,049
Probate	3,692	3,724	3,548
Juvenile	6,246	5,850	5,967
<i>Total Cases Added Civil Division</i>	<u>47,764</u>	<u>49,013</u>	<u>49,379</u>
Cases Disposed Civil Division:			
County Court Civil	15,630	16,143	17,437
Circuit Court Civil	19,610	17,998	13,321
Probate	3,980	3,861	4,124
Juvenile	4,227	5,687	5,168
<i>Total Cases Disposed Civil Division</i>	<u>43,447</u>	<u>43,689</u>	<u>40,050</u>
<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS DEPT</b>			
New Cases Added	3,578	3,645	3,074
Cases Dismissed	1,282	1,349	1,303
Total Caseload	47,421	49,717	52,271
Number of Payments Made	513,271	532,095	503,062
Total Collections	\$77,010,080	\$78,812,518	\$75,213,088
Case Modifications	5,553	5,183	4,633
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>			
Customers Requesting Services	7,416	6,931	7,039
Individuals Interviewed for Injunctions	5,428	4,787	4,850
Injunctions Filed	5,040	4,689	4,729
Cases Heard in Court	7,659	6,926	7,372

<b>CRIMINAL DIVISION</b>	2007	2008	2009
<b>Cases Added:</b>			
Circuit Criminal - Felony	9,841	9,387	9,037
County Misdemeanor	7,632	7,118	7,243
Extraditional/Fugitive	266	251	202
Municipal Misdemeanor	9,938	9,199	8,106
County Ordinance	4,548	4,876	3,976
Municipal Ordinance	372	335	613
County Criminal Traffic	8,077	7,823	7,009
Municipal Criminal Traffic	7,733	6,985	6,274
County Non-Criminal Traffic	62,087	58,448	55,137
Municipal Non-Criminal Traffic	57,457	53,914	47,938
County Non-Criminal Civil Penalties/non-traffic Includes Juvenile Smoking and Clean Air Violations	238	231	216
Game & Fresh Water Fish violation	496	408	404
Municipal Non-Criminal Civil Penalties/non-traffic Includes Juvenile Smoking and Clean Air Violations	146	186	186
Game & Fresh Water Fish violations	2	0	0
<b>Total Criminal Division Cases Added</b>	<b>168,833</b>	<b>159,161</b>	<b>146,341</b>
<b>Cases Disposed:</b>			
Circuit Criminal/Felony	9,013	9,451	9,159
County Misdemeanor, Ordinance, Criminal Traffic, Non-Criminal Traffic, and Non- Criminal Civil Penalties	76,305	81,167	70,560
Municipal Misdemeanor, Ordinance, Criminal Traffic, Non-Criminal Traffic, and Non-Criminal Civil Penalties	69,977	78,069	66,585
<b>Total Criminal Division Cases Disposed</b>	<b>155,295</b>	<b>168,687</b>	<b>146,304</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Information:</b>			
County DUI Cases Added	667	974	970
Municipal DUI Cases Added	965	890	778
County Non-Jury Trials excluding CI	87	138	96
County Non-Jury Trials CI Cases	1,503	3,300	2,378
Municipal Non-Jury Trials excluding CI	39	52	60
Municipal Non-Jury CI Cases	769	795	742
Capital Cases Filed	48	44	42

\* The increase in municipal cases and decrease in county cases is due to reclassifications of cases.

	2007	2008	2009
Cases Added Civil and Criminal			
Civil Division	47,764	49,013	49,379
Criminal Division	168,833	159,161	146,341
<i>Total Cases Added All Departments</i>	<u>216,597</u>	<u>208,174</u>	<u>195,720</u>
Cases Disposed Civil and Criminal			
Civil Division	43,447	43,689	40,050
Criminal Division	155,295	168,687	146,304
<i>Total Cases Disposed All Departments</i>	<u>198,742</u>	<u>212,376</u>	<u>186,354</u>

<b>JURY</b>	2007	2008	2009
Number Jurors Summoned	75,788	79,575	72,300
Number Civil Trials	36	31	54
Number Criminal Trials	429	458	295
<i>Total Trials</i>	465	489	349
Number 6 Man Juries	460	484	345
Number 12 Man Juries	5	5	5
Juror Compensation Paid	\$166,380	\$182,445	\$176,895

#### **OFFICIAL RECORDS**

Instruments Recorded	258,848	221,413	227,739
Number Property Conveyances	35,672	30,565	29,748

#### **TAX DEED APPLICATIONS**

Total Processed	652	683	603
Redeemed Property	344	380	320
Sold Property	260	210	174
Placed on Lands Available	1	22	12
Rescheduled or Cancelled	27	48	17
Sold to Applicant	20	23	80

#### **MARRIAGE LICENSE/PASSPORTS**

Licenses Issued	4,191	3,900	3,718
Ceremonies Performed	1,114	1,121	1,046
Passport Applications	13,683	12,042	9,491

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Number of Employees	449	379
Average Years of Service	8 years	9.22 years
Turnover Rate	9%	4.5%

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

2007

2008

2009

## Various Collections Remitted to State:

State General Revenue Fund	\$863,284	\$1,208,166	\$1,002,862
Law Enforcement Education	59,964	51,460	40,608
5 % Sur Tax	78,214	69,370	61,618
Crimes Compensation Trust Fund	790,146	767,373	636,109
Emergency Medical Service Fund	28,238	26,227	22,783
Civil Fines Distribution to Dept. of Hwy. Safety & Motor Vehicles Impaired Drivers and Speeders Trust Fund	2,675,606	2,433,297	2,056,370
Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission	67,337	61,813	51,262
Department of Law Enforcement Administrative Trust Fund	149,339	150,412	124,155
Substance Abuse & Child Restraint Surcharge	34,726	28,014	15,664
State Court Adm Mediation Arbitration	26,259	45,559	45,626
Court Education Trust Fund	32,262	35,721	34,680
Justice Adm Commission Public Defender Fees	101,678	125,760	122,740
Florida Department of Education Anti-Tobacco Education Program	1,000,310	540,762	412,743
Civil Penalties Distribution to Dept. of Hwy. Safety & Motor Vehicles	2,866	2,669	3,864
Dept. of Hwy. Safety & Motor Vehicle Additional Court Costs and Clearing Trust Fund	420,552	409,728	372,572
Attorney General Crime Stoppers Trust Fund	293,846	929,873	256,970
Documentary Stamp Tax	228,835	214,838	19,018
Intangible Tax	56,776,481	37,852,652	20,905,890
Domestic Violence Surcharge	15,898,830	10,413,410	4,333,729
	24,678	27,701	25,319

*Total Collections Remitted to State*\$79,553,451 \$55,394,805 \$30,716,582

	2007	2008	2009
Various Collections Remitted to BOCC:			
Animal Control	0	0	0
Law Library	0	0	0
Fines	155,521	175,790	120,922
Court Costs	1,088,942	Clerk	Clerk
Civil Fines Distribution to BOCC	0	0	0
Court Facilities	1,663,759	1,741,470	1,592,418
Appointed Counsel Liens	51,418	28,846	13,725
Sheriff's Education Trust Fund	87,524	112,058	101,824
Local Govt. Crim. Justice Trust Fund	0	Clerk	Clerk
Mediation	43,319	35,125	30,531
Intergovt. Radio Communications	661,897	870,180	767,445
Substance Abuse	17,810	22,510	19,917
False Alarms	67,179	97,592	42,472
False Fire Alarms	0	0	0
Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Drug Court - All	592,424	705,005	768,716
Teen Court	251,927	326,988	286,033
Domestic Violence Surcharge	19,394	26,333	26,819
Driver ED School	309,699	470,410	418,290
<i>Total Collections Remitted to BOCC</i>	<u>\$5,010,813</u>	<u>\$4,612,307</u>	<u>\$4,189,112</u>
 Collections Remitted to Legal Aid Society	 0	 0	 0

	2007	2008	2009
<b><u>FINE COLLECTIONS REMITTED TO MUNICIPALITIES</u></b>			
Auburndale	\$67,318	\$55,176	\$28,638
Bartow	\$213,718	\$250,832	\$184,400
Davenport	\$10,350	\$10,447	\$14,128
Dundee	\$31,328	\$32,976	\$26,538
Eagle Lake	\$7,246	\$8,266	\$8,278
Fort Meade	\$69,175	\$36,522	\$21,797
Frostproof	\$4,078	\$4,325	\$4,736
Haines City	\$63,810	\$46,630	\$50,430
Lake Alfred	\$25,824	\$35,921	\$39,583
Lake Hamilton	\$36,500	\$53,371	\$48,895
Lake Wales	\$123,223	\$136,615	\$54,689
Lakeland	\$583,177	\$623,124	\$616,710
Mulberry	\$128,551	\$120,014	\$73,619
Polk City	\$11,494	\$7,037	\$2,808
Winter Haven	\$254,589	\$235,351	\$139,929
<i>Total Fine Collections Remitted to Municipalities</i>	<u>\$1,630,381</u>	<u>\$1,656,607</u>	<u>\$1,315,178</u>

	2007	2008	2009
<b>CLERK, ACCOUNTANT &amp; AUDITOR TO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>			
Number of Checks Written to Vendors	34,568	37,883	33,727
Total Amount Paid to Vendors	\$678,558,900	\$700,559,416	\$684,748,739
Number of Grants Accounted For	180	149	136
Total Revenue Received for BoCC	\$818,352,670	\$784,713,991	\$694,740,473
Total Expenditures Paid for BoCC	\$761,877,284	\$803,116,327	\$767,173,645

#### **INVESTMENTS**

Interest Earned on BOCC Funds	\$40,505,639	\$28,642,996	\$23,183,841
Interest Earned on Clerk's Operating & Trust Funds	\$1,044,364	\$592,193	\$193,367

#### **CUSTOMER SURVEY RESULTS**

Excellent	88%	91%	94%
Satisfactory	7%	4%	3%
Poor	5%	5%	3%
Total Responses	649	692	631







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