

# SHAKER HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

### JUDGE ANNE WALTON KELLER

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**Administrative and Presiding Judge Anne Walton Keller**

**Shaker Heights Municipal Court gratefully acknowledges  
the service of its former judges:**

<b>The Honorable John C. Corlett</b>	<b>1958 to 1968</b>
<b>The Honorable Blanche Krupansky</b>	<b>1968</b>
<b>The Honorable Manuel M. Rucker</b>	<b>1968 to 1981</b>
<b>The Honorable Paul R. Donaldson</b>	<b>1982 to 1992</b>
<b>The Honorable Virgil E. Brown, Jr.</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>The Honorable K.J. Montgomery</b>	<b>1994 to 2021</b>

March 31, 2026

To: Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne, Cuyahoga County Council Members, and the Mayors and Council Members of Beachwood, Hunting Valley, Pepper Pike, Shaker Heights and University Heights.

***Re: 2025 Shaker Heights Municipal Court Annual Report***

Dear County Executive, Cuyahoga County Council Members, Mayors and Municipal Council Members:

Pursuant to R.C. 1901.14, enclosed is the 2025 Annual Report of Shaker Heights Municipal Court. It summarizes the Court's finances and caseload, describes the daily operations of the Court's Clerk, Magistrate, Bailiff, and Probation Departments and highlights Court improvements and community collaborations.

A municipal court is created by statute. The Court's authority and duties are controlled by the Ohio Revised Code. Laws require this Court district to include the municipalities of Beachwood, Hunting Valley, Pepper Pike, Shaker Heights and University Heights and be physically located in Shaker Heights. State laws require that there be one judge in the jurisdiction and limit the types of cases that the judge can hear.

This Court's duties to collect fines, fees and costs and to disburse them to the state, county or court communities are also directed by statute. Laws provide that "court costs" be paid to Shaker Heights to help that City pay for the cost of operating a municipal court. They require that fines be paid to the State of Ohio or the court municipality under whose authority a case is filed. Additionally, laws require that certain fees be assessed for every court case to fund many state programs and one county-run program. These transactions are audited annually by the State of Ohio. The Court is proud to have been found in full compliance with these laws by the Ohio Auditor for the 27th consecutive year. I am thankful to **Clerk of Court Steve Tomaszewski** for his attention to these financial matters.

## **FINANCE AND CASELOAD**

Every fall, the Court sets a budget for the following calendar year. Included in the budget are the Court's anticipated expenses. These generally include the costs for employee salaries and benefits, postage for all required notices and entries that must be mailed pursuant to law, Ohio Supreme Court mandated record retention expenses, updated technology expenses and much more. The Court did not exceed its **\$2,496,500** projected 2025 budget prepared in the fall of 2024. I am pleased to report that we underspent our budget by approximately **\$439,947**.

Anticipated revenues are projected in the annual budget. The municipalities look to the court to work hard to collect fines, costs and fees associated with criminal and civil case filings and adjudications. This is especially true as we continue to be impacted by a troubled economy. It is noteworthy that without case filings there can be no moneys to collect. The amount of funds available to collect is directly tied to the number of court cases filed, payments to the Court, and the financial ability of defendants to pay moneys owed. The Court collected **\$4,495,821** for the year in court costs, fines, and state fees.

**2025 Case Filings Totaled 11,883:** This number consists of traffic and criminal case filings from the Court's five police departments, and from the general public for civil and small claims case filings. In 2025, we saw an increase in case filings. The total case filings of **11,883** increased by 1,915 cases from the previous year's filings. Case filings in the traffic and criminal division increased by 1,675 cases. Civil and small claims filings increased by 240 cases.

**Implementation of Hunting Valley Speed Enforcement Program:** In mid-August 2025, the Village of Hunting Valley implemented a speed enforcement program by installing and operating automated traffic enforcement cameras. The speed camera violations are civil in nature and carry a civil (monetary) penalty for exceeding the posted speed limit. The violations are not reported to the BMV and there is no conviction or points recorded on the violator's driving record. Traffic photo enforcement programs are governed by Ohio Revised Code sections 4511.092 through 4511.099, and fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of Municipal Courts.

In the final four and a half months of 2025, a total of **15,030 new cases** were filed as a result of the Hunting Valley camera citations. The Shaker Heights Municipal Court has created processes and allocated resources for handling the volume of cases filed as a result of the Hunting Valley automated speed enforcement program. It continues to work with the Village, Prosecutor, and general public to efficiently administer the program.

**Closure of Beachwood Mayor's Court:** Uncontested misdemeanor traffic cases arising within the City of Beachwood had been handled through the Beachwood Mayor's Court. However, the last day of operation of the Mayor's Court was April 30, 2025. Beginning on May 1, 2025, those cases have been filed and heard in the Shaker Heights Municipal Court. The closure of Beachwood Mayor's Court has resulted in an increased caseload for our Court. In 2025, the City of Beachwood filed a total of **1,835 new traffic cases** in our Court. This Court has handled the increased workload due in no small part to the experience and dedication of the staff.

## **COST SAVING MEASURES**

Expenses are monitored very carefully. Court functions, like notification of payment delinquency and giving individuals the opportunity to be heard, are required by law. The Court needs staff to perform these tasks. Some of our cost saving measures include leaving open positions in certain departments, scrutinizing the necessity of all expenditures and using Special Funds and Grants to defray costs.

**Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award:** In October, the Court was awarded a grant through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program. The grant funds were requested and are being used to support the hiring of a full-time Victim Advocate in furtherance of our commitment to lessening the harm caused by crimes of violence in our community. On December 1, 2025, the Court welcomed Janice Smith as the Victim Advocate for the Shaker Heights Municipal Court.

## **REQUIRED DISBURSEMENTS**

A court must disburse money collected in accordance with law. It has no funds of its own. Rather, it acts as a collector of money which it then distributes in accordance with state law. In 2025, the Court distributed money it collected to the five municipalities it serves as follows:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Amount Distributed</b>
Shaker Heights (fines and all court costs)	\$ 2,720,524
University Heights (fines only)	\$ 106,982
Beachwood (fines only)	\$ 110,576
Pepper Pike (fines only)	\$ 40,294
Hunting Valley (fines only)	\$ 1,052,414

The balance of the money collected by the Court went to the State of Ohio for its general fund as well as to various state programs (\$70,381.00 of fines and \$345,773.00 of fees). The State of Ohio requires that we collect money on every court case to benefit various state programs. For example, an additional \$48,876.00 was collected on civil and small claims filings and sent to Ohio’s Legal Aid program. Other state programs we must support include Victims of Crime, Crime Stoppers, Indigent Drivers’ Alcohol Treatment, Indigent Defense Support, and the Drug Law Enforcement Program. Cuyahoga County also imposes a mandatory \$5.00 fee on every municipal court traffic conviction to support the Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS). These state and local payments must be made regardless of whether the funded program provides service to the Court.

## **SPECIAL COURT DOCKETS**

The **Domestic Violence Docket** has been an important part of our operations for the past four years. The mission of this docket is to reduce the risk of recurring domestic violence in our community. We accomplish this by giving extra attention to domestic violence cases, increasing offender accountability through status hearings, and expanding monitoring during the pretrial and post-conviction phases of a domestic violence case. The Court’s Victim Advocate appears in Court along with victims, and provides knowledge, suggestions for protection, and guidance throughout the prosecution of a case. We continue to collaborate with community partners including **The Journey Center for Safety and Healing, Jewish Family Service Association, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, ASIA Legal Services, The Centers, OhioGuidestone, Frontline Services, and many others** to strengthen our resources in these cases.

The Court’s **Driving Under Suspension Docket** educates defendants and helps resolve license suspension issues. These cases take longer to conclude, but result in lowered financial sanctions when the driver obtains a valid license. The financial sanctions are lowered for valid drivers and it differs from a time when defendants were simply fined, often heavily, for driving with a suspended license. Defendants concluding their cases with a valid license and car insurance are a benefit to all.

## **COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS**

The Court has been fortunate to have the services of **Recovery Resources** for many years. Recovery Resources was funded by the **Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board** to provide liaisons to our jails and municipalities when defendants display symptoms of mental health conditions or substance dependency. The liaisons respond to police or court requests by visiting inmates and assess whether they need to be seen by a doctor or screened by a professional for issues related to mental health or substance abuse. The liaisons provide the Court with a report containing recommendations. These reports assist the Court in determining whether further diagnostic assessments are needed and provide valuable information for the Court’s use when determining bond conditions or probation conditions at sentencing. Recovery Resources also provided outpatient treatment for defendants. The ADAMHS Board has transitioned the Municipal Suburban Liaison Program from Recovery Resources to **Murtis Taylor Human Services System** due to the

closure of Recovery Resources in the end of 2025. We look forward to working with Murtis Taylor HSS in 2026.

The Court continues to work with **Court Community Service (CCS)**, a not-for-profit agency that arranges community service work for individuals referred by courts as part of sentencing. CCS schedules and closely supervises offenders as they complete tasks ranging from litter collection, landscaping, maintenance, painting, and other specific tasks. The Court referred **259 people to CCS in 2025**. A total of **5,119.50 hours of community service** hours were completed in 2025 by Shaker Heights Municipal Court defendants.

I am a member of the **Cuyahoga County Domestic Violence Task Force** serving on the **Firearm and Strangulation sub-committees**. The group includes Judges throughout greater Cleveland as well as representatives from the County Executive's Office, Legal Aid, Municipal and County Prosecutors' offices, Family Justice Center, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association, Cuyahoga County Public Defenders Association, sexual assault nurses, area probation and clerks' office personnel and more. The task force has addressed concerns involving the transfer of cases between municipal and common pleas courts, the entry of protection orders into the law enforcement automated data system, and the proper disposal of weapons. The group also promotes education on violence-related topics. This year I arranged for members of the **Domestic Violence Task Force** to speak to the **Northern Ohio Municipal Judges Association** regarding protection orders and no contact bond orders.

In 2025, I joined a newly formed **Domestic Violence Community Awareness Committee** and assisted in planning a **Domestic Violence Community Awareness & Safety Resource Forum**. The first event took place in Richmond Heights and provided an opportunity to address questions from the community and share essential resources. The Committee looks forward to holding additional events in 2026.

The Court continues to participate with **Cleveland Municipal Clerk of Court Earle B. Turner** in a project aimed at restoring defendants' driver's licenses. Known as "**In The Neighborhood**", the Cleveland Clerk of Court holds meetings at churches and recreation centers throughout Cleveland. The purpose of the meetings is to assist defendants in clearing up arrest warrants and court cases which have caused license suspensions and/or license and registration blocks.

**Cleveland Municipal Court** continues to accept defendants referred from this Court to participate in specialized docket programs such as **The Judge Larry A. Jones Drug Court, the Mental Health Court, and the Veterans Treatment Docket**. Suburban courts can transfer individuals in need of treatment and intense supervision to the Drug Court. Similarly, the Mental Health Court and Veterans Treatment Docket offer individuals convicted in this Court access to the treatment and care that these specialized dockets provide. We are fortunate to be able to refer eligible offenders to these programs. Our Probation Department continues to monitor the progress of those participating in these specialized dockets.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Engaging in our community is of the utmost importance to me. Being a Judge gives me the opportunity to be involved, participate in educational opportunities, speak to organizations, and enhance the public's understanding of the judicial system.

I had the privilege of participating in several meaningful community events this year. In May, I served as a *student table Judge* for the **Beachwood Family Kindness Festival** where young innovators showcase the ways they are making a difference. I also had the pleasure of presiding over a Mock Trial presented by **Cleveland State University College of Law** trial advocacy students. I enjoyed the opportunity to engage with our future lawyers. In July, I was invited to speak at **John Carroll University Courts and Trial Summer Camp**, and in September, I returned to **John Carroll University** as a guest speaker at the **Introduction to Criminal Justice** course.

I regularly invite local schools to bring their students to the Court for educational field trips. In May, I had the pleasure of speaking with pre-law students from **Fuchs Mizrahi School**, followed later that month by a visit from **Shaker Middle School's Mock Trial Club**. In November, I welcomed the fifth grade class from **Saint Dominic School**. It was a joy to meet such bright young people and talk to them about the Court and the legal system.

I am actively involved with the **Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA)** and currently serve as President-Elect. The CMBA, under the direction of **CEO Chris Schmitt**, is a nonprofit organization that promotes the highest ethical and professional standards for legal professionals while assisting its members to serve the greater Cleveland community with pro bono and community service programs. I am also the Chair of the CMBA's Governance Committee and serve on the Membership, Fiscal Policy, and Thought Leadership committees as well as the Criminal Law Section.

I participated in several Continuing Legal Education (CLE) events this year. In February, I spoke at the **CMBA New Lawyer Training** seminar sharing information about the way judges view and handle cases. In May, I co-chaired the event **A Path Forward – Navigating Mental Health Challenges in the Justice System**, held at the CMBA. This program aimed to raise awareness about challenges faced by Courts and other community agencies and to seek better solutions to serve those in the justice system facing mental health challenges. I had the pleasure of presenting at Northeast Ohio Municipal Prosecutors' Association in June on the topic of Mental Health Issues in Municipal Courts.

In 2025, I served as President of the **Northern Ohio Municipal Judges Association (NOMJA)**. NOMJA is a group of municipal court judges from Northeast Ohio who gather to discuss and improve upon issues we face as judges.

I am a Past President and current Executive Committee Member of the **William K. Thomas American Inn of Court**, an association of lawyers and judges who share a commitment to professionalism, ethics, and civility in the legal profession. The American Inns of Court inspire the legal community to advance the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education, and mentoring.

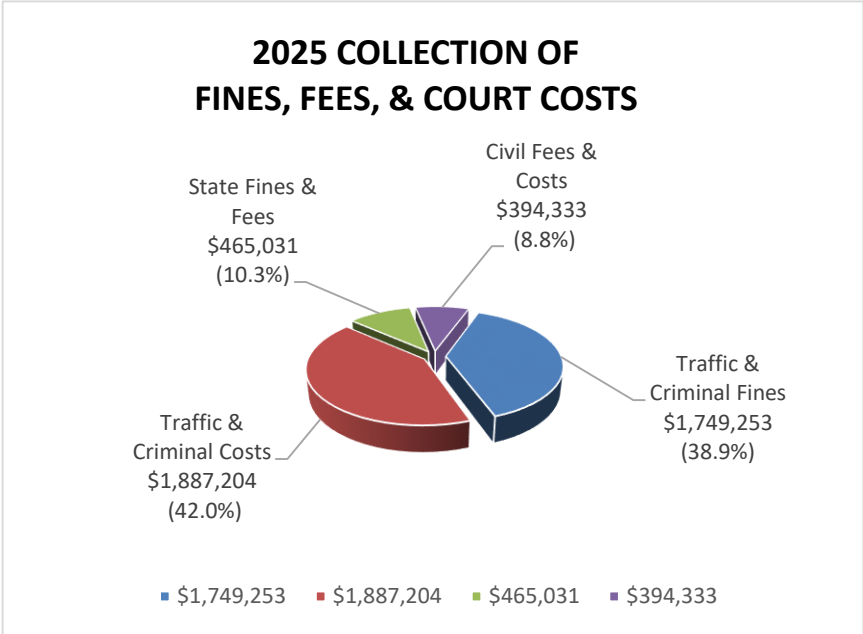
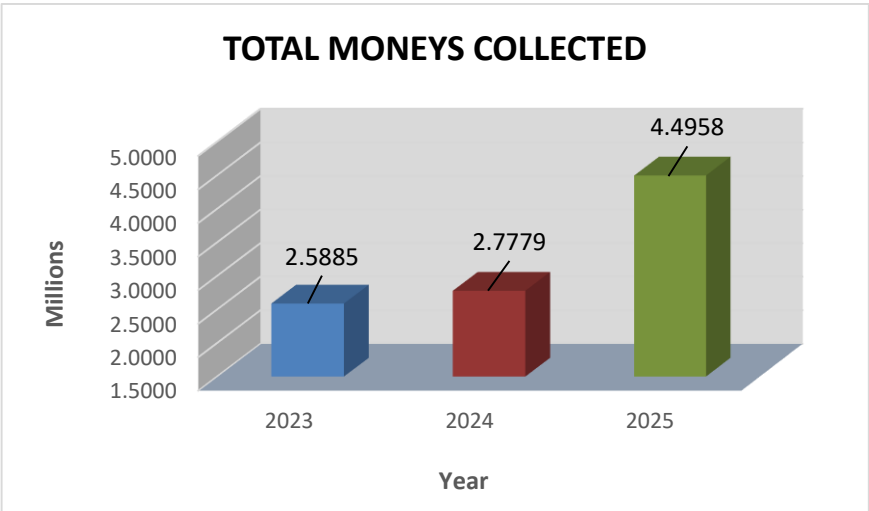
I serve on the **Ohio Judicial Conference's Criminal Law and Procedure Committee** which analyzes pending legislation with a judicial impact on criminal laws and procedures and reviews issues and proposals of relevance to judges. The Committee makes recommendations to improve the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, and relevant Supreme Court Rules of Superintendence. I serve on the **Ohio Judicial Conference Public Confidence and Community Outreach Committee**. The Public Confidence and Community Outreach Committee promotes activities that instill public confidence in the Ohio judiciary by helping judges educate the general public about the function and operation of the state's judicial system.

I continue to participate in **The Ohio Attorney General’s Competency Restoration and Probate Court Issues Committee** meetings. The Committee seeks to assist stakeholders with implementing statutes pertaining to criminal competency restoration and civil commitments. The Committee educates and provides resources to reduce barriers to care encountered by persons with mental illness that are involved with the criminal justice system; and to streamline the provision of services, thereby enhancing outcomes and minimizing burden on existing systems.

**DEPARTMENTS**

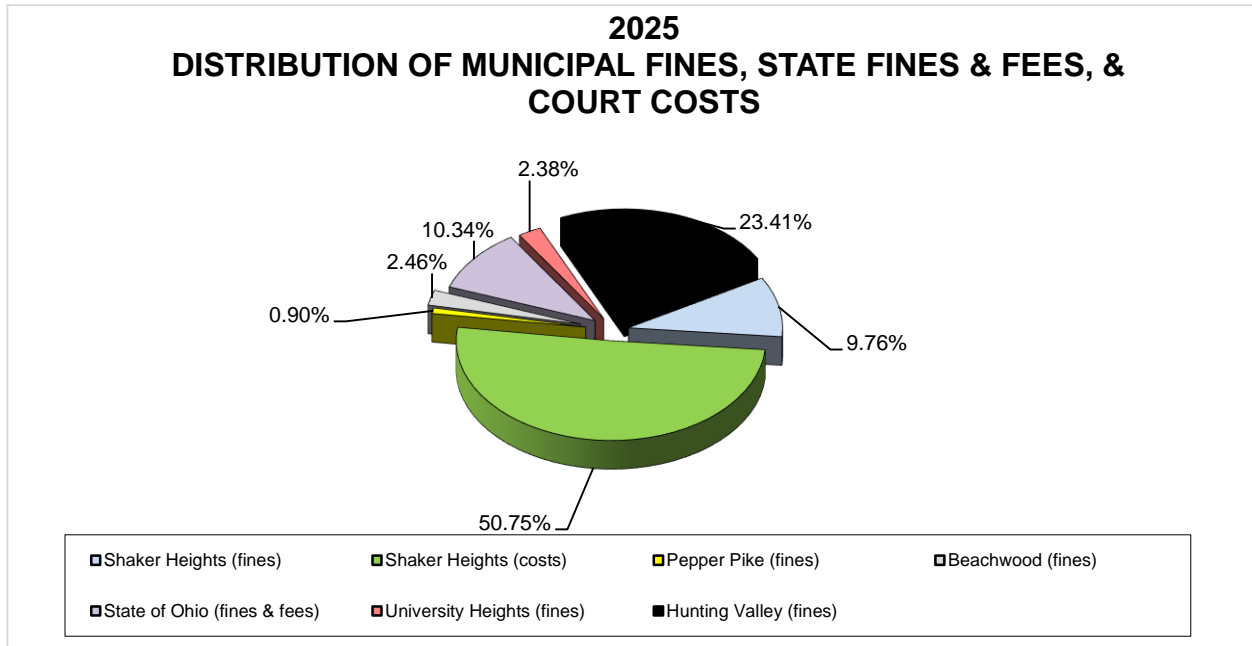
**CLERK OF COURT - Fiscal Matters**

The Clerk’s Office is by law responsible for receiving, collecting, and disbursing all moneys payable to the Court. Moneys payable to the Court are received as fines, court costs, state fees, county fees, garnishment payments, rent deposits, restitution, and trusteeship payments. The following charts show a comparison of moneys collected in years 2023 through 2025 for fines, costs and fees.



Moneys were distributed to the Court’s municipalities as follows:

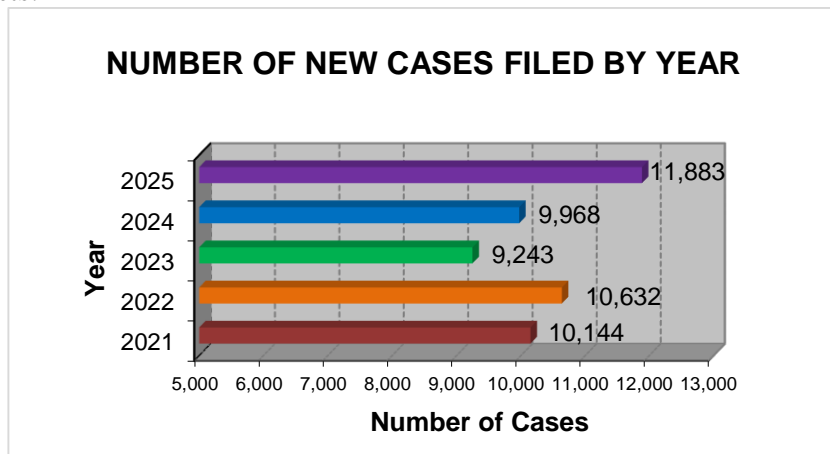
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The Court received certification from Ohio’s state auditors for the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that moneys were properly collected and disbursed by the Court.

### CLERK OF COURT – Cases Filed

The amount of funds coming into the Court typically correlates to the number of cases filed. Further, the Court does not generate cases. The Court is dependent on the police departments in its district for traffic and criminal filings and the public for civil filings. Once a case is filed, the Clerk’s Office collects fines and associated costs.



## **CLERK OF COURT – Technology**

As permitted by statute, the Court charges fees to fund special accounts including the Court Computer/Legal Research Fund, the Clerk’s Computerization Fund, and the Court Special Projects Fund.

The Court continues to send traffic, criminal, and civil notices via email. Prosecutors, lawyers, and court stakeholders have expressed positive feedback and appreciation for the efficiency. Text message reminders are used for traffic and criminal hearings and probation meetings. These notices improve appearance rates while reducing related expenses. We continue to offer parties the option of having a virtual hearing via ZOOM in certain cases.

Our 2025 technological improvements included installing an electronic filing system for photo citation data and images. The Court’s website has also been enhanced to allow online payments of the photo citations.

The Court continues to offer online payment capability to provide the public with a convenient method to pay their fines and court costs. In 2025, web payments comprised about 50% of the Court’s total revenue with 19,024 online payments totaling \$2,235,226.

## **MAGISTRATE**

The Magistrate Department of the Shaker Heights Municipal Court consists of one full-time magistrate and two part-time magistrates. **Ethan Gee** serves as the Court’s full-time Magistrate managing the civil and small claims dockets, and assists the Judge by hearing evictions, civil pre-trials and trials, garnishments, and replevins. Part-time Magistrates **Greg Gentile** and **Leslie Johns** assist the Judge by hearing traffic matters. Specifically, Magistrate Gentile conducts arraignments for general traffic tickets and Magistrate Johns hears the Court’s Driving Under Suspension Docket (DUS) which includes DUS arraignments. Magistrate Johns also conducts payment ability hearings.

The Court also employs two part-time law clerks to research a number of legal issues, prepare memos, and prepare jury instructions. The law clerks also maintain the law library, ensure that the codified ordinances are up to date, and perform various administrative tasks in an effort to aid Court staff.

The Court offers ZOOM as an option for parties to appear for eviction hearings. This has provided greater opportunities for parties to participate in eviction proceedings. The Court continues to use forms for parties who want to enter into structured settlements of eviction claims. The purpose of these structured settlements is to either permit the parties to preserve the landlord-tenant relationship through a pay-to-stay arrangement or, in the alternative, to dissolve the landlord-tenant relationship in a way that avoids an eviction judgment against a tenant, should the evidence support such an award. After a structured settlement, the Court permits the parties to appear at subsequent status hearings via ZOOM.

## **BAILIFF**

The Bailiff Department of the Shaker Heights Municipal Court is responsible for many different aspects of Court operations. The Bailiff Department consists of **Chief Bailiff Joseph Gogala**, two full-time, and one part-time deputy bailiffs.

Bailiffs maintain the safety and security of all persons entering the courthouse. During Court

sessions, bailiffs call cases and record traffic, criminal, and civil proceedings. Their hands-on involvement maintains an orderly courtroom, and has been well received by lawyers, litigants and the public. In addition to the courtroom, bailiffs are responsible for preserving and properly disposing of evidence.

In 2025, the Bailiffs were re-certified to carry firearms, through the help of the **Shaker Heights** and **Beachwood Police Departments**.

The Bailiff Department continually strives to maintain a cooperative and professional attitude toward the public and members of the legal profession.

## **PROBATION**

The Probation Department consists of **Chief Probation Officer Gail Chisholm**, one full-time Probation Officer, a full-time Pre-Trial Services/Probation Officer, and a full-time grant funded Victim's Advocate.

Probation Officers are responsible for supervising defendants while on probation/community control. They conduct pre-sentence investigations and interviews, and review mental health/substance abuse assessments, criminal histories and driving records in order to make recommendations to the Court for sentencing. In 2025, the Probation Department conducted **85** pre-sentence investigations. Probation officers assist defendants with their sentencing requirements, monitor their progress, work through barriers that may impede their progress, and, if necessary, report violations of probation. Probation monitors defendants in the First Offender Program, supervise housing code violation cases, limited driving privileges, and monitors restitution. Last year, over **\$24,165 in restitution** payments were made to victims through the Probation Department. Probation assigns and monitors community service orders, and in some cases in lieu of fines and costs for indigent defendants. Probation makes community service referrals to Court Community Service, and other non-profit organizations. Of those referrals **5,119** community service hours were completed in 2025. Probation uses ZOOM and telephone reporting for effective case management and convenience.

The Court utilizes a grant from the Office of Criminal Justice Services awarded in 2022 through the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**. This grant was scheduled to conclude in 2024, but upon special request, was extended to March 2025. The funds from ARPA support our Pre-trial Services/Probation Officer.

Pretrial Services and the Probation Department monitor certain defendant's use of alcohol through a Secured Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) and monitor defendants who are ordered to be on a Global Positioning System (GPS) monitor as a condition of their bond or a term of probation. In 2025, **50 defendants were monitored by SCRAM for alcohol consumption for a total of 2,416 days**. Of those days, clients were monitored 97.7% **were quantifiably sober resulting in a 97.7% success rate**. In 2025, **GPS clients were monitored for a total of 146 days**.

The Court was awarded **The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award**, through the federal Victims of Crime Act program in 2025, to fund a Victim's Advocate position. On December 1, 2025, the Shaker Court welcomed Janice Smith as the Victim Advocate. In her first month, Ms. Smith provided services to many individuals including victims of crimes such as physical assault, domestic and/or family violence, stalking/harassment, and violations of protection orders. Not only did she provide information and referrals, but she sent notification of court-related events, assisted with victim impact statements,

and accompanied individuals at court proceedings. Her presence and support throughout the court process offers an enhanced sense of fairness, compassion, and transparency about the legal proceedings, making victim participation in the case much more likely.

The Court and its Probation Department continue to partner with the Cleveland Municipal Court’s specialized dockets. These programs provide suburban municipal court defendants with the benefits of direct access to drug/alcohol treatment, mental health services, veterans’ services, and other social services.

The Chart below illustrates the number of cases referred to the Probation Department in 2025.

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Defendants Referred to Probation</b>	<b>Defendants On Active Supervision as of 12/31/25</b>
Chisholm	118	76
Maharidge	259	155
Lee	180	70
Lee - Pre Trial	28	7

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Every day **my staff** does their best to assist the judicial process by effectively performing their tasks. They present innovative ideas and work diligently as part of the Court team. I am grateful for their skill, commitment and loyalty.

**Attorney Abigail Greiner** joined the Court as Court Administrator in July. She brings expertise to the role, having previously served as a staff attorney for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and as an attorney in private practice. In her current capacity, Abby oversees the Court’s essential operations, including human resources, fiscal and information management, facility needs, and community/public relations. She is a great addition to the administration of this Court.

The Court continues to work well with court partners including **Beachwood Mayor Justin Berns, Hunting Valley Mayor Bruce Mavec, Pepper Pike Mayor Richard Bain, Shaker Heights Mayor David Weiss, and University Heights Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan**, and the council members of those communities. The Court looks forward to working with newly elected **University Heights Mayor Michele Weiss**.

The Court also thanks **Police Chiefs Michael Cannon, Daniel Grispino, Karl Dietz, Wayne Hudson, and Dustin Rogers** for their assistance, dedication, and willingness to partner in our many efforts to provide a safe community and fairly administer justice.

We are fortunate to work with these and many other professionals and community members who give their time to make our court communities among the very best in northeast Ohio.

This annual report is provided to each of the mayors and council members of the court district since the municipalities we serve share in the expense of our operations and in the benefits of revenue and service. This report also constitutes the Court’s 2025 Annual Report issued to the legislative authority of its home municipality as required by R.C. Section 1901.14(A) (4). To further comply with this statute, which refers only to “county commissioners,” we are also sending the 2025 Annual Report to the County Executive and the County Council Members who represent the Court district. If you need

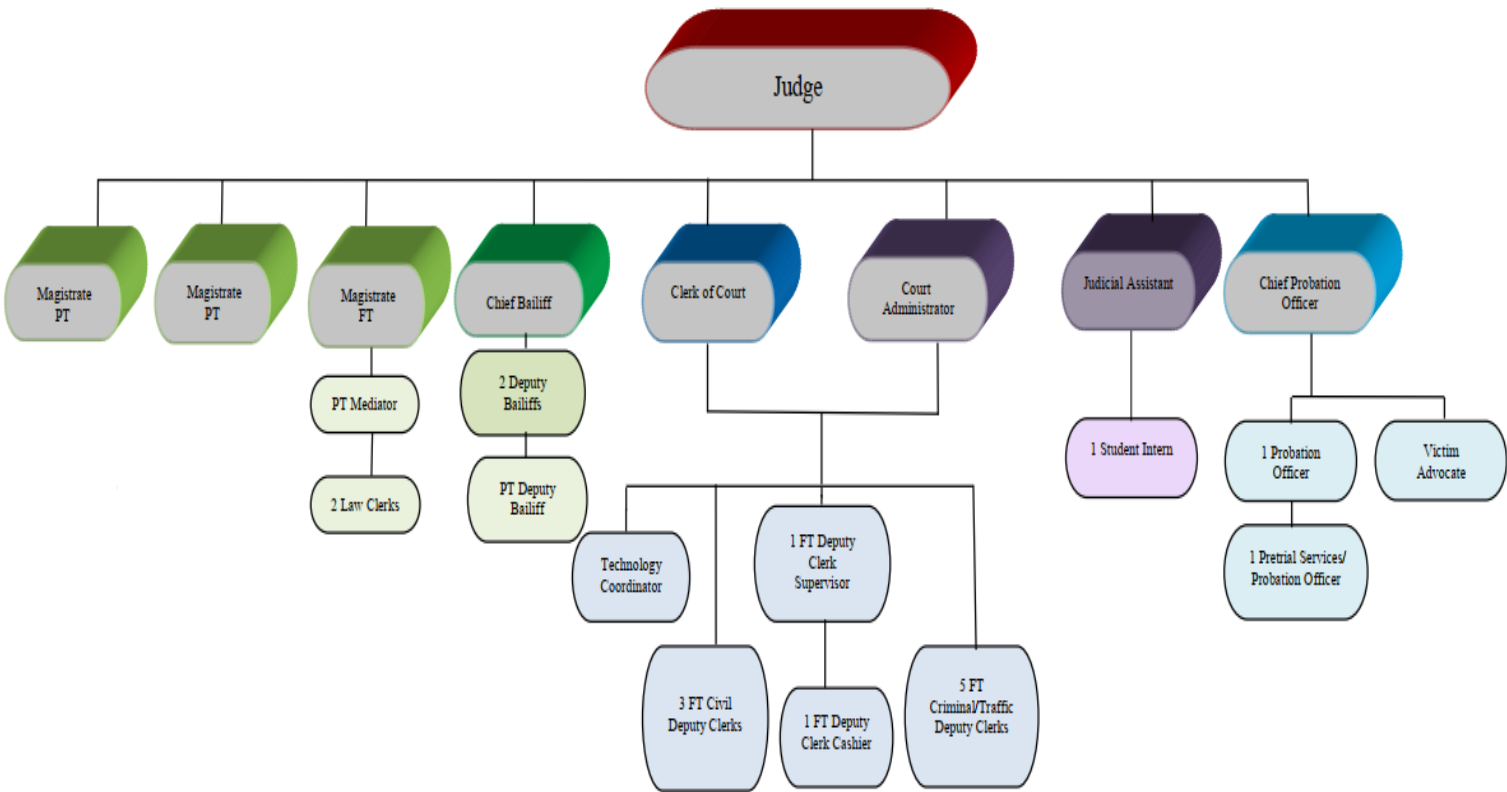
further information about this report, please contact **Court Administrator Abigail Greiner** at [agreiner@shakerheightscourt.org](mailto:agreiner@shakerheightscourt.org).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Walton Keller".

Judge Anne Walton Keller

**SHAKER HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT  
2025 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



# STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

<b>COMPARISON OF CASE ACTIVITY IN CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION</b>			
<b>NEW CASES FILED</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Personal Injury and Property Damage Claims	8	11	8
Breach of Contract or Agreement Claims	629	803	960
Forcible Entry and Detainer (Evictions)	579	624	694
All Other Civil Matters	11	6	5
Small Claims	589	557	574
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>2,241</b>
<b>Terminations/Dispositions of Cases by Type</b>			
Judge and Magistrate Trials	134	132	86
Default Judgment Hearings Before Magistrate	1,233	979	999
Jury Trials	0	0	0
Pretrial Settlements	73	45	63
Lack of Prosecution Dismissals – Failure of Plaintiff to go Forward	164	139	228
Transferred to Other Court Due to Conflicts or Lack of Venue	89	148	158
Bankruptcy/Interlocutory Appeal Which Stay Cause	12	14	6
All Other Dismissals	772	622	665
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>2,205</b>
Aids in Execution Issued (Garnishments, Bank Attachments and Examinations)	685	727	774
Certificates of Judgment of Lien/Transfer Filed	274	281	407
Judgments Transferred from Other Courts for Collection	4	4	1
Levies Against Property – Requested/Filed/Executed	0	0	1
Marriages Performed	19	14	24
Motions or Requests Ruled Upon by the Judge	2,813	3,195	3,792
Jury Demands Filed	2	3	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>5,003</b>
Regular Civil and Small Claims – Fees and Costs Collected	\$323,056	\$354,492	\$393,343
Rent Escrow Deposit Fees	\$777	\$942	\$926
Trusteeship (Debtor’s Payment Arrangement Accounting Fees)	\$18	\$0	\$64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$323,851</b>	<b>\$355,434</b>	<b>\$394,333</b>
<b>TOTAL JUDGMENT PAYMENTS DISBURSED TO SUCCESSFUL PARTY IN CASE</b>	<b>\$602,980</b>	<b>\$784,034</b>	<b>\$837,875</b>

<b>COMPARISON OF CASE ACTIVITY IN CRIMINAL DIVISION</b>			
<b>NEW CASES FILED</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Felony	160	149	129
Misdemeanor	962	767	773
Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence (“OVI”)	201	207	233
Traffic	6,104	6,844	8,507
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>9,642</b>
<b>BREAKDOWN BY MUNICIPALITY OF TRAFFIC CASES FILED (Excluding OVI Cases)</b>			
Shaker Heights	4,608	5,268	5,546
University Heights	494	726	565
Beachwood	422	336	1,835
Pepper Pike	338	346	477
Hunting Valley	242	168	84
Other	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,104</b>	<b>6,844</b>	<b>8,507</b>
<b>BREAKDOWN BY MUNICIPALITY OF OVI CASES FILED</b>			
Shaker Heights	119	116	145
University Heights	23	39	24
Beachwood	36	31	44
Pepper Pike	22	20	19
Hunting Valley	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>BMV LICENSE SUSPENSION APPEAL CASES FILED</b> – For persons whose licenses were suspended by the BMV	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>PARKING CITATIONS FILED Shaker Heights and University Heights</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>4,807</b>
<b>TRAFFIC WARRANTS ISSUED</b> – Contempt of court for non-appearance	<b>1,836</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>2,555</b>

**COMPARISON OF COMPLETED CRIMINAL CASES  
BY MUNICIPALITY**

<b>MISDEMEANORS COMPLETED BY MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Shaker Heights	259	252	350
University Heights	163	179	136
Beachwood	277	249	201
Pepper Pike	21	22	21
Hunting Valley	2	0	1
Other (Transfer)	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>709</b>
<b>FELONIES – COMPLETED BY BINDOVER OR OTHER DISPOSITIONS INCLUDING DISMISSALS</b>			
Shaker Heights	62	75	47
University Heights	34	30	30
Beachwood	44	53	36
Pepper Pike	9	3	6
Hunting Valley	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>HOUSING CASES FILED / COMPLETED</b>			
Shaker Heights	17 / 18	24 / 14	20 / 19
University Heights	78 / 54	30 / 67	11 / 8
Beachwood	1 / 2	1 / 0	2 / 2
Pepper Pike	4 / 4	3 / 3	2 / 2
Hunting Valley	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 / 78</b>	<b>58 / 84</b>	<b>35 / 31</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY</b>			
Criminal Warrants Issued – Contempt of court for non-appearance	704	682	646
Extradition Hearings – To determine whether to return defendant to place where offense occurred	1	0	1
Jury Demands Filed	38	23	31
Jury Trials Heard and Not Otherwise Resolved	2	0	3

**CRIMINAL DIVISION COMPARISON BY MUNICIPALITY  
OF NEW CASES FILED**

<b>2025</b>	<b>FELONY</b>	<b>MISDEMEANOR</b>	<b>OVI</b>	<b>TRAFFIC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Beachwood	40	204	44	1,835	2,123
Hunting Valley	1	1	1	84	87
Pepper Pike	7	25	19	477	528
Shaker Heights	47	352	145	5,546	6,090
University Heights	34	191	24	565	814
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>8,507</b>	<b>9,642</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>FELONY</b>	<b>MISDEMEANOR</b>	<b>OVI</b>	<b>TRAFFIC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Beachwood	49	219	31	346	645
Hunting Valley	0	1	1	168	170
Pepper Pike	4	29	20	336	289
Shaker Heights	71	304	116	5,268	5,759
University Heights	25	214	39	726	1,004
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>6,844</b>	<b>7,967</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>FELONY</b>	<b>MISDEMEANOR</b>	<b>OVI</b>	<b>TRAFFIC</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Beachwood	48	342	36	422	848
Hunting Valley	0	2	1	242	245
Pepper Pike	9	22	22	338	391
Shaker Heights	63	326	119	4,608	5,116
University Heights	40	270	23	494	827
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>6,104</b>	<b>7,427</b>

**COMPARISON OF MONEYS GENERATED AND COLLECTED BY  
SHAKER HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT BY MUNICIPALITY**

<b>SHAKER HEIGHTS FINES AND COSTS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Parking Fines	\$30,369	\$40,306	\$34,902
Fines – Criminal and Traffic	\$411,713	\$396,281	\$404,085
Court Costs – Criminal, Traffic, Camera	\$1,315,207	\$1,428,696	\$1,887,204
Court Costs & Fees Civil/Small Claims (ADR Fee)	\$323,851	\$355,434	\$394,333
<b>TOTAL FOR SHAKER HEIGHTS</b>	<b>\$2,080,960</b>	<b>\$2,220,717</b>	<b>\$2,720,524</b>
<b>OTHER MUNICIPALITIES</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
University Heights – Fines	\$44,930	\$69,494	\$106,982
Beachwood – Fines	\$41,512	\$39,219	\$110,576
Pepper Pike – Fines	\$33,058	\$30,954	\$40,294
Hunting Valley – Fines	\$9,524	\$9,060	\$1,052,414
<b>TOTAL FOR OTHER MUNICIPALITIES</b>	<b>\$129,024</b>	<b>\$148,727</b>	<b>\$1,310,266</b>
<b>STATE OF OHIO</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Traffic and Criminal Cases – Fines and Fees	\$340,764	\$336,650	\$416,155
Civil Cases – Fees	\$37,751	\$41,844	\$48,876
<b>TOTAL FOR STATE OF OHIO</b>	<b>\$378,515</b>	<b>\$408,494</b>	<b>\$465,031</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$2,588,499</b>	<b>\$2,777,938</b>	<b>\$4,495,821</b>

**COMPARISON OF MONEYS DISTRIBUTED TO MUNICIPALITIES  
FROM CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CASES**

<b>COURT COSTS</b> (Distributed to Shaker Heights pursuant to law)	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Shaker Heights Parking	\$12,583	\$25,596	\$39,909
Shaker Heights – Traffic & Criminal Costs	\$905,973	\$996,336	\$1,081,812
University Heights – Traffic & Criminal Costs	\$130,005	\$157,211	\$142,474
Pepper Pike – Traffic & Criminal Costs	\$60,735	\$61,748	\$77,192
Beachwood – Traffic & Criminal Costs	\$170,559	\$162,853	\$313,336
Hunting Valley – Traffic, Criminal & Camera Costs	\$32,392	\$26,204	\$232,472
Bail Bond Fees (considered by law as costs)	\$25,214	\$19,341	\$17,900
<b>TOTAL COURT COSTS DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$1,337,461</b>	<b>\$1,449,289</b>	<b>\$1,905,095</b>
<b>SHAKER HEIGHTS FINES</b>			
Parking Fines	\$30,369	\$40,306	\$34,902
Traffic and Criminal Fines	\$411,713	\$396,281	\$404,085
<b>TOTAL SHAKER HEIGHTS FINES</b>	<b>\$442,082</b>	<b>\$436,587</b>	<b>\$438,987</b>
<b>TOTAL FINES AND COSTS DISTRIBUTED TO SHAKER HEIGHTS</b>	<b>\$1,779,543</b>	<b>\$1,885,876</b>	<b>\$2,344,082</b>
<b>STATE OF OHIO FINES &amp; FEES</b>			
Traffic & Criminal Fines	\$69,049	\$75,734	\$70,381
BMV Registration Block Fees/DLE Fund	\$73	\$45	\$45
Mandated Fees	\$271,715	\$290,917	\$345,773
<b>TOTAL FINES &amp; FEES DISTRIBUTED TO STATE OF OHIO</b>	<b>\$340,837</b>	<b>\$366,696</b>	<b>\$416,199</b>
<b>TOTAL FINES AND PARKING FINES DISTRIBUTED TO UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS</b>	<b>\$44,930</b>	<b>\$69,494</b>	<b>\$106,982</b>
<b>TOTAL FINES DISTRIBUTED TO PEPPER PIKE</b>	<b>\$33,058</b>	<b>\$30,954</b>	<b>\$40,294</b>
<b>TOTAL FINES DISTRIBUTED TO BEACHWOOD</b>	<b>\$41,512</b>	<b>\$39,219</b>	<b>\$110,576</b>
<b>TOTAL FINES DISTRIBUTED TO HUNTING VALLEY</b>	<b>\$9,524</b>	<b>\$9,060</b>	<b>\$1,052,414</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL CRIMINAL &amp; TRAFFIC MONEYS DISTRIBUTED (FINES, COSTS &amp; FEES)</b>	<b><u>\$2,249,404</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,401,299</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,070,547</u></b>