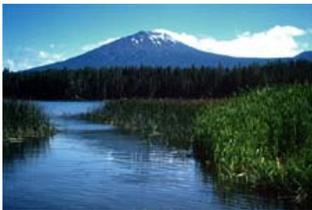


LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT



2005 Annual Report



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**CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR LANE COUNTY**

April 3, 2006

Dear Community Member:

We are pleased to present this report on the work and accomplishments of the 2nd Judicial District for 2005. For our court, 2005 was a year of refocus and stabilization after several years of budget reductions.

Lane County Circuit Court is, first and foremost, a community court. Citizens and businesses come into contact with the court in many ways: through jury service, to resolve personal or business disputes, as victims of crime or domestic violence, or as parties to other civil litigation. It is likely that our court will be the only exposure to the judicial system that many citizens of Lane County ever have. We are committed to providing both excellent public service and justice that protects the rights of individuals, preserves the community welfare, and inspires public confidence.

This annual report is a sampling of the work and accomplishments of Lane County Circuit Court in 2005. We hope that you find it to be a useful tool for understanding the service that the court provides our community through the dedication of judges and support staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mary Ann Bearden', written in a cursive style.

Mary Ann Bearden
Presiding Judge

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David P. Factor', written in a cursive style.

David P. Factor
Trial Court Administrator

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Lane County Courthouse, 2005

Oregon Judicial Branch

Mission Statement

“As a separate and independent branch of government, we provide fair and accessible justice services that protect the rights of individuals, preserve community welfare and inspire public confidence.”

OVERVIEW

The Court As Part of the Oregon Judicial Branch

The Oregon Judicial Branch, led by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is one of the three independent, co-equal branches of state government. Central administrative functions of the Judicial Branch are managed by the Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA), in Salem. The trial courts are organized in 27 judicial districts.

Lane County (the 2nd judicial district) is one of five large judicial districts in Oregon, including Washington, Clackamas, Marion and Multnomah counties. The largest, Multnomah, is three times larger than the other courts in the group.

Primary court operations for the 2nd judicial district are based at the Lane County Courthouse in downtown Eugene. The court also operates two satellite sites. The Juvenile Court is housed at the John Serbu Juvenile Justice Center facility. Pretrial release services and in-custody arraignments occur at the Lane County Jail.

The Bench

15 full-time judges comprise the Lane County Circuit Court bench. Judge Mary Ann Bearden has served as the presiding judge since January 2001. Her current term as presiding judge continues through December 2007. The presiding judge is responsible for assigning the other judges to one or more of 23 different dockets and assignments. Among those assignments are chief criminal judge, criminal team, juvenile court, civil motions, civil show cause, probate, traffic, small claims, and ex parte. The judges rotate these assignments, although it is not unusual for a judge to retain a particular assignment for several years.

Each of the Lane County Circuit Court judges, except for the Juvenile Court judge and the Presiding Judge, is regularly available as a trial judge in addition to their individual docket and other court duties. Using a master calendar system, the Presiding Judge assigns all cases scheduled and ready for trial on a particular date to judges available for trial on that

Lane County Circuit Court Judges, Served on the Bench Since

The Honorable Mary Ann Bearden,
Presiding, April 1998
The Honorable Jack Billings,
June 1993
The Honorable Charles D. Carlson,
August 2002
The Honorable Cynthia Carlson,
February 1994
The Honorable Ted Carp,
December 1995
The Honorable Gregory Foote,
September 1977
The Honorable Eveleen Henry,
November 1995
The Honorable Bryan Hodges,
October 1975
The Honorable Lauren Holland,
November 1992
The Honorable Darryl Larson,
April 1990
The Honorable Kip Leonard,
March 1986
The Honorable Maurice Merten,
November 1975
The Honorable Douglas S. Mitchell,
February 2000
The Honorable Karsten H. Rasmussen,
June 1999
The Honorable Lyle C. Velure,
January 1994

day. This system works extremely well in Lane County given the number of judges and the case load. It is rare that a case otherwise ready for trial is postponed because there is not a judge available.

Jurisdiction

Lane County Circuit Court is a trial court of general jurisdiction. The court has jurisdiction over:

- All state offense cases from traffic violations to felonies;
- All civil and small claims matters;
- Forcible entry and detainer (eviction) cases;
- Divorces, custody cases, adoptions and all other family law matters;
- Probate proceedings;
- Juvenile proceedings;
- Mental health and commitment proceedings; and
- Appeals from limited jurisdiction courts located in Lane County.

Court Administration and Operations

The Trial Court Administrator is responsible for the operations of the court under the direction of the Presiding Judge. In 2005, 113 employees worked in the six court operations departments:

Civil case processing—The civil case processing unit is responsible for civil, domestic relations, probate and juvenile case processing. Case processing includes case initiation and cashiering, to data entry and judgment entry. This unit also staffs the Probate Center, the Family Court Assistance Office, and Juvenile Court clerk's office.

Criminal and traffic case processing—The criminal and traffic unit has case processing responsibility for all criminal and traffic cases, provides indigent defense verification, and provides real time data entry for specific courtroom functions.

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Court services—The court services unit, comprised of the information booth, jury management, records, archives and file center, and calendar clerk staff, is responsible for managing the master trial calendar, making court records accessible to the public, directing all court visitors to the appropriate court, summoning jurors, managing the grand and petit juries, and maintaining the official court record within the parameters of the retention schedule.

Pretrial release services—Pretrial release officers are responsible for pre-trial risk assessment, release decision making and supervision of released defendants. This unit has recently added personnel from the Lane County Sheriff's Office to staff the Defendant Offender Management Center (DOMC).

Judicial support—Judicial support consists of judicial assistants, law clerks, court reporters and courtroom clerks. They coordinate courtroom functions, ensure an accurate record is made, manage judicial offices, perform legal research, manage juries, safeguard exhibits, and prepare judgments, correspondence and documents for signature.

Administration—Administration employees provide management and support in the areas of personnel, budget and accounting, intergovernmental relations, court security, facilities, case flow management and information technology.

Court Statistics and Financial Information

Caseflow statistics for cases filed, cases terminated and cases pending in 2005, as well as other court data, are located on pages 21 and 22 of this report.

Financial information, including funding sources, court expenditures and revenue is located on pages 23 and 24 of this report.

For more detailed information on court statistics and financial information, contact Court Administration at (541) 682-4166.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Strategic Planning

In 2004, Presiding Judge Bearden established a standing management team consisting of the Presiding Judge, the Chief Criminal Judge, the Trial Court Administrator, and the Deputy Court Administrator. The management team meets monthly to monitor local and OJD initiatives, and to work on a variety of day-to-day operational issues including personnel matters, budget planning, succession planning, case flow management, technology projects, facilities, security, and intergovernmental relationships. The team also meets in an annual retreat to establish goals for the coming year and review progress on the local strategic plan.

The team implemented a planning process aimed at identifying key strategic goals for the court and working through projects to achieve those goals. The local goals are based on OJD's mission core values and 2020 Future Vision of the OJD. This process is part of a larger statewide strategic planning and performance measurement project. In 2005, efforts were refocused as courts were asked to participate in statewide strategic planning. The planning project included developing Lane's strategies to meet goals in three areas:

- Justice 2020 and Chief Justice Priorities
- Legislative Mandates
- 2005 – 2007 Legislatively Adopted Performance Measures

Criminal Case Flow Management

Presiding Judge Bearden convened the Criminal Caseflow Management Committee in September 2005. The purpose of the Committee is three-fold: to provide a forum to communicate and resolve interagency issues; to look for methods to more effectively manage plea negotiations; and to establish regular meetings with prosecution and defense counsel representatives to work with the court on continuous improvement of criminal caseflow management.

This committee was established concurrent with the Chief Justice's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's Case Management Workgroup Pi-

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lot Project. Lane County is one of the six judicial districts selected to participate in this project. The Committee will represent Lane County on this project to implement best practices in caseload management for criminal cases.

DUII Diversion Docket

On January 28, 2005, the court held its first Friday DUII (Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants) Diversion Docket . The Diversion docket is a collaboration with the Lane County District Attorney, Public Defender Services of Lane County, and Lane County Mental Health. At arraignment, each person charged with a DUII and eligible for diversion is scheduled for a Friday Diversion Docket.

Between arraignment and the scheduled Diversion Docket, Public Defender Services of Lane County (PDSL) provides each DUII defendant with a detailed orientation about the diversion process. The PDSL orientation educates persons charged with DUII about the diversion process and answers their questions.

On the day of the diversion hearing, each defendant either enters the diversion program, or declines diversion and is scheduled for trial. A specialist from Lane County Mental Health DUII treatment evaluation services is on hand to speak to each defendant entering the program. The specialists schedule each person for a DUII evaluation and obtain a waiver of information that allows Lane County Mental Health to contact PDSL for assistance in locating clients as needed.

267 DUII cases were heard on the DUII Diversion Docket in 2005. Participants in this new process have a better understanding of diversion, and appear for evaluation at Lane County Mental Health at a much higher rate. With more information, offenders are more accountable and the court and its partners are more effective and efficient.

Drug Court

Lane County Circuit Court's Drug Court is a diversion program which allows participants to have their case dismissed upon successful completion of the court program and associated treatment. The program is a partnership between the Circuit Court, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Services, Emergency Inc. Addiction Treatment Services, and other public and private agencies and organizations, that work as a team toward these common goals:

- Reduce participant contacts with the criminal justice system;
- Reduce costs associated with criminal case processing and re-arrest;
- Introduce participants to an ongoing process or recovery designed to achieve total abstinence from the use of mood-altering drugs;
- Promote self-sufficiency and empower participants to become responsible and productive members of the community;
- Reduce jail overcrowding.

Drug Court has a private endowment of \$1 million established by Dr. John Serbu which is managed by the Oregon Community Foundation. The yearly interest on the endowment helps to fund treatment services for Drug Court participants. Lane County Drug Court received \$24,560 in Serbu Funds in 2005. In addition to this grant, Drug Court received a one-time grant of \$38,589 as a pass-through from the Sacred Heart Medical Foundation. This funding was used to finance additional treatment slots for uninsured program participants.

Since the implementation of Drug Court in 1994, 2,535 individuals have participated in the program. 237 new petitions were accepted and 72 participants successfully completed the program in 2005. A 2006 recidivism study conducted by the State Court Administrator's Office found that 93% of Lane's 2004 Drug Court graduates had no misdemeanor or felony charges filed in Circuit Court within one year of graduation.

In addition, data from follow-up surveys with program graduates indicate that a high percentage of program graduates maintain abstinence after completing the program.

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Defender Offender Management Center (DOMC)

For the last three years Lane County Circuit Court has been involved in a joint project with the Lane County Sheriff and the county office of Probation and Parole to design and implement the Defendant Offender Management Center. Phase I of this project blends our Pretrial Services office with Sheriff's jail staff to ensure every defendant released from the jail pretrial has a conditional release agreement, including those defendants released due to the limits on capacity established by federal court order.

Phase II of this project includes the office of Probation and Parole in the management of offenders on community supervision as they move from jail to jail alternatives during the course of completing the term of supervision, including the imposition of intermediate sanctions for violations.

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Commercial Court

The Lane County Circuit Court presented a proposal for the creation of a complex litigation court to the Chief Justice in December 2005 recognizing the need for some specialization in such matters. The proposal establishes a differentiated case management model including a method of designating and assigning appropriate cases to a single judge for pre-trial and trial matters; a separate judge for settlement conference; as well as setting and adhering to an expedited trial date. Lane County will accept cases from other counties designated as appropriate using the same criteria.

Family Court Assistance Office

The Family Court Assistance Office is now in its fourth year of operation. The Assistance Office helps pro se litigants with court processes

and available forms, providing information about legal services and other services available in the community, aiding litigants with document preparation and processing, and reviewing documents for completeness and compliance with applicable rules and statutes.

In 2005, the Assistance Office had 3,603 visits, gave out 3,019 forms and fielded 3,323 phone calls. Customers were referred to the Assistance Office by the court, Legal Aid, local attorneys, the District Attorney's Office and host of other sources.

Jury Service

Jury service is a cornerstone of public involvement in the justice process. Lane County Circuit Court recognizes the sacrifices made by jurors and strives to make jury service as convenient and comfortable as possible. The Court is continuously working to improve its jury service process and the amenities it provides to its jurors.

The Circuit Court Jury Coordinator handles the entire jury process from summoning jurors to juror payroll. The master list of jurors consists of registered voters in Lane County and individuals whose Oregon driver's license address is in Lane County. Duplications are eliminated in the juror database.

Jury service in Lane County lasts for the duration of one trial or for one day if the juror is not seated on a jury. During 2005, 50,704 jury summonses were mailed to prospective jurors. Of those summoned, approximately 14,332 people were asked to appear. Lane County Circuit Court has a consistently high appearance rate for those called in to serve. During 2005, approximately 60% of prospective jurors whose numbers were selected appeared for jury duty. This compares with 25-30% in other like-sized courts in the state. Of the 8,741 who appeared, 3,051 were drawn for jury panels. There were 125 jury trials in Lane County Circuit Court in 2005.

In April 2005, Lane County Circuit Court participated in a statewide juror satisfaction survey. This survey was designed by a small workgroup made

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up of circuit court employees from around the state. The survey covered the areas of court staff, juror orientation, summonses, juror parking, building facilities, and efficient use of juror time. Lane County Circuit Court was rated very high by its jurors.

- 98% of jurors said court staff were courteous and available to answer jury service questions.
- 97% of jurors said the summons they received in the mail contained all the information they needed to report for jury service.
- 91% of jurors said the building facilities (jury room, deliberation room and court rooms) were comfortable.
- 91% of jurors said their time was used efficiently.
- 98% of jurors said judges and court staff treated them in a way that made the jurors feel valued.
- And overall, 98% of jurors said they were satisfied with their jury experience.

Security and Facilities

The Lane County Courthouse was built in 1958 at a time when present-day courthouse security issues and modern court services were not on the radar. Although the building has been adequate in the years since, it is no longer considered a feasible space for the court to address modern security issues and provide court services in the manner that the public expects and requires. The courthouse does have entrance security which screens for weapons, and provides a safe and secure environment in which to resolve disputes.

In 2005, the County and the Court engaged an architect and a security consultant to assess the building structure, security needs, and court capacity needs now and in the future. The consultants report indicates that the courthouse is not a secure building and that it has reached capacity so that provision of basic court services and development of new services needed by the public, such as family court facilitation, are not feasible in the current building. The report recommended that a new courthouse be considered.

Due to fiscal restraints a new courthouse is not on the horizon and the county and court staff continue to discuss methods to best meet the needs of the court and the citizens of Lane County in the current space available. Improvements in court security focus on how to provide the highest level of security possible in the current building. To address the needs for a safe and secure court environment, and to provide court services, appropriately, the court and the county are collaborating on several facility improvement projects.

Courthouse Entrance

On March 15, 2005, Governor Kulongoski dedicated the renovated Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza. Work to renovate the courthouse entrance was required to replace the deteriorating entrance surface. In addition, the plaza was lowered to street level and a new access ramp for people with disabilities was installed near the courthouse doors. A combination of public and private funds made this project possible.

The Wayne Morse Historical Park Corporation partnered with the county to make improvements to the free speech plaza. A bronze statue of Senator Morse was erected. Approximately 50 sponsored wall plaques and more than 700 granite pavers were installed around the plaza. The plaza is a memorial to Senator Morse whose career and life embodied the spirit and independence of Oregon.

Employee Excellence—New Employee Orientation

Lane County Circuit Court values its employees and believes in providing training and work opportunities to help them excel. The training and orientation of new court employees is an important part of this process. In 2005, Court Administration and the court supervisors met over a period of months to design a new employee orientation process that would provide a vast array of personnel information and an overview of court programs and services to new employees. This new process focuses on the first six months of a new employee's tenure and ensures that new employees not only learn about their co-workers and job duties, but also



In 2005, 35 new employees went through the New Employee Orientation and Training process.

are exposed to all court proceedings and other work units. This assures that employees are well informed about all court operations and can provide better customer service. The new employee orientation design also included the development of a New Employee Orientation and Training Manual so that new employees would have all the necessary materials for learning about their new job and the court as a whole.

UO Judicial Externship Program

Lane County Circuit Court values its close working relationship with the University of Oregon School of Law. This relationship is enhanced by the UO Judicial Externship Program. This intensive skills opportunity allows students to observe and work with Lane County Circuit Court judges. In 2005, 20 law school students participated in this program. Externs worked alongside judicial staff in courtrooms and on case processing, and conducted research for judges. Externs participate as volunteers, receiving course credit for their time in the program.

Student Courthouse Tours

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Technology Improvements

The Lane County Circuit Court Technology Department evolved during the year with many upgrades and improvements that made the court's data more secure, reliable and automated. In 2005, the court transitioned from using microfilm to a comprehensive digital imaging system for archived files. Clerical staff and the public now have instant access to digi-

tal images stored on a server, and no longer rely on microfilm readers. In 2005, court staff scanned over 1 million pieces of paper which equates to roughly 45,000 case files.

The year included a computer rollout of 130 PC workstations, which were necessary upgrades from outdated computers. The public viewing room was rearranged and reorganized as well. The old computers were replaced by newer, Windows XP models. The room was made more user friendly and the macros to extract data were made to match color coded keys to simplify public access to the data. A public kiosk computer was set up in the Archives area to serve Family Court customers and for public access to scanned documents.

Lane County and several other circuit courts have taken the first steps toward electronic document management. Courts have begun to scan archived documents into digital formats in part due to limitations on archive space, and also because it provides better access to, and safer maintenance of, the court record. As the OJD moves toward its vision of electronic case filing and electronic case management, these early moves by trial courts provide a head start.

Website Redesign

The Internet has become an indispensable tool for sharing information. In 2003, the Court published the first version of its website. It focused on providing information on court services and process. In 2005, the Court website, located on the web at www.lanecountycircuitcourt.com, saw a complete “facelift.” The goal of this project was to better assist court users with finding the information they need quickly. A Self-Help Center was added to the homepage. The Self-Help Center provides quick links to court calendars, court records, filing fees, maps, a court phone directory and printable forms. A Court News section was also added so that court users could quickly see any upcoming updates to court policy or procedures. And more forms were included on the list of printable forms, including most forms used in Domestic Relations cases.

Recognizing Contribution and Commitment

Judicial Leadership

Our Judges are honored to serve the state and the community through their leadership in various organizations:

Presiding Judge Mary Ann Bearden is the Chair of the Lane County Circuit Court Security and Business Continuation Committee. She is also the Chair of the Lane County Circuit Court Facilities Committee and leads the Lane County Circuit Court Management Team. A member of the Public Safety Coordinating Council, Judge Bearden serves in an advisory capacity to numerous local and OJD workgroups.

Judge Jack Billings has served as a board member on the Eugene School Board and the Lane Transit District. He currently serves on the board of Looking Glass Youth and Family Services and is secretary-treasurer of the Lane County Bar Association.

Judge Charles Carlson is a member of the Lane County Bar Association's Judicial Administration Committee. He also served as a volunteer trial court judge for the trial practice program at the University of Oregon Law School. An active youth mentor, Judge Carlson served in the University of Oregon Law School's freshman mentor program and addressed many student groups visiting the court.

Judge Cynthia Carlson is a board member of "Uniting to Understand Racism" and is a founding member and co-chair of the Eugene Japanese American Memorial Committee. She is also co-chair of the City Club of Eugene's Subcommittee on Racism and a member of the Lane County Bar Association's Subcommittee on Racial and Ethnic Issues in the Judicial System. A frequent public speaker, Judge Carlson gave presentations for the Oregon State Bar Annual Conference, the Lane County Bar Association, and the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Legal Professionals annual meeting. In addition, Judge Carlson is a regular guest on KOPT radio's "Breakfast with Nancy" program, discussing various aspects of racism and its impact on our community.

Judge Ted Carp remains active with the Big Brother/Big Sister program. He was the Chair of that program for a number of years and was their representative on the YMCA Board of Directors. He is on his second term on the Council on Court Procedures.

Judge Gregory Foote serves on the board of directors for the Willamette Repertory Theatre. As a regular public speaker, Judge Foote spoke at events for the Relief Nursery, and gave lectures at the University of Oregon Law School. Judge Foote also works as the volunteer announcer for South Eugene High School soccer and basketball and the State 4A boys Basketball Tournament

Judge Eveleen Henry serves by appointment of the Chief Justice on the state Uniform Trial Court Rules Committee, and also serves on the Lawyers Assistance Committee of the Oregon State Bar Association. Judge Henry sits on the Board of Directors for both Food for Lane County and the Oregon Breast Cancer Coalition.

Judge Bryan Hodges has actively participated in many state and county bar association committees. These have included the Future of the Court Committee, numerous judicial conferences, to presently sitting on the State Court Security Committee. Judge Hodges is also an active member of the Lane County Law Library and Victim Impact Panel Advisory Boards.

Judge Lauren Holland is a member of the Oregon Judicial Department's Education Committee. She is also a member of the Lane County Bar Association's Probate Committee, the Council on Court Procedure, and the Lane County Domestic Violence Council. A regular public speaker, Judge Holland moderated the Oregon Judicial Department's "Understanding Sexual Violence" continuing legal education program and also taught commercial and insurance mediation at the University of Oregon Law School. An active student mentor, Judge Holland spoke to many student groups touring the court, assisted middle school mock trial students and spoke to students from Churchill High School.

Judge Darryl Larson is a member of the Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Treatment Courts and also a member of the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force, serving as the chair of that committee's Treatment Subcommittee. The Judge is also the Chair of the Policy Board for the Lane County Drug Court, a member of the Criminal Justice Commission's State Drug Court Grants Planning Committee, and the Chief Justice's Performance Measures Advisory Committee. A member of the Eugene Park's Foundations and Chair of the Rotary RiverPlay Playground Centennial Project, Judge Larson was the first annual recipient of Eugene's "Parks Hero" award.

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Judge Kip Leonard received the Oregon Law Students Public Interest Fund "Emilio Bandiero" award for public service. He is a member of the Family Violence Response Initiative Executive Committee and Advisory Committee and serves on the board of the Center for Research to Practice. Judge Leonard participated as a faculty member of the University of Memphis Leadership Institute in Judicial Education. He was also a panelist at the Oregon Juvenile Department Director's annual conference. A frequent public speaker, Judge Leonard gave presentations to Rotary, and spoke to classes at the University of Oregon Law School and at Lane Community College. Judge Leonard also enjoys reading to first graders at Fairfield Elementary School.

Judge Maurice Merten is Lane County's longest sitting Circuit Court judge, having served since 1975. He has been active for many years in new lawyer education programs for local attorneys.

Judge Douglas Mitchell is a member of the Chief Justice's Future of Technology in the Courts Task Force. He is also a member of the Joint Application Development Committee for probation violation judgments. Judge Mitchell serves on the board of directors for the Lane County Bar Association, the University of Oregon Law School Alumni Association, and for Planned Parenthood of Southwest Oregon Health Services.

Judge Karsten Rasmussen is Lane County's Chief Criminal Judge and serves as President of the Oregon Circuit Court Judges Association. He is also a member of the Lane County Supervisory Authority Team and the Lane County Circuit Court Management Team. Judge Rasmussen serves on numerous Oregon Judicial Department workgroups and teaches Oregon Practice and Procedure at the University of Oregon Law School. An active baseball coach, Judge Rasmussen serves on the board of directors for Churchill Baseball Inc.

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Judge Lyle Velure was selected as one of the *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Judges in America for 2005. The selection recognizes selfless professionals who inspire and guide us by their dedication to upholding justice. The only Circuit Court Judge in Oregon selected for this honor, Judge Velure was noted as a "popular jurist, often selected to mediate state and federal disputes outside his caseload." Judge Velure volunteered as an instructor for a Commercial and Insurance Mediation course at the University of Oregon Law School. He was also a key presenter and the only judge for the Oregon Medical Association's loss prevention education program that was developed in DVD format.

Staff Leadership

Our staff are honored to serve the state and the community through their leadership in various organizations:

Trial Court Administrator David Factor is a member of the Chief Justice's Civil Law Advisory Committee, the Oregon Judicial Department Technology Committee, the Oregon Judicial Department Technology Task Force, and the Oregon Judicial Department Performance Measures Advisory Committee. Mr. Factor is also a member of the Lane County Bar Association's Judicial Administration Committee, and President of the Lane County DUII Victim Impact Panel.

Court Operations Supervisor Linda Caffee was a member of the Oregon Judicial Department Records Retention Committee. The Committee completed the OJD Records Retention Manual in November 2005 after ten years of work. Ms. Caffee is also a member of the OJD Classification Advisory Committee and participated in legislative review on family law, judgment, and court records legislation.

Court Operations Supervisor Brooke Marshall is a member of the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies. She is actively involved in youth outreach in the community, working as a judge on the Cottage Grove Peer Court and coaching both soccer and basketball for Kidsports.

Court Operations Supervisor Carmen Phillips is a member of the Oregon Judicial Department Accounts Receivable and OJIN Change Review Committees.

Court Operations Supervisor Tana Tracewell is a longtime member of the Oregon Judicial Department Education Advisory Committee.

Many of the 108 Circuit Court Staff members serve on a variety of Oregon Judicial Department workgroups and advisory committees. In

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2005, they donated food and cash equivalent to 16,173 pounds of food to Food for Lane County. This represents approximately 150 pounds of food per employee. Lane County Circuit Court staff and judges contributed \$3,340 dollars to the State of Oregon Employees Charitable Fund Drive in 2005.

Employee Recognition

Lane County Circuit Court is committed to developing and recognizing employee excellence. The OJD's Flexible Recognition Policy authorizes local courts to establish programs to recognize employee accomplishments.

In late 2004, Presiding Judge Bearden approved the court's Employee Recognition Program Policy. That policy, developed by a staff committee, formally establishes the Employee Recognition Committee (ERC) and sets out a three-prong approach to employee recognition. The ERC is responsible for developing and maintaining organization wide employee recognition events, individual recognition awards, and a peer-to-peer recognition program.

In spring 2005, the court awarded the first biannual individual recognition awards in three areas:

WOW! Award! - Recognizes exceptional job performance, goal or project achievements, creativity, excellent service, and resourcefulness. This award is given to the employee that makes you say "Wow! What a great job."

Sparkplug Award - The Sparkplug Award recognizes an employee whose daily temperament, humor and attitude help spark other staff members. This is the person you love to have in the office.

Unsung Hero Award - This award recognizes an employee who exhibits excellence in performing everyday duties and meets demands with skill and diplomacy, without fanfare or complaint. This is the dedicated, hard worker in the office.

The 2005 individual recognition award winners were:

Date	Wow! Award	Sparkplug Award	Unsung Hero Award
Spring 2005	Luci Graham	Keri Parker	Nancy Drechsler
	Judicial Assistant to Judge Larson	Court Operations Specialist	Court Operations Specialist
Fall 2006	Tiffani Glenn	Deborrah Cochrum	Butch Nemec
	Court Operations Specialist	Judicial Assistant to Judge Hodges	Technical Support Specialist

Excellent employee performance is also recognized every month in the court staff newsletter, *Full Court Press*, which includes a “Kudos” section where employees can recognize their co-workers informally for great customer service and teamwork.

Milestones

In 2005, the following Lane County Circuit Court employees celebrated significant milestones with the court. We recognize their hard work and dedication.

25 years of service—Cheryl Owings, Iraenah Garoutte

20 years of service—Debbie Wescott, Tom Munkres, Susan Hobbs, Sharon Puente

15 years of service—Barbara Underwood, Yvette Hulsey

10 years of service—Dana Couey, Eileen McCornanck, Angela Bragg, Jan Duiven

5 years of service—Joan Romo, Charles Nemec, Clarence Woods, Tali McKay, Armando Soliz, Marilyn Mauk, Laura Ritenour

OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
2005-2007 STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE MEASURES
LANE STATUS AS OF MARCH 2006

2005-2007 LEGISLATIVELY ADOPTED BUDGET MEASURES	2005-2007 STATEWIDE TARGET	LANE STATUS MAR 06	DATE OF MOST RECENT LOCAL MEASURE	STATEWIDE STATUS FEB 06
1. Accessible Interpreter Services: Percent of spoken language interpreter services expenditures by certified interpreters.	85%	89.7 %	Dec 05	81%
2. Collection Rate: Percent of all amounts imposed that are collected	68%	67.27%	Dec 05	63.54%
3. OJIN Data Timeliness and Accuracy: Average number of days between file date and entry date of starting event.	.90 Day	1.73 Day	05 Avg Jul-Dec	.82 Day
4. Representative Workplace: Percent of demographics of OJD employees and Oregon's civilian labor force by EEO job categories.	EEO Parity	-5 Persons with Disabilities	OJD Affirmative Action report Jan 05	EEO Parity
5. Trained Workforce: Percent of OJD orientation program attendees who gained OJD-related knowledge by attending the program.	85%	?? ¹	Continuing	75%
6. Timely Case Processing: Percent of cases meeting the Oregon Standards of Timely Disposition. (Expanded composite measure @ 90% and 100% goals; includes juvenile dependency petitions and permanency hearings.)	76%	82%	Dec 05 Composite Measure	78%
7. Permanency Action Plans: Percent of circuit courts with intergovernmental plans supporting permanency outcomes for children in foster care.	75%	No	Feb 06	50%
8. Drug Court Recidivism: Percent of adult drug court graduates with no misdemeanor or felony charges filed in Oregon circuit courts within one year of program graduation.	90%	93.4%	All 2004	90%
9. Juror Satisfaction: Percent of jurors satisfied with juror experience.	85%	98%	2005 Survey	92%
10. Quality Self-Represented Services: Percent of circuit courts with adequate facilitator staff capacity per number of self-represented domestic relations filings	80%	No (short .6 FTE)	MAR 2006 OSCA report at 45 mins per client	TBD

¹ Lane sends all permanent employees to the OJD statewide orientation within one year of employment whenever possible. Limited duration employees do not attend. We have an in-depth local training and orientation program due to the high volume of LD and temporary employees unable to attend the statewide program.

Caseflow Statistics

2005 Caseload Statistics

Type of Case	Pending as of 12/31/04	Filed	Terminated	Pending as of 12/31/05
Civil	1,725	4,756	4,846	1,641
FED	51	2,243	2,217	77
Small Claims	1,683	7,550	7,315	1,918
Dissolution	430	1,645	1,650	429
FAPA	1	1,266	1,266	1
Other Dom Rel	200	1,462	1,462	199
Felony	4,810	3,984	4,260	4,535
Misdemeanor	3,420	1,865	2,580	2,704
Violation	826	9,474	9,382	930
Juvenile	n/a	1,310	1,412	n/a
Mental Health	9	105	103	11
Probate	1,542	791	788	1,542
Total	14,697	36,451	37,281	13,987

Age of Pending Cases by Type of Case * (as of 12/31/05)

Type of Case	Total	Inactives	< 6 months		6 - 12 months		1-2 years		> 2years	
			Number	% of Active	Number	% of Active	Number	% of Active	Number	% of Active
Civil	1,641	48	1,305	81.9%	258	16.2%	27	1.7%	3	0.2%
FED	77	1	76	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Small Claims	1,918	9	1,815	95.1%	93	4.9%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Dissolution	429	1	379	88.6%	48	11.2%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
FAPA	1	0	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Dom Rel	199	1	164	82.8%	29	14.6%	4	2.0%	1	0.5%
Felony	4,535	3,790	685	91.9%	35	4.7%	21	2.8%	4	0.5%
Misdemeanor	2,704	2,402	262	86.8%	35	11.6%	4	1.3%	1	0.3%
Violation	930	84	756	89.4%	38	4.5%	41	4.8%	11	1.3%
Mental Health	11	3	3	37.5%	2	25.0%	1	12.5%	2	25.0%
Probate	1,542	3	350	22.7%	194	12.6%	206	13.4%	789	51.3%
Total	13,987	6,342	5,796	75.8%	732	9.6%	306	4.0%	811	10.6%

Oregon Goals for Timely Disposition Age of Terminated Cases, from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2005

The Oregon Judicial Conference set the Oregon Goals for Timely Disposition based on American Bar Association guidelines as modified for Oregon. The reports reflect cases terminated during the reporting period. The percent of cases meeting each goal is cumulative.

	90% Goal		98% Goal		100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	12 Months		18 Months		24 Months				
	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	
Civil - General	4,607	95.1%	209	99.4%	25	99.9%	1	0.1%	4,845

	90% Goal		100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	9 Months		1 year				
	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	
Domestic Relations	4,272	97.6%	78	99.4%	28	0.6%	4,378

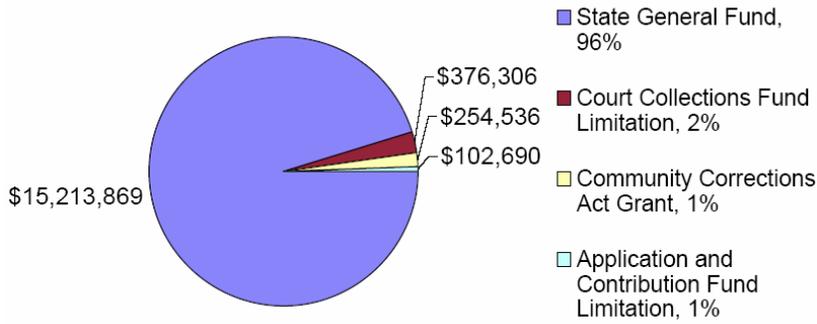
	90% Goal		98% Goal		100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	120 Days		180 Days		1 Year				
	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	
Felony	2,918	78.0%	490	91.0%	287	98.7%	48	1.3%	3,743

	90% Goal		98% Goal		100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	90 Days		180 Days		1 Year				
	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	
Misdemeanor	1,618	73.5%	404	91.8%	142	98.3%	38	1.7%	2,202

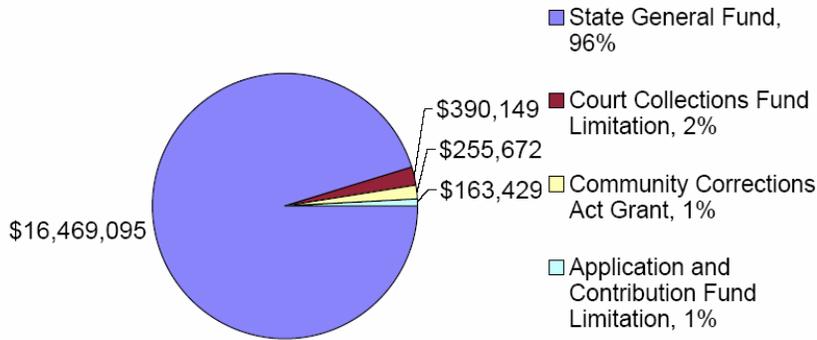
	100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	75 Days				
	Count	Pct	Count	Pct	
Civil - Summary	6,390	67.1%	3,140	32.9%	9,530

Financial Information

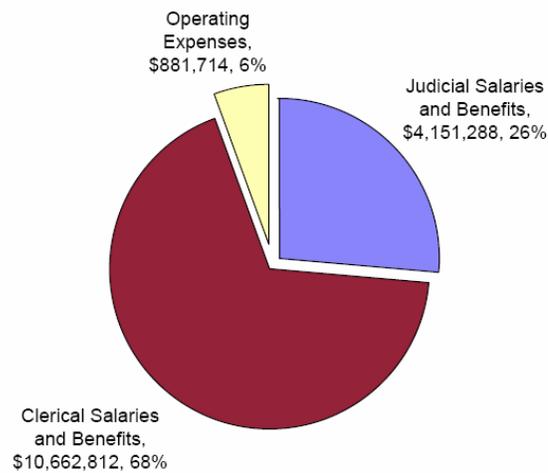
Sources of Funding 2003-2005



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Expenditures 2003-2005



2005 Revenue Distribution	
Total Revenue Generated	\$6,033,424
Restitution to Victims	\$683,766
State Agencies	
Oregon Bar Association Legal Services	\$372,109
Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission	\$120,061
Oregon Dept of Revenue (for CFAA distribution)	\$2,231,125
Oregon Adult and Family Services	\$13,983
Oregon General Fund	\$1,184,598
Oregon General Fund Surcharge 8/05	\$107,738
Oregon Housing & Community Services	\$10,838
Oregon Indigent Defense Fun	\$13,706
Orgon Mental Health Department	\$17,265
Oregon State Police	\$4,797
Oregon Youth Services Commission	\$1,604
	<u>\$4,077,824</u>
Lane County Agencies	
Lane County Sheriff	\$80,296
Lane County Liquor Control	\$10,484
Lane County Law Library	\$319,923
Lane County Mediation	\$392,320
Lane County Jail Assessment Fund	\$85,330
Lane County Court Security Fund	\$56,887
	<u>\$945,240</u>
Cities	
Eugene	\$18,604
Springfield	\$2,776
Cottage Grove	\$2,276
Coburg	\$8,688
Florence	\$159
Juntion City	\$995
Oakridge Police	\$3,513
	<u>\$37,011</u>
Revenue Retained by the Oregon Judicial Department	
Oregon Court Collection Fund	\$149,556
OJD Operating Account	\$126,546
Oregon Court Forms Fund	\$5,910
Drug Court Fund	\$7,572
	<u>\$289,584</u>