

Lane County Circuit Court  
2006 Annual Report  
Justice Today and Tomorrow

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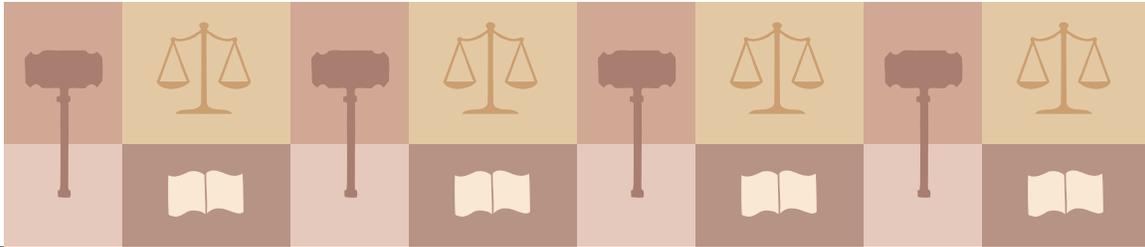
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## Message from the Presiding Judge

Lane County Circuit Court made great strides in 2006 to serve the needs of our citizens. We strive to embody the spirit of leadership of a true “21<sup>st</sup> Century Court” - a court that is a member of a responsive, responsible and progressive justice system. I applaud the work of our judges and all our staff for their tireless dedication and creativity in meeting many challenges.

Last year brought a major innovation in commercial litigation. In November, 2006, we launched the Lane County Commercial Court. The Commercial Court is the first of its kind in the state of Oregon and designed to aid litigants in complicated business disputes by providing appropriate procedural mechanisms for fair, efficient and consistent handling of these cases. This program was developed with the support of Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz. Commercial Court is designed to help Lane County litigants with these difficult, complex cases, making sure that courts continue to be the preferred forum for the fair and predictable resolution of the issues upon which our citizens’ economic health depends. Written opinions are published on our website, [www.lanecountycircuitcourt.com](http://www.lanecountycircuitcourt.com). Lane County Commercial Court has additional benefits for surrounding counties; a complicated commercial case can be a scheduling disaster for a county with only a few judges, taking weeks to try and disrupting other court business. Our Commercial Court is available to other counties, upon motion by the parties, and in consultation between the Presiding Judge of that county and the Presiding Judge of Lane County.

The past year also brought further innovation and progress in Lane County’s excellent, nationally recognized Defendant Offender Management Center (DOMC). With unprecedented cooperation among the Court’s Pretrial Services Office, the Lane County Sheriff’s Office, and Lane County Parole and Probation, this groundbreaking project has made huge strides in protecting community safety. DOMC has enhanced its scientifically validated risk assessment measures, improved its monitoring of pretrial high risk domestic violence cases, and made significant progress toward assessment of the criminogenic needs of all sentenced offenders. The criminogenic needs assessment will improve community safety by providing better tools for supervision of offenders to help break the cycle of recidivism in our community.

I look forward to the upcoming challenges as our Court, judges, and staff work to meet the years ahead with innovation, creativity, and hard work.



Mary Ann Bearden  
Presiding Judge  
Lane County Circuit Court



*“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.”*

Oregon Judicial Branch Mission Statement

## **Lane County Circuit Court Today and Tomorrow**

### **OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **Lane County Circuit Court Today**

Lane County Circuit Court is committed to working with its partners and the community to ensure that we deliver responsible and efficient justice services for the citizens of Lane County. During 2006, we accomplished important goals.

**Commercial Court:** Lane County Circuit Court established the first business court in the state of Oregon. The purpose of the business court is to supplement the typically implemented court rules in a manner that provides judges and litigants with appropriate procedural mechanisms for the fair, efficient, and expeditious management of commercial and business litigation. The Court is designed to handle complex commercial litigation and does not replace the normal civil docket of the court. Complex commercial disputes can be a lengthy burden to the court and labor intensive for both judges and staff. The cases to be resolved in the Commercial Court contain issues affecting the economic health of the community. To maintain the quality of life and economic health of Lane County, it is prudent to resolve such disputes as expeditiously as possible in a public forum. Lane County Circuit Court has also made the Commercial Court available to resolve business disputes from other judicial districts in the state of Oregon.

#### **Defendant Offender Management Center:**

The Defendant Offender Management Center is a unique partnership between the Lane County Circuit Court Pretrial Services Office, the Lane County Sheriff’s Corrections Division, and Lane County Parole and Probation. The Court and the corrections division have partnered to implement an effective method for accessing risk of offenders released to the community prior to trial and for placing offenders in alternative programs after sentencing. This assessment tool looks at each inmate booked into the corrections division and assesses the risks of dangerousness, re-offense (recidivism), and failure to appear in court. These levels of risk affect the quality of life in Lane County and the safety and security of the citizens.

### **OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

#### **Lane County Circuit Court Tomorrow**

**Facilities:** Lane County Circuit Court facilities face many of the same challenges that courts around the state confront. The main courthouse was built in 1959 and the building has received only minor improvements since. While upkeep of the courthouse is problematic, the most significant challenge facing court and county

administrators is the accessibility of the front doors to the main floor of the courthouse. The building's split-level entrance does not provide an accessible entrance to citizens with limited mobility. Court administration has placed creating an easily accessible entrance at the top of the list of projects for improving the facility. A second goal for facilities improvement is security. When the building was built in 1959, many of today's security concerns did not exist. To ensure the safety of the citizens who do business in our court, as well as the judges, staff and community partners who are in our facility every day, court security is a top priority. In 2006, Presiding Judge Mary Ann Bearden re-established the Court Security, Business Continuation, and Emergency Preparedness Committee. That committee is continuing work on security and business continuation plans to ensure the court is available to the citizens of Lane County in the event of any type of catastrophic or non-catastrophic emergency.

Court judges and staff are working on committees and projects teams, including the Technology Committee, Web Portal Initiative Team, Case Management System Initiative Team, and Office 2007 Deployment and Training Workgroup. The Court will implement all parts of this plan over the next several years. These workgroups and initiative teams are developing strategies for upgrading our case management systems and creating a web portal for on-line payments and filing of documents. Court administration and staff are currently working on changes in technology.

**Technological Capabilities:** Lane County Circuit Court is working to implement the Chief Justice's Strategic Technology Plan. The overall objective of the Strategic Technology Plan is to build a statewide, on-line courthouse that will provide a common experience for all citizens of the state, regardless of location.

In order to meet and quickly adapt to changing business needs, the Strategic Technology Plan will accomplish the following goals:

- Improve access to justice
- Increase operational efficiency
- Mitigate the need for increased space in courthouses
- Provide data to efficiently manage court programs

# Lane County Circuit Court Overview

## **The Court as Part of the Oregon Judicial Branch**

The Oregon Judicial Branch, led by the Chief Justice of the Oregon 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 Oregon Supreme Court and Oregon Court of Appeals are located in Salem. The trial courts are organized into 27 judicial districts.

Lane County (the 2nd judicial district) is one of five largest judicial districts in Oregon, in company including Washington, Clackamas, Marion, and Multnomah counties. The largest, Multnomah, has a caseload six times larger than Lane County.

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 first being the Juvenile Court housed at the John Serbu Juvenile Justice Center facility and the second site handling pretrial release and supervision services and in-custody arraignments occur at the Lane County Jail.

## **Jurisdiction**

Lane County Circuit Court is a trial court of general jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the court includes:

- All state offense cases from the simplest of traffic violations to felonies, including aggravated murder;
- 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.

## **The Bench**

15 full-time judges form 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 as well as being the administrative authority of the court. 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 yearly, 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. 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.

## **Court Administration and Operations**

The Trial Court Administrator is responsible for the operations of the court under the direction of the Presiding Judge. In 2006, 113 employees worked in the six court operations departments:

(1) 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, data entry, and judgment entry. This unit also staffs the Probate Center, the Family Court Assistance Office, and Juvenile Court clerk's office.

(2) Criminal and Traffic Case Processing - The criminal and traffic unit has case processing responsibilities for all criminal and traffic cases. This department also provides indigent defense verification and provides real time data entry for specific courtroom proceedings.

(3) Court Services - The court services unit, comprised of the information booth, jury management, records, archives, 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 adopted retention schedule.

(4) Pretrial Services - Pretrial release officers are responsible for pretrial risk assessment, release decision making of all offenders lodged at the Lane County Jail, 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).

(5) 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.

(6) Court Administration – Court 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.

## 21st Century Court

### **Commercial Court**

After recognizing the need for special handling and procedures in complex business litigation matters, in late 2006 the Court established the Lane County Circuit Court Commercial Court. This program is the first of its kind in the State of Oregon. It establishes a differentiated case management model including a method of designating and assigning appropriate cases to a single judge who supervises all aspects of the case including: referral to mediation, assignment of a settlement judge, establishing a trial date, scheduling discovery and motion practice, etc.

This model ensures fair, consistent, and efficient handling of these cases and was developed by Lane County Circuit Court judges with the support of Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz. The Commercial Court Operating Statement, Supplemental Local Rules, and copies of written opinions are available on the Court's website,

[www.lanecountycircuitcourt.com](http://www.lanecountycircuitcourt.com). The Commercial Court is available to litigants in other counties upon motion by the parties with consultation between the Presiding Judges of that county and Lane County.

### **Defender Offender Management Center (DOMC)**

For the past four years, Lane County Circuit Court has been involved in a unique strategic collaboration with the Lane County Sheriff's Office and Lane County Parole and Probation to design and implement the Defendant Offender Management Center. This partnership has been tasked with resolving the myriad of ongoing criminal justice system challenges faced by these agencies and the Court, including a high rate of recidivism, a need to make more uniform and objective release decisions both for pretrial defendants, offenders being released early due to overcrowding in our local correctional facility,

and a high rate of failure to appear for Circuit Court dates. Additional challenges are being spurred by a decade's worth of budget cuts resulting in jail bed closures (and the subsequent increase in jail overcrowding releases), program closures, and loss of staff at all three agencies.

Phase I of the DOMC project was implemented in 2005. As part of this tri-agency effort, the Sheriff's Office has provided 3 FTE deputies who have been trained alongside Release Assistance Officers in order to interview every defendant and offender who is lodged at the Lane County Jail. The primary goal of Phase I is to ensure every defendant is assessed utilizing an evidence-based risk assessment tool and that each defendant released from pretrial custody has a conditional release agreement, including those defendants released due to the limits on capacity established by federal court order who would otherwise be released due to overcrowding.

Phase II of this project began in 2006 and includes placement of two Lane County Probation Officers at the Lane County Sherman Center, a portion of the correctional facility. The probation officers are located together with Sheriff's Office Program Management deputies and both the officers and the deputies are trained in a unique program to assist in holding offenders accountable and preparing them for successful transition into the community.

This project is the first of its kind in the State of Oregon and is a model for comprehensive and evidence-based management of defendants and offenders that focuses on risk of danger presented to victims and the community, risk to reoffend, and the risk of failure to appear.

## **Drug Court**

Lane County Circuit Court's Drug Court 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, and Emergence Inc. Addiction Treatment Services. These entities work as a team toward five common goals:

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

Drug Court has a private endowment, established by Dr. John Serbu, which is managed by the Oregon Community Foundation. The yearly interest on the endowment and money from other funds help to fund treatment services for Drug Court participants. Lane County Drug Court received \$34,755 in Serbu Funds in 2006. In addition to this grant, Drug Court received a two-year grant from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for \$147,080 annually. This funding was used to finance additional treatment slots for uninsured program participants and to enhance treatment services. Drug Court's services to women and children have also been enhanced through collaboration with Relief Nursery, Willamette Family Treatment Services, and Emergence Inc. under a 2006 Byrne Grant.

Since the implementation of Drug Court in 1994, 2,769 individuals have participated in the program. 234 new petitions were accepted and 72 participants successfully completed the program in 2006. A 2006 recidivism study conducted by the State Court Administrator's

Office found that 93% of Lane County'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 long after completing the program.

## **RAP (Recovery And Progress) Court Lane County Juvenile Drug Court**

In 1998, the Lane County Department of Youth Services (DYS) was awarded a grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the National Institute of Justice to bring services to delinquent youth with substance abuse problems.

This grant led to the formation of the "Breaking the Cycle" program, a partnership between the Lane County Juvenile Court and DYS to identify high risk youth and focus on substance abuse treatment and intervention in a gender, cultural, and age appropriate way.

RAP Court is an important program of the Breaking the Cycle partnership. RAP Court began in March 2000, and serves about 40-50 juveniles a month. RAP Court participants meet weekly with a judge and other treatment staff, undergo weekly drug and/or alcohol testing, and engage in family and community work.

RAP Court has seen the following for those involved in the program - a decrease in the number of new service referrals, a decrease in the number of failures to appear for court dates, and an increase in the level of education participation.

## **Family Court Assistance Office (FCAO)**

The Family Court Assistance Office is now in its fourth year of operation. The FCAO helps *pro se* litigants (those without attorneys) with understanding 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 2006, the FCAO had 3,852 visits, gave out 3,234 forms, and fielded 2,290 phone calls. Customers were referred to the FCAO by the Court, Legal Aid, local attorneys, the District Attorney's Office, and a host of other sources.

### **Technology Advancements**

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 computer access to digital images, and no longer rely on microfilm readers. In 2006, court staff scanned over 1 million pieces of paper which equates to roughly 45,000 case files. 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, court records. 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.

This year included a computer rollout of 130 PC workstations, which were necessary upgrades from outdated computers. The public viewing room, a place where the public can come and view court records, 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 computer kiosk was set up in the Archives area to serve Family Court customers and for public access to scanned documents.

## Effective Public Service

### 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, skill-developing opportunity allows students to observe and work with Lane County Circuit Court judges.

In 2006, 43 law school students participated in this program. Externs worked alongside judicial staff in courtrooms and on case processing, as well as conducting research for judges. Externs participate as volunteers, receiving course credit for their time in the program. This program gives participants real-world experience, enhancing concepts learned in their law school classes.

### Jury Service

Jury service is a cornerstone of public involvement in the judicial 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 2006, over 50,000 jury summonses were mailed to prospective jurors. Of those summoned, approximately 12,316 people were asked to appear. Lane County Circuit Court has a consistently high appearance rate for those called in to serve. During 2006,

approximately 65% 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 7,956 who appeared, 3,389 were drawn for jury panels. There were 140 jury trials in Lane County Circuit Court in 2006.

In April and October 2006, Lane County Circuit Court participated in a statewide juror satisfaction survey. This survey was designed by a small workgroup made up of circuit court employees from around the state. A representative from Lane County participated on this statewide workgroup. 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.
- 96% of jurors said the summons they received in the mail contained all the information they needed to report for jury service.
- 90% of jurors said the building facilities (jury room, deliberation room and court rooms) were comfortable.
- 96% of jurors said judges and court staff treated them in a way that made them feel valued.
- And overall, 96% of jurors said they were satisfied with their jury experience.

## **Alternative Dispute Resolution - Mediation and Arbitration**

Courts exist to provide a forum for the peaceful resolution of legal disputes. For many court cases, disputes must be decided by a judge. Lane County Circuit Court also offers arbitration and mediation services for certain case types in which it might be helpful for the parties to come to a resolution together outside of a courtroom setting.

### **Mediation in Family Law Cases**

The Family Mediation Program, administered by Lane County Health and Human Services, provides mediation to parents who have a current legal action in Lane County concerning final child custody and/or parenting time (visitation). The mediation program offers one or more private sessions with a trained, professional mediator. In mediation, parents have an opportunity to discuss the needs of their children and evaluate options for a satisfactory parental agreement. Many parents report that mediation helps to increase trust, improve communication, and develop new skills in handling disagreements. Agreements reached in mediation are prepared in writing by the mediator, but are considered tentative until reviewed by each parent and an attorney. If an agreement is not reached, the case may be resolved through other means, or in court if necessary.

### **Arbitration for Civil and Domestic Relations Cases**

Arbitration is a mandatory program for some types of cases in Lane County that requires parties to attempt to resolve their dispute without going before a judge. Cases that go through arbitration are usually resolved more quickly and less expensively than cases that go to trial. State law requires that courts establish arbitration programs for certain cases. The arbitrator has subject-matter expertise, presides over the case presentation, and issues a non-binding or binding opinion subject to limited right of court review. Lane County Circuit Court has approximately 94 arbitrators. All are lawyers or senior judges.

Civil action cases (lawsuits) are subject to arbitration if the amount of the controversy is less than \$50,000. Arbitration is not required for cases involving an appeal from a county, justice, or municipal court, or small claims actions of a circuit court. Domestic Relations cases (dissolution/divorce, annulment, or separation) are subject to arbitration if the only contested issue is the division or disposition of property. Child or spousal support issues are not subject to arbitration.

### **Mediation in Small Claims Cases**

All small claims cases go through the mediation process before going to a judge. A mediator is assigned to help parties resolve the case. The mediator is neutral, does not take one side or the other, and does not make decisions for the parties. Lane County Small Claims Mediators are volunteers trained to help people reach their own agreements. Each volunteer has over 30 hours of classes to prepare them as mediators and many have worked on over 100 mediation cases. Mediation allows parties to openly discuss the issues of the dispute and reach a mutually acceptable resolution. A mediation agreement may contain provisions that a court cannot order or allow, such as an apology, payment plan, or job reference.

### **Courthouse Tours for Students**

In 2006, Lane County Circuit Court hosted 21 tours serving 557 students. The tours are tailored to the grade level and lesson plans of the students, from 5th grade through graduate school. Students sit in on arraignments, trials, sentencings and other court proceedings. They view official court records and participate in question and answer sessions with judges and court employees. These tours provide students with valuable insight into the criminal and civil justice system. Many teachers have integrated the tours as part of their lesson plans on the Constitution and American Government and return yearly. The court is proud to provide this important public service.

## **Citizen Review Boards**

Citizen Review Board members are volunteers who serve on a review board in the county where they reside or work. In 2006, there were 35 active Citizen Review Board volunteers in Lane County. These 35 volunteers donated 6,429 hours to the court. They are responsible for reviewing the cases of youth who are in out-of-home placement every six months, to ensure that the case plan is directed to securing permanent placement for each child who is in the custody of the Department of Human Services (DHS), and that appropriate services and treatment are offered. These are known as “dependency” cases. In 2006, there were 1,007 reviews of 1,262 children involved in dependency cases.

In regard to children in the custody of Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), board members ensure that the public safety is protected, youth are held accountable, and youth are provided the opportunity for reformation. These are known as “delinquency” cases. In 2006, Citizen Review boards performed 36 reviews of 36 youth offenders in delinquency cases.

## Caseflow Statistics

### 2006 Caseload Statistics

Type of Case	Pending as of 12/31/05	Filed	Terminated	Pending as of 12/31/06
Civil	1,641	4,519	4,422	1,738
FED	77	2,169	2,188	58
Small Claims	1,918	8,307	7,754	2,471
Dissolution	429	1,718	1,681	466
FAPA	1	1,199	1,199	1
Other Dom Rel	199	1,531	1,509	221
Felony	4,535	3,458	3,990	4,003
Misdemeanor	2,704	1,697	1,859	2,542
Violation	930	8,112	8,068	974
Juvenile	n/a	1,317	1,380	n/a
Mental Health	11	107	109	9
Probate	1,542	760	747	1,555
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,987</b>	<b>34,894</b>	<b>34,906</b>	<b>13,975</b>

### Age of Pending Cases by Case Type \* (as of 12/31/06)

Type of Case	Total	Inactives	< 6 months		6 - 12 months		1 - 2 year		> 2 years	
			Number	% of Active	Number	% of Active	Number	% of Active	Number	% of Active
Civil	1,742	46	1,383	81.5%	272	16.0%	39	2.3%	2	0.1%
FED	56	0	56	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Small Claims	2,469	6	2,295	93.2%	168	6.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Dissolution	466	0	414	88.8%	52	11.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
FAPA	1	0	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Dom Rel	220	1	190	86.8%	27	12.3%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%
Felony	4,010	3,403	556	91.6%	32	5.3%	15	2.5%	4	0.7%
Misdemeanor	2,540	2,254	265	92.7%	14	4.9%	6	2.1%	1	0.3%
Violation	982	104	793	90.3%	46	0.052	34	3.9%	5	0.6%
Mental Health	9	3	3	50.0%	0	0	2	33.3%	1	16.7%
Probate	1,557	2	287	18.5%	243	0.156	214	13.8%	811	52.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,052</b>	<b>5,819</b>	<b>6,243</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>0.104</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>10.0%</b>

\* there is no data for age of pending for juvenile cases

## Oregon Goals for Timely Disposition

### Age of Terminated Cases, from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

The Oregon Judicial Conference set the Oregon Goals for Timely Disposition based on American Bar Association guidelines as modified by 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.	
<b>Civil - General</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>95.7%</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>99.7%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>99.9%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>4,421</b>

	90% Goal		100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	9 Months		1 Year				
	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	
<b>Domestic Relations</b>	<b>4,260</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>4,389</b>

	90% Goal		98% Goal		100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	120 Days		180 Days		1 Year				
	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	
<b>Felony</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>86.0%</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>94.1%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>99.3%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>3,583</b>

	90% Goal		98% Goal		100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	120 Days		180 Days		1 Year				
	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>81.3%</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>94.4%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>1,722</b>

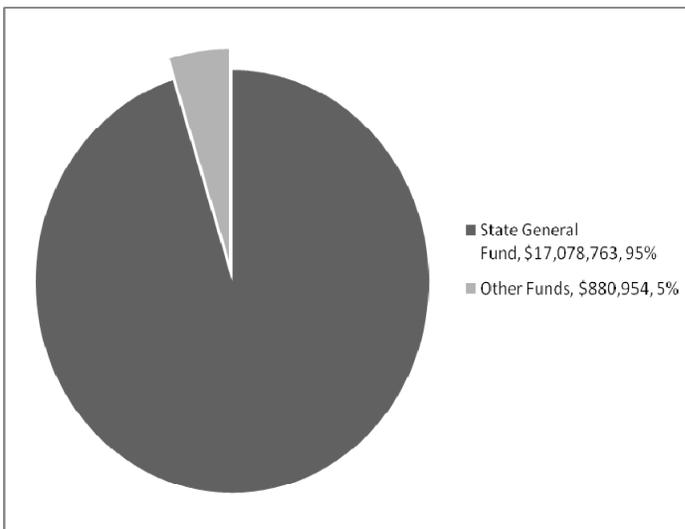
	100% Goal		Beyond		Total
	75 Days				
	Count	Pct.	Count	Pct.	
<b>Civil - Summary</b>	<b>6,334</b>	<b>63.7%</b>	<b>3,608</b>	<b>36.3%</b>	<b>9,942</b>

## Financial Information

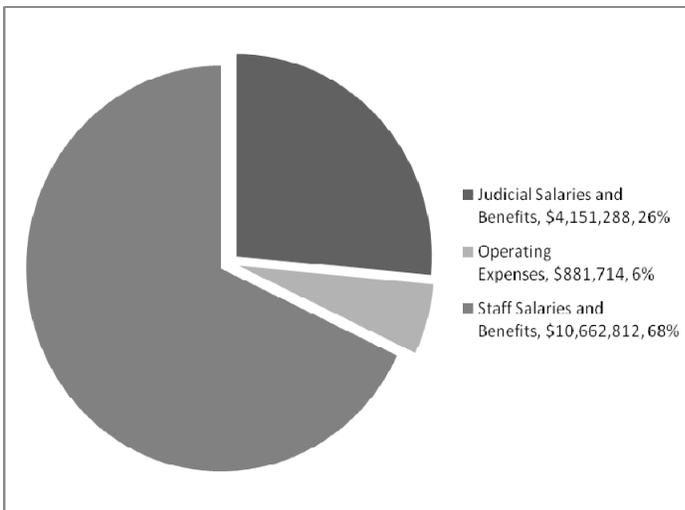
### Funding

Lane County Circuit Court receives its funding from two sources: 1) appropriations from the State General Fund as allocated by the Oregon State Court Administrator; and 2) other funds (from various fees and grants). The total budget of Lane County Circuit Court for the 2005 – 2007 biennium is approximately \$18 million. State General Fund money supports 95% of the court's biennial budget. Other funds make up the balance. The State Court Administrator's Office develops the budget for each trial court and allocates the funds.

### Funding Sources



### Budget Allocation



## Revenue

Revenue is generated by the court through the collection of fines, fees and assessments on civil, criminal, probate, and domestic relations cases. All funds received by the court are disbursed, with the exception of refunds and money in the court's trust account. Following statutory directives, the revenue is disbursed to the Oregon Judicial Department and other agencies, paid to victims as compensatory fine and restitution, and allocated to the drug court fund.

<b>2006 Revenue Distribution</b>	
<b>Total Revenue Generated</b>	<b>\$6,173,062</b>
<b>Restitution to Victims</b>	<b>\$921,159</b>
<b>State Agencies</b>	
Oregon Bar Assoc Legal Services	\$389,807
Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission	\$101,250
Oregon Dept of Revenue (for CFAA distribution)	\$2,041,906
Oregon Adult and Family Services	\$12,332
Oregon General Fund	\$1,200,293
Oregon General Fund Surcharge 8/05	\$268,339
Oregon Indigent Defense Fund	\$22,683
Oregon Mental Health Dept.	\$15,480
Oregon State Police	\$4,785
Oregon Youth Services Commission	\$1,667
	<u>\$4,058,542</u>
<b>Lane County Agencies</b>	
Lane County Sheriff	\$96,118
Lane County Liquor Control	\$14,110
Lane County Law Library	\$315,400
Lane County Mediation	\$400,832
Lane County Jail Assessment Fund	\$74,967
Lane County Court Security Fund	\$49,978
	<u>\$951,405</u>
<b>Cities</b>	
Eugene	\$19,638
Springfield	\$6,244
Cottage Grove	\$1,722
Coburg	\$6,167
Florence	\$1,099
Junction City	\$552
Oakridge	\$5,150
	<u>\$40,572</u>
<b>Revenue Retained by the Oregon Judicial Department</b>	
Oregon Court Collection Fund	\$165,267
OJD Operating Account	\$3,930
Oregon Court Forms Fund	\$3,139
OJD Facility Fund	\$23,984
Drug Court Fund	\$5,064
	<u>\$201,384</u>