Euclid Municipal Court

2018 Annual Report

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Euclid Municipal Court

Euclid Municipal Court is a single jurisdiction Court serving the City of Euclid.

The Court is located at 555 East 222nd Street, in Euclid, Ohio.

At the direction of Administrative/Presiding Judge Patrick J. Gallagher, the 2018 Euclid Municipal Court staff included three part-time Magistrates; a Chief Probation Officer and two Probation Officers; a Clerk of Courts and Chief Deputy, thirteen Deputy Clerks, three Bailiffs, and seven part-time Court Security Officers.

Euclid Municipal Court has two Divisions:

- Civil/Small Claims Division consists of civil actions with the statutory monetary limit of $15,000 and small claims actions with a statutory limit of $6,000.

- Criminal/Traffic Division consists of the handling of initial appearance hearings of felony cases, criminal misdemeanor cases, and traffic citations issued by the Euclid Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cleveland Metroparks Police Department and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff.

CIVIL CASES:

SUBROGATION	12
GENERAL CIVIL	2377
EVICTIONS	1653
DRIVING PRIVILEGES	134
SMALL CLAIMS	455
TOTAL	4631

CRIMINAL CASES:

FELONY APPEARANCES	369
MISDEMEANORS	1112
O.V.I.	130
TRAFFIC	2434
TOTAL	4045

RECEIPTS 2018

CIVIL RECEIPTS		
CLERK AND BAILIFF FEES	$778,505.22	
JUDGMENTS	$2,140,685.89	
DEPOSITS	$2,492.00	
LEGAL AID	$112,983.00	
COMPUTER FEES	$46,087.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	$46,090.00	
VOIDED CHECKS	$1,332.34	
TOTAL		$3,128,175.45
RENT ESCROW DEPOSITS		$92,625.56
TRUSTEESHIP DEPOSITS		$1,694.42
CRIMINAL RECEIPTS		
CITY FINES	$306,921.53	
CITY COSTS	$198,379.55	
DRUG ENF/JUSTICE SVC	$7,649.50	
FORFEITURES	$46,611.00	
STATE & COUNTY FINES	$24,435.90	
CLEVE. METROPARKS BOARD	$6,145.00	
NATURAL RESOURCES	$50.00	
CASH BONDS	$516,905.00	
BOND POUNDAGE	$33,704.00	
VICTIMS OF CRIME	$23,456.00	
PARKING	$828.00	
CHILD RESTRAINTS	$1,541.00	
COMPUTER FEES	$27,798.50	
EPD SAFETY	$2,656.00	
SEAT BELTS (STATE)	$2,307.00	
INDIG DEF. SUPPORT FUND	$91,419.00	
HIGHWAY PATROL	$10,096.50	
COLLECTIONS	$21,708.40	
BMV FEES	$55.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	$28,150.00	
REDDS	$10,073.00	
CRIMESTOPPERS	$565.00	
LIQUOR FINES	$137.50	
DWI (INDIGENT)	$5,991.50	
EXPUNGEMENT DEPOSIT	$405.00	
VOIDED CHECKS	$0.00	
TOTAL		$1,367,988.88
BALANCES ON DEPOSIT FROM 2017		
CIVIL DEPOSITS	$73,202.46	
RENT/ESCROW	$30,839.00	
TRUSTEESHIP	$0.00	
CRIMINAL BONDS & DEPOSITS	$148,720.00	$252,761.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS 2018		**$4,843,245.77**

DISBURSEMENTS 2018

CIVIL DISBURSEMENTS			
	DEPOSITS APPLIED & CITY COSTS	$871,928.34	
	JUDGMENTS	$2,165,500.24	
	DEPOSIT REFUNDS	$2,109.00	
	LEGAL AID	$111,853.17	
	UNCLAIMED FUNDS	$1,010.88	
	REISSUE VOIDED CHECK	$321.46	
	NSF CHECK	$185.69	
	TOTAL		$3,152,908.78
RENT ESCROW DISBURSEMENTS			
	CITY COSTS	$652.57	
	PAID TO LANDLORD	$48,280.49	
	MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	$16,381.50	
	TOTAL		$65,314.56
TRUSTEESHIP DISBURSEMENTS			
	CITY COSTS	$112.29	
	CREDITORS	$1,582.13	
	TOTAL		$1,694.42
CRIMINAL DISBURSEMENTS			
	CITY OF EUCLID	$650,287.70	
	STATE & COUNTY	$24,435.90	
	METROPARKS	$6,145.00	
	REFUND CASH BONDS	$492,565.00	
	VICTIMS OF CRIME	$23,456.00	
	LAW LIBRARY	$752.38	
	SEAT BELTS (STATE)	$2,307.00	
	50%LIQUOR	$137.50	
	UNCLAIMED FUNDS	$8,160.00	
	CHILD RESTRAINT FINES	$1,541.00	
	COLLECTIONS	$21,708.40	
	BMV (STATE)	$55.00	
	HIGHWAY PATROL	$10,096.50	
	NATURAL RESOURCES	$50.00	
	REDSS	$10,073.00	
	CRIMESTOPPERS	$565.00	
	INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT	$91,419.00	
	JUSTICE PROG SVCS	$7,649.50	
	EXPUNGEMENT DEP RELEASED	$225.00	
	TOTAL		$1,351,628.88
ON DEPOSIT DECEMBER 31, 2018			
	CIVIL	$48,469.13	
	RENT ESCROW	$58,150.00	
	TRUSTEESHIP	$0.00	
	CRIMINAL	$165,080.00	
	TOTAL		$271,699.13
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 2018			**$4,843,245.77**

2018 Court Program Highlights

Driving Under Suspension Intervention Program

A large percentage of the traffic cases handled at Euclid Municipal Court are for individuals who have received citations for driving under suspension (DUS). Euclid Municipal Court has implemented the DUS Intervention Program which places all DUS cases on a separate docket. At defendant's initial appearance, a worksheet is provided to the defendant which sets forth in detail what the defendant must do to obtain a valid driver's license. We continue to work with the individual to get them valid and insured.

Pay Plan Agreements

Unfortunately, the financial condition of many defendants prevents them from paying their fines and costs in a lump sum at the time of their sentencing. This program permits defendants to enter into a monthly installment plan at a monthly payment amount they can afford. The goal is to ensure compliance with the Court-imposed sentence without inflicting undue hardship upon the defendant's financial condition.

As part of the program, an "ability to pay" examination is conducted. A payment plan is structured based upon defendant's ability to pay. A payment plan agreement is executed by defendant and made a part of the court record.

Payments toward the Pay Plan Agreement can be made in person, by mail, by phone or online. If a defendant fails to make timely payments pursuant to the payment plan, a show cause hearing is conducted.

Job Listings

As our bailiffs travel throughout the City serving Court documents, they are making note of any "help wanted" signs. In addition, our bailiffs scour the help wanted listings in print and online. This information is compiled into a list that is provided to any defendant who indicates they are currently unemployed or underemployed. The job listing is updated on a daily basis.

Evictions

New procedures have been implemented to encourage and facilitate amicable resolution of Landlord-Tenant litigation when appropriate. Resolutions can include agreements to remain as tenants, agreements for additional time to vacate, and/or agreements to avoid a judgment of eviction which can harm the tenant's ability to rent in the future.

Euclid Municipal Court Probation Department

The Euclid Municipal Court Probation Department is staffed with two (2) full-time Probation Officers and a Chief Probation Officer who monitors all defendants who have been sentenced to a term of community control. Together all Officers manage over 300-400 cases at any given time for the City of Euclid. The Probation Department is responsible for conducting investigations for Pre-Sentence Hearings, First Offender (Diversion) Referrals and Expungement request; with the growing number of unlicensed drivers we are working to help individuals to obtain a valid driver's license. The Euclid Probation Department is here to ensure that Court ordered conditions are satisfied and that the rules of probation are abided by until the term of probation has been complete.

We (the Probation Department) are working diligently to assist with the safety of the community, the rehabilitation of the offenders that are referred and or assigned to the Probation Department and improving public confidence in justice by treating everyone with procedural fairness.

Euclid Probation Department 2018 Annual Statistics

End Of The Year Case Count:

Number of Probationers on December 31, 2016	= **164**
Number of Probationers on December 31, 2017	= **215**
Number of Probationers on December 31, 2018	= **386**

New Cases Assigned in 2018: (305)

Male:	203
Female:	102

Reporting Status:

Officer Meetings:	392
Active Cases:	293
Inactive Cases:	8
Diversion Cases:	7
Presentence Investigation:	36
Probation Violation Hearing	59
Drug Test Conducted:	989

The Euclid Municipal Court is working to incorporate alternative sentencing recommendations such as community service, house arrest monitoring, treatment and prevention programs etc., in lieu of the traditional jail sentencing and court cost and fines to ensure that the defendants that receive any form of sentencing has the means to successfully fulfill their court obligations.

Below are program referrals made in 2018:

Probation Conditions and Programs/Referrals for 2018:

Anti-Theft Program -	4	
Community Service –		
A) CCS (Cleve):	129	(3,007.75 Hours Completed)
B) Euclid Litter:	52	(1,168.00 Hours Completed)
Chemical Dependency –		
A.) Assessment:	105	
B.) Cleveland Drug Court:	2	
C.) No Alcohol or Drugs:	126	
D.) Continue w/ Treatment:	23	
D.V. & Anger Management –		
A.) Anger Management:	51	
B.) D.V. Program:	29	
C.) Parenting Classes:	6	
DUI/OVI Convictions –		
A.) 72 Hour Alternative to Jail:	49	
B.)MADD:	43	
C.)SCRAM/Interlock:	18	
Education & Employment –		
A.) Diploma/GED:	22	
B.) WDP or Obtain Employment:	35	
Mental Health –		
A.) Competency/Psych Eval:	3	
B.)Mental Health Counseling:	42	
Weapon Related Conditions–		
A.) CCW Program:	6	
B.)EPD Destroy Weapon:	1	