Euclid Municipal Court

2019 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 three Division Chief Deputies, ten Deputy Clerks, two Bailiffs, and six 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.

2019 Court Program Highlights

Community Clinics

In 2019, the Court conducted three (3) Community Clinics at the Euclid Library which focused on driving under suspension issues and expungements of criminal convictions. At the Clinics, we assembled volunteers from the Euclid Municipal Court Public Defenders, the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office, the CWRU Law School, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Legal Aid Society to provide advice and guidance to individuals whose driving privileges were suspended and to individuals seeking to expunge criminal convictions.

At the Clinics - the BMV was able to process application for the BMV Amnesty Program and was able to grant forgiveness of more than $30,000 in reinstatement fees for the applicants.

With our efforts to promote expungements – we have doubled the number of expungements the Court has granted. In 2017, the Court granted 67 expungements whereas in 2019, the Court granted 128 expungements.

Bond Schedule

The Court is required to establish a bond schedule which sets forth pre-determined bond amounts for persons arrested for criminal offenses. In 2019, the Court revised its bond schedule to mandate personal bonds for all offenses except felonies, domestic violence, violations of protection orders, menacing by stalking, and any sexually oriented offense. This change protects victims and the community at large while also reducing the number of persons held in custody awaiting a bond hearing.

Scheduling

In an effort to decrease the amount of time people are waiting in Court to have their cases heard, the Court changed its schedule to dedicate one day to arraignments while pretrials are scheduled on various days. The Court has also limited the number of pretrials in cases to reduce the number of times defendants, victims and witnesses are required to attend Court proceedings.

EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT
STATISTICS
NEW CASE FILINGS - 2019

- **CIVIL CASES BY TYPE:**
  - **SUBROGATION** **6**
  - **GENERAL CIVIL** **2761**
  - **EVICTIONS** **1544**
  - **DRIVING PRIVILIGES** **102**
  - **SMALL CLAIMS** **387**

TOTAL **4800**

- **CRIMINAL CASES BY TYPE:**
  - **FELONY APPEARANCES** **364**
  - **MISDEMEANORS** **1037**
  - **OVI** **142**
  - **TRAFFIC** **2823**

TOTAL **4366**

TOTAL CASES **9166**

RECEIPTS 2019

CIVIL RECEIPTS		
CLERK AND BAILIFF FEES	$837,847.99	
JUDGMENTS	$2,100,041.67	
DEPOSITS	$11,590.00	
LEGAL AID	$115,496.00	
COMPUTER FEES	$46,514.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	$46,520.00	
VOIDED CHECKS	$0.00	
TOTAL		$3,158,009.66
RENT ESCROW DEPOSITS		$83,166.00
TRUSTEESHIP DEPOSITS		$464.00
CRIMINAL RECEIPTS		
CITY FINES	$292,004.55	
CITY COSTS	$222,684.93	
DRUG ENF/JUSTICE SVC	$8,990.50	
FORFEITURES	$37,971.00	
STATE & COUNTY FINES	$33,549.10	
CLEVE. METROPARKS BOARD	$7,521.52	
NATURAL RESOURCES	$0.00	
CASH BONDS	$415,436.00	
BOND POUNDAGE	$28,550.00	
VICTIMS OF CRIME	$27,303.04	
PARKING	$50.00	
CHILD RESTRAINTS	$1,495.00	
COMPUTER FEES	$32,101.00	
EPD SAFETY	$2,415.00	
SEAT BELTS (STATE)	$3,110.00	
INDIG DEF. SUPPORT FUND	$102,532.00	
HIGHWAY PATROL	$12,333.00	
COLLECTIONS	$13,971.25	
BMV FEES	$10.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	$32,349.00	
REDDS	$11,723.50	
CRIMESTOPPERS	$595.00	
LIQUOR FINES	$62.50	
DWI (INDIGENT)	$6,301.50	
EXPUNGEMENT DEPOSIT	$0.00	
RESTITUTION PAYMENT	$500.00	
VOIDED CHECKS	$0.00	
TOTAL		$1,293,559.39
BALANCES ON DEPOSIT FROM 2018		
CIVIL DEPOSITS	$48,469.13	
RENT/ESCROW	$58,150.00	
TRUSTEESHIP	$0.00	
CRIMINAL BONDS & DEPOSITS	$165,080.00	$271,699.13
TOTAL RECEIPTS 2019		**$4,806,898.18**

DISBURSEMENTS 2019

CIVIL DISBURSEMENTS		
DEPOSITS APPLIED & CITY COSTS	$933,446.95	
JUDGMENTS	$2,116,453.04	
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	$2,021.00	
LEGAL AID	$114,341.04	
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	$0.00	
REISSUE VOIDED CHECK	$0.00	
NSF CHECK	$0.00	
TOTAL		$3,166,262.03
RENT ESCROW DISBURSEMENTS		
CITY COSTS	$1,168.55	
PAID TO LANDLORD	$81,392.22	
MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	$46,269.23	
TOTAL		$128,830.00
TRUSTEESHIP DISBURSEMENTS		
CITY COSTS	$77.88	
CREDITORS	$386.12	
TOTAL		$464.00
CRIMINAL DISBURSEMENTS		
CITY OF EUCLID	$653,816.01	
STATE & COUNTY	$33,549.10	
METROPARKS	$7,521.52	
REFUND CASH BONDS	$420,766.00	
VICTIMS OF CRIME	$27,303.04	
LAW LIBRARY	$610.97	
SEAT BELTS (STATE)	$3,110.00	
50%LIQUOR	$62.50	
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	$0.00	
CHILD RESTRAINT FINES	$1,495.00	
COLLECTIONS	$13,971.25	
BMV (STATE)	$10.00	
HIGHWAY PATROL	$12,333.00	
NATURAL RESOURCES	$0.00	
REDSS	$11,723.50	
CRIMESTOPPERS	$595.00	
INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT	$102,532.00	
JUSTICE PROG SVCS	$8,990.50	
EXPUNGEMENT DEP RELEASED	$90.00	
RESITUTION PAYMNET	$500.00	
TOTAL		$1,298,979.39
ON DEPOSIT DECEMBER 31, 2019		
CIVIL	$40,216.76	
RENT ESCROW	$12,486.00	
TRUSTEESHIP	$0.00	
CRIMINAL	$159,660.00	
TOTAL		$212,362.76
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 2019		**$4,806,898.18**

2019 GENERAL FUND OPERATING RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

BASED ON CITY OF EUCLID FINANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

REVENUE		
	CRIMINAL FINES	$283,889.88
	PARKING FINES	$75,081.17
	FORFEITURES	$3,956,160,040.00
	CRIMINAL COSTS	$217,152.93
	TRUSTEESHIP	$73.58
	RENT / ESCROW	$1,022.99
	BOND POUNDAGE	$28,565.01
	CIVIL COSTS	$857,700.76
	TOTAL REVENUE	**$3,957,623,526.32**
EXPENSES		
	PERSONAL SERVICES	
	Salaries & Wages	$912,750.28
	Overtime	$0.00
	Retirement/Separation Pay	$21,390.19
	Healthcare	$216,883.92
	Life Insurance	$3,117.80
	P.E.R.S.	$127,707.68
		$1,281,849.87
	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	
	Ouside Legal Services (Assigned Counsel)	$39,830.31
	Other Professional Services	$40,690.58
	Tech Services-Data Processing	$30,632.06
	Rental of Equipment & Vehicle	$1,785.96
		$112,938.91
	MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES	
	Office Supplies	$9,699.23
	Postage	$77,421.92
	Books and Periodicals	$2,639.00
	Other Supplies	$454.80
		$90,214.95
	OTHER CHARGES	
	Printing and Binding	$9,678.00
	Travel	$725.00
	Membership Dues/Licenses	$1,420.00
		$11,823.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$1,496,826.73**

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 are currently managing approximately 502 active cases with in 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 2019 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**
Number of Probationers on December 31, 2019 = **514**

New Cases Assigned in 2019:	**(652)**
Male:	439
Female:	202
Unknown:	11

Reporting Status:

Officer Meetings:	653
Active Cases:	514
Inactive Cases:	11
Diversion Cases:	20
Presentence Investigation:	222
Expungement Request:	114 (Granted-71/Denied-14/First Offender Granted-9)
Probation Violation Request:	386
Early Termination Request:	139 Successfully Granted

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 fulfil their court obligations. Below are program referrals made in 2019: