

**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2002**

DIVISIONS:	BARN	BERK	BRIS	DUKES	ESSE	FRAN	HAMD	HAMP	MIDD	NANT	NORF	PLYM	SUFF	WORC	TOTALS
PART I: TOTAL ORIGINAL ENTRIES															
All Complaints, Petitions, and Accounts Filed	7,091	3,601	12,794	412	18,127	2,186	16,579	3,195	28,502	285	14,075	12,985	13,840	21,302	154,974
PART II: PROBATE															
1. Administrations & Probate of Will															
Filed	1,505	719	1,658	115	2,514	296	1,592	559	5,193	59	2,666	1,643	1,802	2,597	22,918
Decrees	1,051	469	1,485	91	1,681	183	1,123	326	3,405	50	1,803	1,173	1,734	1,581	16,155
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	160	96	285	5	290	45	259	91	421	5	421	251	400	1,083	3,812
2. Trusteeships															
Filed	38	13	24	7	46	1	15	12	105	3	137	121	7	37	566
Decrees	34	11	24	9	31	4	14	5	109	3	37	31	9	34	355
3. Gdnshps of Minor															
Filed	156	54	455	6	495	66	697	65	513	5	262	333	598	632	4,337
Temp. Appointments	134	55	320	11	451	94	245	143	284	2	173	367	560	359	3,198
Decrees	76	28	279	5	256	58	332	49	208	4	174	167	303	487	2,426
Rogers Orders Entered	0	1	7	0	*	*	2	18	0	0	3	9	381	*	421
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	122	45	228	2	379	54	617	25	257	0	196	261	502	367	3,055
4. Gdnshps of Mentally Ill															
Filed	109	31	280	4	286	39	189	52	511	1	237	202	357	356	2,654
Temp. Appointments	78	6	189	3	161	37	98	74	249	1	114	123	241	98	1,472
Decrees	86	28	157	2	201	27	140	27	684	0	201	155	223	598	2,529
Rogers Orders Entered	43	68	392	0	*	*	246	92	388	0	161	139	907	*	2,436
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	4	2	20	1	15	2	16	5	15	0	23	32	18	2	155
5. Gdnshps of Mentally Retarded															
Filed	31	18	85	0	109	18	64	29	188	0	109	76	95	150	972
Temp. Appointments	6	0	16	0	12	9	7	41	19	0	9	21	24	12	176
Decrees	20	19	35	1	106	17	80	24	578	0	128	56	71	236	1,371
Rogers Orders Entered	3	36	211	0	*	*	94	80	248	0	76	21	161	*	930
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	2	2	5	0	2	5	9	5	8	0	11	6	3	27	85
6. Gdnshps of Incapacitated															
Filed	27	3	38	0	48	5	50	17	85	0	44	32	70	86	505
Temp. Appointments	15	2	24	0	29	4	20	15	43	0	27	15	45	0	239
Decrees	22	1	13	0	30	1	33	11	38	0	29	15	26	77	290
Rogers Orders Entered	5	0	0	0	*	*	2	0	0	0	7	0	63	*	77
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	5	1	8	0	5	3	13	7	4	0	8	10	10	27	95
*All Rogers Orders Entered	51	105	610	0	*318	13	344	190	636	0	247	169	1,512	705	4,582

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7. Gdnshps of Minor															
Entertainer															
Filed	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	0	12
Decrees	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	9
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4
8. Proxy Guardianships															
Filed	0	0	0	1	5	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	11	3	28
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	10
9. Conservatorships															
Filed	7	0	6	0	12	4	8	3	24	0	15	16	7	12	114
Decrees	6	0	6	0	15	3	8	8	23	0	13	11	10	12	115
10. Accounts and Distributions															
Filed	897	264	783	38	1,574	255	1,234	272	7,780	27	1,971	847	1,106	1,460	18,508
Decrees	682	326	536	61	510	114	661	167	5,476	18	866	441	651	574	11,083
11. Real Estate Sales															
Filed	141	44	240	6	262	38	145	68	541	2	269	169	198	344	2,467
Decrees	114	46	230	3	245	33	142	54	521	4	216	147	214	245	2,214
12. All Other Probate															
Filed (Petitions)	245	49	226	12	307	28	201	38	315	4	188	221	130	462	2,426
Decrees	197	12	187	9	109	28	86	42	201	4	188	84	64	297	1,508
PART III:															
EQUITY															
1. Complaints															
Paternity Equity	0	5	0	0	1	0	52	1	0	0	5	3	37	0	104
Other Equity Complaints	59	17	58	4	88	10	21	20	167	0	100	55	128	65	792
T.R.O.'s and Preliminary Injunctions Entered	14	n/a	17	1	5	n/a	6	19	48	0	n/a	15	18	n/a	143
Judgments	38	10	52	5	54	4	16	18	105	0	58	28	49	32	469
2. Petitions to Partition															
Filed	22	6	9	6	25	4	11	10	49	0	22	27	34	37	262
Decrees	7	0	6	2	21	0	3	3	19	2	0	3	22	2	90
PART IV:															
CHANGE OF NAME															
1. Petitions for Change of Name															
Filed	137	78	201	23	337	70	233	115	816	11	306	247	496	463	3,533
Decrees	127	79	178	22	315	68	225	126	733	11	277	242	468	436	3,307
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	110	68	124	21	287	62	202	68	707	11	284	222	449	352	2,967

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PART V:															
ADOPTION															
1. Adoption Petitions															
Filed	92	39	125	6	202	29	146	104	612	2	225	167	150	336	2,235
Decrees	67	36	112	6	189	27	117	97	585	4	181	113	108	333	1,975
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	52	9	15	1	67	7	41	13	88	0	51	30	29	64	467
2. Petitions to Dispense with Parental Consent (c. 210, s. 3)															
Filed	6	0	23	0	10	0	21	3	61	0	9	7	26	30	196
Decrees	9	1	12	0	20	0	117	2	78	0	14	5	31	26	315
3. Care and Protection Petitions (c. 119, s. 23C)															
Filed	15	10	64	0	29	7	24	0	16	0	9	15	80	60	329
Decrees	18	0	52	1	13	0	17	0	1	0	2	6	72	55	237
Reviews Held c.210 and c.119	8	20	200	0	93	3	130	0	90	0	2	46	270	105	967
PART VI:															
OUT OF WEDLOCK															
1. Paternity Complaints															
Filed	354	302	1,242	21	2,345	153	2,223	235	1,737	14	626	1,215	2,319	1,816	14,602
Judgments	317	179	782	10	1,097	207	1,287	211	1,481	6	597	856	943	1,004	8,977
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	195	75	362	11	622	69	879	77	683	0	335	335	584	645	4,872
2. Complaints for Contempt															
Filed	256	107	1,490	9	949	81	881	175	887	15	647	808	643	1,352	8,300
Heard and Continued	534	83	698	28	173	74	717	10	830	41		311	923	87	4,509
Judgments	162	67	275	12	91	83	294	102	1,205	20	455	289	942	511	4,508
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	110	68	894	8	415	34	519	75	204	0	411	562	596	657	4,547
3. Complaints for Modification															
Filed	397	156	478	9	1,208	164	2,826	201	449	5	716	803	678	1,784	9,874
Judgments	254	30	320	6	163	71	1,315	80	386	7	529	333	448	754	4,696
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	91	125	263	7	500	68	2,255	180	358	2	435	668	235	786	5,973
4. Income Assignments Entered:															
TAFDC - Immediate	302	54	1,009	6	**	**	948	109	262	0	**	856	704	**	4,250
TAFDC - Suspended	12	4	60	1	**	**	102	77	31	0	**	0	4	**	291
Non-TAFDC - Immediate	480	232	272	3	**	**	121	57	784	14	**	0	1,071	**	3,034
Non-TAFDC - Suspended	29	9	178	0	**	**	163	7	197	26	**	0	68	**	677

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PART VII:															
DOMESTIC RELATIONS															
1. Divorce															
Original Entries Filed (Includes 1A and 1B)	770	522	2,036	67	2,670	304	1,827	544	4,219	55	1,873	1,915	2,209	3,127	22,138
Judgments Nisi	937	386	1,857	57	2,388	283	1,388	575	3,848	48	1,592	1,545	1,192	2,936	19,032
Dismissals	67	93	484	11	634	222	720	120	625	4	691	484	10	732	4,897
Dismissals-408	38	0	0	2	0	20	35	0	49	0	2	63	77	0	286
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	161	269	620	24	931	172	941	217	1,904	14	683	869	794	1,068	8,667
															0
															0
2. Separate Support/ Civil Support															
Filed	25	40	119	2	184	24	243	32	176	0	95	181	219	240	1,580
Judgments	32	23	70	0	71	8	183	23	32	0	64	34	119	100	759
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	6	17	25	2	37	7	115	18	78	0	58	78	46	100	587
3. Complaints for Contempt															
Filed	642	391	1,615	49	1,824	177	893	171	1,842	24	1,561	1,460	701	2,025	13,375
Heard and Continued	704	299	757	47	645	167	582	11	1,219	11	2	0	795	206	5,439
Judgments	111	216	298	26	229	65	305	129	2,073	8	765	507	812	784	6,328
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	202	157	888	9	471	77	467	101	453	0	948	728	445	864	5,744
4. Complaints for Modification															
Filed	470	494	715	16	1,711	235	1,382	265	1,525	9	1,420	1,284	927	2,106	12,559
Judgments	493	192	479	8	593	147	454	153	935	5	495	584	437	1,076	6,051
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	240	191	393	4	523	160	790	167	569	4	575	864	480	956	5,916
5. Complaint for Protection from Abuse (c. 209A)															
Filed	498	155	641	6	426	125	1,189	160	330	0	440	886	467	1,354	6,677
Ex Parte Orders	443	121	523	7	330	127	1,178	98	274	0	n/a	729	419	1,708	5,357
Permanent Orders	300	299	687	8	19	179	238	132	529	0	n/a	1,067	57	381	3,836
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	457	148	633	3	436	97	1,148	128	305	0	283	824	407	1,796	6,065
6. Income Assignments															
Entered															
TAFDC - Immediate	130	268	826	0	**	**	777	118	120	0	**	865	715	**	3,819
TAFDC -Suspended	6	8	241	0	**	**	96	71	18	0	**	431	30	**	901
Non-TAFDC - Immediate	300	192	233	12	**	**	83	0	1,451	3	**	7	1,285	**	3,566
Non-TAFDC -Suspended	7	96	533	9	**	**	98	0	430	7	**	0	147	**	1,327
7. Petitions for Marriage of Minors, Marriage without Delay															
Filed	28	13	17	2	42	5	41	7	24	47	31	47	112	30	446
Decrees	28	12	17	2	26	4	39	7	24	47	22	27	112	2	369
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	28	11	17	2	25	4	40	7	24	47	n/a	43	111	25	384
8. All other Domestic															

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Relations Complaints															
Filed	138	40	82	1	260	27	160	22	200	2	67	100	79	177	1,355
Judgments	45	26	25	2	41	11	85	2	47	1	24	47	193	38	587
PART VIII:															
CROSS-DOCKET MATTERS															
1. Temporary Orders	6,050	3,796	7,741	676	12,249	1,393	6,981	4,339	19,014	500	10,105	3,728	1,371	12,020	89,963
2. U.I.F.S.A. - c. 209D Filed															
Mass. Initiated:															
Filed	0	0	0	0	16	1	40	1	116	0	19	11	13	161	378
Disposed	0	0	0	0	3	1	13	0	0	0	0	2	12	62	93
Mass. Responding:															
Filed	26	31	84	2	142	17	169	12	19	0	6	91	133	0	732
Disposed	1	20	0	0	26	0	27	1	3	0	0	13	34	1	126
3. Income Assignments															
Entered Combined Paternity and Domestic Relations															
TAFDC - Immediate	432	322	1,835	6	1,351	298	1,725	227	382	0	882	1,721	1,419	851	11,451
TAFDC -Suspended	18	12	301	1	240	12	198	148	49	0	8	431	34	46	1,498
Non-TAFDC - Immediate	780	424	505	15	1,239	381	204	57	2,235	17	522	7	2,356	1,081	9,823
Non-TAFDC -Suspended	36	105	711	9	1,133	7	261	7	627	33	39	0	215	25	3,208

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PART IX:															
PROBATION DEPARTMENT															
1. Dispute Interventions:															
Motions	782	1,420	1,480	66	2,097	385	1,617	283	3,752	21	2,571	1,433	1,383	394	17,684
Pre-trials	259	60	792	21	465	77	242	40	764	4	550	565	255	1,383	5,477
Contempts	562	460	768	59	917	125	1,205	408	1,745	2	1,813	1,388	865	1,334	11,651
2. Investigations:															
Formal	157	10	53	0	297	40	13	21	164	0	242	585	754	802	3,138
Short Term	36	1	34	0	0	23	24	2	0	0	50	0	829	15	1,014
3. Case Interventions															
Completed	633	612	605	0	1,047	2,599	4,509	489	6,258	0	578	1,061	3,810	1,714	23,915
4. Job Search Activity:															
Avg. # Persons Superv.	70	75	125	0	250	37	107	50	274	0	98	362	267	254	1,969
New support orders entered after obligors found employment	25	52	198	0	100	21	104	36	150	0	98	114	258	263	1,419
Average support order prior to program	45.72	44.72	44.83	n/a	25.40	36.22	27.07	67.46	68.65	n/a	112.79	63.82	59.67	67.77	55.34
Average support order after program	58.16	91.63	90.29	n/a	88.90	67.05	82.42	101.08	98.77	n/a	136.65	101.52	88.20	95.02	91.64
Contempts Filed	51	27	122	0	106	16	159	36	128	0	7	113	137	58	960
5. Interdepartmental Assignments of Abuse Prevention Orders (c. 209A) pursuant to Administrative Order 96-1															
Orders Modified	16	24	49	0	124	4	57	4	121	0	87	34	124	237	881
Orders Vacated	8	0	13	0	3	0	14	3	96	0	28	17	9	977	1,168