

**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT  
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<b>PART I:</b> TOTAL ORIGINAL ENTRIES															
All Complaints, Petitions, and Accounts Filed	7,200	3,669	11,928	507	18,012	2,186	16,031	3,309	26,125	328	13,631	12,786	15,330	20,676	151,718
<b>PART II:</b> PROBATE															
1. Administrations & Probate of Will															
Filed	1,424	660	1,458	120	2,366	268	1,547	505	4,730	76	2,529	1,587	1,852	2,446	21,568
Decreases	1,412	572	1,385	99	2,327	273	1,559	400	4,350	61	2,414	1,494	1,550	2,371	20,267
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	174	96	168	14	300	45	260	49	484	2	335	250	280	293	2,750
2. Trusteeships															
Filed	33	9	22	6	71	4	14	4	121	3	51	47	11	32	428
Decreases	27	6	21	6	52	8	21	2	100	4	37	32	27	40	383
3. Gdnshps of Minor															
Filed	181	76	436	12	472	50	762	42	409	4	253	408	643	631	4,379
Temp. Appointments	189	65	511	21	430	67	232	36	311	3	146	527	511	422	3,471
Decreases	131	27	183	4	32	45	431	24	273	2	180	222	278	442	2,274
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	144	57	331	8	358	40	653	25	258	1	196	316	486	448	3,321
4. Gdnshps of Mentally Ill															
Filed	106	37	243	4	263	38	254	42	511	0	246	182	301	311	2,538
Temp. Appointments	83	19	233	2	147	26	115	18	281	0	139	126	141	124	1,454
Dispositions	97	22	150	5	191	35	212	27	375	0	215	150	171	589	2,239
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	6	3	20	0	15	5	22	10	16	0	29	33	35	17	211
5. Gdnshps of Mentally Retarded															
Filed	34	22	106	0	111	9	65	37	231	1	152	84	83	150	1,085
Temp. Appointments	2	2	42	0	16	0	8	9	22	0	22	30	23	21	197
Decreases	38	19	68	0	129	9	74	18	195	1	136	81	80	207	1,055
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	3	1	10	0	4	4	6	1	21	0	8	13	8	3	82
6. Gdnshps of Incapacitated															
Filed	28	13	36	0	57	1	51	3	79	0	60	37	81	87	533
Temp. Appointments	26	5	47	0	36	1	23	2	52	0	37	28	37	34	328
Decreases	23	2	16	0	34	0	30	10	48	0	33	22	31	32	281
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	3	0	7	0	13	1	12	0	8	0	17	16	17	1	95
All Rogers Orders Entered	144	156	764	4	397	17	452	211	1,043	1	712	387	1,639	298	6,225

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7. Gdnshps of Minor															
Entertainer															
Filed	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	7	0	15
Decrees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	8
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
8. Proxy Guardianships															
Filed	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	12
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
9. Conservatorships															
Filed	4	3	6	1	12	4	12	1	22	1	19	9	21	11	126
Disposed	5	4	5	0	15	5	9	0	25	1	15	1	14	6	105
10. Accounts and Distributions															
Filed	977	323	755	63	1,657	230	1,195	264	5,879	38	2,053	943	1,447	1,381	17,205
Decrees	491	251	425	22	572	139	601	207	4,617	16	761	447	1,007	604	10,160
11. Real Estate Sales															
Filed	116	29	178	5	235	16	146	55	492	3	254	161	190	274	2,154
Decrees	101	27	164	1	59	8	57	59	505	1	200	140	181	220	1,723
12. All Other Probate															
Filed (Petitions)	194	27	141	15	344	28	274	31	406	6	141	275	286	360	2,528
Decrees	150	20	100	10	250	15	200	20	350	6	100	90	107	150	1,568
<b>PART III:</b>															
<b>EQUITY</b>															
1. Complaints															
Paternity Equity	2	6	2	0	1	1	39	2	5	0	1	2	11	4	76
Other Equity Complaints	67	18	47	6	88	23	16	7	158	3	93	63	115	100	804
Judgments	64	7	16	4	55	13	28	9	112	2	67	51	16	49	493
2. Petitions to Partition															
Filed	35	8	28	7	24	5	11	8	46	1	33	29	37	34	306
Decrees	4	1	3	0	6	0	6	2	19	0	20	5	8	10	84
<b>PART IV:</b>															
<b>CHANGE OF NAME</b>															
1. Petitions for Change of Name															
Filed	128	68	169	17	343	62	226	93	736	7	293	204	433	409	3,188
Decrees	130	62	166	18	306	58	195	89	763	6	266	180	431	368	3,038
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	99	56	126	13	300	53	187	84	641	7	257	182	433	363	2,801

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<b>PART V:</b>															
ADOPTION															
1. Adoption Petitions															
Filed	94	60	160	12	212	30	143	82	532	2	253	157	149	332	2,218
Decreases	95	41	136	11	180	32	114	82	318	2	238	76	125	263	1,713
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	44	20	46	3	89	17	47	16	104	2	43	53	31	66	581
2. Petitions to Dispense with Parental Consent (c. 210, s. 3)															
Filed	3	0	14	0	12	0	21	2	74	0	3	3	19	13	164
Decreases	8	0	26	0	12	0	28	3	43	0	5	10	16	24	175
3. Care and Protection Petitions (c. 119, s. 23C)															
Filed	19	4	48	0	19	8	23	1	14	0	8	23	62	36	265
Decreases	4	2	4	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	3	4	39	18	86
Voluntary Placement (c. 119, s. 23A)															
Filed	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Decreases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reviews Held c.210 and c.119	37	18	109	0	73	3	153	0	90	0	8	38	496	102	1,127
<b>PART VI:</b>															
OUT OF WEDLOCK															
1. Paternity Complaints															
Filed	297	322	1,727	20	2,498	166	1,865	229	2,021	4	508	1,210	3,200	1,860	15,927
Judgments	242	243	643	15	975	196	2,545	131	393	7	516	713	1,025	1,363	9,007
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	131	99	917	9	897	78	746	106	569	1	317	646	1,055	709	6,280
2. Complaints for Contempt															
Filed	229	213	524	29	890	98	953	219	575	6	625	706	652	1,430	7,149
Heard and Continued Judgments	405	199	445	0	288	3	299	3	225	0	0	544	975	87	3,473
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	112	74	452	25	354	73	438	137	224	2	414	574	613	684	4,176
3. Complaints for Modification															
Filed	411	326	656	12	1,163	167	2,731	315	417	4	688	917	1,021	1,783	10,611
Judgments	162	143	203	6	190	78	1,249	115	200	3	223	320	820	779	4,491
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	164	146	295	9	393	47	2,120	248	132	2	447	647	684	1,450	6,778

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<b>PART VII:</b>															
<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</b>															
<b>1. Divorce</b>															
Original Entries Filed (includes 1A and 1B)	831	450	1,919	90	2,465	315	1,595	436	4,247	46	1,832	1,725	2,067	2,934	20,952
Judgments Nisi	734	440	1,702	75	2,293	309	1,374	434	3,414	41	1,677	1,543	1,875	2,664	18,575
Findings Under 1A	362	202	538	28	977	127	220	160	1,780	26	495	654	303	1,168	7,040
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	309	235	761	32	1,183	176	822	204	1,862	17	844	734	1,013	1,114	9,306
<b>2. Separate Support/ Civil Support</b>															
Filed	31	32	170	4	255	33	191	31	250	1	100	147	209	238	1,692
Judgments	14	24	80	1	75	22	187	16	75	0	52	61	200	107	914
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	14	6	93	4	91	11	93	15	91	1	47	48	81	90	685
<b>3. Complaints for Contempt</b>															
Filed	656	352	991	45	1,848	201	924	342	1,762	31	1,523	1,470	865	2,101	13,111
Heard and Continued	792	326	667	0	836	0	284	16	837	8	0	1,088	762	225	5,841
Judgments	101	193	111	21	293	76	66	204	463	12	688	639	696	797	4,360
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	262	123	650	15	511	114	450	220	562	2	967	714	572	1,008	6,170
<b>4. Complaints for Modification</b>															
Filed	665	366	1,122	27	1,757	247	1,351	419	1,744	30	1,395	1,320	856	2,164	13,463
Judgments	331	165	479	17	599	133	538	194	742	19	590	629	581	1,085	6,102
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	386	144	729	7	577	70	695	305	737	2	622	816	528	973	6,591
<b>5. Complaint for Protection from Abuse (c. 209A)</b>															
Filed	491	148	753	6	442	121	1,117	95	251	1	390	920	416	1,204	6,355
Permanent Orders	22	65	8	4	18	3	212	4	1	0	14	556	42	22	971
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	426	138	539	4	407	90	751	70	180	0	279	577	345	1,180	4,986
<b>6. Petitions for Marriage of Minors, Marriage without Delay</b>															
Filed	35	13	17	2	28	10	51	3	62	57	13	43	91	28	453
Decrees	35	13	17	0	28	0	49	1	62	57	13	43	91	28	437
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	23	12	13	2	28	10	49	3	31	57	12	43	90	25	398
<b>7. All other Domestic Relations Complaints</b>															
Filed	68	39	96	2	248	33	158	6	218	2	82	67	70	170	1,259
Judgments	34	34	41	1	65	22	102	2	83	3	45	64	185	69	750

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<b>PART VIII:</b>															
CROSS-DOCKET MATTERS															
1. Temporary Orders	5,138	3,486	8,080	692	12,062	1,579	7,762	3,129	19,526	525	10,963	7,391	7,798	12,353	100,484
2. U.I.F.S.A. - c. 209D Filed															
Mass. Initiated:															
Filed	0	1	2	0	8	0	68	11	79	0	9	12	9	43	242
Disposed	0	0	1	0	2	0	27	0	5	0	4	6	2	53	100
Mass. Responding:															
Filed	36	41	100	2	122	18	226	24	51	1	24	34	122	109	910
Disposed	1	33	10	1	40	1	49	0	14	0	4	14	36	18	221
3. Income Assignments															
Entered Combined Paternity and Domestic Relations															
TAFDC - Immediate	96	135	2,056	1	1,000	234	1,822	337	251	1	301	221	1,339	882	8,676
TAFDC -Suspended	3	17	466	0	10	8	139	8	8	0	3	0	30	0	692
Non-TAFDC - Immediate	459	349	334	25	1,212	269	190	159	2,442	25	647	1,109	2,785	542	10,547
Non-TAFDC -Suspended	15	89	714	34	1,258	14	339	227	770	11	3	1,104	244	0	4,822
<b>PART IX:</b>															
PROBATION DEPARTMENT															
1. Dispute Interventions:															
Motions	888	1,245	1,306	0	2,451	362	1,507	260	3,915	20	2,556	1,495	1,232	338	17,575
Pre-trials	231	53	677	0	458	80	153	29	632	1	577	636	133	1,173	4,833
Contempts	545	533	639	0	1,051	95	1,219	421	1,887	8	1,731	1,550	775	1,472	11,926
2. Investigations:															
Formal	132	5	60	0	290	31	0	18	115	0	66	594	858	518	2,687
Short Term	32	1	83	0	0	31	1	8	0	0	75	0	1,033	37	1,301
3. Case Interventions															
Completed	592	704	343	0	988	2,284	3,215	544	3,091	0	495	1,458	1,650	5,322	20,686
4. Job Search Activity:															
Avg. # Persons Superv.	174	262	560	0	825	101	515	176	843	0	364	1,294	860	1,134	7,108
Found employment	28	78	142	0	129	28	169	40	295	0	87	155	301	351	1,803
Average support order prior to program	\$39.04	\$42.45	\$48.29	\$0.00	\$23.98	\$62.20	\$31.41	\$79.02	\$88.23	\$0.00	\$137.72	\$53.68	\$66.03	\$64.70	\$61.40
Average support order after program	\$53.12	\$64.91	\$88.68	\$0.00	\$74.87	\$90.24	\$70.60	\$96.24	\$100.86	\$0.00	\$168.66	\$123.90	\$88.80	\$92.21	\$92.76
Contempts Filed	30	33	155	0	143	10	188	38	88	0	14	96	152	66	1,013
5. Interdepartmental Assign. of Abuse Prev. Order (c.209A) pursuant to Admin. Order 96-1															
Orders Modified	13	18	36	0	116	1	47	5	156	0	78	33	120	133	756
Orders Vacated	9	1	11	0	7	0	3	3	81	0	30	6	14	343	508