

PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2005

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	7,210	3,688	13,164	441	16,921	2,275	16,475	3,189	24,835	314	13,655	12,441	15,612	19,992	150,212
PART II: PROBATE															
1. Administrations & Probate of Will															
Filed	1,479	665	1,510	132	2,434	292	1,584	554	4,682	70	2,525	1,683	2,050	2,656	22,316
Decrees	1,428	623	1,626	95	1,740	270	1,529	513	4,472	51	2,458	1,707	1,641	2,618	20,771
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	181	100	100	26	302	52	201	102	541	2	418	221	273	294	2,813
2. Trusteeships															
Filed	52	10	30	9	25	4	13	23	339	10	218	23	24	38	818
Decrees	63	7	30	8	37	5	34	5	266	11	52	35	13	35	601
3. Gdnshps of Minor															
Filed	129	64	457	2	457	60	798	64	481	1	299	327	658	643	4,440
Temp. Appointments	178	12	653	0	401	71	265	74	358	2	200	485	623	583	3,905
Decrees	139	80	309	0	296	46	533	48	264	2	216	237	361	407	2,938
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	113	49	373	0	352	44	727	44	343	0	245	238	432	467	3,427
4. Gdnshps of Mentally Ill															
Filed	90	42	242	4	225	30	276	73	648	2	354	204	428	433	3,051
Temp. Appointments	81	2	255	6	188	29	128	91	290	2	134	140	171	147	1,664
Dispositions	108	42	242	3	178	28	243	58	433	2	257	178	318	265	2,355
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	10	1	23	0	16	1	20	3	24	1	31	19	26	14	189
5. Gdnshps of Mentally Retarded															
Filed	40	17	142	0	82	10	62	33	264	0	156	92	96	129	1,123
Temp. Appointments	17	1	81	0	18	5	7	10	15	0	15	32	28	19	248
Decrees	32	23	142	0	88	6	68	19	230	0	145	114	73	154	1,094
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	12	2	19	0	16	3	7	2	28	0	16	9	4	9	127
6. Gdnshps of Incapacitated															
Filed	21	13	32	1	42	7	47	11	101	0	53	40	83	94	545
Temp. Appointments	33	0	36	1	37	5	22	20	45	0	23	28	58	40	348
Decrees	19	4	24	0	29	5	28	11	58	0	28	22	33	67	328
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	3	2	7	0	9	1	10	1	18	0	7	10	14	10	92
7. Gdnshps of Minor Entertainer															
Filed	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	6	23
Decrees	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	8
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	5

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8. Proxy Guardianships															
Filed	2	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	12
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	7
9. Conservatorships															
Filed	10	8	7	1	11	0	12	4	27	0	14	9	12	2	117
Disposed	8	4	14	0	8	1	9	2	26	0	10	6	12	2	102
10. Accounts and Distributions															
Filed	1,093	496	1,261	64	1,873	381	1,261	360	3,322	28	1,703	1,035	1,129	1,306	15,312
Decreases	565	162	358	29	557	106	570	168	1,546	16	885	459	422	566	6,409
11. Real Estate Sales															
Filed	101	38	185	3	229	21	146	34	426	3	234	144	144	234	1,942
Decreases	97	29	175	3	198	17	134	22	370	1	180	116	104	214	1,660
12. All Other Probate															
Filed (Petitions)	205	51	295	26	381	40	299	16	677	2	439	313	365	445	3,554
PART III:															
EQUITY															
1. Complaints															
Paternity Equity	1	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	4	0	0	4	2	2	70
Other Equity Complaints	75	12	52	8	70	7	34	15	163	2	98	69	159	102	866
Judgments	68	8	40	7	74	12	18	16	129	5	107	37	97	66	684
2. Petitions to Partition															
Filed	34	1	25	3	23	3	13	15	40	0	21	26	19	29	252
Decreases	9	0	10	3	8	0	3	2	6	0	0	3	9	21	74
PART IV:															
CHANGE OF NAME															
1. Petitions for Change of Name															
Filed	116	63	157	7	265	56	183	119	628	7	228	171	366	339	2,705
Decreases	113	65	153	6	239	37	182	117	657	6	243	156	313	305	2,592
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	104	54	134	5	228	52	166	109	551	6	200	149	256	248	2,262

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PART V:															
ADOPTION															
1. Adoption Petitions															
Filed	89	41	130	3	212	47	110	87	257	1	217	154	132	271	1,751
Decrees	76	28	101	3	218	44	97	68	504	1	189	151	109	254	1,843
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	54	18	36	0	69	19	52	40	85	0	82	60	31	100	646
2. Petitions to Dispense with Parental Consent (c. 210, s. 3)															
Filed	1	0	17	0	15	0	3	1	23	0	2	2	19	10	93
Decrees	0	3	15	0	11	0	7	1	45	0	1	3	14	14	114
3. Care and Protection Petitions (c. 119, s. 23C)															
Filed	11	1	28	0	12	2	9	1	14	5	6	13	54	60	216
Decrees	2	1	7	0	7	0	11	0	1	8	2	0	12	39	90
Voluntary Placement (c. 119, s. 23A)															
Filed	1	0	8	0	12	0	0	0	6	0	4	3	6	0	40
Decrees	0	0	3	0	12	0	0	0	8	0	3	4	5	0	35
PART VI:															
OUT OF WEDLOCK															
1. Paternity Complaints															
Filed	372	344	2,056	17	2,031	209	2,581	253	2,224	5	671	1,317	3,030	2,384	17,494
Judgments	323	429	969	5	1,465	251	3,195	479	1,544	8	609	905	1,927	1,767	13,876
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	122	93	993	6	729	138	795	194	249	0	313	528	1,006	590	5,756
2. Complaints for Contempt															
Filed	245	251	632	9	1,007	93	1,079	129	1,003	9	620	762	1,064	1,143	8,046
Judgments	20	154	91	4	197	72	117	99	356	6	498	237	225	601	2,677
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	111	82	537	5	438	42	687	98	413	4	504	545	745	892	5,103
3. Complaints for Modification															
Filed	377	312	615	8	1,104	166	2,769	201	829	5	736	820	1,444	1,657	11,043
Judgments	179	136	282	2	357	101	1,336	117	409	4	312	283	550	763	4,831
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	276	75	277	4	457	70	2,099	139	358	2	588	554	1,010	1,342	7,251

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PART VII:															
DOMESTIC RELATIONS															
1. Divorce															
Original Entries Filed (includes 1A and 1B)	773	445	1,861	70	2,218	294	1,456	450	3,927	47	1,653	1,586	2,004	2,740	19,524
Judgments Nisi	787	492	1,539	65	2,150	288	1,339	427	3,587	40	1,543	1,491	1,760	2,470	17,978
Findings Under 1A	379	221	653	30	923	131	531	186	1,628	28	696	529	561	1,101	7,597
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	365	200	759	26	975	167	787	210	1,866	22	747	722	943	858	8,647
Cases with minor children	369	235	1,005	29	1,115	148	749	244	2,019	14	893	853	730	1,505	9,908
2. Separate Support/ Civil Support															
Filed	44	26	195	5	263	17	198	25	204	0	101	181	176	257	1,692
Judgments	29	37	87	1	98	23	224	29	88	0	61	62	83	179	1,001
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	8	7	77	2	94	10	61	17	54	0	52	84	43	62	571
3. Complaints for Contempt															
Filed	616	321	1,088	41	1,786	158	900	248	2,185	27	1,508	1,350	844	1,959	13,031
Judgments	124	175	229	16	390	143	102	153	762	10	837	513	196	880	4,530
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	193	69	707	20	501	87	399	183	560	8	935	618	590	1,019	5,889
4. Complaints for Modification															
Filed	657	261	1,265	20	1,526	258	1,323	331	1,885	26	1,405	1,235	795	1,896	12,883
Judgments	390	139	631	21	600	153	564	193	1,075	16	756	673	289	996	6,496
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	257	90	822	10	571	96	519	241	521	11	871	720	556	1,251	6,336
5. Complaint for Protection from Abuse (c. 209A)															
Filed	440	147	726	3	336	92	1,040	94	183	0	281	773	326	882	5,323
Number of filings where Plaintiff was pro se	406	87	499	3	238	70	733	73	150	0	267	653	300	800	4,279
6. Petitions for Marriage without Delay															
Filed	75	13	40	2	35	5	35	16	66	57	31	40	70	91	576
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	64	7	28	2	26	4	32	12	63	57	28	35	9	9	376
7. Petitions for Marriage of Minors															
Filed	3	1	8	1	12	0	9	0	19	0	2	4	21	5	85
Number of filings where Petitioner was pro se	3	1	6	1	10	0	9	0	17	0	2	4	21	1	75
8. All other Domestic Relations Complaints															
Filed	57	44	99	2	232	22	177	32	208	7	76	59	75	179	1,269
Judgments	33	49	66	1	97	11	129	23	88	1	50	33	51	80	712
PART VIII:															
CROSS-DOCKET MATTERS															
1. Temporary Orders	3,349	3,700	8,440	650	11,714	1,713	7,555	3,509	19,000	500	10,859	8,077	10,000	12,259	101,325