



## ***2010 Probate/Juvenile Court Annual Report***

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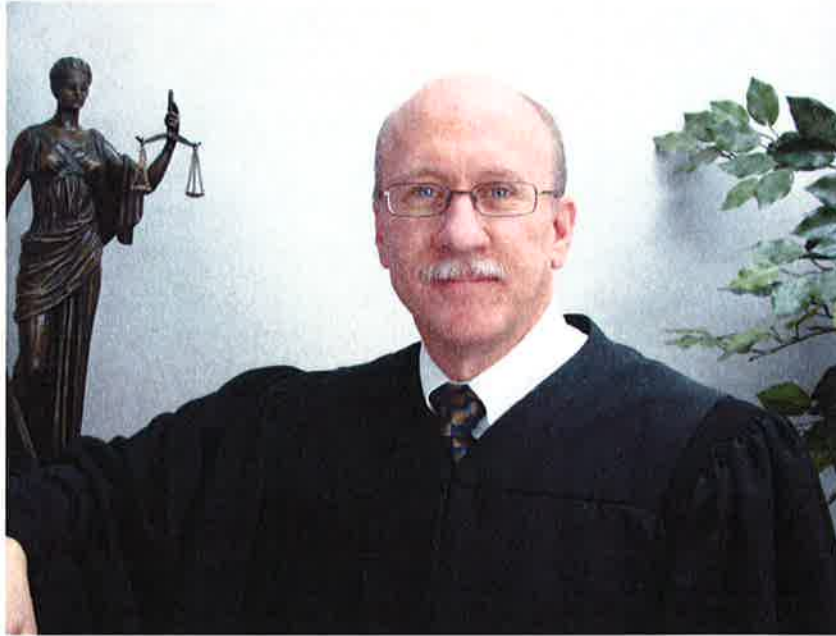
***Washington County, Ohio***

*Honorable Timothy A. Williams  
Courthouse Annex, Marietta, Ohio 45750*

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*I present to you the 2010 Annual Report of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, for your information and use.*

*This report contains information on the Court's cases, services, and programs provided to the citizens of Washington County.*

*If you have any questions concerning any information contained in this report, please feel free to contact Rae Ward, Court Administrator.*

*Sincerely,*

*Timothy A. Williams, Judge*



# **WASHINGTON COUNTY PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT**

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## **PERSONNEL**

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Hon. Timothy A. Williams ..... Judge  
 Mark Kerenyi .....Magistrate  
 Rae A. Ward ..... Court Administrator

Peggy Shiflett..... Bookkeeper  
 Pat Ralston ..... Deputy Clerk/Probate  
 Trish Whiteley .....Deputy Clerk/Probate  
 Rachel Davis .....Deputy Clerk/Probate  
 Lisa Burkhart .....Deputy Clerk/Juvenile  
 Jill Roach .....Deputy Clerk/Juvenile  
 Judy McAtee .....Deputy Clerk/Juvenile  
 Justin Gregory ..... Probation Officer  
 Kim Hinkle ..... Probation Officer  
 Kristi Mettler ..... Probation Officer  
 Eric Seckman ..... Probation Officer  
 Melody Zimmerman ..... Probation Officer

# *PROBATE COURT*

Judge Timothy A. Williams serves as the Probate Judge for Washington County. The position is an elected, non-partisan office with a six-year term. He was first elected in February 1997.



Judge Williams is a 1984 graduate of Ohio Northern University law school. He served as an associate editor of the Ohio Northern University Law Review. After graduation, he entered private practice from 1984 through 1997. From 1989 to 1997 he also served as the Juvenile Court Magistrate for Washington County.

As Probate Judge he hears the following types of cases: estates, guardianships, trust, adoptions, mental commitments, wrongful death, minor settlements and name changes. The Court also issues all marriage licenses for Washington County.

While most Probate Court records are open to the public, Ohio law closes records pertaining to mental illness and adoptions.

The Court maintains the following records that are open to the public during business hours:

- Estates, Guardianships, Trusts, Misc. 1789 to present
- Marriage 1789 to present
- Birth and Death 1867 to 1908

The Judge and his staff are dedicated to serving the public in a professional manner. While the staff of the Probate Court is prevented from practicing law, all efforts are made to help the public within the constraints of the law.

The day-to-day operation of the Court, including supervision of all employees, is managed by the Court Administrator, Rae A. Ward. If you have questions or concerns about the operation of the Court, please contact Ms. Ward at (740)373-6623 Ext. 253.



# ***PROBATE COURT CASES FILED***

<b>TYPE OF CASE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Adoption of Minor Child	14
Adoption of Adult	0
Miscellaneous Civil Proceedings	14
Admission of Will without Estate Filing	7
Full Estate Filings	135
Filing Will Only (no estate)	3
Summary Release of Estate	62
Release of Estate	80
Ohio Estate Tax Filings	36
Disinterment of Body	1
Conservatorship	0
Guardianship of Incompetent	28
Guardianship of Minor	6
Marriage Licenses Issued	461
Mental Illness	29
Minor's Settlement	7
Name Change	13
Registration of Birth/Correction of Birth Record	7
Transfer of Structured Settlements	2
Trusts	4
Wrongful Death Settlements	5
Search Warrants Issued	53
<b>TOTAL FILINGS FOR 2010</b>	<b>967</b>

# *JUVENILE COURT*

Judge Timothy A. Williams as the Probate Judge also serves as the Judge of the Juvenile division for Washington County.



Attorney Mark Kerenyi serves as the full-time Magistrate for the Juvenile Court. He was appointed by Judge Williams on March 1, 2004, to help handle the caseload of the Court.

Magistrate Kerenyi is a 1990 graduate of Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He was in the private practice of law from 1996 to 1998. From 1998 to 2004, he served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Washington County prior to joining the Court.

Together, the Judge and Magistrate hear the following types of cases: abused, neglected, dependent, unruly and delinquent children, juvenile traffic offenders, custody, visitation, parentage, child support actions, and cases charging adults with failing to send children to school and contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of children.

To monitor the behavior of the children that the Judge and Magistrate place on probation, the Court has a juvenile probation staff consisting of five (5) full-time probation officers.

The Court also operates the Washington County Juvenile Center, a residential treatment and rehabilitation program for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, which lasts an average of six months. The Center can accommodate 25 children in the program.

The day-to-day operation of the Court and Juvenile Center, including supervision of all employees, is managed by Court Administrator, Rae A. Ward. If you have questions or concerns about the operation of the Court or the Center, please contact Ms. Ward at (740)373-6623 Ext. 253.

## ***JUVENILE COMPLAINTS FILED***

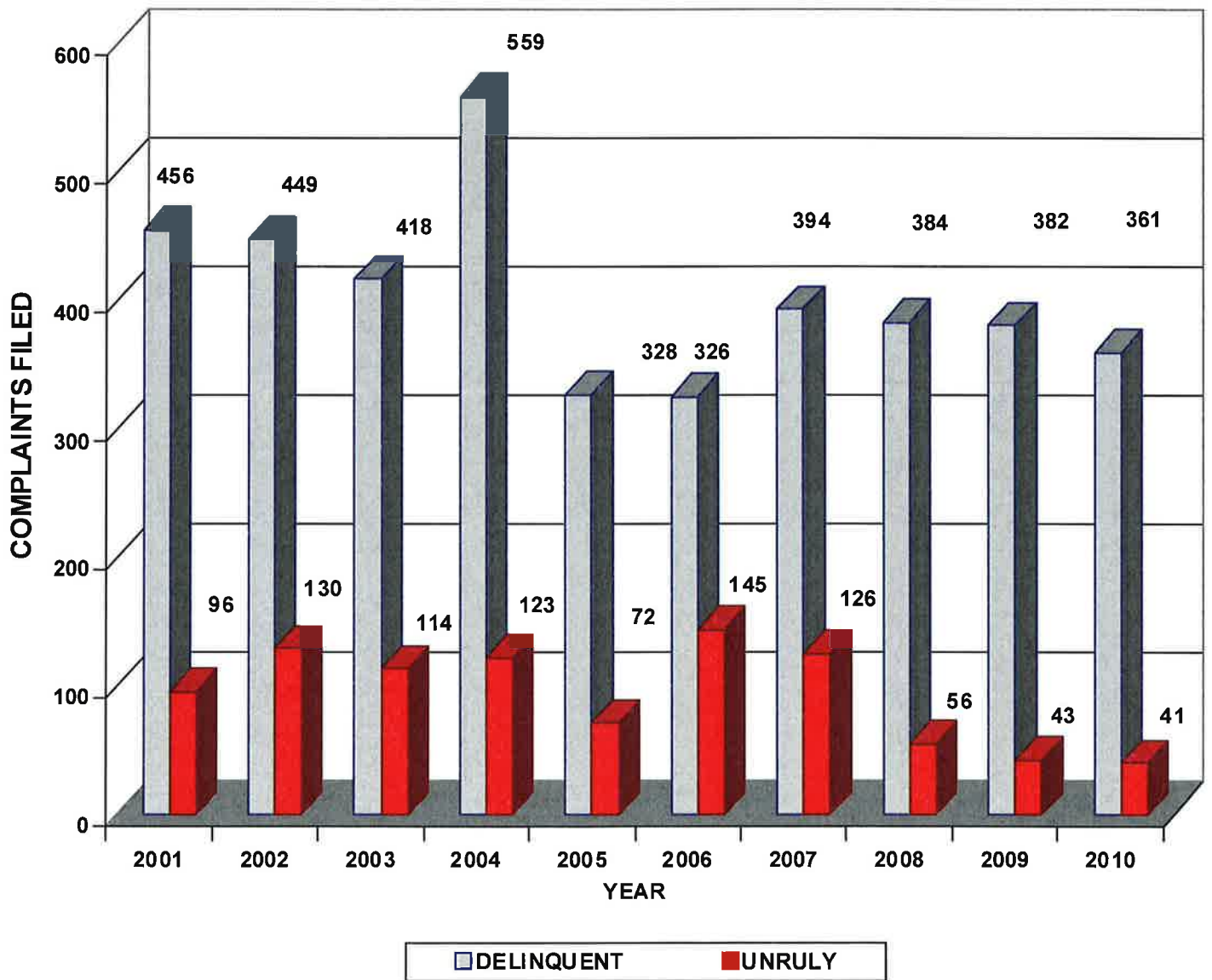
TYPE OF CASE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Delinquency (Juvenile Crimes – 349) (Truancy – 42)	285	76	361
Probation Violations	45	11	56
Unruly (School Truancy - 17) (Parental/School Unruly - 24)	23	18	41
Traffic	261	121	382
Tobacco Offenses	11	3	14
Abuse and Neglect	n/a	n/a	28
Custody	n/a	n/a	74
Permanent Custody	n/a	n/a	2
Paternity	n/a	n/a	7
Child Support Action	n/a	n/a	104
Juvenile Marriage	n/a	n/a	0
Complaints against Adults – Contributing	n/a	n/a	6
Complaint against Adults – Failure to Send Child to School	n/a	n/a	67
<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS FOR 2010</b>			<b>1142</b>

Of the above cases, 14 delinquency and 19 unruly were handled informally.

An **informal complaint** is a complaint which is handled by the Court in an informal administrative hearing by a probation officer rather than a formal court hearing. These complaints generally involve children who are coming to the Court for the first time and involve less serious offenses.



# *10 YEAR HISTORY OF DELINQUENT AND UNRULY COMPLAINTS*



# ***TOP 20 OFFENSES***

## ***Committed by Delinquent Children***

NUMBER	TYPE OF CASE	TOTAL COMMITTED
1	Criminal Damaging	92
2	Theft	67
3	Delinquent by School Truancy	42
4	Underage Drinking	29
5	Drug Offenses	27
6	Assault	20
7	Disorderly Conduct	16
8	Domestic Violence	14
9	Vandalism	11
10	Sex Related Offenses	8
11	Criminal Trespass	7
12	Escape / Violation of House Arrest	4
tie	Receiving Stolen Property	4
14	Obstruction of Official Business	3
tie	Menacing	3
16	Kidnapping	2
tie	Fleeing Police	2
tie	Weapons Violation	2
19	Negligent Homicide	1
tie	Resisting Arrest	1

# ***TOP 15 TRAFFIC OFFENSES***

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>TYPE OF CASE</b>	<b>TOTAL COMMITTED</b>
1	Speed	124
2	Seat Belt	65
3	Failure to Control	55
4	Assured Clear Distance	32
5	No Operator's License / License Violation	24
6	Failure to Yield	18
7	Stop Sign / Red Light Violations	16
8	Left of Center/Lane Violations	11
9	Unsafe Vehicle	7
10	Failure to Display Plates	4
tie	Drunk Driving	4
12	Reckless Operation	3
13	Passing School Bus	2
14	Turn Signal Violation	1
tie	Improper Backing	1

# ***PROBATION DEPARTMENT***

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*Probation staff makes regular contact with the children, parents, schools, agencies and others involved with the children to assist them in making positive changes in their lives.*

The Probation department monitors youth placed under Court supervision. The department's goal is to provide a community based corrections program with consistent sanctions geared toward altering behavior.

Probation officers see that probationers comply with Court orders by assisting the youth in accepting personal responsibility for their actions.

The Court has five probation officers. These five officers supervised a total of 271 children in 2010.

***116 Youth were placed on probation during 2010***

*72 male: 62%*  
*44 female: 38%*

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***A total of 271 Youth were supervised on probation in 2010, including 155 from previous year***

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***56 probation violations were filed in 2010***

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE***

The Community Service Program is a valuable and constructive dispositional option. The program has proven to be a positive way that juveniles can take responsibility for their actions. Youth are ordered by the Court to perform a specific number of community service work hours serving non-profit organizations in the community.

The Court monitors the progress of the children to ensure successful completion of court ordered community service hours.

In 2010, juvenile offenders provided a total of ***8,346 hours of volunteer work*** for various non-profit agencies in the community.

Based on minimum wage, the ***community received \$60,925*** in donated labor and services from these offenders.

## ***RESTITUTION PROGRAM***

The Juvenile Court Restitution Program provides a dispositional option for youth committing personal property crimes where restitution is appropriate. The program's goal is to assure that responsibility for behavior rests with the youth. It is also intended to obtain compensation for the victim.

Juvenile offenders who can make monetary restitution to their victim are ordered to pay the victim under the supervision of the probation staff.

In 2010, juvenile offenders were ***ordered to pay a total of \$4,419.25*** to their victims. A total of ***\$3,729.48 was collected*** and paid out for past and present restitution.





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### ***Administrative Personnel***

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Brian Hesson .....	Interim Superintendent
Natalie Doughty .....	Professional Clinical Counselor
Stephanie Galati .....	Case Manager
Niccole Burkhart .....	Case Manager
Mary Summers .....	Medical Coordinator
Lorraine Rammage .....	Administrative Assistant
Peggy Shiflett .....	Bookkeeper
Sue Lane .....	Teacher
Erika Copley .....	Teacher
Kendra Whittekind .....	Teacher's Aide

# *WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER*

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## *Mission*

The Washington County Juvenile Center is operated by the Juvenile Court and serves as an alternative to state institutionalization for youth of Washington County. Youth can only be placed in the Center by the Juvenile Judge.

The Washington County Juvenile Center is operated under guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Center is inspected by the Department each year and meets all state requirements.

The Center can accommodate 15 boys and 10 girls in the residential rehabilitation program, between the ages of 12 – 18.

The Center's mission is to provide a safe, structured environment where delinquent youth receive help for their special needs through a very structured behavior modification program. The program emphasizes positive reinforcement and focuses on improving the child's behavior, academics, and emotional and mental well-being.

# WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

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## *Program Highlights*

- *Rehabilitation plan prepared by child and family team consisting of child, parents, probation officer, case manager, counselor, and teacher.*
- *2 case managers and 13 youth specialists work with the youth helping them achieve their rehabilitation plan.*
- *2 certified teachers and 1 teacher's aide employed through Marietta City Schools provide individualized classroom instruction on site.*
- *Staff licensed professional clinical counselor provides individual mental health counseling to the youth.*
- *A licensed professional counselor provides family counseling.*
- *A licensed counselor provides individual drug and alcohol counseling.*
- *Mental health services provided by Tri County Mental Health.*
- *Weekly anger management and drug and alcohol group counseling provided by L & P Services.*
- *Court ordered parenting program.*
- *Tutors that help youth with problem academic areas.*
- *Community Service performed by youth.*
- *Voluntary running club for youth where they run daily and compete in local races.*
- *Voluntary non-denominational church services offered.*
- *Medical, dental, and optical care provided by local providers.*

# WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER 2010 Statistics

<b>REHABILITATION PROGRAM</b> *****	<b>SELTHER CARE PROGRAM</b> *****	<b>DETENTION PROGRAM</b> *****
<b>ADMISSIONS:</b> 2010 Admissions:           18 Males   12 Females 6  2009 Admissions still in Program during 2010:           18 Males   10 Females 8  Total Served 2010:   36 Males   22 Females 14  <b>RESIDENCE:</b> Washington County   36 Other counties        0  <b>OFFENSES:</b> Delinquent Children   36 Felonies           5 Misdemeanors   31 Unruly Children        0   Average days to complete program   188	<b>ADMISSIONS:</b> 24 Males   16 Females 8  <b>RESIDENCE:</b> Washington County   23 Other Counties        1  <b>OFFENSES:</b> Delinquent Children   24 Felonies           5 Misdemeanors   19 Unruly Children        0  <b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b> Average length of stay            35 days	<b>ADMISSIONS:</b> 46 Males   43 Females 3  <b>RESIDENCE:</b> Washington County   42 Other Counties        4  <b>OFFENSES:</b> Delinquent Children   44 Felonies           15 Misdemeanors   29 Unruly Children        2 Traffic                0  <b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b> Average length of stay            19 days
<p><b>Community Service Hours Performed: 4,867</b></p> <p><i>Based on minimum wage, the community received \$35,529 in donated labor and services from these probationers.</i></p>		

# ***PLACEMENT OF YOUTH OUTSIDE HOME***

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**Department of Youth Services**  
(Juvenile Prison System)

9 Boys  
0 Girls

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**Hocking Valley Community Residential Center**  
(Boys only facility located in Nelsonville, Ohio)

3 Boys

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**Washington County Juvenile Center**  
(Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, Marietta, Ohio)

12 Boys  
6 Girls

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**Foster Care with  
Washington County Children Services**

5 Delinquent and Unruly children  
33 Abused, Neglected and Dependent children