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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Re: 2010 Annual Report to County Board

To the Honorable Board of County Supervisors and Citizens of Ozaukee County,
Wisconsin:

The following is the report of the office of the Ozaukee County Clerk of Circuit Court for the calendar year of 2010.

In an office that is constantly evolving, 2010 brought many unexpected changes. In the three months following the fall primary the Clerk of Courts office transitioned to new leadership. The court staff deserves a round of applause for working through some very uncomfortable and tough issues that a contested race can bring. I would also like to publically thank the Circuit Court Judiciary, Tom R. Wolfgram, Paul V. Malloy, Sandy A. Williams, and Darcy E. McManus for their patience during this time of change.

Most case type filings and associated workload continue to rise annually at the Ozaukee County Clerk of Courts.

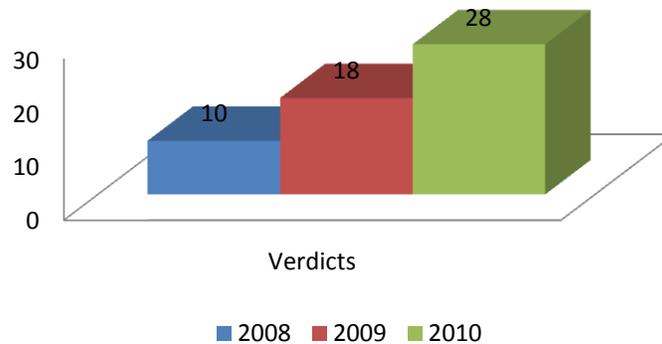
The 2010 case filings in each division follow:

Criminal	312	Felony
	835	Misdemeanor
	7344	Traffic
Civil	1093	Large Claims
	1545	Small Claims
	406	Family
	81	Paternity
Juvenile	33	Children in Need of Protection or Services
	95	Delinquencies
	144	Ordinance Violations
	15	Termination of Parental Rights
Probate	19	Adoptions
	165	Formal and Informal Probate
	64	Guardianships
	194	Civil Commitments

Jury Trials:

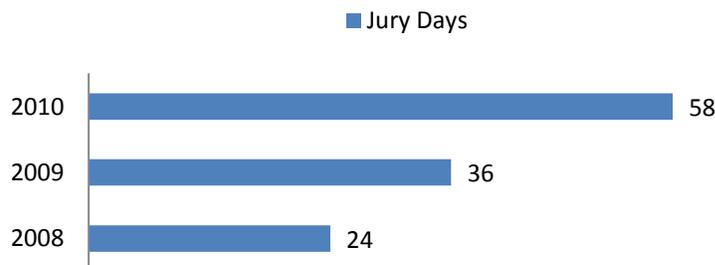
The number of jury trials heard before the court in 2010 reached a recent all-time high. There were 28 verdicts issued by the juries this year versus 18 in 2009. This year our annual cost of jury trials exceeded \$57,000. The costs associated with jury trials are more than double the amount that was budgeted for 2010. I will continue to investigate jury costs to find ways to stretch our dollars to accommodate the projected increase demand of jury trials within an upcoming budget that has fewer dollars allocated.

Jury Trials



The amount of actual days jurors served had an increase of 142% from 2008.

Jury Days



Results and Future Expectations:

Case filings will continue to rise as technology allows all justice partners and pro se litigants the tools to have greater access to the courts. The State of Wisconsin Consolidated Court Automation Programs known as CCAP affords my staff the instruments to deal with the ongoing increased workload. CCAP provides the following

hardware: a mainframe, 31 computer workstations, 14 printers, 2 receipt printers, and 1 scanner to our county. Additionally, CCAP provides the following statewide software case management, jury management, financial management, and other mainstream software licensing such as Word, Excel, and Power Point, to name a few. CourtNet is an online service that CCAP provides to the Circuit Court staff for model recordkeeping, education, and grant information. One of the best features of CCAP is their support hotline. Clerks have unlimited access to outstanding technical assistance from technicians employed here in Wisconsin. Maximum utilization of CCAP services in the Clerk of Courts office will allow our county to continue to meet the constitutional requirements of the office while being fiscally responsible with the taxpayers' money.

A new initiative on the horizon that I will be inviting you to participate in is a Judicial Ride-Along with the Circuit Court Judges. This program offers county board supervisors the opportunity to participate in the Circuit's Judicial Ride-Along Program. The program's goal is to provide public officials with insight into the vital role the courts play in the justice system. The program is designed to give supervisors a personal understanding of the daily duties and responsibilities of the trial court judge and court staff in relation to the volume, complexity, and variety of cases on the calendar.

Our courts are open to the public, and I encourage the citizens of Ozaukee County to observe the judicial process first hand. I would welcome an opportunity to discuss matters of mutual concern.

Respectfully submitted,

OZAUKEE COUNTY

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Lou Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a light blue shadow effect behind the text.

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