

PEND OREILLE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 2007 REPORT



Seated from left: Claudia Krogh (District Court Clerk); Judge Philip Van de Veer; Margi Porter (Civil Clerk); standing, T.J. Keogh (Crim. Clerk); Tricia Shanholtzer (Deputy Clerk); Scott Cornwell (Probation Director); Mia Harper (Deputy Clerk/Probation)

CASELOAD OF THE COURT

CRIMINAL FILINGS	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
DUI & PHYSICAL CONTROL	147	161	160	111	91	91	87	108	75	104
OTHER TRAFFIC	234	372	180	238	203	203	146	130	196	238
OTHER MISDEMEANORS	432	476	414	380	354	341	325	477	360	328
FELONY COMPLAINTS	15	15	6	6	2	5	8	5	0	0
FELONY IN-CUSTODY		82	52	69	71	63	68	78	96	74
TOTAL CRIMINAL	828	1106	812	804	721	679	634	798	727	744
CIVIL	135	164	193	196	187	189	169	175	181	187
SMALL CLAIMS	49	59	81	49	62	56	34	43	34	38
TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	1550	2107	1569	2034	1615	1472	1756	1412	1573	1625
NON-TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	9	35	183	93	65	125	160	128	155	164
PARKING INFRACTIONS	8	14	8	2	4	2	7	5	11	8
TOTAL CIVIL/CRIMINAL	2579	3485	2846	3178	2554	2523	2126	2561	2681	2766

Other Traffic Offenses include negligent/reckless driving, hit & run, driving suspended. Other Misdemeanors include assault (domestic violence), resisting arrest, obstruction, disorderly conduct, trespass, malicious mischief, theft, possession marijuana/paraphernalia, violation of a no-contact order, animal cruelty, fish and game violations.

PROBATION

District Court probation supervised 463 individuals during 2006. The Court conducted 220 post-conviction compliance review hearings during 2006 to monitor probationers ordered to undertake drug, alcohol or perpetrator treatment as a result of a criminal conviction or deferred prosecution. Ninety-one probationers complied with evaluation and treatment requirements. Forty-three defendants made progress, but the Court set a further compliance review to monitor and verify full compliance. Sixty-four defendants failed to demonstrate compliance. A warrant issued after twenty-two defendants failed to appear.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
District Court Probationers	440	471	432	488	463	354
Mandatory Compliance Review Hearings	173	188	116	199	220	175
Probationer In Compliance	109	105	56	72	91	73
Reset Hearing/Monitor Further Improvement	25	27	22	47	43	37
Probationer Not In Compliance	20	31	24	39	64	43
Warrant Issued	19	25	14	41	22	19

The Probation Department now uses ETG alcohol testing which can indicate whether an individual has consumed alcohol in the prior several days. This has proved an effective tool in enforcing a no consumption requirement, thus enhancing public safety and reducing the cost of incarceration.

Sixty-seven criminal defendants with significant prior alcohol related convictions were required to test for alcohol and/or drugs as a condition of release in 2007. Forty-nine defendants successfully remained alcohol/drug free during the monitoring process. Eighteen defendants tested positive for alcohol or drugs or failed to test as ordered and were taken into custody until trial in order to insure public safety.

For the year 2007, the program resulted in savings in the cost of incarceration of \$60,750 for the City of Newport and \$210,600 for Pend Oreille County (figuring \$45 per day incarceration costs avoided).

CLAUDIA KROGH

Claudia Krogh is retiring as Clerk of the District Court after twenty-three years of service.



When she started as a deputy clerk, court minutes were entered by hand into large leather volumes, and paperwork was completed on a typewriter using carbon paper. During her tenure, the District court has transitioned to computer utilizing a statewide electronic database.

Claudia Krogh was born Claudia Jared, the daughter of Pend Oreille County homesteaders. Her grandmother, Ruth, was county auditor, and her grandfather, Helmer, was Newport Chief of Police. She was raised in the Usk and Newport where her father worked for the Diamond Mill.

Claudia met and married Jim Krogh, also from Pend Oreille County, and they raised four children: Tina, Cody, Wendy and Matthew. Claudia has eleven grandchildren.

Claudia's knowledge of court procedures and county culture has proved invaluable in serving the citizens of

Pend Oreille County. She will be missed.