

PEND OREILLE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

2009 REPORT



Seated left: Margi Porter, Civil Clerk; Judge Philip Van de Veer; Brandy Hofstee, Deputy Clerk; standing: Scott Cornwell, Probation Director; Tricia Shanholtzer, Deputy Clerk-Probation; T.J. Keogh, Court Administrator; Mia Harper, Criminal Clerk; Rich Jennings, Bailiff.

CASELOAD OF THE COURT

Criminal filings remain low in comparison to the record filings in 1999 and 2000. This continued reduction can be attributed to (1) consistent law enforcement, (2) elimination of local meth labs, (3) fiscal support of local government leaders, (4) diligent district court probation supervision, and (5) continued community involvement in reporting and reducing crime.

CRIMINAL FILINGS	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
DUI & PHYSICAL CONTROL	161	160	111	91	91	87	108	75	104	104	95
OTHER TRAFFIC	372	180	238	203	203	146	130	196	238	210	154
OTHER MISDEMEANORS	476	414	380	354	341	325	477	360	328	327	323
FELONY COMPLAINTS	15	6	6	2	5	8	5	0	0	0	6
FELONY IN-CUSTODY	82	52	69	71	63	68	78	96	74	57	69
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1106	812	804	721	679	634	798	727	744	698	647
CIVIL	164	193	196	187	189	169	175	181	187	147	126
SMALL CLAIMS	59	81	49	62	56	34	43	34	38	20	27
TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	2107	1569	2034	1615	1472	1756	1412	1573	1625	1240	1398
NON-TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	35	183	93	65	125	160	128	155	164	157	145
PARKING INFRACTIONS	14	8	2	4	2	7	5	11	8	4	0
TOTAL CIVIL/CRIMINAL	3485	2846	3178	2554	2523	2126	2561	2681	2766	2266	2343

DISTRICT COURT PROBATION

Probation Director, Scott Cornwell, supervised 389 individuals during 2009. The Court conducted 202 post-conviction compliance review hearings to monitor

probationers ordered to undertake drug, alcohol or perpetrator treatment. One hundred and one probationers fully complied with treatment. Sixty-four made

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
District Court Probationers	488	463	354	434	389
Compliance Review Hearings	199	220	175	207	202
In Compliance	72	91	73	89	101
Reset Compliance Review	47	43	37	52	64
Not In Compliance	39	64	43	55	27
Warrant Issued	41	22	19	11	10

progress but the Court set a further review hearing to verify full compliance. Twenty-seven failed to comply and were subject to sanctions. A warrant issued for 10 defendants who failed to appear.

COURT FINES & COSTS

In 2009, the District Court recovered \$102,716.94 through collection efforts and participated in a statewide debt reduction program resulting in recovery of \$6,704.55 and the closing of multiple delinquent cases. The court continues to summon probationers back to court to monitor financial compliance, with emphasis on victim restitution. Margi Porter is in charge of financial compliance.



Court staff with, from left, public defenders Robin McCroskey and Barrett Scudder and prosecutors Tony Koures, Greg Hicks, and Dana Kelley.

