

PEND OREILLE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

2010 REPORT



Seated left: Margi Porter, Civil Clerk; Judge Philip Van de Veer; Brandee 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 consistent law enforcement, elimination of local meth labs, diligent district court probation supervision, and active community involvement.

CRIMINAL FILINGS	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
DUI & PHYSICAL CONTROL	161	160	111	91	91	87	108	75	104	104	95	73
OTHER TRAFFIC	372	180	238	203	203	146	130	196	238	210	154	199
OTHER MISDEMEANORS	476	414	380	354	341	325	477	360	328	327	323	366
FELONY COMPLAINTS	15	6	6	2	5	8	5	0	0	0	6	6
FELONY IN-CUSTODY	82	52	69	71	63	68	78	96	74	57	69	80
TOTAL CRIMINAL	1106	812	804	721	679	634	798	727	744	698	647	724
CIVIL	164	193	196	187	189	169	175	181	187	147	126	176
SMALL CLAIMS	59	81	49	62	56	34	43	34	38	20	27	8
TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	2107	1569	2034	1615	1472	1756	1412	1573	1625	1240	1398	945
NON-TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS	35	183	93	65	125	160	128	155	164	157	145	155
PARKING INFRACTIONS	14	8	2	4	2	7	5	11	8	4	0	0
TOTAL CIVIL/CRIMINAL	3485	2846	3178	2554	2523	2126	2561	2681	2766	2266	2343	2008

In 2010, the district court installed the F.T.R. digital recording system which is compatible with the superior court system. Digital recordings of hearings can now be provided quickly and efficiently. In addition, the district court purchased scanners and digitally scans all court pleadings creating a permanent record.

DISTRICT COURT PROBATION

Probation Director, Scott Cornwell, supervised 307 individuals during 2010. Under his direction, the Court conducted 273 post-conviction compliance review hearings to monitor probationers ordered to undertake drug, alcohol or perpetrator treatment. One hundred and forty-six probationers complied with treatment.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
District Ct. Probationers	488	463	354	434	389	307
Compliance Review Hearings	199	220	175	207	202	273
In Compliance	72	91	73	89	101	146
Reset Compliance Review	47	43	37	52	64	71
Not In Compliance	39	64	43	55	27	34
Warrant Issued	41	22	19	11	10	22

Seventy-one made progress, but the court set a further review hearing to verify full compliance.

Thirty-four failed to comply and

were sanctioned. A warrant was issued after 22 defendants failed to appear.

JUDICIAL EDUCATION

In 2010, Judge Van de Veer completed three years as a member of the Education Committee of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association. He is now on the faculty of the Washington Judicial College which provides yearly training to newly elected and appointed Washington judges. Judge Van de Veer will be teaching sentencing and probation at the college.

Pictured below are some of the legal professionals who regularly appear in Pend Oreille district court.



Standing left: Robin McCroskey & Barrett Scudder, defense attorneys, Tony Koures & Greg Hicks, county prosecutors, and Dana Kelley, city prosecutor.

Individual pictures left: Jeremy Schmidt, district court

prosecutor, Leitia Evans, extradition hearings, Dolly Hunt, prosecutor, Dennis Lewellen, defense attorney, Joyce Swafford, district court secretary, and



Tammie Ownbey, superior court clerk.