

PEND OREILLE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

2000 ANNUAL REPORT



YEAR IN REVIEW Several improvements were made during the year 2000:

- Probation Compliance Mandatory compliance review hearings are now required for all criminal defendants who are ordered to undertake drug, alcohol, or perpetrator treatment. This helps to insure prompt evaluation and treatment as well as reduce the number of subsequent criminal offenses.
- Hearing Impaired System The District and Superior Courts are now able to accommodate hearing impaired individuals through a shared wireless system. Several jurors or witnesses can be accommodated simultaneously.
- License Restoration There has been a significant decline in criminal traffic (DWLS) charges filed since implementation of the license restoration program. This has led to more efficient use of court resources (mandatory compliance hearings) while generating monthly income from individuals on the program who pay off back fines.
- Historical Records District Court records from the turn of the century to the 1970s have been organized and the leather bindings stabilized.
- District/Superior Court Cooperation In order to save money and improve services, the District and Superior Courts are sharing technology. This includes a shared conference telephone system and hearing impaired system. Superior Court matters are also scheduled in the District Courtroom.

CASELOAD OF THE COURT Court filing totals for 1997-2000 are as follows:

CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR & GROSS MISDEMEANOR				
	1997	1998	1999	2000
DUI/PHYSICAL CONTROL.	129	147	167	160
OTHER TRAFFIC	272	234	372	180
OTHER MIS-DEMEANORS	473	432	476	402
FELONY COMPLAINTS	6	15	110	52
TOTAL CRIMINAL	880	828	1119	794
CIVIL CASES AND INFRACTIONS				
CIVIL CASES	178	139	161	189
SMALL CLAIMS	49	49	59	81
TRAFFIC	1658	1550	2107	1569
NONTRAFFIC	7	9	35	184
PARKING	123	97	14	8
TOTAL CIVIL/CRIMINAL FILINGS				
CIVIL/CRIMINAL	2895	2672	3501	2825

Other Traffic Offenses include DWLS, negligent or reckless driving, hit & run, no valid license.

Other Misdemeanors include assault, resisting, obstruction, disorderly conduct, trespass, malicious mischief, theft, poss. Marijuana/paraphernalia, violation N.C.O., animal cruelty, fish and game violations.