

PEND OREILLE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

2012 REPORT



Front from left: prosecutor Greg Hicks and legal assistant Elaine Webb; defense attorney Robin McCroskey; defense attorney David Mabey; prosecutor Robin Harris; prosecutor Jeremy Schmidt; city prosecutor Dana Kelley; (Seated): court clerk Wendy Clark; Judge Philip Van de Veer; court/probation clerk Brandy Hofstee; (Standing): court administrator Rachel Johnson; court clerk Kyle Olson; probation director Scott Cornwell; criminal clerk Mia Harper; bailiff Rich Jennings (not pictured, prosecutor Dolly Hunt and defense attorney Dennis Lewellen)



Rachel Johnson is the new district court administrator. She brings experience in both district and superior court operations. Ms. Johnson has reopened the court to the public during lunch, streamlined court operations, and improved the process for scanning all court documents.

CASELOAD OF THE COURT

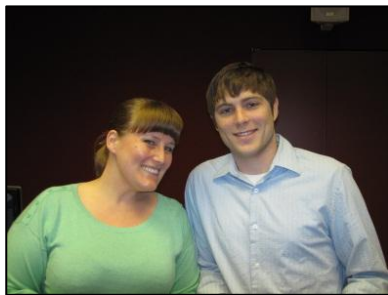
| CRIMINAL FILINGS | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
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| DUI & PHYSICAL CONTROL | 111 | 91 | 91 | 87 | 108 | 75 | 104 | 104 | 95 | 73 | 63 | 79 |
| OTHER TRAFFIC | 238 | 203 | 203 | 146 | 130 | 196 | 238 | 210 | 154 | 199 | 213 | 177 |
| OTHER MISDEMEANORS | 380 | 354 | 341 | 325 | 477 | 360 | 328 | 327 | 323 | 366 | 334 | 358 |
| FELONY COMPLAINTS | 6 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| FELONY IN-CUSTODY | 69 | 71 | 63 | 68 | 78 | 96 | 74 | 57 | 69 | 80 | 85 | 93 |
| TOTAL CRIMINAL | 804 | 721 | 679 | 634 | 798 | 727 | 744 | 698 | 647 | 724 | 703 | 713 |
| CIVIL | 196 | 187 | 189 | 169 | 175 | 181 | 187 | 147 | 126 | 176 | 173 | 173 |
| SMALL CLAIMS | 49 | 62 | 56 | 34 | 43 | 34 | 38 | 20 | 27 | 8 | 24 | 12 |
| TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS | 2034 | 1615 | 1472 | 1756 | 1412 | 1573 | 1625 | 1240 | 1398 | 945 | 867 | 957 |
| NON-TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS | 93 | 65 | 125 | 160 | 128 | 155 | 164 | 157 | 145 | 155 | 110 | 103 |
| PARKING INFRACTIONS | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 37 |
| TOTAL CIVIL/CRIMINAL | 3178 | 2554 | 2523 | 2126 | 2561 | 2681 | 2766 | 2266 | 2343 | 2008 | 1882 | 1995 |

DISTRICT COURT PROBATION

The Washington Department of Corrections has cut back on monitoring violent felony offenders. This presents a public safety problem. To address the situation in Pend Oreille County, District Court Probation is now working with the Superior Court judges and Pend Oreille County prosecutor to monitor selected felons residing in Pend Oreille County (Picture: Brandy Hofstee and director Scott Cornwell).

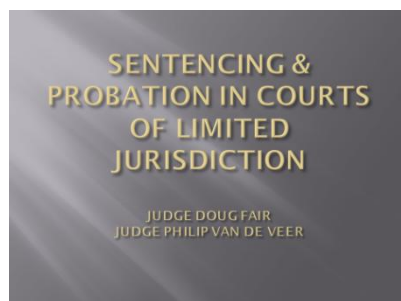


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|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| District Ct. Probationers | 488 | 463 | 354 | 434 | 389 | 307 | 342 | 238 |
| Compliance Review Hearing | 199 | 220 | 175 | 207 | 202 | 273 | 180 | 257 |
| In Compliance | 72 | 91 | 73 | 89 | 101 | 146 | 102 | 99 |
| Reset Compliance Review | 47 | 43 | 37 | 52 | 64 | 71 | 27 | 73 |
| Not In Compliance | 39 | 64 | 43 | 55 | 27 | 34 | 30 | 58 |
| Warrant Issued | 41 | 22 | 19 | 11 | 10 | 22 | 21 | 27 |



Wendy Clark replaced the retiring Margie Porter. Among other duties, Ms. Clark assists the public at the district court window and serves as the courtroom clerk for criminal first appearances. Kyle Olson works at the Superior Court, but helps out one day a week scanning documents to complete the district court conversion to full scanning and retention of all documents.

The county commissioners have taken steps to improve courthouse security. Deputy Geoff Rusho provides security when the superior court and district court have regularly scheduled dockets as well as upon request for specially set hearings. Deputy Rusho's duties include monitoring the entrance to the Hall of Justice and providing courtroom security when needed (Deputy Rusho wanding bailiff Rich Jennings).



Judge Van de Veer continues to teach at the Washington State Judicial College. This year's college was held in Bellevue, Washington. Judge Van de Veer and Judge Doug Fair (Edmonds Municipal Court) taught Sentencing and Probation to newly elected and appointed limited jurisdiction judges.