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**IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT  
CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO  
GENERAL AND TRIAL DIVISION  
JUDGE DOMINICK E. OLIVITO, JR.**

**COMMON PLEAS COURT 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**  
(January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016)

On January 1, 2016, the Court began the year with 172 active civil, domestic relations and criminal cases pending. During 2016, 453 cases in all categories were filed. On December 31, 2016, 172 cases remained on the Court's active docket.

The Court's active case caseload for 2016 was 625 cases. During 2016, 438 active cases and motions were completed by the Court.

In addition thereto other court functions and services were rendered by the Court during 2016. The Court impaneled three (3) Grand Juries and presided over seven (7) Grand Jury sessions. The Court heard numerous judicial release motions, conducted eight (8) criminal record expungement hearings, and 38 probation violation probable cause and merit hearings. The Court heard more than 120 Child Support Enforcement Agency contempt motion hearings and objection hearings. The Court interviewed 98 notary commission applicants and approved their applications for Notary Public.

During 2016 a total of 182 probationers were supervised and reported to the Adult Probation Department entailing 2,916 criminal bond reports and probation contacts being made by defendants to the Adult Probation Department. At year's end, Adult Probation

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Department is supervising 176 probationers. The Court through its Adult Probation Department

Department collected \$41,555.31 in fines and court costs and \$37,736.39 in restitution

The operating budget for the Court, Adult Probation Department, and the Jury Commission was \$449,771.00 for 2016. The Court returned \$99,323.22 to the general fund as unspent and saved from the total 2016 court budget. The budget for the Court, Adult Probation Department, and Jury Commission for 2017 is \$441,514.06.

The filing of new foreclosure lawsuits is consistent with national and state trends. The Court experienced increased filings of new domestic violence civil protection petitions. By way of criminal indictments for 2016, burglary, breaking and entering, theft, drug, and sexual offenses dominated the Court's criminal docket. During 2016, the Court sentenced sixteen (16) defendants to prison and thirteen (13) defendants to the Eastern Ohio Community Correction Facility. Adult Probation, the Prosecutor's Office and this Court actively prosecuted Common Pleas Court Adult Probation violations resulting in incarceration in the county jail, Eastern Ohio Correction Facility, and prison for those probation violations.

Stressful, emotional, and dangerous cases are handled daily by the Common Pleas Court. Security is necessary to prevent weapons and violence from entering and occurring in the Courthouse. Noting the numerous national incidents involving multiple person shootings at or near public buildings, concerns regarding securing the safety of county employees and the public when using the courthouse are real. The Second Street entrance to the Courthouse remains the only reasonable choice to permit unlimited but

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secure entrance to the Courthouse for visitors and packages to prevent weapons and  
violence from entering the Courthouse. The Courthouse Security Committee sets policy  
regarding access to the courthouse and court security, not the Common Pleas Court.

The Common Pleas Court continues to provide a fair, independent, professional and thoughtful environment for individuals and attorneys to resolve pending domestic relations, divorce, child custody, child support, felony criminal prosecutions and civil lawsuits. In order to further accomplish this purpose visiting judges have been requested and assigned to preside over six (6) cases during 2016.

The Court is staffed by Jewel Gallon, the Court's Administrator and Secretary, Douglas Bettis as the Official Court Reporter, and Timothy Patterson as Bailiff, and Judge Dominick E. Olivito, Jr.

The Carroll County Adult Probation Department is supervised by the Court and is staffed by Byron Fairclough, Chief Probation Officer, Hunter Borland, Assistant Probation Officer and Kelly Strock, Assistant Probation Officer. Randy Smith serves as a part-time Probation Officer when necessary.

The Jury Commission is staffed by Betsy Bair and Mary Sinclair.

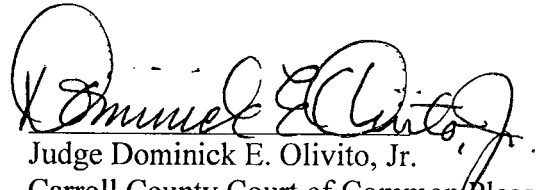
The Veterans Service Commissioners appointed by the Court are Lawrence R. DeDent, Thomas Barnett, Larry Tasker, and Tom Indorf.

Judge Olivito wishes to recognize the dedicated work and cooperation of the following: the Court's staff, Adult Probation Department, Clerk of Courts, William W. Wohlwend and his staff, Connie Budinsky, Denise Smith, and Jean Javersak, Sheriff's

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Department, all local Carroll County law enforcement agencies, Court Security Jury PM 3:47  
Commissioners, Prosecutors Don Burns, Jr. and Steven Barnett, and their staff, Victim's  
Assistance, Public Defender's Office, Attorney Steve Kandel, County Commissioners,  
Court Foreclosure Mediator Attorney Vincent L. Slabaugh, Director Shelly Martin and  
the CSEA, Veterans Service Commission, all Guardian Ad Litem, appointed counsel, all  
other County office holders, petit and grand jurors, all attorneys who practice before the  
Court and the public's support. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Judge Dominick E. Olivito, Jr.  
Carroll County Court of Common Pleas  
General and Trial Division