

One Court of Justice

# **Michigan Supreme Court 2006 Annual Report**

## **Probate Court Statistical Supplement**

In the Fall of 1997, the State Court Administrative Office commenced a project to revise the trial court caseload reports. The project was initiated partly in response to the creation of the family division of circuit court, but also to bring more uniformity between the three trial court jurisdictions. This new reporting system was implemented January 1, 2002. For caseload trends analysis see the *Michigan Supreme Court 2006 Annual Report*.

Much of the information in this report is due to the hard work and dedication of the trial courts and their information technology departments, the Judicial Information Systems, and staff of the State Court Administrative Office.

The caseload data for 2006 is provided in both a summary format and a detail format. The summary format is organized under categories that had been used in previous years so that comparisons can continue to be made from one year to the next. A legend is provided which explains under which category case type codes appear in the summary. The detail format shows the totals by each case type code.

	Estates, Trusts					Civil, Other		Guardianships, Conservators, Admissions, Mental Commitments							Total
	Det. of Heirs	Estate Admin.	Small Estates	Trust Inter Vivos	Trust Test.	Civil	Other Matters	Adult Cons.	Adult Guardian.	Minor Cons.	Minor Guardian.	Protective Orders	Judicial Adm.	Mental Com.	
Beginning Pending	0	817	111	203	45	318	56	434	1,309	191	1,110	75	7	1,459	6,135
New Filings	23	17,222	6,046	914	184	457	594	3,431	9,679	1,553	7,051	430	135	14,421	62,140
Reopened	0	991	298	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,512	2,814
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19,030</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>3,865</b>	<b>10,988</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>17,392</b>	<b>71,089</b>
Jury Verdict	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bench Verdict	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Uncontested/Dflt/Settled	0	0	0	0	0	141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141
Petition Granted	0	17,558	6,227	689	150	0	566	2,663	7,820	1,506	5,702	362	85	7,508	50,836
Order Determining Testacy	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Order Determining Heirs	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Petition Denied	0	42	13	15	1	0	1	48	82	5	169	0	2	89	467
Transferred	0	6	0	2	0	2	0	13	36	3	62	0	0	22	146
Dismissed by Party	0	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
Dismissed by Court	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
Petition Withdrawn/Dis.	0	217	84	76	16	0	9	694	1,565	57	1,184	27	35	3,523	7,487
Deferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,256	4,256
Inactive Status	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other Disposition	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Case Type Change	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	3	36	2	0	0	77
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>3,419</b>	<b>9,523</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>7,153</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>15,398</b>	<b>63,648</b>
<b>Ending Pending</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>7,449</b>

**Estates and Trusts**

Estate Cases Supervised by the Court During the Year	3,235
Total Number of Trust Registrations	144
	<b>Jan. 1</b> <b>New</b> <b>Closed</b> <b>Dec. 31</b>
Total Active Estate and Trust Cases	37,844   19,311   20,386   36,769

**Wills**

Total number of wills filed for safekeeping and delivered after death of testator	10,633
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**Foreign Birth**

Total number of motions filed with the court to establish delayed registration of foreign birth by court order	480
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**Other Mental Commitment Petitions Filed and Disposed**

					Total Petitions Filed for Second Order	520
<b>Guardianships/Conservatorships</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	Total Petitions Filed for Continuing Order	1,755
Total Adults with a Guardian	28,802	7,380	7,887	28,295	Total Number of Supplemental Petitions Presented to the Court for Court Ordered Examination on an Application for Hospitalization and Total Number of Petitions Presented to the Court for Court Ordered Transportation of a Minor	3,118
Total Adults with a Conservator	14,458	3,431	3,363	14,526	Total Petitions Granted for Second Order	488
Total Minors with a Guardian	32,671	7,051	8,235	31,487	Total Petitions Denied for Second Order	9
Total Minors with a Conservator	15,149	1,553	2,272	14,430	Total Petitions Granted for Continuing Order	1,586
Total Dev. Disabled Persons w/ a Guardian	19,698	2,299	1,858	20,139	Total Petitions Denied for Continuing Order	342

	Estates, Trusts						Civil/Other		Guardianships, Conservators, Admissions, Mental Commitments										Total
	DA	DE	DH	PE	TT	TV	CZ	ML	CA	CY	DD	GA	GL	GM	JA	LG	MI	PO	
Beginning Pending	70	747	0	111	45	203	318	56	434	191	437	858	14	855	7	255	1,459	75	6,135
New Filings	535	16,687	23	6,046	184	914	457	594	3,431	1,553	2,299	7,206	174	4,921	135	2,130	14,421	430	62,140
Reopened	170	821	0	298	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,512	0	2,814
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>18,255</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>3,865</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>8,064</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>5,776</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>17,392</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>71,089</b>
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Uncontested/Dflt/Settled	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141
Petition Granted	610	16,948	0	6,227	150	689	0	566	2,663	1,506	2,110	5,551	159	3,918	85	1,784	7,508	362	50,836
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Petition Denied	4	38	0	13	1	15	0	1	48	5	14	68	0	127	2	42	89	0	467
Transferred	1	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	13	3	6	29	1	28	0	34	22	0	146
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Estate Admin. – DA, DE

Small Estates – PE

Trust Inter Vivos – TV

Trust Test. – TT

### **Civil, Other**

Civil – CZ

Other Matters – ML

### **Guardianships, Conservators, Admissions, Mental Commitments**

Adult Cons. – CA

Adult Guardian. – DD, GA, GL

Minor Cons. – CY

Minor Guardian. – GM, LG

Protective Orders – PO

Judicial Adm. – JA

Mental Com. – MI