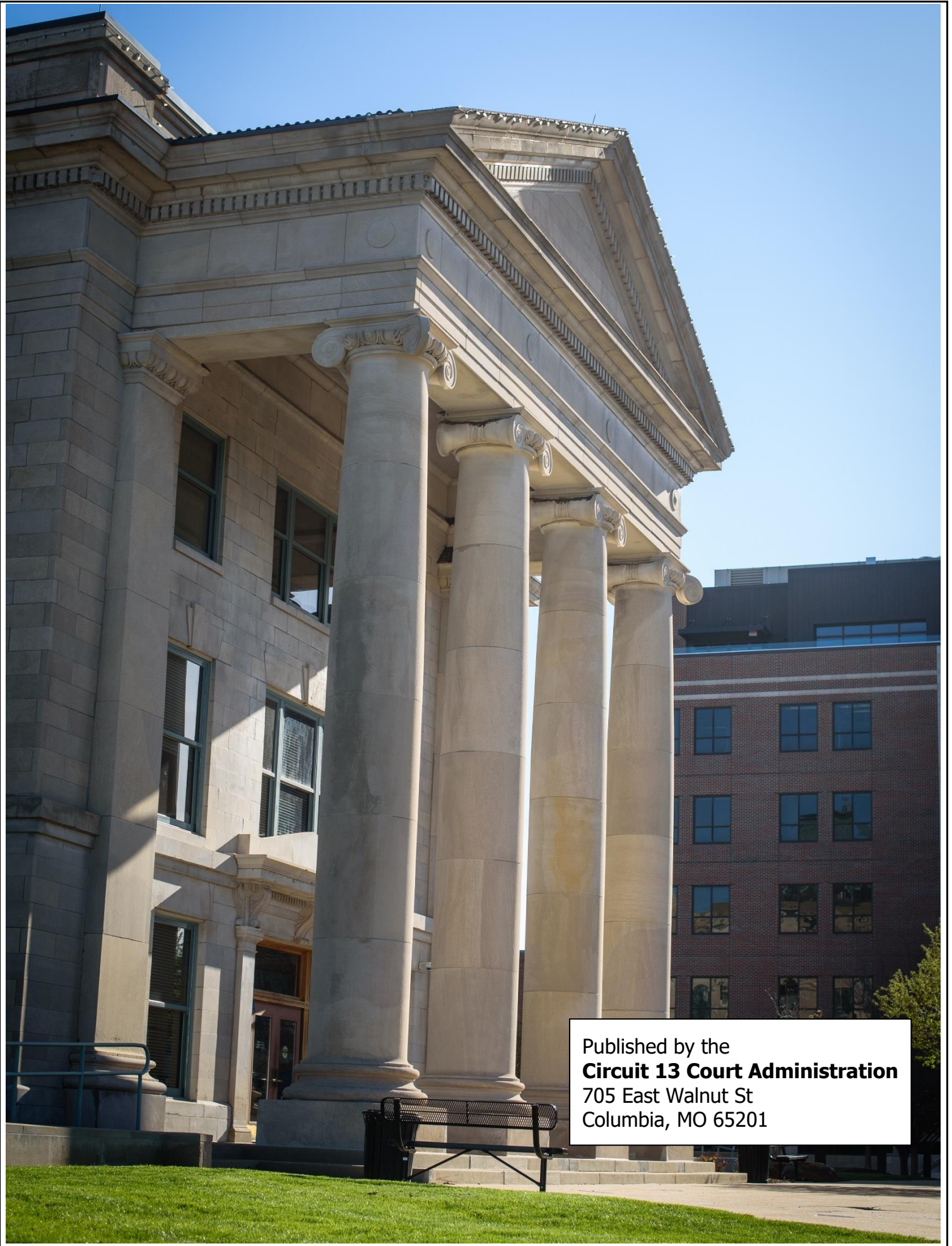


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The 13th Circuit Court serves you.



The Judges & Commissioners of the 13th Circuit Court of Missouri are honored to serve all who call Boone County and Callaway County home – as well as those who come to our great communities for school, recreation, or business.

The 13th Circuit Court of Missouri is committed to upholding all rights declared by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Missouri, doing justice in individual cases, providing a fair resolution to matters in dispute, deterring criminal behavior, and protecting individuals from the arbitrary use of government power.

The 13th Circuit Court respects the dignity of every person, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, veteran status, or political affiliation.



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13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MISSOURI

Missouri's 13th Judicial Circuit Court is comprised of Boone County and Callaway County.

We are the "heart" of Missouri's circuit court system!

**The Boone
County
Courthouse is
located in
downtown
Columbia.**



**The Callaway
County
Justice Center
is located in
downtown
Fulton.**





Our Courthouses are busy places!

In 2023 –

99,733 people entered the Boone County Courthouse.

We saw a 26% increase in foot traffic from 2022. While still not up to pre-pandemic levels, this increase is due to people being comfortable attending court in person again as well as the record number of jury trials in Boone County in 2023.

That is an average of **400 people each day in the Boone Courthouse.**

42,026 people entered the Callaway County Justice Center.

We saw a 21% decrease in foot traffic from 2022. This drop was due to the opening of the new building in April, 2023, which separated court business from the other county offices who shared the old Callaway County Courthouse. (county commissioners, county clerk, recorder, collector, assessor, etc.)

That is an average of **169 people each day in the Callaway Justice Center.**



2023 Notable Achievements

The big achievement for 2023 is the opening of the Callaway Justice Center. This new court building separates court business from the rest of the county offices, has better security, and four modern courtrooms with two capable of handling jury trials.

Other Notable Achievements/Improvements/Changes for 2023:

- New Associate Circuit judges started in Boone and Callaway, Judge Christopher Wilson for Division 6 and Judge Kayla Jackson-Williams for Division 10.
- Judge Brouck Jacobs was elected for another term as Presiding Judge of the 13th Circuit.
- Sherry Terrell was appointed Acting Boone County Circuit Clerk after the retirement of Christy Blakemore.
- Casey Clevenger was reappointed for another 4 year term as Treatment Court Commissioner.
- The 13th Circuit had a case clearance rate of 103%, meaning that our courts closed slightly more cases in fiscal 2023 than were filed during that same time frame.
- Technology update in Boone County's 3 West courtroom added larger screens, high-definition cameras, and greatly improved sound.
- Added pew cushions throughout Boone County's 3 West courtroom.
- Implementation of Amendment 3 (recreational marijuana legalization) expungement timeline for prior marijuana cases.
- Boone County's Veterans Treatment Court was approved as a regional treatment court and is able to serve veterans from throughout the Truman VA catchment in central Missouri.

JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE 13TH CIRCUIT

The 13th Judicial Circuit presently has 10 elected judges and 2 commissioners. These judges and commissioners come from a variety of legal backgrounds that add to the collective depth of experience and insights offered in our court system.

The number of circuit judges in each circuit is set by the legislature. Our four circuit judges are elected by constituents of both Boone and Callaway counties, and each serves a six-year term. Circuit judges are the only judges who have authority to hear felony criminal cases (murder, rape, arson, etc.) as well as complex civil cases where the damage claimed is over \$25,000. (breach of contract, medical malpractice, wrongful death, etc.)

The number of associate circuit judges is based on the population of each county within a judicial circuit, and are elected by the constituents of each respective county. Boone County has four associate circuit judges and Callaway County has two associate circuit judges, all serving four-year terms. Associate judges hear cases in family law, juvenile, probate, misdemeanor criminal cases, civil matters where damages claimed are up to \$25,000, and felony criminal cases up to the preliminary hearing.

The family court commissioner and treatment court commissioner are appointed by the Court en Banc, and each serve four-year terms. The family court commissioner presides over family court matters (domestic relations and juvenile cases), and the treatment court commissioner presides over the circuit's treatment courts (dwi court, drug court, etc). Commissioners have the authority to hear cases and make similar rulings like a judge does, but their decisions then must be reviewed and approved by a judge as only a judge can issue a judgment.

Article V of the Missouri Constitution specifies that a circuit judge must meet the following qualifications:

- At least 30 years old,
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri,
- US citizen for at least 10 years,
- A qualified voter of the state for 3 years,
- A resident of the circuit the judge serves for at least 1 year.

An associate judge must be:

- At least 25 years old,
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri,
- A qualified voter of the state,
- A resident of the county in which the judge serves.

Each judge and commissioner sit in a division. Judges and commissioners are often referred to by their division. In the 13th Circuit, divisions I, II, III and IV are presided over by circuit judges. Divisions V, IX, X and XI are presided over by Boone County associate circuit judges; Divisions VI and VII are presided over by Callaway County associate circuit judges. Division VIII is the family court commissioner. Division XII is the treatment court commissioner.

There is a presiding judge who is elected by the judges of the 13th Circuit. The presiding judge is the chief administrative officer over all other divisions. Among other things, the presiding judge is responsible for:

- presiding over Court en Banc meetings,
- docket schedules and making docket assignments among divisions,
- establishing procedures,
- supervising and appointing committees as needed,
- appointing personnel as provided by law to aid in conducting court business, and
- oversight of the nine municipal courts within the 13th Circuit.

Division 1 – Judge J. Hasbrouck Jacobs

PRESIDING JUDGE



Judge Brouck Jacobs was appointed to the court in 2017 and was elected to a full term in 2018. He was chosen by his colleagues to serve as Presiding Judge for the 13th Circuit Court in 2021. He presides over general civil and criminal dockets, as well as certain family court matters and involuntary mental health commitments.

Judge Jacobs is a graduate of Florida A&M College of Law, with an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Florida. Before his appointment, Jacobs served as an assistant prosecutor in Boone County. Prior to that he worked in private practice in North Carolina, and was an assistant prosecutor in Saint Louis County, and an assistant state attorney in Florida.

Division 2 – Judge Jeff Harris

Judge Jeff Harris was appointed to the 13th Circuit in April 2016 and has been elected since 2017. He presides over civil, criminal and family court matters.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Harris served as Policy Director for former Missouri Governor Jay Nixon. Judge Harris was a member of the Missouri House of Representatives from 2003 to 2009, serving as House Minority Leader and House Minority Whip.

Judge Harris is also a former Missouri Assistant Attorney General and was a trial attorney with the multinational law firm Bryan Cave LLP and the law firm of Atwill & Montgomery.

Judge Harris is a graduate of the Cornell Law School, where he was a member of the Board of Editors of the Cornell Law Review. He received his B.A. from

Vanderbilt University, magna cum laude. After graduating from Cornell, Judge Harris clerked for the Hon. William H. Barbour, Jr., Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Judge Harris is also a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive program. Judge Harris has sat with the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, by special designation.

A member of the 2004 Democratic National Convention Rules Committee, and among other honors, he has received the University of Missouri Presidential Citation Award; the Champion of Justice Award; the Defender of Patient Safety Award; the Betty Saunders Elected Officeholder Award; the AFSCME Champion of Service Award; the SSM Cardinal Glennon Champion of Children Award; the Hickman High School Outstanding Alumnus Award, and he was inducted into the Columbia Public Schools Foundation Outstanding Alumni Hall of Leaders. Judge Harris is a member of Missouri United Methodist Church and the Elwood Thomas Inn of Court.



Division 3 – Judge Kevin Crane



Judge Kevin Crane is a native Boone Countian. He graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia, School of Law in 1987. Judge Crane was an Assistant Attorney General for three years before taking a job as a Boone County assistant prosecutor in 1990. Judge Crane became Boone County prosecuting attorney in 1993 and held that position until 2006 when he was elected to Division III Circuit Judge, replacing Judge Ellen Roper.

Judge Crane presides over general civil and criminal dockets, as well as small claim dockets. Judge Crane served as Presiding Judge of the 13th Circuit from January 31, 2017 through January 30, 2021.

Judge Crane has four children. He likes military history, distance running and spending time outdoors.

Division 4 – Judge Joshua C. Devine

Judge Joshua C. Devine was initially appointed to his position by Governor Michael Parson on June 12, 2020. In November of 2020, he was elected to his position by the citizens of Boone and Callaway counties.

Before taking the bench, Judge Devine worked as a Principal attorney with Rogers, Ehrhardt, Weber & Howard, LLC, where he specialized in complex civil litigation. In 2018, Judge Devine served as an Associate Circuit Judge in Boone County, where he presided over thousands of associate level criminal and civil cases. Judge Devine previously worked as an attorney with Husch Blackwell LLP in St. Louis, and with Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC in Columbia.



Judge Devine earned a law degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia, where he was named to the Order of the Coif. He received numerous awards and accolades in law school, including the Judge L.F. Cottey Award for excellence in written and oral advocacy. He earned an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Truman State University, where he graduated with honors.

In private practice, Judge Devine was named to the Missouri/Kansas Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers Magazine for six consecutive years, from 2014 through 2019. He was also named to the 2019 Class of 20 Under 40 by the Columbia Business Times. He is honored to have previously served for six years on the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mid-Missouri, and to have previously served as President of the IMPACT Rotary Club of Columbia.

Judge Devine is married to Christina Devine, who works as an attorney with Boone County Family Resources. They are both proud graduates of Columbia Public Schools, and enjoy raising their two boys in Columbia, the community they have called home for most of their lives.

Division 5 – Judge Kimberly Shaw



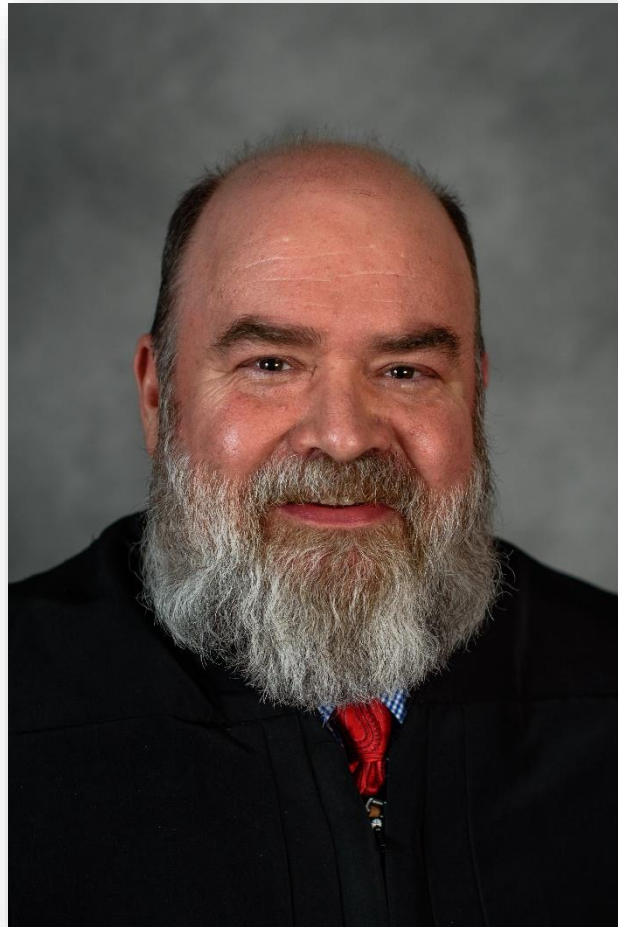
Judge Kimberly Shaw is a Boone County Associate Circuit Judge. Elected to the court in 2014, Judge Shaw was re-elected in 2018 and 2022.

Judge Shaw handles traffic and city court dockets, general civil and criminal dockets, and Child Support Court. Judge Shaw is a graduate of the University of Missouri – Columbia, School of Law, with an undergraduate degree in business administration from Columbia College.

Prior to election to the court Judge Shaw worked in the trial division of the Public Defender's offices in Boone and Cape Girardeau counties, the Public Defender Capital Division, and worked in private practice. Judge Shaw is married to Charles "Chuck" Brown and they have a blended family of four children.

Division 6 – Judge Christopher Wilson

Judge Christopher Wilson is an Associate Circuit Judge for Division VI within the 13th Judicial Circuit. He was elected to that position and took office on January 1, 2023. He presides over civil, criminal and juvenile court matters. Judge Wilson is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law and received his undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Wilson served as the Prosecuting Attorney for Callaway County.



Prior to his election as Prosecuting Attorney, Judge Wilson served as First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Callaway County, City Prosecutor for Fulton and Auxvasse, Municipal Judge of New Bloomfield, Assistant Public Defender (Kennett & Sedalia), and Legal Counsel for the Juvenile Officer for the 13th Judicial Circuit. In addition, he worked in corporate and private practice in Kansas City and Springfield.

Judge Wilson previously served as president of the Callaway County Bar Association, adjunct professor at William Woods University, board of directors for SERVE and CrossWind Ranch, as well as a youth football and baseball coach for the YMCA of Callaway County and the City of Fulton. He also served as master of ceremonies and speaker for the Missouri Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony at the State Capitol in 2019, 2021, and 2022.

Division 7 – Judge Sue Crane



Judge Sue Crane is a Callaway County Associate Circuit Judge. She was elected to the court in 2015. Her dockets include Family, Juvenile, Orders of Protection, Criminal Domestic Violence, Criminal Non-Support, Small Claims and the Municipal dockets of Auxvasse, New Bloomfield and Holt Summit.

Judge Sue Crane graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.S. in Animal Science and the University of Missouri, Columbia - School of Law. She currently serves as Chair of the state-wide Psychotropic Medication Advisory Committee (PMAC) and volunteers with Humanity for Children serving mothers and children in Eastern Africa.

Judge Sue Crane began her career as a public defender and then was in private practice until taking the bench. She is a past president of the Callaway County Bar.

Division 8 – Commissioner Sara Miller



Commissioner Sara Miller, was appointed Family Court Commissioner in 1994.

Division VIII hears family court cases, including juvenile court and domestic relations matters.

She is a graduate of the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law, with an undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Missouri Columbia.

Prior to appointment as commissioner she was in private practice with Tofle, Oxenhandler & Miller.

Division 9 – Judge Tracy Gonzalez



Judge Tracy Z. Gonzalez is a Boone County Associate Circuit Judge. Elected in 2018 and took the bench as Associate Circuit Judge, Division IX handles landlord/tenant matters, general civil and criminal dockets, adult abuse cases and juvenile court cases.

Judge Gonzalez is a graduate of the Saint Louis University, School of Law, with an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Prior to election to the Court, Judge Gonzalez served as the First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Boone County, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Boone County, Assistant Dean at University of Missouri School of Law, Director of the Child Protection Clinic at University of Missouri School of Law, Substance Abuse Awareness Program Coordinator for Palm Beach County, Florida and Assistant Public Defender in the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Judge Gonzalez is a member of the Elwood Thomas Inn of Court.

Division 10 – Judge Kayla Jackson-Williams



Judge Jackson-Williams was elected to the court in 2022. Division 10 handles general civil and criminal dockets, traffic dockets, and adult abuse dockets. Judge Jackson-Williams is a graduate of The University of Missouri – Columbia, School of law, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Justice Systems from Truman State University.

Prior to her election to the bench, Judge Jackson-Williams worked as a Senior Associate at Rogers | Ehrhardt Attorneys at Law where she did civil litigation. Judge Jackson-Williams also served as a Public Defender with the Boone County Public Defender's Trial Office.

Judge Jackson-Williams currently serves on the Missouri Supreme Court's Commission for Racial and Ethnic Fairness and the Missouri Supreme Court's Juvenile Justice Committee. She is also a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. as well as Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Judge Jackson-Williams is the proud mom of her amazing daughter and her labradoodle.

Division 11 – Judge Stephanie Morrell



Judge Morrell was elected to the court in 2018. Judge Morrell handles probate matters, general criminal and civil dockets in Boone County, as well as the Ashland Municipal Court docket.

Judge Morrell is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law and received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Kansas.

Division 12 – Commissioner Casey L. Clevenger



Commissioner Casey Clevenger is the Treatment Court Commissioner for the 13th Judicial Circuit, State of Missouri. She was appointed to preside over the Treatment Courts in 2015. She presides over Adult Drug Courts, DWI Courts, Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Co-occurring Court and Family Treatment Court. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and handled cases involving domestic and sexual violence, controlled substances and impaired driving. Commissioner Clevenger is the President of the Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals. She also serves as the American Bar Association Judicial Outreach Liaison for Missouri.

The Boone County Drug Court was the recipient of the 2021 Equity and Inclusion award at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals RISE21 Conference in National Harbor, Maryland.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

The Court Administrator manages the daily operations of the circuit court, under the direction of the Presiding Judge and the Court en Banc.



Cindy Garrett
Court Administrator



Derek Hux
Deputy Court Administrator

Court Administration is responsible for:

- Higher-level supervision of court operations and approximately 100 employees,
- Preparation of the annual court budget,
- Purchasing and accounts payable,
- Assisting in the establishment of new court programs and evaluating the effectiveness and cost of current court programs.
- Responding to requests for information from the media and the public,
- Responding to complaints of discrimination,
- Acting as liaison between the court and county officials,
- And numerous other duties as needed in service to the circuit.

Within Court Administration there are 8 full-time employees (5 state funded, 3 Boone County funded) and 2 part-time employees (1 state funded, 1 Boone County funded).

Other Administrative Departments

Along with Court Administration, our court employees are divided between seven administrative departments –

Court Marshals Office



- The Marshal of the 13th Circuit Courts is Mike Franks.
- Court Marshal's Office is in charge of security of the buildings & courtrooms, serving warrants, and taking defendants into custody upon conviction of an offense.
- Marshal Franks oversees 13 full time employees (1 state funded, 9 Boone County funded, 2 Callaway County funded, 1 Boone Law Enforcement Sales Tax) and 2 part time employees (2 Callaway County funded).

Technology Services



- Technology Services Supervisor is Craig Hosey.
- Technology Services is in charge of the court computer network, computer equipment, and Webex (video court) connectivity.
- Mr. Hosey oversees 3 full time employees (3 Boone County funded).

Court Services



- Court Services Supervisor is Diana Winn.
- Court Services is in charge of pretrial supervision of criminal defendants and post-conviction supervision of misdemeanor defendants with probation conditions.
- Ms. Winn oversees 6 full time employees (4 Boone County funded, 2 Boone Law Enforcement Sales Tax).

Juvenile Office



- 13th Circuit Juvenile Officer is Ruth McCluskey.
- Juvenile Office intervenes in the lives of families and children when necessary to protect children and promote community safety & well-being.
- Ms. McCluskey oversees 28 full time/benefitted employees (23 state funded, 3 Boone County funded, 2 grant funded)
- Juvenile Office has 4000 part time hours budgeted for program assistants.

Juvenile Justice Center



- The Superintendent of the Juvenile Justice Center is Tara Eppy.
- The Robert L. Perry Juvenile Justice Center is a 24-hour facility designated by the 13th Circuit to provide detention, evaluation services, and temporary care to juveniles found to be in need by order of the court.
- Ms. Eppy oversees 24 full time/benefitted employees (20 state funded, 4 Boone County funded)
- The JJC has 4600 part time hours budgeted for part time workers as needed.

Jury Service



- The Jury Supervisor for the 13th Circuit Courts is Martin Hoy.
- Jury Service coordinates and manages the approximately 30,000 residents of Boone and Callaway County who receive summons for jury duty each year.
- Mr. Hoy oversees 2 part time employees. (1 Boone County funded and 1 Callaway County funded)

Treatment Court

- Treatment Court is focused on rehabilitation and breaking the cycle of addiction and criminal behavior, offering treatment to the offender rather than incarceration.
- Treatment Court has 6 full-time/benefitted employees (1 state funded, 3 Boone Law Enforcement Sales Tax, 2 grant funded) and 1 part-time employee (drug court funded).

You can find much more information about these departments and the great work they do by looking at their respective departmental annual reports.

The full time and part time position numbers listed are the employment positions which have been funded. Many of these departments struggled with keeping fully staffed in 2023, especially in the part time positions.

The supervisors listed here were the department heads as of December 31, 2023.

NOTE:

While affiliated with the court, the Circuit Clerk and their staff as well as the County Prosecutor and their staff are not under supervision by Court Administration because those are independently elected positions.

Missouri's Judicial Circuit System

Missouri's judicial system is a separate and independent branch of state government, established through Article V of the Constitution of the State of Missouri.

Missouri is presently divided into forty-six separate judicial circuits. There is a court in every county of Missouri, and most circuits are comprised of multiple county courts. The 13th Circuit covers Boone and Callaway counties.

Missouri circuit courts are *courts of original civil and criminal jurisdiction*. That means that cases usually begin in the county courts, that this is the level where trials occur.

Missouri's 46 Judicial Circuits and 3 Appellate Districts



If necessary, someone could appeal a circuit court ruling to one of the three Missouri appellate courts for a review –

Western District, Eastern District, or Southern District.

The appropriate appellate court is determined by the circuit court location. We in the 13th Circuit are under the umbrella of the Western District Court of Appeals.

Then from there, the case could go to the Missouri Supreme Court. Located in Jefferson City, Missouri, it is the highest court in the state.

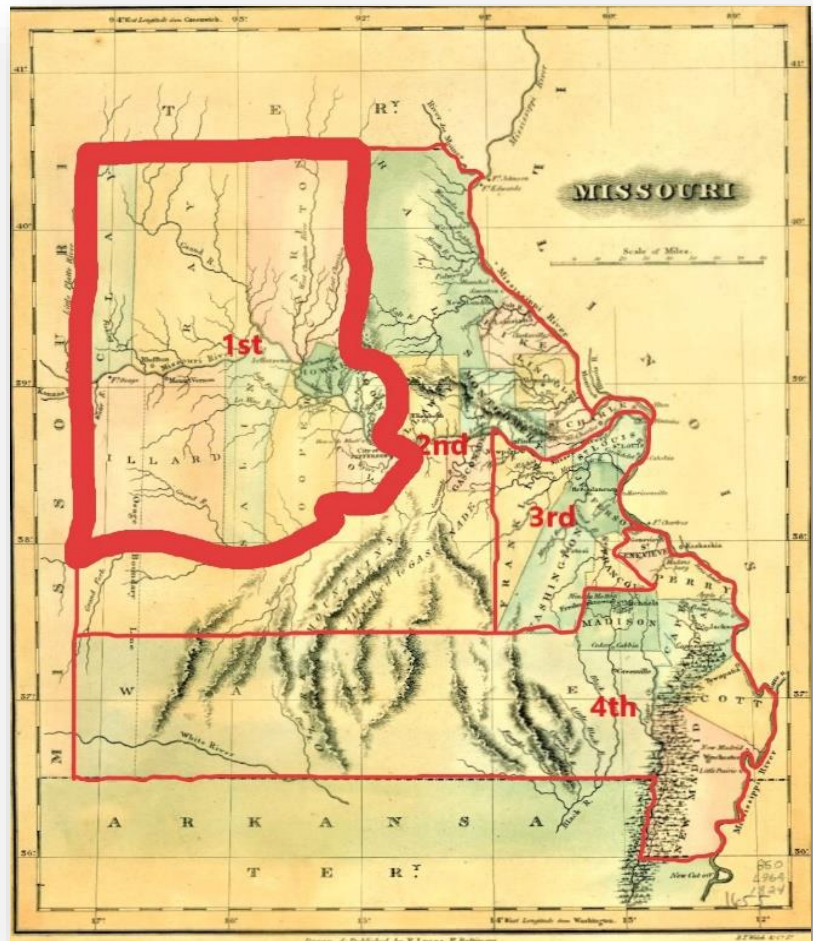
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History of the Court in Boone County

When Missouri became a state in 1821, Boone County was part of the 1st Circuit covering the North West quarter of the state. At that time, the 1st Circuit included Boone, Howard, Chariton, Ray, Clay, Lillard (now Lafayette), Saline, Cooper, and Cole Counties.

Starting in 1818, the Boone County seat was the town of Smithton. Columbia was designated county seat when Missouri was granted statehood in 1821.

The Honorable David Todd, having served as Territorial Judge since 1817, became the first Circuit Judge over Boone County.



FUN FACT:

Boone County's first Circuit Judge David Todd was a favorite uncle of Mary Todd, who married Abraham Lincoln in 1842. A young Mary often visited Columbia during Summers to spend time with Judge Todd's six daughters and three sons.

According to tradition, the first circuit court hearings were held outdoors during the Summer and in private homes during Winter.

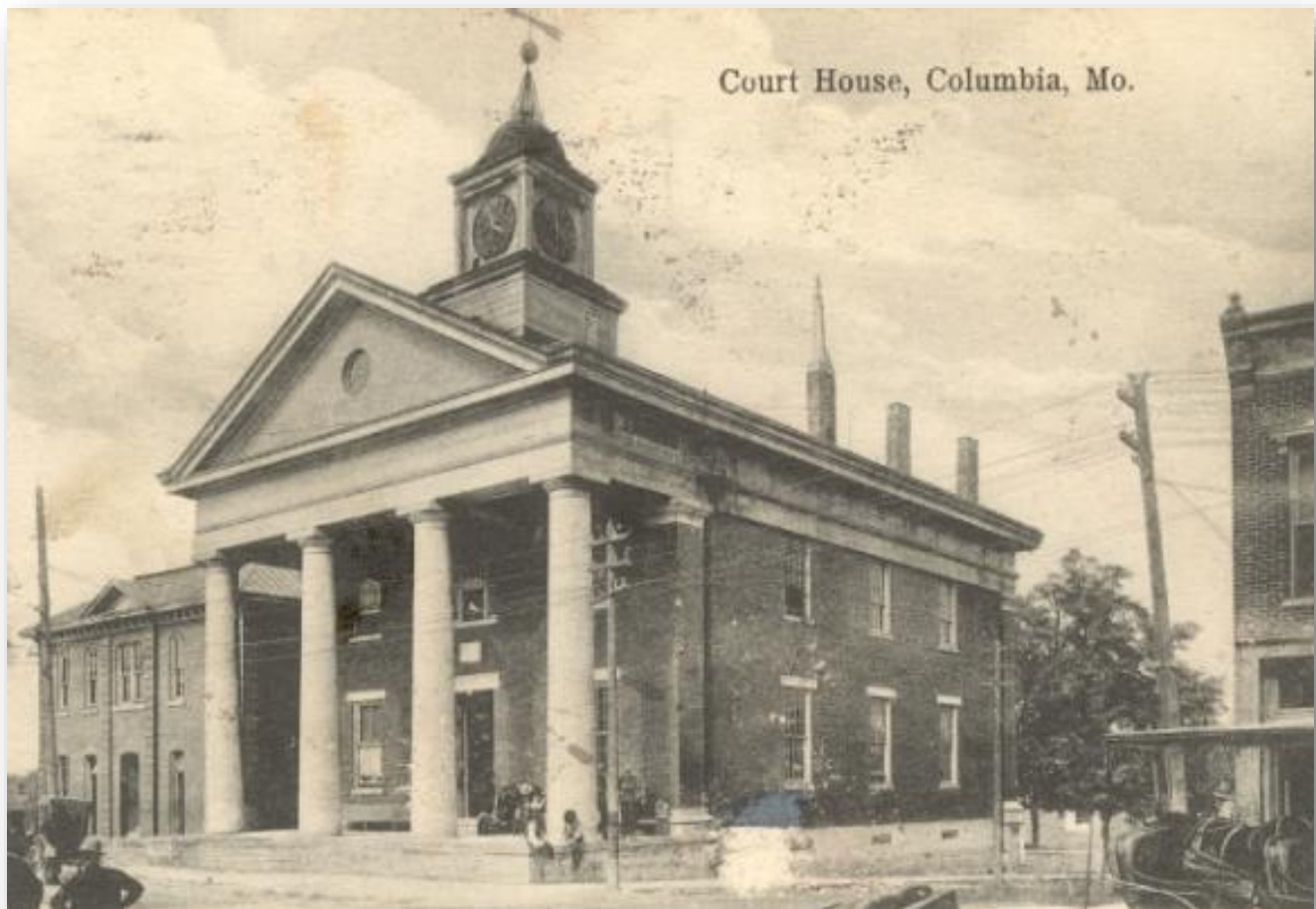
The first Boone County courthouse was constructed in 1828. It was a 40-foot by 40-foot square two-story brick building, and would be the first of three circuit courthouses to be built in Columbia. No known picture or drawing of this building survives.

On February 9, 1833, the judicial circuits were redrawn and the 1st Circuit of Missouri now consisted of Boone, Callaway, Randolph, Howard, Monroe, Cole, Morgan, and Cooper. This was the first date that Boone and Callaway would be in the same circuit together.

In 1839, the judicial circuits were redrawn and the 2nd Circuit of Missouri now consisted of Boone, Callaway, Randolph, and Howard Counties.

In 1845, the new counties of Macon and Audrain were added, joining in with Boone, Callaway, Randolph, and Howard to make a larger 2nd Circuit.

The second Boone County Courthouse was built in 1847, and measured 84 feet by 51 feet. Designed by William Jewell, the court appropriated \$15,000 for the building.

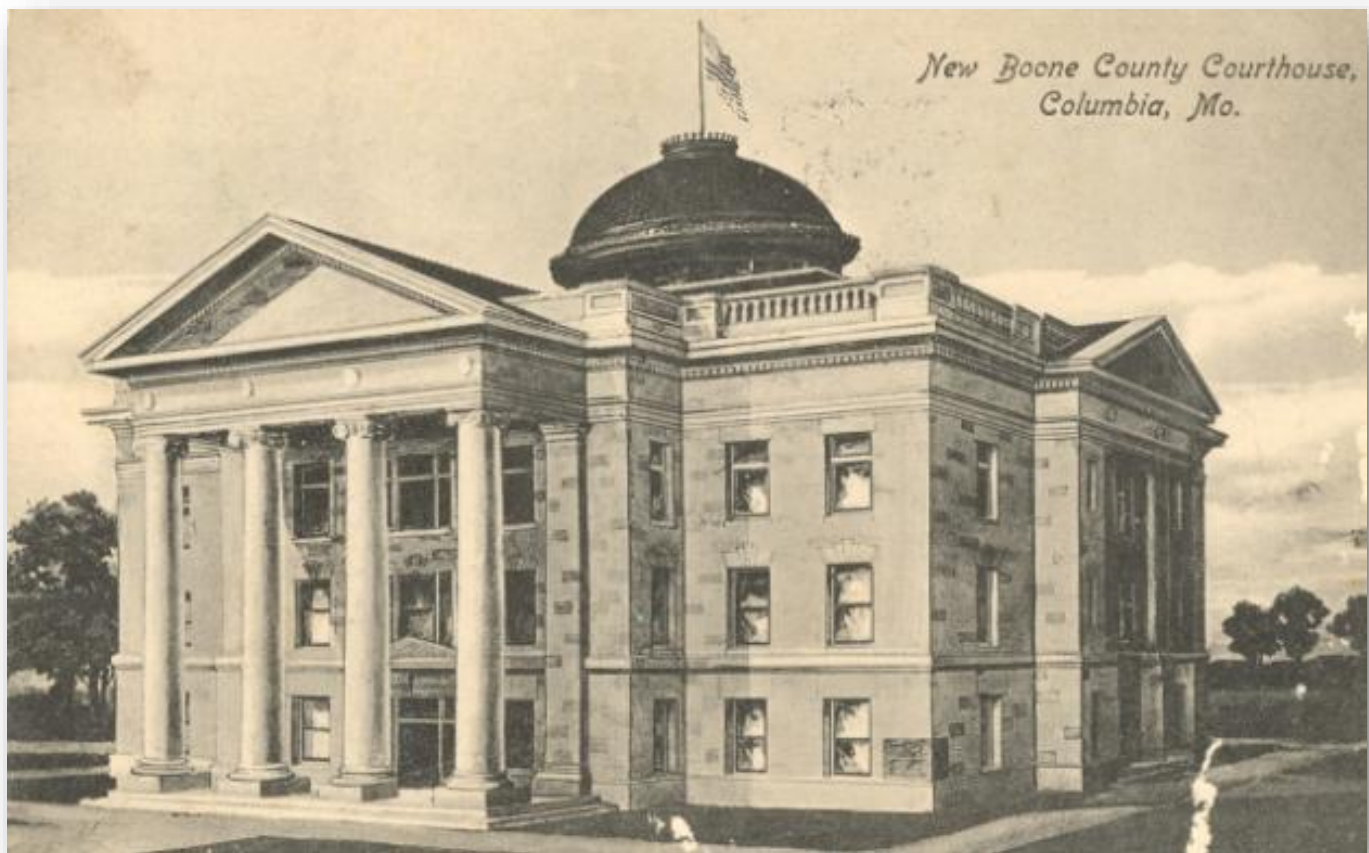


The four thirty-foot columns that presently stand alone on Walnut and 8th Street are all that remain of the second courthouse. Those courthouse columns align perfectly with the University of Missouri's old Academic Building columns located in the Francis Quadrangle.

In 1872, the 2nd Circuit was split again and went back to being Boone, Callaway, Randolph, and Howard Counties.

In 1892, Boone, Callaway, Randolph, and Howard Counties were re-designated the 9th Circuit.

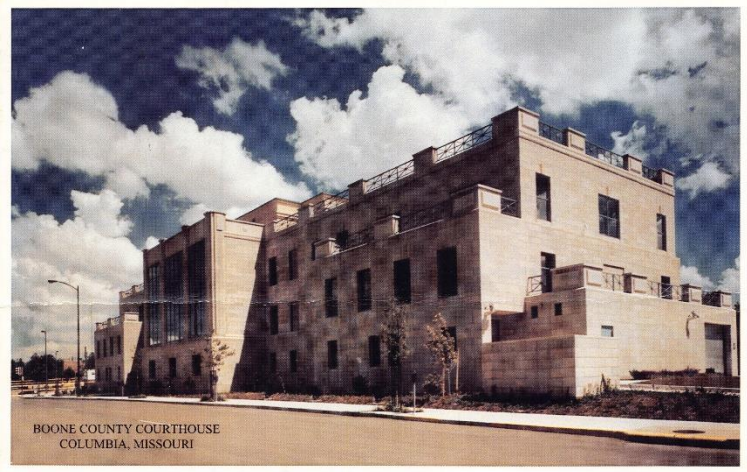
In 1906, construction started on the third Boone County courthouse. The original design featured a taller dome which was ultimately lowered to the more rounded dome we have today. Completed in 1909 at an estimated cost of \$100,000, this building remains the front of the present courthouse today.



In 1909, the 9th circuit was split and Boone and Callaway were designated as the new 34th Circuit. This was the first time that a circuit contained only Boone and Callaway Counties.

In 1959, pursuant to circuit court restructuring under RSMo 478.107, Boone and Callaway were designated as the 13th Circuit. And we remain the Missouri 13th Circuit Courts to the present day.

In 1992, a \$7 million addition and courthouse renovation were completed. This included construction of a courthouse annex connected to the original courthouse via a glass walkway. The southern-facing front side remained unchanged. This photo shows the new annex located behind the courthouse which had previously been the County Jail.



In 2008, the courthouse was again renovated and expanded adding two additional floors to the courthouse annex. A feature of this renovation was the addition of a state-of-the-art technology courtroom, which was equipped with multiple tv screens, computers on attorney tables, document scanner, and a high definition media camera – amenities that would 15 years later become essential parts of a modern remote-video-capable courtroom space.



The Boone County Courthouse is the administrative head of the 13th Circuit. It incorporates the office space for the Presiding Judge, Court Administrator and Judges Office staff, Jury Supervisor, and court reporters.

History of the Court in Callaway County

When Missouri became a state in 1821, Callaway County was part of the 2nd Circuit covering the North East quarter of the state as well as a long swath south of the Missouri River.

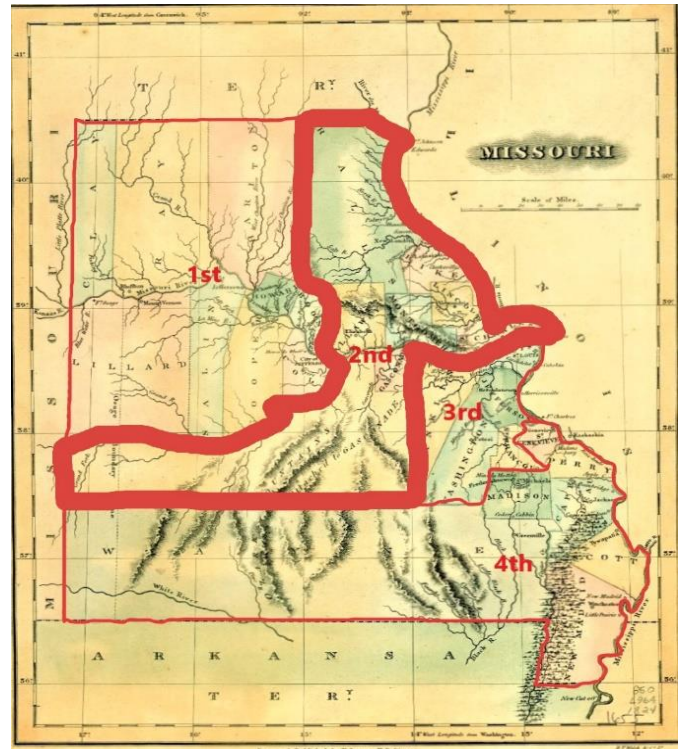
In 1821, the new town of Elizabeth was chosen to be the county seat. Established on 100 acres at "the west end of the Prairie commonly known by the name of Ham's Prairie", the town of Elizabeth (named after the local tavern owner's wife) no longer exists today.

The Honorable Rufus Pettibone served as the first Circuit Judge over Callaway County. In May 1823, Pettibone was appointed by Governor Alexander McNair to the Supreme Court of Missouri.

A look at the 1821 Missouri county map helps explain the odd shape of the 2nd Circuit. South of the Missouri River was a large area of unsurveyed territory that was considered part of Gasconade County.

The town of Volney became the county seat of Callaway County in 1825. At that time, the county erected a log building to serve as the county courthouse. This log building was the first official courthouse in what is now the 13th Judicial Circuit.

Volney was renamed the next year to honor the inventor of the steamboat, Robert Fulton.



In 1828, a second courthouse was completed in Callaway County. This time the courthouse was made out of brick and cost \$1,300. It was described as a two story, 36-foot by 36-foot square building, with the courtroom on the first floor and offices on the second. No known drawing of the building has survived.

On February 9, 1833, the judicial circuits were redrawn and the 1st Circuit of Missouri now consisted of Callaway, Boone, Randolph, Howard, Monroe, Cole, Morgan, and Cooper. This was the first date that Boone and Callaway would be in the same circuit together.

In 1839, the judicial circuits were redrawn and the 2nd Circuit of Missouri now consisted of Callaway, Boone, Randolph, and Howard Counties.

In 1845, the new counties of Macon and Audrain joined in with Callaway, Boone, Randolph, and Howard to make a larger 2nd Circuit.

The third Callaway County Courthouse was built in 1856 for \$17,850. Local legend is that the Callaway County courthouse was designed with six columns because the Boone County courthouse and Audrain County courthouse both only had four columns.



The Callaway Courthouse underwent an extensive remodel in 1885 adding the mansard roof and reshaping the bell tower.



The 1885 renovation was designed and overseen by local architect M. F. Bell. The mansard roof, window shape, and other details of this design matches similar features in other Bell buildings, notably the Palace Hotel which sits catty-corner to the courthouse.

In 1892, Boone, Callaway, Randolph, and Howard Counties were re-numbered to be the 9th Circuit.

In 1909, Boone and Callaway were split off to form the new 34th Circuit. This was the first time that a judicial circuit was only Boone and Callaway Counties.

The fourth courthouse was completed in December 1939 at a total cost of \$227,000. The previous courthouse was torn down in 1938 to make way for the more modern three-story structure which included the county jail and most of the other county government offices as well as the Callaway County Commission.



This design incorporated the traditional four columns into the stonework at the front entrance, and around the exterior of the courthouse are eight carved medallions representing eight significant events in Callaway County history.

On March 18, 1940, a large crowd gathered to witness the dedication, presided over by State Senator W. B. Whitlow who introduced the speaker, then Senator Harry S. Truman.

In 1959, the circuit courts were restructured under RSMo 478.107, and Boone and Callaway were now designated as the 13th Circuit of Missouri.

In 1996, a major \$2 million renovation began which refreshed its two courtrooms and moved the Callaway Prosecutor's offices up to the expanded 3rd story.

Other notable updates to the Callaway County Courthouse included adding a new hearing room on first floor in January 2011, as well as an exterior ramp and other accessibility improvements.

In 2021, construction began on Callaway County's new Justice Center which separated judicial functions from other county offices. The Callaway County Commission decided on a modern structure with similar architectural elements as the recently remodeled Fulton State Hospital.

Completed in April 2023, the Justice Center has space for four courtrooms with two capable of holding jury trials. The Justice Center has office space for the Callaway Circuit Clerk, Callaway Juvenile Office, Treatment Court, and Callaway Prosecutor.



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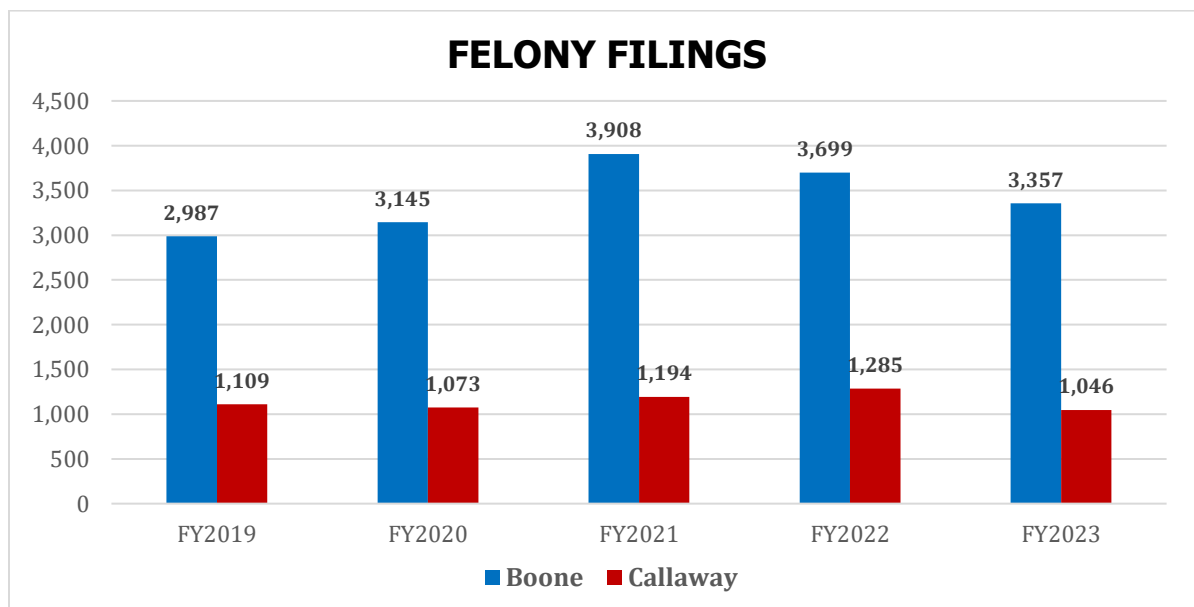
Total Cases Filed and Cases Disposed

| | Boone Filings | Boone Dispositions | Callaway Filings | Callaway Dispositions |
|---------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| FY 2023 | 22,112 | 22,429 | 5,929 | 6,351 |
| FY 2022 | 21,298 | 21,426 | 6,902 | 7,115 |
| FY 2021 | 22,628 | 22,785 | 7,127 | 7,267 |
| FY 2020 | 21,202 | 18,944 | 7,800 | 7,366 |
| FY 2019 | 20,146 | 18,895 | 6,613 | 6,301 |

Criminal Case Filings

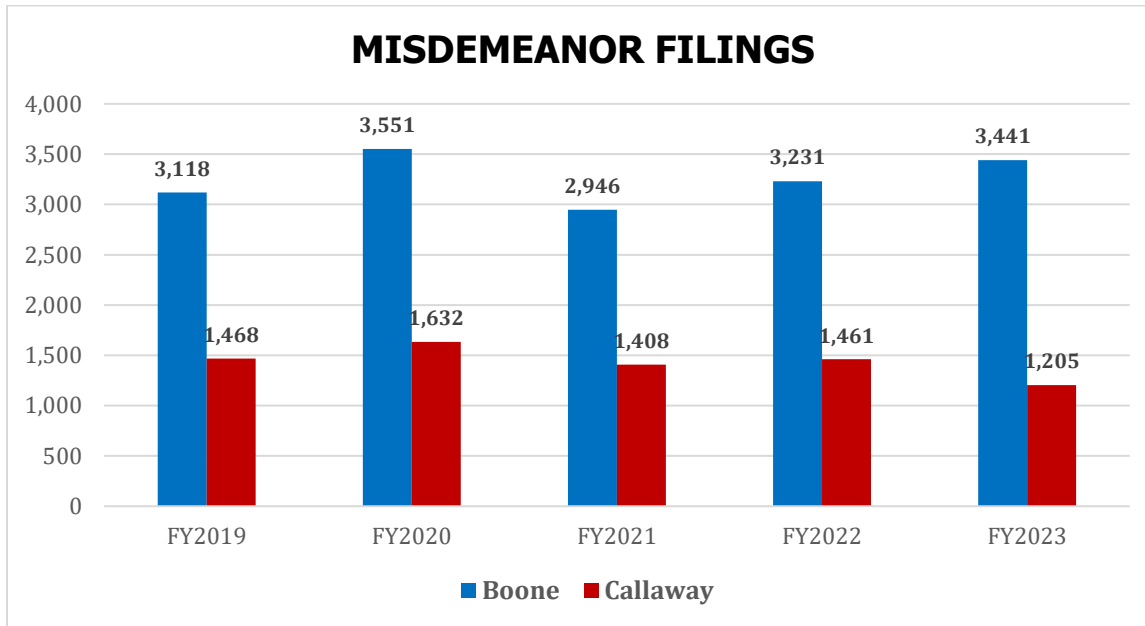
Felony Filings

Felonies are serious crimes that are typically punishable by more than one year in prison.



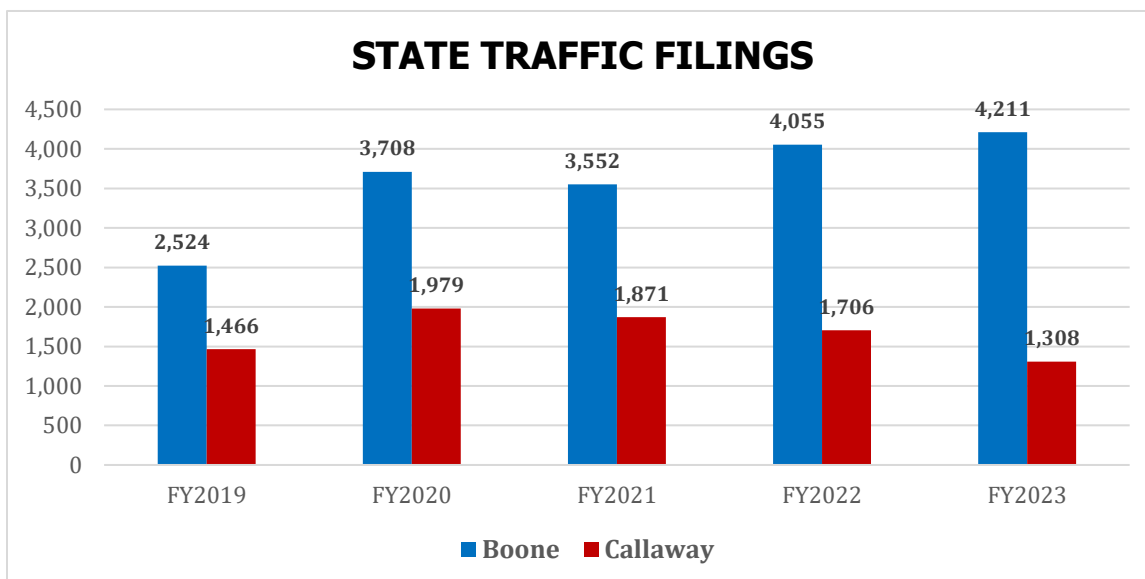
Misdemeanor Filings

Misdemeanors are lesser crimes that are typically punishable by up to one year in the county jail.



State Traffic Filings

Traffic cases are violations of state traffic laws. The totals below do not include the more serious traffic violations, (such as driving while intoxicated, or leaving the scene of an accident) as those cases are reflected in the numbers of misdemeanors and felonies.

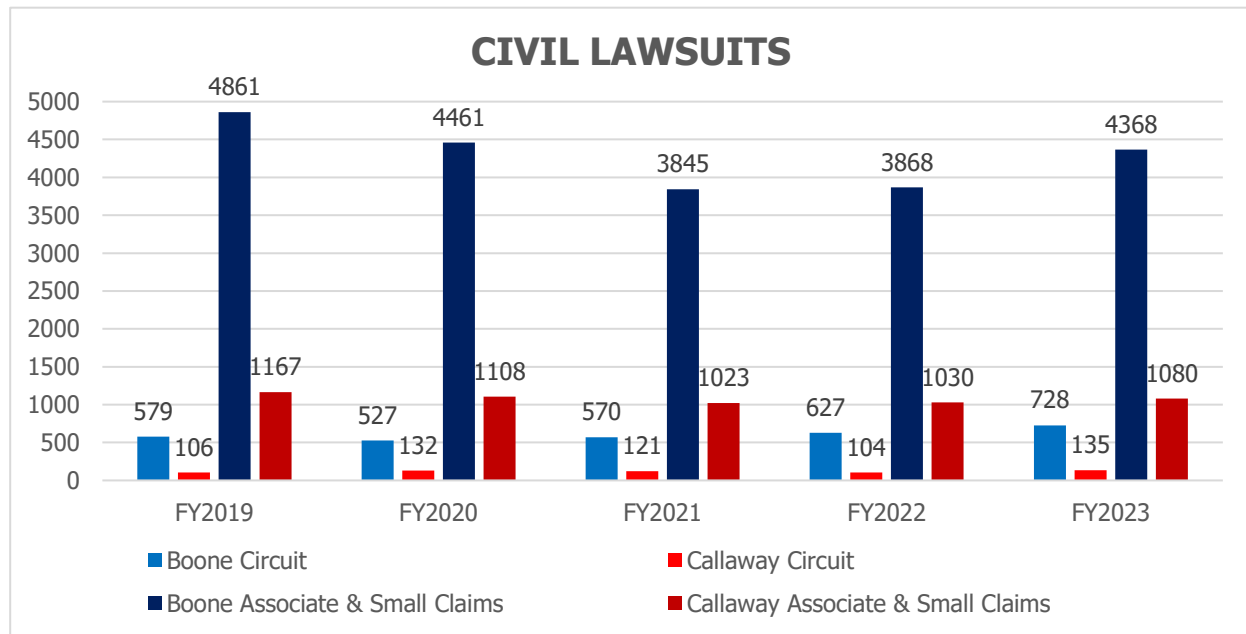


Civil Case Filings

Civil Lawsuits

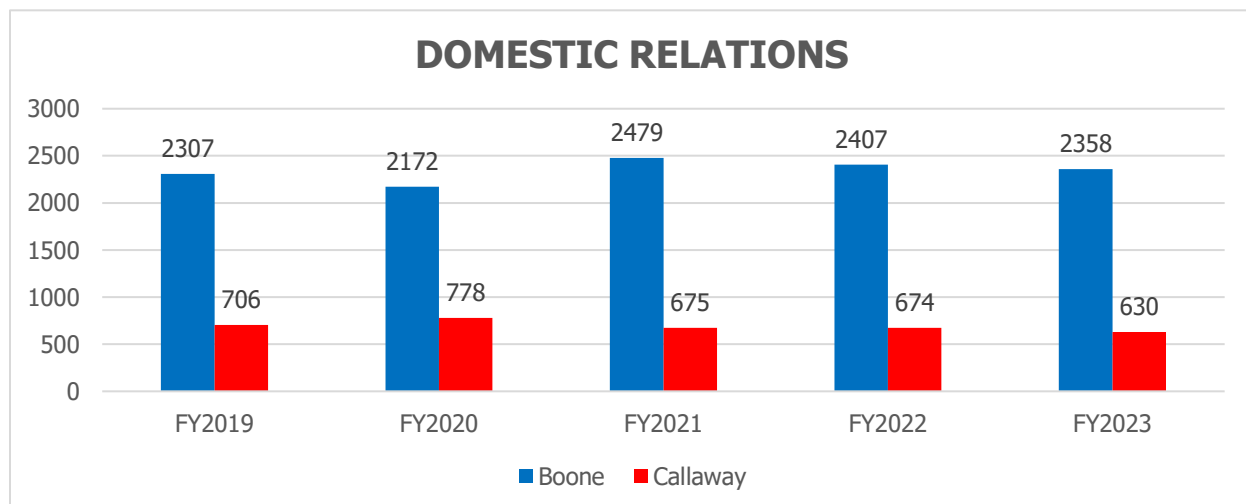
Civil lawsuits are separated between Circuit, Associate Circuit, and Small Claims based on the total dollar amount of damages at issue in the case:

- Circuit Civil are for matters where over \$25,000 is in dispute.
- Associate Civil are for matters which do not exceed a total of \$25,000.
- Small Claims is for any matter that is \$5000 or less.



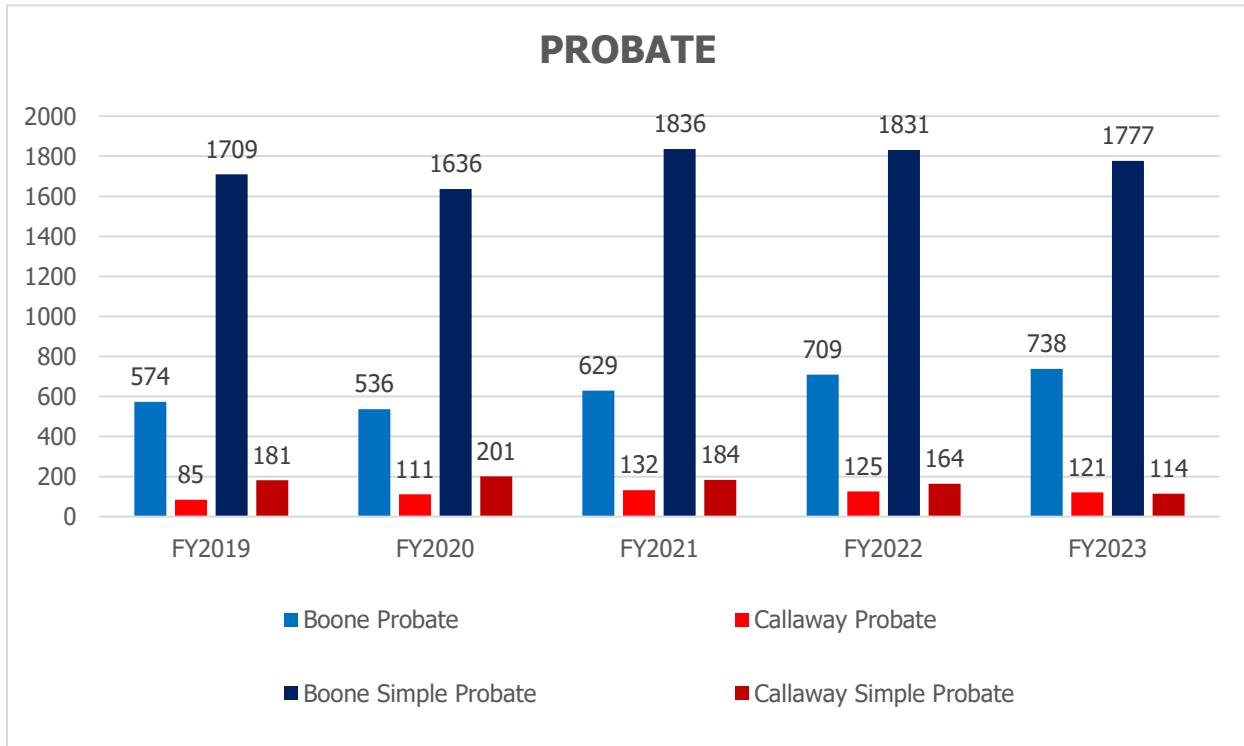
Domestic Relations

Domestic Relations are the family law cases -- divorce, paternity, child custody, etc.



Probate

Probate cases include decedents' estates; minors' guardianships and conservatorships; incapacitated/disabled persons' guardianships and conservatorships; mental health petitions; and cases involving the institutionalization of persons alleged to be sexually violent predators. Simple probate cases are abbreviated matters that can be resolved quickly.



Municipal Court

Municipal courts handle violations of a city's municipal code. The 13th Circuit has five municipal courts in Boone County and four municipal courts in Callaway County.

In Boone County, Columbia Municipality is a stand-alone court where all municipal cases are heard by a municipal judge appointed by the City of Columbia. Centralia, Ashland, Hallsville and Sturgeon municipal cases are heard by an associate circuit judge at the Boone County Courthouse.

In Callaway County, Auxvasse, Fulton, Holts Summit, and New Bloomfield municipal cases are heard by an associate circuit judge at the Callaway County Courthouse.

Boone County 2023

| | Ashland | Centralia | Columbia | Hallsville | Sturgeon |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Cases Filed | 94 | 177 | 3662 | 227 | 109 |
| Cases Disposed | 134 | 187 | 3913 | 246 | 100 |
| Court/Bench Trial (guilty) | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Court/Bench Trial (not guilty) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Plea of Guilty | 61 | 69 | 2053 | 88 | 29 |
| Violations Bureau | 50 | 97 | 1036 | 116 | 58 |
| Dismissed by Court | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Nolle Prosequi | 23 | 21 | 739 | 42 | 13 |
| Certified for Jury Trial | 0 | 0 | 74 | 0 | 0 |

Callaway County 2023

| | Auxvasse | Fulton | Holts Summit | New Bloomfield |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|--------------|----------------|
| Cases Filed | 13 | 252 | 0 | 168 |
| Cases Disposed | 10 | 189 | 0 | 132 |
| Court/Bench Trial (guilty) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Court/Bench Trial (not guilty) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Plea of Guilty | 3 | 108 | 0 | 51 |
| Violations Bureau | 5 | 55 | 0 | 67 |
| Dismissed by Court | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nolle Prosequi | 2 | 26 | 0 | 14 |
| Certified for Jury Trial | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

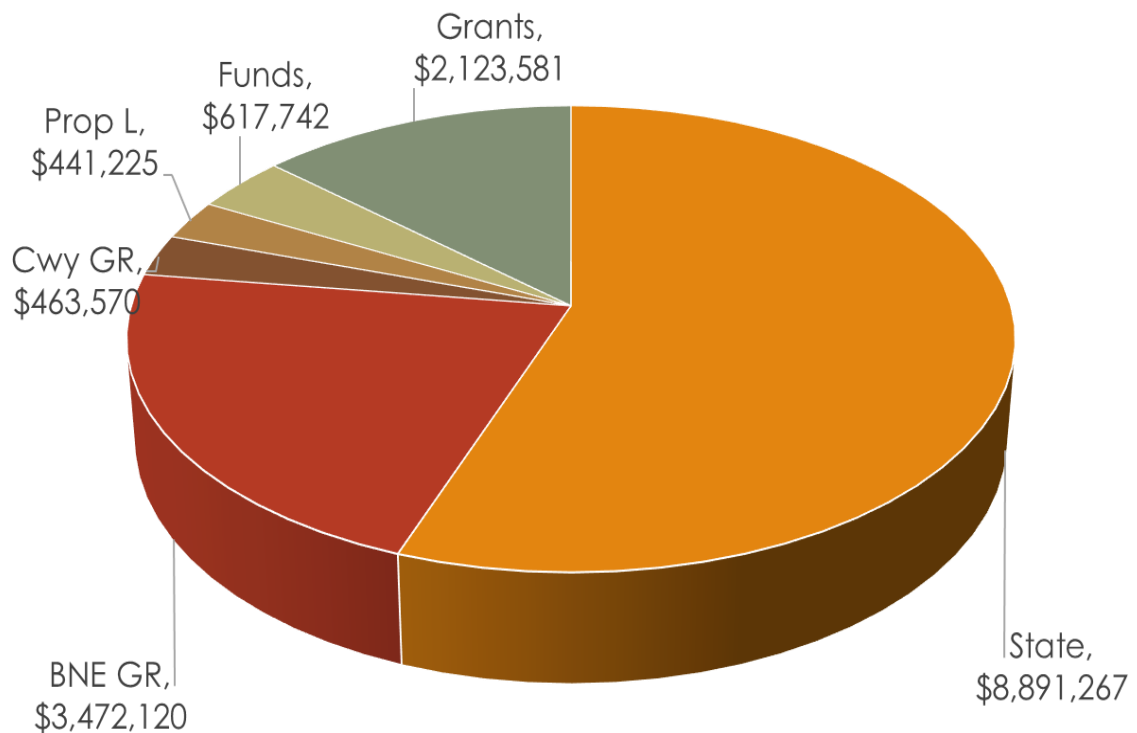
BUDGET

In 2023, the yearly budget for all court services was just over \$16 million.

The State of Missouri is the largest funding source for the circuit, which is for approximately 70% of the personnel costs within the circuit.

Total Funding Resources

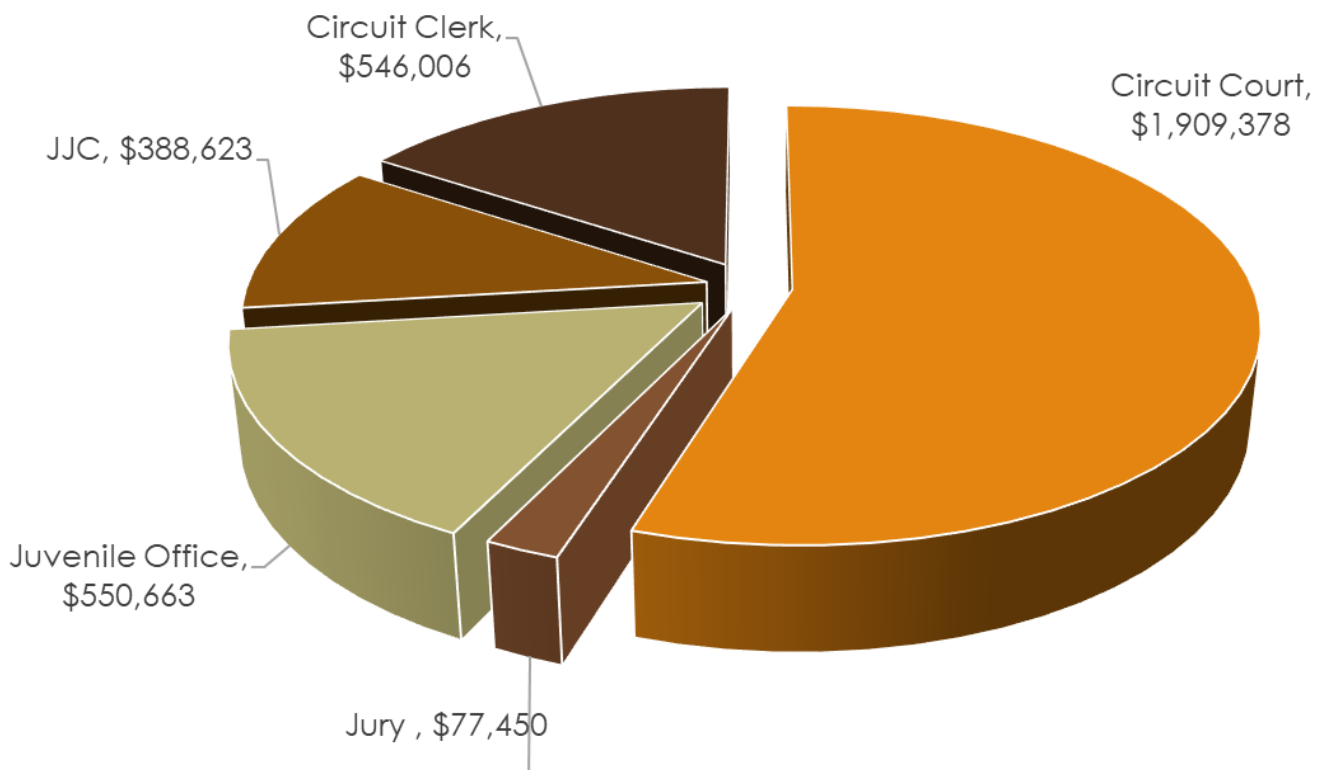
Circuit 13 total funding resources est. \$16,009,505



Boone County General Revenue

Boone County General Revenue is the funding source for these 5 departmental budgets. These include all county paid personnel.

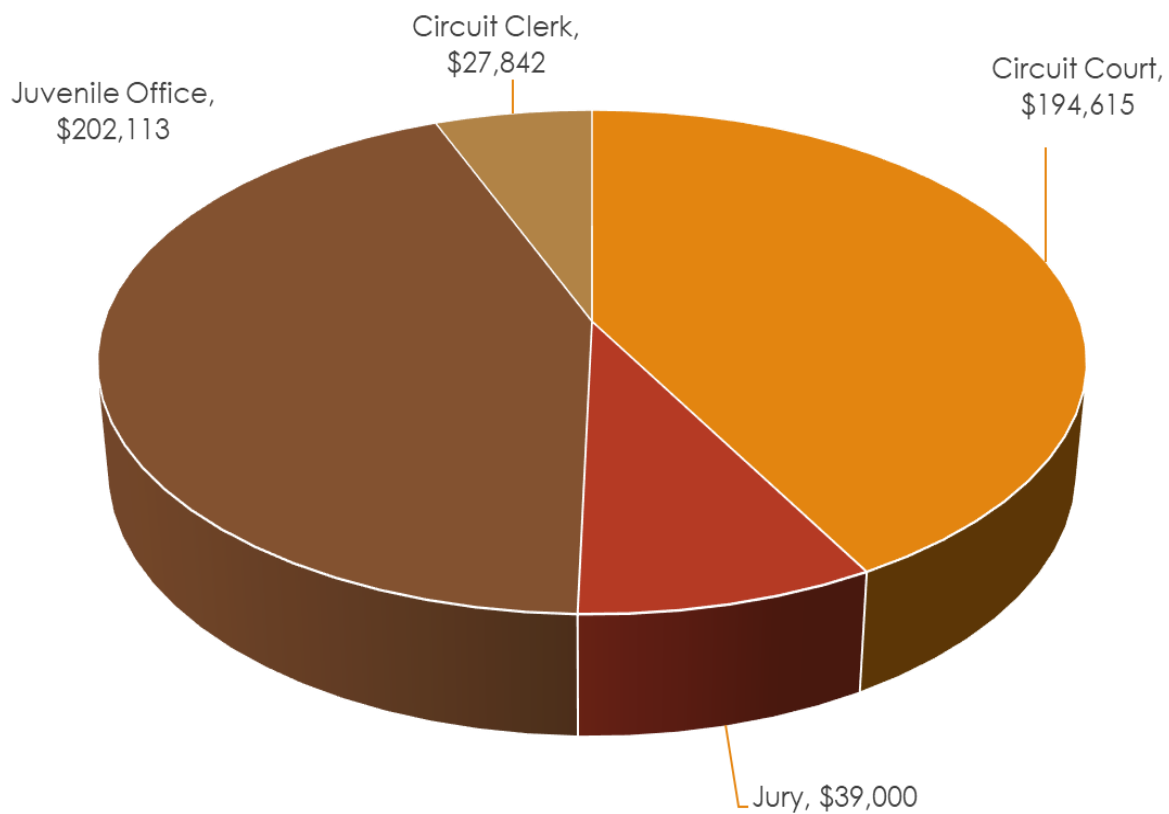
Boone County General Revenue = \$3,472,120



Callaway County General Revenue

Callaway County Gen Revenue is the funding source for these 4 departmental budgets. These include all county paid personnel.

Callaway General Revenue = \$464,570



FUNDS

The funds listed are administered by the court administrator. The revenue is generated by court participants and must be spent according to statute.

Family Services and Justice Fund

- This is a statutory fund pursuant to section 488.2300, RSMo.
- This fund's purpose is to aid in the operation of the family court, and funds shall be used for the benefit of litigants and recipients of services in the family court, with priority given to services such as guardians ad litem, mediation, counseling, home studies, psychological evaluation, and other forms of alternative dispute-resolution.
- Revenue is derived from collecting a \$30 surcharge in all proceedings falling within the jurisdiction of the family court.
- In 2016 the court started using this fund to pay for representation of juveniles with status offense cases since the public defender would not represent someone without the possibility of detention.
- Boone County FS&J fund had a balance of \$304,595 on December 31, 2023.
- Callaway County FS&J fund had a balance of \$133,969 on December 31, 2023.

Administration of Justice Fund

- This is a statutory fund pursuant to section 488.5025, RSMo.
- This fund's purpose is to improve case processing, enhance court security, preservation of the record, or to improve the administration of justice.
- Revenue is derived from the assessment of a time-payment fee of \$25 when a person does not pay a court-ordered judgement, penalty, fine, sanction, restitution, or court costs in full within 30 days of the order. Out of that \$25, ten dollars is payable to the clerk of the court of the county from which the fee was collected, eight dollars is deposited in the statewide court automation fund pursuant to section 476.055, RSMo, and seven dollars is paid to the director of revenue to be deposited in the general revenue fund.
- Boone County Adm of Justice fund had a balance of \$30,671 on December 31, 2023.
- Callaway County Adm of Justice fund had a balance of \$49,159 on December 31, 2023.

Law Library

- This is a statutory fund pursuant to section 488.429, RSMo.
- This fund's purpose is for maintenance and upkeep of the law library, for courtroom renovation and technology enhancement, for debt service on county bonds for such renovation or enhancement projects, and can be applied and expended for the family services and justice fund.
- Funds are collected pursuant to 488.426 in the amount of \$15 for civil cases in the circuit court.
- Boone County Law Library fund had a balance of \$61,130 on December 31, 2023.
- Callaway County Law Library fund had a balance of \$81,462 on December 31, 2023.

Treatment Court Funds

- Treatment court funds were established to account for fees received from defendants who participate in the treatment programs. Boone County and Callaway County have separate drug court funds for their respective programs. Fees from Co-Occurring Court and DWI Court are included in the Drug Court Funds.
- The Boone County Veteran's Court fund was established in 2013 as a sub fund to the larger Drug Court Fund to account for contributions made by Veterans United Foundation and fees received from defendants who participate in the Veterans Treatment Court program.
- Participant fees are used for program costs.
 - Drug Court fees are \$100 monthly.
 - DWI Court fees are \$150 per participant.
 - The Boone County Mental Health Court is paid for out of Prop-L funds, a law enforcement sales tax in Boone County. Since the court is funded by the tax, participants do not pay a monthly fee. Revenue received in the Mental Health Fund is for drug testing when participants plan to travel outside the county. The fees received for drug testing are used to reimburse the fund for the costs of those tests.
 - An indigency policy is in place to waive fees based on need or allow participants to work community service hours in lieu of fees.
- Boone County Drug Court fund had a balance of \$355,743 on December 31, 2023.
- Callaway County Drug Court fund had a balance of \$31,612 on December 31, 2023.

OTHER COURT PROGRAMS

Child Support Court

In 2019, Judge Kimberly Shaw started a Child Support Court in Boone County. This docket is in collaboration with the Prosecuting Attorney's office, Powerhouse Community Development Corporation, and United Community Builders. The goal of this court is to get non-custodial parents to start paying child support and working on arrearages (back owed child support), as well as working on their relationship with their children.

Of the 96 defendants who participated in 2023, the program was able to recover \$305,870.95 in child support!!!



This was just a slight reduction from the 98 participants and \$338,663.26 recovered in 2022.

The participants and dollars recovered amounts were essentially flat compared to last year, indicating that this program may be close to the ceiling level of what it can hold. Prior years saw significant growth -- 2021 recovered \$177,541.55 in past due support, and 2020 in only \$30,741.67 was recovered.

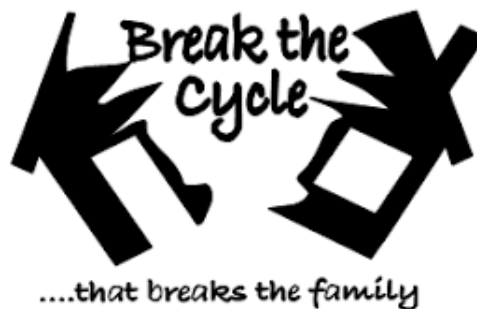
Participants use the Fathers Committed to Families program (also available for mothers) which has a goal of 90 days from enrollment for participants to obtain a full or part-time job. Much like a Drug Court program, services such as substance abuse groups, parent education, anger management, child support guidance, employment assistance and job readiness skills, life skills, and financial management are provided.

The prosecuting attorney's office decides whether a case is filed in this court, verses a criminal case being filed.

Child support monies can be collected on arrearages through voluntary payments, garnishment, abandoned property, and through other legal processes such as tax intercepts, liens on cash bonds, lottery winnings, and other actions taken by the Court, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Family Support Division.

Domestic Violence Docket

In 2008, grant funding was received to pay for a Domestic Assault Court Coordinator for the 13th Circuit. This employee is dedicated to the domestic violence dockets, tracks and reports on participants in evidence-based Batterer's Intervention Programs (BIP), acts as a liaison to domestic violence docket stakeholders, and assists with the processing of domestic violence cases.



Compared with previous years, 2023 had a greater number of participants.

| Number of offenders | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Participants entering a BIP | 53 | 70 | 71 | 69 | 93 |
| Completed BIP Program | 38 | 48 | 62 | 57 | 57 |
| Terminated from BIP Program | 38 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 18 |
| Discharged (dismissed/death/etc.) | | 14 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

Batterer's Intervention Programming is currently provided by Compass Health and TMT Consulting.

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Clinic

In June 2023, Judge Kayla Jackson-Williams invited central Missouri's legal aid organization Mid-Missouri Legal Services to attend her Landlord Tenant dockets in Boone County. Using one of the lawyer consultation rooms adjacent to the courtroom, MMLS attorneys were able to answer questions from pro-se respondents who are facing eviction.

This arrangement proved to be very beneficial, and MMLS continued throughout 2023 to attend the Landlord Tenant dockets.

LOOKING FORWARD

2023 was a success, and 2024 will bring some of its own challenges. Here are a few things we are anticipating for next year --

- ❖ Attorney Gretchen Yancey was chosen to be the next Family Court Commissioner, upon the upcoming retirement of Commissioner Sara Miller.
- ❖ A new phone system for the Boone County Courthouse and Juvenile Justice Center.
- ❖ Updating the technology in the Boone Ceremonial Courtroom and Jury Assembly Room.
- ❖ Replace several of the pew cushions in Ceremonial Courtroom.
- ❖ Finding creative ways to locate, hire, and retain quality employees.
- ❖ And much more!

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