

CLERK OF COURTS

Yearly Comparison

2017

2006-2015

AVERAGE

2016

2017

	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Legal Fees	\$168,958	\$149,165	\$223,031
Title Fees	\$342,832	\$464,609	\$474,999
B.M.V.	\$91.467	\$104,927	\$106,688
Dept. Taxation	\$8,647,662	\$11,360,297	\$12,497,383
Passports	760	660	707
Cert. of Title	28,996	32,374	32,848
Notations of Lien	7,770	9,206	9,113
Memos	7,101	8,640	8,505
Duplicates	1,402	1,452	1,497
W/C Cert of Title	388	474	509
W/C Notations	20	8	19
Salvage	226	219	248
Divorces Granted	108	85	83
Dissolutions Granted	87	73	83
Total Cases Filed	1,135	1,169	1,218
Civil	565	624	667
Domestic	270	225	231
Criminal	301	320	311
Court of Appeals	33	33	16
Foreclosures	312	152	181

*The Clerk of Courts has two main divisions -
- the legal office and the title office.*

*The clerk's team places a priority on customer
service. Our mission is to provide prompt,
courteous, accurate service to each
of our customers.*



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In memory and respect of Marcia Grose,
accounts manager who passed away July 1, 2017

HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS



2017

A Year in Review

Huron County Clerk of Courts, Susan Hazel, took a new oath of office and started a new term of service on January 2, 2017.

At the start of the year, the new state-wide Automated Titling Program was implemented after 8 years of development. Title work completed in 2017 was about 15% greater than the previous 10-year average. Almost 12.5 million was collected for the State Department of Taxation by Huron County's Title Office. Title fees of \$475,000 were collected for the county. \$110,000 was transferred from the clerk's Certificate of Title Fund to support the County's General Fund.

2017 fees to the county of \$223,000, from the Clerk's legal division were up by almost 50% from 2016.

Clerk's Computer Funds were used to pay for a new office phone system and significant case management system updates.

In an effort to prevent continued water damage to the courthouse, Huron County Commissioners made a commitment for major repairs to the bell tower. Plans for county facilities and records storage were addressed by the newly elected commissioners. The commissioners allocated \$50,000 to the clerk for the scanning of historical court records. The Clerk is working with Strategic Solutions on this project.

HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS 2017 ANNUAL REVIEW

- ◇ Taxes collected by the **TITLE OFFICE** increased by 10 percent from 2016.
- ◇ **Watercraft titling** was up by 30 percent from the previous 10-year average.
- ◇ The total of **1218 new cases** filed in 2017 was 4% more than the previous year.
- ◇ The number of **criminal cases** filed was 3% greater than the previous decade.
- ◇ The 225 **domestic cases** filed in 2017 was 15% below the previous decade average. The number of divorces granted was down by 13% from the previous decade.
- ◇ Of the 624 new **civil cases** filed in 2017, more than 300 were court-ordered titles.
- ◇ Foreclosures initiated in 2017 were up by 19% from 2016. However, the 181 new foreclosure cases were 42% less than the previous 10 year average.
- ◇ Only 16 cases were filed in the Court of Appeals in 2017, less than half of the average number of annual appeal fillings.
- ◇ 311 new **criminal cases** were filed in 2017, slightly less than the previous year.
- ◇ 707 **passports** were processed by the clerk's office. This voluntary service generated almost \$17,700 for the General Fund.

The clerk continued to focus on working cooperatively with the other Huron County offices. The legal division worked daily with the Common Pleas Court and the 6th District Court of Appeals to assure proper handling of records and assistance to the public. The clerk and recorder collaborated on records retention efforts for the imaging and microfilming of older case records.

Work with Child Support over the past 14 years has brought in more than \$180,000 of federal grant monies to the county general fund.

During 2017, Susan Hazel served on the Records Commission and Data Processing Board. She earned her 15th education certification award from the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association. As an OCCA member, she participated in district and state meetings and was active on the education and audit committees.

