

CLERK OF COURTS

Yearly Comparison

2018

2007-2016

AVERAGE

2017

2018

	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Legal Fees	\$147,116	\$223,031	\$161,681
Title Fees	\$364,932	\$474,999	\$479,961
B.M.V.	\$93,665	\$106,688	\$107,977
Dept. Taxation	\$9,119,770	\$12,497,383	\$13,770,013
Passports	738	707	716
Cert. of Title	29,500	32,848	33,292
Notations of Lien	7,995	9,113	9,930
Memos	7,401	8,505	9,368
Duplicates	1,404	1,497	1,494
W/C Cert of Title	383	509	467
W/C Notations	15	19	29
Salvage	226	248	272
Divorces Granted	103	83	90
Dissolutions Granted	85	83	80
Total Cases Filed	1,136	1,218	1,050
Civil	571	667	370
Domestic	263	231	246
Criminal	302	311	410
Court of Appeals	31	16	24
Foreclosures	294	181	165

*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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Title Department

Carrie Resor, Title Supervisor

Janet Page, Lead Title Deputy

Mary Chapman, Dep. Clerk

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HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS



2018

A Year in Review

HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS 2018 ANNUAL REVIEW

Local title fees collected in 2018 were 30 percent greater than the previous 10-year average. More than 13.7 million dollars was collected for the State Department of Taxation by Huron County's Title Office. Almost \$480,000 in title fees were collected for the county and an additional \$110,000 was transferred from the clerk's Certificate of Title Fund to support the County's General Fund.

Title Supervisor, Sharon Long, retired after 13 years with the Huron County clerk's office. Carrie Resor was appointed in June to serve as the new title office supervisor.

2018 fees of \$161,681 which were transferred from the clerk's **legal division** to the county were almost 10% higher than the previous 10-year average. Over \$48,000 was also collected for the clerk's **technology fund**.

Significant changes were made to the **clerk's website** over the past year. www.huroncountyclerk.com. The new site design is cell phone compatible and ADA compliant. The public is able to make online payments on court costs, judgment liens and probation fees through the secure site. Document images of entries filed after August 1, 2018 on civil cases, criminal cases, tax liens, and civil judgments are now viewable on the clerk's website. The site has the most current version of the case management case *search and court calendar*. The online docket also continues to be a "real time" feature. When docketing is completed in the clerk's office, the online records are updated without delay.

- ◇ Taxes collected by the **TITLE OFFICE** increased by 10 percent from 2017. **Watercraft titling** was up by 25 percent from the previous 10-year average.
- ◇ 1050 **new cases** were filed in 2018.
- ◇ The number of **criminal cases** filed was 35% greater than the previous decade average.
- ◇ The 246 **domestic cases** filed in 2018 was 6% less than the previous 10-year average. The number of divorces granted in 2018 was down by 12% from the average.
- ◇ The 370 **civil cases** filed in 2018 were below the 10-year average by 35%. 165 of the civil cases were foreclosures. These filings were less than half the prior 10-year average.
- ◇ The 24 cases going to the **Sixth District Court of Appeals** represented a 50% increase from 2017.
- ◇ 410 new **criminal cases** were filed in 2018. This was a 32% increase from the previous year.
- ◇ 716 **passports** were processed. This voluntary service generated more than \$22,500 for the General Fund. The clerk hosted a federal passport training seminar in June. Each clerk and the facility met the standards for the annual recertification.

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 the Child Support Agency over the past 15 years has brought in almost \$200,000 of federal grant monies to the county general fund.

During 2018, Susan Hazel served on the Records Commission and Data Processing Board. Hazel again earned an 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.

