

CLERK OF COURTS

Yearly Comparison

2019

2008-2017

AVERAGE

2018

2019

Legal Fees	\$169,219	\$161,168	\$164,863
Title Fees	\$385,856	\$479,961	\$476,103
B.M.V.	\$94,824	\$107,977	\$105,670
Dept. Taxation	\$9,504.380	\$13,770,013	\$14,558,507

Passports	693	716	810
Cert. of Title	29,665	33,292	33,497
Notations of Lien	8,055	9,930	9,723
Memos	7,556	9,368	9,829
Duplicates	1,397	1,494	1,458
W/C Cert of Title	394	467	449
W/C Notations	14	29	29
Salvage	228	272	235
Divorces Granted	100	90	89
Dissolutions Granted	86	80	78

Total Cases Filed	1,117	1,050	1,166
Civil	560	370	420
Domestic	256	246	231
Criminal	300	410	489
Court of Appeals	29	24	24
Foreclosures	269	165	180

*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

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A Year in Review

HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS 2019 ANNUAL REVIEW

Legal Department

The clerk's **legal division** contributed almost \$165,000 to the County General Fund in 2019. This was a 2% increase from the previous year. Over \$47,000 in fees was also collected for the clerk's **technology fund**.

During 2019, the clerk's offices saw an increase in credit card and online payments. A contract with the Ohio Attorney General aided in the collection of outstanding court costs. Legislated changes effective in 2019, moved the notary public application and recording process from the county courthouses to the Ohio Secretary of State's office. The uniform state-wide program employs a broader use of technology.

Title Department

In 2019, more than 14.5 million dollars was collected for the State of Ohio Department of Taxation by Huron County's Title Office. Local **title** fees collected in 2019 were 23 percent greater than the previous 10-year average. Over \$476,000 in title fees was collected for the county. An additional \$100,000 was transferred from the clerk's Certificate of Title Fund to support the County's General Fund. Title funds of \$56,000 were also used for annual bond fund payments on the 305 Shady Lane facility.

In January of 2019, the state's new title design, with an 8 by 11 format, was introduced.

- ◇ Watercraft and motor vehicle title work was up significantly from the previous 10-year average. Taxes collected by the **TITLE OFFICE** increased by more than 50 percent from previous ten-year average.
- ◇ **1166 new cases** were filed in 2019 with the Huron County Clerk of Courts. This was 11 percent more than 2018.
- ◇ 24 cases from the county were filed in the **Sixth District Court of Appeals** in 2019.
- ◇ **489 new criminal cases** were filed in 2019. This was a 19% increase from the previous year. The number of **criminal cases** filed in 2019 was 63% greater than the previous decade average.
- ◇ 231 **domestic cases** were filed in 2019. This was 10% less than the previous 10-year average. The number of divorces granted in 2019 was down by 11% from the average.
- ◇ The 420 **civil cases** filed in 2019 were 13% greater than 2018. However, this was below the 10-year average by 25%. 180 of the civil cases were foreclosures. While well below the ten-year average, this represented a 9 percent increase from 2018.
- ◇ 810 **passports** were processed by the clerk's office - a 16% increase from the ten-year average. This voluntary service generated more than \$28,000 for the General Fund. Each legal division clerk and the facility met the rigorous federal standards for 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 16 years has brought in almost \$210,000 in federal grant monies to the county general fund.

During 2019, Susan Hazel served on the County Records Commission and Data Processing Board. Hazel again earned an education certification award from the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association. In July, she hosted an OCCA district meeting at Strategic Solutions. Hazel participated in the state association meetings and was co-chair for the education and audit committees.

