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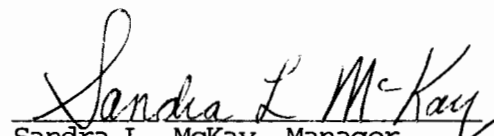
Collections were UP in 1985 for a total of \$2,201,616 for the division. This amount represented an increase of 22.5 per cent or \$404,904 over 1984.

The computerization of the Circuit Court Unit enabled that unit to handle a 26 per cent increase in transactions since development was begun in 1981 with a complimentary increase in revenue of 66 per cent or \$515,485. The increased workload has been maintained without an increase in staff due to automation of many of the previous tasks.

As the result of some new procedures as well as an added employee in the fall, the Juvenile Court Unit was able to increase collections by \$53,739. The first half of 1986 promises to bring even better results for the new year.

I am pleased to present a statistical review of the Reimbursement Division for 1985.

  
Louis A. MacKenzie, Director  
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1985, 1984, and 1983

**ACCOUNTS:**

**AMOUNT RECEIVED**

**CIRCUIT COURT:**

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Restitution	\$ 547,223.28	\$ 312,644.97	\$ 251,238.85
Court Costs	423,942.22	394,020.98	359,113.79
Attorney Fees	265,441.68	243,644.74	210,664.46
Fines	46,973.00	19,667.00	22,810.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees	6,058.01	5,468.47	4,430.25
Psychological Testing Fees	4,697.50	6,506.50	1,175.50
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	2,977.25	612.50	100.00
Total	<u>1,297,312.94</u>	<u>982,565.16</u>	<u>849,532.85</u>

**PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:**

Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	296,355.11	251,068.17	246,451.16
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	132,926.60	157,866.58	150,697.79
Attorney Fees	127,354.22	114,369.60	96,517.32
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	103,998.34	88,012.81	86,798.17
Probate Support	29,849.41	26,899.75	36,186.09
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	27,984.52	31,943.09	33,420.57
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	7,127.31	1,696.32	1,301.65
Total	<u>725,595.51</u>	<u>671,856.32</u>	<u>651,372.75</u>

**PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:**

Attorney Fees	30,195.25	23,982.15	28,579.15
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	22,006.91	12,284.81	11,952.23
Mental Institutions	6,785.65	8,925.17	10,110.48
Community Mental Health	1,339.00	1,027.00	621.31
Doctor Examinations	1,165.00	1,678.12	1,635.00
Total	<u>61,491.81</u>	<u>47,897.25</u>	<u>52,898.17</u>

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Land Sales/Building Fund	70,305.00	88,208.92	97,834.27
Department of Public Works	39,754.55	2,242.20	
Parks and Recreation	2,600.00		
Housing and Community Development Grants	2,326.10	3,308.14	3,669.52
Drain Commission	1,141.00	132.00	
Filing Fees	510.00	19.00	247.59
Lien Interest	498.12	476.25	261.46
Witness and Mileage Fees	80.67	6.40	10.95
Total	<u>117,215.44</u>	<u>94,392.91</u>	<u>102,023.79</u>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$2,201,615.70</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,796,711.64</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,655,827.56</u></u>
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REPORT OF ACTIVITY

Years Ended December 31, 1985, 1984, 1983

**ACCOUNTS:**

**NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS**

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
<b>CIRCUIT COURT:</b>			
Restitution	4,135	3,633	3,273
Court Costs	10,783	10,832	9,934
Attorney Fees	8,910	8,400	7,226
Fines	211	199	220
Paternity Blood Test Fees	364	398	190
Psychological Testing Fees	221	146	21
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	36	7	1
Total	<u>24,660</u>	<u>23,615</u>	<u>20,865</u>
<b>PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:</b>			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	8,791	8,523	7,151
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	676	709	553
Attorney Fees	3,336	4,103	3,515
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	8,867	8,540	5,838
Probate Support	222	178	200
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	920	879	740
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	101	43	17
Total	<u>22,913</u>	<u>22,975</u>	<u>18,014</u>
<b>PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:</b>			
Attorney Fees	389	343	335
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	57	61	39
Mental Institutions	16	37	44
Community Mental Health	27	20	7
Doctor Examinations	18	6	7
Total	<u>507</u>	<u>467</u>	<u>432</u>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Land Sales/Building Fund	47	67	88
Department of Public Works	15	7	
Parks and Recreation	9		
Housing and Community Development Grants	17	22	24
Drain Commission	20	2	
Filing Fees	20	3	7
Lien Interest	39	49	11
Witness and Mileage Fees	15	3	5
Mediation Fees/Miscellaneous	399	334	159
Total	<u>581</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>294</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u><u>48,661</u></u>	<u><u>47,544</u></u>	<u><u>39,605</u></u>

# CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1985, 1984, and 1983

### REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED

#### ACCOUNTS:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Court Costs	\$ 423,942.22	\$ 394,020.98	\$ 359,113.79
Attorney Fees	265,441.68	243,644.74	210,664.46
Fines	46,973.00	19,667.00	22,810.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees	6,058.01	5,468.47	4,430.25
Psychological Testing Fees	4,697.50	6,506.50	1,175.50
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	<u>2,977.25</u>	<u>612.50</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	750,089.66	669,920.19	598,294.00

#### TRUST ACCOUNT:

Restitution	<u>547,223.28</u>	<u>312,644.97</u>	<u>251,238.85</u>
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#### Total Funds Recovered

	<u>\$1,297,312.94*</u>	<u>\$ 982,565.16</u>	<u>\$ 849,532.85</u>
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\*In January of 1982, through the efforts of this Division, the Circuit Court, County Clerk and Corporation Counsel, a new program was instituted requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court. This effort resulted in the recovery of \$78,809.23 of the above funds. Of the total amount, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department assisted this Division by collecting \$22,515.00 from defendants on the Work Release Program.

### COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY PROGRAM

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Cost to County:			
Regular Program	\$2,220,094.25	\$1,939,379.04	\$2,608,997.99
Appellate Program	<u>195,719.25</u>	<u>112,629.00</u>	<u>376,853.62</u>
Total	<u>\$2,415,813.50*</u>	<u>\$2,052,008.04</u>	<u>\$2,985,851.61</u>
Funds Recovered	<u>\$ 265,441.68**</u>	<u>\$ 243,644.74</u>	<u>\$ 210,664.46</u>

\*Due to a change in accounting methods, this amount includes \$750,173.00 held in escrow for anticipated expenditures for services actually rendered.

\*\*The following District Courts have required defendants to repay attorney fees thus assisting this Division in collecting a portion of the above funds:

43rd District Court	\$750.00	45th District Court	\$ 125.00
46th District Court	\$880.00	52nd District Courts	\$3,310.00

## **CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM**

### **COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Court Costs	\$ 24,969.50	\$ 69,115.70	\$107,697.69
Attorney Fees (Ordered)	15,089.83	40,567.80	67,918.75
Restitution	5,643.50	27,628.20	13,604.38
Attorney Fees (Unordered)	1,511.00	4,055.00	8,187.50
Paternity Blood Test Fees			555.00
Fines			200.00
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Total Credits Recovered	\$ 47,213.83	\$141,366.70	\$198,163.32

The Court Community Service Program has provided the courts with an alternative means of enforcing monetary orders from indigent defendants rather than imposing costly jail sentences.

### **PATERNITY BLOOD TEST FEES**

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ <u>6,058.01</u>	\$ <u>5,468.47</u>	\$ <u>4,430.25</u>

Blood test fees ordered after mid-year of 1984 are being collected by Oakland County Friend of the Court.

### **GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING FEES**

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	\$ 2,977.25	\$ 612.50	\$ 100.00
Psychological Testing Fees	4,697.50	6,506.50	1,175.50

This Division has assisted the Circuit Court in the recovery of funds that were expended for psychological examinations and guardian ad litem fees under the Family Counseling Program.

# PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

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Collection Offset (Board and Care)	<u>103,998.34*</u>	<u>88,012.81</u>	<u>86,798.17</u>
Total	<u>660,634.27</u>	<u>611,317.16</u>	<u>580,464.44</u>
Trust Accounts:			
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State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	<u>7,127.31</u>	<u>1,696.32</u>	<u>1,301.65</u>
Total	<u>64,961.24</u>	<u>60,539.16</u>	<u>70,908.31</u>
Total Funds Recovered	<u>\$725,595.51</u>	<u>\$671,856.32</u>	<u>\$651,372.75</u>

The Reimbursement Division is responsible for collection of the cost of care of court wards and attorney fees as ordered by the Juvenile Court. A financial statement is taken, and an order is entered commensurate with the parents' ability to pay.

\*Effective January of 1983, the Juvenile Code provided for a twenty-five per cent administrative fee to cover the cost of collecting funds as the result of an order for board and care.

\*\*Probate Support accounts represent monies collected by this Division and disbursed to the individual caring for the child as decreed by court order.

\*\*\*This amount includes \$14,600.61 which represents one-half of the Social Security benefits collected by the Department of Social Services and credited on the State Ward Chargeback Statements.



PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

WARDS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD AND CARE, GROUP HOMES, HALF-WAY HOUSES,  
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$733,999.00	\$753,795.00	\$829,290.00
Funds Recovered	\$ 27,984.52	\$ 31,943.09	\$ 33,420.57

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$452,255.80	\$421,159.60	\$459,486.82
Funds Recovered	\$127,354.22	\$114,369.60	\$ 96,517.32

Parents of juveniles requesting court-appointed counsel are referred to this Division for our recommendation prior to the appointment as often parents have ability to retain counsel privately thus enabling the County to decrease the amount of funds spent in this area.

PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTION ACCOUNTS

Years Ended December 31, 1985, 1984, 1983

DOCTOR EXAMINATIONS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 1,678.12	\$ 1,635.00

The Mental Health Code provides for an independent medical evaluation upon request by persons that have been hospitalized involuntarily.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Cost to County	\$276,869.40	\$241,557.02	\$205,437.97
Funds Recovered	\$ 30,195.25	\$ 23,982.15	\$ 28,579.15

Every individual who is the subject of a petition for involuntary hospitalization is entitled to be represented by legal counsel.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 1,339.00	\$ 1,027.00	\$ 621.31

The Community Mental Health out patient clinics have continued to refer accounts with balances of \$200 or more to this Division when legal action is required.

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 22,006.91	\$ 12,284.81	\$ 11,952.23

The above receipts cover delinquent accounts that were referred to the Reimbursement Division for collection.