

The Rocky River Municipal Court

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Section 1901.14 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that on or before the last day of January of each year, the Court shall render a complete report of its operation during the preceding year to the legislative authority and to the Board of County Commissioners of each county within its territory.

This section of the Revised Code also provides that the reports show the work performed by the Court, a statement of receipts and expenditures of the civil and criminal branches respectively, and the number of cases heard, decided and settled.

Inasmuch as the jurisdiction of this Court includes municipalities other than Rocky River, this report will set forth the combined operation of the Court as well as the operation for each political subdivision.

During the entire year 1959 the Rocky River Municipal Court exercised jurisdiction over all criminal cases occurring within the Court's territory even though the law provides that the Mayors' Courts in the respective municipalities other than Rocky River would have concurrent jurisdiction in the ordinance criminal cases.

As a result, during the year 1959 there were 6250 criminal and 573 civil cases filed with the Court as compared to 5203 criminal and

689 civil cases filed with the Court during the year 1958. As of January 1, 1960, there were 175 criminal cases pending and 230 civil cases pending.

The following is the disposition by the Court of all criminal cases tried during the year 1959. It also indicates the origin of each case.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>Fines</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rocky River	1332	\$20,247.50	\$8,109.30	\$28,356.80
North Olmsted	1234	28,613.00	7,476.60	36,089.60
Fairview Park	1291	21,302.15	7,756.80	29,058.95
Parkview Village	615	10,380.00	3,686.40	14,066.40
Westlake Village	1288	31,746.90	7,983.20	39,730.10
Bay Village	398	6,706.00	2,413.80	9,119.80
State of Ohio	92	5,964.85	658.17	6,623.02
TOTAL	6250	\$124,960.40	\$38,084.27	\$163,044.67

Inasmuch as the general fund of the City of Rocky River receives all costs assessed by the Court regardless of place of origin, the above indicates that the City of Rocky River received \$38,084.27 in costs together with their own fines in the amount of \$20,247.50 or a total of \$58,331.77 from the Criminal branch of the court.

As a further function of the Court with reference to its criminal branch, the sum of \$58,457.00 was received in the cash bond account. A carry over from 1958 in the amount of \$4,210.70 makes a total of \$62,667.70 in this account for 1959. As of January 1, 1960, there remains on hand the sum of \$6,010.70 in cash bail bonds for further disposition by the Court.

With reference to the civil branch of the Court there were 166 civil cases pending as of January 1, 1959. There were 573 new cases filed during the year, making a total of 739 cases for disposition during the year; 509 of these cases stated were heard, decided or settled, leaving 230 civil cases

pending as of January 1, 1960.

During the year 1959 there was \$4,451.65 court costs taxed and collected in the cases disposed of during the year 1959, which amount has likewise been paid into the general fund of the City of Rocky River.

Adding all sums paid into the general fund of the City of Rocky River from the criminal and civil branches of the court, this report indicates that a grand total of \$62,783.42 was paid to the City of Rocky River, Ohio, by the Rocky River Municipal Court.

The Council of the City of Rocky River appropriated the sum of \$38,130.00 for current expenses and other expenses of the Court during the year 1959, out of which sum the Court expended the sum of \$33,988.53 as follows:

COURT SALARIES	\$26,424.10
SUBSTITUTE JUDGE SALARY	1,800.00
MILEAGE	691.44
INCIDENTALS	1,275.67
LAW LIBRARY	699.55
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	682.70
STATIONERY AND SUPPLIES	897.02
JANITOR SERVICE	1,000.00
JURY FEES	505.00
WITNESS FEES	13.05
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TOTAL	\$33,988.53

From the foregoing, it is apparent that the Rocky River Municipal Court has been self-sustaining. Receipts to the City of Rocky River for 1959 amounted to \$62,783.42. Expenses of the court for 1959 which were paid by the City of Rocky River amounted to \$33,988.15. The balance of \$28,794.89 therefore, became available to the City of Rocky River for general expenses which I am informed is the highest amount ever received by the City

of Rocky River from court sources.

In connection with the civil branch of the court, analysis of the 573 civil cases filed indicates that 210 of these cases involved more than \$300.00 in amount claimed. The filing of these 210 cases in this court has relieved the docket of the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County to this extent, for no other court would have had jurisdiction prior to the establishment of the Rocky River Municipal Court in 1958.

I am setting forth below the receipts and expenditures of the civil branch of the court:

<u>CIVIL BRANCH</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Balance January 1, 1959	\$1,074.51	
Civil Docket Costs and Deposits	6,369.94	
Conciliation Docket Costs	321.71	
Other Costs	187.18	
Payments on Judgments	8,339.75	
Payments on Conciliation Claims	1,490.13	
Payments on Trusteeships	1,120.00	
*Court Costs paid Rocky River		2,269.91
Deposit Refunds		2,371.78
Other Costs		147.67
Payments on Judgments		7,995.96
Payments on Conciliation Claims		1,372.64
Creditors Paid in Trusteeship		416.00
Cash on hand		<u>4,329.26</u>
	<u>\$18,903.22</u>	<u>\$18,903.22</u>

*Note: An additional payment of \$2,181.74 in court costs was paid to Rocky River during the month of January 1960 from the above receipts.

I trust that you will find the above in order.

Respectfully submitted,

ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT

Louise S. Frost

Judge