



SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

THREE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

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AUDIT REPORT



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The Sixth Judicial Circuit Court consists of Platte County. **During our audit, we identified a certain management practice which we believe could be improved.**

Missouri state law allows for the reimbursement of certain costs in criminal cases where the state has been rendered liable. The Sheriff is to certify the number of prisoner incarceration days and the Circuit Clerk is responsible for preparing and submitting cost bills to the state for reimbursement. The revenue generated by these billings is received by the county. State law requires such bills to be submitted to the state's Office of Administration within two years of the date of judgement and sentence.

Our review of the handling of these billings disclosed the Circuit Clerk does not submit criminal cost billings to the state for incarceration costs related to defendants where the court retained the option of granting probation to the defendant after 120 days. The Circuit Clerk indicated that she was not aware criminal cost billings could be submitted to the state in these instances.

During the period from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1998, the court handled seventy such cases, involving billable costs totaling \$47,385. As of July 1, 1999, twenty-one of these cases, involving billable costs of \$11,429, exceeded the two-year time limit and this amount represents revenue lost to the county. The remaining cases, involving billable costs of approximately \$35,956, were still billable as of July 1, 1999. The State Auditor recommended that the Circuit Clerk take timely action to ensure the billable costs related to these cases are billed before the two-year limit expires. The audit also disclosed that while other applicable cases (non-120 day cases) were generally billed properly, a 1996 case involving billable costs of \$4,012 was not billed to the state, resulting in additional lost revenue to the county.

In a response to the finding, the Presiding Circuit Judge indicated that in June 1999, when this matter was first brought to the Circuit Clerk's attention, action was taken to begin billing the state for those 120 day cases that were within the two year billing limit. In addition, for those cases which have occurred since the audit, the applicable costs have been billed and a tracking system has been established to better identify the applicable costs to be billed in the future.

In regard to follow-up action taken by the Sixth Judicial Circuit on recommendations made in our last audit report, these recommendations had been partially or fully implemented.

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PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

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FINANCIAL SECTION

State Auditor's Reports



CLAIRE C. McCASKILL
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Presiding Judge and Court en banc
and
The Circuit Clerk of the
Sixth Judicial Circuit
Platte County, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying special-purpose financial statements of the various funds of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997, and 1996, as identified in the table of contents. These special-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the judicial circuit's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these special-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the special-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

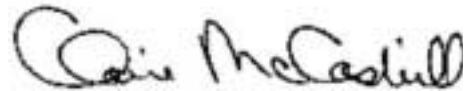
The accompanying special-purpose financial statements were prepared for the purpose of presenting the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash of the various funds of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the financial position and results of operations of the various funds of the judicial circuit.

In our opinion, the special-purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash of the various funds of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997, and 1996, in conformity with the comprehensive basis of accounting discussed in Note 1, which is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

The Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, has not presented the disclosures required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board(GASB) Technical Bulletin 98-1, *Disclosures about Year 2000 Issues*, as amended by GASB Technical Bulletin 99-1, that the GASB has determined are necessary to supplement, although not be a part of, the basic financial statements. In addition, we do not provide assurance that the Sixth Judicial Circuit is or will become year 2000-compliant, that the Sixth Judicial Circuit's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the Sixth Judicial Circuit does business are or will become year 2000-compliant.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also have issued our report dated July 7, 1999, on our consideration of the judicial circuit's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

The accompanying History, Organization, and Statistical Information is presented for informational purposes. This information was obtained from the State Courts Administrator's office, Platte County, and the Sixth Judicial Circuit and was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the special-purpose financial statements referred to above.

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Claire McCaskill
State Auditor

July 7, 1999 (fieldwork completion date)



CLAIRE C. McCASKILL
Missouri State Auditor

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Presiding Judge and Court en banc
and
The Circuit Clerk of the
Sixth Judicial Circuit
Platte County, Missouri

We have audited the special-purpose financial statements of the various funds of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997, and 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated July 7, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

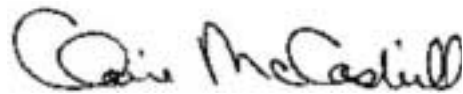
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the special-purpose financial statements of the various funds of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the judicial circuit's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the special-purpose financial statements of the various funds of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, we considered the judicial circuit's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the special - purpose financial

statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material to the special-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the management of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, and other applicable government officials. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Claire McCaskill
State Auditor

July 7, 1999 (fieldwork completion date)

Financial Statements

Exhibit A

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH-VARIOUS FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	Circuit Division Fund	Probate Division Fund	Juvenile Office Fund	Law Library Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
RECEIPTS					
Court deposits, fees, bonds, and other	\$ 2,471,764	29,870	11,064	37,278	2,549,976
Child support	7,495,409	0	0	0	7,495,409
Interest income	13,556	44	0	459	14,059
Total Receipts	<u>9,980,729</u>	<u>29,914</u>	<u>11,064</u>	<u>37,737</u>	<u>10,059,444</u>
DISBURSEMENTS					
State of Missouri:					
Court fees	383,542	21,212	0	0	404,754
Title IV-D	110,463	0	0	0	110,463
County officials	1,038,393	5,333	0	0	1,043,726
Child support	7,323,834	0	0	0	7,323,834
Supplies and equipment	14,603	0	0	14,456	29,059
Refunds and other	1,031,748	2,939	11,218	0	1,045,905
Total Disbursements	<u>9,902,583</u>	<u>29,484</u>	<u>11,218</u>	<u>14,456</u>	<u>9,957,741</u>
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	<u>78,146</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>-154</u>	<u>23,281</u>	<u>101,703</u>
CASH, JANUARY 1	<u>477,653</u>	<u>1,678</u>	<u>623</u>	<u>9,149</u>	<u>489,103</u>
CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 555,799</u>	<u>2,108</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>32,430</u>	<u>590,806</u>

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit B

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH-VARIOUS FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	Circuit Division Fund	Probate Division Fund	Juvenile Office Fund	Law Library Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
RECEIPTS					
Court deposits, fees, bonds, and other	\$ 2,185,503	28,751	15,179	18,560	2,247,993
Child support	6,999,972	0	0	0	6,999,972
Interest income	13,420	35	0	111	13,566
Total Receipts	<u>9,198,895</u>	<u>28,786</u>	<u>15,179</u>	<u>18,671</u>	<u>9,261,531</u>
DISBURSEMENTS					
State of Missouri:					
Court fees	325,198	22,247	0	0	347,445
Title IV-D	159,730	0	0	0	159,730
County officials	738,159	5,407	0	0	743,566
Child support	6,831,300	0	0	0	6,831,300
Supplies and equipment	7,375	0	0	11,082	18,457
Refunds and other	1,056,290	1,701	15,237	0	1,073,228
Total Disbursements	<u>9,118,052</u>	<u>29,355</u>	<u>15,237</u>	<u>11,082</u>	<u>9,173,726</u>
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	<u>80,843</u>	<u>-569</u>	<u>-58</u>	<u>7,589</u>	<u>87,805</u>
CASH, JANUARY 1	<u>396,810</u>	<u>2,247</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>401,298</u>
CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 477,653</u>	<u>1,678</u>	<u>623</u>	<u>9,149</u>	<u>489,103</u>

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Exhibit C

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH-VARIOUS FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Circuit Division Fund	Probate Division Fund	Juvenile Office Fund	Law Library Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
RECEIPTS					
Court deposits, fees, bonds, and other	\$ 2,894,217	27,187	9,857	5,406	2,936,667
Child support	6,679,242	0	0	0	6,679,242
Interest income	21,355	39	0	37	21,431
Total Receipts	<u>9,594,814</u>	<u>27,226</u>	<u>9,857</u>	<u>5,443</u>	<u>9,637,340</u>
DISBURSEMENTS					
State of Missouri:					
Court fees	316,737	20,056	0	0	336,793
Title IV-D	153,445	0	0	0	153,445
County officials	669,698	5,040	0	0	674,738
Child support	6,520,584	0	0	0	6,520,584
Supplies and equipment	16,190	0	0	6,083	22,273
Refunds and other	1,871,851	1,311	9,875	0	1,883,037
Total Disbursements	<u>9,548,505</u>	<u>26,407</u>	<u>9,875</u>	<u>6,083</u>	<u>9,590,870</u>
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	46,309	819	-18	-640	46,470
CASH, JANUARY 1	350,501	1,428	699	2,200	354,828
CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 396,810</u>	<u>2,247</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>401,298</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity and Basis of Presentation

The accompanying special-purpose financial statements present only selected data for each fund of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri.

Receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash are presented for the various funds administered by the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri. The operating costs of the offices within the circuit are paid directly from appropriations authorized by the Platte County Commission and the state of Missouri and are not included in these financial statements.

The "Total (Memorandum Only)" column is presented as additional analytical data. Because this column does not identify the restrictions that exist by fund, it should be read only with reference to the details of each fund.

B. Basis of Accounting

The Statements of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, are prepared on the cash basis of accounting; accordingly, amounts are recognized when they are received or disbursed. This basis of accounting differs from generally accepted accounting principles, which require revenues to be recognized when they become available and measurable or when they are earned and expenditures or expenses to be recognized when the related liabilities are incurred.

C. Fiscal Authority and Responsibility

The Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, includes the transactions of the Circuit Division, Probate Division, Juvenile Office, and Law Library. Each officeholder has been charged with the responsibility of administering the transactions in his or her division. The Circuit Clerk has been charged with the responsibility of administering the transactions of the circuit and associate circuit divisions. The Presiding Judge has appointed the local bar association's treasurer as law library custodian and the Circuit Clerk as law library treasurer, and these individuals are responsible for administering the transactions of the Law Library Fund. The Chief Juvenile Officer has been charged with the responsibility of administering the transactions of the Juvenile Office.

The Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, administers transactions within the following funds:

Circuit Division Fund: This fund accounts for the transactions of the Circuit Clerk's office and associate circuit divisions. These transactions include receipts and disbursements of the civil, criminal, traffic, and child support accounts.

Probate Division Fund: This fund accounts for the transactions of the Probate Division. These transactions include receipts and disbursements of court deposits and fees.

Juvenile Office Fund: This fund accounts for the transactions of the Juvenile Office. These transactions include receipts and disbursements of restitution payments, drug screening fees, and donations to the crime prevention program.

Law Library Fund: This fund accounts for the transactions of the law library, including fees collected from Circuit Division deposits and the related interest income. Disbursements are legally restricted for maintenance of a law library.

2. Cash

Section 483.310, RSMo Cumulative Supp. 1998, authorizes circuit courts to place their funds in savings deposits in banks and savings and loan associations or in U.S. Treasury bills.

In accordance with Statement No. 3 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (Including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*, disclosures are provided below regarding the risk of potential loss of cash deposits. For the purposes of these disclosures, deposits with financial institutions are demand, time, and savings accounts, including certificates of deposit and negotiable order of withdrawal accounts, in banks and savings institutions.

The circuit court's deposits at December 31, 1998, 1997, and 1996, were entirely covered by federal depositary insurance or by collateral securities held by the court's custodial bank in the circuit court's name.

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY REPORT SECTION

Management Advisory Report -
State Auditor's Current Recommendations

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY REPORT -
STATE AUDITOR'S CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS

We have audited the special-purpose financial statements of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997, and 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated July 7, 1999.

During our audit, we identified a certain management practice which we believe could be improved. Our audit was not designed or intended to be a detailed study of every system, procedure, and transaction. Accordingly, the finding presented in the following Management Advisory Report should not be considered as all-inclusive of areas where improvements may be needed.

Criminal Cost Billings

Section 221.105, RSMo Cumulative Supp. 1998, allows for the reimbursement of certain costs in criminal cases where the state has been rendered liable. The Sheriff is to certify the number of prisoner incarceration days and the Circuit Clerk is responsible for preparing and submitting cost bills to the state for reimbursement. The revenue generated by these billings is received by the county. Section 33.120, RSMo Cumulative Supp. 1998, requires all such bills to be submitted to the state's Office of Administration within two years of the date of judgement and sentence. Our review of the Circuit Clerk's handling of these billings disclosed the following concerns:

- A. The Circuit Clerk does not submit criminal cost billings to the state for incarceration costs related to defendants where the court retained the option of granting probation to the defendant after 120 days pursuant to Section 559.115, RSMo Cumulative Supp. 1998. The Circuit Clerk indicated that she was not aware criminal cost billings could be submitted to the state in these instances.

We determined the court handled seventy such cases, involving billable incarceration costs totaling \$47,385, during the period from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1998. As of July 1, 1999, twenty-one of these cases, involving billable incarceration costs of \$11,429, exceeded the two-year time limit. As a result, these costs cannot be billed to the state and the related revenues have been lost to the county. The remaining forty-nine cases, involving billable costs of approximately \$35,956, were still billable as of July 1, 1999. The Circuit Clerk should take timely action to ensure the billable costs related to these cases are billed to the state before the two-year limit expires.

- B. Although it appears the Circuit Clerk's office generally ensured that other applicable cases (non-120 day cases) were properly billed, we noted one such case in 1996, involving billable incarceration costs of \$4,012, which was not billed to the state. Since the two-

year time limit has expired on this case, this represents additional revenue which has been lost to the county.

To ensure criminal cost reimbursements received by the county are maximized, all allowable costs should be billed to the state in a timely manner.

WE RECOMMEND the Circuit Clerk take timely action to ensure any unbilled costs pertaining to past 120 day cases are billed to the state before the two-year time limit expires. In addition, in the future, the Circuit Clerk should ensure all billable criminal costs are billed to the state on a timely basis.

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE

The Presiding Circuit Judge indicated that in June 1999, when this matter was first brought to the Circuit Clerk's attention, action was taken to begin billing the state for those 120 day cases that were within the two year billing limit. In addition, for those cases which have occurred since the audit, the applicable costs have been billed and a tracking system has been established to better identify the applicable cases and costs to be billed in the future.

This report is intended for the information of the management of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, and other applicable government officials. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Follow-Up on State Auditor's Prior Recommendations

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
FOLLOW-UP ON STATE AUDITOR'S PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS

This section reports follow-up action taken by the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, on recommendations made in the Management Advisory Report (MAR) of our report issued for the two years ended December 31, 1995. Although the unimplemented recommendation has not been repeated in the current MAR, the judicial circuit should consider implementing this recommendation.

1. Missing Child Support Receipts

In December 1995, the Circuit Clerk's office discovered that \$2,020 in undeposited child support cash receipts was missing. A subsequent review by the county's independent auditors determined that an additional \$1,100 in undeposited cash receipts collected in September 1995 could also not be accounted for.

After the discrepancy in September 1995, the Circuit Clerk implemented a procedure requiring recorded cash receipts be compared with cash on hand prior to deposit. This resulted in the timely discovery of the cash shortage which occurred in December 1995. After the December 1995 incident, the Circuit Clerk took action to further limit the distribution of and access to logs.

Because of the corrective actions taken by the Circuit Clerk, we made no further recommendations related to this matter.

2. Circuit Clerk's Outstanding Checks

At December 31, 1995, the Circuit Clerk's accounts had checks totaling \$6,601 which had been outstanding for more than one year. Some of the outstanding checks dated back to 1991.

Recommendation:

The Circuit Clerk establish procedures to routinely follow up and reissue old outstanding checks, if the payees can be located. If the payees cannot be located, these monies should be disposed of through the applicable statutory provisions.

Status:

Partially implemented. The Circuit Clerk took action to resolve the old outstanding checks noted in the prior audit. However, at December 31, 1998, the Circuit Clerk's accounts had outstanding checks totaling \$1,169 which had been outstanding for more than one year. Although not repeated in the current MAR, our recommendation remains as stated above.

3. Law Library Fund

Liabilities of the Law Library Fund exceeded the balance of the bank account by \$5,891 at April 1, 1996. In addition, no annual budgets were prepared for this fund.

Recommendation:

The Presiding Circuit Judge require that annual budgets be prepared for the Law Library Fund and the individuals responsible for the fund ensure monies are not expended in excess of available resources.

Status:

Implemented.

STATISTICAL SECTION

History, Organization, and
Statistical Information

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
HISTORY, ORGANIZATION,
AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Organization

The Sixth Judicial Circuit consists of only Platte County.

The Sixth Judicial Circuit consists of two circuit judges and three associate circuit judges. The Division I judge serves as the presiding judge and is responsible for administration of the circuit. Two of the associate circuit judges preside over the associate circuit court, and one of the associate circuit judges presides over the probate division.

In addition to the judges, the personnel of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, include a circuit clerk, a chief deputy clerk, a probate division clerk, two court reporters, a chief juvenile officer, and approximately 16 other employees. Since the circuit court in Platte County has a centralized filing system, the circuit clerk is responsible for the collection and disbursement of associate division fees and the maintenance of associate division case files in addition to her statutory duties as circuit clerk.

Operating Costs

The operating expenses of the various courts and the Juvenile Justice Center are paid by Platte County. The operating expenses for the circuit judges, court reporter, and juvenile office are also paid by Platte County.

The salaries of the court personnel and the chief juvenile officer are paid by the state of Missouri. The salaries of the remaining juvenile office personnel and court services personnel are paid by Platte County.

Expenditures incurred for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, were obtained from the Platte County detail accounts summary and information provided by the State Courts Administrator's office and are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,								
	1998			1997			1996		
	State of Missouri- Personal Service	Platte County Personal Service	Expenses	State of Missouri- Personal Service	Platte County Personal Service	Expenses	State of Missouri- Personal Service	Platte County Personal Service	Expenses
Circuit Court	\$ 156,338	25,211	17,634	117,965	39,272	19,440	112,737	58,286	19,979
Circuit Clerk and Associate									
Circuit Divisions	589,774	0	73,789	568,303	0	50,752	517,314	0	32,791
Probate Division	41,399	0	24,171	39,262	0	30,000	37,270	0	26,550
Juvenile Office	36,146	291,084	158,828	34,307	247,504	135,214	32,523	223,567	117,657
Court Reporter	57,138	0	6,288	41,238	0	6,426	39,094	0	3,754
Total	\$ 880,795	316,295	280,710	801,075	286,776	241,832	738,938	281,853	200,731

Caseload and Time Standards Statistics

Caseload statistics of the filings and dispositions of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, provided by the State Courts Administrator's Missouri Judicial Reports, are as follows:

	Year Ended June 30,					
	1998		1997		1996	
	Filings	Dispositions	Filings	Dispositions	Filings	Dispositions
Civil	3,037	2,993	2,872	2,945	2,641	2,559
Criminal	3,559	3,573	3,597	2,631	2,333	1,861
Traffic & ordinance	12,034	11,128	10,295	9,399	10,845	8,107
Juvenile	164	162	178	173	169	124
Probate	100	112	113	145	113	146
Total	18,894	17,968	17,055	15,293	16,101	12,797

Compliance by the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, with time standards for disposition of certain types of cases, provided by the State Courts Administrator's Missouri Judicial Report for fiscal year 1998, is as follows:

Type of Case	Time Standard	Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri	State Total
Circuit Civil	90% in 18 months	88 %	79 %
	98% in 24 months	92	87
Domestic Relations	90% in 8 months	80	83
	98% in 12 months	88	90
Associate Civil	90% in 6 months	97	84
	98% in 12 months	99	95
Circuit Felony	90% in 8 months	83	85
	98% in 12 months	95	93
Associate Criminal	90% in 4 months	80	79
	98% in 6 months	90	89

Personnel

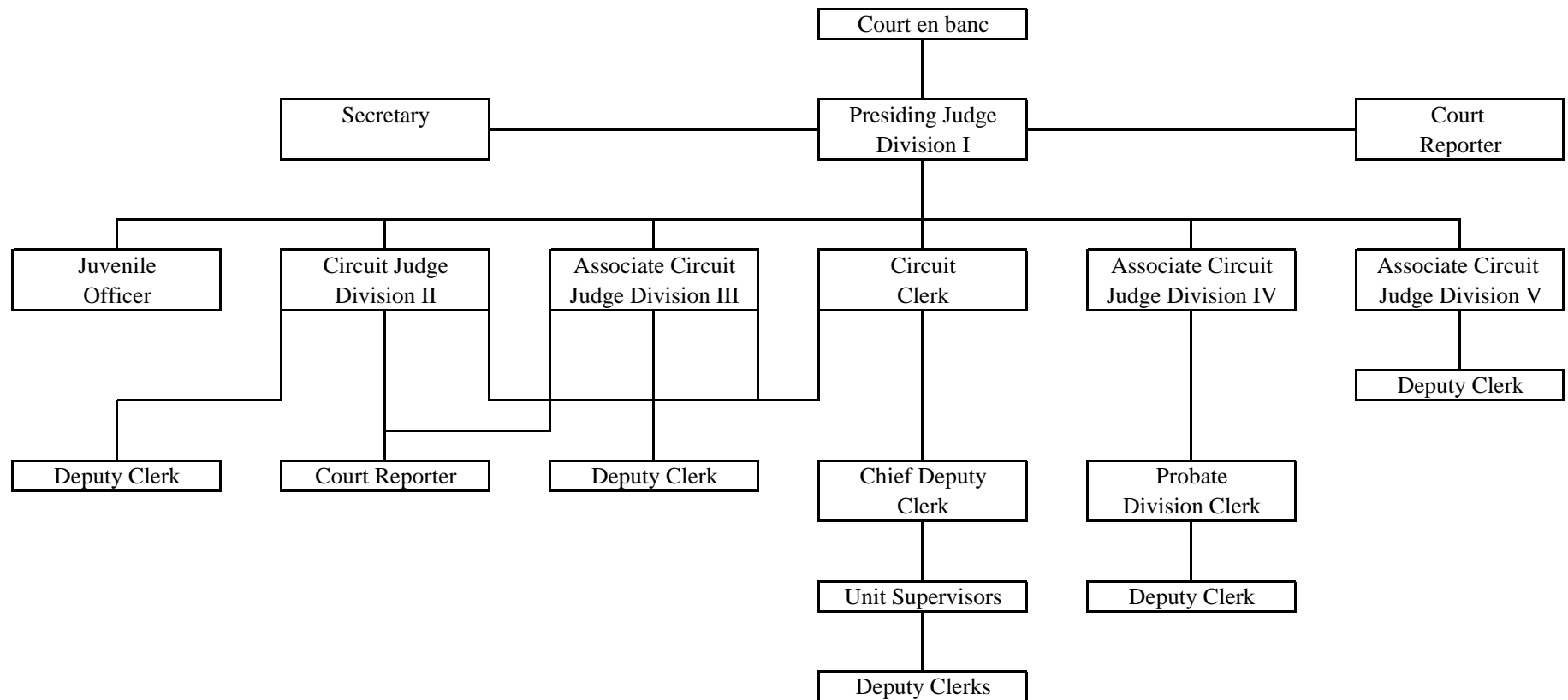
On December 31, 1998, the judges, Circuit Clerk, and Chief Juvenile Officer of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Platte County, Missouri, were:

Ward B. Stuckey, Circuit Judge, Division I (Presiding Judge)
Owens Lee Hull Jr., Circuit Judge, Division II
Daniel M. Czamanske, Associate Circuit Judge, Division III

James W. Van Amburg, Associate Circuit Judge, Division IV (Probate)
Gary D. Witt, Associate Circuit Judge, Division V
Sandra Dowd, Circuit Clerk
Janet Warner, Chief Juvenile Officer

An organization chart follows.

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
 ORGANIZATION CHART
 DECEMBER 31, 1998



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