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Pursuant to 4 M.R.S.A. §17, Subsection 10, transmitted herewith is the second annual report of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The report covers the period January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1977.

On behalf of the staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts, I wish to thank everyone, both in the public and private sector, who so encouraged us during 1977. The support of people in our own system, in State government and among the citizens was gratifying, and we hope we continue to merit your confidence.



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Administrative Office of the Courts

The Administrative Office of the Courts began its work in August, 1975 under a grant from the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency. The office became a state-funded component of the Judicial Department in September of 1977.

The office is directed by the State Court Administrator, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. Staff for the Administrative Office is appointed by the State Court Administrator with the approval of the Chief Justice and consists of the following positions:

- State Court Administrator
- Regional Court Administrators (4)
- Fiscal Director
- Accountant
- Accounting Clerk (2)
- Secretary

Duties of the office are enumerated in 4 M.R.S.A. §17 and are performed under the supervision of the Chief Justice, who is designated as head of the Judicial Department by statute.

During the first two and a quarter years of its existence, the Administrative Office was located in rented office space in Auburn, convenient to the chambers of Chief Justice Dufresne. Following Chief Justice McKusick's succeeding Chief Justice Dufresne in September, 1977, he established his chambers at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Portland. At the new Chief Justice's direction, the Administrative Office, in January, 1978, moved to rented office space at 66 Pearl Street, Portland, across the street from the Cumberland County Courthouse.

County Law Libraries

Because of rising costs and lack of space, county law libraries are running into serious difficulties. In addition, in some counties the loss of books is becoming a problem. This loss results from the fact that the libraries are located in public buildings and are open for access by the court and the bar, while no one is on duty either to care for the library contents or to protect those contents.

It was the intention of the Administrative Office to contract for a study of library needs and propose recommendations during 1977. Due to unavailability of the funds planned, the study was not made and no proposals have been developed. There is no question that the problems of funding and the physical well-being of these libraries are serious and demand study and resolution.

The Administrative Office was able to assist the libraries by transferring some emergency funds to them during FY 1977, but this stop-gap action was just that and no more.

Court Planning Capabilities Project

In 1977, Maine was chosen as one of six pilot states for a national study of court planning capabilities under the auspices of the National Center for State Courts. Designation of Maine as a pilot state resulted in receipt of a \$34,850 grant from Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency for the purpose of assisting Maine in developing a court planning capability over a 14 month period.

Chief Justice McKusick has appointed an Advisory Committee to the project consisting of Associate Justice Sidney W. Wernick, Chairman, Justice Harold J. Rubin and Chief Judge Nicholas W. Danton.

Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute

On January 6-7, 1977, the first Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute was held at Thomas College in Waterville. The Institute did not meet within a Maine correctional facility, as specified by 4 M.R.S.A. §454, because no correctional facility could accommodate the number of people attending.

All Maine judges, prosecutors, members of the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's office, representatives of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections and defense attorneys attended the two-day meeting.

Areas of discussion at the Institute were the sentencing provisions of the new Maine Criminal Code, a pilot restitution project in Portland, Oregon, proposals for changes in the Maine corrections system, sentencing alternatives to fit the punishment to the crime, and an actual sentencing workshop.

The Institute was very successful in bringing together for education and communication the professional persons involved in the legal process which results in sentencing of an offender, implementation of that sentence, and return of the individual to society.

District Court Statistical Reporting System

Starting in 1977 and continuing, the Administrative Office is working on developing a case-by-case and summary reporting system for District Court. As with the Superior Court statistical reporting system, assistance in the formulation

of the District Court system was provided by the Court Technical Assistance Project at American University in Washington, D.C. at no cost to the Maine court system.

Present plans call for implementation of the reporting system during 1978 and inclusion of the resulting figures in the 1978 annual report. Contingent factors to implementation are necessary training time for District Court staff, Administrative Office staff time to compile and analyze figures from what will be a manual system, and availability of LEAA interns to compile pending case information for District Court.

District Court statistics are included in Appendix III of this report.

Equipment Inventory

The interns provided for the records and exhibits inventory also compiled a list of equipment located at each court facility in the State. Time permitting, it is our intention to develop an accurate inventory of all court equipment, which will enable us to answer system-wide equipment needs in a more organized fashion than at present. Presently, when one court needs a particular piece of equipment, the Regional Court Administrators check with the courts within their regions to ascertain if the necessary item can be located in another court before purchase is made. At present, we have no way of planning for equipment replacement in an organized fashion, because we don't know the age and condition of the equipment on hand.

One equipment area that needs attention, particularly in District Court, is copy machines. Courts must be able to reproduce readable and permanent copies of records. Many of the current copy machines do not meet either the readability or permanency standards and should be replaced. Due to financial constraints, these machines are not being replaced fast enough.

Facilities

There is no question that this area rates a high priority for action. In response to system-wide concern, Chief Justice McKusick has appointed a committee comprised of judges from the Supreme Judicial, Superior and District Courts to identify the nature and priority of needs for court facilities.

To assist the Committee in this area, a comprehensive court facilities study was to have been completed during 1977. Due to unavailability of outside funding and the fact that the court system budget could not accommodate such a study, we were unable to contract for the study.

In the meantime, the system has continued to solve problems arising from inadequate or inhospitable space as best it can. However, there are courts whose ability to process cases is being adversely affected by inadequate facilities. Prime among this is the Superior Court in Cumberland County.

The Superior Court in Cumberland County has only one jury trial courtroom available on a full-time basis. When the Law Court is not in session, the Superior Court turns the courtroom of the Law Court into a jury trial courtroom. With the caseload of the Law Court increasing and the caseload of the Superior Court in Cumberland County increasing, there are more jury trials waiting for courtroom space that is available less often. One result is that the Superior Court is falling behind, and the delay will continue to increase until this space problem is solved.

Cumberland County is not alone. There are other locations in the state where the space problem is acute, and we anticipate that the number of problem locations will grow. The number will grow rapidly if caseloads continue to rise as they have recently.

Fiscal

This year we are able to provide fiscal-year totals for the Superior Court, which came under state funding July 1, 1976.

Expenditures

Judicial Department expenditures for FY 1977 totaled \$6,516,431 distributed as follows:

Supreme Judicial Court	\$ 618,167
Superior Court	2,952,855
District Court	2,704,510
Administrative Office	240,899

The term "distributed" is important, because these figures include not only basic operating costs such as Judges' salaries and rents, they include costs for activities which are the constitutional or statutory responsibility of a specific court or which are accounted for in the ledger of a specific court. For example, the appropriation for the Judicial Council, an independent constitutional body, is included in the

Supreme Judicial Court budget. The Judicial Department personnel study was carried on under the auspices of the Supreme Judicial Court and, therefore, the monies expended for that study are included in the Supreme Judicial Court expenditure category. The same is true for the Superior Court budget in the case of County Law Libraries. An example in the District Court is the Juvenile Court Intake project.

Of the \$240,890 shown for the Administrative Office, \$42,670 was for unallocated department-wide expenses, such as clerk training costs, Appeal Board costs, forms revision costs, data processing costs and department employee medical expenses.

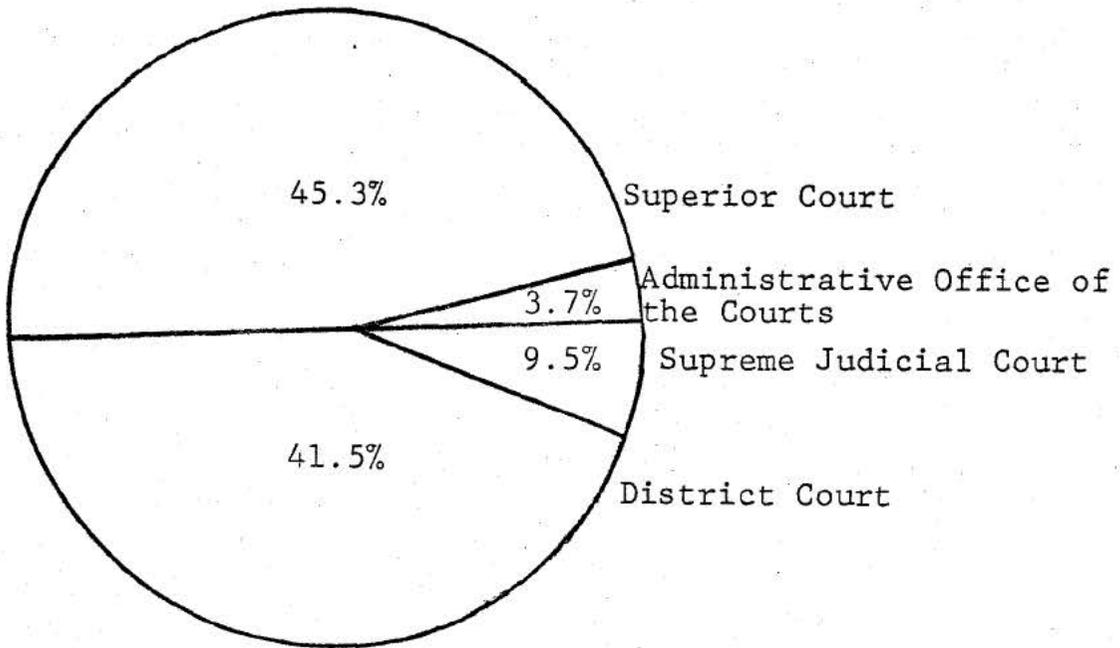
In summary, \$6,516,431 was required for the Judicial Department to carry out all its responsibilities.

Judicial Department expenditures for the first six months of FY 1978 are disturbing in that they show startling increases in areas we call uncontrollable costs. What we mean by "uncontrollable costs" are those over which the court system has no control. For example, judges are required by United States Supreme Court decisions to appoint counsel for indigents in criminal cases. Jury trials are at the request of the litigants in civil cases and at defendant's request in criminal cases. The number of Grand Jury meetings are the result of the number of crimes committed. Employee health insurance costs are charged against the Department budget as are pension costs, but the Department cannot budget increases in these categories.

Below is a list of some problem areas, showing the percent increase over the first six months of FY 1977:

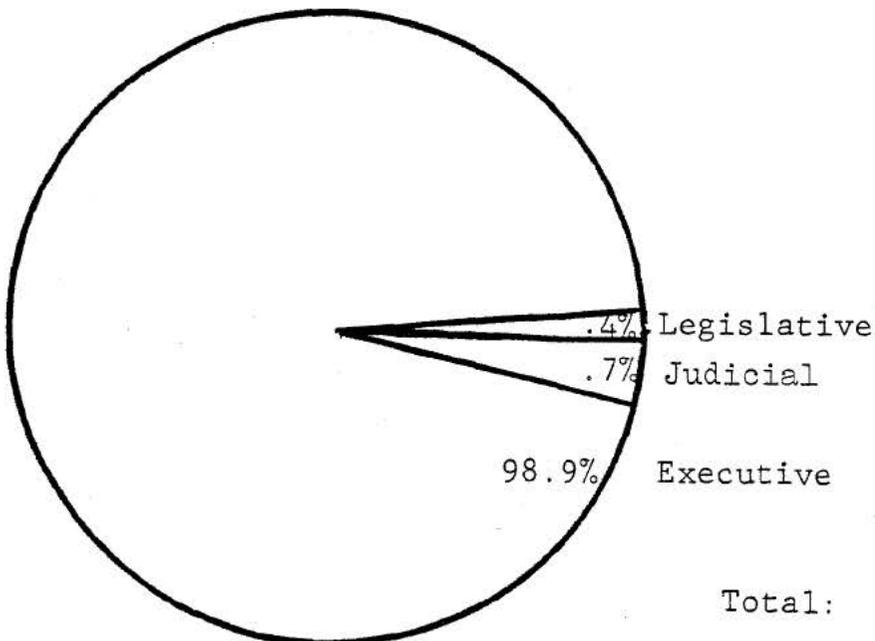
1. Court-appointed counsel; up 127% in Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, up 86% in District Court.
2. Traverse juries; up 16%.
3. Grand juries, up 35%.
4. Health insurance; up 108% in Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, up 154% in District Court.
5. Pensions; up 9% in Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, up 27% in District Court.

Below is a pie chart showing the percentage expenditure for each division of the Judicial Department in relation to total expenditures for FY 1977:



Total \$6,516,431

Below is a pie chart showing Judicial Department operating funds as a percentage of total State operating funds for fiscal year 1977:



Total: \$882,560,000

Revenue

As pointed out earlier, this annual report contains total Superior Court figures for FY 1977. Below is total Judicial Department revenue for FY 1977:

Superior Court revenue, FY 1977 (fees, fines, other)	\$ 428,378
District Court revenue, FY 1977 (fees, fines, other)	5,347,265
Federal Grants	249,228
	<u>\$6,024,871</u>

All Judicial Department revenue is deposited in the General Fund. However, some of the revenue from each trial court is dedicated to State and local agencies. Below is a list of agencies receiving dedicated revenue from the Superior Court:

1. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
2. Marine Resources

Below is a list of agencies receiving dedicated revenue from the District Court:

1. Agriculture
2. Baxter State Park
3. Conservation
4. Forestry
5. Health & Welfare
6. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
7. Marine Resources
8. Municipalities
9. Public Utilities Commission
10. Transportation
11. Watercraft Registration and Safety Division

Monies received for federal grants are dedicated in the sense that the funds provided are "dedicated" to a specific project and cannot be allocated elsewhere.

Federal Grants

Federal grant projects for which the Judicial Department received funds during FY 1977 were:

1. Administrative Office of the Courts
2. Court System Personnel Study
3. Judicial Education
4. Juvenile Court Intake
5. Rules of Evidence
6. Superior Court Benchbook

Total federal grant monies received were \$249,228.

District Court Building Fund

Pursuant to 4 M.R.S.A. §163, (3), \$3,000 per month is transferred from the District Court appropriation to the District Court Building Fund. This fund is "to be used solely for the building, remodelling and furnishing of quarters for the District Court...". Unlike the remainder of the Judicial Department appropriation, accrued monies in this Fund do not revert to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year, but rather are carried forward from year to year. Total monies in the District Court Building Fund at the end of FY 1977 were \$67,018.

Procedures

During 1977, the process of developing a uniform set of accounts and accounting procedures for the Judicial Department was completed. Now purchasing, payroll, invoices and revenues are handled uniformly throughout the Department, and the procedures set up are in conformance with those established for the Executive and Legislative Departments.

In addition, "Judicial Department Purchasing Procedures" was written and distributed to each office to assist staff in making the various purchases necessary to maintain the operation of the court system.

Forms Committees

During 1977, the task of reviewing and revising all Superior Court criminal forms was fairly well completed. In the future, this committee will address itself to revisions required by statutory, rule or administrative changes, as they develop.

The committee working on revision of Superior Court civil forms began its task during 1977, and completion of the

first major revision of all civil forms is planned for 1978.

Civil and criminal forms committess for the District Court were appointed by the Chief Judge late in 1977, and both groups have held preliminary meetings.

Membership on all forms committees is comprised of judges, clerks and the Administrative Office staff. In order to explore the possibility of consolidation of the Superior Court and District Court forms, the same Regional Court Administrators serve on Superior Court and District Court civil and criminal forms committees, thereby providing liaison between the committees.

The procedure followed by these committees is an inventory of all forms in use, review of those forms, revision, consolidation or elimination of the existing forms, submission of a proposed official set of forms to the judges of the individual court, review by the judges, promulgation of an official set of forms for use throughout the specific level of court.

Investigate Complaints

A great variety of complaints reach the Administrative Office of the Courts. There are those that can be answered easily, such as a jury service check sent to the wrong address, and those that are more difficult, such as a person who wants to know why the juvenile who broke his window is not in jail.

Every complaint that comes to the office is investigated and a response is made. Many times the problem is one of confusion about how the court system works or a break-down in communication, and we attempt to provide the information or missing link to resolve the complaint.

This area is probably the most difficult and may be one of the most important services provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Judicial Education

Under a grant provided by the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency, several Maine judges were able to attend educational seminars during 1977.

One Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court attended an appellate justice's training session.

Two District Court Judges attended a basic education session at the National Judicial College.

All these judges had been appointed to the bench within the past two years and attended these sessions to comply with a policy established by the Chief Justice and Chief Judge of the District Court that newly appointed judges attend basic education training sessions soon after being appointed to the bench.

In addition to the above:

1. One District Court Judge attended the National Juvenile Judges' College and another attended a short seminar sponsored by the College.

2. Four District Court Judges attended a national symposium on the serious juvenile offender.

3. Chief Judge Danton attended a seminar on court administration at the National Judicial College.

4. Several District Court Judges attended sessions of the American Academy of Judicial Education.

5. One District Court Judge attended a graduate session at the National Judicial College.

6. Judges from all three levels of the court system attended criminal and civil continuing legal education programs sponsored by the University of Maine Law School.

We feel that Maine judges had a successful educational year, but without the continued availability of LEAA grant funds, the Department will have a problem continuing the judicial education program at the same level.

Legislature

During the 1977 session, over 100 bills were introduced which impacted some portion of the Judicial Department. In response to requests from legislators, the Administrative Office provided fiscal impact statements, statistical information, budget information, court procedure information, historical information, and various analyses.

Non-Judicial Training

Two training sessions for non-judicial court system personnel were held; the first in January and the second in November.

The first seminar brought together District and Superior Court clerks at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville for an all-day session on the merit personnel system and employee evaluations. In addition to a background lecture in personnel theory, there were sample evaluation problems and discussion of the components of the evaluation process.

The second day of the January session was devoted to training Superior Court personnel in the new Superior Court statistical reporting system. The agenda included a talk about the purpose of a statistical reporting system, a detailed review of the instruction manual, and some sample form completion.

A portion of this meeting was set aside for answering questions in areas other than those covered by the agenda; for example, fiscal report problems and purchasing problems.

The November meetings were divided into "Northern" and "Southern" meetings in that personnel from the northern portion of the state met in Bangor November 16-18, and personnel in the southern portion of the state met in Portland November 28-30.

The first and second days of each session were identical; one half of the staff members of each Superior Court office attended one day, the other half the second day. The morning session was devoted to docketing, with a combination of lecture and group workshops. The afternoon session reviewed the problem areas of the Superior Court statistical reporting system, again with a combination of lectures and group workshops.

The third day's agenda was for clerks of both courts. In the morning, members of the staff of the Bureau of Public Administration at the University of Maine in Orono conducted a workshop on "The Role of the Supervisor". In the afternoon, members of the Administrative Office staff covered hiring procedures, forms, fiscal matters and legislation.

Maintain Liaison

During 1977, the State Court Administrator visited 48 of the 49 court locations in the State and met with the

clerk's office staff in each location. Some of the topics discussed during these meetings were budget, fiscal procedures, equipment, personnel system, forms, statistics, training and records.

In addition, within the court system, the State Court Administrator has participated in meetings with justices and judges from the three levels of the system and met with court reporters.

The State Court Administrator continues to attend meetings of the Judicial Council, Juvenile Laws Revision Commission and Citizens for Modern Courts, acting as a resource person to these groups.

As a result of invitations, meetings have been held with law enforcement groups, Standards and Goals Committees, Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency project groups, Mental Health and Corrections project groups, bar association groups, municipal groups and private organizations.

Working relationships have been established with many state agencies, and those relationships will continue. Some of the agencies the Administrative Office comes into contact with are:

Attorney General's Office	Department of Personnel
Bureau of Accounts and Control	Department of Public Safety
Bureau of Budget	Department of Transportation
Bureau of Central Computer Services	Executive Department
Bureau of Insurance	Human Rights Commission
Bureau of Purchases	Legislative Finance
Bureau of Public Improvements	Legislative Research
Department of Audit	Maine State Archives
Department of Manpower Affairs	Maine State Retirement System
Department of Mental Health and Corrections	Motor Vehicle Division
	State Law Library
	Treasury Department

Official Court Reporters

As a result of legislation introduced and passed during the 1977 session, official court reporters became part of the court personnel system in October of 1977. Official court reporters now have an assigned class description, grade and step as outlined in the Maine Court System Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual and are covered by the benefits and obligations of those policies and procedures.

Pursuant to a 1977 revision of 4 M.R.S.A. §651, the Chief Justice has established new transcript rates for court transcripts provided by official court reporters.

Personnel System

Implementation of the court personnel system began in July of 1976, but continued throughout 1977. Sections of the Maine Court System Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual have been amended by the Supreme Judicial Court for purposes of clarification and to handle situations not previously covered by the Manual, such as transfer of compensatory time and certification of probationary employees.

Certification and evaluation forms were developed in conjunction with Manual requirements, and clerks of court have attended training sessions in the use of these forms. Since the majority of the non-judicial employees have never been under a personnel system, much time has been spent in explaining how the court personnel system works and in answering questions about it.

The Appeal Board for the Court System, mandated by the Policy and Procedures Manual, was appointed by the Chief Justice in August of 1976. The Board is comprised of three judges, two clerks, an official court reporter and a regional court administrator.

When the personnel system was implemented in 1976, all employees were granted the right to appeal their initial grade and step classification, and 54 appeals were perfected. Of those appeals, 20 were sustained, two were sustained in part and denied in part, and the remaining 32 were denied.

During 1977, the Board handled 17 appeals not associated with initial classification. Of these appeals, three were sustained, 13 were denied, and one is still pending before the Board.

Records and Exhibits Inventory

Through the assistance of interns provided by the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency, all state court records and exhibits at the 49 trial court locations and the Law Court were inventoried during the summer.

The inventory form was developed with help from Maine State Archives, and that department has offered to analyze the inventory.

The problem of records and exhibits is a serious one for Maine courts. Because there is no authority either

to keep or destroy records, some courthouses contain many years accumulation of court records and exhibits, and the volume seriously impedes efficient operation at some locations. Maine State Archives has transported to Augusta and is now storing all Municipal and some District Court records prior to 1970 and Superior Court records prior to 1930. How long Archives will be able to continue this storage and whether all that is being stored should be retained are two of many questions that need answers.

A proposal for a schedule for retention and destruction of court records and exhibits is being prepared by the Administrative Office and will be submitted to the Judicial Records Committee of the Supreme Judicial Court during 1978. It is hoped the result will be implementation of a Maine court system records and exhibits policy.

Secretary to Judicial Conference

The First Maine Judicial Conference, called by Chief Justice McKusick, was held in Portland February 2-4, 1978. All Maine Judges, both active and retired, attended the Conference.

Superior Court Caseflow Management System

The caseflow management system has been in operation in Superior Courts since January 1976 and is running smoothly. Modifications in the system have been made in response to administrative experience throughout 1976 and 1977 and in response to recommendations from groups involved with the system. Primary among these groups is the Advisory Committee on Court Administrative Policies and Procedures appointed by the Chief Justice in 1977. Chairman of this Committee is Charles H. Abbott, Esq. of Lewiston. The modifications have dealt mainly with the trailing calendar, the number and arrangement of motion day schedules and uniformity of procedures. In order to be responsive to local conditions, the components of the system have been adapted to those local conditions. For example, civil cases in Cumberland County are scheduled on a weekly trailing calendar whereas, in Androscoggin County, civil cases are scheduled on a two-day trailing calendar.

Through use of the caseflow management system, the Superior Court case backlog was eliminated in 1976, and litigants who wanted to move their cases expeditiously were able to do so, in most instances well within the national guidelines of a trial date within 30 to 60 days

of a case being ready for trial. Unfortunately, this is no longer true. In criminal cases, the Superior Court maintained almost the same level of dispositions as in 1976, but could not absorb the increase in filings. In civil cases, the Court lost ground in the number of dispositions from 1976 in addition to being unable to absorb the increase in filings.

The statistical status of Superior Court calendars is discussed more fully in Appendix II of this report.

Superior Court Statistical Reporting System

In January, Superior Court personnel began reporting civil and criminal caseload statistics on a case-by-case basis. For example, when a civil case is filed, the filing date, docket number, type of case and money amount involved are entered on a sheet which is submitted to the Administrative Office. When that same case is disposed, another sheet is completed which indicates whether or when the pre-trial memorandum was filed, whether or when the pre-trial was held, whether or not a jury trial was held, the number of trial days, if any, and the disposition of the case, including the date. Similar information is recorded in criminal cases.

The completed sheets are forwarded to Central Computer Services in Augusta, where the information on the sheets is key-punched and fed into a computer. From this information, periodic reports are produced which are used to monitor Superior Court case activity.

Last summer, interns provided by the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency went through all Superior Court case files to record filing information on cases filed in Superior Court prior to January 1, 1977. Every case now pending in Superior Court or acted upon or terminated during calendar year 1977 is reflected in the statistical tables provided in Appendix II of this report. The analysis included with those tables describes the information the compiled statistics provides about Superior Court activity during 1977.

Superior Court System Modifications

In last year's report, we listed 23 modifications of Superior Court operations which resulted in a more effective Superior Court performance. As we said in that report, study and modification will continue in order to

increase that effectiveness. Below is a sample of the changes made during 1977:

1. Docket books and docket sheets have been standardized throughout the system.
2. A uniform numbering system has been developed and implemented.
3. Color coded standard case files are being used, and the internal organization of those files has been standardized.
4. Clerks of court, who are responsible for all court exhibits, are now marking and controlling those exhibits.

The Chief Justice, the Regional Presiding Justices and the Administrative Office staff continue to meet monthly to discuss internal operations of the Superior Court. From these discussions come procedural and operational refinements of the system which are intended to improve performance.

Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint

During 1977, the committee established to draft the Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint met several times to review the format of the ticket after a year's experience in its use. Committee membership reflects all institutions involved with the ticket, including State Police, Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, Attorney General's office, Secretary of State's office, clerks of court and District Court Judges.

Suggested changes were discussed and those accepted will be reflected in the third printing of the Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint which will be distributed for use during 1978.

Conclusion

As this report shows, the administrative structure established and funded by the legislature is in place and doing its statutorily prescribed job. The Administrative Office is working with the judges of each court (particularly the Chief Justice, the Regional Presiding Justices and the Chief Judge) to provide the administrative services, information and expertise necessary to maintain the operations of the Judicial Department and to improve the performance

of that Department whenever possible. Projects are underway at all court levels to accomplish the latter, without losing sight of the former, and we feel the Judicial Department is moving forward toward the goal of having in Maine the most efficient and most humane court system possible.



APPENDIX I

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LAW COURT

I. CASEFLOW INFORMATION	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	TOTAL
A. No. Cases Pending End of Previous Year	<u>143</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>279</u>
B. No. New Appeals This Year	<u>168</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>313</u>
C. No. Interlocutory Appeals This Year	<u>---</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
D. No. Reports This Year	<u>6</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>6</u>
E. Total Caseload This Year (A + B + C + D)	<u>317</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>605</u>
F. No. Dispositions This Year	<u>112</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>236</u>
G. No. Cases Pending End of This Year (E - F)	<u>205</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>369</u>

II. NO. CASES FILED BY COUNTY

Androscoggin	<u>31</u>	Kennebec	<u>57</u>	Piscataquis	<u>1</u>
Aroostook	<u>14</u>	Knox	<u>16</u>	Sagadahoc	<u>8</u>
Cumberland	<u>55</u>	Lincoln	<u>15</u>	Somerset	<u>5</u>
Franklin	<u>7</u>	Oxford	<u>11</u>	Waldo	<u>10</u>
Hancock	<u>16</u>	Penobscot	<u>43</u>	Washington	<u>7</u>
				York	<u>30</u>

III. DISPOSITION INFORMATION	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	TOTAL
A. No. Written Opinions	<u>90</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>164</u>
B. No. <u>Per Curiam</u> and Memorandum	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>
C. No. "Solemn Occasion" Opinions	<u>3</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>3</u>
D. No. of Appeals Denied	<u>45</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>108</u>
E. No. of Appeals Sustained	<u>34</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>43</u>
F. No. of Appeals Dismissed	<u>22</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>72</u>
G. No. of Appeals Remanded	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

IV. PENDING CASE INFORMATION

A. No. Not Yet At Issue	<u>132</u>
B. No. At Issue Awaiting Oral Argument	<u>64</u>
C. No. Orally Argued Awaiting Opinion	<u>173</u>

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APPELLATE DIVISION

A. No. of Appeals Pending at End of Previous Year	<u>35</u>	
B. No. of Appeals Filed This Year	<u>50</u>	
C. Total Caseload This Year (A + B)	<u>85</u>	
D. No. of Appeals Disposed of This Year	<u>43</u>	
E. No. of Appeals Pending End of This Year (C - D)	<u>42</u>	
F. No. of Hearings Held	<u>0</u>	
G. Disposition Information:		
1. No. Sentences Unchanged	<u>42</u>	
2. No. Sentences Reduced	<u>1</u>	
3. No. Sentences Increased	<u>0</u>	
H. No. Cases Filed by County:		
Androscoggin	<u>2</u>	Oxford
Aroostook	<u>4</u>	Penobscot
Cumberland	<u>13</u>	Piscataquis
Franklin	<u>3</u>	Sagadahoc
Hancock	<u>0</u>	Somerset
Kennebec	<u>6</u>	Waldo
Knox	<u>2</u>	Washington
Lincoln	<u>1</u>	York
I. No. Cases Pending Because Appeal Is Pending In Law Court		<u>30</u>

APPENDIX II

SUPERIOR COURT - CRIMINAL CASES STATISTICS

Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 show Superior Court criminal filings, dispositions and trials during 1977. Because the new statistical reporting system for the Superior Court was inaugurated in 1977, it is possible only to compare filings and dispositions for 1976 and 1977.

Table 1

This table shows filing and disposition information for each county by type of case and includes state totals. Case filing and disposition information for 1976 is also included.

Analysis of the table reveals the following:

1. Criminal case filings in 1977 increased 23% state-wide.
2. In four counties, Aroostook, Cumberland, Kennebec and Waldo, the increase in filings exceeded 30%.
3. York County is the only county in which there was a decline in the number of filings, amounting to 17%.
4. State-wide, the number of case dispositions dropped 1% during 1977.
5. District Court appeals and transfers comprise 48% of Superior Court criminal caseload.
6. In five counties, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot and Piscataquis, transfers alone comprise 42% of the caseload.
7. In three counties, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc, appeals alone comprise 30% of the caseload.

Table 2

This table shows filing and disposition information for each county by class of charge under the Criminal Code and

includes state totals. Classifications A, B and C are what were formerly felonies, while Classifications D and E were formerly misdemeanors. Traffic offenses are listed separately. "Other" incorporates cases which fall outside Title 17A and Title 12 and includes Inland Fisheries and Wildlife violations and municipal ordinance violations.

Table 3

This table shows the number of jury and jury-waived trials for each county by type of case and includes state totals. In addition, this table gives the percentage of cases disposed by jury or jury-waived trial for each county by type of case. State-wide percentages are included.

Analysis of this table reveals the following:

1. 11.5% of all criminal cases are disposed by trial.
2. 13.6% of all indictments are disposed by trial.
3. 10.4% of all indictments are disposed by jury trial, and 3.2% of all indictments are disposed by jury-waived trial.
4. 10.2 of all transfers are disposed by trial.
5. 5.7% of all transfers are disposed by jury trial, and 4.5% of all transfers are disposed by jury-waived trial.
6. 17.5% of all de novo appeals are disposed by trial.
7. 9.7% of all de novo appeals are disposed by jury trial, and 7.8% of all de novo appeals are disposed by jury-waived trial.

Table 4

This table shows trial and disposition information for each county by class of charge. In addition, the average number of days from arraignment to trial is provided for Class A, B and C cases, and the average number of days from arraignment to disposition is shown for all Class A, B and C criminal cases disposed.

Analysis of this table reveals the following:

1. State-wide, the average number of days from arraignment to jury trial in Class A, B and C cases is 106.
2. State-wide, the average number of days from arraignment to jury-waived trial in Class A, B and C cases is 93.
3. State-wide, the average number of days from arraignment to disposition for all Class A, B and C cases is 85.
4. In four counties, Kennebec, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc and Somerset, the average number of days from arraignment to disposition in all Class A, B and C cases is less than 60 days.
5. Only in Cumberland County does the average number of days from arraignment to disposition for all Class A, B and C cases exceed 100 days.

TABLE 1

CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE

STATE-WIDE

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	1	170	2	142	29
Transfer	798	2,802	35	2,187	1,413
DeNovo Appeal	252	1,030	13	794	488
Indictment	1,160	3,391	42	2,607	1,944
Information	12	461	6	432	41
Juvenile Appeal	21	120	1	89	52
Other	4	45	1	29	20
Total 1977	2,248	8,019		6,280	3,987
Total 1976		6,533		6,339	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)23		(-)1	

ANDROSCOGGIN

Bail Review	0	10	2	10	0
Transfer	21	93	20	73	41
DeNovo Appeal	5	56	12	46	15
Indictment	116	252	55	200	168
Information	0	31	7	29	2
Juvenile Appeal	0	10	2	5	5
Other	1	5	1	2	4
Total 1977	143	457		365	235
Total 1976		378		486	

AROOSTOOK

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	0	31	3	24	7
Transfer	166	536	50	410	292
DeNovo Appeal	30	103	10	83	50
Indictment	143	314	29	267	190
Information	3	58	5	55	6
Juvenile Appeal	9	23	2	22	10
Other	0	2	1	0	2
Total 1977	352	1,067		861	557
Total 1976		696		561	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)54		(+)54	

CUMBERLAND

Bail Review	1	63	5	62	2
Transfer	82	348	25	225	205
DeNovo Appeal	38	176	13	116	98
Indictment	249	634	46	508	375
Information	3	84	6	83	4
Juvenile Appeal	3	34	2	20	17
Other	3	19	1	17	5
Total 1977	379	1,358		1,031	706
Total 1976		1,017		1,108	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)34		(-)6	

FRANKLIN

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	0	4	2	4	0
Transfer	13	104	49	57	60
DeNovo Appeal	15	44	21	34	25
Indictment	56	35	17	57	34
Information	0	19	9	19	0
Juvenile Appeal	1	5	2	2	4
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total 1977	85	211		173	123
Total 1976		191		256	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)10		(-)32	

HANCOCK

Bail Review	0	1	0	1	0
Transfer	125	290	59	264	151
DeNovo Appeal	6	51	10	15	42
Indictment	40	93	18	76	57
Information	0	47	10	42	5
Juvenile Appeal	0	6	1	5	1
Other	0	4	1	4	0
Total 1977	171	492		407	256
Total 1976		459		363	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)7		(+)13	

KENNEBEC

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	0	33	4	26	7
Transfer	23	143	19	101	65
DeNovo Appeal	23	67	9	73	17
Indictment	144	457	62	324	277
Information	0	35	5	33	2
Juvenile Appeal	3	7	1	7	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total 1977	193	742		564	371
Total 1976		560		524	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)33		(+)8	

KNOX

Bail Review	0	3	1	3	0
Transfer	27	45	16	37	35
DeNovo Appeal	27	81	30	60	48
Indictment	24	130	48	82	72
Information	0	5	2	4	1
Juvenile Appeal	1	5	2	5	1
Other	0	4	1	2	2
Total 1977	79	273		193	159
Total 1976		227		220	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)20		(-)12	

LINCOLN

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	0	1	1	1	0
Transfer	19	31	18	33	17
DeNovo Appeal	8	69	41	59	18
Indictment	33	51	30	37	47
Information	0	5	3	3	2
Juvenile Appeal	0	10	6	7	3
Other	0	1	1	1	0
Total 1977	60	168		141	87
Total 1976		143		243	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)17		(-)42	

OXFORD

Bail Review	0	1	0	0	1
Transfer	43	95	28	59	79
DeNovo Appeal	13	39	11	23	29
Indictment	50	161	47	114	97
Information	1	40	12	34	7
Juvenile Appeal	0	2	1	2	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total 1977	107	338		232	213
Total 1976		295		272	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)15		(-)14	

PENOBSCOT

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	0	8	1	1	7
Transfer	85	386	42	311	160
DeNovo Appeal	31	88	10	86	33
Indictment	130	385	42	303	212
Information	0	18	2	15	3
Juvenile Appeal	6	25	3	16	7
Other	1	1	0	0	2
Total 1977	253	911		732	426
Total 1976		778		620	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)17		(+)18	

PISCATAQUIS

Bail Review	0	1	1	0	1
Transfer	34	77	6	46	65
DeNovo Appeal	6	5	4	3	8
Indictment	21	33	26	20	34
Information	1	5	4	5	1
Juvenile Appeal	0	1	1	1	0
Other	0	5	4	1	4
Total 1977	62	127		76	113
Total 1976		116		44	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)9		(+)73	

SAGADAHOC

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer	5	38	20	28	15
DeNovo Appeal	7	75	39	49	33
Indictment	11	61	31	39	33
Information	1	18	9	18	1
Juvenile Appeal	2	2	1	1	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total 1977	26	194		135	85
Total 1976		116		169	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)67		(+)20	

SOMERSET

Bail Review	0	5	1	5	0
Transfer	51	235	39	212	74
DeNovo Appeal	14	47	8	42	19
Indictment	43	282	47	199	126
Information	0	24	4	23	1
Juvenile Appeal	0	1	0	0	1
Other	0	2	0	0	2
Total 1977	108	596		482	223
Total 1976		477		485	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)25		(-)1	

WALDO

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	0	6	2	4	2
Transfer	37	76	31	82	31
DeNovo Appeal	8	21	9	17	12
Indictment	33	118	49	103	48
Information	1	16	7	17	0
Juvenile Appeal	0	6	2	6	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total 1977	79	243		229	93
Total 1976		176		183	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)38		(+)25	

WASHINGTON

Bail Review	0	1	0	0	1
Transfer	12	65	29	36	41
DeNovo Appeal	9	39	17	23	25
Indictment	20	108	48	50	78
Information	0	8	4	5	3
Juvenile Appeal	0	3	1	0	3
Other	0	3	1	0	3
Total 1977	41	227		114	154
Total 1976		125		114	
Percent increase or decrease		(+)2			

YORK

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Criminal Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Bail Review	0	2	0	1	1
Transfer	55	240	37	213	82
DeNovo Appeal	12	69	11	65	16
Indictment	47	277	43	228	96
Information	2	48	7	47	3
Juvenile Appeal	2	5	1	6	1
Other	0	2	0	2	0
Total 1977	118	643		562	201
Total 1976		779		691	
Percent increase or decrease		(-)17		(-)18	

TABLE 2

CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE

STATE-WIDE

<u>Class of Charge</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
A	75	317	244	148
B	321	1,110	801	630
C	419	1,667	1,301	785
D	277	1,243	935	585
E	445	1,280	1,107	618
Title 29	397	1,881	1,429	849
Other	314	521	463	372
Total	2,248	8,019	6,280	3,987

ANDROSCOGGIN

A	10	20	14	16
B	41	107	81	67
C	52	132	110	74
D	10	88	62	36
E	27	86	85	28
Title 29	2	12	2	12
Other	1	12	11	2
Total	143	457	365	235

AROOSTOOK

<u>Class of Charge</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
A	6	30	27	9
B	39	83	57	65
C	100	205	197	108
D	64	202	166	100
E	135	412	354	193
Title 29	0	96	30	66
Other	7	39	30	16
Total	351	1,067	861	557

CUMBERLAND

A	14	78	54	38
B	58	212	158	112
C	86	325	263	148
D	20	157	107	70
E	22	83	56	49
Title 29	64	328	225	167
Other	115	175	168	122
Total	379	1,358	1,031	706

FRANKLIN

A	4	0	3	1
B	5	6	8	3
C	14	31	27	18
D	3	29	15	17
E	3	15	7	11
Title 29	42	120	102	60
Other	14	10	11	13
Total	85	211	173	123

HANCOCK

<u>Class of Charge</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
A	4	11	7	8
B	15	55	43	27
C	15	30	24	21
D	22	69	57	34
E	40	78	71	47
Title 29	74	247	202	119
Other	1	2	3	0
Total	171	492	407	256

KENNEBEC

A	3	33	29	7
B	52	168	128	92
C	8	141	85	64
D	21	127	88	60
E	12	98	74	36
Title 29	45	164	141	68
Other	52	10	18	44
Total	193	742	564	371

KNOX

A	4	5	8	1
B	2	36	15	23
C	9	68	45	32
D	16	50	36	30
E	44	43	61	26
Title 29	4	61	24	41
Other	0	10	4	6
Total	79	273	193	159

LINCOLN

<u>Class of Charge</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
A	2	3	4	1
B	18	21	22	17
C	6	23	13	16
D	10	15	13	12
E	24	66	56	34
Title 29	0	25	21	4
Other	0	15	12	3
Total	60	168	141	87

OXFORD

A	3	5	5	3
B	14	72	38	48
C	27	83	73	37
D	16	48	33	31
E	14	43	24	33
Title 29	24	76	45	55
Other	9	13	16	6
Total	107	338	232	213

PENOBSCOT

A	18	53	46	25
B	35	108	90	53
C	24	184	126	82
D	19	119	74	64
E	43	62	79	26
Title 29	45	246	199	92
Other	69	139	118	90
Total	253	911	732	432

PISCATAQUIS

<u>Class of Charge</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
A	1	0*	1	0
B	4	8	6	6
C	7	20	11	16
D	14	27	20	21
E	7	17	7	17
Title 29	14	38	21	31
Other	15	17	10	22
Total	62	127	76	113

SAGADAHOC

A	1	10	7	4
B	2	10	7	5
C	6	43	29	20
D	4	32	22	14
E	13	63	54	22
Title 20	0	34	15	19
Other	0	2	1	1
Total	26	194	135	85

SOMERSET

A	2	15	7	10
B	4	82	45	41
C	19	120	100	39
D	9	116	83	42
E	6	48	40	14
Title 29	43	175	175	43
Other	25	40	31	34
Total	108	596	481	223

WALDO

<u>Class of Charge</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
A	1	13	8	6
B	16	55	50	21
C	8	49	39	18
D	16	23	27	12
E	36	56	66	26
Title 29	0	45	36	9
Other	2	2	3	1
Total	79	243	229	93

WASHINGTON

A	1	8	2	7
B	6	33	10	29
C	7	48	20	35
D	10	41	31	20
E	6	22	12	16
Title 29	7	31	16	22
Other	4	44	23	25
Total	41	227	114	154

YORK

A	1	33	22	12
B	10	54	43	21
C	31	165	139	57
D	22	102	101	23
E	13	88	61	41
Title 29	35	184	176	44
Other	6	17	20	3
Total	118	643	562	201

TABLE 3

CRIMINAL TRIALS
BY TYPE OF CASE

Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>STATE-WIDE</u>						
Bail Review	142	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Transfer	2,187	125	5.7	99	4.5	10.2
DeNovo Appeal	794	77	9.7	62	7.8	17.5
Indictment	2,607	271	10.4	83	3.2	13.6
Information	432	1	.2	8	1.8	2.0
Juvenile Appeal	89	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	29	0	0	2	7.0	7.0
Total	6,280	474		254		11.5%
<u>ANDROSCOGGIN</u>						
Bail Review	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	73	8	11.0	9	12.0	23.0
DeNovo Appeal	46	6	13.0	7	15.0	28.0
Indictment	200	23	12.0	10	5.0	17.0
Information	29	0	0	2	7.0	7.0
Juvenile Appeal	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	2	0	0	1	50.0	50.0
Total	365	37		29		18.0

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Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>AROOSTOOK</u>						
Bail Review	24	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	410	8	2.0	19	5.0	7.0
DeNovo Appeal	83	2	2.0	5	6.0	8.0
Indictment	267	21	8.0	17	6.0	14.0
Information	55	0	0	3	6.0	6.0
Juvenile Appeal	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	861	31		44		9.0
<u>CUMBERLAND</u>						
Bail Review	62	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	225	5	2.0	6	3.0	5.0
DeNovo Appeal	116	8	7.0	3	2.0	9.0
Indictment	508	59	12.0	15	3.0	15.0
Information	83	0	0	2	2.0	2.0
Juvenile Appeal	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	17	0	0	1	6.0	6.0
Total	1,031	72		27		10.0

Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>FRANKLIN</u>						
Bail Review	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	57	6	11.0	0	0	11.0
DeNovo Appeal	34	5	15.0	3	9.0	24.0
Indictment	57	13	35.0	1	3.0	38.0
Information	19	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	173	24		4		16.0
<u>HANCOCK</u>						
Bail Review	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	264	9	3.0	20	8.0	11.0
DeNovo Appeal	15	0	0	0	0	0
Indictment	76	9	12.0	1	1.0	13.0
Information	42	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	4	0	0	0	0	0
Total	407	18		21		10.0

Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>KENNEBEC</u>						
Bail Review	26	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	101	6	6.0	2	2.0	8.0
DeNovo Appeal	73	11	15.0	3	4.0	19.0
Indictment	324	30	9.0	14	5.0	14.0
Information	33	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	564	47		19		12.0
<u>KNOX</u>						
Bail Review	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	37	4	11.0	3	8.0	19.0
DeNovo Appeal	60	4	7.0	11	18.0	25.0
Indictment	82	18	22.0	4	5.0	27.0
Information	4	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	4	0	0	0	0	0
Total	193	26	26	18		23

Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>LINCOLN</u>						
Bail Review	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	33	6	18.0	2	6.0	24.0
DeNovo Appeal	59	8	14.0	8	14.0	28.0
Indictment	37	5	14.0	3	8.0	22.0
Information	3	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	141	19		13.0		23.0
<u>OXFORD</u>						
Bail Review	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	59	7	12.0	7	12.0	24.0
DeNovo Appeal	23	5	22.0	5	22.0	44.0
Indictment	114	12	11.0	4	3.0	14.0
Information	34	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	232	24		16		11.0

Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>PENOBSCOT</u>						
Bail Review	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	311	17	5.0	12	4.0	9.0
DeNovo Appeal	86	9	10.0	6	7.0	17.0
Indictment	303	29	10.0	7	2.0	12.0
Information	15	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	-
Total	732	55		25		11.0
<u>PISCATAQUIS</u>						
Bail Review	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	46	2	4.0	3	7.0	11.0
DeNovo Appeal	3	0	0	1	33.0	33.0
Indictment	20	4	20.0	1	5.0	25.0
Information	5	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	76	6		5		14.0

Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>SAGADAHOC</u>						
Bail Review	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	28	2	7.0	4	14.0	21.0
DeNovo Appeal	49	4	8.0	5	10.0	18.0
Indictment	39	5	13.0	2	5.0	18.0
Information	18	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	135	11		11		16.0
<u>SOMERSET</u>						
Bail Review	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	212	14	7.0	1	1.0	8.0
DeNovo Appeal	42	5	12.0	2	5.0	17.0
Indictment	199	6	3.0	1	.5	3.5
Information	24	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	482	25		4		6.0

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Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>WALDO</u>						
Bail Review	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	82	10	12.0	2	3.0	15.0
DeNovo Appeal	17	5	29.0	0	0	29.0
Indictment	103	15	15.0	1	1.0	16.0
Information	17	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	229	30		3		14.0
<u>WASHINGTON</u>						
Bail Review	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	36	2	6.0	3	8.0	14.0
DeNovo Appeal	23	0	0	0	0	0
Indictment	50	8	16.0	2	4.0	20.0
Information	5	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Appeal	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	114	10		5		13.0

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Type of Case	Total Criminal Dispositions	Jury Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Trial	Jury Waived Trials	Percent of Dispositions By Jury Waived Trial	Percent of Dispositions By Trial
<u>YORK</u>						
Bail Review	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transfer	213	19	9.0	6	3.0	12.0
DeNovo Appeal	65	5	8.0	3	4.0	12.0
Indictment	228	14	6.1	1	.4	6.5
Information	47	1	2.0	0	0	2.0
Juvenile Appeal	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	562	39		10		9.0

TABLE 4

CRIMINAL TRIALS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
<u>STATE-WIDE</u>						
A	244	34	90	2	156	92
B	801	108	121	31	102	92
C	1,301	88	94	46	84	80
D	935	54	--	41	--	--
E	1,107	60	--	64	--	--
Title 29	1,429	108	--	56	--	--
Other	463	22	--	14	--	--
Total	6,280	474	106*	254	93*	85*
<u>ANDROSCOGGIN</u>						
A	14	1	78*	1	102	88
B	81	14	156	3	34	109
C	110	7	141	8	84	64
E	62	7	--	6	--	--
D	85	7	--	11	--	--
Title 29	2	0	--	0	--	--
Other	11	1	--	0	--	--
Total	365	37	147*	29	73*	83*

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
<u>AROOSTOOK</u>						
A	27	1	131	1	209	90
B	57	7	105	6	143	114
C	197	11	97	10	119	85
D	166	5	--	11	--	--
E	354	7	--	11	--	--
Title 29	30	0	--	5	--	--
Other	30	0	--	0	--	--
Total	862	31	102*	44	132*	92*
<u>CUMBERLAND</u>						
A	54	11	111	0	0	111
B	158	22	106	8	146	110
C	263	19	127	7	62	118
D	107	3	--	3	--	--
E	56	2	--	1	--	--
Title 29	225	8	--	3	--	--
Other	168	7	--	5	--	--
Total	1,031	72	115*	27	107*	114*

*Average number of days for combined A, B and C cases.

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
<u>FRANKLIN</u>						
A	3	0	0	0	0	175
B	8	2	112	0	0	92
C	27	4	163	0	0	76
D	15	1	--	0	--	--
E	7	0	--	1	--	--
Title 29	102	17	--	2	--	--
Other	11	0	--	1	--	--
Total	173	24	146*	4	0*	88*
<u>HANCOCK</u>						
A	7	1	61	0	0	118
B	43	5	93	0	0	104
C	24	3	129	1	132	67
D	57	1	--	3	--	--
E	71	1	--	3	--	--
Title 29	202	7	--	14	--	--
Other	3	0	--	0	--	--
Total	407	18	101*	21	132*	93*

*Average number of days for combined A, B and C cases.

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
<u>KENNEBEC</u>						
A	29	3	72	0	0	34
B	128	11	73	5	61	61
C	85	6	85	4	42	59
D	88	5	--	5	--	--
E	74	6	--	1	--	--
Title 29	141	15	--	4	--	--
Other	19	1	--	0	--	--
Total	564	47	76*	19	51*	57*
<u>KNOX</u>						
A	8	2	126	0	0	79
B	15	4	62	1	157	59
C	45	8	126	3	69	95
D	36	4	--	3	--	--
E	61	5	--	9	--	--
Title 20	24	3	--	2	--	--
Other	4	0	--	0	--	--
Total	193	26	109*	18	91*	86*

*Average number of days for combined A, B and C cases.

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
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LINCOLN

A	4	2	45	0	0	57
B	22	3	400	1	2	75
C	13	1	0	2	43	98
D	13	1	--	1	--	--
E	56	10	--	8	--	--
Title 29	21	2	--	1	--	--
Other	12	0	--	0	--	--
Total	141	19	215*	13	29*	81*

OXFORD

A	5	3	117	0	0	72
B	38	1	181	1	145	53
C	73	6	82	2	123	97
D	33	5	--	1	--	--
E	24	0	--	6	--	--
Title 20	45	7	--	6	--	--
Other	16	2	--	0	--	--
Total	232	24	102*	16	130*	82*

Average number of days for combined A, B and C cases.

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
<u>PENOBSCOT</u>						
A	46	5	124	0	0	119
B	90	12	97	3	91	101
C	126	9	102	6	75	72
D	74	6	--	0	--	--
E	79	1	--	3	--	--
Title 29	199	15	--	9	--	--
Other	118	7	--	4	--	--
Total	732	55	104*	25	80*	90*
<u>PISCATAQUIS</u>						
A	1	0	0	0	0	0
B	6	2	97	0	0	66
C	11	2	34	0	0	43
D	20	1	--	1	--	--
E	7	0	--	1	--	--
Title 29	21	1	--	2	--	--
Other	10	0	--	1	--	--
Total	76	6	66*	5	0*	49*

Average number of days for combined A, B and C cases.

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
<u>SAGADAHOC</u>						
A	7	2	76	0	0	49
B	7	2	103	0	0	65
C	29	1	6	2	100	33
D	22	1	--	1	--	--
E	54	4	--	7	--	--
Title 29	15	1	--	1	--	--
Other	1	0	--	0	--	--
Total	135	11	70*	11	100*	41*
<u>SOMERSET</u>						
A	7	1	251	0	0	62
B	45	1	52	1	0	43
C	100	2	41	0	0	41
D	83	2	--	0	--	--
E	40	2	--	0	--	--
Title 29	175	15	--	1	--	--
Other	31	2	--	2	--	--
Total	481	25	96*	4	0*	44*

*Average number of days for combined A, B and C cases.

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
<u>WALDO</u>						
A	8	0	0	0	0	145
B	50	11	156	1	40	86
C	39	2	34	0	0	87
D	27	4	--	0	--	--
E	66	10	--	0	--	--
Title 29	36	3	--	2	--	--
Other	3	0	--	0	--	--
Total	229	30	138*	3	40*	92*
<u>WASHINGTON</u>						
A	2	1	17	0	0	62
B	10	3	55	0	0	56
C	20	3	102	1	75	58
D	31	1	--	3	--	--
E	12	1	--	0	--	--
Title 29	16	0	--	1	--	--
Other	23	1	--	0	--	--
Total	114	10	69*	5	75*	57*

Average number of days for combined A, B and C cases.

Class of Charge	Total Criminal Dispositions	No. Jury Trials	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Trial	No. Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Jury Waived Trial	Average No. Days Arraignment to Disposition
<u>YORK</u>						
A	22	1	42	0	0	65
B	43	8	143	1	74	134
C	139	4	69	0	0	69
D	101	7	--	3	--	--
E	61	4	--	0	--	--
Title	176	13	--	5	--	--
Other	20	2	--	1	--	--
Total	562	39	112*	10	74*	82*

*Average number of days for combined A, B and C cases.

SUPERIOR COURT - CIVIL CASE STATISTICS

Tables 5, 6, 7 and 8 show Superior Court civil filings, dispositions and trials during 1977. Because the new statistical reporting system for the Superior Court was inaugurated in 1977, we are unable to compare multi-year figures in most of the categories shown.

Table 5

This table shows filing and disposition information for each county by type of case and includes state totals. In this table, "Other" includes habitual offender cases, Rule 80b appeals, equity cases, quiet titles and declaratory judgments.

Analysis of this table reveals:

1. Traffic infraction appeals comprise .3% of total civil filings.
2. Divorce cases comprise 7% of total civil filings

Table 6

This table shows the number of civil jury and jury-waived trials for each county and includes state totals. In addition, this table gives the percentage of cases disposed by jury or jury-waived trials in each county.

Analysis of this table reveals:

1. Jury-waived trials exceed jury trials by 27%.
2. 47% of the total number of jury and jury-waived civil trials were held in Cumberland and Penobscot Counties.
3. 3.6% of the total civil cases disposed were disposed by jury trial.
4. 4.8% of the total civil cases disposed were disposed by jury-waived trials.

Table 7

This table shows filings and dispositions for each county and includes state totals.

Analysis of this table reveals the following:

1. State-wide, civil case filings increased 9%.
2. In five counties, Franklin, Kennebec, Penobscot, Somerset and Waldo, the increase in civil case filings exceeded 23%.
3. State-wide, the civil case dispositions decreased 7%.
4. In three counties, Piscataquis, Washington and York, civil case filings decreased - Piscataquis, 3%; Washington, 1%, York, 14%.

Table 8

This table shows time lag figures for significant steps in the movement of a civil case. These figures cannot be compared with those in last year's report, because a different method of calculation is used this year.

Analysis of this table reveals:

1. State-wide, the average number of days from filing of the first pre-trial memorandum to pre-trial conference is 126. The range is 61 days in Piscataquis County to 185 days in Knox County.
2. State-wide, the average number of days from pre-trial conference to jury trial is 201. The range is 44 days in Piscataquis County to 340 days in Washington County.
3. State-wide, the average number of days from pre-trial conference to jury-waived trial is 176. The range is 28 days in Kennebec County to 374 in Sagadahoc County.
4. State-wide, the average number of days from pre-trial conference to other disposition is 226. The range is 95 days in Piscataquis County to 378 days in Waldo County.

"Other" includes settlements under Rule 41a, dismissals and dismissals under Rule 41b.

TABLE 5

CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE

STATE-WIDE

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
Damages	927	874	11.6	584	1,217
Personal Injury	1,263	956	12.1	666	1,553
Contract	1,604	1,108	14.6	854	1,858
URESA	619	1,171	15.4	735	1,055
Divorce	226	536	7.1	337	425
Infraction Appeal	10	24	.3	20	14
Habeas Corpus	58	57	.8	58	57
Other Appeals	186	200	2.6	147	239
Other	2,510	2,642	35.0	1,853	3,302
Total	7,403	7,568		5,254	97%

ANDROSCOGGIN

Damages	134	113	15.1	114	133
Personal Injury	146	106	14.2	99	153
Contract	221	162	21.7	162	221
URESA	26	100	13.4	87	39
Divorce	22	54	7.2	45	31
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	6	1	.1	5	2
Other Appeals	3	8	1.0	6	5
Other	151	204	27.3	167	188
Total	709	748		685	772

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
<u>AROOSTOOK</u>					
Damages	44	61	12.7	26	79
Personal Injury	63	61	12.7	41	83
Contract	32	20	4.2	17	35
URESA	50	92	19.2	19	123
Divorce	14	17	3.5	11	20
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	8	3	.6	1	10
Other Appeals	9	38	7.9	13	34
Other	221	188	39.2	111	298
Total	441	480		239	682
<u>CUMBERLAND</u>					
Damages	342	235	15	197	380
Personal Injury	371	188	12	147	412
Contract	370	183	12	143	410
URESA	134	219	14	127	226
Divorce	8	113	6	49	72
Infraction Appeal	0	6	.3	4	2
Habeas Corpus	4	16	1	14	6
Other Appeals	90	30	2	40	80
Other	613	600	38	373	840
Total	1,932	1,590		1,094	2,428

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
<u>FRANKLIN</u>					
Damages	18	21	12.9	8	31
Personal Injury	19	13	8.0	15	17
Contract	58	37	22.7	22	73
URESA	16	33	20.2	27	22
Divorce	4	7	4.3	4	7
Infraction Appeal	2	1	.6	3	0
Habeas Corpus	2	0	0	2	0
Other Appeals	1	6	3.7	1	6
Other	17	45	27.6	27	35
Total	137	163		109	191
<u>HANCOCK</u>					
Damages	29	16	4.7	11	34
Personal Injury	35	43	12.7	25	53
Contract	87	55	16.2	46	96
URESA	23	55	16.2	36	42
Divorce	42	67	19.8	52	57
Infraction Appeal	1	1	.3	2	0
Habeas Corpus	0	2	.7	1	1
Other Appeals	1	4	1.1	4	1
Other	81	96	28.3	71	106
Total	299	339		248	390

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
<u>KENNEBEC</u>					
Damages	62	73	7.8	34	101
Personal Injury	139	97	10.4	56	180
Contract	226	123	13.3	113	236
URESA	118	101	10.8	71	148
Divorce	8	32	3.4	18	22
Infraction Appeal	6	7	.7	5	8
Habeas Corpus	12	6	.6	9	9
Other Appeals	8	31	3.3	10	29
Other	446	464	49.7	385	545
Total	1,045	934		701	1,278
<u>KNOX</u>					
Damages	35	19	8.2	19	35
Personal Injury	47	40	17.5	21	66
Contract	79	56	24.5	54	81
URESA	14	31	13.6	20	25
Divorce	4	3	1.3	5	2
Infraction Appeal	0	1	.4	1	0
Habeas Corpus	7	6	2.6	2	11
Other Appeals	3	8	3.5	5	6
Other	49	65	28.4	50	64
Total	238	229		177	290

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
<u>LINCOLN</u>					
Damages	25	27	13.5	17	35
Personal Injury	25	22	11.0	17	30
Contract	31	19	9.5	20	30
URESA	17	34	17.0	24	27
Divorce	7	10	5.0	9	8
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	2	1	.5	2	1
Other Appeals	0	2	1.0	2	0
Other	53	85	42.5	57	81
Total	160	200		148	212
<u>OXFORD</u>					
Damages	41	53	22.6	28	66
Personal Injury	34	34	14.5	20	48
Contract	12	43	18.3	18	37
URESA	5	43	18.3	12	36
Divorce	17	20	8.5	8	29
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	1	0	0	1	0
Other Appeals	1	4	1.7	1	4
Other	101	38	16.1	43	96
Total	212	235		131	316

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
<u>PENOBSCOT</u>					
Damages	59	51	5.9	41	69
Personal Injury	173	143	16.7	126	190
Contract	215	166	19.3	132	249
URESA	0	113	13.2	4	109
Divorce	12	46	5.4	32	26
Infraction Appeal	1	0	0	1	0
Habeas Corpus	8	8	.9	7	9
Other Appeals	11	19	2.2	13	17
Other	265	313	36.4	224	354
Total	744	859		580	1,023
<u>PISCATAQUIS</u>					
Damages	12	9	12.5	8	13
Personal Injury	5	8	11.1	3	10
Contract	17	19	26.4	8	28
URESA	1	0	0	0	1
Divorce	1	1	1.3	1	1
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0
Other Appeals	12	3	4.3	10	5
Other	26	32	44.4	25	33
Total	74	72		55	91

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<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
<u>SAGADAHOC</u>					
Damages	14	18	10.7	7	25
Personal Injury	17	23	13.7	10	30
Contract	23	34	20.2	13	44
URESA	23	41	24.4	30	34
Divorce	4	11	6.5	4	11
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	1	1	.6	2	0
Other Appeals	5	2	1.3	3	4
Other	60	38	22.6	32	66
Total	147	168		107	214
<u>SOMERSET</u>					
Damages	28	47	12.6	25	50
Personal Injury	42	29	7.8	24	47
Contract	83	66	17.7	33	116
URESA	58	53	14.2	65	46
Divorce	40	103	27.6	73	70
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	5	8	2.1	7	6
Other Appeal	5	6	1.6	3	8
Other	56	61	16.4	40	77
Total	317	373		270	420

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1977</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
<u>WALDO</u>					
Damages	19	16	9.8	7	28
Personal Injury	11	21	12.9	8	24
Contract	34	33	20.3	23	44
URESAs	15	16	9.8	20	11
Divorce	7	7	4.3	6	8
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	1	1	.6	2	0
Other Appeals	5	9	5.5	7	7
Other	58	60	36.8	57	61
Total	150	163		130	183
<u>WASHINGTON</u>					
Damages	8	18	9.5	9	17
Personal Injury	27	19	10.1	20	26
Contract	44	40	21.2	36	48
URESAs	16	36	19.0	23	29
Divorce	7	3	1.6	5	5
Infraction Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	1	1	.5	1	1
Other Appeals	9	4	2.1	7	6
Other	59	68	36.0	52	75
Total	171	189		153	207

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Filings as Percent of Civil Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Pending January 1, 1978</u>
<u>YORK</u>					
Damages	57	97	11.7	33	121
Personal Injury	109	109	13.2	34	184
Contract	72	52	6.3	14	110
URESAs	103	204	24.7	170	137
Divorce	29	42	5.1	15	56
Infraction Appeal	0	8	1.0	4	4
Habeas Corpus	0	4	.5	2	2
Other Appeals	23	26	3.1	22	27
Other	229	284	34.4	139	374
Total	622	826		433	1,015

TABLE 6

CIVIL TRIALS*

<u>County</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Jury Trials</u>	<u>Jury Trials As Percent of Dispositions</u>	<u>Jury-Waived Trials</u>	<u>Jury-Waived Trials as Percent of Dispositions</u>
Androscoggin	598	19	3.1	19	3.1
Aroostook	220	1	.5	1	.5
Cumberland	967	48	5.0	41	4.2
Franklin	82	0	0	5	6.0
Hancock	212	7	3.3	30	14.1
Kennebec	630	16	2.6	8	1.2
Knox	157	6	3.9	1	.6
Lincoln	124	7	5.6	13	10.4
Oxford	119	3	2.5	8	6.7
Penobscot	576	31	5.4	66	11.4
Piscataquis	55	4	7.2	1	1.8
Sagadahoc	77	4	5.1	10	12.9
Somerset	205	3	1.5	5	2.4
Waldo	110	2	1.8	2	1.8
Washington	130	4	3.0	6	4.6
York	433	12	2.8	10	2.3
State	4,695	167	3.6	226	4.8

*Does not include URESA cases.

TABLE 7

CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS*
COMPARATIVE CASELOAD

County	Filings		Percent Change	Dispositions		Percent Change
	1976	1977		1976	1977	
Androscoggin	590	648	+10	640	598	- 7
Aroostook	384	388	+ 1	210	220	+ 5
Cumberland	1,331	1,371	+ 2	1,201	967	- 19
Franklin	105	130	+24	75	82	+ 9
Hancock	265	284	+ 7	88	212	+ 141
Kennebec	680	833	+23	550	630	+ 15
Knox	180	198	+10	190	157	- 17
Lincoln	145	166	+14	140	124	- 11
Oxford	187	192	+ 3	182	119	- 35
Penobscot	575	746	+30	552	576	+ 4
Piscataquis	74	72	- 3	62	55	- 11
Sagadahoc	117	127	+ 9	118	77	- 35
Somerset	240	320	+33	192	205	+ 7
Waldo	98	147	+50	75	110	+ 47
Washington	154	153	- 1	131	130	- 1
York	726	622	-14	618	433	- 30
State	5,851	6,397	+ 9	5,024	4,695	- 7

*Does not include URESA cases.

TABLE 8

CIVIL CASEFLOW

- 69 -	Counties	Average No. Days Pre-Trial Memo to Pre-Trial Conf.	Average No. Days Pre-Trial Conf. to Jury Trial	Average No. Days Pre-Trial Conf. to Jury-Waived Trial	Average No. Days Pre-Trial Conf. to Other Disposition
	Androscoggin	141	252	147	229
	Aroostook	73	44	UN*	129
	Cumberland	166	205	205	218
	Franklin	178	---	124	239
	Hancock	99	214	186	342
	Kennebec	82	191	107	261
	Knox	185	232	28	185
	Lincoln	144	160	49	434
	Oxford	123	176	301	314
	Penobscot	97	200	168	240
	Piscataquis	61	44	53	95
	Sagadahoc	156	57	374	120
	Somerset	136	101	186	141
	Waldo	96	131	97	378
	Washington	81	340	128	206
	York	94	237	UN*	208
	State	126	201	176	226

*UN - Unavailable

APPENDIX III

The following District Court case filing statistics are provided in a fiscal year format, because District Court docket books are presently kept according to fiscal year rather than calendar year.

These figures were compiled by the Regional Court Administrators, and are placed in alphabetical order by location for easy access.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>FY 1974-75</u>	<u>FY 1975-76</u>	<u>FY 1976-77</u>
Augusta	Criminal	7,227	7,959	8,253
	Civil	777	749	825
	Small Claims	452	772	994
	Divorce	457	467	448
	Juvenile	228	281	294
	Money Judgments	314	318	318
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	143	218	258
	Total:	9,598	10,764	11,390
Bangor	Criminal	10,362	8,622	8,771
	Civil	1,043	1,269	1,151
	Small Claims	503	658	827
	Divorce	584	583	622
	Juvenile	383	394	414
	Money Judgments	433	447	477
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	161	200	221
	Total:	13,469	12,173	12,960
Bar Harbor	Criminal	1,018	940	955
	Civil	98	68	131
	Small Claims	114	118	195
	Divorce	60	53	43
	Juvenile	40	65	37
	Money Judgments	26	36	24
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	1,356	1,280	1,385
Bath	Criminal	3,032	2,744	3,164
	Civil	199	157	235
	Small Claims	190	250	353
	Divorce	203	209	190
	Juvenile	72	81	72
	Money Judgments	59	76	80
	Reciprocal	---	3	4
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	3,755	3,520	4,098

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>FY 1974-75</u>	<u>FY 1975-76</u>	<u>FY 1976-77</u>
Belfast	Criminal	2,188	2,386	2,549
	Civil	298	205	160
	Small Claims	300	564	479
	Divorce	183	186	167
	Juvenile	105	95	120
	Money Judgments	142	122	97
	Reciprocal	12	9	4
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	3,228	3,567	3,576
Biddeford	Criminal	9,410	8,447	8,577
	Civil	611	592	446
	Small Claims	408	520	760
	Divorce	421	404	434
	Juvenile	191	127	145
	Money Judgments	151	186	155
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	11,192	10,276	10,517
Bridgton	Criminal	1,527	1,900	1,540
	Civil	111	111	90
	Small Claims	185	196	189
	Divorce	100	92	90
	Juvenile	80	101	127
	Money Judgments	24	56	50
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	2,027	2,456	2,086
Brunswick	Criminal	4,360	4,429	4,437
	Civil	194	153	202
	Small Claims	230	315	248
	Divorce	232	230	216
	Juvenile	124	100	157
	Money Judgments	44	61	68
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	5,184	5,288	5,328

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>FY 1974-75</u>	<u>FY 1975-76</u>	<u>FY 1976-77</u>
Calais	Criminal	2,141	2,150	2,205
	Civil	195	154	88
	Small Claims	471	427	228
	Divorce	105	124	150
	Juvenile	161	123	164
	Money Judgments	87	88	103
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	3,160	3,066	2,938
Caribou	Criminal	2,742	2,849	2,911
	Civil	274	244	215
	Small Claims	199	363	308
	Divorce	185	195	218
	Juvenile	52	74	128
	Money Judgments	139	152	177
	Reciprocal	---	7	12
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	3,591	3,884	3,969
Dover- Foxcroft	Criminal	3,302	3,157	2,344
	Civil	150	153	149
	Small Claims	236	231	384
	Divorce	119	122	110
	Juvenile	162	111	86
	Money Judgments	106	88	110
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	4,075	3,862	3,183
Ellsworth	Criminal	3,240	3,289	3,385
	Civil	317	345	285
	Small Claims	329	528	883
	Divorce	158	170	168
	Juvenile	137	137	153
	Money Judgments	146	188	152
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	4,327	4,657	5,026

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>FY 1974-75</u>	<u>FY 1975-76</u>	<u>FY 1976-77</u>
Farmington	Criminal	2,738	2,039	2,324
	Civil	164	141	137
	Small Claims	279	376	407
	Divorce	146	175	170
	Juvenile	61	60	101
	Money Judgments	102	108	107
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	3,490	2,899	3,246
Fort Kent	Criminal	1,628	2,107	1,640
	Civil	35	46	20
	Total:	1,663	2,153	1,660
Houlton	Criminal	4,120	4,836	4,466
	Civil	330	365	302
	Small Claims	146	428	462
	Divorce	102	102	98
	Juvenile	114	91	165
	Money Judgements	102	261	271
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	4,914	6,083	5,764
Kittery	Criminal	5,626	5,645	5,911
	Civil	166	154	124
	Small Claims	137	178	185
	Divorce	184	175	174
	Juvenile	57	29	43
	Money Judgments	40	49	43
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	6,210	6,230	6,480
Lewiston	Criminal	6,780	9,386	9,306
	Civil	1,173	1,139	1,270
	Small Claims	626	684	827
	Divorce	640	605	588
	Juvenile	250	340	456
	Money Judgments	427	472	500
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	9,896	12,626	12,947

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>FY 1974-75</u>	<u>FY 1975-76</u>	<u>FY 1976-77</u>
Lincoln	Criminal	3,073	2,800	2,655
	Civil	136	95	80
	Small Claims	291	266	326
	Divorce	72	61	68
	Juvenile	92	106	73
	Money Judgments	94	72	67
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	3,758	3,400	3,269
Livermore Falls	Criminal	962	1,002	1,366
	Civil	45	48	32
	Small Claims	98	97	103
	Divorce	44	61	55
	Juvenile	18	44	53
	Money Judgments	19	21	29
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	1,186	1,273	1,638
Machias	Criminal	1,937	1,556	1,693
	Civil	117	146	129
	Small Claims	219	265	348
	Divorce	84	97	112
	Juvenile	54	101	82
	Money Judgments	96	44	61
	Reciprocal	3	5	5
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	2,510	2,214	2,430
Madawaska	Criminal	907	1,021	893
	Civil	216	247	215
	Small Claims	266	323	445
	Divorce	53	54	66
	Juvenile	33	34	35
	Money Judgments	115	166	169
	Reciprocal	8	4	40
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	1,598	1,849	1,863

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>FY 1974-75</u>	<u>FY 1975-76</u>	<u>FY 1976-77</u>
Millinocket	Criminal	3,362	2,568	2,241
	Civil	180	332	102
	Small Claims	472	529	309
	Divorce	149	148	80
	Juvenile	130	130	104
	Money Judgments	201	190	95
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	4,494	3,897	2,931
Newport	Criminal	4,045	2,681	2,937
	Civil	131	123	89
	Small Claims	102	140	255
	Divorce	130	136	127
	Juvenile	104	75	75
	Money Judgments	51	76	73
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	4,563	3,231	3,556
Portland	Criminal	25,596	24,873	23,492
	Civil	2,918	2,547	2,520
	Small Claims	707	910	1,026
	Divorce	1,255	1,204	1,209
	Juvenile	844	774	773
	Money Judgments	656	607	648
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	31,976	30,915	29,668
Presque Isle	Criminal	3,405	3,785	5,317
	Civil	680	864	620
	Small Claims	307	337	291
	Divorce	202	204	170
	Juvenile	229	147	206
	Money Judgments	572	884	396
	Reciprocal	---	13	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	5,395	6,234	7,000

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>FY 1974-75</u>	<u>FY 1975-76</u>	<u>FY 1976-77</u>
Rockland	Criminal	2,404	2,752	3,486
	Civil	459	414	442
	Small Claims	414	667	719
	Divorce	241	216	202
	Juvenile	120	76	89
	Money Judgments	214	211	203
	Reciprocal	---	---	4
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	3,852	4,336	5,145
Rumford	Criminal	1,967	1,836	2,679
	Civil	71	98	118
	Small Claims	210	244	338
	Divorce	107	113	137
	Juvenile	173	189	251
	Money Judgments	65	67	87
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	2,593	2,547	3,610
Sanford	Criminal	3,206	3,080	3,940
	Civil	209	240	183
	Small Claims	268	433	461
	Divorce	196	256	250
	Juvenile	85	51	76
	Money Judgments	64	72	50
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	4,028	4,132	4,960
Skowhegan	Criminal	4,828	6,463	7,399
	Civil	454	499	374
	Small Claims	454	558	749
	Divorce	275	271	227
	Juvenile	134	227	193
	Money Judgments	335	356	315
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	6,480	8,374	9,257

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>FY 1974-75</u>	<u>FY 1975-76</u>	<u>FY 1976-77</u>
South Paris	Criminal	1,533	1,479	1,782
	Civil	197	161	186
	Small Claims	112	249	383
	Divorce	116	150	131
	Juvenile	89	92	204
	Money Judgments	42	69	70
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	2,089	2,200	2,756
Van Buren	Criminal	615	890	838
	Civil	56	58	39
	Small Claims	---	---	---
	Divorce	---	---	---
	Juvenile	---	---	---
	Money Judgments	---	---	---
	Reciprocal	---	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	671	948	877
Waterville	Criminal	4,252	5,152	6,070
	Civil	871	593	626
	Small Claims	412	379	589
	Divorce	291	284	311
	Juvenile	114	112	139
	Money Judgments	383	322	323
	Reciprocal	1	---	---
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	6,324	6,842	8,058
Wiscasset	Criminal	2,027	2,054	2,654
	Civil	188	170	218
	Small Claims	489	506	480
	Divorce	168	176	159
	Juvenile	59	46	68
	Money Judgments	57	86	134
	Reciprocal	---	---	16
	Mental Health	---	---	---
	Total:	2,988	3,038	3,729
GRAND TOTAL:		175,640	180,214	187,300