

### Circuit Clerk's Manual

Preliminary drafting of a Circuit Clerk's Manual was accomplished during 1976 by the staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The manual when completed will cover duties in connection with litigation filed in the circuit and district court served by the clerk. Additionally, the manual will cover accounting procedures, personnel matters, records retention, purchasing, statistics collection, electronic recordmaking in district court, and other pertinent subjects.

### Court Facilities

On October 1, 1976, a facilities planner was employed by the Administrative Office of the Courts, and preliminary contacts were made with resource organizations to determine facilities needs for the Court of Justice. Studies of existing court facilities surveys were analyzed in anticipation of space needs prior to the impending activation of the district courts. A first draft of the Supreme Court building program was prepared and submitted for consideration.

### Electronic Recording

Upon recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the Administrative Office of the Courts, electronic recording devices will be used exclusively in the district courts. In order to provide a method of appraising recording equipment presently on the market, studies conducted in other states were thoroughly reviewed. A telephone survey of 20 states was conducted to gather information on selection and procurement processes, types of equipment used, and methods of transcription.

Those companies with equipment presently on the market meeting specifications established by the National Center for State Courts were contacted and invited to participate in an evaluation study to be conducted in March and April, 1977.

### Uniform Records and Forms

During 1976 statutes were enacted to give the Court of Justice authority to develop a comprehensive records management program. A planning grant was awarded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and staff was employed to begin developing plans for the implementation of uniform record-keeping systems. Major work in forms design and uniform procedures has been started with completion scheduled during 1977.

Uniform Accounting Procedures

In order to more effectively control and manage the financial activities of the Court of Justice, it was determined that there was a need for the design and establishment of a uniform accounting system. In late 1976, a federal grant was awarded and work was begun on drafting requests for proposals for competitive bidding from professional organizations to develop a uniform accounting system to meet the requirements of the unified court system.

# Judicial Statistics



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## PRESENTATION OF STATISTICAL DATA

### THE APPELLATE COURTS

On January 1, 1976, the former Court of Appeals became Kentucky's court of last resort, the Supreme Court.

With the approaching organization of the intermediate appellate court, the Supreme Court promulgated new Rules of Appellate Procedure which were adopted effective July 1, 1976. Although the Court of Appeals was not appointed until August 17, 1976, appeals were docketed to that court beginning July 1.

Under the provisions of the judicial article, the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court includes those appeals from a judgment of the circuit court imposing a sentence of death or life imprisonment, or imprisonment for twenty years or more. Additionally, the Supreme Court decides appeals docketed in that court through a motion for discretionary review or motion for transfer. All other appeals are considered by the Court of Appeals.

All appeals were docketed in the Supreme Court from January 1, 1976, until July 1, 1976. From that date the appeals were docketed in both courts according to their jurisdiction as prescribed by the Constitution and by the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## SUPREME COURT\*\*

## MATTERS DOCKETED, 1961-1976

YEAR	APPEALS AND ORIGINAL ACTIONS	MOTIONS FOR APPEAL, TRANSFER, AND REVIEW	ACTIONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF	PETITIONS FOR REHEARING	TOTAL MATTERS DOCKETED
1961	551	65	5	145	766
1962	596	64	22	108	790
1963	594	49	10	153	806
1964	743	65	16	144	968
1965	803	77	11	168	1059
1966	804	71	16	146	1037
1967	787	56	19	179	1041
1968	780	50	13	174	1017
1969	903	45	12	175	1135
1970	1086	43	24	158	1311
1971	1063	35	15	122	1235
1972	1104	31	9	128	1272
1973	1116	28	16	147	1307
1974	1090	30	22	190	1332
1975	1173	26	26	185	1410
1976	798	21***	14	141	974

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\*\*\* Includes 11 motions for appeal, 7 motions for transfer, and 3 motions for discretionary review.

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## SUPREME COURT\*\*

## MATTERS DISPOSED, 1961-1976

YEAR	DISPOSED OF BY OPINION	DISPOSED OF BY ORDER	TRANSFERRED TO COURT OF APPEALS	RULINGS ON PETITIONS FOR REHEARING	TOTAL MATTERS DISPOSED
1961	441	52	---	131	624
1962	378	58	---	116	552
1963	526	68	---	143	737
1964	617	84	---	166	867
1965	626	166	---	147	939
1966	597	127	---	160	884
1967	639	136	---	155	930
1968	604	216	---	161	981
1969	618	240	---	171	1029
1970	627	379	---	128	1134
1971	586	393	---	118	1097
1972	619	353	---	116	1088
1973	677	466	---	134	1277
1974	860	323	---	179	1362
1975	857	293	---	180	1330
1976	750	314	153	130	1347

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