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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Public Officials:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.14(A)(4), the Annual Report of the Delaware Municipal Court for the year 2025 is hereby submitted for your consideration.

This Annual Report is compiled from original records of the Court, which are available for examination.

Should you have any questions about the report, please feel free to contact the Court.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyle E. Rohrer
Administrative Judge

cc: Delaware City Manager
Finance Director of the City of Delaware
Delaware County Administrator
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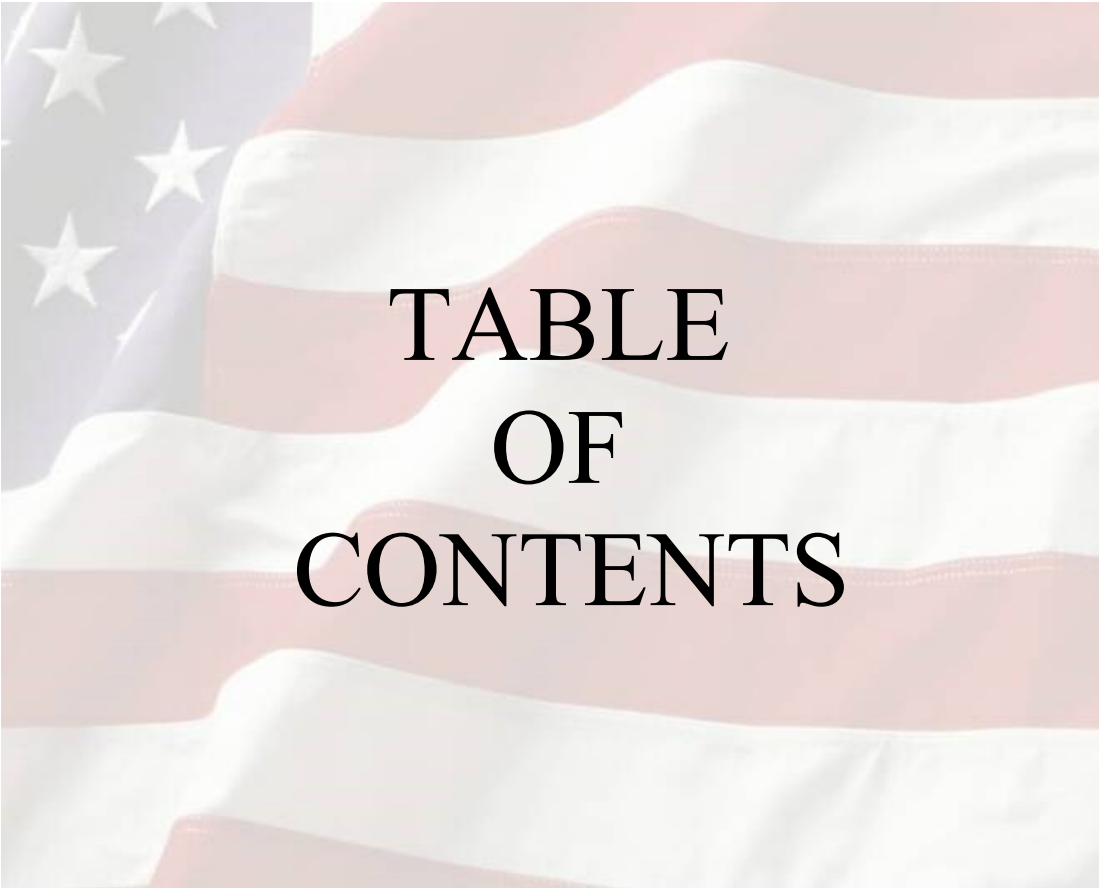
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DELAWARE MUNICIPAL COURT

JUDICIAL STAFF

Kyle E. Rohrer Judge
Mark W. Fowler..... Judge
Amanda D. Bunner..... Magistrate
Kevin L. Pelanda..... Magistrate - Part-Time

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Court Administration

Darren Smith..... Court Administrator
Tina Spears Assignment Commissioner / Jury Commissioner
Maenette Combs Assignment Commissioner / Jury Commissioner
Michael Draper Mission Court Mentor Coordinator - Part-Time

Court Security Office

Mike Taylor Chief Bailiff
Elliott Goff..... Bailiff
Tiffany Kohls..... Bailiff
Bruce Orlov Bailiff
John Thompson..... Bailiff
Pat Yankie Bailiff
Bob Wery..... Bailiff - Part-Time

Community Control Office

Lindsey Blue Chief
Kurt Olson..... Deputy Chief
Nicole Bond Pretrial & Diversion
Officer
Dominic Cipiti..... Officer
Adam Garloch Officer
Kara Moore Officer
Jessica Scholz..... Officer
Sheryl Titus Pretrial & Diversion
Officer

The following is a list of Judges who have served, or who are presently serving at the Delaware Municipal Court:

DELAWARE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

Henry W. Wolf	01/01/54 - 04/01/55
John R. Anderson	04/02/55 - 08/15/58
Franklin Wright	08/16/58 - 12/31/59
Peter Vatsures	01/01/60 - 12/31/65
Thomas C. Clark	01/01/66 - 12/31/71
Nino Sferrella	01/01/72 - 12/31/77
William Taylor	01/01/78 - 12/31/83
Everett Krueger	01/01/84 - 12/31/93
Jeffrey Burkam	01/01/94 - 12/31/95
Michael Hoague	01/01/96 - 12/31/01
David P. Sunderman	01/01/02 - 12/31/19
David M. Gormley	01/02/08 - 02/06/15
Marianne T. Hemmeter	02/17/15 - 02/10/25
Kyle E. Rohrer	01/01/20 - 12/31/31
Mark W. Fowler	03/25/25 - 01/01/32

MISSION STATEMENT

- ❖ To fairly and properly administer justice throughout Delaware County and serve those persons who come before the Court in a courteous and professional manner.
- ❖ To assure that all persons coming before the Court are treated equitably.
- ❖ To provide a forum through which persons can have their disputes resolved.

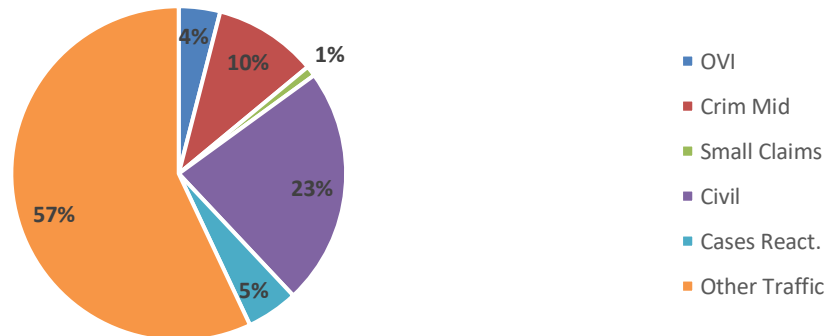
AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

The Delaware Municipal Court was created by the Ohio General Assembly in 1952. The Court hears cases from throughout Delaware County, and it has the authority to hear the following kinds of cases:

Misdemeanor Cases	- Through Final Determination
Traffic and Parking Violations	- Through Final Determination
Civil Actions	- Up to \$15,000.00
Small Claims Actions	- Up to \$6,000.00
Administrative Appeals	- BMV Cases

The judges preside over civil, criminal, and traffic cases and conduct jury and non-jury trials. In jury trials, the judges interpret the law and the jury determines the factual matters. In non-jury trials, by far the more common, the judges have the dual role of interpreting the law and determining the facts. The judges conduct criminal arraignments; set bond on criminal charges; issue search warrants; and impose sentence when a defendant is found guilty of a traffic or criminal charge. The judges hear civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$15,000.00 or less. In addition, the judges perform civil wedding ceremonies.

Summary of 2025 New and Reactivated Cases



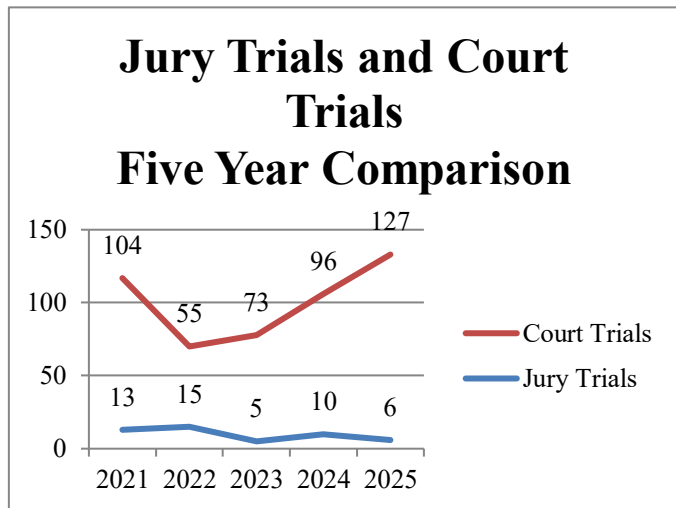
SEARCH WARRANT HEARINGS

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
221	270	310	394	423	358	363	209	260

STATISTICS

2025 STATISTICS

Jury Trials	6
Court Trials	127
OVI Cases (State/City/Village Codes)	582
Total New Cases Filed	14,332
Total Cases Resolved	13,059



WEDDINGS

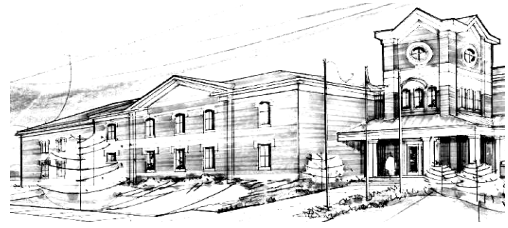
Judges Rohrer and Fowler are authorized to conduct marriage ceremonies in Delaware County. One of the parties must be a Delaware County resident. The parties must obtain their marriage license from the Delaware County Probate Court prior to the ceremony. In 2025, a total of 70 marriage ceremonies were performed at the Delaware Municipal Court.



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DELAWARE MUNICIPAL CLERK OF COURT OFFICE

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Dear Public Officials,

The following pages contain the case activity, financial receipts, and disbursements for 2025. Pursuant to 1901.31 O.R.C. two of the main duties my office is responsible for is maintaining the public records and receipting and disbursing all monies collected.

If you have any questions regarding the information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Cindy Dinovo in blue ink.

Cindy Dinovo
Clerk of Court

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CASE ACTIVITY

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CASE ACTIVITY - CASE LOAD SUMMARY

Five Year Comparison

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Increase or Decrease
Cases Pending Start of the Year	1,078	1,306	1,678	1,473	1,453	-1.4%
<u>New Cases Filed</u>						
Criminal Misdemeanor	1,634	1,458	1,420	1,278	1,480	15.8%
OVI	886	707	652	655	582	-11.1%
Other Traffic	9,387	8,006	8,721	10,182	8,663	-14.9%
Civil	2,011	2,075	2,333	2,784	3,469	24.6%
Small Claims	195	211	203	222	138	-37.8%
Total New Cases Filed	14,113	12,457	13,329	15,121	14,332	-5.2%
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Old Cases Reactivated	1,812	796	682	845	753	10.9%
Total Cases Open During Year	15,925	14,559	15,689	17,439	16,538	-5.2%
<u>Terminations by:</u>						
Court Trial	104	55	73	96	127	32.3%
Jury Trial	13	13	5	10	6	-40.0%
Waiver	5,250	5,535	6,020	6,692	4,202	-37.2%
Other Means	7,960	7,276	8,118	9,188	8,724	-5.05%
Total Terminations	13,327	12,881	14,216	15,986	13,059	-18.3%
Cases Pending End of Year	2,598	1,678	1,473	1,453	3,479	139.4%

**FILINGS PER AGENCY
Criminal Division 2025**

**FILINGS PER AGENCY
Criminal Division YEAR**

Agency Breakdown	Criminal	OVI	Traffic	Other ¹	Total Filings	% of Total
Ashley Police Department	8	1	7	0	16	0.14%
Bureau of Workers' Comp	1	0	0	0	1	0.01%
County Dog Warden	60	0	0	1	61	0.55%
Columbus Police Department	0	0	0	4	4	0.04%
Delaware Code Enforcement	6	0	0	0	6	0.05%
Delaware Co. Drug Task Force	0	0	0	10	10	0.09%
Delaware Co. Humane Society	16	0	0	16	32	0.29%
Delaware Co. Prosecutor	17	0	0	0	17	0.15%
Delaware City Police Dept.	458	85	1459	107	2109	18.94%
Delaware City Prosecutor	1	0	0	0	1	0.01%
Division Of Parks & Watercraft	69	1	34	1	105	0.94%
Delaware County Sheriff	554	218	1471	99	2342	21.03%
Dublin Police Department	8	0	0	0	8	0.07%
Franklin County Sheriff	0	0	0	2	2	0.02%
Genoa Township Police Dept.	41	28	390	9	468	4.20%
Metro Parks	3	0	0	0	3	0.03%
Miscellaneous ²	0	0	0	7	7	0.06%
Ohio Dept Of Public Safety	1	0	0	0	1	0.01%
Ohio Department Of Taxation	11	0	0	0	11	0.10%
Ohio State Highway Patrol	17	196	4749	5	4967	44.61%
Powell Police Department	81	9	361	4	455	4.09%
The Preservation Park District	6	0	1	0	7	0.06%
Shawnee Hills Code Enforce	1	0	0	0	1	0.01%
Shawnee Hills Police Dept.	2	5	92	4	103	0.93%
Sunbury Police Dept.	22	12	5	2	41	0.37%
Westerville Police Department	136	38	102	3	279	2.51%
Division Of Wildlife	77	0	0	0	77	0.69%
Total	1,596	593	8,671	274	11,134	100.00%

¹ Other includes bond hearings, extraditions, parking tickets, search warrants, and miscellaneous.

² Miscellaneous includes other agencies for bond transfers, search warrants, etc.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DELAWARE MUNICIPAL COURT - 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SUMMARY

Criminal Division	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
City of Delaware	0.00	1,834,008.88	1,834,008.88	0.00
Delaware County	0.00	469,158.44	469,158.44	0.00
State of Ohio	0.00	473,105.41	473,105.41	0.00
Other Municipalities	0.00	23,812.76	23,812.76	0.00
Other Agencies	0.00	7,207.00	7,207.00	0.00
Collection Fees	0.00	75,822.20	75,822.20	0.00
Bond	175,481.93	859,321.55	827,532.25	207,271.23
Juror	3,145.00	7,327.34	8,820.00	1,652.34
Witness	3,685.36	6,054.33	5,816.42	3,923.27
Restitution	6,595.90	39,559.74	38,404.92	7,750.72
Subtotal	188,908.19	3,795,377.65	3,763,688.28	220,597.56

Civil Division	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
Civil	74,417.51	1,779,929.96	1,805,907.49	48,439.98
Rent Escrow	17,870.30	43,757.57	17,356.18	44,271.69
Subtotal	92,287.81	1,823,687.53	1,823,263.67	92,711.67
Grand Total	281,196.00	5,619,065.18	5,586,951.95	313,309.23

CRIMINAL DIVISION 2025

(Receipts + Adjustments)

City of Delaware	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
Ordinance Fines	0.00	45,956.17	45,956.17	0.00
Ordinance Costs	0.00	97,665.16	97,665.16	0.00
Patrol Fines	0.00	81,535.33	81,535.33	0.00
State Costs	0.00	795,640.45	795,640.45	0.00
Clerk Expungement	0.00	4,450.00	4,450.00	0.00
Computer Fees	0.00	217,062.84	217,062.84	0.00
Criminal Bank Interest	0.00	30,670.68	30,670.68	0.00
Unclaimed Funds	0.00	5,945.11	5,945.11	0.00
Diversion Fee	0.00	6,725.00	6,725.00	0.00
Delaware City Police OVI Fees	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Delaware City Police Drug Fees	0.00	1,429.10	1,429.10	0.00
Indigent OVI Fund	0.00	17,657.95	17,657.95	0.00
Special Projects Fund	0.00	240,336.27	240,336.27	0.00
Special Projects Fund Indigent Immob.	0.00	18,796.75	18,796.75	0.00
Special Projects Fund Interlock SCRAM	0.00	52.50	52.50	0.00
Community Control Fees	0.00	253,343.72	253,343.72	0.00
Indigent Alcohol Treatment	0.00	5,318.85	5,318.85	0.00
Immobilization Reimbursement	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Copies	0.00	23.00	23.00	0.00
10% Bonds	0.00	10,100.00	10,100.00	0.00
Total	0.00	1,834,008.88	1,834,008.88	0.00

CRIMINAL DIVISION 2025

(Receipts + Adjustments)

Delaware County	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
Patrol Fines	0.00	20,458.90	20,458.90	0.00
State/County Fines	0.00	280,790.85	280,790.85	0.00
Delaware Sheriff Fees	0.00	12,288.84	12,288.84	0.00
Roads/Bridges Fines	0.00	70,936.90	70,936.90	0.00
Genoa Township Police Fines	0.00	18,637.96	18,637.96	0.00
Witness Fee	0.00	3,872.58	3,872.58	0.00
Jury Fee	0.00	3,676.88	3,676.88	0.00
Dog & Kennel Fee	0.00	4,524.00	4,524.00	0.00
Alum Creek State Park Fines	0.00	70.00	70.00	0.00
Expungement Fee	0.00	1,840.00	1,840.00	0.00
Liquor Control	0.00	370.00	370.00	0.00
County Handicapped Parking	0.00	75.00	75.00	0.00
Law Library	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Delaware Sheriff OVI Fees	0.00	2,319.00	2,319.00	0.00
Delaware Sheriff Drug Fees	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00
OVI Housing Fund	0.00	18,597.95	18,597.95	0.00
Public Defender Indigent App. Fee	0.00	14,623.58	14,623.58	0.00
State Park Fines	0.00	626.00	626.00	0.00
Total	0.00	469,158.44	469,158.44	0.00

CRIMINAL DIVISION 2025

(Receipts + Adjustments)

State of Ohio	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
Patrol Fines	0.00	102,020.97	102,020.97	0.00
Victim of Crime	0.00	73,044.00	73,044.00	0.00
Board of Pharmacy	0.00	5,085.30	5,085.30	0.00
Liquor Control	0.00	370.00	370.00	0.00
Seat Belt Fines	0.00	9,041.00	9,041.00	0.00
Child Restraint Fines	0.00	1,711.00	1,711.00	0.00
Expungement Fee	0.00	2,760.00	2,760.00	0.00
Ohio State Highway Patrol OVI Fees	0.00	3,722.00	3,722.00	0.00
Ohio State Highway Patrol Drug Fees	0.00	790.00	790.00	0.00
BMV - Warrant Blocks	0.00	1,722.20	1,722.20	0.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund (from fines)	0.00	4,389.80	4,389.80	0.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund (from costs)	0.00	36,156.50	36,156.50	0.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund (from bonds)	0.00	198,406.58	198,406.58	0.00
Drug Law Enforcement Fund Costs	0.00	25,309.55	25,309.55	0.00
State Treatment Prevention Fund	0.00	8,524.01	8,524.01	0.00
State OVI Interlock SCRAM Fee	0.00	52.50	52.50	0.00
Total	0.00	473,105.41	473,105.41	0.00

CRIMINAL DIVISION 2025

Other Municipalities	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
Ashley Costs/Fines	0.00	381.00	381.00	0.00
Galena Costs/ Fines	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
Genoa Township Costs/Fines	0.00	19,303.67	19,303.67	0.00
Powell Costs/Fines	0.00	1,730.08	1,730.08	0.00
Shawnee Hills Costs/Fines	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
Sunbury Costs/Fines	0.00	570.00	570.00	0.00
Westerville Costs/Fines	0.00	1,443.01	1,443.01	0.00
Total	0.00	23,812.76	23,812.76	0.00

CRIMINAL DIVISION 2025

Other Agencies	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
Franklin County Sheriff	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
Humane Society of Delaware County	0.00	725.00	725.00	0.00
Madison County Sheriff	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
ODNR	0.00	6,371.00	6,371.00	0.00
Preservation Parks of Delaware County	0.00	96.00	96.00	0.00
Total	0.00	7,207.00	7,207.00	0.00

CRIMINAL DIVISION 2025

Collection Fees	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
Capital Recovery Systems Inc.	0.00	42,285.97	42,285.97	0.00
Mann & Carducci	0.00	28,304.88	28,304.88	0.00
Law Offices of Robert Schuerger	0.00	5,231.35	5,231.35	0.00
Total	0.00	75,822.20	75,822.20	0.00

Bond	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Year Balance
Bond Account	175,481.93	859,321.55	827,532.25	207,271.23
Total	175,481.93	859,321.55	827,532.25	207,271.23

Details of Bond Disbursements

Bond Unclaimed Fund	5,122.74
Court Costs to City	10,100.00
Bonds Released	<u>812,309.51</u>
Total Disbursements	827,532.25

CIVIL DIVISION 2025

Civil	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements Adjustments	Ending Year Balance
Judgment to Creditors	58,932.40	837,539.40	874,722.39	21,749.41
Refunds to Depositors	15,339.46	151,882.60	152,919.45	14,302.61
State Legal Aid	14.85	89,817.75	89,817.75	14.85
Computer Fees	20.00	81,915.00	81,935.00	0.00
Legal Aid to City	0.00	907.25	907.25	0.00
Special Projects Funds to City	0.00	89,125.00	89,125.00	0.00
Civil Bank Interest	0.00	13,507.94	1,135.43	12,372.51
Court Costs to City	110.80	515,235.02	515,345.22	0.60
Total	74,417.51	1,779,929.96	1,805,907.49	48,439.98

Rent Escrow	Beginning Year Balance	Receipts	Disbursements Adjustments	Ending Year Balance
Rent Escrow	17,870.30	43,757.57	17,356.18	44,271.69
Total	17,870.30	43,757.57	17,356.18	44,271.69

CERTIFICATION

I, Cindy Dinovo, Clerk of Delaware Municipal Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing Financial Statements for the calendar year 2025 are prepared in accordance with usual and accepted sources, and the disbursements made thereof are as provided by law. I further certify that the details on the computations and calculations thereof are contained in records and ledgers which are part of the standard and recognized books of accounts in the office of the Clerk of Court.

The statements are prepared for submission to the members of City Council for the City of Delaware and to the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County in compliance with Section 1901.14(A), Ohio Revised Code.

Completed this 31st day of March 31, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Dinovo, Clerk". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Cindy Dinovo, Clerk of Court
Delaware Municipal Court