



**COLORADO  
SPRINGS**

**OLYMPIC CITY USA**

Municipal Court

2017 Annual Report





HayDen W. Kane, II  
Presiding Judge/Court Administrator

## Municipal Court Mission

The Municipal Court's mission is to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Colorado Springs by promoting public safety, traffic safety, and respect for the administration of justice by applying sanctions for violations of municipal ordinances. We are a limited jurisdiction court of record that hears and adjudicates criminal, traffic and parking violations for adult/ juvenile offenders.

## Municipal Court Statistics

### **Judicial Officers and Staff**

- 1 Presiding Judge/Court Administrator
- 9 Judges (all part-time—3.66 Total FTE)
  - 1 Senior Judge (as needed)
- 4 Court Referees (all part-time—.875 Total FTE)
  - 34.5 FTE Positions (2.5 Vacant)

### **2017 Budget and Collections**

Budget Allocation: \$3,697,098  
Expenses: \$3,560,930  
Collections: \$3,574,200

## Comparison of Case Filings by Case Type 2016 and 2017

	2016	2017	% Change
Criminal	4,458	4,295	-3.66%
Traffic	25,273	17,705	-29.95%
Parking	30,874	27,426	-11.17%
Total	60,605	49,426	-18.45%

## Comparison of Court Proceedings and Activities 2016 and 2017

	2016	2017	% Change
Hearings Scheduled	43,917	37,463	-14.69%
Warrants Issued	7,496	5,827	-22.27%
Warrants Served	6,869	5,333	-22.36%
Bench Trials	320	240	-33.33%
Jury Trials	15	18	+16.66%

## Comparison of Probation Department Workloads and Activities

	2016	2017	% Change
Presentence Investigations	157	173	10.19%
Pending Probation Cases (Open, Warrants, Absconder)	1,125	1,187	5.51%
Attorney Appointments	2,210	2,229	+.85%

## Comparison of Court Referee Hearings (Formal and Informal) 2016 and 2017

	2016	2017	% Change
No Proof of Insurance	752	469	-37.6%
Traffic	113	39	-65.5%
Parking	4,339	3,787	-12.7%
Pet Violations	45	55	22.2%
Exhaust/Emissions	2	5	150.0%
Noise	1	0	-100%
Post Tow Hearings	78	61	-21.8%
Miscellaneous	1	2	100%
Total	5,331	4,418	-17.1%

# Public Comment Card Results

Strongly Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Agree Negative Feedback Positive Feedback

## Section I: Access to Justice

1. I was able to easily find the courthouse, courtrooms and/or necessary facilities.
2. Court met my physical and/or language needs.
3. I was able to complete court business in a timely and effective manner.
4. Public seating was sufficient and functional.
5. Courthouse parking was convenient and available.
6. Courthouse hours of operation were convenient and reasonable.
7. The Courthouse was conveniently located and accessible.

2.3%	1.6%	19.6%	76.5%
1.9%	0.1%	17.8%	80.2%
4.5%	4.6%	23.1%	67.8%
1.7%	1.2%	20.1%	77.0%
7.0%	6.6%	23.8%	62.6%
2.2%	2.1%	24.6%	71.0%
1.8%	1.8%	24.6%	71.7%

3.9%	96.1%
2.0%	98.0%
9.1%	90.9%
2.9%	97.1%
13.6%	86.4%
4.3%	95.7%
3.6%	96.4%

### Access to Justice Totals

3.1%	2.6%	21.9%	72.4%
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5.6%	94.4%
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## Section II: Fairness, Equality, and Integrity

1. Court personnel handled my case fairly and impartially.
2. Court allowed me to express my point of view.
3. Court promotes equal justice.
4. Court's instructions and decisions were clear and understandable.

4.5%	2.0%	19.9%	73.7%
4.3%	3.8%	22.1%	69.8%
5.3%	2.7%	21.0%	71.0%
3.3%	1.6%	20.1%	75.0%

6.4%	93.6%
8.1%	91.9%
8.0%	92.0%
4.9%	95.1%

### Fairness, Equality, and Integrity Totals

4.3%	2.5%	20.8%	72.4%
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6.9%	93.1%
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## Section III: Public Trust and Confidence

1. Court treated me with courtesy, dignity and respect.
2. I felt safe in the courthouse.
3. Court personnel were attentive and responded to me in a professional manner.
4. Courthouse facilities were clean and well maintained.
5. I have trust and confidence in the Court.

3.7%	1.8%	14.5%	79.9%
2.6%	1.8%	16.2%	79.3%
3.4%	2.1%	15.2%	79.3%
2.0%	0.7%	16.4%	81.0%
5.6%	3.1%	22.1%	69.2%

5.5%	94.5%
4.5%	95.5%
5.5%	94.5%
2.6%	97.4%
8.6%	91.4%

### Public Trust and Confidence Totals

3.4%	1.9%	16.9%	77.8%
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5.3%	94.7%
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### Total Results

Negative	Positive
5.9%	94.1%

## Actual Statements from Comment Cards

- *Thank you! It was about as positive as possible for my first court experience.*
- *My visit today was quick and easy. I was in and out and greatly appreciated that!*
- *The customer service was prompt and timely and very professional.*
- *I have never experience such polite customer service in a courthouse before these employees all went above and beyond with helping me and being friendly and courteous.*
- *This courthouse and staff are excellent! Being in trouble with traffic is wrong, but I am glad to come to the Municipal anytime!*
- *Everyone is very nice to me. Respectable. Treats me very well. Even though I'm looking at jail time I still respect everyone at Municipal Courthouse. Everyone does an excellent job and needs a raise. Thank you for treating me with respect, fairly.*
- *Service was absolutely jaw-droppingly fantastically awesome and I was pleased.*
- *Customer service is amazing. Staff helped me in a stressful time feel at ease. Thank you!*
- *Easy to understand the process, ease of access, friendly staff, much nicer than County Courthouse!*
- *The procedure was clearly spelled out. Quickly handled and everyone from Security, Court Secretary, Prosecution, Judge and Violations Bureau were professional and friendly.*



## 2017 Accomplishments

- Implementation of a collections process to comply with House Bill 16-1311.
- Implementation of an expungement process for juvenile records to comply with House Bill 17-1204.
- Implementation of an expedited records sealing process to comply with House Bill 17-1208.
- Implementation of hearings on bond with court appointed attorneys for defendants in custody to comply with House Bill 16-1309.
- Implementation of a directive to comply with the jail delay bill—House Bill 17-1338.
- The Colorado Springs Municipal Court added a new Associate Municipal Court Judge to the bench. Edward Colt was sworn into office on July 19th, 2017, by Mayor John Suthers.
- Funding was secured to have much needed repairs to the HVAC system.
- Funding was secured to have the roof of the Robert M. Isaac building replaced.



# Colorado Springs Teen Court

Colorado Springs Teen Court is a 501C3 non-profit organization, housed in the Colorado Springs Municipal Court building, that has served this community for 24 years. Municipal Court benefits from this partnership by sentencing teen offenders to Teen Court who are then referred to individually tailored restorative justice agencies. Colorado Springs Teen Court's restorative justice program is implemented for at-risk teens by teen volunteers. Since its inception in 1994, the percentage of re-offending teen defendants is 7%. The following information contains the statistics for Teen Court for 2017.

<b>Total number of cases:</b>	<b>329 Cases</b>
<b>Offense Types:</b>	<b>33% Shoplifting</b> <b>21% Possession</b> <b>28% Violent Crimes</b> <b>8% Property Crimes</b> <b>10% Other</b>
<b>Youth Receiving Mentoring:</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Youth Defendants Completing Program:</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Participants considered Low Income:</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Number of Student Volunteers:</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Number of Student Volunteer Hours:</b>	<b>2,280</b>
<b>Number of Volunteer Hours total (student and adult):</b>	<b>5,552</b>
<b>Scholarship dollars given:</b>	<b>\$24,877</b>

# In memoriam



## Judge B.J. Fett

August 21, 1944—November 21, 2017

Long term resident of Colorado Springs, attorney/judge, BJ was born in Port Arthur, Texas to Benedict “Bennie” John Fett and Edna Jean Matthews Fett. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and then graduated high school in 1962. BJ then went on to receive a Bachelor’s Degree from CSU Fort Collins, a Master’s Degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, and a Doctorate Degree of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston.

BJ moved to Colorado in fall of 1971, and obtained his license to practice law shortly after. He was a City Judge for Colorado Springs from 1984 to 2017, Calhan from 1984 to 2017, and Cripple Creek from 1997 to 2017.

BJ worked with mental health patients for the state of Colorado. He was devoted to his work and strongly advocated the legal rights and procedures of the mentally challenged clients assigned to him. He set a high bar for interacting and establishing face-to-face contact with those clients.

BJ was truly one of a kind. He was full of life, energy, and determination. He made friends easily, and was loyal to a fault. He was a man of many talents, and seemed to have a natural knack for everything he tried. In addition to being an attorney and judge, BJ was a real estate broker, PADI Master Diver, cheesecake baker extraordinaire, and superb flower arranger.

Some of his favorite pastimes included hunting, skiing, fishing, and scuba diving. One of his favorite activities was gathering with family and friends over libations, while solving the problems of the world. Above all else, he loved travelling.

BJ led a life that few dare to dream of, and almost none manage to achieve. He lived his life to the fullest, and left this world with no regrets.

BJ is survived by his wife Beverly, daughter Brianna, brother Tony (Frances) Traweck, and the many friends he has gathered over the years.

He is deeply missed by the Colorado Springs Municipal Court staff and judges.