Sauk County, Wisconsin Clerk of Circuit Court Annual Report for 2017

2017 Highlights:

Clerk of Court Office had two major changes. Mandatory eFiling was fully implemented for attorneys and 10+ filers per year for all case types, to include: civil, family, small claims, felony, criminal traffic, traffic and forfeitures. This transition in the court system involved not only Clerk of Court staff, but attorneys, judges, district attorney staff and child support staff. Due to the training and preparation by all, the process was smooth. 2017 was the first full year of the incorporation of State Debt Collection (SDC) on fines, costs, fees and restitution. Every month collection numbers increased, making budget goals for 2017 successful.

2017 Goals Review

OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2017?
	Yes or No (If no, please provide comment)
Enhance online services to pro se litigants	Yes, however periodic updates
Enhance online eFiling services to pro se & attorneys	Yes, consistent updates from CCAP
Reduce filing time and space needs through paperless	Yes, paperless all case types
Elevate collection revenues	Ongoing

Changes / Accomplishments:

June 1, 2017 mandatory eFiling was implemented for criminal, traffic and forfeiture cases, making all case types with a few exceptions mandatory eFiling for all attorneys. State Debt Collection, which was implemented September 2016, showed impressive collection efforts for its first full year.

Statistical Summary:

OUTPUT MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ACTUAL
New Cases filed	15,214	16,045	18,979
Gross money receipted, less sheriff sales	\$3,063,309	\$2,985,745	\$3,228,818
Collections via private collection agencies	\$346,258	\$341,090	\$257,293
Collections via Tax Intercept and SDC	\$354,656	\$341,244	\$429,196
Restitution Collection	\$15,364	\$35,697	\$52,920
Clerk of Court Revenue	\$724,620.71	\$680,497	\$734,665

OUTCOME AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ACTUAL		
Debts assessed in individual year	\$3,483,802	\$3,924,409	\$4,066,230		
Accounts turned over to private agencies	4736	4004	3396		
Accounts turned over to SDC	0	573	2953		