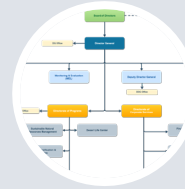


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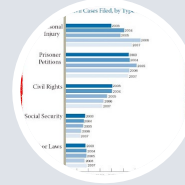
61st District Court

February 25, 2025

Agenda



District Court Organizational Structure Overview



Caseload Statistics: New Filings (2022-2024)



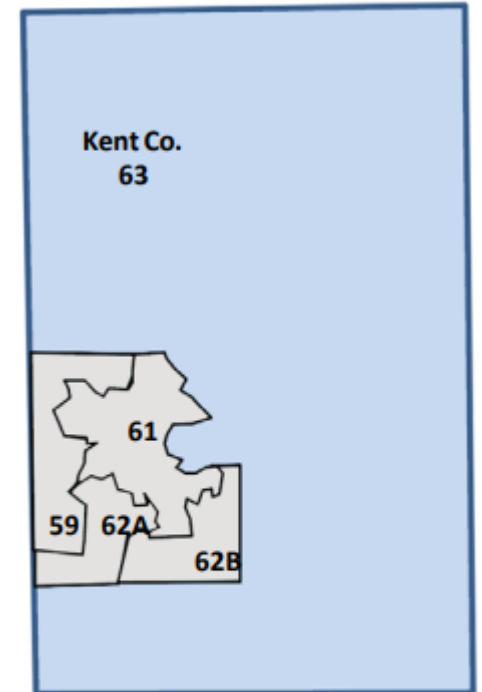
Court Initiatives: Problem-Solving Courts

Jurisdiction Overview

Types of Cases:

- Felony (preliminary stages)
- Misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases
- General Civil cases up to \$25,000
- Landlord Tenant cases
- Small Claims cases up to \$7,000
- Civil Infractions traffic and parking
- Municipal Civil Infractions
- Marriages

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59 Grandville, Walker
61 Grand Rapids
62A Wyoming
62B Kentwood
63 Grand Rapids

61st District Court Meet the Judges



Angela T. Ross
Chief Judge



Jennifer L. Faber
Chief Judge Pro Tempore



Michael J. Distel
Judge



Nicholas S. Ayoub
Judge



Kellen A. Dotson
Judge



Brian O. Neill
Judge

District Court Bench

Judge Jennifer L. Faber
Judge Michael J. Distel

Judge Angela T. Ross

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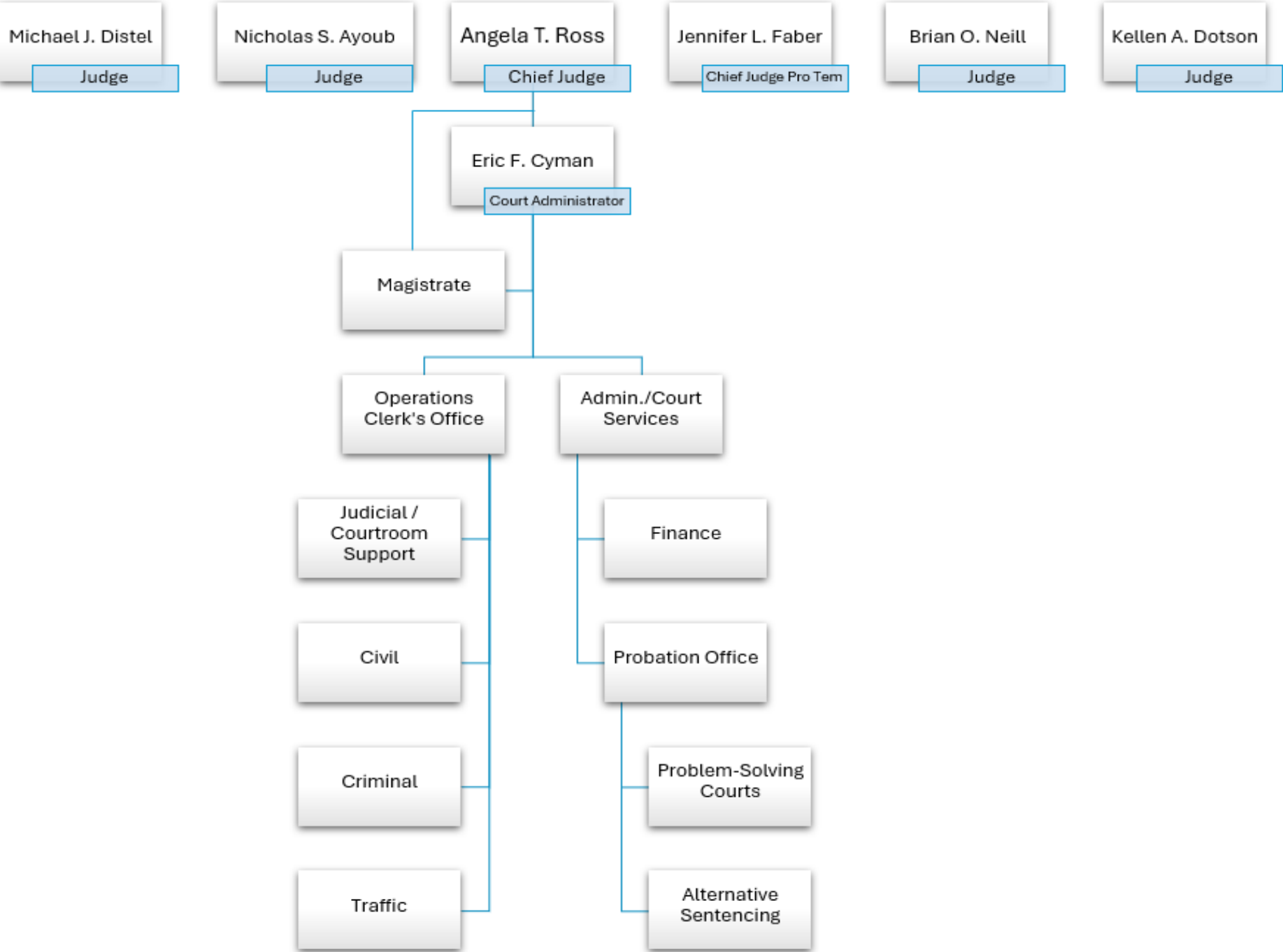
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Judge Nicholas S. Ayoub

Judge Kellen A. Dotson
Judge Brian O. Neill





Chief Judge

Selected by the Supreme Court

Duties and Powers

- Call and preside over meetings of the court.
- Appoint committees of the court.
- Initiate policies concerning the court's internal operations and its position on external matters affecting the court.
- Counsel and assist other judges in performing their responsibilities.

Chief Judge

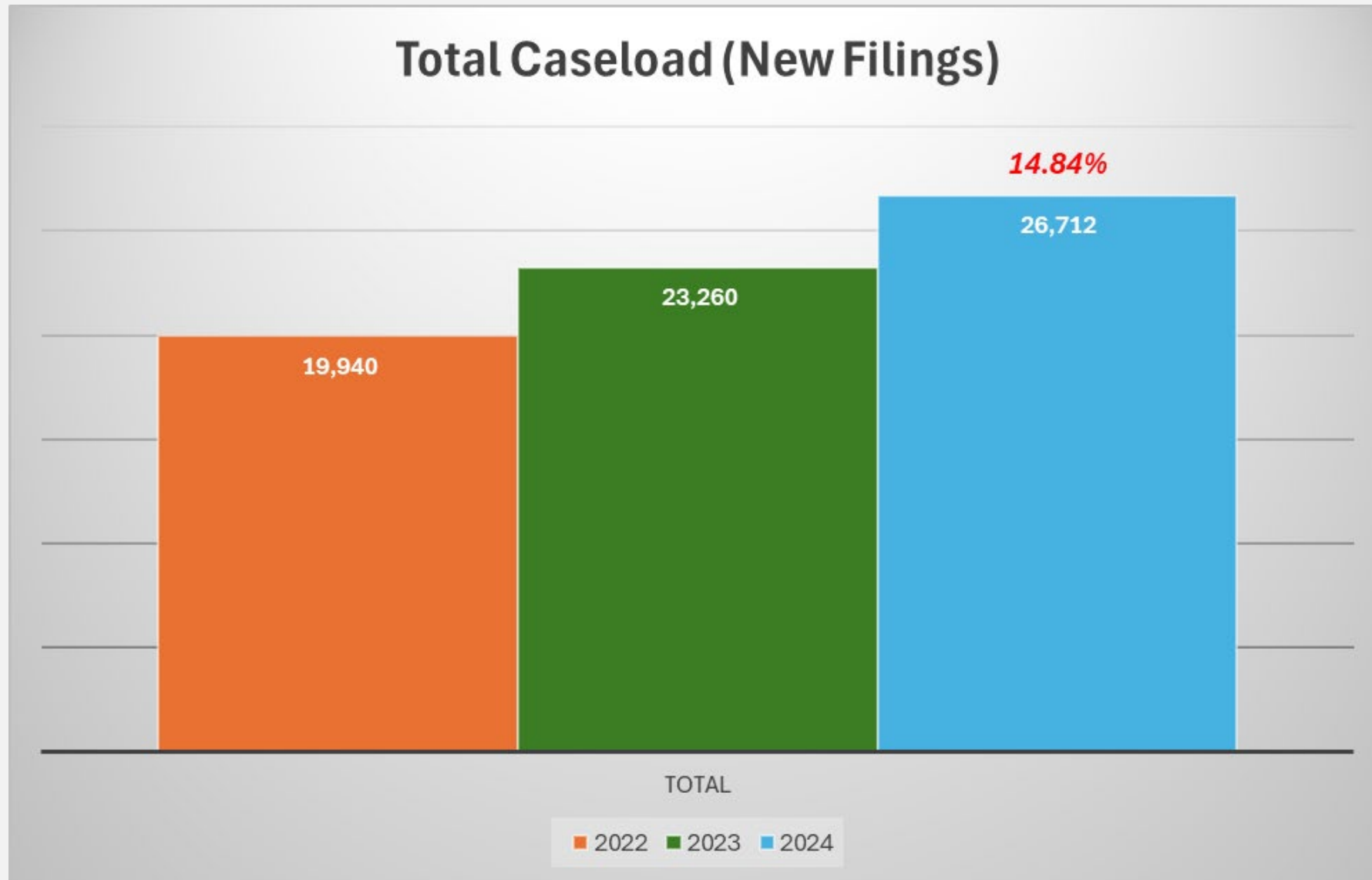
As director of administration of the court

The chief judge shall have administrative superintending power and control over the judges of the court and all court personnel with the authority and responsibility to:

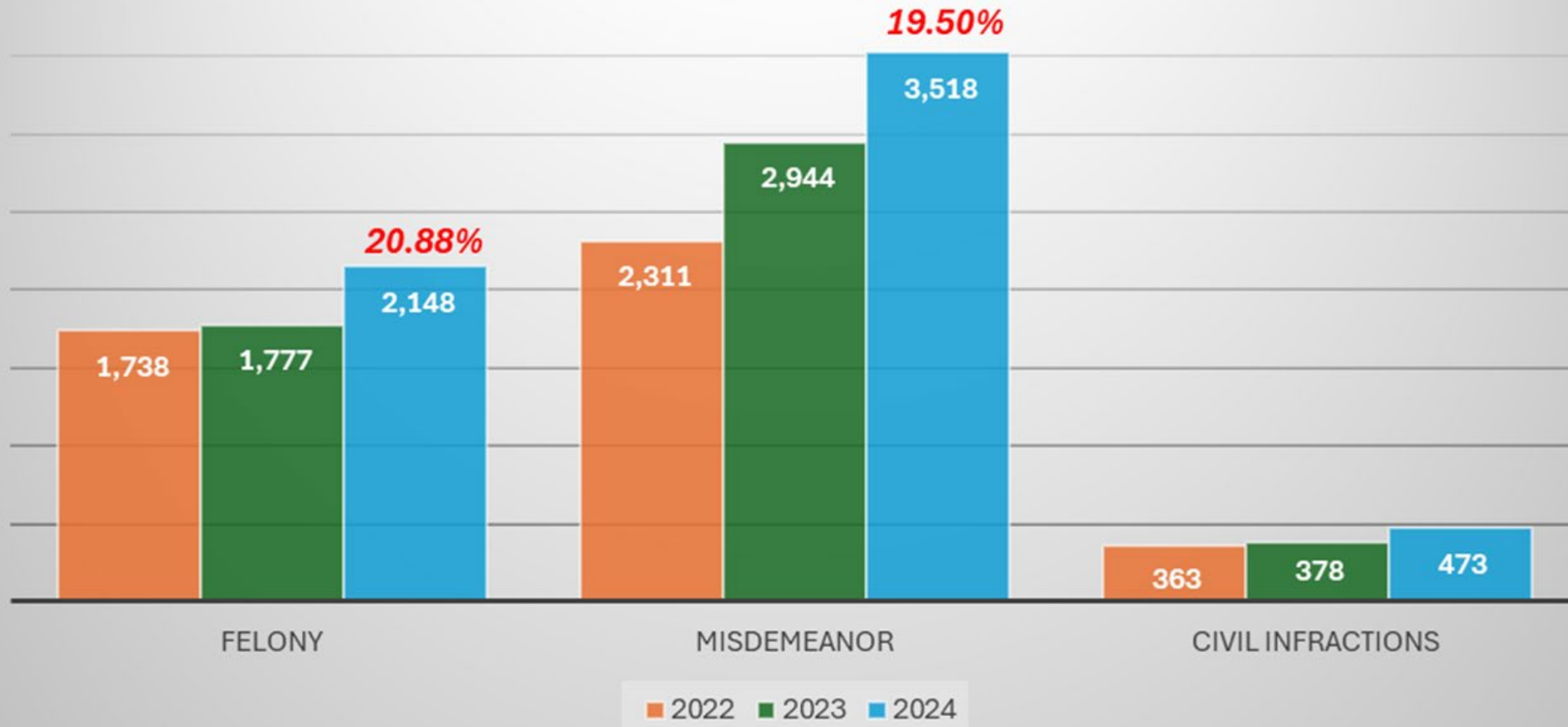
- Supervise caseload management and monitor disposition of the judicial work of the court.
- Direct the apportionment and assignment of the business of the court.
- Determine the hours of the court and the judges, coordinate and determine the number of judges and court personnel required to be present at any one time to perform necessary judicial administrative work of the court, and require their presence to perform that work.
- Supervise the performance of all court personnel, with authority to hire, discipline, or discharge such personnel.
- Supervise court finances, including financial planning, the preparation of budgets, and financial reporting.

****A chief judge may delegate administrative duties to a trial court administrator.****

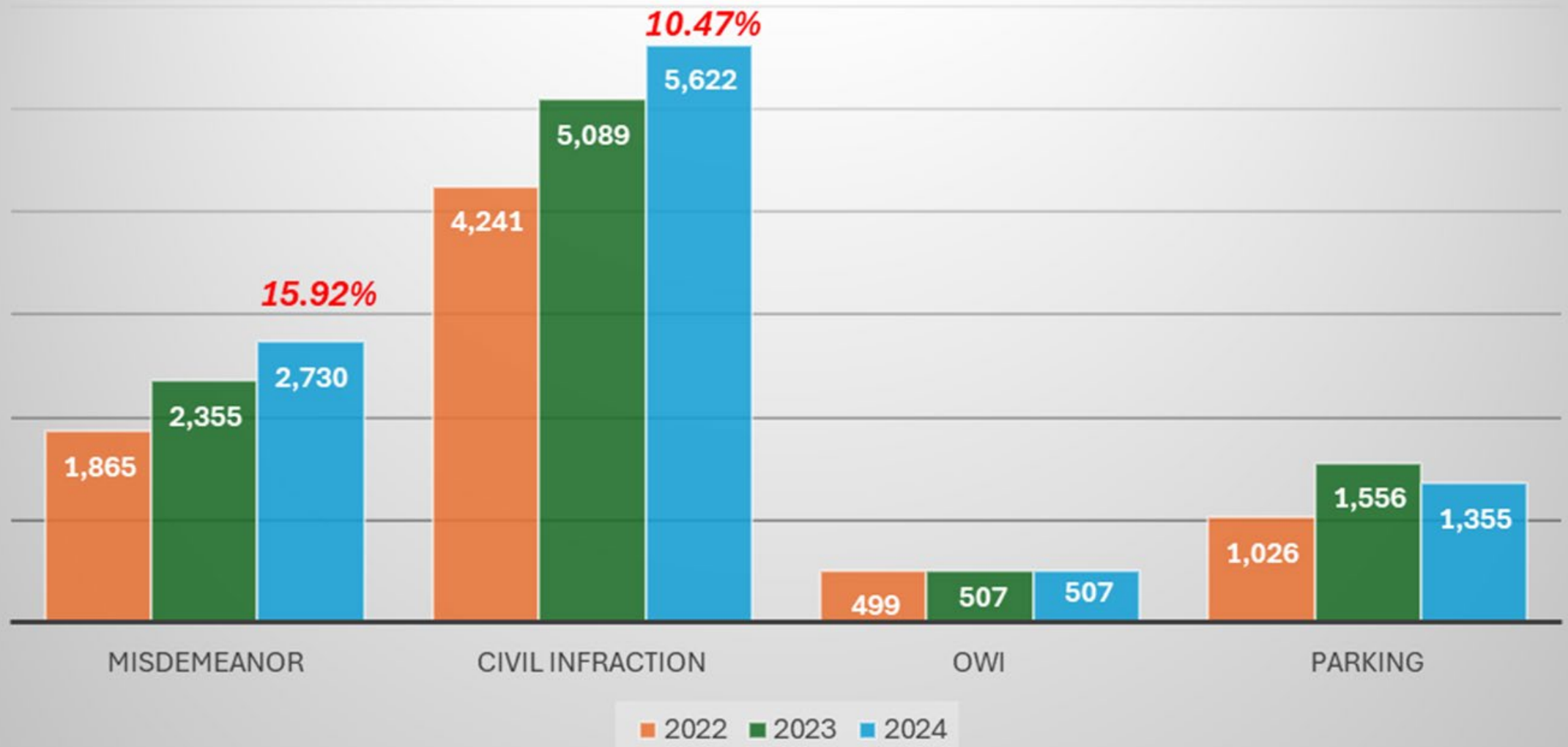
Caseload Trends 2022-2024



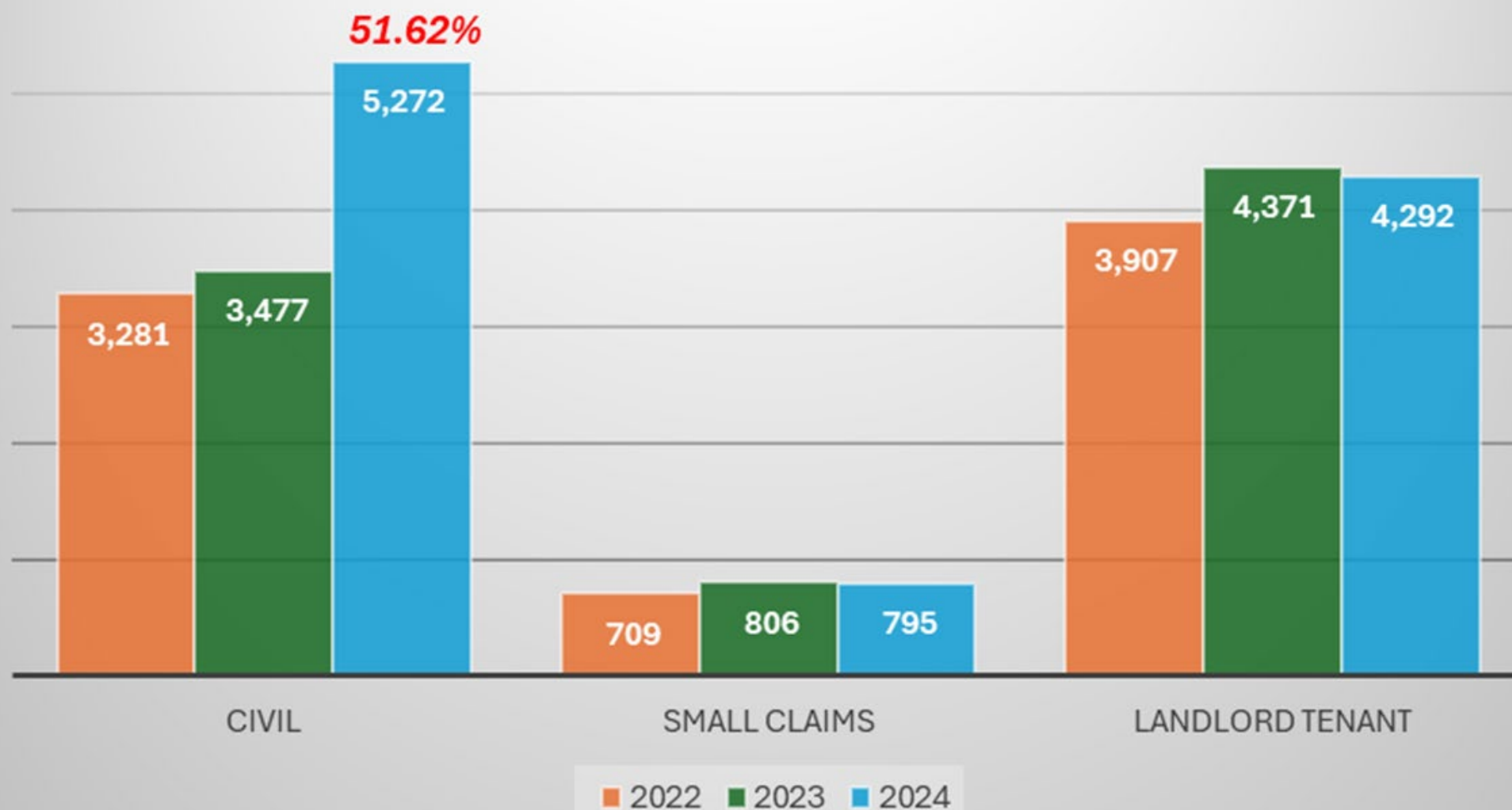
Non-Traffic (New Filings)



Traffic and Parking (New Filings)



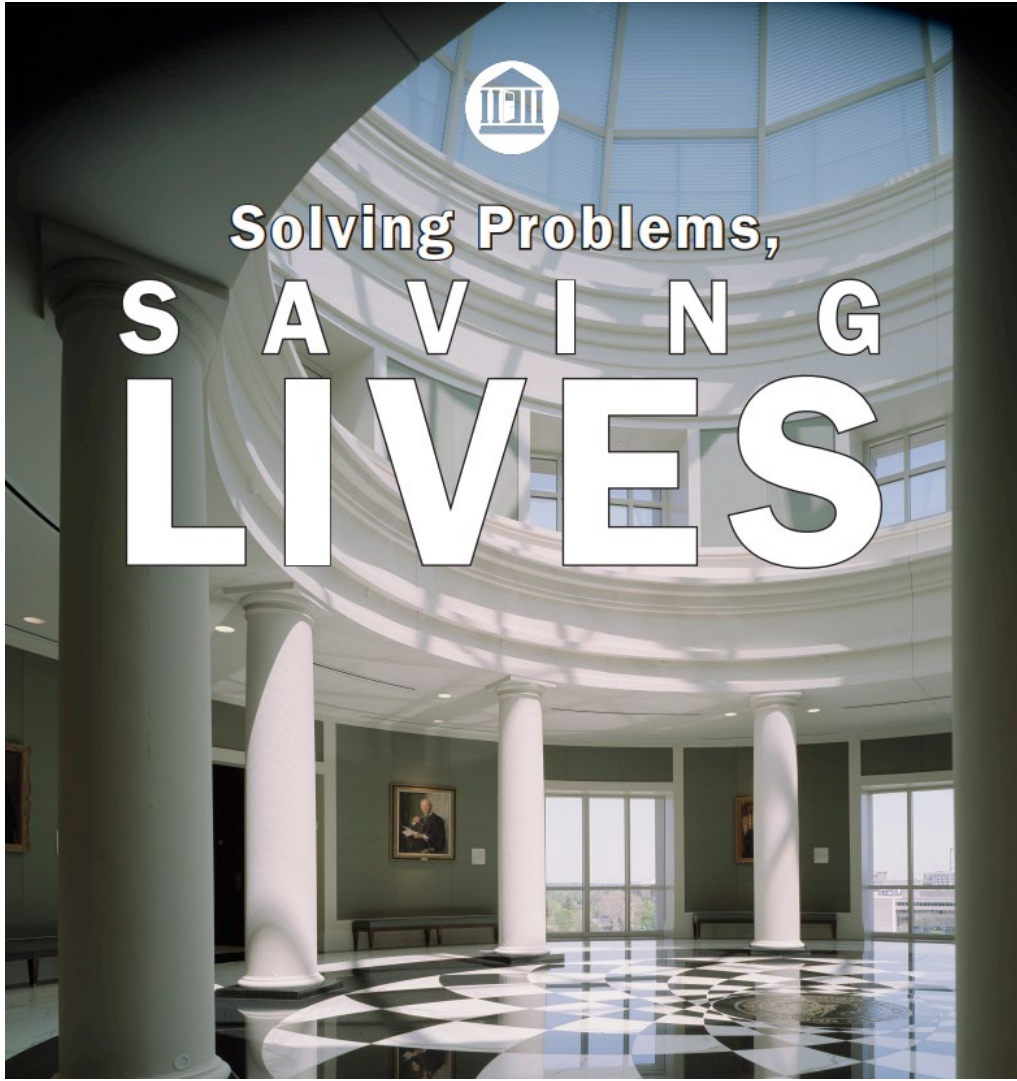
Civil (New Filings)



Problem-Solving Courts

- **Collaboration and Compassion as a Strategy**
- **Turning Compassion into Measurable Successes**

Through structure, guidance, and support, these life-saving courts are providing a pathway for participants to overcome substance use disorder/addiction, and mental health issues.



Problem-Solving Courts:

61st District Court, City of Grand Rapids

- Two Sobriety Courts
- One Drug Court
- Domestic Violence Court
- Community Outreach Court

Grant Funding (State and Federal)

- SAMSHA
- MDCGP, OHSP
- OCC
- County ARPA/DVAN

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Thank you!
