

Support Enforcement - an action to set, review or order the amount of child support to be paid or to establish the rules under which the support shall be paid – 2,600 cases closed on average per year

Domestic Violence - a complaint of a threat of or actual assault against a family member can be filed in Domestic Relations Court - 135 cases closed on average per year

Contempt Action and other cases - a violation of the Court's orders or any special request or review by the Court – 1,225 cases closed on average per year

Chief Magistrate Matthew Kreitzer supervises 6 Magistrates that assist the Judges in hearing cases in Family Court.

Court of Common Pleas

Judge Jim D. James, Judge Rosemarie A. Hall, and Judge Michelle L. Cordova are elected as **Judges of the Court of Common Pleas Family Court Division**. The **Juvenile Court** and the **Domestic Relations Division** fall under the **jurisdiction of the Family Court**.



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STARK COUNTY FAMILY COURT

DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS



Judges

Hon. Jim D. James

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Stark County Family Court *Domestic Relations and Juvenile Divisions*

Juvenile Court

The Juvenile Court provides programs and services to deal with the wide variety of problems that the families and juveniles bring to the Court. In response to the varied needs of families, the Court works with schools, law enforcement, public and private agencies, private business, The Stark County Family Council, parents and other organizations in order to provide comprehensive programs. About 6,350 cases are closed by the Juvenile Division on average every year. The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction to hear the following types of cases:

Delinquent youth- those who have committed an offense, prior to their 18th birthday, that would be a crime if committed by an adult- 2,200 cases closed on average per year

Unruly youth- those who have committed a status offense that only applies to someone under the age of 18- 350 cases closed on average per year

Juvenile Traffic Offender- anyone who has committed a traffic offense prior to attaining the age of 18- 1,100 cases closed on average per year

Abused children- those children who have been physically or sexually abused by parents, guardians or other adult

Neglected children- those children who are not properly cared for or are abandoned by their parent or guardians

Dependent children- those children who are without proper care or support through no fault of their parent or guardian. 350 cases of abuse, neglect or dependency were closed on average per year

Adults- criminal violations filed against adults who have contributed to the delinquency or unruliness of a juvenile- 75 cases closed on average per year

Paternity- an action to determine the father of a given child born out of wedlock- 200 cases closed on average

Custody- to determine the custody of any child not a ward of another court of this state- 825 cases closed on average

Support and other cases- an action to set or order the amount of child support to be paid and all other cases- 1,250 cases closed on average

Domestic Relations Division

The Domestic Relations Division provides hearings and services to families that will ensure a fair, just and timely resolution of the cases brought before it. About 5,800 cases are closed by the Domestic Relations Divisions per year. The Court hears and makes determinations in the following types of cases:

Divorce - an action to terminate a marriage in which there is dispute as to the actual termination, custody, and companionship or to the property settlement – 810 cases closed on average per year

Dissolution - an action to terminate a marriage in which all of the issues are agreed to by both parties - 550 cases closed on average per year

Change of Custody - a motion filed in a case to request that the Court change the actual custody of a child to another party - 250 cases closed on average

Visitation - an action or motion to establish the times and days in which each parent will be with the child – 225 cases closed on average per year