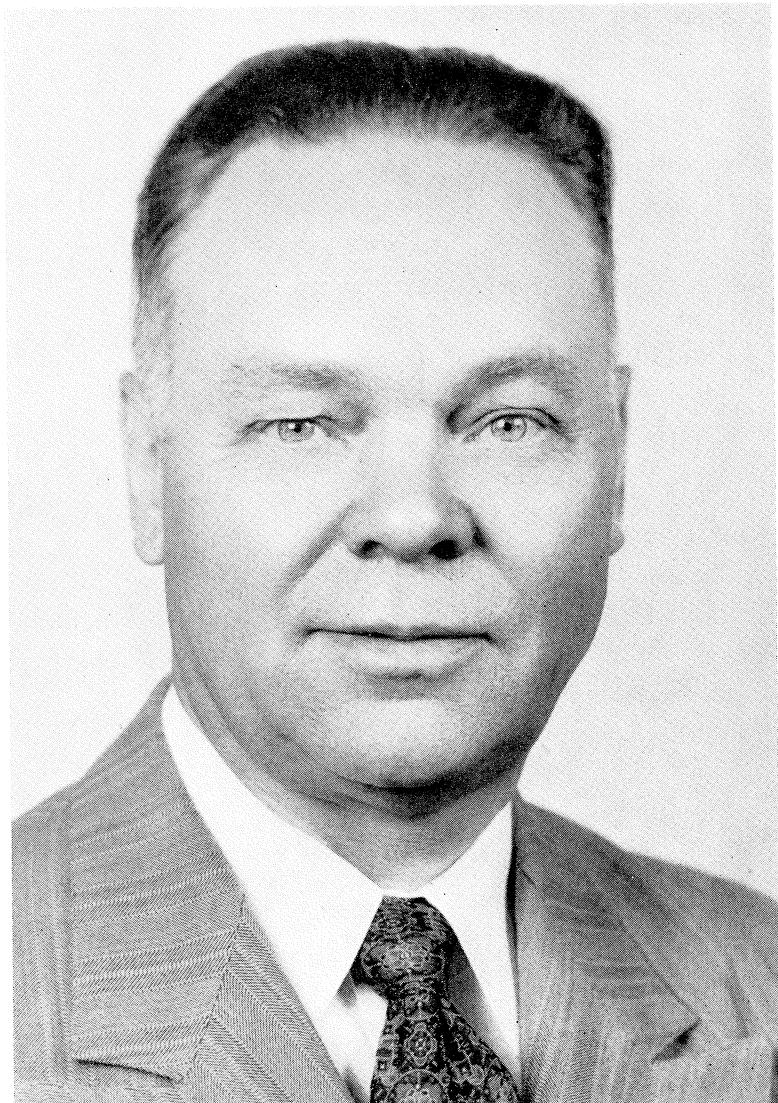


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FOREWORD

Following our customary practice, we have asked the Honorable Claude I. Depew, President of the Bar Association of the State of Kansas, whose photograph is shown on the cover, to prepare an article on a subject of his own choosing for publication in this issue of the **BULLETIN**.

Mr. Depew has been a member of the Kansas Bar since 1919, and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1924. He has long been active in bar association activities, having been president of the Wichita Bar Association in 1938-1939, and a delegate to the International Bar Conference in Havana in 1941, and in Mexico City in 1944. He has practiced in Wichita in the same firm since 1919, the firm now being Depew, Stanley, Weigand, Hook and Curfman. We feel that all lawyers and readers generally will be interested in his article which appears herein.

This **BULLETIN** contains summarized tables showing the volume of work done in the supreme court, the district courts, probate courts, county courts and city courts of the state for the year ending June 30, 1954. The Judicial Council requests your study of the statistical information shown in the tables and invites suggestions as to any improvements that could be made in the form and content of the information collected.

Progress in Public Relations

By CLAUDE I. DEPEW, *President*

The Bar Association of the State of Kansas

Many Kansas lawyers will be surprised to know that in the few years since our State Bar Association inaugurated its public relations program it has become one of the leading associations in the nation in that field. Much of its work has been used as a foundation and starting point for similar programs in other states. Anyone reading the Public Relations Bulletins of the American Bar Association or attending recent meetings of the American Bar Association is sure to be impressed by the attention given to our program and its methods and results.

And they are all generous in giving us full credit. At the American Bar Association meeting in Chicago in August an award of merit was given to the Bar Association of the State of Kansas for excellence in bar association activities, largely because of our public relations work, which made us very proud. The president of our association had the honor of receiving the award certificate at a general assembly meeting and was the one who got his picture in the papers and a lot of publicity; but the credit for the showing made was really due to the Public Relations Committee, headed by Judge Clark A. Wallace, and our capable executive secretary, John W. Shuart, who prepared the exhibit of our materials on which the award was based. Many of the Kansas lawyers at that convention heard comments and questions that convinced them that Kansas was out in front in the public relations field. Only one state in our class made a higher rating, and that was Florida, which is carrying out a somewhat similar program.

Practically the whole May, 1954, issue of the Public Relations Bulletin of the American Bar Association was devoted to an article by John Shuart explaining the initiation and outline of our public relations work and giving a summary of what has been done and is being done; and in the last issue of that Bulletin there are four or five favorable references to the Kansas program.

Judge Wallace and the members of his committee apparently made a good selection when they decided in the beginning to emphasize what are now known familiarly as the *six points* in the public relations program. To make them a little more familiar, we will remind you that they are:

1. Less legal delays.
2. Uniform formality and dignity of procedure.
3. Procedural improvement.
4. Public information.
5. Speakers' program.
6. School program.

For many years it has been the feeling of lawyers and judges that laymen were complaining more about the delays in legal procedure than any other one thing. Surveys conducted in recent years by bar associations have confirmed that fact. Research and investigations have convinced the bar and bench that many of the delays are unnecessary and can be avoided or materially reduced. To accomplish this it is essential that every lawyer be willing to co-operate and

that the judges also make a studied effort to speed up procedures. Some new legislation will be necessary, as some of our procedural statutes are undoubtedly somewhat antiquated. The public is being informed as to the actual necessity of consuming more or less time in conducting orderly proceedings to arrive at just and proper conclusions; but the main purpose of the national, state and local associations is to eliminate the delays that cause people with controversies to wish to avoid the courts and to try arbitration, administrative boards and commissions, or settlements which leave them dissatisfied and disgruntled. A sincere effort is being made by the Public Relations Committee—and other committees also—to remedy the situation and to do away with this source of complaints.

While Kansas courts will never be conducted with all the formality and dignity of old English courts, with judges and barristers in gowns and powdered wigs, there is room for improvement in the conduct of our courts in many instances. Laymen who go into the courts, either as litigants or witnesses, are usually in a serious mood and look upon the proceeding as serious business. A court where lives, fortunes, or liberties and rights are at stake should bear a dignified atmosphere; and formality makes for dignity. The judge, of course, should be dignified; and he should see that the lawyers, who are officers of his court, conduct themselves in a manner to indicate that they have a feeling of responsibility not only to their clients but also to the court and the public. Improvement along this line is especially important in the lower courts. Many people only come in contact with the administration of justice in the police or traffic courts, or in smaller communities in the courts of justices of the peace. Their impression of court procedure there is liable to be their impression of higher courts which they may never enter. The state bar association helped to sponsor a traffic court conference at the University of Kansas recently in an effort to improve the standard of justice and the judicial atmosphere to be observed in such courts, and thus improve and increase the respect of those litigants for all courts.

Another complaint often heard is that lawyers make the laws so complicated that controversies and serious problems are bound to arise and nobody can straighten them out but lawyers, thus increasing their professional activities. Of course, we know that nothing could be farther from the truth; but many laymen do not know it. The public should be made to understand that practising lawyers do not make the laws, but only interpret and apply them, and that simple laws and procedures make the work of the lawyer easier. Our Public Relations Committee members realize that many of our procedural laws are out of date and could be simplified and improved. They are always urging other committees interested in such legislation to do something in that line. This year the state association has a new committee on improvement of laws and procedures, whose task is "to interest all lawyers of Kansas and seek their advice, counsel and aid in continually improving and modernizing laws and procedures and providing for speedier and more efficient administration of law and justice." That committee will be asking all lawyers for suggestions as to amendments or new laws that will simplify or speed up procedure. The suggestions will be classified and correlated and definite recommendations will be made for new legislation, and the Prospective Legislation Committee will be asked to aid in securing their adoption. Every lawyer in the state will be asked to support the recommendations and let the members of the legislature know that

the bar is trying to make the administration of justice a more prompt and efficient operation. It is believed that the public, when fully informed of it, will appreciate the purpose of the move and the efforts of the lawyers to bring it about, thus improving public relations in that phase of our program. All lawyers must take part in this effort, because no committee can accomplish it alone. The legislature will respond only to concerted action.

In the field of publicity lies a great opportunity for the advancement of the relations between the bar and the public. The state association office has been very active in the initiation of press releases, arranging for radio programs, distributing pamphlets, etc. But more can be done on the local level. Most of the newspapers of the state have been very co-operative, but there have been a few instances where publishers have been critical of the bar for failure to purchase more paid space or to provide more local information regarding newsworthy trials and proceedings. We should not expect the newspapers to publish material furnished by the bar merely because it will be beneficial to the profession. We try to furnish material that will be of some benefit to the public as well. We probably should work out some ideas that might result in financial benefit to the papers too. Naturally, our rule against advertising makes it necessary that any publicity through newspapers or radio must be on a basis of promoting the good of the profession from an association standpoint or the bar as a whole. How best to do this is a problem that is receiving serious consideration. We must have the co-operation of the newspapers and radio stations, and we should remember that they have a right to expect co-operation from our side.

The speakers' bureau plan is one of the finest opportunities for the bar to render a worth-while public service and to do the profession a lot of good at the same time. This is something that necessarily must be done by local associations. The state association has prepared manuals explaining methods of setting up speakers' bureaus in the local associations, whereby the local bar will furnish speakers for meetings of all sorts of organizations, suggesting subjects for talks, methods of approach, etc. Pamphlets for distribution are made available. Many lawyers have shown a willingness to participate by making talks singly or in panels. They are careful not to appear to be boosting themselves individually and not to criticize other professions or agencies, but still give their audiences interesting and worth-while information and leave the impression that the legal profession has a needed service to render, is faithful in the performance of the work, will render service for reasonable fees, and is worthy of the trust and confidence of everyone who may need advice or service. These speakers can explain under what circumstances people need legal services, some of the basic principles of law, how the courts operate, how fees are fixed, how lawyers must do much work in many cases in addition to what the client sees in the office or in court, how much the lawyer is willing to do in helping those who cannot pay fees and in general civic activities of the community.

The school program is just getting started, but is one with the greatest possibilities. The idea is to have members of the bar co-operate with school teachers and officials and go into the high schools and talk to student groups such as classes in government, explaining the laws and procedures which pertain to the operation of our system of government, the rights of citizenship, the place of lawyers in the scheme of things, etc. The state association has prepared a school program manual which is available on request. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has endorsed the plan, and the schools are anxious to

co-operate. Every local association should organize an effort to take part in this important work. It might help to save our government in coming generations, and the fact that it is being done by the lawyers of the community will be a potent factor in the improvement of public relations. We feel complimented because other states are beginning to organize such plans and frankly state that they are following the program outlined by the Kansas association.

The foregoing comments relate to the six main points of our program. The committee has formulated and distributed many suggestions for other methods and activities that will help in the promotion of public relations, such as, personal conduct of individual lawyers, avoiding criticism of other lawyers, keeping clients fully informed as to what is going on in connection with their cases or matters, engaging in outside civic activities, assisting in the reporting and handling of grievances, fixing of reasonable fees and explaining the elements involved, serving people who cannot pay. The committee has also distributed a large number of pamphlets, including "What's So Important About a Will?", "Stop, Look and Check before Buying a Home," "Keep This in Your Car in Case of an Accident," "Important Legal Tips for Husbands and Wives," "16 Questions—a Quiz Game Board on the Law," and "Introducing Your Lawyer"—the last now being in process of preparation by Judge Jerome Harman and John Shuart at the request of the Public Relations Committee.

These pamphlets are available for distribution, and many banks, trust companies, and other business institutions have assisted in getting them before the public. There have been some disagreements among lawyers as to the content of the pamphlets, and even among members of the committee; but they are the result of a lot of thought and work, and they evidence the fact that the Kansas bar has been doing something to earn the certificate of merit awarded to us by the American Bar Association. There is much more to be done, and it is hoped that in another year there will be an even more impressive report of PROGRESS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS.

The Summary of the Work of the Supreme Court

The following is a summary of the work of the Supreme Court for the year ended June 30, 1954, and the cases pending July 1, 1954.

There were 280 appealed civil cases disposed of within the year ended June 30, 1954. Of these, 91 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 189 were submitted on the merits. Of these cases, 130 were affirmed, 45 reversed, 4 were affirmed in part and reversed in part and 10 were dismissed.

The court disposed of 48 appealed criminal cases. Of this number, 26 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 22 were submitted on the merits, and of these cases, 15 were affirmed, 1 reversed, and 6 dismissed.

The court also disposed of 32 original cases. Of this number 12 were dismissed before having been presented on the merits, and 20 cases were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed, resulting in judgment for the plaintiff in 8 cases and for the defendant in 2 cases, with 1 affirmed and 6 writs denied and 1 dismissed.

This makes a total of 340 cases disposed of by the Supreme Court, of which 129 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 231 decided on the merits.

The cases pending July 1, 1954 are as follows: 175 appealed civil cases, 9 appealed criminal cases and 13 original cases, making a total of 197 cases pending.

Of the 231 cases submitted to the Supreme Court on the merits, in 13 cases the opinions were filed before the regular opinion day, in 174 cases on the first regular opinion day, in 39 cases on the second regular opinion day, in 4 cases on the third regular opinion day, and in 1 case on the fourth regular opinion day.

The regular opinion day is ordinarily a month after the case is submitted; more accurately it is the Saturday of the week hearings are had the next month after the case is submitted.

In 189 appealed civil cases in which opinions were filed within the year ended June 30, 1954, the time between the date of notice of appeal was filed in this court and the date the case was submitted on its merits is as follows: within 3 months, 8 cases; in 3 to 4 months, 2 cases; in 4 to 5 months, 8 cases; in 5 to 6 months, 7 cases; in 6 to 7 months 21 cases; in 7 to 8 months, 41 cases; in 8 to 9 months, 47 cases; in 9 to 12 months, 43 cases; over 12 months, 12 cases.

In the 22 appealed criminal cases in which opinions were filed within the year ended June 30, 1954 the time between the date of notice of appeal was filed in the Supreme Court and the date the case was submitted on its merits is as follows: within 3 months, no cases; in 3 to 4 months, no cases; in 4 to 5 months, 8 cases; in 5 to 6 months, no cases; in 6 to 7 months, 6 cases; in 7 to 8 months, 2 cases; in 8 to 9 months, 2 cases; in 9 to 12 months, 3 cases; in over 12 months, 1 case.

There were pending in the Supreme Court July 1, 1954, a total of 197 cases compared to 192 on the same date in 1953, 223 on the same date in 1952, 99 on the same date in 1951, 189 on the same date in 1950, 166 on the same date

in 1949, 208 cases in 1948, 167 cases in 1947, 119 cases in 1946, 123 cases in 1945, 99 cases in 1944, 109 cases in 1943, 175 cases in 1942, 144 cases in 1941, 192 cases in 1940, 249 cases in 1939, 244 cases in 1938, 210 cases in 1937, 268 cases in 1936, 291 cases in 1935, 366 cases in 1934, 333 cases in 1933, 357 cases in 1932, 393 cases in 1931, 397 cases in 1930, 376 cases in 1929, and 341 cases in 1928.

In the 27 years the clerk of the Supreme Court has furnished us detailed information of the work of the court, it has disposed of 11,801 cases, of which 3,717 were dismissed before submission, and 8,084 were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed.

Supreme Court—Twenty-seven-year Summary

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	Cases	Disposed of	Dismissed	Submitted
1928.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	529 101 46	143 44 13	386 57 33
	Totals.....	676	200	476
1929.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	475 72 36	128 29 18	347 43 18
	Totals.....	583	175	408
1930.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	504 77 52	143 37 16	351 40 36
	Totals.....	633	196	437
1931.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	490 63 38	131 29 13	359 34 25
	Totals.....	591	173	418
1932.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	522 74 32	159 45 6	363 29 26
	Totals.....	628	210	418
1933.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	459 66 23	135 35 5	324 31 18
	Totals.....	548	175	373
1934.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	427 52 42	149 30 11	278 22 31
	Totals.....	521	190	331
1935.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	506 58 25	167 26 11	339 32 14
	Totals.....	589	204	385
1936.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	475 66 39	156 31 19	319 35 20
	Totals.....	580	206	374
1937.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	397 56 33	103 27 9	294 29 24
	Totals.....	486	139	347
1938.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	388 41 32	131 25 6	257 16 26
	Totals.....	461	162	299
1939.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	397 32 15	114 17 4	283 15 11
	Totals.....	444	135	309
1940.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	426 31 39	117 10 20	309 21 19
	Totals.....	496	147	349
1941.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	314 31 64	103 14 39	211 17 25
	Totals.....	409	156	253

SUPREME COURT SUMMARY—CONCLUDED

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	Cases	Disposed of	Dismissed	Submitted
1942.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	293 23 27	82 4 6	211 19 21
	Totals.....	343	92	251
1943.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	290 28 35	72 14 17	218 14 18
	Totals.....	353	103	250
1944.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	216 17 16	59 7 5	157 10 11
	Totals.....	249	71	178
1945.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	186 9 15	51 8 6	135 1 9
	Totals.....	210	65	145
1946.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	178 19 43	44 6 15	134 13 28
	Totals.....	240	65	175
1947.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	189 13 59	55 4 19	134 9 40
	Totals.....	261	78	183
1948.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	244 23 93	63 8 73	181 15 20
	Totals.....	360	144	216
1949.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	284 22 96	54 8 31	230 14 65
	Totals.....	402	93	309
1950.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	304 17 19	91 4 8	213 13 11
	Totals.....	340	103	237
1951.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	327 22 26	83 8 18	244 14 8
	Totals.....	375	109	266
1952.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	244 42 10	57 17 3	187 25 7
	Totals.....	296	77	219
1953.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	291 43 33	96 13 11	195 30 22
	Totals.....	367	120	247
1954.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	280 48 32	91 26 12	189 22 20
	Totals.....	360	129	231
	Grand totals....	11,801	3,717	8,084

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TABLE A-1.—ROSTER OF JUDICIAL OFFICIALS AS OF JULY 1, 1954

COUNTY	Jud. dist.	District judge	Clerk of court	Probate judge
Allen.....	37	Spencer A. Gard.....	Mrs. Ina F. West.....	A. M. Dunlap*
Anderson.....	4	Floyd H. Coffman.....	Mrs. Nell R. Graves.....	Deane L. Smith*
Atchison.....	2	Lawrence F. Day.....	Hal Waisner.....	Frank Hunn
Barber.....	24	Clark A. Wallace.....	Mrs. Edith Myers.....	John C. Hilkey*
Barton.....	20	Roy J. McMullen.....	Geneva Steincamp.....	Leonard Birzer*
Bourbon.....	6	Harry W. Fisher.....	Amy Armstrong.....	Francis H. Thomas
Brown.....	22	John L. Gernon.....	Mrs. Edna Boicourt.....	Richard W. Shaw*
Butler.....	Div. 1	Carl Ackarman.....	Harry R. Martin.....	Ralph B. Ralston*
	Div. 2	W. N. Calkins.....		
Chase.....	5	Jay Sullivan.....	Mrs. Mildred Speer.....	C. A. Blackburn
Chautauqua, Div. 1	13	Carl Ackarman.....	Edith K. Ross.....	Ima L. Eley
Cloud.....		W. N. Calkins.....		
Cherokee.....	11	Jerome Harmon.....	Julia Wantiez.....	Millard P. Knock
Cheyenne.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Charles N. Roberts.....	J. L. Finley*
Clark.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Mrs. Hope Grimes.....	George M. Pike*
Clay.....	21	Lewis L. McLaughlin.....	Hazel K. Chestnut.....	Walter O. Curtis*
Cloud.....	12	Marvin O. Brummett.....	Mrs. Hazel Champlin.....	Finley Daugherty*
Coffey.....	5	Jay Sullivan.....	Mrs. Ruth H. Johnson.....	R. S. Luke, Sr.*
Comanche.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Mary Guyer.....	Earl Martin*
Cowley.....	19	Lawrence E. Christensen.....	Sallie K. Smith.....	Sallie O. Athearn
Crawford.....	38	Perry Owlsley.....	Mrs. Grace Webb.....	J. Olin Biggs
Decatur.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Mrs. Alice Vernon.....	George Nellans*
Dickinson.....	8	James P. Coleman.....	Seth Barter, Jr.....	John P. Dieter*
Doniphan.....	22	John L. Gernon.....	Virgil W. Begesee.....	William H. Strahan*
Douglas.....	4	Floyd H. Coffman.....	Lucille Allison.....	Frank R. Gray*
Edwards.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	John Stoner.....	L. L. Anderson*
Elk.....	Div. 1	Carl Ackarman.....	Mrs. Floy B. Magers.....	Miriam O. Beatty
	Div. 2	W. N. Calkins.....		
Ellis.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Walter J. Staab.....	Robert F. Glassman*
Ellsworth.....	30	A. R. Buzick.....	J. M. Wilson.....	Gerhard Haase*
Finney.....	32	Roland H. Tate.....	G. Mae Purdy.....	Midward C. Schrader*
Ford.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Elta J. Riley.....	Douglas B. Myers*
Franklin.....	4	Floyd H. Coffman.....	Christina Woke.....	Milo L. Harris*
Geary.....	8	James P. Coleman.....	C. W. Marston.....	Jess W. Filby*
Gove.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Mrs. Louise Brown.....	Varo J. Smith*
Graham.....	34	C. E. Birney.....	Cora A. Roberts.....	Ovid E. Middleton*
Grant.....	39	L. M. Morgan.....	Juanita Barber.....	Veris J. Kinsman
Gray.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Carrie Borland.....	Grace H. Truax
Greeley.....	32	Roland H. Tate.....	Laura M. Holmes.....	Hope Owen
Greenwood, Div. 1	13	Carl Ackarman.....	Alma Long.....	B. M. Beyer*
Cloud.....		W. N. Calkins.....		
Hamilton.....	32	Roland H. Tate.....	Amelia J. Minor.....	A. C. Bostwick
Harper.....	24	Clark A. Wallace.....	Helen Pearl.....	Myrtle Youngberg*
Harvey.....	9	Alfred G. Schroeder.....	Mrs. Mabel McMullen.....	Sam Sturm*
Haskell.....	39	L. M. Morgan.....	Mrs. Evelyn Yount.....	E. D. Bolinger
Hodgeman.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	F. S. Haun.....	Thomas A. Dunn*
Jackson.....	36	Robert H. Kaul.....	Mrs. Florence Clements.....	Laurence E. Hay*
Jefferson.....	36	Robert H. Kaul.....	Mrs. Myrtle Kimmel.....	Walter E. Ferris
Jewell.....	15	Donald J. Magaw.....	Mrs. Wiley N. Sloan.....	Byron Rogers*
Johnson.....	Div. 1	John L. Kirkpatrick.....	Mrs. Gertrude S. Hedberg.....	Earl E. O'Connor
	Div. 2	Clayton Brenner.....	Bertha Adams.....	Mrs. Della M. Brachett*
Kearny.....	32	Roland H. Tate.....	Mrs. Nell H. Walter.....	Olin Stanbury
Kingman.....	24	Clark A. Wallace.....	Eunice E. Rich.....	Harry Paxton
Kiowa.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Quincy B. Greer.....	Dan R. Aul
Labette.....	16	Hal Hyler.....		
Lane.....	32	Roland H. Tate.....	Mrs. Eva Cramer.....	A. J. Myers
Leavenworth.....	1	Joseph J. Dawes.....	Dorothy Harrison.....	Kenneth Harmon
Lincoln.....	30	A. R. Buzick.....	Roy Livingood.....	R. W. Greene*
Linn.....	6	Harry W. Fisher.....	Will H. Bayless.....	George A. Kerr
Logan.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Mrs. Ada F. Rogge.....	Nell C. Potter*

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TABLE A-1.—CONCLUDED. Roster of Judicial Officials as of July 1, 1954

COUNTY	Jud. dist.	District judge	Clerk of court	Probate judge
Lyon.....	5	Jay Sullivan.....	Mrs. Roe G. Collins.....	W. W. Parker
Marion.....	8	James P. Coleman.....	Virgil M. Wiebe.....	Jay E. Hargett*
Marshall.....	21	Lewis L. McLaughlin.....	W. J. Koppes.....	Percy R. Puleine*
McPherson.....	9	Alfred G. Schroeder.....	Donald S. Clark.....	J. J. Heidebrecht
Meade.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Ethel Copenhafer.....	Julia Craig
Miami.....	6	Harry W. Fisher.....	Mrs. Ethel J. Hunt.....	Frank L. Tomlinson
Mitchell.....	15	B. M. Dunham.....	Ida B. Jamison.....	Richard W. Young*
Montgomery.....	14	Warren Grant.....	M. D. Smith.....	David Scott
Morris.....	8	James P. Coleman.....	Virginia Scholes.....	A. R. Carpenter*
Morton.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	Mrs. Irene Kuder.....	Eula B. Sween
Nemaha.....	22	John L. Gernon.....	Ruth Shaffer.....	Robert C. Randel
Neosho.....	7	B. M. Dunham.....	Merle Estes.....	Charles F. Forsyth
Ness.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	Mrs. Gladys Bondurant.....	Blair Eibert*
Norton.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Arthur V. Poage.....	Jean W. Kissell*
Osage.....	35	A. K. Stavely.....	Mrs. Shirley Hull.....	T. L. Tiffany*
Osborne.....	15	Donald J. Magaw.....	Elma McColl.....	James W. Bell*
Ottawa.....	30	A. R. Buzick.....	A. H. Finley.....	W. D. Lancaster
Pawnee.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	Mrs. Eulah Almquist.....	Spencer Ackerman*
Phillips.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Gene Brett.....	G. A. Radefeld*
Pottawatomie.....	36	Robert H. Kaul.....	Deane L. Arnold.....	Richard Edwards*
Pratt.....	24	Clark A. Wallace.....	Verna J. Barber.....	William D. Hess*
Rawlins.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Mrs. Louise Portschy.....	Herbert Howland*
Reno.....	40	John Fonton.....	G. R. Williams.....	James H. Rexroad
Republic.....	12	Marvin O. Brummett.....	Warren A. Scott.....	Henry H. Van Natta*
Rice.....	20	Roy J. McMullen.....	Laura Saint.....	H. G. Dodridge*
Riley.....	21	Lewis L. McLaughlin.....	Joseph F. Musil.....	Scott Pfuetze*
Rooks.....	34	C. E. Birney.....	George F. Crane.....	G. M. James*
Rush.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	Esta Monahan.....	O. F. Showalter*
Russell.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	George W. Brandt.....	J. D. Steinle*
Saline.....	30	A. R. Buzick.....	Mrs. Winifred Groth.....	J. Herb Wilson
Scott.....	32	Roland H. Tate.....	Nellie Scheuerman.....	Ralph Hollingsworth*
Sedgewick.....	Div. 1	William C. Kandt.....	L. D. Leland.....	B. Mack Bryant
	Div. 2	Howard C. Kline.....		
	Div. 3	Clair E. Robb.....		
	Div. 4	George Austin Brown.....		
Seward.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	Mrs. Mary Lindley.....	E. S. Irwin*
Shawnee.....	Div. 1	Beryl R. Johnson.....	Mrs. Lucile Carter.....	Glenn D. Cogswell
	Div. 2	Paul H. Heinz.....		
	Div. 3	Dean McElhenny.....		
Sheridan.....	34	C. E. Birney.....	Mrs. Marjorie Hillburn.....	Wallace W. Cooper*
Sherman.....	34	C. E. Birney.....	Mrs. Sylvia R. Riley.....	Nora E. Beecham*
Smith.....	15	Donald J. Magaw.....	Lucille Figg.....	E. R. Sonnenberg*
Stafford.....	20	Roy J. McMullen.....	Mrs. Wanda Tucker.....	L. L. Carleton*
Stanton.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	Marjorie E. Baxter.....	Bessie Bradley
Stevens.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	John F. Fulkerson.....	J. B. Porter *
Summer.....	25	Wendell Ready.....	Laura McCormick.....	Lewis E. Nugen
Thomas.....	34	C. E. Birney.....	Mrs. Winifred Van Horn.....	
Trego.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Mrs. Albert H. Acre.....	H. H. Goetsch*
Wabaunsee.....	35	A. K. Stavely.....	Mrs. Eva Dorman.....	Lucile Wanker*
Wallace.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Ida Ward.....	Victor Hergenreter*
Washington.....	12	Marvin O. Brummett.....	Alta Hennon.....	F. H. Dobbs *
Wichita.....	32	Roland H. Tate.....	Kate Elder.....	Maggie Gilmore
Wilson.....	7	B. M. Dunham.....	Dwaine Spoon.....	Bess Schmidt
Woodson.....	37	Spencer A. Gard.....	Mrs. Maudie Beckett.....	Coleman Swope*
Wyandotte.....	Div. 1	E. L. Fischer.....	Richard R. Shannon.....	O. Q. Clafin, III
	Div. 2	Willard M. Benton.....		
	Div. 3	Harry C. Miller, Jr.....		
	Div. 4	William H. McHale.....		

* Also judge of county court.

TABLE A-2.—SUMMARY OF DISTRICT COURTS, BY DISTRICTS—
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Judicial dist.	County	Civil cases, including divorce				Criminal cases			
		Pending July 1, 1953	Commenced	Terminated	Pending July 1, 1954	Pending July 1, 1953	Commenced	Terminated	Pending July 1, 1954
1	Leavenworth.....	285	466	360	391	27	64	51	40
2	Atchison.....	131	132	103	160	7	30	31	6
3	Shawnee.....	435	1,561	1,472	524	97	281	272	106
4	Anderson.....	20	70	66	24	0	4	4	0
	Douglas.....	113	241	245	109	13	56	50	19
	Franklin.....	54	115	129	40	7	32	24	15
	Totals.....	187	426	440	173	20	92	78	34
5	Chase.....	13	26	23	16	0	0	0	0
	Coffey.....	23	80	68	35	0	9	7	2
	Lyon.....	72	181	188	65	2	25	24	3
	Totals.....	108	287	279	116	2	34	31	5
6	Bourbon.....	68	173	164	77	10	49	37	22
	Linn.....	38	65	70	33	9	11	6	14
	Miami.....	74	186	185	75	0	23	16	7
	Totals.....	180	424	419	185	19	83	59	43
7	Neosho.....	44	124	117	51	1	19	18	2
	Wilson.....	53	145	133	65	3	19	18	4
	Totals.....	97	269	250	116	4	38	36	6
8	Dickinson.....	51	117	121	47	4	7	9	2
	Geary.....	129	179	205	103	10	34	31	13
	Marion.....	30	74	80	24	8	7	8	7
	Morris.....	22	39	37	24	0	9	6	3
	Totals.....	232	409	443	198	22	57	54	25
9	Harvey.....	36	118	98	56	8	22	20	10
	McPherson.....	50	123	139	34	1	9	10	0
	Totals.....	86	241	237	90	9	31	30	10
10	Johnson.....	449	750	771	428	36	64	62	38
11	Cherokee.....	157	227	227	157	15	19	26	8
12	Cloud.....	29	96	93	32	1	10	10	1
	Republic.....	26	63	58	31	0	18	7	11
	Washington.....	18	42	50	10	1	1	2	0
	Totals.....	73	201	201	73	2	29	19	12
13	Butler.....	164	446	425	185	57	185	161	81
	Chautauqua.....	21	60	53	28	1	3	4	0
	Elk.....	28	36	38	26	0	3	2	1
	Greenwood.....	55	135	128	62	4	24	22	6
	Totals.....	268	677	644	301	62	215	189	88
14	Montgomery.....	186	461	430	217	22	97	98	21
15	Jewell.....	16	37	27	26	0	4	4	0
	Mitchell.....	20	47	51	16	4	4	6	2
	Osborne.....	15	39	43	11	0	3	2	1
	Smith.....	8	57	43	22	0	6	4	2
	Totals.....	59	180	164	75	4	17	16	5

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TABLE A-2.—CONTINUED. Summary of district courts, by districts—year ending June 30, 1954

Judicial dist.	County	Civil cases, including divorce			Criminal cases				
		Pending July 1, 1953	Commenced	Terminated	Pending July 1, 1954	Pending July 1, 1953	Commenced	Terminated	
16	Labette.....	104	264	262	106	5	44	41	8
17	Cheyenne.....	3	29	14	18	0	0	0	0
	Decatur.....	9	41	36	14	4	5	9	0
	Norton.....	27	59	65	21	1	9	6	4
	Phillips.....	9	51	42	18	0	2	2	0
	Rawlins.....	8	24	18	14	3	6	7	2
	Totals.....	56	204	175	85	8	22	24	6
18	Sedgwick.....	2,883	3,764	3,431	3,216	266	590	532	324
19	Cowley.....	117	289	286	120	11	58	50	19
20	Barton.....	136	345	304	177	18	66	70	14
	Rice.....	24	77	80	21	3	16	19	0
	Stafford.....	22	63	61	24	0	17	13	4
	Totals.....	182	485	445	222	21	99	102	18
21	Clay.....	22	40	39	23	3	5	6	2
	Marshall.....	31	60	65	26	4	12	12	4
	Riley.....	86	118	136	68	11	47	43	15
	Totals.....	139	218	240	117	18	64	61	21
22	Brown.....	29	63	70	22	1	10	11	0
	Doniphan.....	27	57	58	26	3	5	7	1
	Nemaha.....	22	57	57	22	0	3	3	0
	Totals.....	78	177	185	70	4	18	21	1
23	Ellis.....	46	97	90	53	1	22	20	3
	Gove.....	10	19	20	9	0	7	6	1
	Logan.....	13	30	29	14	0	6	4	2
	Russell.....	74	129	126	77	1	18	15	4
	Trego.....	14	26	29	11	0	6	6	0
	Wallace.....	7	10	15	2	0	2	2	0
	Totals.....	164	311	309	166	2	61	53	10
24	Barber.....	18	46	53	11	1	8	9	0
	Harper.....	16	73	73	16	2	15	14	3
	Kingman.....	14	61	60	15	3	6	7	2
	Pratt.....	20	129	69	80	0	11	11	0
	Totals.....	68	309	255	122	6	40	41	5
25	Sumner.....	65	187	188	64	5	17	16	6
29	Wyandotte.....	2,384	2,311	1,989	2,706	203	334	311	226
30	Ellsworth.....	13	54	52	15	0	7	6	1
	Lincoln.....	2	14	12	4	0	2	1	1
	Ottawa.....	18	35	32	21	1	3	4	0
	Saline.....	277	352	298	331	31	52	58	25
	Totals.....	310	455	394	371	32	64	69	27
31	Clark.....	18	23	28	13	0	5	5	0
	Comanche.....	11	24	18	17	1	1	1	1
	Ford.....	82	168	172	78	6	27	23	5
	Gray.....	9	27	31	5	0	0	0	0
	Kiowa.....	15	17	14	18	3	6	9	0
	Meade.....	25	26	37	14	0	2	2	0
	Totals.....	160	285	300	145	10	41	45	6

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TABLE A-2.—CONCLUDED. Summary of district courts, by districts—year ending June 30, 1954

Judicial dist.	County	Civil cases, including divorce				Criminal cases			
		Pending July 1, 1953	Commenced	Terminated	Pending July 1, 1954	Pending July 1, 1953	Commenced	Terminated	Pending July 1, 1954
32	Finney.....	86	157	152	91	17	56	58	15
	Greeley.....	16	30	23	23	1	0	0	1
	Hamilton.....	28	48	55	21	4	5	6	3
	Kearny.....	22	45	30	37	7	5	10	2
	Lane.....	8	23	23	8	1	1	0	2
	Scott.....	16	56	48	24	8	3	9	2
	Wichita.....	4	11	4	11	0	0	0	0
Totals.....		180	370	335	215	38	70	83	25
33	Edwards.....	12	34	28	18	1	12	11	2
	Hodgeman.....	16	20	22	14	2	11	11	2
	Ness.....	18	43	41	20	1	7	7	1
	Pawnee.....	37	75	70	42	2	15	11	6
	Rush.....	17	32	30	19	0	2	2	0
	Totals.....	100	204	191	113	6	47	42	11
34	Graham.....	24	51	47	28	1	3	2	2
	Rooks.....	37	79	83	33	5	8	11	2
	Sheridan.....	6	19	12	13	1	2	3	0
	Sherman.....	23	54	48	29	2	16	10	8
	Thomas.....	7	38	38	7	0	6	5	1
Totals.....		97	241	228	110	9	35	31	13
35	Osage.....	31	96	92	35	0	12	7	5
	Wabaunsee.....	9	27	28	8	2	1	3	0
	Totals.....	40	123	120	43	2	13	10	5
36	Jackson.....	17	66	58	25	1	18	15	4
	Jefferson.....	30	99	85	44	0	14	12	2
	Pottawatomie.....	26	59	60	25	7	13	10	10
	Totals.....	73	224	203	94	8	45	37	16
37	Allen.....	81	128	137	72	7	18	19	6
	Woodson.....	25	46	48	23	8	5	12	1
	Totals.....	106	174	185	95	15	23	31	7
38	Crawford.....	279	308	241	346	7	36	29	14
39	Grant.....	19	37	41	15	2	7	5	4
	Haskell.....	10	17	15	12	1	3	4	0
	Morton.....	10	37	37	10	3	5	5	3
	Seward.....	45	121	117	49	1	26	20	7
	Stanton.....	10	24	26	8	0	2	2	0
	Stevens.....	27	22	37	12	0	10	9	1
Totals.....		121	258	273	106	7	53	45	15
40	Reno.....	495	666	693	468	41	135	130	46
	Grand totals...	11,134	18,538	17,368	12,304	1,072	3,060	2,856	1,276

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TABLES A-3 and A-4 COMBINED.—DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES, INCLUDING DIVORCE—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

COUNTIES	Total number of cases	Foreign trans- cripts	Divorce cases				Other civil cases			
			Number	Dismissed	Denied	Granted to wife	Granted to husband	Emergency declared	Number	Dismissed
Allen*.....	136	3	54	15	3	22	14	0	79	24
Anderson*.....	65	0	20	11	0	6	3	7	45	12
Atchison.....	103	0	28	5	1	13	9	0	75	17
Barber*.....	153	0	25	8	0	13	4	0	28	9
Barton* **.....	302	3	151	70	3	66	12	3	148	75
Bourbon*†.....	161	2	78	24	0	32	22	8	81	22
Brown.....	70	0	29	12	0	11	6	0	41	21
Butler*.....	423	8	122	36	0	59	27	3	293	194
Chase†.....	23	0	6	1	0	4	1	1	17	9
Chautauqua*.....	53	0	16	3	0	10	3	0	37	11
Cherokee†.....	227	5	99	36	0	45	18	2	123	48
Cheyenne.....	14	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	11	3
Clark.....	28	0	6	0	0	3	2	0	22	2
Clay.....	39	0	21	4	0	12	5	0	18	6
Cloud.....	93	1	36	8	0	19	9	1	56	13
Coffey.....	68	1	16	1	0	8	7	0	51	4
Comanche.....	18	1	3	0	0	1	2	0	14	3
Cowley*†.....	283	14	165	49	0	82	34	8	104	30
Crawford.....	241	6	99	19	0	51	29	2	136	54
Decatur.....	36	0	12	3	1	6	2	0	24	3
Dickinson†.....	121	0	43	25	1	16	1	2	78	26
Doniphan.....	58	1	19	5	0	7	7	3	38	6
Douglas.....	245	2	134	51	1	53	29	1	109	34
Edwards.....	28	0	11	1	0	9	1	0	17	3
Elk.....	38	1	7	0	0	6	1	0	30	7

* Additional cases which were removed to the Federal Court: Allen County, 1; Anderson County, 1; Barton County, 1; Bourbon County, 2; Butler County, 2; Cowley County, 3.

† Additional cases which were removed on change of venue: Bourbon County, 1.

** Transcripts of judgment which were sent to other courts under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act: Barton County, 1.

†† Additional jury trials in which a new trial was granted: Cowley County, 1.

†† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which are still pending and not terminated: Cherokee County, 1.

†† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which were later dismissed: Chase County, 2; Dickinson County, 1.

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TABLES A-3 AND A-4.—CONTINUED. Disposition of civil cases, including divorce—year ending June 30, 1954

COUNTIES	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS	DIVORCE CASES				OTHER CIVIL CASES					
			NUMBER	DISMISSED	DENIED	GRANTED TO WIFE	GRANTED TO HUSBAND	EMERGENCY DECLARED	NUMBER	DISMISSED	TRYED TO COURT	TRYED TO JURY
Ellis*	89	0	19	11	0	4	4	0	70	29	41	0
Ellsworth*	51	2	20	9	0	7	4	0	29	8	20	1
Finney	152	3	65	22	0	33	10	0	84	37	41	6
Ford*	171	2	84	29	0	38	17	1	66	19	49	4
Franklin*	128	5	57	20	0	30	7	1	66	19	37	10
Geary††	205	2	129	45	1	57	26	11	74	29	44	1
Gove	20	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	18	4	13	1
Graham	47	4	11	0	0	6	5	0	32	9	23	0
Grant	41	0	17	10	0	5	2	0	24	11	12	1
Gray	31	1	12	1	0	9	2	0	18	2	15	1
Greeley	23	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	19	5	14	0
Greenwood†	128	1	41	14	0	0	15	12	1	86	14	0
Hamilton	55	0	15	9	0	5	1	1	40	12	28	0
Harper	73	5	32	11	1	16	4	0	36	1	35	0
Harvey*	95	3	21	12	2	3	4	0	71	27	42	2
Haskell	15	2	3	0	0	1	2	0	10	7	3	0
Hodgeman	22	5	10	4	0	0	4	2	3	12	1	0
Jackson	58	9	17	3	0	12	2	0	36	12	23	0
Jefferson*	84	9	27	7	0	14	6	0	48	22	44	0
Jewell	27	0	4	1	0	2	1	0	23	2	21	0
Johnson*	758	53	286	113	2	135	36	2	419	183	224	12
Kearny	30	0	11	9	0	9	3	1	19	4	14	1
Kingman	60	3	21	9	0	0	3	1	0	36	11	22
Kiowa	14	0	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	10	7	3
Labette	262	0	137	52	1	66	18	0	125	44	80	1
Lane	23	1	6	1	0	4	1	0	16	6	9	1
Leavenworth*	358	26	148	26	1	84	37	0	184	42	140	2
Lincoln	12	0	5	1	0	1	3	0	7	0	7	0
Linn	70	4	21	4	0	11	6	0	45	8	32	5
Logan	29	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	23	4	19	0

* Additional cases which were removed to the Federal Court: Ellis County, 1; Ellsworth County, 1; Leavenworth County, 2.

† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which are still pending and not terminated: Franklin County, 1; Harvey County, 3; Jefferson County, 1; Johnson County, 1; Leavenworth County, 2.

†† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which were later dismissed: Geary County, 1.

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TABLES A-3 AND A-4.—CONTINUED. Disposition of civil cases, including divorce—year ending June 30, 1954

COUNTIES	Total number of cases	Foreign transcripts	Divorce cases				Other civil cases			
			Number	Dismissed	Denied	Granted to wife	Granted to husband	Emergency declared	Number	Dismissed
Lyon.....	188	0	97	33	0	43	21	6	91	44
Marion.....	80	2	25	13	0	9	3	0	53	38
Marshall.....	65	1	25	10	0	13	2	0	39	12
McPherson†.....	137	6	36	21	4	8	3	0	95	27
Meade.....	37	0	8	1	0	5	2	2	29	27
Miami*.....	183	6	66	29	0	27	10	2	111	41
Mitchell.....	51	22	23	11	0	10	2	1	23	3
Montgomery.....	430	196	66	1	104	25	25	7	212	20
Morris.....	37	1	9	2	0	4	3	0	27	5
Morton*.....	34	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	30	10
Nemaha†.....	57	2	9	1	0	7	1	0	46	18
Neosho.....	117	5	58	15	0	30	13	2	54	26
Ness.....	41	2	8	2	0	15	1	0	31	8
Norton*.....	64	1	30	11	1	1	3	0	33	3
Osage.....	92	3	22	5	0	14	3	1	67	18
Osborne*†.....	42	0	11	2	0	5	4	0	31	3
Ottria.....	32	0	10	6	0	1	3	0	22	7
Pawnee.....	70	0	25	8	0	11	6	0	45	15
Phillips.....	42	1	15	4	0	7	4	0	26	3
Pottawatomie†.....	59	0	11	1	0	7	3	0	48	8
Pratt.....	69	2	34	10	1	17	6	0	33	10
Rawlins.....	18	0	5	2	0	3	0	0	13	12
Reno.....	693	36	386	157	0	168	61	15	271	113
Republic.....	58	0	17	9	0	6	2	0	41	11
Rice*.....	79	7	31	9	0	16	6	0	41	13
Riley†.....	136	5	73	23	0	41	9	1	58	28
Rooks.....	83	0	33	16	0	16	1	0	50	17
Rush.....	30	3	4	1	0	3	0	0	23	1
Russell*.....	125	0	50	17	0	27	6	1	75	33
Saline*†.....	294	0	164	52	1	78	33	5	130	52

* Additional cases which were removed to the Federal Court: Miami County, 2; Morton County, 3; Norton County, 1; Osborne County, 1; Rice County, 1; Russell County, 1; Saline County, 4.

† Transcripts of judgment which were sent to other courts under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act: McPherson County, 2; Pottawatomie County, 1.

†† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which were later dismissed: Nemaha County, 1; Riley County, 1; Pottawatomie County, 2;

† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which are still pending and not terminated: Osborne County, 1.

Saline County, 1.

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TABLES A-3 AND A-4.—CONCLUDED. Disposition of civil cases, including divorce—year ending June 30, 1954

COUNTIES	Total number of cases	Foreign transcripts	Divorce cases				Other civil cases			
			Number	Dismissed	Denied	Granted to wife	Granted to husband	Emergency declared	Number	Dismissed
Scott.....	48	0	19	10	0	5	4	2	29	11
Sedgewick*.....	3,423	0	2,161	897	1	989	274	64	1,202	679
Seward*.....	1,115	1	74	32	1	28	13	0	40	13
Shawnee†.....	1,472	1	866	350	2	406	118	25	615	270
Sheridan.....	12	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	9	2
Sherman.....	48	1	15	4	0	8	3	1	32	12
Smith.....	43	0	15	2	0	9	5	1	28	6
Stafford.....	61	4	16	9	0	5	4	2	41	7
Stanton.....	26	0	10	1	0	6	3	0	16	6
Stevens.....	37	0	16	7	0	3	6	1	21	11
Stevens*.....	187	29	75	27	0	35	13	0	83	21
Summer*.....	38	2	11	1	0	10	10	0	0	6
Thomas.....	29	0	10	3	0	6	1	0	19	6
Trego.....	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Wabunsee.....	15	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	25	11
Wallace.....	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
Washington*.....	49	1	10	3	0	5	2	0	38	1
Wichita.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	3
Wilson.....	133	0	65	26	0	30	9	3	68	19
Woodson.....	48	6	21	10	0	8	3	1	21	0
Wyandotte*†.....	1,088	2	1,205	548	0	521	136	39	781	340
Totals.....	17,304	345	8,503	3,264	30	3,915	1,294	257	8,456	3,277
										4,863
										316

* Additional cases which were removed to the Federal Court; Sedgwick County, 8; Seward County, 2; Summer County, 1; Washington County, 1; Wyandotte County, 1.

† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which are still pending and not terminated: Wyandotte County, 1. Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which were later dismissed or otherwise disposed of: Shawnee County, 5.

TABLE A-5.—DISTRICT COURTS

TYPES OF CIVIL CASES COMMENCED—STATE AS A WHOLE—COMPARED WITH 1946-1947-1948-1949-1950-1951-1952-1953 AND 1954

	Year ending June 30, 1946	Year ending June 30, 1947	Year ending June 30, 1948	Year ending June 30, 1949	Year ending June 30, 1950	Year ending June 30, 1951	Year ending June 30, 1952	Year ending June 30, 1953	Year ending June 30, 1954
Number of cases*	22,301	19,788	18,100	16,325	16,380	15,945	16,494	17,956	18,190
Recovery of money.....	966	1,230	1,559	1,709	1,861	1,971	2,064	1,882	2,708
Damages.....	806	1,013	998	1,018	1,192	1,000	1,075	1,581	1,307
Foreclosures.....	111	97	120	174	222	206	172	183	270
Quiet title.....	4,134	4,208	3,729	2,835	2,296	2,283	2,053	1,864	1,666
Divorce.....	13,476	10,247	8,716	7,809	8,092	7,722	8,656	9,223	8,773
Replevin.....	72	147	159	197	184	157	169	189	199
Ejectment.....	63	48	39	16	33	45	55	40	39
Injunction.....	274	248	264	213	262	230	253	274	296
Partition.....	496	454	404	362	324	314	310	333	285
Tax cases.....	97	110	73	65	60	37	33	51	42
Habeas corpus.....	55	73	95	78	94	79	89	80	92
Appeals—Probate.....	91	94	127	133	143	146	127	134	128
Other appeals.....	284	383	521	445	432	446	445	520	766
Miscellaneous.....	1,380	1,436	1,296	1,271	1,185	1,309	1,448	1,602	1,622

* Does not include 348 foreign transcripts included in total of 18,538 on Table A-2, June 30, 1954, or 309 foreign transcripts included in total of 17,274 on Table A-2, June 30, 1952, or 596 foreign transcripts included in total of 16,959 on Table A-2, June 30, 1950, or 486 included in total of 16,541 on Table A-2, June 30, 1951, or 579 foreign transcripts included in total of 18,459 on Table A-2, June 30, 1949, or 359 foreign transcripts included in total of 16,811 on Table A-2, June 30, 1948.

Note.—Personal tax warrants are not included as cases in any of these tables.

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT COURTS BY COUNTIES

TABLE B-1 (CONDENSED).—DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

COUNTIES	Number of cases	Dis- missed	Plea of guilty as charged	Plea of guilty of lesser offense	Trials			
					Con- victed of crime charged	Con- victed of lesser offense	Ac- quitted	Mis- trials
Allen.....	19	6	11	0	1	0	1	0
Anderson.....	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Atchison.....	31	6	13	5	4	1	2	0
Barber.....	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
Barton.....	70	39	25	0	3	1	2	0
Bourbon.....	37	16	17	3	1	0	0	0
Brown.....	11	0	9	2	0	0	0	0
Butler*.....	160	28	113	14	3	2	0	1
Chase.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chautauqua.....	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cherokee.....	26	11	12	1	0	1	0	0
Cheyenne.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark.....	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Clay.....	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Cloud.....	10	4	6	0	0	0	0	0
Coffey.....	7	2	4	0	1	0	0	0
Comanche.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cowley†.....	49	17	28	2	2	0	0	0
Crawford.....	29	8	14	4	1	0	2	2
Decatur.....	9	7	1	0	1	0	0	0
Dickinson.....	9	3	4	0	0	0	2	0
Doniphan.....	7	2	4	0	0	0	1	0
Douglas.....	50	14	18	12	4	1	1	0
Edwards.....	11	5	6	0	0	0	0	2
Elk.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ellis*.....	19	6	13	0	0	0	0	0
Ellsworth.....	6	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
Finney.....	58	23	28	4	2	0	1	0
Ford.....	28	6	19	0	2	0	1	0
Franklin.....	24	11	7	3	0	2	1	0
Geary.....	31	7	17	4	0	1	2	0
Gove.....	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Graham.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Grant.....	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gray.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greeley.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenwood†.....	19	4	12	0	3	0	0	1
Hamilton.....	6	2	1	0	1	0	2	0
Harper.....	14	10	2	2	0	0	0	0
Harvey.....	20	4	11	4	1	0	0	1
Haskell.....	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hodgeman.....	11	8	3	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson.....	15	6	7	0	0	0	2	0
Jefferson.....	12	1	11	0	0	0	0	0
Jewell.....	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson*.....	61	11	26	15	5	1	3	0
Kearny.....	10	7	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kingman.....	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
Kiowa.....	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Labette.....	41	15	24	0	1	0	1	0

* Additional cases in which the defendants were adjudged insane: Butler County, 1; Ellis County, 1; Johnson County, 1.

† Additional cases which were removed on change of venue: Cowley County, 1.

‡ Greenwood County: 3 additional cases consolidated with another case against the same defendant. The four cases were tried together and resulted in a verdict of guilty of the crime charged.

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TABLE B-1 (Condensed).—CONCLUDED. Disposition of criminal cases—year ending June 30, 1954

COUNTIES	Number of cases	Dis- missed	Plea of guilty as charged	Plea of guilty of lesser offense	Trials			
					Con- victed of crime charged	Con- victed of lesser offense	Ac- quitted	Mis- trials
Lane.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leavenworth.....	51	21	12	2	12	2	0	0
Lincoln.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Marshall.....	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Linn.....	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Logan.....								
Lyon.....	24	6	16	0	1	1	0	0
Marion.....	8	3	3	1	1	0	0	0
Marshall.....	12	5	3	2	1	0	3	0
McPherson.....	10	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Meade.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miami.....	16	1	12	2	0	1	0	0
Mitchell.....	6	5	1	0	0	0	4	0
Montgomery.....	98	26	62	2	3	1	0	0
Morris.....	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	1
Morton.....	5	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Nemaha.....	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Neosho.....	18	3	13	0	1	0	1	0
Ness.....	7	0	6	0	1	0	0	0
Norton.....	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Osage.....	7	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Osborne.....	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Ottawa.....	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Pawnee.....	11	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pottawatomie.....	10	2	2	0	4	2	0	0
Pratt.....	11	1	9	0	0	1	0	0
Rawlins.....	7	4	3	0	0	0	1	0
Reno*.....	128	35	82	3	7	0	0	0
Republic.....	7	1	6	0	0	0	1	0
Rice.....	19	3	14	1	0	0	1	0
Riley.....	43	6	27	7	2	0	1	0
Rooks.....	11	3	3	1	1	0	0	0
Rush.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Russell*.....	14	4	9	0	1	0	0	1
Saline.....	58	40	10	6	0	0	2	0
Scott.....	9	6	1	0	2	0	0	3
Sedgwick*.....	529	215	223	66	12	4	0	0
Seward.....	20	7	7	6	0	0	0	0
Shawnee.....	272	116	97	53	6	0	0	0
Sheridan.....	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sherman.....	10	4	5	0	0	0	1	0
Smith.....	4	0	4	0	0	0	1	0
Stafford.....	13	3	4	2	2	1	0	0
Stanton.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Stevens.....	9	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Sumner.....	16	6	2	5	1	1	1	0
Thomas.....	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Trego.....	6	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
Wabaunsee†.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallace.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Washington.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wichita.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wilson.....	18	4	9	4	0	0	1	0
Woodson.....	12	5	5	0	1	0	1	2
Wyandotte.....	311	223	49	21	11	2	5	14
Totals.....	2,841	1,085	1,278	278	107	29	64	14

* Additional cases in which the defendants were adjudged insane: Reno County, 2; Russell County, 1; Sedgwick County, 3.

† Additional cases which were removed on change of venue: Wabaunsee County, 2.

TABLE B-3.—NATURE OF CRIMES—STATE AS A WHOLE
(CRIMINAL CASES COMMENCED IN DISTRICT COURTS)

	1942	1943	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Felonies:								
Murder.....	29	35	39	37	29	37	45	29
Manslaughter.....	13	12	11	24	28	34	28	40
Rape.....	53	52	57	63	56	82	68	61
Robbery.....	65	21	50	78	78	77	89	72
Felonious assault.....	69	45	71	98	85	90	84	93
Other crimes against person.....	26	11	54	46	61	40	44	58
Arson.....	16	13	17	14	15	12	14	20
Forgery.....	153	133	210	241	191	180	221	234
Grand larceny.....	303	194	246	298	325	277	341	305
Auto larceny.....	48	41	51	70	51	56	63	61
Embezzlement.....	24	17	21	30	22	19	37	33
Burglary.....	177	133	284	346	337	294	279	345
Other crimes against property.....	37	24	81	71	84	79	76	79
Desertion (wife or child).....	103	71	184	209	176	237	257	287
Narcotics.....	8	2	13	3	2	7	6	4
Bad checks.....	50	22	183	212	191	174	217	256
Other felonies.....	61	111	38	67	46	67	74	49
Total felonies.....	1,235	937	1,610	1,907	1,777	1,762	1,943	2,026
Misdemeanors:								
Assault.....	41	71	60	38	46	34	48	40
Petty larceny.....	39	36	44	38	44	31	15	23
Liquor.....	535	339	286	185	239	287	319	319
Disturbing peace.....	23	12	20	23	20	9	13	8
Traffic offense.....	50	89	86	56	35	34	50	43
Bad checks.....	3	19	1	14	21	6	0	1
Other misdemeanors.....	93	121	262	55	66	99	59	41
Total misdemeanors.....	784	687	759	409	471	500	504	475
Total cases*.....	2,019	1,624	2,369	2,316	2,248	2,262	2,447	2,501

* Does not include 559 Police Court Appeals in the total of 2,501 cases June 30, 1954, or 543 Police Court Appeals in the total of 2,447 cases June 30, 1953, or 632 Police Court Appeals in the total of 2,262 cases June 30, 1952, or 440 Police Court Appeals in the total of 2,248 cases June 30, 1951, or 461 Police Court Appeals in the total of 2,316 cases June 30, 1950.

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PROBATE COURTS

TABLE C-1.—SUMMARY OF BUSINESS HANDLED—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

COUNTIES	Estates of decedents		Guardianships		Trusts under supervision	Juvenile cases	Habeas corpus hearings	Orders in absence of district judge	Adoption proceedings	Insanity hearings	Determination of descent	Miscellaneous	Foreign transcripts
	Opened during year	Closed during year	Opened during year	Closed during year									
Allen.....	44	35	16	8	7	8	0	0	6	3	30	0	9
Anderson.....	30	18	5	3	3	2	0	0	9	12	16	0	12
Atchison.....	43	50	2	3	28	0	0	0	13	11	22	0	2
Barton.....	25	33	8	5	7	0	0	6	6	3	16	0	3
Barton.....	91	79	18	24	31	14	0	3	33	18	31	5	40
Bourbon.....	45	29	12	10	6	0	0	0	7	0	26	0	6
Brown.....	36	39	13	7	19	6	0	0	5	5	49	0	45
Butler.....	67	79	22	10	16	6	0	0	12	28	49	0	6
Chase.....	19	18	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	0	6
Chautauqua.....	18	25	4	0	2	0	0	0	5	7	17	0	12
Cherokee.....	42	50	23	12	15	0	0	0	11	17	35	0	15
Cheyenne.....	13	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	11	0	9
Clark.....	9	6	4	2	6	0	0	0	5	3	14	0	10
Clay.....	53	50	5	3	11	0	0	0	8	4	2	2	20
Cloud.....	53	49	13	7	12	0	0	2	5	22	12	0	27
Coffey.....	37	30	13	6	2	0	0	0	5	1	22	0	8
Comanche.....	14	15	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	3	6	0	5
Cowley.....	115	95	35	16	16	60	0	0	26	26	61	8	25
Crawford.....	64	62	37	14	9	0	0	0	1	4	21	65	0
Decatur.....	17	18	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	7	4	16	0
Dickinson.....	86	94	11	11	35	13	0	15	7	1	21	3	21
Doniphan.....	34	16	5	9	13	5	0	6	0	7	10	0	6
Douglas.....	57	56	14	10	22	0	1	1	1	24	58	0	1
Edwards.....	14	19	6	3	1	1	0	3	5	1	5	9	14
Elk.....	19	4									12	0	2

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TABLE C-1.—CONTINUED. Summary of business handled—year ending June 30, 1954

COUNTIES	Estates of decedents Opened during year	Closed during year	Guardianships Opened during year	Closed during year	Trusts under supervision	Juvenile cases	Habeas corpus hearings	Orders in absence of district judge	Adoption proceedings	Insanity hearings	De-termination of descent	Miscellaneous	Foreign transcripts
Lyon.....	51	45	17	5	12	0	0	0	10	2	34	0	1
Marion.....	49	41	10	6	19	3	0	0	7	12	36	0	27
Marshall.....	60	42	10	10	12	0	0	2	3	32	0	5	7
McPherson.....	67	83	8	6	10	0	0	0	15	0	32	5	8
Meade.....	8	19	5	3	5	0	0	0	5	3	15	0	0
Miami.....	28	34	8	5	6	0	0	19	8	4	33	0	166
Mitchell.....	39	42	8	4	0	0	0	0	6	6	23	0	6
Montgomery.....	85	79	32	11	21	49	0	0	32	31	83	1	9
Morris.....	15	20	13	5	5	2	0	0	3	1	19	0	14
Morton.....	6	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	12	0	37
Nemaha.....	38	49	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	7	16	0	3
Neosho.....	45	50	6	4	9	7	0	10	6	5	35	11	1
Ness.....	13	16	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	9	9	0	5
Norton.....	24	22	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	12	0	17
Osage.....	47	37	5	3	11	2	0	2	3	8	22	0	10
Osborne.....	46	34	7	2	2	7	0	0	4	2	11	6	53
Ottawa.....	42	32	6	2	6	1	0	0	1	2	13	1	18
Pawnee.....	34	25	13	6	6	4	0	0	2	4	127	21	0
Phillips.....	40	33	6	2	4	2	0	0	2	4	12	1	17
Portawatomie.....	52	44	13	8	4	2	0	6	4	0	13	1	16
Pratt.....	23	36	8	3	6	2	0	0	1	0	10	6	3
Rawlins.....	22	26	8	6	4	1	0	0	3	0	75	0	31
Reno.....	128	146	50	19	39	49	3	0	53	31	24	2	42
Republic.....	54	57	9	3	4	3	0	0	4	1	26	2	2
Rice.....	44	58	6	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	30	13	8
Riley.....	50	50	17	9	7	9	0	0	10	6	21	11	29
Roots.....	17	40	9	2	4	1	0	0	1	4	11	0	17
Rush.....	29	23	5	4	4	7	0	1	1	1	9	0	13
Russell.....	47	41	5	12	7	3	0	0	10	4	14	7	13
Saline.....	110	104	18	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	16

TABLE C-1.—CONCLUDED. Summary of business handled—year ending June 30, 1954

COUNTIES	Estates of decedents		Guardianships		Trusts under supervision	Juvenile cases	Habeas corpus hearings	Orders in absence of district judge	Adoption proceedings	Inanity hearings	De-termination of descent	Miscellaneous	Foreign transcripts
	Opened during year	Closed during year	Opened during year	Closed during year									
Scott.....	9	16	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	185	0	14	0
Sedwick.....	440	261	246	31	55	542	0	0	258	129	0	16	0
Seward.....	117	15	6	2	8	11	0	4	10	2	3	20	0
Shawnee.....	205	200	106	29	71	108	0	0	124	324	114	74	0
Sheridan.....	18	13	6	5	2	0	0	0	5	4	5	16	0
Sherman.....	8	15	3	2	1	1	0	1	6	1	7	0	10
Smith.....	21	26	3	3	1	1	0	7	0	3	10	0	8
Stafford.....	39	25	10	3	5	7	0	0	3	1	14	0	24
Stanton.....	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	2	22
Stevens.....	7	9	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	6
Sumner.....	71	85	19	5	23	25	0	0	20	13	48	0	57
Thomas.....	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	13	4	0	16
Trego.....	20	23	7	3	4	1	0	0	3	2	11	0	16
Waubunee.....	20	23	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	15
Wallace.....	8	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Washington.....	42	28	11	8	4	0	0	0	4	7	20	0	13
Wichita.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	1	16
Wilson.....	43	43	7	7	8	8	1	22	6	1	15	0	0
Woodson.....	12	13	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	238	35	30	0
Wyandotte.....	217	218	73	29	27	152	0	0	176	211	35	0	30
Totals.....	4,502	4,227	1,338	588	887	1,386	9	212	1,411	1,610	2,509	213	1,710

TABLE D-1 (COMBINED WITH B-2).—COUNTY AND CITY COURTS
DISPOSITION OF CASES—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1954

COUNTY COURTS	Number of cases	Civil cases			Criminal cases			
		Number	Dismissed	Trials	Number	Dismissed	Pleas of guilty	Trials
Allen.....	283	54	8	23	229	13	186	16
Anderson.....	144	26	3	5	118	1	89	23
Barber.....	161	48	20	2	113	31	44	2
Barton.....	89	85	27	13	4	3	1	0
Brown.....	83	30	13	1	53	13	15	1
Butler.....	845	213	62	102	632	137	239	66
Cheyenne.....	41	2	0	0	39	0	34	0
Clark.....	74	12	1	0	62	6	33	0
Clay.....	126	14	0	0	112	28	55	7
Cloud.....	99	33	20	5	66	1	44	0
Coffey.....	164	24	8	2	140	4	114	4
Comanche.....	41	8	7	1	33	16	16	0
Decatur.....	81	13	8	0	68	19	48	0
Dickinson.....	87	36	13	5	51	12	27	1
Doniphan.....	138	29	6	8	109	3	89	4
Douglas.....	974	173	51	10	801	82	599	12
Edwards.....	113	8	5	1	105	36	35	0
Ellis.....	417	61	19	4	356	150	93	11
Ellsworth.....	201	22	1	0	179	17	153	1
Finney.....	666	92	25	32	574	107	291	12
Ford.....	389	98	25	18	291	43	147	4
Franklin.....	541	24	6	2	517	35	421	6
Geary.....	297	95	10	7	202	76	28	6
Gove.....	38	4	3	0	34	7	17	1
Graham.....	102	16	6	1	86	61	5	0
Greenwood.....	273	49	16	3	224	10	167	4
Harper.....	129	25	9	0	104	29	49	2
Harvey.....	406	56	13	7	350	21	265	6
Hodgeman.....	85	5	2	0	80	9	47	0
Jackson.....	165	40	20	3	125	19	77	4
Jewell.....	144	16	5	1	128	9	97	7
Kearny.....	120	11	0	1	109	8	81	1
Lincoln.....	97	7	5	2	90	34	52	0
Marion.....	262	43	13	2	219	40	106	8
Marshall.....	181	34	19	4	147	67	68	2
Mitchell.....	282	24	4	2	258	70	143	4
Morris.....	98	31	14	3	67	17	30	1
Ness.....	88	7	1	2	81	14	61	2
Norton.....	112	17	5	0	95	4	71	0
Osage.....	288	45	21	3	243	14	208	4
Osborne.....	173	7	0	1	166	79	85	0
Pawnee.....	306	58	19	36	248	22	160	0
Phillips.....	167	29	8	3	138	45	72	0
Pottawatomie.....	101	30	8	1	71	18	32	2
Pratt.....	290	51	15	4	239	14	182	0
Rawlins.....	99	39	16	0	60	9	37	0
Republic.....	132	14	4	0	118	26	26	28
Rice.....	276	42	8	2	234	54	115	9
Riley.....	41	41	11	7	0	0	0	0
Rooks.....	193	39	10	10	154	62	42	13
Rush.....	260	60	1	33	200	80	40	5
Russell.....	157	80	38	0	77	5	57	1
Scott.....	34	0	0	0	34	10	8	2
Seward.....	297	53	14	10	244	38	138	3

TABLE D-1 (Combined with B-2).—CONCLUDED. Disposition of cases year ending June 30, 1954

COUNTY COURTS	Number of cases	Civil cases			Criminal cases			
		Number	Dis- missed	Trials	Number	Dis- missed	Pleas of guilty	Trials
Sheridan.....	110	6	2	0	104	2	92	0
Sherman.....	103	31	15	1	72	10	34	5
Smith.....	70	2	0	0	68	12	42	3
Stafford.....	241	29	8	5	212	19	136	13
Stevens.....	136	9	8	0	127	0	124	0
Thomas.....	190	16	2	5	174	0	167	1
Trego.....	164	9	2	1	155	23	110	0
Wabaunsee.....	95	24	7	0	71	40	16	7
Wallace.....	34	2	1	0	32	7	13	2
Washington.....	75	13	1	5	62	22	32	0
Woodson.....	133	17	1	1	116	10	72	0
Totals.....	12,801	2,331	693	400	10,470	1,873	6,177	318
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CITY COURTS								
Arkansas City.....	571	231	9	16	340	27	257	11
Atchison.....	846	555	65	39	291	29	195	13
Chanute.....	242	78	32	1	164	11	105	8
Coffeyville.....	1,844	1,416	38	59	428	45	273	12
Hutchinson.....	1,748	575	161	41	1,173	169	724	14
Independence.....	585	240	27	13	345	64	178	14
Johnson County (Magistrate).....	3,519	910	218	58	2,609	496	1,678	75
Kansas City.....	5,483	4,466	432	442	1,017	468	81	30
Leavenworth.....	709	190	32	13	519	51	340	14
Pittsburg.....	690	171	58	23	519	46	381	401
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