

Municipal Court

“If you’ve ever had a traffic ticket of any kind, most likely you’ve been in a municipal or county court somewhere here in Ohio.

I’m Milt Nuzum. I’m a former municipal court judge here in Ohio.

The municipal and county courts in Ohio, generally, have trials that involve the criminal misdemeanor cases, civil cases, that’s the disputes among neighbors that involve amounts in controversy that don’t exceed \$15,000, and also, if you have a small claims case where you wanted to just go and represent yourself, those are generally found in the municipal and county courts.

I also had the privilege of operating a specialized docket it’s called, but basically it’s really a method of handling a criminal case, generally involving somebody with an addiction problem, in a very hands-on special way in which they get to meet frequently with the judge, me as the judge, and watched them go through a period of recovery.

I think that was really rewarding – realizing that I was part of a team that was helping people recover from something that was very difficult to deal with, and I saw lives really changed through that process.”