

## 28 - General Information

The 46<sup>th</sup> Circuit Trial Court is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except for legal holidays.

For information about the court or questions relating to a matter before the court, you can call the appropriate number listed on the back of this brochure, *or* contact the court on the internet at:

[www.circuit46.org](http://www.circuit46.org)

This Unified Trial Court is a trial court of general jurisdiction in Crawford, Kankaska and Otsego Counties of this State. Judges of the trial court handle any type of case brought before the court. Case distribution is based on six principals:

- (1) efficient use of judges and staff
- (2) simplify case processing
- (3) reduce repetition
- (4) better service to the public
- (5) curtail rising costs of operation
- (6) reduce receivables to the court

The divisions of the court are:

1. Circuit
2. District
3. Family
4. Probate

Actions routinely handled in each division are:

### 1.Circuit:

- Civil lawsuits over \$25,000
- Felonies
- Domestic Relation cases without children involved
- Injunctions
- Appeals from other divisions
- Personal Protection Orders

### 2.District:

- Civil cases up to \$25,000
- Land Contract - Mortgage Foreclosures
- Landlord/Tenant cases
- Felony pleas
- Misdemeanors
- Felony probable cause hearings
- Traffic cases
- Peace Bonds
- Small Claims case filings
- Personal Protection Orders

### 3. Family:

- Domestic Relation cases with children involved
- Juvenile cases
- Small Claims hearings
- Personal Protection Orders
- Friend of the Court operations

### 4. Probate:

- Wills and Trusts
- Mental Health cases
- Guardianships
- Conservatorships
- Decedent's Estates
- Personal Protection Orders