



Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County General Sessions Court

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The General Sessions Court Presiding Judge Rachel L. Bell
to teach Alive @ 25 Driver's Education Class
to MNPS High School Seniors at Whites Creek High School
April 19- April 28, 2016 (6 sessions, Tues- Thurs.)

Since 2012, Presiding Judge Rachel L. Bell has been orchestrating and piloting projects around the city for the development of the General Sessions Music City Community Court, Division VIII (8). Judge Rachel campaigned that



she would be serving the community "ON" and "OFF" the bench and she is doing just that.

Judge Rachel said, "I am happy to share the Music City Community Court will be piloting the Alive at 25 program at Whites Creek High School this week. The goal of the pilot program is to pass along valuable information to young drivers before they are involved in the legal system and to see how moving forward we can

introduce this to all our MNPS High School Seniors next school year. This is one of a few preventive justice programs the Music City Community Court will roll out this spring and summer for our children and young adults. I truly believe it is important to create preventive justice programs to help break the school to prison pipeline cycle.” After the students complete the class Judge Bell will present the certificates to the seniors at their graduation on Saturday, May 14, 2016. “We are excited to have Judge Bell piloting the Alive at 25 program at Whites Creek High School. Without question, Judge Bell’s commitment to the community and youth of Nashville is Tour de force!” said Dr. James K. Bailey, Executive Principal for Whites Creek High School and Jeremiah Davis, Criminal Justice Instructor.

John Slate, Director of Traffic Safety Education Department for General Sessions Court ¹ shared, “We are pleased to announce that in the history of the Traffic School, Judge Bell is the first Judge to train and become certified as a National Safety Council traffic instructor. She will bring a unique perspective to the Alive at 25 classes. Judge Bell will not only be qualified to discuss road rules, but will relay to the students the reality of being involved in the court system. She will also speak about the wide range of sentences that can be imposed for traffic infractions, careless behaviors, and the civil liability of at-fault auto crashes. Please join us in thanking Judge Bell for her time and commitment in creating preventive justice programs and our youth.”

Please be on the lookout in the following weeks for information about 2 more MNPS preventive justice programs with Judge Rachel and the Music City Community Court that will be held this summer in partnership with the Bordeaux-North Nashville Chamber of Commerce and Ring the BELL Foundation, Inc. called **REACH** and **FUTURE**.”

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1. The General Sessions Court traffic school was founded in 1984 and joined the National Safety Council in 1985. The school’s primary function continues to be traffic road-rules training for traffic offenders, which negates the points that are assessed by the State of Tennessee against an offender’s driver’s license. The General Sessions Court Traffic School is also certified by the State of Tennessee for this purpose.