



General Sessions Music City Community Court, Division VIII (8)

Est. 2012 - 1st in the State - Nashville, Davidson Co., TN

2019-2020 Annual Report

“Justice does **NOT** stop at the courthouse steps.”[®]



Since its inception in 2012, the Court has a mission centered to create programs focused on preventative, restorative and diversionary justice. It's vision is to do all it can to break the playground to prison pipeline; to restore and rehabilitate lives by using its power and resources to move the needle for marginalized people.

Judge Rachel L. Bell, Founder & Presiding Judge



2019
 Judge Bell and her team were able to visit the first established Community Court named Midtown Community Court and Red Hook both based in NY. Judge Bell is featured with Judge Calabrese in Red Hook. The team is featured outside a community garden in Midtown, NY and visiting with South Dallas Community Court in TX.



RESTORE

Saturday Dockets:
 Community Service Work Return Docket
 Expungement & Legal Clinic
 Pro Se Indigency Docket

Since 2012, we have assisted **13,551 participants** with the necessary steps to gain access to getting their records expunged, restoring their right to vote, reinstating their drivers license, adequate housing and quality wage jobs.

Saturday Community Service Return Docket [2019-2020] Participants: 208
 Hours Worked: 668
 Taxpayer Money Saved: \$15,698
 Since 2013, **1,234 participants** have served **6,014 hours** to save tax payers **\$129,490.78**

Expungement/Legal Clinic & Resource Fairs [2019-2020] Participants: 627
 Since 2014, we have hosted **27 clinics**, serving **2,082 participants**.

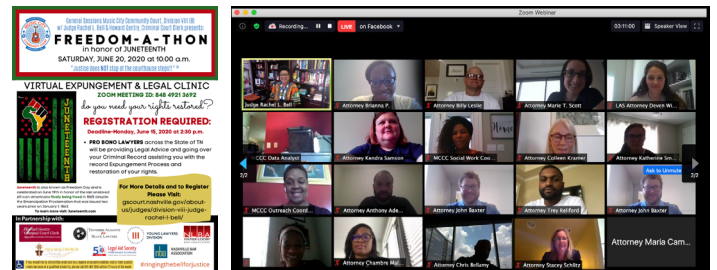
Indigency Motion Docket [2019-2020] Participants: 2,868
 Cases: 22,100
 Since 2015, we have reviewed **62,480 cases** to help **10,235 participants**.



2020 ON MLK Day, January 20, 2020, the permanent space for the Music City Community Court was dedicated named the Bordeaux North Community Justice Center in Zip Code 37208 at the McGruder Center.



COVID-19 Amid the pandemic and facing challenges to still provide restorative justice programming, we hosted the **FIRST VIRTUAL EXPUNGEMENT & LEGAL CLINIC** in honor of Juneteenth. There were 95 participants and 46 pro bono attorneys. Judge Bell has also established a bi-monthly, **PODCAST** called **THE FOLLOW-UP** where she brings on guest to provide valuable information on restorative justice and criminal justice reform.



OUR PROGRAMS:

- REACH** Summer Literacy Program
- FUTURE** Internship Program
- C.A.R.E.** Creating Avenues for Restoration & Empowerment Diversionary Court for Ages 18 - 30
- RESTORE**
- ASPIRE** 6-12 Month Mentorship Program
- THE FOLLOW UP** Restorative Justice & Restoring Your Rights
- LEGACY** Housing Resource Diversionary Court & Program Let Every Goal Achieve Continuous Yields

OUR NON-PROFIT:

- RING the BELL** Foundation

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July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020
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"Ringing the BELL for Justice **1** Case at a Time"

25,927
Criminal Cases



Misdemeanor | Felony

5,176
Civil Cases



Eviction | Debt Collection
Personal Injury

2,945
Mental Health
Committal Cases



MTMHI | Vanderbilt
Parthenon | Skyline

517 Traffic Cases

Tickets | Citations



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Indigency Motion Docket

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Summer Literacy Program
For MNPS Rising 1st - 4th Graders

75

Participants



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
MNPS (High School), College, Law School, & Post-Graduate Students

71

Interns



Creating Avenues for
Restoration & Empowerment
Diversionary Court for Ages 18 -30

1st

of its kind in the state.



Creating Avenues for
Restoration & Empowerment
Diversionary Court for LGBTQ+

