



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



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.

2019



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
THE FOLLOW UP
Restorative Justice & Restoring Your Rights

ASPIRE
6-12 Month Mentorship Program
LEGACY
Housing Resource Diversionary Court & Program
Let Every Goal Achieve Continuous Yields

OUR NON-PROFIT:



RING the BELL
Foundation

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Metropolitan Nashville & Davidson County

Judge Rachel L. Bell

July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020
Annual Report

"Ringing the BELL for Justice Case at a Time"

25,927

Criminal Cases

174,887 Total Cases since 2012



Misdemeanor | Felony

5,176

Civil Cases

27,394 Total Cases since 2012



Eviction | Debt Collection
Personal Injury

2,945

Mental Health Committal Cases

4,357 Total Cases since 2012



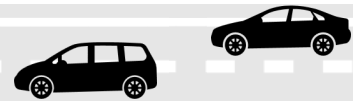
MTMHI | Vanderbilt
Parthenon | Skyline

517

Traffic Cases

Tickets | Citations

8,519 Total Cases
since 2012



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waived so that they can request expungement,
restore voting rights, reinstate their driver's license,
and gain access to housing and jobs.

REACH

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

75

Participants

FUTURE

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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

71

Interns

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