



2022-2023 Annual Report

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Justice does **NOT** stop at the courthouse steps!!®

The Music City Community Court has three (3) Specialty Courts:

- C.A.R.E. Diversionary Court for Ages 18-30
- RESTORE Re-Entry Court for Returning Citizens
- L.E.G.A.C.Y. Housing Resource Diversionary Court & Program.

Founded by Judge Rachel L. Bell in 2012, the mission of the Music City Community Court is to create initiatives focused on preventive, diversionary, and restorative justice with the concept that justice does NOT stop at the courthouse steps, and the vision of Music City Community Court is to do all it can to help break the playground (school) to prison pipeline, and to restore lives by using its power and resources to move the needle for marginalized people.



Scan here to learn more about the MCCC and the BNCJC



C.A.R.E. participants share vision boards of their goals for the coming year and for life with their fellow participants and the rest of the team.

C.A.R.E.

Diversionary Court for Ages 18-20

The C.A.R.E. Diversionary Court launched in 2020 and works to emphasize the ways crime harms relationships in the community and brings together the people most impacted by the crime to resolve it. Offenders ages 18-30 are still forming their cognitive ability and usually entering the criminal justice system for the first time. Participants are given a second chance and the ability to restore the victim and be held accountable. Participants receive individualized case management and, after successful completion of the 4 Phase Program, their charges are dismissed and expunged. To date, we've had **21 participants** and **5 graduates**.

Eligible Offenses:

- Criminal Trespass
- Possession or Casual Exchange of Controlled Substance
- Public Intoxication
- Reckless Driving
- Resisting Arrest
- Speeding over 75 mph
- Theft of Property

- Unlawful Use of Drug Paraphernalia
- Vandalism

Scan here to learn more about C.A.R.E.



RESTORE

Since 2012, we have assisted **17,330 participants** with the necessary steps for getting their records expunged, restoring their right to vote, reinstating their drivers license, getting adequate housing, and finding quality wage jobs.



Saturday Community Service Work Return Docket

[Jul 2022 - Jun 2023]
Participants: 40
Hours Worked: 165
Taxpayer Money Saved: \$4,639.80

Since 2013, **1,311 participants** have served **6,327 hours** to save tax payers **\$138,148.82**

Scan here to learn more about our community service work opportunities.



Participants gather for a group photo after a morning of community litter pick-up.



Expungement/Legal Clinic & Resource Fair

[Jul 2022 - Jun 2023]
Participants: 221
Clinics: 6

Since 2014, we have hosted **39 clinics**, serving **2,481 participants**.

Scan here to learn about our Restoration Clinics.



Indigency Motion Docket

[Jul 2022 - Jun 2023]
Participants: 1,582
Cases: 9,850
Court Costs, Fines & Fees Waived: \$2,566,014.92



Since 2015, we have reviewed **84,786 cases** to help **13,538 participants** and waived **\$10,973,152.86** in court costs, fines, and fees.



L.E.G.A.C.Y. Court - From February 2021 through April 2023, the L.E.G.A.C.Y. Court, in partnership with the MAC HOPE Program and United Way's CARES grant funding, has helped more than **4,800 participants** settle more than **2,600 cases** by receiving federal funds to the tune of **\$19,610,254.93** into the hands of landlords to help Nashville tenants keep a roof over their heads during this crisis.



Scan here to learn more about our LEGACY Court & Program.

L.E.G.A.C.Y. Program - Our Program Navigators work in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society and other eviction defense projects as well as multi-organizational resource coalitions within the city to help tenants avoid homelessness. This year, our navigators consulted with **1,585 tenants**, and **292 of those registered to continue work with our staff social worker**.



The ASPIRE Aftercare Program is a 6-12 month program designed to assist participants from any of our courts with mentorship and guidance in collaboration with other providers and resources to give them an individualized plan. At all of our specialty dockets, we offer the opportunity to connect with our team. The Music City Community Court works with many organizations throughout Nashville that provide job training, employment, medical and dental services, mental health services, food boxes, toiletries, and more.

In Memoriam: Jackie London

January 3, 2022



A native Nashvillian, Jacqueline served the General Sessions Courts for more than 23 years, 8 of which she served with Judge Bell in Division VIII (8). She was a faithful and devoted member of St. Vincent DePaul Church. After work for many years, you would find her at Martha O'Bryan, working with the reading achievement program to further enrich MNPS students with reading and math skills.

Jacqueline in her younger years was an avid swimmer and golfer. She was extremely devoted to her community and all those she met. She was a major asset to the continued growth of the General Sessions Music City Community Court and all its programs & the Probation Department.

General Sessions Court, Division VIII (8)

Metropolitan Nashville & Davidson County

Judge Rachel L. Bell

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Annual Statistical Report

"Ringing the BELL for Justice Case at a Time"

Since 2012:

218,591

Criminal Cases

17,838 Cases This Year



Misdemeanor | Felony

34,532

Civil Cases

3,306 Cases This Year



Eviction | Debt Collection
Personal Injury

5,934

Mental Health
Committal Cases

891 Cases This Year



MTMHI | Vanderbilt
Parthenon | Skyline

9,463 Traffic Cases

Tickets | Citations

356 Cases
This Year

