



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

Est. 2012 - 1<sup>st</sup> in the State - Nashville, Davidson Co., TN

2020-2021 Annual Report

"Justice does **NOT** stop at the courthouse steps." ®



## Judge Rachel L. Bell,

Founder & Presiding Judge

Since its inception in 2012, the Court has a mission centered to create programs focused on preventative, restorative and diversionary justice. Its 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.



SAT. JULY 18, @ 10:00 A.M.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM & CANNABIS

Nashville DA to stop prosecuting minor marijuana possession offenses immediately

HOSTED BY:



SAT. AUGUST 8th - 10:00 a.m.



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

Helping Survivors & Improving Offender Accountability



Judge Bell has also established a PODCAST called THE FOLLOW-UP where she brings on guests to provide valuable information on restorative justice and criminal justice reform.



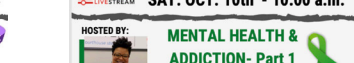
SAT. AUGUST 1st - 10:00 a.m.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM & JUVENILE COURT

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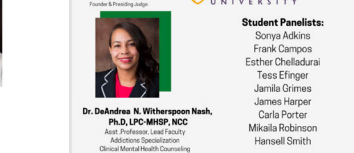


SAT. OCT. 10th - 10:00 a.m.



### MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION - Part 1

Getting Treatment & Assistance



## C.A.R.E.

Creating Avenues for Restoration & Empowerment

Diversionary Court for Ages 18-30

## 2020-2021

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. Successful participants receive individualized case management and after completion of the 5 Phase Program their charges are dismissed and expunged.

## ASPIRE

6-12 month aftercare program designed to assist C.A.R.E. graduates with mentorship and guidance in collaboration with other providers and resources to ensure sustainability in their individualized success.

## RESTORE

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

Since 2012, we have assisted **14,097 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

[2020-2021] Participants: 39 Hours Worked: 78 Taxpayer Money Saved: \$1,833

Since 2013, **1,234 participants** have served **6,014 hours** to save tax payers **\$129,490.78**



### Expungement/Legal Clinic & Resource Fairs

[2020-2021] Participants: 64

Since 2014, we have hosted **29 clinics**, serving **2,115 participants**.



### Indigency Motion Docket

[2020-2021] Participants: 884 Cases: 6,998

Since 2015, we have reviewed **66,489 cases** to help **10,748 participants** and waived **\$7,050,938.92** in court costs, fines, and fees.

Visit us at <https://gscourt.nashville.gov/community-court/> or on [f @musiccitycommunitycourt/](https://www.facebook.com/musiccitycommunitycourt/)

General Sessions Music City Community Court, Division VIII (8) with Judge Rachel L. Bell in partnership with the McGrunder Center presents:

## MLK Weekend

FREE FOOD BOX & HYGIENE KIT GIVE-AWAY

Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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MLK WEEKEND McGrunder Center, 2013 25th Ave., Nash, TN 37208 SAT. JAN. 16, 2021

Life's most persistent question is what are you doing for others?

FREE EVENT

McGruder Center DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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## JUNETEENTH FREEDOM-A-THON

Expungement/Legal Clinic, Indigency Docket & Resource Fair

Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM

with Judge Rachel L. Bell and Howard Conner, Criminal Court Clerk

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Deadline: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 3:30 PM

This event is limited to the first **50** Registrants

Check-In: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Clinic Docket: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Indigency Docket: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

\*All participants must bring a valid photo ID

Please pre-register at: <https://www.musiccitycommunitycourt.org/juneteenth>

Juneteenth is also known as Freedom Day and is celebrated on June 19th in honor of the last enslaved African-Americans finally being freed in 1865 despite the Emancipation Proclamation that was issued two years earlier on January 1, 1863.

To learn more visit: [www.juneteenth.com](https://www.juneteenth.com)

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Dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the Nashville Tornado, we had to make some adjustments with the RESTORE Court. Courts were closed most of 2020 and reopened in 2021. We were able to host our Annual MLK Day and our Juneteenth Freedom-A-Thon. We had a great turn out and were pleased to get back into the Bordeaux North Community Justice Center that is located in the heart of Zip Code 37208 at the McGrunder Family Resource Center.



The L.E.G.A.C.Y. Housing Resource Diversionary Court & Program (HRDC) was developed to assist the landlord and tenant with a streamlined way to navigate the current pandemic, particularly those whose income was affected directly by COVID-19 resulting in the inability to receive or pay rent. The court's innovations have received local and national attention.

**July 21, 2021: Judge Rachel L. Bell presents at the White House Eviction Prevention Summit**



**July 30, 2021:**  
Judge Rachel L. Bell featured Nationally on MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell Show with Julian Castro, former Secretary of HUD.

**OUR PREVENTATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS:**

These programs were created to assist MNPS with programming geared to prepare our children to prevent going from the playground to the prison pipeline. Our programs are hosted during MNPS- Spring, Summer and Fall Breaks.



A summer literacy program for MNPS Rising 1st - 4th Graders.



For MNPS students that are in the Youth Court program to learn about the three branches of our Davidson County Metropolitan Government.



A National Safety Council Defensive Driver Class for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade MNPS students.

OUR NON-PROFIT:



A 501c3 Foundation

**L.E.G.A.C.Y. HRDC** [2021]  
Participants: 1,292  
Cases: 2,505

Since February of this year (2021), the L.E.G.A.C.Y. Housing Resource Diversionary Court, in partnership with the MAC HOPE Program and United Way's CARES grant funding, has **settled more than 1,000 cases** by receiving federal funds to the tune of **\$5,927,877.43** into the hands of landlords to help Nashville tenants keep a roof over their heads during this crisis.

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Metropolitan Nashville & Davidson County

**Judge Rachel L. Bell**

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**July 1, 2020 - June 31, 2021  
Annual Report**

**"Ringing the BELL for Justice Case at a Time"**

**13,519**  
Criminal Cases  
181,881 Total Cases Since 2012



Misdemeanor | Felony

**1,501**  
Civil Cases  
28,895 Total Cases Since 2012



Eviction | Debt Collection  
Personal Injury

**883**  
Mental Health  
Committal Cases  
4,541 Total Cases Since 2012



MTMHI | Vanderbilt  
Parthenon | Skyline

**495** Traffic Cases  
Tickets | Citations  
8,798 Total Cases Since 2012

