



2023-2024 Annual Report

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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

Celebrating **12** Years of Ringing the **BELL** for Justice!



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 **25 participants** and **7 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 **19,147 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 2023 - Jun 2024]
Participants: 26
Hours Worked: 104
Taxpayer Money Saved: \$3,112.72

Since 2013, **1,337 participants** have served **6,431 hours** to save tax payers **\$141,261.54**

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 2023 - Jun 2024]
Participants: 109
Clinics: 3

Since 2014, we have hosted **43 clinics**, serving **2,614 participants**.

Scan here to learn about our Restoration Clinics.



Indigency Motion Docket

[Jul 2023 - Jun 2024]
Participants: 1,658
Cases: 9,966
Court Costs, Fines & Fees Waived: \$2,701,523.91



Since 2015, we have reviewed **94,752 cases** to help **15,196 participants** and waived **\$13,674,676.77** in court costs, fines, and fees.

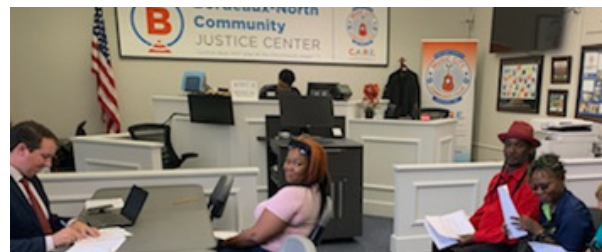


Housing Resource Diversionary Court & Program

(Let Every Goal Achieve Continuous Yields)

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.



LEGACY Participants meet with MDHA and Legal Aid to reach "Pay & Stay" agreements.

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 **1,495 tenants**, and **292 of those registered to continue working with our staff social worker**. Since beginning this program in early 2023, our navigators have consulted with 2,447 tenants, and 541 of those registered to continue working 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.

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 **1** Case at a Time"

Since 2012:

239,212

Criminal Cases

20,621 Cases This Year



Misdemeanor | Felony

37,149

Civil Cases

2,617 Cases This Year



Eviction | Debt Collection
Personal Injury

6,426

Mental Health
Committal Cases

492 Cases This Year



MTMHI | Vanderbilt
Parthenon | Skyline

9,805 Traffic Cases

Tickets | Citations

312 Cases
This Year

