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TRIBUTE TO VALERIE DAVIS

The Honorable Lauren C. Moore Greater Cleveland Drug Court Judge



Greetings:

I am proud and delighted to welcome you to the Greater Cleveland Drug Court's Twentieth Anniversary Luncheon Celebration and Awards Ceremony. **The late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones was instrumental in establishing this court in 1998** and twenty years ago, Drug Court celebrated its first graduation of participants who journeyed from addiction to sobriety under the auspices of the Honorable Judge Larry Jones.

In 2015 I was privileged to continue the great work of Judge Jones and the Honorable Judge Anita Laster Mays who succeeded him. Two decades and nearly **1800 graduates** later, the Greater Cleveland Drug Court continues to be a formidable instrument in battling the scourge of addiction and has expanded to be more inclusive and progressive in approach.

In addition to resolving disputes and criminal cases, improving the lives of defendants, families and neighborhoods with intense, responsive initiatives strengthens society as a whole, and this should always be a goal of public service. Cleveland Municipal Court prides itself on being a "problem-solving" court as demonstrated by the specialized dockets and other unique programs specially created to address the various needs of the constituency. Sober, law-abiding citizens who can contribute productively are assets to the community.

In the past forty years, we've gone from a "War on Drugs" where addicts were considered criminals and subject to draconian law-and-order policies to a more thoughtful and compassionate approach where addiction is treated as a disease and a public health crisis. It is in this enlightened environment that we continue to make great strides in sobriety education and addiction treatment. The marriage of treatment and accountability has proven to be an effective combination and makes "drug courts work." The Greater Cleveland Drug Court boasts a **70% graduation rate**, which is higher than the national average.

This awards luncheon acknowledges **a generation of success and support** from individuals, those on the front line and those behind the scene, who've given their time, talent, expertise and dedication to the field of recovery and the development and perpetuation of Drug Court and its participants.



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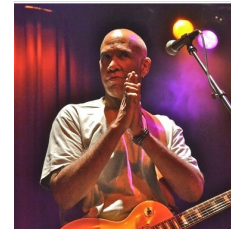
Client Assessments

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Urine Screening

Dave Smeltz

Keynote Speaker



In 1978, David Smeltz co-founded and started the first American Reggae band in the state of Ohio and quite possibly the Midwest. The band, I-Tal has entertained audiences for over 40 years. In 2018, David released a nine song CD entitled "Recovered" on his Smeltz Good Music label. He currently entertains audiences acoustically and most recently formed his 3 piece band the "Smeltztones" and 7 member "Dave Smeltz Project."

In 2010, David started a 501(c) 3 non-profit named Clean House Inc. for men recovering from alcohol and substance abuse in which he serves as Executive Director. Clean House also functions as a center for 12 step recovery and martial arts instruction. David's first book "Clean: From Reggae to Recovery" was released in April 2014. He has also written two subsequent booklets entitled "Just Sit Down and Shut Up" and "Step Away From the Vehicle". David believes in the integration of body, mind, and spirit. He leads a mostly vegan lifestyle and incorporates martial arts, nutrition, and music as a positive and healthy way of life.

Harry Boomer

Master of Ceremonies

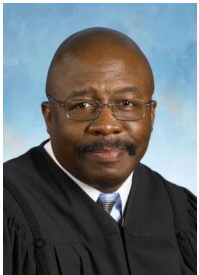


Harry Boomer is certainly one of the most familiar faces in Cleveland. He is currently an Anchor/Reporter on WOIO Channel 19 and the Executive Producer and Host of WUAB 43 Forum, a public affairs program covering community issues. Harry's career began in Washington, D.C., where he was an on-air personality, talk show host and served in various management positions, including two stints as a news director. He came to Ohio in 1988 to manage and program a radio station in Canton and moved to the historic Hough neighborhood two years later.

While covering assignments for WOIO/WUAB on a part-time basis in the early 1990s, Harry was heard regularly on WCPN-90.3 FM/Idea Stream, where he had been assistant news director. He was also a reporter, producer and major contributor to National Public Radio. Harry has served as president of the Cleveland chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists. He's also on the board of the Ohio Associated Press and was inducted in the Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2007.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Honorable Larry A. Jones Sr.



Larry A. Jones Sr. was the Presiding and Administrative Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court from 1995 to the end of 2008, when he left the Court for the seat on the Eighth District Court of Appeals.

Before joining the Cleveland Municipal Court bench in 1987, Judge Larry A Jones Sr. worked as an assistant county prosecutor and served on the Cleveland City Council as a representative for Ward 10. In 1998, Judge

Jones was selected by his colleagues to serve as judge of the Greater Cleveland Drug Court. “It was an educational experience and was part of the change in my perspective and thinking on the local and national drug problem. In both my positions as a councilman and Cleveland Municipal Court judge, I saw that the “tough on crime” approach was not working. Our community was not any safer and meanwhile many of our young people were being sent off to prison.” Judge Jones participated in numerous educational programs and seminars throughout the country and was instrumental in selling the program to the legal community, the general community, police departments, and various elected officials.

The Honorable Anita Laster Mays



Judge Anita Laster Mays, began presiding over the Greater Cleveland Drug Court on January 1, 2009 when she and her team helped with the implementation of the Cuyahoga County Drug Court.

During her tenure, partnerships were established with Tri-C, N.E.O.N. and Cleveland Department of Health to assist with the court’s wrap-around approach to enhance individual lives: mind, body and spirit. Under Judge

Laster Mays, the Sobriety 1-mile walk/5K run was established to celebrate recovery. The Municipal Drug Court collaboration was also started, after the Court received a one-million dollar federal grant to include surrounding suburban defendants in drug treatment. Additionally, medically assisted treatment began during her tenure, which led to the distribution of NARCAN® (naloxone HCl) a Nasal Spray to reverse the effects of overdosing. Also under her leadership the Greater Cleveland Drug Court was the first court in Cuyahoga County to be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court.

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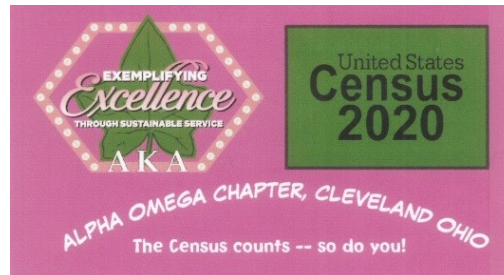
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Jesslyn C. Wilson



Affectionately called “The Mother of Drug Court”, Jess Wilson was with the Greater Cleveland Drug Court Program from its inception in March 1998 until July 2012, first as its Probation Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Co-Director, and finally Director.

When drug court began, the interest was solely on drug treatment for its clients. Later, the program expanded to a holistic approach when it was ascertained that drug court clients required multi-agency or multidisciplinary input and assistance. Jess worked closely with representatives from Cuyahoga County TASC, Tri-C and the city of Cleveland Department of Health to assist with the program’s wrap-around services. Ms. Wilson also helped implement the Cuyahoga County Drug Court program, and served as its Director at the same time that she ran Municipal Court’s program.

Dr. Daryl Jackson



Daryl Jackson was born and raised in South Carolina and moved to Cleveland in July 2007 after being awarded a graduate fellowship to Case Western Reserve University.

He joined the Cleveland Municipal Court in 2009 as part of a substance abuse grant called the Cannabis Youth Treatment Project. During this period, he worked with African American males between the ages of 18 and 25. After the initial three year period, the grant was renewed for an additional year and during this time Daryl was hired as Drug Court Program Coordinator, during which time he received his Ph.D. in Counseling from Cleveland State University.

Dr. Jackson left the Court in 2017 and eventually secured a position at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in Washington D.C. Daryl says that he’s learned firsthand that addiction has no face and can affect anyone whether you’re rich, poor, black, white, male or female. He’s met people from Wall Street, ministers and doctors in Drug Court.

Wallace Green



Wallace Green has been a member of the Drug Court team since it was formed in 1998 serving under the Honorable Judge Larry Jones, The Honorable Judge Anita Laster Mays and the current Drug Court Judge, the Honorable Lauren Moore.

In the beginning, Wallace was the Director of Outpatient Services at Community Assessment and Treatment Services (a.k.a. CATS) when Judge Jones approached the agency with the Drug Court concept. Once the plan was put into motion, Mr. Green wrote the 3 phase treatment program for what would become the Greater Cleveland Drug Court. In addition to his team duties, Wallace is a sought after national speaker and has conducted workshops and presentations addressing minority recovery issues in particular, across the country.

William B. Kelley



William B. Kelley is a Public Defender who has been with Drug Court since its inception in March 1998. Although the Program is non-adversarial by its nature, Bill has always been committed to do all he can to assist the participants who are facing sanctions, suggesting less severe sanctions than jail for those participants who have lapsed in their recovery. If a participant was/is in trouble, Bill is the “first call for help!”

Rick Cutright



Before joining the Bailiffs Department of Cleveland Municipal Court in 1997, Rick Cutright served four years in the United States Marine Corps, where he provided security for the presidential helicopter. Because of his experience as a part-time police officer in Oakwood, he was selected to be part of the Drug Court’s Apprehension Unit. Any Drug Court participant who failed to comply with the conditions of the program was referred

to this unit, which had the responsibility of locating and bringing that person to court. “I can tell you all kinds of stories trying to track down people, but one stands out. After knocking on a door and getting no response, I decided to play a country song on my smart phone outside his door and the guy came out after the second verse.” The song was “Stay” by the band Sugarland. The one thing Rick says he brings to the Drug Court---defendants!!!

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Regina Daniel



Regina Daniel served as the Court's Deputy Court Administrator from October 2006 until her retirement December 2012. In March 2013, Regina assumed the additional title and duties of Specialized Docket Coordinator.

Effective January 1, 2014, specialized docket court programs were required to be certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Regina Daniel implemented the process of certification for the Municipal Court's specialized docket programs, including Drug Court, by preparing and submitting the application and written program materials to comply with the 25 standards required by the Supreme Court.

Due in part to Regina's efforts, the Greater Cleveland Drug Court was the first Municipal Court docket to be granted full certification as a specialized docket program by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Tom "T-Bone" Mulgrew



Lt. Thomas Mulgrew started with Cleveland Municipal Court in 1998 as a Deputy Bailiff. While being assigned to the Bailiff Department, duties ranged from courtroom security, prisoner docket coordinator, jail transport unit and criminal/civil subpoena division.

In 2002, Lt. Mulgrew was promoted to the Greater Cleveland Drug Court Apprehension Unit as a warrant officer. He spent the next five years working with that unit, until 2007 when he was promoted to his current position as Lieutenant.

He currently oversees the daily operation of the apprehension unit, which handles assignments for all Cleveland Municipal Court Specialized dockets – Drug Court, Mental Health, Human Trafficking and Veteran's Court. Lt. Mulgrew is also a delegate for The Supreme Court of Ohio Continued Education for Court Professional team and Executive Director/Past President for the Ohio Bailiff's and Court Officers Association

William “Bill” Mason



Prior to his leading role at the law firm of Bricker and Eckler, Bill Mason served as the Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney from 1999 to 2012.

After witnessing the success of the Greater Cleveland Drug Court, Bill was able to bring the common pleas judges together and help establish a drug court county-wide. He played a major role in raising money for an event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Greater

Cleveland Drug Court and the money raised helped services for the participants on the docket. Mr. Mason also chaired the Agency Council for Cuyahoga County Justice System Reform, a county-wide initiative aimed at making the justice system more efficient and effective. He is currently working as Chief of Staff for Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish.

Jim Joyner



Jim Joyner is a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor Clinical Supervisor. His 48 years of professional experience in the field of alcohol and drug prevention, treatment, and training have made him a well-known educator and trainer throughout the state.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and acknowledgements over his career, including recently being selected as Professional of the Year 2016 by the National

Association of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselors.

Jim is in private practice where he works primarily with parents and other family members who are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, other drugs and substances. He believes that the single greatest negative impact on the quality of life that effects every man, woman and child in America can be found in the combined consequences related to the use, abuse and addictive use of alcohol, other drugs and substances. In 1999, Jim joined the Drug Court Advisory Board and left his position as President of the Board in October 2018.

Valerie Davis

1954—2017



She was one of the first people to graduate from the Greater Cleveland Drug Court and was a keynote speaker at the 16th Graduation Ceremony in 2004, a ceremony that attracted the attention of former Plain Dealer writer Sam Fulwood, who wrote:

Her smile beamed like a beacon for all in the room to follow.

After a 15 year career working in the Cleveland Municipal Court's Probation Department, Valerie Deborah Davis retired from the court for health reasons in 2016. She passed away May 31, 2017 at the age of 62.

Val missed only one graduation since 1999 and that was due to the death of a co-worker. She insisted on spending the whole day grieving with the family. “If I don't go to each graduation, I feel as if I'm going to miss something. I come back because it's my way of giving someone else strength,” she often said.

For eight years, Val was addicted to crack cocaine which she admits destroyed her life and her family to the point they didn't even associate with her.

“She struggled through the program, but made it and became a shining example of how someone can turn their life around and help others,” said Former Drug Court Judge Larry Jones, who now presides over the Eighth District Court of Appeals.

Val Davis was a member of the Love Center Interdenominational Church, where she served on the Usher Board and the Faith-Light Ministry. A track star and proud graduate of John Adams High School, Val attended Dyke College and earned a degree in Human Resources. She was blessed with two children, six grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.