

The Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission provides collaborative leadership to create solutions and resources that address and eliminate barriers to justice for all.

2018 ATJ Review



**THE TENNESSEE
FAITH & JUSTICE
ALLIANCE**

TFJA is an initiative of the Access to Justice Commission.

In collaboration with The Beecken Center of the University of the South: Sewanee, TFJA hosted the Tennessee Faith and Justice Summit on April 17, 2018 funded through a planning grant from the Jessie Ball Dupont Fund.

Funding also provided for the Sewanee Summit Microgrant Program. Awardees, Rev. Dr. Jamie Dowdy Dandridge with Tennessee Game Changers for Justice & Equality and Rev. Emily Shropshire with WOMB Ministries were awarded funds to hold expungement clinics in their communities.

100+
faith leaders participated in the 2nd Annual Pro Bono & Faith Days



In partnership with TN Dept of Mental Health and Substance Abuse's faith-based initiative and the Holy Friendship Summit, the TFJA training videos will be shown at opioid faith leader trainings in 2019.

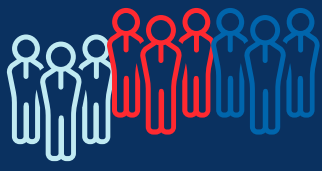
TFJA Immigration Taskforce helped coordinate a crisis response to the April 2018 Immigration Raid in Morristown, TN, connecting individuals with pro bono immigration and general civil legal assistance.

100+
legal clinics

5 community legal trainings

8 faith leadership trainings

TFJA's presentation at the 2018 NLADA Conference left many states interested in replicating TN's model.



150+ hours of free or reduced fee legal services provided

59 legal clinics



800+ Tennesseans helped by referral network and trainings

65+ events

Events held in April 2018 as a part of #Help4TNDay focused on bringing attention to the on-going need for free and low cost legal services.

The legal and tech community came together at the Music City Hackathon to brainstorm innovative ways to increase access to justice.



The Law Student Video Contest launched, awarding \$1,000 to Belmont Legal Aid Society. A successful tool for engagement, it will continue next year.

Increased opportunities for these services were created through legal clinics, educational events, and extended hours for Help4TN legal help line.



The Inaugural Annual Report was released detailing the extensive work of the Access to Justice Commission.

Pro Bono Report & Recognition

The Pro Bono Report is comprised of voluntarily attorney responses regarding their pro bono work for the prior calendar year along with other relevant statistics. Pro Bono Recognition Month creates opportunities to celebrate the dedication of TN's legal community to provide justice for all.



7 recognition events held throughout the state

750+ attorneys and 159 law students were recognized for completing more than 50 pro bono hours each!

The number of clients matched to through Help4TN resources increased by more than **1,000**

150+

lawyers and mediators came together across 3 Family Law Summits throughout the state.



Of Tennessee's 22,000 attorneys, more than 50% engaged in pro bono work in 2018, a total of 652,555 hours equal to more than \$130 million.

4,490 attorneys donated monetarily to legal services or ATJ

Resource Development



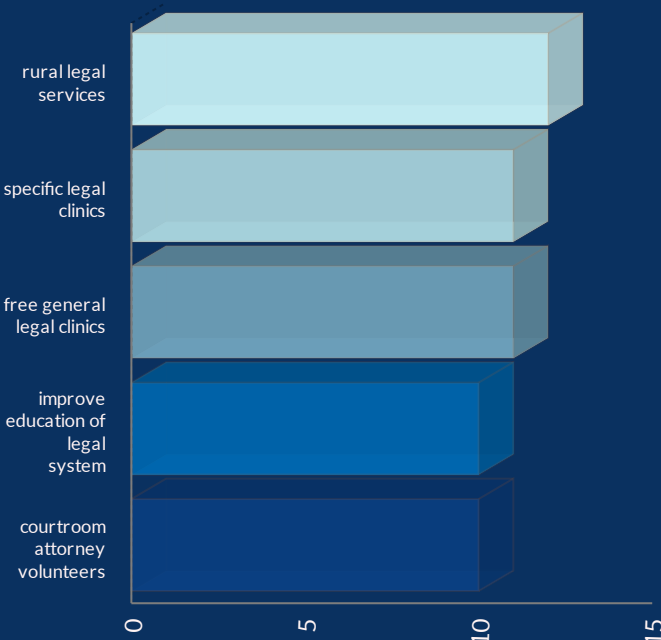
New divorce forms have been released for couples with minor children.

ATJ has new streamlined surveys to improve data collection from stakeholders and redesigned publications to enhance user engagement.



Access to Justice Commission helps to develop launch and support civil legal statewide resources. The website, www.help4tn.org, directs users, the general public and pro bono attorneys, to the appropriate resource as the primary method to get legal information in Tennessee.

Top 5 Most Important Services for Equal Justice



Externs from Vanderbilt and Nashville School of Law worked with ATJ to update resource manuals and develop its video clinic project.

\$98,768 distributed to 10 organizations:

- Community Legal Center
- Disability Rights TN
- Legal Aid of East TN
- Legal Aid Society of Middle TN & the Cumberland
- Memphis Area Legal Services TN Coalition to End
- Domestic and Sexual Violence TN Justice Center
- TN Justice for Our Neighbors
- Volunteer Lawyers and Professionals for the Arts
- West TN Legal Services



\$200k grant was received by the AOC for a community court partnership with Judge Rachel Bell.



A new position was added to the ATJ team!

Court Kiosk Pilot selected **7** counties and kiosks in 2 counties have already launched!