

**I AM INTERESTED IN
BECOMING A YOUTH
COURT VOLUNTEER!**

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**Youth Court
Juvenile Court of
Memphis & Shelby
County**

**616 Adams Ave., Room 322
Memphis, TN 38105**

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**A POSITIVE MENTORING
OPPORTUNITY FOR AREA
ATTORNEYS AND AN
ALTERNATIVE FOR
FIRST-TIME
JUVENILE OFFENDERS**



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**YOUTH
COURT
PROGRAM**

**Thank you for your interest in
Youth Court!**



THE PROGRAM

Youth Court is an alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system that empowers youth and communities to take an active role in addressing the early stages of youth delinquency.

In the Youth Court Program, a youth who has admitted culpability appears for a sentencing hearing before a jury of peers. Using restorative justice principles, Youth Court is dedicated to rehabilitating first-time nonviolent offenders, holding young people accountable for their behavior, and educating youth about citizenship, the legal system and constructive conflict resolution.

The membership functions of Youth Court, prosecutor, defender, bailiff, jury foreperson and jurors are filled by students who have completed eight hours of course law related education. Licensed and practicing attorneys mentor the prosecutor and defender as they prepare to present evidence of aggravation and mitigation circumstances, and suggest appropriate sentences to the jury.

OUR GOAL

The Youth Court Program is to deter negative juvenile behavior by redirecting our youth to behave in a positive manner and therefore becoming an asset to our community.

PARTNERSHIPS

- **Tennessee Bar Association**
- **Memphis Bar Association**
- **Memphis Area Legal Services**
- **Shelby County Schools (SCS)**
- **Cecil Humphrey School of Law (University of Memphis)**

YOUTH COURT HEARING

Youth Court hearings are scheduled on the first and third Thursday of each month. The hearings begin at 5:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.

ROLES

Area attorneys are assigned to fulfill one of four roles: judge, prosecutor mentor, defense mentor, or jury monitor.

As mentors, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the social development of our youth as they look for ways to make their world a better place. You will use your skills and experience to prepare local high school student volunteers to prosecute and defend in actual sentencing hearings of juvenile offenders. Additionally, you will preside as judge during these court proceedings. You be given 2 CLE credits in exchange for participating in minimum of 4 Youth Court Hearings. Many attorneys have signed on to be volunteers and many more are needed.

WE NEED YOU! SIGN-UP TODAY!

