TN ATJC Strategic Plan 2020 Update

The ATJ Commission learned valuable insights from the survey responses, one of which is that it must expand and improve its outreach to all members of the equal justice ecosystem in Tennessee. The ATJ Commission will address this by fine-tuning and sharing its story and role as one of leaders in the access to justice community. The 2020 Updated Strategic Plan focuses on bringing new voices into the ATJ Commission's work. Further, it recognizes that the ATJ Commission be responsive to identified needs of the Tennessee legal community and the general public, especially in rural and underserved areas. The ATJ Commission identified the increased need for timely and relevant data to make informed decisions on developing and triaging resources. By working towards the goals outlined in this Plan, the ATJ Commission will continue and strengthen its mission, to address and eliminate barriers to access to justice for all.

Mission

To provide collaborative leadership to create solutions and resources that address and eliminate barriers to justice for all.



Build and Equip the Network

Goals

Establish communication networks with rural bar associations and community organizations, specifically including organizations developed for racial and ethnic minorities

Create system to allow targeted rural, black, and minority communities to meet underserved needs

Enlist local champions in all types of communities

Impact

- Targeted and engaged communities of resistance
- Engaged communities in need (with a priority on rural areas and racial and ethnic minorities)

Build and Refine Support Services

Goals

Expands reach and IDs issues
Bring juvenile and specialty
Courts/Clerks to the table
Bring new and diverse voices to

Bring new and diverse voices to the table while keeping active voices engaged

Bring different types of professionals to the table

Impact

- Greater acceptance of use forms for self-represented litigants
- Meaningful use of technology
- Use of kiosks and assistance from clerks
- Expanded relationship with faith leaders and community leaders
- Meaningful use of court navigators

Develop Mechanism to Measure Effectiveness

Goals

Identify data that is needed/helpful, specifically data on race, ethnic minorities, and poverty

Access needed expertise

Impact

- Use of valid data to evaluate current programs and shape future programming
- Data-driven decisions
- Identify future needs with data

Capture and Promote the Brand

Goals

Define our lane (using our website and other tools)

Utilize PSA's regarding ATJ
Commission's work and related court
updates

Impact

- Better recognition of ATJ Commission and its work across Tennessee
- Support our partners as separate brands

Build the Process for Funding

Goals

Define Commission's role and devise strategy for funding

Impact

- Financial security
- Develop and run a statwide Justice Bus

