

# THE JUDICIAL VIEW

Newsletter

Summer 2019

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT 11- [WWW.DALLASCOUNTY.ORG/CCC11](http://WWW.DALLASCOUNTY.ORG/CCC11)

## Bring 'Em Back

Restoring Safety in our Communities

Bring 'Em Back is a growing program dedicated to ensuring safety within our communities by providing a safe place for offenders to relinquish their handguns in exchange for reduced fines. This program, which was started by Judge Kelly is designed to get offenders to turn in their weapons. The growth of this program is remarkable. Within 3 months, Judge Kelly and her court managed to get 9 guns, already exceeding the number of guns received last year.

This community-based program is comprised of law enforcement, criminal courts, and local churches. It is designed to incentivize offenders to surrender their weapon by providing a reduction of court costs, fines and/or community service in exchange for their weapon.

For more information please use this link:

[https://www.dallascounty.org/Assets/uploads/docs/courts/county-criminal/ccc11/BRING-EM-BACK\\_BROCHURE\\_Final.pdf](https://www.dallascounty.org/Assets/uploads/docs/courts/county-criminal/ccc11/BRING-EM-BACK_BROCHURE_Final.pdf)

## Intercepted: Another Successful Year

Intercepted Diversion Program

Started in 2016 by Judge Kelly, this initiative provides tools that include mental health diagnosis and treatment, education, job placement, batterer's intervention counseling, and mentorship. Each candidate must want to change his or her life. Additionally, this program gives the opportunity for offenders to take responsibility of their mistakes whilst providing them with the capacity to grow into more responsible adults. Upon completion of this program, the pending case will be dismissed and expunged. Since 2016, a total of 30 graduates have been intercepted.

Mentorship plays a key role in this initiative because it provides participants with strong role models to enhance their lives. Individuals who are interested in mentoring should check out our website:



[https://www.dallascounty.org/government/courts/county\\_criminal/court11/intercepted.php](https://www.dallascounty.org/government/courts/county_criminal/court11/intercepted.php)

To sign up please email your forms to [jgraham@dallascounty.org](mailto:jgraham@dallascounty.org)



## Upcoming Event

### Intercepted Graduation

On July 15, 2019 at 1:30 pm, County Criminal Court 11 will be holding a graduation ceremony for those who have successfully completed the intercepted program

## Fast Facts

- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it five times more likely that a woman will be killed
- In an average month, 50 American women are shot to death by intimate partners,<sup>4</sup> and many more are injured.

[https://everytownresearch.org/guns-domestic-violence/#foot\\_note\\_1](https://everytownresearch.org/guns-domestic-violence/#foot_note_1)

*“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” -Nelson Mandela*

## Meet Amanda

### Summer Spotlight



This summer's spotlight is dedicated to Amanda Boylan. Her charismatic personality and commitment to public service is why she was selected. Ms. Boylan received her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and later attended Pennsylvania State University for law school. Since she was a native, Ms. Boylan always returned to Dallas during the summers. Following law school, she interned with the District Attorney's office, where she was eventually hired. After serving as a district attorney for Judge Kelly, Ms. Boylan switched over to the Public Defender's Office because she enjoyed working in criminal defense. She describes criminal defense as a great fit for her and as one of her passions. Besides working hard for our community, Ms. Boylan volunteers for Scottish Rite Hospital every week. Her hobbies include doing yoga in her free time and living a healthy lifestyle. Ms. Boylan is an amazing person and genuinely an asset to the Public Defender's office.

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## In the Community

### Homeless Diversion Court

A Class C misdemeanor could impede someone's ability to rent a home and have a negative impact on one's employment. The Homeless Diversion Court provides homeless individuals the capacity to succeed in their future endeavors.

On May 10, 2019, the Homeless Diversion Court successfully graduated 5 participants. The Homeless Diversion Court is an initiative that enhances the lives of homeless offenders by assisting them to get back on their feet. This includes finding sustainable housing and dismissing qualifying cases. The Homeless Diversion Court was created in an effort to reduce the recidivism rate among the homeless. This initiative is unlike any other taken on by a court, where it seeks to enhance the quality of lives for marginalized individuals.



Judge Kelly pictured with the 5 graduates from the Homeless Diversion Court.

### Pipeline to Possibilities



Judge Kelly pictured with the students of Atwell Middle School for Career Day.

Pipeline to Possibilities was created to educate students about the criminal justice system. Along with education regarding the criminal justice system, Pipeline to Possibilities teaches skills to students that aren't necessarily taught in public schools, such as budgeting their finances or how to change the oil in their car

Recently, Judge Kelly hosted a college explosion which allowed high school students the opportunity to gain knowledge about colleges in the local area. Additionally, technical schools were invited to incorporate everyone's interests. Pipeline to Possibilities does not only give back to the community but it shows a vested interest in the growth of our youth.