

# THE JUDICIAL VIEW

Dallas County Criminal Court 11  
Judge Shequitta Kelly, Presiding

Summer 2018  
Newsletter

## Curls, Clippers, & Conversations

*“Turning One Head at a Time”*

Curls, Clippers, & Conversations is a new program led by Judge Kelly that increases community awareness about ongoing community issues. The main goal of the program is to educate barbers and hair stylists about the judicial system so they can pass the information on to their clients. The program also seeks to help professional stylists become registered deputies that have the power to register people to vote. If more people in Dallas become registered and educated about politics and the voting process, the Dallas community will become more aware of ongoing community issues, and thus be able to help create a better environment.

Judge Kelly has partnered with local hair stylists, such as Sharla Wooten, who is a co-chair for the program. Sharla Wooten, owner of Center of Attraction Hair Gallery said, “As a beauty professional I am proud to be a part of the Curls, Clippers, and Conversations initiative. Barbers and beauty professionals are consistently in contact with the community and often time serve as mentors and counselors that can educate the community on the justice system and the importance of voting.” Wooten emphasized that the movement would be more powerful if more industry professionals became registered deputies and encouraged their clients to vote.

It is important to have a program like Curls, Clippers and Conversations because it encourages people to become active members in their community and have a positive impact on society. Voting gives people a voice and the power to be heard. Your hair is a core extension of your style and your vote is an extension of your outreach for greater change. Hopefully more counties will follow in the footsteps of Curls, Clippers and Conversations so the movement can be more impactful.



**“Small acts when multiplied by millions of people,  
can transform the world.” Howard Zinn**



## Mental Health Matters

According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness:

- ❖ 1 in 5 Americans suffer from a mental disorder
- ❖ 7.5% of crimes are committed by mentally ill people
- ❖ People with psychosis are 14 times more likely to be a victim of crime than a perpetrator
- ❖ Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S.
- ❖ Twice as many people die by suicide in Texas annually than by homicide

## Local Resources

### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

### North Texas Behavioral Health Authority

Crisis: 1-866-260-8000

Main: 1-877-653-6363

Website: [www.ntbha.org](http://www.ntbha.org)

### After Hours Walk in Crisis Center

4333 Gannon Lane, Suite 101

Dallas, TX 75237

Mon-Fri 4PM to 10PM & Sun 2PM- 7PM

972-283-9090

# Summer Spotlight

## Bailiff Officer Michael Jones

This summer spotlight is dedicated to the hard-working Mr. Michael Jones, a 26-year Deputy Sheriff for Dallas county. Mr. Jones, a Dallas native, graduated from David W. Carter High School in 1983. Deputy Jones began his law enforcement career as a transfer officer at Lew Sterrett Justice Center in 1992 and has worked as a Bailiff for both felony and misdemeanor court for the last 17 years. Due to his diligence and outstanding work ethic, Deputy Jones was awarded Bailiff of the Year in 2016 & 2017. With his charismatic demeanor and top-flight security for the courts protection, there is no one more deserving of this recognition. Deputy Jones always goes above and beyond to help. He is always willing to give wise words of encouragement. We had the opportunity to ask Deputy Jones a few questions regarding his love for the law.

Q1: Why did you pick the career field you are in?

**Jones: I became a deputy because I like working with and helping people.**

Q2: What is the most memorable moment of your career?

**Jones: When working as a felony court bailiff, I arrested a guy and took him into custody at 10:00 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. my sergeant called me and said the guy died. The autopsy showed he swallowed 19 crack rocks, in attempt to hide them from me between the hallway and the holdover.**

Q3: What do you enjoy most about working with Judge Kelly?

**Jones: I love how fair she is.**

Q4: Any last words?

**Jones: I'm a very religious man so, "All things are possible for those who love the Lord."**



Pictured Above: Bailiff Officer Jones with the Honorable Shequitta Kelly

## Court Etiquette

- ❖ Arrive on time
- ❖ Silence your phones
- ❖ Be polite to all court staff
- ❖ Rise when the judge & jury enters and leaves the courtroom
- ❖ Dress appropriately
- ❖ Refer to the judge as your honor
- ❖ Don't interrupt others when they are talking
- ❖ Speak loudly
- ❖ Always come prepared
- ❖ Respect the judge

## Upcoming Events

Attorney Appreciation Day - July 9, 2018

Free Coffee and Donuts for Attorneys

Intercepted Graduation Ceremony - July 13, 2018

Graduation for Participants who Completed the Pre-Trial Program

Feed the Homeless Community Service Event – August 2, 2018

A Day that Criminal Court 11 Staff Feeds the Homeless