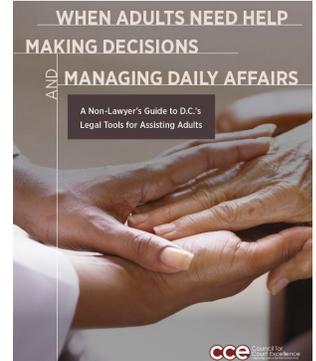




2019 Highlights

Latest Community Education Guide Supports Vulnerable Adults in D.C.

In March, CCE published [*When Adults Need Help: Making Decisions and Managing Daily Affairs*](#). The first guide of its kind, *When Adults Need Help* explains in non-technical language the resources that are available to people in D.C. who, because of illness, physical or intellectual disabilities, aging, or dementia, may need extra help when handling finances, health care, or the affairs of everyday life. During the year, CCE hosted three different educational panels to tell people about the guide and to get it directly into the hands of interested community members.



Judges Helped CCE Educate Nearly 100 Future Jurors

This spring CCE visited classes at the School Without Walls High School, Calvin Coolidge High School, and Benjamin Banneker Academic High School as a part of our beloved School Jury Education Project. Judges Anthony Epstein, Gregory Mize, and Emmet Sullivan facilitated mock jury deliberations and discussions, helping nearly 100 D.C. high school students learn about the importance of jury service.

CCE staff and Board leaders testified before D.C. Council 10 times in 2019, advocating for increased funding for reentry service providers, restoring the right to vote to disenfranchised residents, and more!

Our 23rd Annual Justice Potter Stewart Award Dinner

On May 23, CCE hosted the Justice Potter Stewart Award Dinner, where we proudly honored Mark Herzog of Sidley Austin LLP, Michele Roberts of the National Basketball Players Association, and Charlie and Pauline Sullivan of Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE). In addition to being our most successful dinner to date, the full-house audience was clearly moved by the honorees' heartfelt and inspirational remarks, as well as by the surprise appearance of one of Ms. Roberts' former clients who recently returned home from incarceration.



Completed an Innovative Landscape Review of the District's Justice System

This spring, CCE partnered with Georgetown University Law Center's Juvenile Justice Institute to conduct a landscape review of the criminal and juvenile justice systems in D.C. for the Public Welfare Foundation. This October, Public Welfare released a summary of our research, [*D.C.'s Justice Systems: An Overview*](#). The purpose of this report is to help those who are not based in this area, including other foundations and national policy organizations, to better understand the justice reforms that are either underway or are possible in the District.

Hosted Exciting Bench-Bar-Media Dialogue Events on National Security and #MeToo

Our Bench-Bar-Media Dialogue Committee presented two very timely and thought-provoking discussions on the First Amendment and justice-related topics in 2019. In July, CCE co-sponsored *Sharing Perspectives: Evaluating Claims of National Security Privilege in Litigation*, which brought together a select group of federal judges, practitioners, and the media to debate the courts' role when the government invokes national security-related privilege in both civil and criminal cases. In November, we hosted *Journalism Isn't Justice – Examining Both Roles in the Era of #MeToo*. There, panelists engaged in a fascinating discussion of what the justice system can and cannot realistically achieve in considering sexual misconduct and assault cases, the role of the press in evaluating accusations, and the validity and effectiveness of libel claims in the #MeToo era.

Supporting Reentry Service Providers in the District

The DC Reentry Action Network (RAN) had an incredibly successful 2019! With CCE providing technical assistance and support to the coalition, RAN was able to become an integral player in the conversation around a new halfway house in D.C.; held an interactive communications training for reentry service providers and returning citizen clients; won a competitive SAMHSA Trauma-Informed Care training; and, successfully advocated for an increase in reentry funding in the District's Fiscal Year 2020 budget.



Established the Distinguished District Task Force on Jails & Justice



In 2019, CCE established and supported the [District Task Force on Jails & Justice](#), a 26-member, interdisciplinary advisory body focused on designing a new correctional plan for D.C. After months of examination and discussion, the Task Force unveiled its Phase I Report, [Jails & Justice: A Framework for Change](#) in November. This new report, produced by CCE on behalf of the Task Force, includes an analysis of correctional data and incorporates the opinions of nearly 2,000 community members shared through focus groups, public meetings, and survey responses. The report makes 17 recommendations for a more rehabilitative

approach to justice in the District. Phase II of the Task Force's work will involve developing an implementation plan that contemplates both a new secure detention facility and policies to address mass incarceration. This work was supported by a grant from the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants.

Coming Soon!

Stay tuned for some of CCE's exciting new projects in 2020 including:

- A partnership with the D.C. Access to Justice Commission to study the Superior Court's Probate Division and identify innovations that can support pro se parties with estate administration; and,
- A guide for parents and educators regarding the role of law enforcement and police-involved interactions with students in D.C. public schools.