
DWI COURT

**DALLAS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT #1
JUDGE DAN PATTERSON**

WHAT IT IS

The DWI Court exists to help alcoholics who have been charged with Driving While Intoxicated. The program is ONLY FOR THE ALCOHOL ADDICTED and combines traditional community supervision for criminal offenders with a non-adversarial therapeutic "team" approach. DWI Court participants are supervised for 12 months by the Court team which consists of:

- The judge
- The coordinator
- Probation officers
- Treatment professionals
- The defense attorney
- The prosecutor

The team meets regularly to review each defendant's progress.

WHO QUALIFIES

An alcohol-dependant individual who is a Dallas County (or surrounding county) resident and has pending:

- A DWI 2nd
- Multiple pending DWI charges
- A DWI with a BAC greater than .15
- A DWI with an accident

WHO'S NOT QUALIFIED

- Those with any prior conviction for any type of violent crime or sexual offense.

WHY CHOOSE TO DO IT

- Excellent treatment for alcohol addiction at an affordable cost.
- One year probationary term
- Fine suspended
- Probation fee reduced
- Community service suspended
- Occupational Driver's License provided with fee waived if eligible
- Jail time suspended
- Possible dismissal of pending case

EXPECTATIONS

The DWI court program provides treatment for alcohol addiction. It is very intensive and time consuming. Defendants will be expected to fully participate and complete all of the program requirements.

Participants will be tested regularly through both random urinalysis and various electronic devices to ensure compliance. Defendants in the program can expect to be sanctioned and penalized accordingly if they do not follow the program rules along with terms and conditions of probation. Sanctions include – but are not limited to – increased supervision, community service, jail time or revocation and termination from the program. The DWI Court team believes that every participant who puts forth the effort will be successful and graduate from the program and go on to lead a life that's alcohol free.

GENERAL PROGRAM OUTLINE

The program is post-conviction (not diversion). And, while there are many financial incentives, the DWI Court is primarily offender funded. The following is an approximate breakdown of the obligations required (these amounts are subject to change):

- Court Costs \$500 (Total)
- UA fee \$200 (Total)
- Treatment \$35-\$50 (Per Week)
- Probation Fee \$25 (Per Month)
- Alcohol Monitoring Devices \$75-\$270 (Per Month, cost varies by device)
- SCRAM required for first 30 days of the program. (\$270 upfront)

All participants must have an alcohol monitoring device for the duration of the program (SCRAM, automobile interlock, In-Hom, Soberlink, etc. as appropriate).

PHASE I (Intensive Outpatient Program) 3 Months

- Supervision: 3 probation visits per month
- Treatment: 4 group sessions per week, 2 individual sessions per month and 3 12 step meetings per week.
- Court: 2 evening Court sessions per month.

PHASE II (Supportive Outpatient Program) 3 Months

- Supervision: 2 probation visits per month
- Treatment: 3 group therapy sessions per week, 1 individual session per month and 3 12 step meetings per week.
- Court: 2 evening Court sessions per month

PHASE III (Aftercare)

- Supervision: 1 probation visit per month
- Treatment: 1 group therapy session per week, individual sessions as needed and 3 12 Step meetings per week.
- Court: 1 evening Court session per month

All of the phase and treatment durations may vary depending on progress made.

Random urinalysis is required throughout the program.

DWI Education/Repeat Offender Program and VIP must be completed within the first 5 months of the plea.

Please refer to the DWI Court Participant Contract for further details and information.

DWI Court Application for Consideration by the Prosecutor

**PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE DALLAS COUNTY
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Defendant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Aliases (if any) : _____

Attorney Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Attorney Address: _____ Fax # : _____

Cause Number(s) / dates of arrest:

_____/_____
_____/_____
_____/_____

1. Does the Defendant reside in Dallas County? YES NO (County of Residence) _____

2. Does the Defendant have any other pending cases or charges? YES _____ NO _____
If Yes, charges and jurisdictions: _____

3. Does the Defendant have any outstanding holds or warrants from any other jurisdiction (including immigration matters)? YES _____ NO _____ Unknown _____ If Yes, charges and jurisdictions: _____

4. Does the Defendant have adequate and reliable transportation? YES _____ NO _____

5. Is the Defendant currently on Community Supervision / Probation in any other jurisdiction? YES (name jurisdiction and offense) _____ NO _____

6. Has Defendant ever been treated for /diagnosed with a serious mental illness? YES _____ NO _____

7. List all medications currently prescribed to the Defendant: _____

I am capable of understanding the requirements for the DWI Court, and the requirements have been fully explained to me by my attorney. I understand that I must also complete a clinical assessment to be considered for the DWI Court.

Signature of Defendant

Date

Signature of Attorney

Date

For District Attorney Use Only

Reviewed By _____ Date _____ SID# _____

Approved _____ Denied _____ Reason: _____

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

If your driver's license is suspended and you do not have an occupational driver's license, you must provide the court with a transportation plan for the next three months.

Provide transportation plans in order to meet the DWI court contractual obligations as follows:

DAYS OF THE WEEK	TRANSPORTATION
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

Signature