

The Fulton County Common Pleas Court operates a specialized docket known as The Fulton County Common Pleas Drug Court. The Drug Court's mission is to divert drug- and/or alcohol-dependent participants into court-monitored treatment; to achieve accountability; and to rehabilitate male and female defendants who have addictions with substances; thereby decreasing criminal activity and the need for incarceration.

Application to participate in the Drug Court does not guarantee acceptance into the program. A Defendant will need to have a screening completed by the Drug Court Coordinator, a dual diagnostic assessment by a licensed clinician, and meet the following criteria:

1. Clinical Eligibility Criteria

- A) The person has been diagnosed a substance use disorder and completed a drug/alcohol assessment by a certified license provider.
- B) The person is able to understand and comply with program requirements.

2. Other Eligibility Criteria

- A) No physical or mental-health issues which might hinder participation in the program. (will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis).
- B) The defendant is receptive to receiving treatment.
- C) Must be a defendant in a case on the Fulton County Common Pleas Court criminal docket.
- D) Judge has the sole discretion in the admissibility to the Drug Court Program.

3. Legal Criteria

- A) The person is charged with a pending Fulton County felony offense less serious than a felony of the second-degree which is not a drug trafficking offense higher than a felony of the fifth-degree, a sex offense, a felony OMVI, or has a mandatory prison sentence; **(These prohibitions may be waived by the Judge).**
- B) The person is serving a Community Control Sanctions sentence for which there is a Notice of Violation of Community Control Sanction Sentence pending; or, upon recommendation of Probation Officer, has agreed to participate; or
- C) The person shall be sentenced to Drug Court as part of Community Control Sentence, including one imposed through the granting of judicial release.

My attorney has reviewed this document with me.

Defense Counsel (attest)

Defendant

Date