

Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court

(Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties)



PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

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Welcome to the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court!

This Handbook was designed to answer your questions and provide specific information about what you must do in order to successfully complete the requirements of the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court Program.

As a participant, you are expected to follow the instructions found in this Handbook, **as well** as the instructions of the Felony Drug Court Judge, Staff, and Treatment Provider. You will also be expected to comply with the treatment plan developed for you by your Treatment Provider.

This handbook is not exhaustive and there is no possible way to make it complete and detailed to answer every question or situation that arises. **Therefore, there are many places in the handbook where you are instructed to call the Felony Drug Court office should you have questions; do this first before you act.** There is also an emergency/on-call phone for Felony Drug Court participants when emergency questions or situations arise. Remember: it is easier to ask permission than forgiveness and this saying applies to the Felony Drug Court Program as well.

If you are reading this Handbook, it means that you have been accepted into the Felony Drug Court based upon your history of drug/alcohol use and encounters with law enforcement. It also means that we, the Felony Drug Court Team, are confident that the Felony Drug Court will help you learn how to make successful choices, free of the influence of drugs or alcohol.

You are encouraged to share this Handbook with your family and friends.

OVERVIEW

The Western Judicial Circuit has instituted a voluntary Felony Drug Court based on proven national research and program models. The Felony Drug Court provides the participant an opportunity to pursue treatment for his/her addiction(s), while productively addressing associated legal problems.

Once accepted, program participants can expect frequent contact with the Felony Drug Court Judge, Staff, and Treatment Provider. They will be required to complete a five-phase program, culminating with a Graduation Ceremony. The Phase Program was designed to be completed in 18 to 24 months

Program participants will be expected to complete and participate in numerous treatment oriented activities. These may include Community Support Groups, group and individual therapy, weekly court appearances, probation appointments and/or appointments with Felony Drug Court Coordinator or Case Manager, and urine/breath/chemical drug testing.

Participants who maintain positive participation in the Felony Drug Court may receive corresponding incentives to encourage further positive progression through the program. These incentives will be determined by the Felony Drug Court Judge (after receiving input from the Felony Drug Court Team) and will be dependent upon available resources. Some incentives are made as recommendations by you, the participants, so when this information is requested please submit your suggestions!

Program participants can also expect to receive sanctions and/or therapeutic consequences if they violate program rules or fail to achieve phase requirements. Possible violations include, but are not limited to: missed appointments, failed or adulterated urine tests, handbook violations and new arrests/charges. Sanctions will be imposed by the Felony Drug Court Judge and can be repeated if necessary. Sanctions: verbal reprimand, , house arrest, residence in a sober-living house, demotion in phase, community service, incarceration, or termination from Felony Drug Court. {The Felony Drug Court Judge (after receiving input from the Felony Drug Court Team) will decide what sanctions are appropriate for the participant violation on a case-by-case basis – sanctions are orders by the Felony Drug Court Judge and are not negotiable}.

Phase progression is a linear process with a minimum number of weeks required in each phase prior to qualifying for phasing up to the next phase. An individual participant must first satisfactorily complete a phase-up project before being recommended to the next phase. The Treatment Provider may require assignments and/or treatment-related tasks to be required prior to receiving the phase-up project assignment. Please Note: Successful completion of treatment tasks and assignments does not replace the requirement of the phase-up project.

The Felony Drug Court Treatment Provider determines when a participant is prepared to begin their phase-up project and the Felony Drug Court Staff ensures that participants are administratively eligible for phasing up (based on length of time from last sanction/therapeutic consequence and payment history).

As mentioned above, upon successful completion of the five phases of the Felony Drug Court Program, the participant will celebrate in a Commencement Ceremony. This Ceremony will mark the start of the participant's lifelong work to remain sober and productive and the formal conclusion of participation in the Felony Drug Court program. Following Commencement from the Felony Drug Court program, graduated participants are provided a certificate of completion and aftercare plan recommended to be followed independently.

CONFIDENTIALITY

State and Federal Laws require that your privacy and treatment information be protected and not disclosed except by your permission or proper court order. The Felony Drug Court Team has developed policies and procedures that guard your privacy.

Confidentiality also extends to the community after and outside of Drug Court sessions. Therefore, do not identify other Drug Court Participants by name or through participation in the program if you see them in the community or at work/school. Likewise, if Drug Court Staff and Treatment see a participant at work/school or in the community then the disclosure of how that individual is known will not be made by the Staff or Treatment.

***Please note:** State and Federal laws also prevent the courtroom from being closed to the general public. Thus, participants should expect members of the community and other drug court participants to be present in the courtroom during Drug Court sessions.

TREATMENT

All Felony Drug Court participants have individual and group treatment as an integral part of their program. In individual treatment sessions you can expect to discuss thoughts, ideas, issues, and concerns that effect you personally. It is your choice to bring up information to your counselor and it may take time to be willing to discuss certain things. The Felony Drug Court asks that you are willing and patient in this process, offering information as you feel comfortable and learning to trust your counselor who will help guide you in this process to become a better person. All our counselors must be licensed or certified in addictions counseling and therefore are the most important resource for your recovery and success in this program. Remember: the relationship you develop with your counselor can help propel you through the program.

PHASES OF DRUG COURT

Felony Drug Court is a five-phase program. A participant must successfully complete each phase before moving up to the next phase. Successful completion of phases includes, **but is not limited** to, minimum time period met in the phase, completed phase-up project, treatment recommendation to progress to the next phase, no sanctions within the last 30 days, and some “good faith” effort towards payment of drug court fees. Upon successful completion of a program phase, the Felony Drug Court Judge will award a completion certificate to the participant.

PHASE I

Phase I of Drug Court corresponds to the “Pre-contemplative Phase” of behavior change. You will learn about the risks and dangers associated with continued drug and alcohol use. Phase I is focused on making you aware of all the problems related to drug and alcohol addiction.

Treatment Requirements:

- One 2-hour process group per week
- One 2-hour education group per week
- MRT Group (if applicable)
- Individual counseling sessions (minimum 2 hour weekly or frequency to be determined by Treatment Provider)Phase-Up Project

Compliance Requirements:

- Attend Status Conference weekly
- Attend Check-in with Coordinator weekly
- Attend scheduled Compliance visits with Compliance Officers
- Follow treatment plan
- Pay Felony Drug Court Fees or make payment arrangements with Coordinator
- Follow rules outlined in Participant Handbook
- Submit to random urine drug screens
- Adhere to curfew of 9:00 p.m.

PHASE II

Phase II of Drug Court corresponds to the “Contemplation Phase” of behavior change. At this phase you should begin to consider your personal commitment to recovery and decide for yourself if you want to lead a drug-free life. The goal in this phase is continued education so that you become internally motivated to make a change.

Treatment Requirements:

- One 2-hour education group per week
- One 2-hour process group per week
- Begin MRT at a time to be determined by Treatment Provider
- Individual counseling sessions (minimum 1 hour weekly or frequency to be determined by Treatment Provider)
- Phase-Up Project

Compliance Requirements:

- Attend Status Conference weekly
- Attend Check-in with Coordinator weekly
- Attend scheduled Compliance visits with Compliance Officers
- Follow treatment plan
- Pay Felony Drug Court Fees or make payment arrangements with Coordinator
- Follow rules outlined in Participant Handbook
- Submit to random urine drug screens
- Adhere to curfew of 10:00 p.m.

PHASE III

Phase III of Drug Court corresponds to the “Preparation Phase” of behavior change. You will begin to use the education you have received in the first two phases. You should be able to talk about what you have gained and lost from drug/alcohol use. The basic goal is for you to develop a specific plan and strategy for recovery that best fits your pattern of use, and your strengths and weaknesses.

Treatment Requirements:

- One 2-hour education group per week
- Continue with MRT until all steps completed
- Individual counseling sessions (1 hour weekly to 1 hour twice monthly, frequency to be determined by the Treatment Provider)
- Phase-Up Project

Compliance Requirements:

- Attend Status Conference twice a month
- Attend Check-in with Coordinator twice a month
- Attend scheduled Compliance visits with Compliance Officers
- Follow treatment plan
- Pay Felony Drug Court Fees or make payment arrangements with Coordinator
- Follow rules outlined in Participant Handbook
- Submit to random urine drug screens
- Adhere to curfew of 11:00 p.m.

PHASE IV

Phase IV of Drug Court corresponds to the “Action Phase” of behavior change. The primary goal is finding out what adjustments are necessary for your recovery strategy to be successful. The goal is to finalize your strategy for recovery, recognize all the progress you have made thus far, and recognize that your long-term recovery requires a “relapse prevention plan.”

Treatment Requirements:

- One 2-hour education group every other week
- Individual counseling sessions (1 hour monthly or frequency to be determined by the Treatment Provider)
- Begin appropriate educational or vocational training.
- Phase-Up Project:

Compliance Requirements:

- Attend Status Conference monthly
- Attend Check-in with Coordinator bi-monthly
- Attend scheduled Compliance visits with Compliance Officers
- Follow treatment plan
- Pay Felony Drug Court Fees or make payment arrangements with Coordinator
- Follow rules outlined in Participant Handbook
- Submit to random urine drug screens
- Adhere to curfew of 12:00 p.m.

PHASE V

Phase V of Drug Court corresponds to the “Maintenance Phase” of behavior change. This phase is designed to provide you with continued reinforcement so that you can avoid relapse. Built into this reinforcement is participation in the Alumni Group once monthly to establish support from others who have successfully completed all Drug Court requirements. A major goal of this phase is for you to reflect on your relationship with your drug of choice, acknowledge the changes you have made since entering Drug Court, and write a “Life Story” or personal narrative that describes these events. This personal narrative should reinforce long-term behavior change as you write down how your drug-use has changed your life. It should also relate your experiences and what you have overcome to get to Phase V. The completion of this goal culminates in presenting your “Life Story” to a lower-phase group (Phase I or II) in a narrative presentation.

Treatment Requirements:

- At least one individual counseling session per month (exact frequency to be determined by the Treatment Provider)
- Pre-Commencement Project: Complete life story and present to lower phase group (e.g. Phase I or II) and Pre-Commencement Group (meeting and aftercare planning with Drug Court Counselor at a designated time prior to graduation)
- One meeting with Drug Court Counselor (at Status Conference) per month until Commencement
- Commencement and Aftercare Planning (transition into the Alumni Group)

Compliance Requirements:

- Attend Status Conference monthly
- Attend Check-in with Coordinator bi-monthly
- Attend scheduled Compliance visits with Compliance Officers
- Follow treatment plan
- Pay Felony Drug Court Fees or make payment arrangements with Coordinator
- Follow rules outlined in Participant Handbook
- Submit to random urine drug screens
- Adhere to curfew of 12:00 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT

In order to graduate from the Felony Drug Court Program you must have successfully completed the phase-up project and given the associated oral presentation as described above; you must be in compliance with probation (if applicable), you must be current on your Felony Drug Court payments; and you must have at least 6 months of sustained sobriety. No one is allowed to graduate from the Felony Drug Court program with a past-due balance of any amount. Additionally, all Felony Drug Court Phase V participants are required to attend a 2-hour pre-commencement group (again, this is required). If there is only one participant commencing, then the pre-commencement group will be held in an individual session with the graduate's counselor. Drug Court Commencement is the only way in which your plea agreement (negotiated at the time you entered the Felony Drug Court Program) will be honored. Commencement is a formal occasion, as such, there will be guidelines discussed about dress code. The Felony Drug Court Coordinator will review this with you and assist in the identification and acquiring of appropriate clothing.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

In some instances, probationers who are sentenced into the Felony Drug Court Program will not progress through the five phases as the program intends. For those persons who do progress through multiple phases of the Felony Drug Court Program and are not recommended for termination, they may be given a "Certificate of Participation" to indicate the period of time in the program and the phase attained at the end of the probated sentence (therefore, at the end of the Program).

FELONY DRUG COURT RULES

1. The participant must abstain from the possession or use of drugs and alcohol, as well as drug related items. This includes energy drinks or supplements of any kind. Participants are prohibited from vaping or possessing any vaping paraphernalia.
2. The participant must immediately report any drug and/or alcohol use to the Felony Drug Court Office and/or Emergency Line.
3. The participant must participate in random drug testing as outlined by the Attached Policy.
4. The participant must seek the Felony Drug Court Coordinator's approval before ingesting any prescription drug, homeopathic/natural remedy or over-the-counter medication (whether on the list or not), otherwise the participant will face the consequences of testing positive for an illicit substance.
5. The participant must not go to establishments in which alcoholic beverages are the primary item sold, i.e., no bars, liquor stores, or clubs.
6. The participant **may not enter** into "smoke shops" or "head shops" where pipes, paraphernalia, smokable incense, and related products are sold.
7. The participant may not associate with people who use or possess drugs, are in violation of the law, or are of harmful and disreputable character. The Participant may not associate with individuals who are on probation and/or parole, outside of the Felony Drug Court Program, treatment programs, or Community Support Group meetings without the prior consent of the Felony Drug Court Coordinator.
8. The participant must attend all required Court sessions/hearings as scheduled, for the duration scheduled.
9. There are some Felony Drug Court activities that do not have an ending time. Be prepared to stay for the entire duration of the activity until released by the Felony Drug Court Judge or Staff. (Please Note: The Drug Court will do its best to end group therapy sessions on time, as scheduled, but there are times that group sessions run past the designated time – therefore treatment is not over until the Treatment Provider or Staff indicate so and the above rule infractions and sanctions apply).
10. The participant must attend all treatment appointments, and any other appointments, as directed. Missing treatment appointments the first time will result in a recommended sanction, typically a fine. Subsequent misses have escalating sanctions including jail time.
11. If the participant is also on probation (in addition to being in drug court), the

participant must stay in contact with his/her probation officer and must fulfill all of his/her probation requirements (including but not limited to reporting).

- The participant must allot sufficient time to report and meet with probation officer and should not schedule probation appointments close in time to treatment appointments – unless approved by probation officer.
12. The participant must be on time for all appointments, treatment sessions and court appearances. (The participant must contact the Felony Drug Court Office in advance if he/she will be late or cannot attend any appointment, treatment session and/or court appearance in order to be given permission to miss.)
 13. The participant must submit to drug screens/chemical tests as directed in addition to the random testing policy.
 14. The participant must not provide adulterated drug screens, i.e., no diluted, tampered, or false specimens. These kinds of samples are sanctioned the same as a positive drug test.
 15. The participant must pay program fees as directed. The Participant is responsible for making payment arrangements with the Felony Drug Court Coordinator.
 16. The participant may not possess any firearms, weapons, instruments of crime, or contraband.
 17. The participant must seek or obtain and maintain regular employment, vocational or educational program as directed by Treatment Provider. Full-time student status is also accepted.
 18. The participant may not quit his/her job without first obtaining another job and first getting the permission of the Felony Drug Court Coordinator.
 19. The participant must be honest and must not provide false statements, verbally or in writing to the Felony Drug Court Staff/Team/Judge.
 20. The participant must comply with all local, state, and federal laws. Participants must immediately notify Felony Drug Court Staff/Team and Probation Officer (if applicable) of any one-on-one contact, arrests or detention by law enforcement, including citations and parking tickets.
 21. The participant must behave in a respectful manner towards fellow participants and Felony Drug Court Staff/Team/Judge.
 22. The participant must maintain the confidentiality of other participants and of information disclosed in treatment.
 23. The participant must keep the Drug Court Staff informed of his/her current address, phone number, and work/school/activity schedule.

24. The participant may not change his/her residence (including entering into roommate or co-habitation arrangements) without prior consent from the Felony Drug Court Team/Judge.
25. The participant must dress appropriately for treatment sessions and court appearances, including but not limited to, no sunglasses, hats, sleeveless t-shirts, muscle shirts, mini- skirts, sexually suggestive clothing, gang attire, cigarettes behind ears, or clothing bearing offensive, violent, racist, sexist, drug or alcohol-related themes or promoting/advertising alcohol. Commencement ceremonies will require more formal attire.
26. The participant should not bring friends or family members to treatment and/or court sessions without prior approval from the Felony Drug Court Office.
27. The participant must turn off his/her cell phone before entering the courtroom. No texting on cell phones during court or treatment sessions. Any violations of this policy results in cell phones being confiscated for up to 72 hours.
28. Gum is **NOT** allowed in the courtroom. There is **NO SMOKING** at **any** FDC event.
29. The participant must adhere to a **curfew**. The participant must be at his/her home (and/or pre-approved place of residence) at or before the curfew for their current phase including weekends, unless he/she is working, is involved in an emergency, and/or has prior approval from the Drug Court Coordinator. Curfews may be **reduced** as a result of being on probation and/or parole or as a Drug Court sanction. If there is a reduced curfew, then the same policy applies for that specific time.
30. The participant must participate in and attend scheduled compliance meetings with the compliance officer. These meetings are an additional requirement of participation in the Felony Drug Court Program and help ensure the participant's progression through and success in the program. The participant is additionally expected to be home for compliance home visits.
31. The participant must adhere to all instructions and/or requirements imposed upon him/her by the Felony Drug Court Team/Judge.
32. No violence nor threats of violence of any kind will be tolerated while in the Drug Court Program. This includes violent acts or statements/threats of violence whether made against other Drug Court participants, Drug Court Staff, Drug Court Treatment Provider, Drug Court Judge, or persons in the community considered victims of such violence. Violence (whether acted on or threatened and regardless of legal consequences of such) is grounds for immediate termination from the program.

33. Interpersonal/sexual relationships between Drug Court participants makes treatment difficult at best and can interfere with sobriety and prevent recovery from being the focus of attention at worst. As a result, interpersonal/sexual relationships (dating, up to sex) between participants in any phase of the Drug Court Program will not be tolerated and such actions are sanctionable.

PROGRAM FEES

As a Felony Drug Court participant, you **must pay** a program fee of \$150 per month as well as fines/restitution that has been ordered by the Court. Weekly payments should be made at the Felony Drug Court Office in the form of cash or money order (made out to “Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court”). Please contact the Felony Drug Court Office to make weekly payment arrangements. Special payment arrangements **will not be considered** if a financial assessment has not been completed AND good-faith payments have not been made.

THE DRUG COURT TEAM

The Felony Drug Court Judge will make all decisions regarding your participation in the Felony Drug Court Program with input from the Felony Drug Court Team. In addition to the Judge, the Felony Drug Court Team consists of the following members:

- Public Defender
- District Attorney
- Drug Court Coordinator
- Probation Officer
- Compliance Officer
- Treatment Provider
- Law Enforcement Representative
- Jail Liaison
- Court Liaison
- Community Representatives

STAFFINGS

Each week, the Drug Court Team will discuss each participant’s progress in a non-public staffing session. This discussion will include drug testing results, attendance, participation, and cooperation in the treatment program, employment, or other requirements that may have been imposed. The Team will also discuss and make recommendations to the Judge about possible incentives or sanctions (about which the Judge has the final say). Leave requests submitted by participants a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance of proposed leave are also considered in these staffing sessions. Therefore if leave requests have not been submitted, they cannot be considered (and approved) by the team. Other program recommendations are also considered at this time.

COURT APPEARANCES

As a Drug Court participant, you will be required to appear before the Presiding Drug Court Judge (or designated official) for Drug Court reviews on a regular basis. The number of times you must appear in court per month depends on what phase you are in at the time. Upon entry into the Felony Drug Court, you will be given a calendar and informed of your court appearances and treatment appointments. Failure to appear may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest and detention in jail. If you have questions about your court appearances and appointments, you may contact the Felony Drug Court Office.

1. Participants will attend all scheduled Court appearances on time and immediately be seated in the Courtroom.
2. Participants will not talk in the Courtroom during Drug Court proceedings.
3. The participant will remain in the Courtroom until he/she is dismissed by the Judge.
4. Dress appropriately for Court and Treatment sessions.
 - Do not wear shorts of inappropriate length;
 - No hats, caps, hoods, or bandanas;
 - No gang attire of any kind;
 - No ladies see through blouses;
 - No ladies skirts with high slits;
 - No ladies mini-skirts;
 - Turn off phones, pagers, and electronic devices in Court;
 - No sagging pants that hang below waist; wear a belt
 - No tank tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, crop-tops, jackets w/hoods;
 - No clothing advertising tobacco, alcohol products, drugs or attire with obscene words or pictures;
 - Have shirt tails tucked into pants;
 - No chewing gum while in court;
 - No sunglasses

INCENTIVES

Incentives are used to recognize and reward participation and progress. For compliant behavior (ie. attending group, being on time, having a good compliance visit, negative drug screens, making sober choices, etc.), a ticket with the participants name will be entered for the Status Conference incentive drawing. Incentives include:

- Verbal praise from the Judge
- Certificates
- Curfew extensions
- Gift certificates
- Movie passes
- Fee credits
- Food
- Bus passes
- Drug Court attendance passes
- “Front of the line” passes
- MRT passes

SANCTIONS and TREATMENT RESPONSES

Participants may incur sanctions for noncompliance with Felony Drug Court requirements. Sanctions will be imposed by the Felony Drug Court Judge. Sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- Demotion/delay in phase
- Community service
- Incarceration
- Increased Drug Court attendance
- Increased drug testing
- House arrest
- Bench duty
- Compliance essays

In the event that a participant is given an incarceration sanction, once released from incarceration, the participant must continue to abide by the calendar previously given to him/her and attend all treatment sessions, court appearances, and other appointments/program requirements.

The Felony Drug Court Treatment Providers may also impose therapeutic responses in order to address noncompliant behavior, thinking errors, or provide additional insight. Therapeutic consequences may include but are not limited to: completion of additional homework exercises outside of scheduled programming, working with another/higher phase participant, or increased treatment sessions.

The Felony Drug Court Team/Judge reserves the right to impose sanctions and therapeutic consequences on a case-by-case basis and appropriate to the participant and the violation. Following either a sanction or therapeutic intervention, the participant must wait at least 30 days (unless otherwise specified) to be phased-up to the next phase.

TERMINATION FROM FELONY DRUG COURT

Warrants, new arrests, threats and/or acts of violence or violation of any aspect of the program rules and regulations may result in your termination from the Felony Drug Court Program.

Participants terminated from the Felony Drug Court will be returned to court for sentencing on the original charge(s). Sentencing will be within the sole discretion of the Felony Drug Court Judge, limited only by the maximum penalty allowed by law.

DRUG/CHEMICAL TESTING

You will be randomly and frequently tested for drug and alcohol use throughout your entire participation in the Felony Drug Court Program. The fee for drug screens is included in your monthly participation fee; however, if an on-site test is positive and you DENY alcohol and/or drug use and request that the sample be sent to the lab for confirmation, YOU will be required to pay up front for a confirmation test at a cost of \$40-\$70. Confirmation tests for some substances exceed \$40-\$70 and if you choose to have your test sent off for confirmation, you will be charged the actual cost of the confirmation test. This confirmation test fee will be added to your monthly fees.

All collections of urine samples are observed tests by same-sex observers who either work directly with the Felony Drug Court program or with the Courthouse. Failure to produce a urine sample while being observed or within the allotted timeframe (one hour) to drug test may result in a sanction.

The Felony Drug Court Program tests for illegal and illicit use of alcohol, drugs and medications, whether prescribed by a physician or not. It is in violation of the Felony Drug Court rules to take or ingest any substance that is considered intoxicating (changes the way you think, feel, or act). Additionally, while some medications may be prescribed by a physician to aid in your withdrawal from or cravings for substances of abuse, each of these medications must be approved by the Felony Drug Court prior to entering the Felony Drug Court Program, with the Felony Drug Court reserving the right to postpone treatment until these medications have been successfully suspended and use discontinued. The Felony Drug Court is an abstinence-based program so medications are approved on a case-by-case basis with close communication between you, your prescribing physician, and the Felony Drug Court (and releases of information must be in place to allow for communication of this information).

In addition to testing for the appearance of substances in the urine, the Felony Drug Court Program also looks at instances where a participant may have acted in a dishonest and unethical way to dilute (drink a lot of fluid in an attempt to flush a substance out of the urine) and/or adulterate (take a substance in an attempt to mask or cover up another substance/alter the urine specimen) samples. In either instance, if dilution and/or adulteration is shown to be present in a drug testing sample, then these will count as a positive drug/alcohol test.

It is the responsibility of the donor to provide an adequate specimen as part of the process. Failure to provide an adequate specimen within an hour from the time you report to provide the sample may result in this being considered a refusal to provide a specimen.

Please see and review attached Incidental Alcohol Exposure Contract and Random Drug Testing Policy for directions on how random testing is conducted. **You are responsible for what you put in your body and for the sample you produce.**

**THE FOLLOWING DRUGS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN
(PERIOD. END OF STORY. NO EXCEPTIONS.)**

**THIS LIST IS NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE.
ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH YOUR COUNSELOR
PRIOR TO TAKING.**

Note: Drug Name® = Brand Name

A

Actiq® (fentanyl)

Adipex-P® (phentermine)

Adderall® (dextroamphetamine + amphetamine)

alcohol (ethanol, ethyl alcohol) or anything containing ethyl alcohol including

“Alcohol-Free” beer. Many over-the-counter liquid preparations such as cough syrups, cold medications, mouthwash, body washes or gels, etc. may contain alcohol and may produce a positive EtG (alcohol) urine drug screen. It is **YOUR** responsibility to read the labels on these preparations, or ask a pharmacist to make sure the products you use do not contain alcohol.

alprazolam (Xanax®)

Ambien® (zolpidem)

amphetamine or any product containing amphetamine or any of its derivatives, such as dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine®), benzphetamine (Didrex®), methamphetamine (Desoxyn®, speed, meth, ice, crystal, etc.), DOM, de- or di-methoxyamphetamine and others.

Ativan® (lorazepam)

atropine or any product containing atropine

AtroPen® or any other product containing atropine

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barbiturates, including but not limited to butabarbital (Butisol®), butalbital (Fiorinal® and others), mephobarbital (Mebaral®), phenobarbital (Nembutal®, yellow jackets, (Donnatal®), secobarbital (Seconal®, red devils, Xmas trees, rainbows), thiopental (Pentothal®) and any other barbiturate.

Bontrill® or Prelu-2® (phendimetrazine tartrate)

bufotenin (dimethylserotonin)

buprenorphine (Suboxone®, Zubsolv®)

bupirone

Butisol® (butabarbital)

C

carbamazepine (Carbatrol®)
Carbatrol® (carbamazepine)
carisoprodol (Soma®)
chloral hydrate
chlorazepate (Tranxene®)
chlordiazepoxide (Limbitrol®, Librax®)
chlorzoxazone (Parafon Forte®)
clonazepam (Klonopin®)
cocaine
codeine or any medication containing codeine, such as cough syrups (Robitussin A-C®,
Tussin A-C®, and others.)

D

Demerol® (meperidine)
Desoxyn® speed, meth, ice, crystal, etc. (methamphetamine)
Dexedrine® (dexies or hearts; dextroamphetamine, or any product containing
dextroamphetamine)
DET (diethyltryptamine, and all other tryptamine derivatives, such as DMT
dimethyltryptamine and others)
dextromethorphan (DM) and any product containing this substance
diazepam (Valium®)
Didrex® (benzphetamine)
diethylpropion
Dilaudid® (hydromorphone)
diphenoxylate (Lomotil®)
DMT (dimethyltryptamine)
Dolophine® (methadone)
Donnatal® (phenobarbital + atropine + hyoscyamine + scopolamine)
droperidol (Inapsine®)
Duragesic® (fentanyl)
Duramorph® (morphine)

E

Empirin® with any amount of codeine
Empracet® with any amount of codeine
ephedrine and any product containing this substance, including ephedra products
Equagesic® (meprobamate + aspirin)
eszopiclone (Lunestra®)

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fentanyl (Sublimaze®, Actiq®, Durogesic®, Duragesic®, Fentora®, Onsolis®, Instanyl®
and others)
Fentora® (fentanyl)
Fiorinal® (butalbital, aspirin, caffeine) and any with codeine.
Flurazepam

G

GHB (gammahydroxybutyric acid)

H

Halcion® (triazolam)

hashish or hashies

heroin (diacetyl morphine, E, horse, dope, smack, junk)

hydrocodone and any products containing hydrocodone (Vicodin® , Lorcet®, Lortab®,
Tussionex®, Zydone® as examples, and many others)

hyrdomorphone (Dilaudid)

hydroxyzine (Vistaril®)

hyoscine

I

ibogaine

Inapsine® (droperidol)

inhalants, such as paint, glue, Freon, or any substance under pressure not for medicinal
use.

Instanyl® (fentanyl)

Ionamin® (phentermine)

K

Ketalar® (ketamine)

ketamine (Ketalar®)

Klonopin® (clonazepam)

Kratom

L

laudanum (tincture of opium)

levorphanol

Librax® (chlordiazepoxide + clidinium)

Limbitrol® (chlordiazepoxide + amitriptyline)

Lomotil® (diphenoxylate + atropine)

Lorazepam (Ativan®)

Lorcet®, Lortab® (hydrocodone + acetaminophen)

LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide, "acid")

Lunesta® (eszopiclone)

M

marijuana (pot, grass, Mary Jane, etc.)

Mebaral® (mephobarbital)

Melfiat® (phendimetrazine)

meperidine and any other drug products containing meperidine

meprobamate (Miltown®, Pathibamate®, Equagesic®, Equanil® and others)

methadone (Dolophine®, Methadose®)

Methadose®(methadone)

methocarbamol (Robaxin®, Robaxisal®)

methylphenidate (Ritalin®)

midazolam (Versed®)

Miltown®(meprobamate)

mescaline

MDMA (methylenedioxyamphetamine)

morphine and any other drug products containing morphine or its derivatives and combinations (Duramorph[®], Roxanol[®] and others)

N

naloxone (Suboxone)

nalbuphine (Nubain[®])

Nembutal[®] (pentobarbital, yellow jackets)

Norflex[®] (orphenadrine)

Nubain[®] (nalbuphine)

O

Onsolis[®] (fentanyl)

Opana ER[®] (oxymorphone)

opium or any of its constituents

orphenadrine (Norflex[®])

oxazepam

oxycodone (Oxycontin[®] and other products containing oxycodone such Percobarb[®], Percocet[®], Percodan[®])

Oxycontin[®] (oxycodone and other products containing oxycodone)

oxymorphone (Opana ER[®])

P

Parafon Forte[®] (chlorzoxazone)

Pathibamate[®] (Meproamate)

PCP (phencyclidine)

pentazocine (Talwin[®])

Pentothal[®] (thiopental)

Percobarb[®], Percocet[®], Percodan[®] (oxycodone)

peyote

phendimetrazine (Bontril[®], Melfiat[®], Prelu-2[®], Plegine[®])

Phenergan[®] (promethazine)

Plegine[®] (phendimetrazine)

Prelu-2[®] (phendimetrazine)

paregoric (camphorated tincture of opium)

propantheline

prochlorperazine

promethazine (Phenergan[®])

psilocybin, psilocin

pseudoephedrine (Sudafed[®])

R

Restoril[®] (Temazepam)

Ritalin[®] (methylphenidate)

Robaxin[®], Robaxisal[®] (methocarbamol)

Robitussin A-C[®], Tussin A-C[®] or any cough syrup containing codeine

Roxanol[®] (morphine)

Roxicet[®] (oxycodone + acetaminophen)

Roxicodone® (oxycodone)

Ryzolt® (tramadol)

S

Seconal® (secobarbital, red devils, XMAS trees, rainbow)

scopolamine

Sonata® (zalepon)

Soma® (carisoprodol)

Stadol® (butorphanol)

Sublimaze® (fentanyl)

Suboxone® (buprenorphine + naloxone)

T

Talwin® (pentazocine)

temazepam (Restoril®)

tramadol (Ryzolt®, Ultram®)

trazadone (Desyrel®)

triazolam (Halcion®)

Tranxene® (chlorazepate)

Trazadone® (desyrel)

Tussionex® (hydrocodone)

Tylox® (oxycodone)

U

Ultram® (tramadol)

V

Valium® (diazepam)

Versed® (midazolam)

Vicodin®, Vicoprofen® (hydrocodone)

Vistaril® (hydroxyzine)

X

Xanax® (alprazolam)

Z

zalepon (Sonata®)

zolpidem (Ambien®)

Zubsolv® (buprenorphine + naloxone)

Zydone® (hydrocodone)

Also prohibited is any product labeled “not intended for human consumption,” intended to be smoked, ingested or injected for the purposes of “getting high.” Spice and K2 are examples of these products. There are different kinds of Spice such as K2 Summit, K2 Ultra, and K2 Blonde and others. There are even newer versions of Spice named K2 Sky Herb, K2 Orisha, and K2 Thai. These products contain herbal mixtures with cannabinomimetic compounds added to the mixture.

Another group of products known as ‘Bath salts’, but not intended for bathing, is also prohibited. Such products contain chemicals similar to amphetamines. They are often called “bath salts” but also are sold under names such as Ivory Wave, Purple Wave, Red Dove, White Dove, Blue Silk, and Zoom. Some have also been labeled as plant food.

All of these products are prohibited from human use by DUI/Drug Court participants and are classified by DEA and GBND as class I, not for human use. These products are found in head shops, gas stations, smoke shops and other convenience stores.

Also included: any controlled substance listed in the official code of Georgia annotated § 16-13-25 SCHEDULE I, § 16-13-26 SCHEDULE II, § 16-13-27 SCHEDULE III, and § 16-13-28 SCHEDULE IV.

In addition, possession of any dangerous drug in § 16-13-71(b) is prohibited unless authorized by a valid prescription written by a licensed medical practitioner.

For a complete list of prohibited drugs and laws involving them, see:

http://sos.georgia.gov/acrobat/PLB/laws/03_Pharmacy_16-13.pdf

NON-NARCOTIC PAIN RELIEVERS & OTHER MEDICATIONS APPROVED WITH A DR.’S ORDER

These are OKAY to take WITH A DOCTOR’S PRESCRIPTION AND DRUG COURT PRE-APPROVAL (and with a copy of the prescription first given to and approved by the Felony Drug Court Staff BEFORE ingesting them).

ANABUSE

BUTORPHRANOL: Stadol

CAMPRAL

NALOXONE: Narcan; agonist and antagonist

NALTREXONE*

NARCAN: naloxone (both agonist and antagonist)

PENTAZOACINE plus NALOXONE; TALWIN NX

STADOL: generic: butorphanol

TALWIN NX: generic: pentazoacine plus naloxone

TORADOL

VIVITROL

Do not use products containing alcohol such as: Cough/cold syrup, hair tonic, perfume, medical alcohol, wood alcohol, after shave lotion, sterno, mouthwash, and extracts (lemon, vanilla, etc). AGAIN if you do not see something on this list and/or do not know the ingredients it is YOUR responsibility to first ask the doctor or pharmacist at the medical center or retail location where you are considering the medication, or call the Felony Drug Court and ask about the medication BEFORE ingesting it. Remember: it is easier to get permission than seek forgiveness. (In other words, if you take it and it shows up positive on a drug test, it is a positive drug test you are responsible for!). Please see and review attached Incidental Alcohol Exposure Contract for additional information and responsibilities around products containing alcohol.

MEDICATIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN (only as directed):

Advil	Medipren
Aleve	Motrin
Aspirin	Nalfon
Claritin*	Naprosyn
Clinoril	Neclomen
Ecotrin	Seldane
Feldene	Toradol
Ibuprofen	Tylenol
Hismonal	Zyrtec*

*Over the counter/in front of the counter only. If you have to ask the pharmacist or provide a State ID or Driver's License and/or complete a form providing personal, identifying information for these items you cannot take that formula.

For cough: Robitussin, Mucinex (Guaifenesin only as the active ingredient), Claritin (front of the counter/obtaining without having to show your ID or fill out a form with the pharmacy), Tessalon, or Perles AS DIRECTED.

You may also take the following antihistamines **with a doctor's approval:**

Actifed	Dramamine
Afrin	Dristan
AlkaSelzerPlus	Histadyl
Allerest	Ornade
Benadryl	PBZ
Comhist	Polarmine
Comtrex	Pyribenzamine
Contac	Teldrin
Dimetane	Triaminicin
Dimetapp	Triaminic

Other medications may be appropriate to take, but you **MUST** check the Felony Drug Court Office **PRIOR** to taking them and you must take them **AS DIRECTED**.

You must notify the Felony Drug Court Office of all medications taken and a copy of all prescriptions must be provided to the Felony Drug Court Office.

The list of medications, above, that are not to be taken while in the Drug Court Program is in no way comprehensive or exhaustive, therefore it is always best to call the Drug Court Office or emergency cell phone *first* to make sure a medication is acceptable prior to filling the prescription or ingesting the medication.

In many instances, doctors will regularly prescribe narcotics to individuals for pain and discomfort. While the Felony Drug Court Program does not offer medical advice, we do ask that you inform your doctor that you are in a program where you are drug tested for alcohol and narcotics. This disclosure allows the doctor to have ALL information needed in

prescribing the best medications to you for your medical condition while not prescribing addictive medications (if it can be helped in your doctor's treatment perspective).

- NO ENERGY DRINKS OF ANY KIND.
- NO MEDICATIONS THAT HAVE ALCOHOL OR ADDICTIVE DRUGS IN THEM ARE TO BE TAKEN.
- NO SUBSTANCES THAT HAVE ALCOHOL IN THEM ARE TO BE TAKEN.
- NO SUBSTANCE, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED AN INTOXICANT OR USED IN A WAY THAT CAN GET YOU HIGH.
- THIS LIST CANNOT BE COMPREHENSIVE AND COMPLETE YET YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU PUT INTO YOUR BODY – TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST FIRST *BEFORE* FILLING YOUR PRESCRIPTION!
- IF YOU EVEN HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A MEDICATION OR SUPPLEMENT THAT IS OVER THE COUNTER – CALL, CALL, CALL FIRST!

ASK FIRST! ASK! ASK! ASK!

TRAVEL LEAVE REQUESTS

As a Drug Court participant, you may not leave the State of Georgia (for any reason) without first filing a written leave request and obtaining permission from the Felony Drug Court Coordinator **and** the Probation Office (if applicable). Curfew extensions or requests to miss Drug Court services also require pre-approval through your completion of a leave request.

Written leave request forms may be obtained from the Felony Drug Court Office. Written leave requests must be **submitted to your treatment provider** at least **two (2) weeks** prior to the anticipated date of departure. (Emergency/non-two week leave requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.)

Written leave requests submitted within the approved amount of time will be voted on during Thursday staffing team meetings and approved by the Felony Drug Court Team. The participant will be notified of approval/denial by the Felony Drug Court Coordinator and any alterations (changes) to the proposed dates as well as a return date for drug testing will be discussed at that time.

- Due to treatment/recovery concerns, as a general rule, no travel/leave requests will be approved for any Phase I participants.
- Due to treatment/recover concerns, as a general rule leave will be limited by phase as follows:
 - Phase II = 1 leave request
 - Phase III = 1 leave request
 - Phase IV= 2 leave requests
 - Phase V = 2 leave requests

COMPLIANCE & HOME VISITS, JOB CHECKS/VERIFICATION, & SEARCHES

- **Felony Drug Court Staff (and Compliance Officer) will monitor each participant through job checks/verifications and home visits.**
- Compliance visits will be scheduled in advance for a scheduled time to occur either at the Felony Drug Court Office or State Probation Office (171 Old Epps Bridge Road). These visits are required and intended to ensure participant compliance and progression through the program.
- **The job checks will be unannounced and may include a visit and/or telephone call to the participant's place of employment in order to verify employment status.**
- **The home visits will be unannounced and may occur at any time, day or night.**
- The frequency of the job checks and home visits will be at the discretion of Felony Drug Court Staff/Compliance Officer.
- **During the job and home visits, the participant is subject to the search requirements (stated below).**
- The participant is responsible for keeping Felony Drug Court Staff informed of his/her current contact information, place of employment, and schedule.

SEARCH REQUIREMENTS

As a participant in the Felony Drug Court, you are required to submit to a search of your person, residence, papers and/or effects, at any time of the day or night without a search warrant and without probable cause, whenever requested to do so by a probation officer, law enforcement officer, or Drug Court Staff/Treatment Provider upon cause to believe that you are in violation of your probation (if applicable), one or more of the conditions of Drug Court, or the law.

Reminder: If you are stopped by police officers, Sheriff's deputies, probation officers, or other law enforcement officials, please remember to be polite and calm, patient, and DO NOT RUN. If you feel you have been stopped and questioned unfairly, try to remain calm and call the Drug Court emergency cell phone to discuss the issue with staff.

Running from or arguing with law enforcement will only increase your risk of being charged with a crime or arrested. Please be calm and let Drug Court know the circumstances! If you were unfairly stopped, we will work to resolve the issue! If you run or argue then we cannot help you!

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Upon your successful completion of a treatment program and satisfaction of all other court requirements, including continued sobriety, you will be required to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. Attendance at the Commencement Ceremony is mandatory.

The Commencement Ceremony is recognized as a very important event. It celebrates your successful completion of the five-phases of the Felony Drug Court Program. It is also your formal graduation from the Felony Drug Court Program and marks the start of your lifelong work to remain sober and productive. You will be able to invite your family and friends to join you at your Commencement Ceremony.

At the time an individual enters into the Felony Drug Court Program, the Felony Drug Court contract was signed and a plea agreement was made and placed into the Court's record. At the conclusion of the Felony Drug Court Program, whatever the plea agreement was, based upon successful completion of the program, it will go into effect at or following graduation. Therefore there are no changes that can be made to the original plea agreement once Felony Drug Court has been completed.

CONCLUSION

The Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court has been designed to help you achieve abstinence from alcohol and drugs and to return you to the community as a productive and responsible citizen. The Judge and the Felony Drug Court Staff/Team are here to guide and assist you; however, the ultimate responsibility is yours. To succeed, you must be motivated to commit to a drug-free life.

Important Phone Numbers

Felony Drug Court Office: (706) 208-7078

<http://athensclarkecounty.com/fdc>

Felony Drug Court Coordinator:

Nicole Cavanagh

Nicole.Cavanagh@athensclarkecounty.com

Senior Case Manager:

Ben Oña

fdcatheens@gmail.com

Treatment Providers:

Paige Barber McKeen: (706) 614-6234

Meredith Needle: (706) 540-3610

Samaritan Counseling: (706) 369-7911

Treatment Groups (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday Groups):

110 West Hancock Street

(at the intersection of Hancock and Lumpkin)

Athens, Georgia 30601

Check-In located at:

Felony Drug Court Office

325 East Washington St Suite 210

Athens, GA 30601

Status Located at:

325 E Washington St,

3rd Floor, Courtroom #1

Athens, GA 30601

Treatment Appointments:

Paige Barber McKeen

The Butler Building

337 S Milledge Ave Suite 209-I

Meredith Needle

500 N. Milledge Ave

Ste. 209

Samaritan

455 N Lumpkin St

Athens, GA

Compliance Officers

Officer Rice:

(404) 735-5656

State Probation

Joshua.rice@dcs.ga.gov

Officer Matthews:

(706) 613-3911 ext. 230

County Probation

Jeffrey.Matthews@athensclarkecounty.com

SPO Tony Howard

Athens-Clarke County Police Department

Tony.Howard@athensclarkecounty.com

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

TREATMENT COMMUNITY

Athens-Clarke County is very fortunate to have a strong recovery community. The following is a list of local Resources. For current telephone numbers, e-mail or addresses consult the telephone book or internet. See your Treatment Clinician or the Court Coordinator for complete listings.

AA

Athens Area Central Office (706) 543-0436

HOSPITALS

Athens Regional Medical Center
(706) 475-7000
Barrow Community Hospital (706) 867-3400
St. Mary's Hospital (706) 548-7581

BASIC NEEDS

Consumer Credit Counseling (800) 251-2227
Community Connection
Athens Housing Authority (706) 548-4446
Salvation Army (706) 543-5350
United Way (706) 543-5254

CRISIS LINES

The Cottage (Sexual Assault Center)
(706) 353-1912
Project Safe (Domestic Violence)
(706) 543-3331
GA Council on Child Abuse (800) 532-3208
National Suicide Prevention Hotline
(800)-273-8255

NA

General Information (888) 313-7887

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Alcoholics Anonymous Georgia
(404) 525-3178
Cocaine Hotline (800) 905-8666
Drug Helpline (800) 378-4435
Center 24 Hour Helpline (800) 950-7226
NA Atlanta (404) 362-8484

HEALTHCARE

ACC Health Department (706) 389-6921
Athens Nurses Clinic (706) 613-6976
Athens Neighborhood Health Center
College Avenue (706) 546-5526
McKinley Street (706) 543-1145

HOUSING AND SHELTER

Beech Haven Church (706) 548-2246
Ebenezer Baptist Church (706) 613-9278
Salvation Army (706) 543-5350
St. Joseph Charity (706) 549-4208
Sparrows Nest Church (706) 548-2298
Timothy Baptist (706) 549-1435

Attachment I:

**Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court
Random Drug Screen Policy**

Random drug testing is a requirement of Drug Court Programs across the state and nation. Therefore, a randomized drug testing program operates for all phases of the program.

Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. each participant must call (706) 621-4352 to determine if a urine drug screen is required. In some instances, random names will be selected by the Felony Drug Court Staff and those selected individuals will be called to provide a sample on that day as well.

Calling each day for drug testing is your personal responsibility as a participant in the Felony Drug Court Program. Failure to call-in is a violation and will result in a sanction. Failing to report for a drug screen will be handled as a positive drug screen.

You are able to test at the following times and locations:

Courthouse lab: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
Courthouse: Thursday during Status Conference or Check-in
Saye Building (110 W. Hancock, group room): 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

Please submit your work schedule weekly/biweekly and make the Drug Court Office aware of work scheduling issues as they arise as soon as possible by calling (706) 208-7078.

Additionally, call the Felony Drug Court Office should work or leisure take you out of town (regardless of needing a leave request) so you may be excused from calling.

Transportation problems or work schedule issues do not excuse you from random drug testing. Failure to appear for a drug test within noted testing hours on your required day is counted as a positive test.

Instructions: When you call (706) 621-4352 you will be prompted to enter a six (6) digit ID number. This is your date of birth with a 2 digit month, 2 digit day and 2 digit year. You will then be prompted to say your full name and then spell your last name. You will then be instructed that either YES or NO you are or are not required to test on that given day. **Notice:** your voice and the number from which you are calling will be recorded.

If any complications arise or you did not understand the call or a technical error occurred during your call, contact the drug court office for further instruction. If we don't hear from you we can't help you!

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND MY RESPONSIBILITIES; MY SIGNATURE IMPLIES MY CONSENT:

COPY – ORIGINAL WITH FELONY DRUG COURT
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

_____ DATE

Attachment II:

URINE ABSTINENCE TESTING AND INCIDENTAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE CONTRACT

Recent advances in the science of alcohol detection in urine have greatly increased the ability to detect even trace amounts of alcohol consumption. In addition, these tests are capable of detecting alcohol ingestion for significantly longer periods of time after a drinking episode. Because these tests are sensitive, in rare circumstances, exposure to non-beverage alcohol sources can result in detectable levels of alcohol (or its breakdown products). In order to preserve the integrity of the Drug Court testing program, it has become necessary for us to restrict and/or advise Drug Court participants regarding the use of certain alcohol-containing products.

It is ***YOUR*** responsibility to limit your exposure to the products and substances detailed below that contain ethyl alcohol. It is ***YOUR*** responsibility to read product labels, to know what is contained in the products you use and consume and to stop and inspect these products ***BEFORE*** you use them. ***Use of the products detailed below in violation of this contract will NOT be allowed as an excuse for a positive test result. When in doubt, don't use, consume or apply.***

Cough syrups and other liquid medications: Drug Court participants have always been prohibited from using alcohol-containing cough/cold syrups, such as Nyquil®. Other cough syrup brands and numerous other liquid medications, rely upon ethyl alcohol as a solvent. Drug Court participants are required to read product labels carefully to determine if they contain ethyl alcohol (ethanol). All prescription and over-the-counter medications should be reviewed with your coordinator before use (and prescriptions should be reviewed with and approved by the coordinator before being filled by a pharmacist). Information on the composition of prescription medications should be available upon request from your pharmacist. Non-alcohol containing cough and cold remedies are readily available at most pharmacies and major retail stores.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine: Although legally considered non-alcoholic, NA beers (e.g. O'Douls®, Sharps®) do contain a residual amount of alcohol that may result in a positive test result for alcohol, if consumed. Drug Court participants are ***not*** permitted to ingest NA beer or NA wine.

Food and Other Ingestible Products: There are numerous other consumable products that contain ethyl alcohol that could result in a positive test for alcohol. Fermented products/fermented beverages (such as Kombucha) can have alcohol content percentages often above 0.5% and at higher unregulated levels which could result in a positive screen for alcohol. Flavoring extracts, such as vanilla or almond extract, and liquid herbal extracts (such as Ginko Biloba), could result in a positive screen for alcohol or its breakdown products. Communion wine, food cooked with wine, and flambé dishes (alcohol poured over a food and ignited such as cherries jubilee, baked Alaska) must be avoided. Read carefully the labels on any liquid herbal or homeopathic remedy and do not ingest without approval from your coordinator.

Mouthwash and Breath Strips: Most mouthwashes (Listermint®, Cepacol®, etc.) and other breath cleansing products contain ethyl alcohol. The use of mouthwashes containing ethyl alcohol can produce a positive test result. Drug Court participants are required to read product labels and educate themselves as to whether a mouthwash product contains ethyl alcohol. Use of ethyl alcohol-containing mouthwashes and breath strips by Drug Court participants is not

permitted. Non-alcohol mouthwashes are readily available and are an acceptable alternative. If you have questions about a particular product, bring it in to discuss with your coordinator.

Hand sanitizers: Hand sanitizers (e.g. Purell®, Germex®, etc.) and other antiseptic gels and foams used to disinfect hands contain up to 70% ethyl alcohol. Excessive, unnecessary or repeated use of these products could result in a positive urine test. Hand washing with soap and water are just as effective for killing germs.

Hygiene Products: Aftershave and colognes, hair sprays and mousse, astringents, insecticides (bug sprays such as Off®) and some body washes contain ethyl alcohol. While it is unlikely that limited use of these products would result in a positive test for alcohol (or its breakdown products) excessive, unnecessary or repeated use of these products could affect test results. Participants must use such products sparingly to avoid reaching detection levels. Just as the court requires Drug Court participants to regulate their fluid intake to avoid dilute urine samples, it is likewise incumbent upon each participant to limit their use of topically applied (on the skin) products containing ethyl alcohol.

Solvents and Lacquers. Many solvents, lacquers and surface preparation products used in industry, construction, and the home, contain ethyl alcohol. Both excessive inhalation of vapors, and topical exposure to such products, can potentially cause a positive test result for alcohol. As with the products noted above, Drug Court participants must educate themselves as to the ingredients in the products they are using. There are alternatives to nearly any item containing ethyl alcohol. Frequency of use and duration of exposure to such products should be kept to a minimum. A positive test result will not be excused by reference to use of an alcohol-based solvent. If you are in employment where contact with such products cannot be avoided, *you need to discuss this with your Drug Court Coordinator.* Do not wait for a positive test result to do so.

Remember! When in doubt, don't use, consume or apply.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND MY RESPONSIBILITIES; MY SIGNATURE IMPLIES MY CONSENT:

COPY – ORIGINAL WITH FELONY DRUG COURT
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

/ DATE

Attachment III:

WESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FELONY DRUG COURT ON-CALL POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide continuum of care for our clients regarding **specific issues** that may arise in which the participant requires immediate guidance from counselors during non-business hours.

The On-Call Phone line will be managed by the counselors on a rotating basis and will be available to you (only to the drug court participants) **ONLY** during week nights, weekends, and holidays. Otherwise, you are required to contact your counselor and/or other drug court staff via their direct phone lines during regular business hours; if a message is left for counselors and/or staff then messages will be returned to you as soon as staff/counselors are available.

In the event that you need immediate attention as outlined in the circumstances below, you should leave a detailed message including your name, circumstances, and a call back number where you can be reached. The on-call counselor will then return calls in a timely manner (*provided the issue meets criteria as outlined below*). The on-call counselor will notify his/her supervisor and/or appropriate personnel immediately of any emergency calls that cannot be resolved via telephone contact.

PLEASE NOTE: The On-Call Phone is not for checking on, changing, or rearranging appointments with any counselor, staff, or probation/compliance officer; to inquire if group is scheduled; or other non-emergency matters. These kinds of non-emergency calls are sanctionable by the Drug Court Staffing Team.

The On-Call counselor can be reached at (706) 395-8983

The On-Call Phone SHOULD be used for the following circumstances only:

(1) Mental Health Emergencies consisting of the following:

- A. Suicidal ideations (thoughts/ideas/plans of harming yourself) *
- B. Homicidal ideations (thoughts/ideas/plans of harming someone else) *
- C. Self-injurious behaviors (cutting/hurting yourself intentionally) *

**These reported symptoms will result in an immediate referral to the hospital/emergency medical transport staff for an evaluation.*

(2) Hospitalization (medical/substance use related/psychiatric)

(3) Family emergencies that require permission to travel. (A family emergency in this case is identified as the death of an immediate family member to include spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, son, or daughter *only*).

(4) Intense cravings or imminent relapse to include immediate relapse (or immediately observed relapse of another participant).

(5) Termination from a residential facility (including recovery residences such as Palm House, Hope House, Freedom from Bondage).

PARTICIPANTS CALLING THIS LINE FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN THOSE OUTLINED ABOVE WILL RECEIVE A SANCTION DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE DRUG COURT STAFFING TEAM.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

STATE OF GEORGIA

* **Case No.**

*

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vs.

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_____,
Defendant

*

Charge(s):

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Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court Program Contract

I, _____, request to enter the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court and enter into a binding agreement with the State of Georgia.

I understand that the State of Georgia agrees to dismiss or offer a reduced sentence to the above-stated charges provided I comply with and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. _____ I will not use or possess any drugs (legal or illegal) or drug paraphernalia. I will submit any prescription for drugs to the Felony Drug Court Treatment Provider for verification and approval. I will not use over-the-counter, non-prescription medications without the permission of the Drug Court Treatment Provider.
2. _____ I will not use alcohol in any form.
3. _____ I will participate in and complete inpatient/outpatient substance abuse treatment and counseling.
4. _____ I will sign any releases/waivers that may be necessary for the Felony Drug Court Treatment Provider/Team to discuss my treatment and progress through drug court.
5. _____ I understand that the Drug Court Program will last 18-24 months or longer if all requirements of the program have not been met.
6. _____ I will pay \$150.00 per month for each month that I am a participant in the Western Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court Program.
7. _____ I will give breath, blood, urine, hair, and/or sweat samples for drug testing, as required. I understand that I will be responsible for lab confirmation fees in the event that I contest the validity of a drug test administered by a Felony Drug Court official.
8. _____ I will not violate the law. However, if I do violate the law, I will immediately

report it to the Felony Drug Court Staff and my Probation Officer (if applicable). I understand such violations may result in termination from the Drug Court program.

9. _____ I will not possess or attempt to possess a firearm or knife exceeding six inches (6") in blade length while in the Drug Court program. I understand that I am not to bring any weapons of any kind to Drug Court reviews, probation appointments, counseling sessions, and meetings.
10. _____ While in the program, I will be gainfully employed full-time or enrolled full-time in high school or some form of post-secondary education, unless the Drug Court Judge approves otherwise.
11. _____ I will obey all instructions of the Drug Court Judge, Staff, Treatment Provider, and Compliance Officer. I will also obey all instructions and reporting requirements of the Probation Office (if I am also on probation).
12. _____ I will provide the Felony Drug Court Staff and my Probation Officer (if applicable) my current contact information (i.e., address, home/cell telephone numbers, and work telephone number) and schedule. I will immediately notify the Felony Drug Court Staff and my Probation Officer (if applicable) of any change in my contact information and/or schedule.
13. _____ I will not leave the State of Georgia (for any reason) without first filing a written leave request and obtaining permission from the Drug Court Team and Probation Office (if applicable).
14. _____ I will be responsible for my own transportation and will appear for all Drug Court reviews, counseling sessions/meetings, and probation appointments (if applicable) as required.
15. _____ I understand that a pick-up order/drug court hold (and/or arrest/bench warrant) may be issued for my detention and arrest if I fail to appear for a required Drug Court review, probation appointment, counseling session, or meeting.
16. _____ I will support any legal dependents that I may have to the best of my ability.
17. _____ I will allow approved Felony Drug Court Staff/Compliance Officer to call my employer and/or visit me at my home and/or place of employment for purposes of monitoring program compliance. I understand that said calls/visits will be unannounced and will occur at the discretion of Felony Drug Court Staff/Compliance Officer.
18. _____ I will submit to a search of my person, residence, papers, vehicle, and/or effects at any time of day or night without a search warrant, whenever requested to do so by a probation officer, law enforcement officer, or Drug Court Staff/Treatment Provider without there having to be probable cause to conduct the search, and without there being a warrant. I specifically consent to the use of anything seized

as evidence in any hearing or disciplinary proceeding. (I understand that there is a distinction between reporting drug usage for treatment purposes (which can be used in considering drug court sanctions, but cannot be used against me in non-drug court proceedings pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-15) and having illegal items on my person, in my residence, or vehicle (which can be used against me in other non-drug court proceedings)).

19. _____ I will not knowingly associate with any person engaged in criminal activity and I will avoid people or places of disreputable or harmful character – this includes people currently on probation or parole and people with felony convictions, drug users, and drug dealers, but does not include attendance at Drug Court sessions or Community Support meetings.
20. _____ I will not go to establishments (such as bars or clubs) in which alcoholic beverages are the primary item sold.
21. _____ I will abide by a curfew, which will be set by Felony Drug Court Judge/staff (and of which I will be notified in writing). This curfew will require me to be at my home (and/or approved place of residence) at a certain time each day, including weekends, unless I am at work, am involved in an emergency, and/or have approval from the Felony Drug Court Coordinator.
22. _____ I will follow all other program rules of which I am informed.
23. _____ I have received a copy of the Felony Drug Court Participant Handbook and will follow the instructions, rules, and guidelines contained in it. I understand that the Participant Handbook is incorporated into this Contract by reference and is a part of this Contract. I further understand that the Participant Handbook may change while I am in the program and that I may receive a new handbook prior to my program completion. I understand that I am to follow the terms of the most recently distributed version of the Handbook.
24. _____ I agree to allow the Felony Drug Court Judge to impose sanctions for violations of this contract or other instructions given to me by the Drug Court Judge/Staff/Treatment Provider. I understand that possible sanctions include but are not limited to a curfew, community service, in court detention, repeat of a program treatment level, issuance of a bench warrant/pick up order/drug court hold, jail time, and termination from the program requiring my case to be placed on the regular court calendar for disposition.
25. _____ I will sign any releases/waivers that may be necessary for (and agree to allow) the Felony Drug Court Treatment Staff to check my criminal history – both during program participation and after program participation.
26. _____ I hereby explicitly waive my due process rights to any hearing in connection with my termination from Felony Drug Court. I understand that I may be terminated at

the sole discretion of the Felony Drug Court team.

27. _____ I understand that if I comply with the terms and conditions of this contract and successfully complete the Drug Court Program (check all that apply):

- the above-stated charge(s) will be dismissed in my case.
- I will receive the reduced sentence offered by the State of Georgia.
- I will receive first-offender disposition.

28. _____ I understand that if I fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract and I am asked to leave the Drug Court Program:

- I will be sentenced at the discretion of the Drug Court Judge to any sentence within the statutory guidelines for the offense(s) to which I am entering a plea.

29. _____ I waive any right to ask the Court or any other court to withdraw the guilty plea entered pursuant to this contract for any reason.

30. _____ I understand that all prior negotiations, understandings, and agreements concerning the disposition of my pending case(s) are merged into this final contract and are accordingly extinguished.

31. _____ I agree that if any one or more of the provisions or parts of a provision contained herein shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such determination shall not affect any other provision or part of a provision, but this contract shall be reformed and construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision or part of a provision had never been contained herein.

