

ABOUT US

Drug Court is a superior and specialist court established under the Drug Act 2011, to hear and dispose of criminal cases of drug dependent persons, and subject such persons to mandatory treatment and rehabilitation programs in order to reduce or eliminate their dependency on drugs and thus increasing their chances of reintegration into the community as responsible citizens.

HOW DOES DRUG COURT FUNCTION?

- The offenders shall be made to participate in the treatment program of drug court, and they must complete the program. The offenders who undergo the Treatment program will be summoned to appear before the court for status hearings to check on how he cooperates.
- Drug use and drug dependent person whose drug dependency contributed to the commission of a criminal offence is very common in the society. Drug court helps such offenders is to reduce the level of drug dependency of such persons, by making them complete the treatment program and increase their chances of reintegration into the community as responsible citizens.



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HOW DOES DRUG COURT PROCEED WHEN A CASE IS SUBMITTED?

First of all, when a case is submitted to the Court, the registrar will ascertain whether the court has the jurisdiction to decide the case. If the court has the jurisdiction, then a judge will be assigned to that case by the chief judge and then the accused will be summoned to the preliminary hearing.

WHO WORKS AT DRUG COURT

The cases submitted before the Drug Court will be heard and disposed by the judges of the Drug Court. In addition to this, Legal and administrative staffs are also working in Drug Court.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TREATMENT PROGRAM PROVIDED BY DRUG COURT?

In order to be eligible for the Treatment Program, one should agree to the allegations made against him in the Court and should agree to participate in the Treatment Program provided by Drug Court. And also should agree to other Conditions stipulated by the Drug Court.

HOW TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR DRUG COURT'S TREATMENT PROGRAM?

In order to be eligible for the Treatment Program of Drug Court, the Court shall ascertain that the accused pleads guilty to the offense made against him and agrees to participate in the Drug Court's treatment program. The rehabilitation order shall convey all the conditions the offender must do in order to complete the Treatment Program.

SERVING OF THE FIRST SENTENCE UPON COMPLETION OF THE TREATMENT PROGRAM?

If the offender completes the treatment program, the First sentence made against him will be pardoned with a final sentence. If the offender fails to complete the treatment program, the offender must serve the first sentence. The first sentence will be on hold while the program is ongoing.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURT

- 1** To endeavor to reduce the level of drug dependency of eligible persons;
- 2** To endeavor to reduce the level of criminal activity associated with the drug dependency of eligible persons;
- 3** To find ways to reintegrate eligible persons into the community;
- 4** To grant legal and judicial recognition to the treatment mechanism, whilst interlinking the treatment mechanism with the general justice system.