

SPECIALTY COURTS

DRUG COURT

GUN COURT

COURT REFERRAL

VETERANS COURT

DWI COURT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BI-LINGUAL

ENVIRONMENTAL

TURNING POINT COURT



City of Birmingham, Alabama
Hon. William A. Bell, Sr., Mayor

Municipal Court
Hon. Andra D. Sparks
Presiding Judge

Drug Court Team

Municipal Court Judge
Specialty Courts Director
Probation Officer
City Prosecutor
Defense Counsel
Case Manager
Court Referral Officer
Department
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Administrative Support Staff
Court Clerks
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BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL COURT

SPECIALTY COURTS



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SPECIALTY COURTS GOAL

The goal of the Birmingham Municipal Specialty Courts Program is to help participants achieve a life free of dependence on mind-altering substances. Acceptance into a Specialty Courts Program means that you have determined that you can succeed. The Judge and other Specialty Courts team members, Court staff and Treatment Providers will be there to guide and assist you throughout your participation in a Specialty Courts program, but the final responsibility for success or failure will be yours. To succeed, you must honestly desire to change to a new life free of drugs and be willing to work hard with those who will be available to help you reach that goal.

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Drug Court

Drug Court is a voluntary four-phase intervention program for adults who have been charged with one or more qualifying misdemeanor offenses and who are unable to stay clean and sober. It is a collaborative effort of the Birmingham Municipal Court, City of Birmingham Prosecuting Attorneys, Legal Aid Public Defender's Panels, Birmingham City Probation and Parole Office and Treatment Providers. We seek to provide a variety of programs and consistent supervision geared toward supporting and helping participants maintain a drug-free life.

Gun Court

Gun Court is a six (6) month, two-phase program for adults who have been charged with one or more qualifying misdemeanor weapons offense. It is a collaborative effort of the Birmingham Municipal Court, City of Birmingham Prosecuting Attorneys, Legal Aid Public Defender's Panels, Birmingham City Probation and Parole Office and Treatment Providers. We seek to provide a variety of programs and consistent supervision geared toward educating the defendant about gun safety and provide the infrastructure for direct and immediate response to defendants who violate Court Orders and who are recidivists.

Enhanced Gun Court (Drug and VSFA Charge) Treatment, substance abuse and education for gun safety and gun laws.

Veterans Court

Veterans Court serves military veterans diagnosed with service related illnesses and increase public safety by monitoring, supporting and holding accountable those veterans involved in the justice system by improving access to treatment and improving their quality of life. Each participant is treated with respect and dignity, thus empowering them to make positive changes in their life.

Court Referral

The Court Referral Program assists the Court in management of cases by networking all available state and community resources to promote the education and rehabilitation of Court-ordered defendants. The program encourages responsible behavior, positive decision making and the reduction of recidivism through the presentation of accurate infor-

DWI Court

An accountability court dedicated to changing the behavior of DWI offenders. DWI Court uses substance-abuse interventions and treatment with defendants who plead guilty of driving while intoxicated or impaired. The goal of DWI Court is to protect public safety and encourages safe driving. It educates individuals on the dangers of driving under the influence of a foreign

Domestic Violence Court

The Domestic Violence Court addresses traditional problems of domestic violence, such as low reports, withdrawn charges, threats to victim, lack of defendant accountability and high recidivism, by intense judicial scrutiny of the defendant and close cooperation between the judiciary and social services.

Bi-Lingual Court

The Bi-Lingual Court serves to provide adequate and equal justice to non-English speaking defendants by providing a Court Interpreter

Environmental Court

The Environmental Court handles violations of health, fire, building, and zoning codes and has the ability to readily and specifically respond to the environmental needs of the community.