

Domestic Violence Dockets



The Connecticut Judicial Branch has special domestic violence dockets (lists of cases scheduled to be heard in court on a specific day or week) to hear certain domestic violence cases separately from other criminal cases in 11 geographical area (G.A.) courts. They are:

Bridgeport – G.A. 2	New Haven – G.A. 23
Danbury – G.A. 3	New London – G.A. 10
Danielson – G.A. 11	Norwalk – G.A. 20
Hartford – G.A. 14	Stamford – G.A. 1
Middletown – G.A. 9	Waterbury – G.A. 4
New Britain – G.A. 15	

Connecticut's first domestic violence docket was set up in Bridgeport in 1996. The Bridgeport domestic violence docket offered new counseling and treatment services for defendants, more advocacy for victims, and more court staff to make sure that each case on the domestic violence docket was handled by the same judge, attorneys, and service providers from the beginning of the case to the end. The court also kept track of defendants through regular meetings with

service providers to make sure that the defendants were following the court's orders. The Bridgeport domestic violence docket was a model for other courts across the state and the country for the next several years.

Today, some parts of the original Bridgeport model are used in the other domestic violence docket locations. The specific parts of each domestic violence docket may be different in each court, though, because of the number of cases, staffing needs, and other resource issues. The local court staff generally decides which cases to assign to its domestic violence docket, and, depending on the services that are available, which services to assign to those cases. Cases may be monitored by teams made up of prosecutors, family relations counselors, domestic violence victim advocates, and representatives of law enforcement. Defendants are also usually required to return to court often to make sure that they are following the court's orders.

How can I get more information about the domestic violence dockets?

For more information about the domestic violence dockets call: (860) 263-2734.



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