Kansas City Municipal Domestic Violence Court

511 E. 11th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Division 203/Courtroom E

Judge: Honorable Courtney A. Wachal

Prosecutors: Abby Pennell, Gerald Sorensen, Jaclyn Taylor

Offender Accountability Coordinator: Megan Sartin

Victim Assistants: Brittany Caldwell, Tracy Robertson, Abby Davis, Karla Glasgow

What is domestic violence court?

The Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court, Division 203, has exclusive jurisdiction over all domestic violence ordinance violations that are filed within the Kansas City limits. These cases are criminal in nature and carry a range of punishment of up to six months in jail.

Division 203 handles all domestic violence categorized criminal municipal ordinance violations, including intimate partner violence, child abuse, child endangerment, violations of protective orders, stalking, and violence between family members.

On average Division 203 handles 100 domestic violence cases per day.

Domestic violence cases are heard Monday – Friday at 9:00 am.

The Compliance Docket meets Tuesdays at 2:30 pm.

The probation violation docket for offenders that are not on the Compliance Docket is heard on Thursdays at 1:30 pm.

What is the Compliance Docket?

The Compliance Docket is a specialized docket established in January 2015 to supervise high risk domestic violence offenders. The Compliance Docket seeks to improve victim safety and hold offenders accountable through increased supervision and a holistic approach towards offenders needs.

In 2018 the Kansas City Municipal Domestic Violence Court was named a mentor court by the Department of Justice for the work they do on the Compliance Docket. As a mentor court, they were awarded a $48,090 grant which is used to train other courts around the nation on best practices for compliance dockets.

When is the Compliance Docket?

The Compliance Docket is held every Tuesday afternoon in E courtroom. Staffing for the Compliance Docket begins at 1:00 pm, and is followed by a life skills class for the offenders at 1:30 pm. The Compliance Docket is scheduled at 2:30 pm.

Community Partners:

Batterer's Intervention Programming: Healthy Boundaries, Northland Dependency Services, Midwest ADP.

Victim Safety Services: Rose Brooks, New House

Life Skills class: Healthy Boundaries

Substance Abuse Services: Imani House, Heartland Center for Behavioral Change, ReDiscover

Mental Health Services: Truman Behavioral Health, Swope Health Services, ReDiscover

Employment Services: Connections to Success

Emotional Fitness and GED classes: Dumas Group

Transitional Living facilities: Benilde Hall

Electronic Monitoring: Electronic Sentencing Alternative

Law Enforcement/Warrant Squad: Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, Domestic Violence Squad

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