



**WAIVER OF RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE
OF SPECIALTY COURTS PARTICIPATION**

_____ District/Circuit Court
Criminal Branch
_____ Division
Specialty Court

Name: _____ ID Number _____ DOB _____

I acknowledge and understand that Specialty Court is a program that combines treatment with supervision, drug testing, case management, and judicial interaction in an effort to address the underlying drug and substance abuse problems of criminal defendants; it is non-adversarial in nature; and, it is a privilege, not a right. In consideration of the privilege of entering and participating in Specialty Court, I acknowledge as follows and agree to waive, for purposes of regular Specialty Court sessions, the following rights I might otherwise have in a court of law:

I understand and agree that I do hereby waive any right I might otherwise have in a court of law to have my attorney of record present. I further understand and agree that my Specialty Court case may be discussed without my attorney or the prosecutor present.

I understand that failure to fully participate in Specialty Court may result in sanctions being imposed against me, which may include but are not limited to: admonishments from the Specialty Court judge, community service, increased program requirements, home incarceration, imprisonment in a detention facility, and termination from Specialty Court. I understand and agree that any sanctions for my failure to comply with Specialty Court rules, including jail time or termination, will be imposed immediately without a formal, adversarial hearing, and do hereby waive any right I might otherwise have in a court of law to such a hearing. I further waive the following associated rights to which I might otherwise be entitled in a court of law, to-wit, the right to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of evidence, and the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses.

I understand and agree that any law enforcement officer acting on behalf of Specialty Court policies and procedures may search my person, automobile, or residence without probable cause or without obtaining a warrant; I understand and agree that a search of my person, automobile or residence will be for the purpose of ensuring my compliance with the Specialty Court Agreement of Participation and program; I consent to my person, automobile, or residence being searched while I am participating in Specialty Court; and I waive any rights I may otherwise have to be free from unreasonable searches by law enforcement while I am participating in Specialty Court.

I understand that the above waivers shall only apply so long as I am a participant in Specialty Court. These waivers will become valid only upon my acceptance into Specialty Court. Upon my dismissal from Specialty Court, either through termination or successful completion, these waivers shall no longer be valid for future proceedings.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20____ by:

Attorney

Defendant