



**Drive Legal Program (“Program”)**  
**Enrollment Policies and Procedures**

Program Locations and Contact Information:

Contact the Program by phone at (305) 548-5363 or by visiting [www.jud11.flcourts.org/drivelegalprogram](http://www.jud11.flcourts.org/drivelegalprogram)

| <b>Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building</b>                         | <b>South Dade Government Center</b>                      | <b>Joseph Caleb Center</b>                              | <b>North Dade Justice Center</b>                      | <b>Hialeah Court House</b>                 |
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| 1351 N.W. 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Room 116<br>Miami, Florida 33125 | 10710 S.W. 211 Street, Room 1500<br>Miami, Florida 33173 | 5400 NW 22 Avenue, Room 103,<br>Miami, Florida 33142    | 15555 Biscayne Blvd, Room 216<br>Miami, Florida 33160 | 11 E. 6 St. Room 100<br>Hialeah, FL. 33010 |
| <b>Monday - Friday</b><br>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM                         | <b>Monday - Friday</b><br>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM              | <b>Mondays &amp; Thursday ONLY</b><br>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM | <b>Tuesday ONLY</b><br>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM              | <b>Fridays ONLY</b><br>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM   |

Program Fee Terms and Conditions:

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| <b>Amount</b>                    | <b>Applicable Conditions</b>  |
| \$10.00                          | <b>Screening Fee</b> - The fee assessed to research a defendant's driving and case history and determine Program eligibility and options. This fee will be credited towards the standard enrollment fee.  |
| \$200.00                         | <b>Standard Enrollment Fee</b> - The fee assessed to enroll a defendant into the Program and process all case(s) with conversions of fees to community service hours and assessments, providing a comprehensive assignment as the final product.  |
| \$15.00                          | <b>Late Fee</b> - The fee assessed to court ordered individuals who do not enroll within the mandated 10 working days.  |
| \$75.00                          | <b>Re-enrollment Fee</b> - The fee assessed to those defendants requesting a 90 day extension in order to complete the Program.   |
| \$75.00                          | <b>Additional Case Fee</b> - The fee assessed to those defendants who violate the No Drive Order by receiving new citations which are then ordered into the Program. This fee is assessed regardless of whether the person is within the initial 90-day period with the Program or that 90-day period has lapsed. |
| \$20.00                          | <b>Missed Appointment Fee</b> - The fee assessed to defendants who do not cancel or reschedule their appointments with the Program with at least 24 hours advanced notice.  |



### Program Enrollment:

- All eligible cases(s) will be enrolled and cleared through the Drive Legal Program.
- Only citations issued in Miami-Dade County are eligible to be included in the Program.
- Case(s) involving accidents will be initially deferred from enrollment in the Program until these case(s) are adjudicated by the court.
- The Program requirements (assessed court costs, Program fee balances, community service hours, traffic schools), which are assigned must be completed and corresponding documentation provided to the Drive Legal Program on, or before the given due date.
- The Advocate Program will provide all the necessary documentation in reference to community service hours. The Advocate Program will charge a one-time \$25 - \$30 fee for supervision of community service hours.
- Traffic School may be required, depending on the number of moving violations.
- As a condition of enrollment in the Program, a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest) is knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily entered on enrolled case(s), and the following rights are waived while enrolled in the Program:
  - To plead Not Guilty
  - To be tried by a jury or a judge
  - To call witnesses on Defendant's behalf
  - To confront witnesses who would testify against Defendant
  - To be represented by an attorney appointed by the Court and/or to have an attorney appointed by the Court
  - To appeal the Court's decision to a higher Court
  - To have the State prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt
  - To a speedy trial
- A court order will be entered to comply with Program terms and conditions. Pursuant to that order program participants will not be able to drive until in possession of a valid driver's license. Therefore, a driver's license will remain suspended until all requirements are met.

### Program Completion:

- To submit requirements and close the Program assignment, contact the Program to schedule a completion appointment.
- Upon successful completion of the Program, all of Defendant's Driving With License Suspended (DWLS) and traffic infraction case(s) will be closed according to Program guidelines.
- The Program will clear all qualifying Miami-Dade County license suspensions required for license reinstatement.



- To obtain a valid driver's license the following must be met:
  - Payment of all fines and costs due and owing to the Court and the Program
  - Completion of Program and Court requirements such as community service hours
  - All DHSMV requirements, including but not limited to traffic school
- Any Program fees and outstanding court costs due must be received in the form of debit or credit card, or money order made payable to the Clerk of Courts. Court cost payments may be made in full or through a payment plan.
- Those defendants who successfully complete the Program will qualify to have misdemeanor and felony case(s) (suspending them for failing to pay court financial obligation) removed from collection agencies by the Clerk's Misdemeanor and Felony departments, respectively.
- Case(s) removed from collections will be given a one year stay for payment. Payment may be made in full or by entering a payment plan with the Clerk's Office.

Program Non-Completion:

- If a defendant does not complete the Program by the due date, he/she may be eligible for a one-time extension.
- To receive the extension, the defendant must report to the Drive Legal Program within 30 days from the Program due date to determine defendant's eligibility. If defendant is determined to be eligible for an extension, he/she must pay a \$75.00 fee.
- If a defendant fails to report to the Program for an extension within 30 days of the due date, all open DWLS case(s) will be set for court and may result in permanent removal from the Program.
- Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 20-14, failure to comply with Program requirements by the given due date will result in:
  - The rescheduling of DWLS case(s) before the Court and all remaining outstanding case(s) returning to their original status
  - New citations will result in removal from the Program and forfeiture of all payments, community service hours, etc. There will be no possibility of re-enrollment into the Program unless otherwise court ordered
  - A penalty fee