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An Overview of Drug Treatment Court

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

9:00 am – 11:00 am (Registration begins at 8:45 am)

3rd Floor, Law Society Building, 196-198 Water Street, St. John's, NL

Seminar Overview:

Drug treatment courts are problem-solving intervention models, operating within the criminal justice system, designed to reduce drug use related criminal activity. They offer offenders with drug addictions the opportunity to participate in judicially supervised, community-based treatment and support services in an effort to reduce crimes motivated by drug use.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Drug Treatment Court (DTC), piloted in St. John's, NL, is a federally funded program of the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador in partnership with the Provincial Department of Justice and Public Safety, the Department of Health and Community Services, the Newfoundland and Labrador Legal Aid Commission, Public Prosecution Service of Canada and Provincial Public Prosecutions. A post plea/pre-sentence model, the DTC operates on a holistic team approach to addressing drug-motivated, non-violent crimes. The DTC Team consists of the Judge, Crown(s), Defense, Addictions Specialist, and Coordinator/Case Manager.

In this overview of the Drug Treatment Court, John Duggan and Val Corcoran will address:

1. Drug Treatment Court Development – the Rationale for a DTC;
2. Drug Treatment Court Fundamentals – how and why DTC's are different; and
3. St. John's Drug Treatment Court – the St. John's Model.

There will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions they may have regarding this new initiative.

Seminar Presenters:

John Duggan LLB

Barrister Solicitor and Notary Public

John Duggan is the former Deputy Director Legal for the Newfoundland and Labrador Legal Aid Commission and has maintained an active private practice since retiring in 2013. He was actively involved with the creation of the other two therapeutic Courts, (Mental Health and Family Violence Intervention). In his capacity as a staff lawyer, area director and Deputy Director Legal, he represented individuals who committed crimes because of their drug addiction. John has been the co-chair of the Minister's Advisory Committee on the Feasibility of a Drug Treatment Court and a member of the working group who conducted the study. John has remained active with the working group in pre-implementation planning for the Drug Treatment Court.

Valerie Corcoran, BSc, MACP, TITC-CT

Implementation Coordinator – Drug Treatment Court

Valerie Corcoran is the Implementation Coordinator for the St. John's Drug Treatment Court Pilot. She was seconded from her position at Legal Aid as Risk Assessment Officer for the Family Violence Intervention Court to develop the policies and procedures for the operation of the Drug Treatment Court. Working with the Family Violence Intervention Court and with federal inmates and their families as the Federal Prison Liaison with the John Howard Society has contributed to her extensive experience in criminal justice, the federal prison system, and therapeutic courts. In addition to her background in the justice system, Val holds a Master's Degree in Counselling Psychology and certification in Clinical Traumatology.

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