

Orange County Veterans Court Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a Veteran
- Must suffer from a military service-related mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem
- No history of crimes against children
- No history of sex crimes
- No first degree felonies
- All F2s will be staffed by the Veterans Court team for suitability
- Must have victim consent if necessary

Defense attorney and client must complete VC referral packet (referral form and VA medical information form) and send the packet to the VC Office at veteranscourt@ocnjcc.org.

Diversion Track:

- No prior felony convictions

Once referred to VC from the original division a referral form must be submitted to the VC Office for approval by the VC ASA. Approval/denial notification will be sent to the referring division/interested parties. If approved, the case will be set on the VC judge's docket for contract signing with notice to all parties.

Further questions about cases that qualify for Diversion should be directed to Robert Eagan with the State Attorney's Office.

Condition of Probation Track (including VOPs):

- Must be eligible for probation
- Must reside in Orange County

Once referred to VC from the original division a referral form must be submitted to the VC Office for approval. If approved, the case will be put on the VC docket and removed from the original division docket. In VC, an appropriate probation sentence will be imposed/modified/reinstated to include successful completion of VC as a special condition. If denied, the case will be reset on the original division's docket.