

THE CONNECTICUT

Reckless Driving Guide

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Will you be riding the bus?



Each year thousands of Connecticut drivers are cited for reckless driving, and often plead guilty not knowing the long term ramifications. Those ramifications include license suspensions, insurance surcharges and sometimes even disqualification from certain jobs.

WHY HIRE A LAWYER AT ALL?

A reckless driving conviction can have dramatic lifelong consequences. Some clients of ours need to fight the case simply because they drive for a living and need to preserve their driver's license. Since a reckless driving conviction will cause a minimum 30 day license suspension, some people cannot suffer to be without a license for 30 days. Other people couldn't afford the massive auto insurance increase that comes along with the finding of the court. Finally, other people want to avoid the possibility of

probation and the permanent criminal record. There is a lot at stake with a reckless driving case.

IT HITS YOUR WALLET, TOO

Any person who violates any provision of the reckless driving law is fined a minimum of \$100 and it can go up to \$300. That sounds reasonable, but it fails to mention the hundreds of dollars in associated court fees and costs which can get the minimum \$100 up in the \$700 range, and that's not even considering the maximum

fine at the top end you could wind up paying.

IT GETS WORSE....

If you are a multiple offender, or have a bad history of motor vehicle offenses, you can be treated more harshly by prosecutors. Oftentimes the prosecutors will not negotiate with you. Instead, they will merely offer you the chance to plead guilty, without listening to your side of the story. Without someone on your side, it can feel like the whole world is on your back.

7 QUESTIONS TO ASK EVERY LAWYER

How often do you go to this courthouse?

These days it is not unusual for an attorney to maintain multiple offices to serve their clients. It shouldn't matter where an office is located, but it DOES matter how often an attorney appears in a particular courthouse. Some attorneys may set up a local office steps from the courthouse and only be at that courthouse once per month. Other attorneys may have an office 45 minutes away but be a "regular" at that courthouse multiple times per week. In our experience, we have found that it pays to frequently be present at the courthouse but not be seen as a regular. Your lawyer should be familiar with the courthouse and how it works, but not be there every day so that the prosecutors will fear they will always be asking for the same "break" of an extra generous resolution over and over.

How many driving offense cases do you handle every year?

Lately, the courthouses have been flooded with attorneys who are seeking to supplement their income with "easy" traffic cases like reckless driving and DUI cases because their personal injury or real estate clients have dried up. These lawyers think these cases are easy because they do not put in the time to learn how to defend them and do not put up a fight for their clients. Talk to the lawyer and see what the number of traffic cases that they handle are historically - this will

give an indication to you if they are dedicated defenders.

What are the costs for your representation?

Some lawyers, like Ruane Attorneys, operate on a flat fee basis. This is beneficial to the client because it allows the client to budget properly for their defense. Other lawyers operate on an hourly billing rate, and charge you for every little thing, including emails and talking on the phone with their staff. When you are paying by the minute, you may feel pressured to resolve your case quickly to save on your legal fees. Almost always this is against your interests. If a flat fee lawyer has to drag out your case to get you the best resolution, you can save money in the long run by paying a flat fee up front versus paying an hourly rate.

Have you been disciplined by the State Bar?

Sometimes lawyers who are at the end of their rope push the envelope of ethical actions like trolling the courthouse lobby for clients taking cases for cash on the spot and sending out letters to people arrested. All legal arrangements should start with a consultation to hear YOUR side of the story and with a written fee agreement. Check to see if the lawyer has been disciplined and for what. Perhaps they need a lawyer more than you do! If they have a poor reputation - do you want them to be your spokesperson?

How many trials have you had in the last 3 years?

This is where the champions are separated from the chumps. Every year there are fewer and fewer trials, and the prosecutors know this. If your lawyer hasn't had a trial in years (or ever!) the prosecution has no incentive to negotiate, because they know your lawyer will fold at the end of the case. At Ruane Attorneys, we don't fold, we have many trials every year, and have a reputation for fighting the tough fight.

What are the challenges in my case?

Every lawyer should give you an honest evaluation of your case - the good points and the bad points. IF they can't (or don't) have this conversation with you they do not know your case well enough and are probably just looking to make a quick buck and plead you as quickly as they can to close your file.

What will be the outcome of my case?

No lawyer can tell you what the outcome would be. If they do this - RUN! It is highly unethical to promise a certain resolution of a case before you go to court and negotiate with the state. Our clients know that we cannot guarantee the outcome, but we can guarantee one thing - we will effect the outcome!

The Law and What it Means to You

The Law

Sec. 14-222. Reckless driving.

(a) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any public highway of the state, or any road of any specially chartered municipal association or of any district organized under the provisions of chapter 105, a purpose of which is the construction and maintenance of roads and sidewalks, or in any parking area for ten cars or more or upon any private road on which a speed limit has been established in accordance with the provisions of section 14-218a or upon any school property recklessly, having regard to the width, traffic and use of such highway, road, school property or parking area, the intersection of streets and the weather conditions. The operation of a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or parking area for ten cars or more at such a rate of speed as to endanger the life of any person other than the operator of such motor vehicle, or the operation, downgrade, upon any highway, of any motor vehicle with a

commercial registration with the clutch or gears disengaged, or the operation knowingly of a motor vehicle with defective mechanism, shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this section. The operation of a motor vehicle upon any such highway, road or parking area for ten cars or more at a rate of speed greater than eighty-five miles per hour shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this section.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or be both fined and imprisoned for the first offense and for each subsequent offense shall be fined not more than six hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and imprisoned.

What that means to you

People in Connecticut can be charged with Reckless Driving in 2 ways. The first and most common way to be charged with Reckless Driving in Con-

necticut is to have been speeding in excess of 85 miles per hour. This is called "per se" reckless, because the state legislature has set forth that if you are found to be traveling over 85 miles per hour, you are automatically reckless, regardless of the circumstances.

The second way a person can be charged with reckless driving is if they operate their vehicle at a rate of speed which endangers the life of any person or if they operate a motor vehicle with a defective mechanism and they know it. A person operates a motor vehicle recklessly when that person does so knowing or having reason to know of facts that create a high degree of risk of physical harm to another and deliberately proceeds to act in conscious disregard of, or with indifference to, that risk. A person may also operate a motor vehicle recklessly when that person does so not knowing or having reason to know of facts that create a high degree of risk, although a reasonable person in the same circumstances would realize or appreciate that risk.

The Connecticut Point System

Many people have heard of the phrase “points” when it comes to a driver’s license. Connecticut has a point system which can cause you to lose your license. Depending on how your case is negotiated, it is possible to get less than a DUI but still lose your license because of points violations. It is important to know the point system before you begin to determine what is the best resolution for you, and also to know what points you may already have on your license. The following chart is provided as a public resource of Ruane Attorneys. We are happy to discuss the issue of “points” with you when we talk about your case. Points stay on your driving history for 24 months from the time they are put on your driving history. The DMV should send you a letter if you have more than 6 points on your license warning you of the potential of a suspension.

Assessment of Points Against an Operator’s License for Motor Vehicle Law Violations

Sec. 14-137a-5. Point assessment. Schedule

The holder of an operator’s license shall have points assessed against his or her driving record for a conviction of the indicated motor vehicle violations in accordance with the following schedule:

One point shall be assessed for:

- (1) Sec. 14-218a—Operating at unreasonable rate of speed
- (2) Sec. 14-219—Speeding
- (3) Sec. 14-230—Failure to drive in right-hand lane
- (4) Sec. 14-230a—Illegal use of limited access highway by bus, commercial vehicle or vehicle with trailer
- (5) Sec. 14-236—Improper operation on multiple-lane highways
- (6) Sec. 14-237—Improper operation on divided highway
- (7) Sec. 14-239—Wrong direction at rotary or one-way street
- (8) Sec. 14-242—Improper turn, illegal turn, illegal stopping, failure to signal intention to turn
- (9) Sec. 14-243—Improper backing or starting
- (10) Sec. 14-244—Failure to give proper signal
- (11) Sec. 14-277—Operator’s duties on stopping a school bus
- (12) Sec. 14-289b—Operation of motorcycles abreast, illegal passing
- (13) Sec. 14-303—Wrong way on one-way street

Two points shall be assessed for:

- (1) Sec. 14-220—Slow speed, impeding traffic
- (2) Sec. 14-223 (a)—Disobeying orders of officer
- (3) Sec. 14-238—Entering or leaving controlled access highway at other than designated entrance or exit
- (4) Sec. 14-238a—Entry upon a limited access highway other than a highway intersection or designated point
- (5) Sec. 14-241—Executing turn from wrong lane or contrary to traffic control devices
- (6) Sec. 14-249—Failure to obey signal at railroad crossing
- (7) Sec. 14-250—Failure to stop at railroad crossing by school bus, commercial motor vehicle carrying flammable or explosive substance, taxicab, motor vehicle in livery service, motor bus, motor vehicle used for the transportation of school children
- (8) Sec. 14-298—Failure to observe parkway or expressway restrictions
- (9) Sec. 14-299—Failure to obey traffic control signal light

- (10) Sec. 14-301—Failure to obey stop sign
- (11) Sec. 14-302—Failure to obey yield sign
- (12) Sec. 14-304—Operating a vehicle through pedestrian safety zone

Three points shall be assessed for:

- (1) Sec. 14-227a (b)—Driving while impaired
- (2) Sec. 14-231—Failure to keep to right when meeting opposing traffic
- (3) Sec. 14-232—Improper passing or failure to yield to passing vehicle
- (4) Sec. 14-233—Passing on right
- (5) Sec. 14-234—Passing in no passing zone
- (6) Sec. 14-235—Failure to keep to right on curve, grade or when approaching intersection
- (7) Sec. 14-240—Failure to drive reasonable distance apart
- (8) Sec. 14-245—Failure to grant right of way at intersection
- (9) Sec. 14-246a—Failure to grant right of way at junction of highways
- (10) Sec. 14-247—Failure to yield when emerging from driveway or private road
- (11) Sec. 14-247a—Failure to grant right of way when emerging from alley, driveway or building
- (12) Sec. 14-283—Failure to grant right of way to ambulance, police or fire apparatus
- (13) Sec. 14-300—Failure to grant right of way to pedestrian

Four points shall be assessed for:

- (1) Sec. 14-224 (c)—Wagering, speed record
- (2) Sec. 14-240a—Failure to drive reasonable distance apart, intent to harass
- (3) Sec. 14-279—Passing stopped school bus

Five points shall be assessed for:

- (1) Sec. 14-281a—Operation of school bus at excessive speed
- (2) Sec. 14-222a—Negligent homicide with a motor vehicle

Depending on how your reckless driving case is resolved, it is possible to sustain points which also give you a license suspension. You should obtain a copy of your driving history from the DMV to check your point status.

You can obtain your driving history by going to any full service DMV office and requesting a print out of your history. There is a fee for this service.

Courthouse Directions and Parking Info

G.A. 1 at Stamford

123 Hoyt Street, Stamford, CT 06905

Directions:

I-95 Southbound:

I-95 South to Exit 8. At the end of ramp take a right onto Elm Street. Follow Elm, which will become Grove Street. At the traffic light at the top of the hill, turn left onto Hoyt Street. There is a Dunkin Donuts at this intersection on the left. Courthouse is the first brick building on the left.

I-95 North from Greenwich:

I-95 North to Exit 8. Take left off ramp onto Atlantic Street. Follow Atlantic Street North to Bedford Street approximately one mile. Turn right at light onto Hoyt Street at the Stamford Police Station. Courthouse is 123 Hoyt.

Merritt Parkway-South from New Canaan, Norwalk, Wilton, Weston:

Merritt Parkway South to Exit 35, at end of ramp turn right onto High Ridge Road. Follow High Ridge Road, which will become Summer Street approximately three miles. Follow Summer Street South; turn left on Hoyt Street. Go through two lights. Courthouse is 123 Hoyt.

Merritt Parkway-North from Greenwich:

Take Exit 34. Turn right off ramp onto Long Ridge Road. Proceed South approximately three miles until you reach Summer Street. Follow Summer Street South; turn left onto Hoyt Street. Go through two lights. Courthouse is 123 Hoyt.

Parking: Parking is available on site.

G.A. 2 at Bridgeport

172 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Directions:

I-95 South. Exit 27-A. Continue on 25-8 connector. Exit 2 (Golden Hill Street). End of ramp cross over. Courthouse is the 2nd building on the left.

G.A. 3 at Danbury

146 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810

Directions:

From I-84 traveling West:

Take Exit 5 to end of exit and turn right at light on to Main Street. Proceed down Main Street to the fifth* light, which is the intersection of White and Main Street. Go left on to White Street. (You will see a sign on your right at that intersection noting the turn for the Court). Proceed down White Street through two lights. The Courthouse is on the right, past the railroad tracks and Leahy's Fuel. The driveway access to the public lot is on the right, just past the Courthouse.

From I-84 traveling East:

Take Exit 5. Go through a stop sign to the bottom of hill and a traffic light. Go right at this light on to Main Street. Proceed to intersection of White and Main Streets, which is at the fourth* light and turn left on to White Street. (You will see a sign on your right at that intersection noting the turn for the Court). Proceed down White Street through two lights. The Courthouse is on the right, past the railroad tracks and Leahy's Fuel. The driveway access to the public lot is on the right, just past the Courthouse.

*The number of working traffic lights may vary from time to time. Use the stated number as a guide only and watch for the street names.

Parking: Note: Limited free parking is available on a first-come-first-served basis at the White Street lot on the same side of the street as the Courthouse. The lot across the street from the Courthouse is restricted to Jurors Only and is monitored. If the public lot is full, please seek valid on-street parking or use the public garage on Patriots Drive near the railroad station. (\$4.00 all day, \$0.50 first hour, .35 each additional hour).

G.A. 4 at Waterbury
400 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702

Directions:

From Route 8 Northbound:

Exit 32 (Downtown Waterbury). Right on to Freight Street. Right onto Meadow Street. Immediate left on to Grand Street. Courthouse is on the left.

From Route 8 Southbound:

Exit 32 (Riverside Street). Left at light on to Freight Street. Right on to Meadow Street. Immediate left on to Grand Street. Courthouse is on the left.

From I-84 Westbound:

Exit 21 (Meadow and Bank Street). At bottom of exit ramp turn right on to Field Street. At stoplight, turn left on to Grand Street. Courthouse is on the right.

From I-84 Eastbound:

Exit 21 (Meadow and Bank Street). Right on to Meadow Street. Right on to Field Street. Straight through one stop sign. At stoplight turn left on to Grand Street. Courthouse is on the right.

Parking: The Municipal Parking Lot is located on Field Street, between Meadow Street and Grand Street. Limited free public parking for court customers is available in the courthouse ramp garage, located on State Street, adjacent to 400 Grand Street.

G.A. 5 at Derby
106 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418

Directions:

From Milford:

North on Grassy Hill Road approximately 5 miles to the intersection with Route 34. Turn left onto Route 34 for approximately 3 miles to downtown Derby. Turn right at the corner of Route 34 and Elizabeth Street. The courthouse is approximately two blocks on the left.

From Seymour:

South on Route 8 to Exit 17. Turn right off the exit. Follow Elizabeth Street approximately one-quarter of a mile. The Courthouse is on the right.

From Bridgeport:

Route 8 North to Exit 15. Turn left off the exit and drive to the third traffic light. Turn right onto Elizabeth Street. The Courthouse is approximately two blocks on the left.

From West Haven:

Route 34 to Elizabeth Street intersection, Derby. Right onto Elizabeth Street. Continue two (2) blocks. Courthouse is on the left, opposite park.

Parking: There is a municipal parking garage on Thompson Place.

G.A. 7 at Meriden
54 West Main Street, Meriden, CT 06451

Directions: Courthouse on left (corner of West Main Street and Grove Street).

From the North:

I-91 South to I-691 West. Take Exit 7 (Downtown Meriden). At end of exit take left onto State Street Extension,

continue to stop sign, proceed through intersection to State Street, and continue down State Street to first light. Take right onto West Main Street, over Rail Road tracks. Proceed straight on West Main Street to the third light.

From the West:

Follow I-691 East to Exit 6. Take left at end of exit, proceed to stop sign. Take a right onto Grove Street; continue down Grove Street to the first light (corner of Grove Street and West Main Street)

From the South:

I-91 North to I-691 West. Take Exit 7 (Downtown Meriden). At the end of exit proceed according to directions given in "From the North"

From the East:

Take I-691 West to Exit 7 (Downtown Meriden). At the end of exit proceed according to directions given in "From the North"

Parking: Can be found in the Municipal Lot, which is to the immediate left once you pass the Courthouse. There is a large yellow sign indicating "parking". Jurors should bring their parking stub with them to the Courthouse for validation so that no charge will be incurred for parking.

G.A. 9 at Middletown

1 Court Street, Middletown, CT 06457-3377

Directions:

Lower Middlesex County - From Saybrook:

North on Rt. 9 to Middletown Rt. 66 West (Exit 15), then first left onto deKoven Dr. Take right on Court St. to Superior Court Parking Garage (Juror and Staff Parking) or to the second garage entrance on the left (Public Parking).

From Portland - East Hampton:

West on Rt. 66 and over Arrigoni Bridge to Main St., Middletown. South on Main St. At sixth traffic light take left onto Court St. to the second garage entrance on the right (Juror and Staff Parking) or to the first parking garage entrance (Public Parking) also on the right.

From Cromwell:

South on Rt. 9 or 99S (9A) to Rt. 66 Middletown - West (Exit 15) then first left onto deKoven Dr. Take right on Court St. to Superior Court Parking Garage (Juror and Staff Parking) or to the second garage entrance on the left (Public Parking).

From Durham:

North on Rt. 17 to Main St., Middletown. At light, go left (North) on Main St. to third traffic light, right on Court St. to the second garage entrance on the right (Juror and Staff Parking) or to the first parking garage entrance (Public Parking) also on the right.

From Middlefield:

East on Rt. 66 to Main St., Middletown. Right on Main St. Left at second traffic light onto Court St. to the second garage entrance on the right (Juror and Staff Parking) or to the first parking garage entrance (Public Parking) also on the right.

From New Haven:

I-91 to Exit 18, I-691/Rt. 66 Middletown. I-691 soon becomes Rte. 66 in Meriden, and becomes Washington St. in Middletown. Stay on Rt. 66 until you reach Main St. in Middletown. Take a right onto Main St. Take your first left onto Court St. Juror and Staff parking is located at the second garage entrance on the right. Public parking is located at the first entrance on the right.

From Stamford:

Follow Rt. 91 or Merrit Parkway to Exit 18 (Rt. 691/66 Middletown). Follow same directions as noted for New Haven.

From Hartford:

Rt. 91 South to Exit 22S to Middletown (Rt. 9 South). At second traffic light, take a right off Rt. 9 (Exit 15). Take an immediate left onto DeKoven Dr. Take your first right onto Court St. Juror and Staff parking is located at the first garage entrance on the left. Public parking is located at the second garage entrance on the left.

From Waterbury:

I-84 East. Take Exit 27, I-691, Meriden/Middletown. I-691 becomes Rte. 66 in Meriden, and becomes Washington St. in Middletown. Stay on Rt. 66 until you reach Main St. in Middletown. Take a right onto Main St. Take your first left onto Court St. Juror and Staff parking is located at the second garage entrance on the right. Public parking is located at the first entrance on the right.

From New London:

Rt. 95 North. Take Exit 69 to Rt. 9 North. At first traffic light, take a left off of Rt. 9. Then take the immediate left onto DeKoven Drive. Take the first right onto Court St. Juror and Staff parking is located at the first garage entrance on the left. Public parking is located at the second garage entrance on the left.

Parking: Public Parking Garage: the first two hours are free, then \$.80 per hour thereafter.

G.A. 10 at New London

112 Broad Street, New London, CT 06320

Directions:

From Hartford and North:

Route 2 East to Route 11. At end of Route 11, turn left on Route 82. At the next intersection go right onto Route 85 for approximately 12.4 miles. The Courthouse is a large brick building on the right.

From Norwich and North: Route 395 South, to Route 32 South via exit 78 (left hand exit). Route 32 South to

Downtown New London exit. Turn right on Gov. Winthrop Blvd. Proceed through three traffic lights. Courthouse is on the left (approximately .3 mile).

From Groton and East:

Route 95 South to exit 84S (Downtown New London exit). Continue approximately one mile to light, turn right on Gov. Winthrop Blvd. Proceed through three traffic lights. Courthouse is on the left (approximately .3 mile).

From Waterford and West:

Route 95 North to exit 83 (Downtown New London exit). Continue through traffic light at the end of exit onto Huntington St. to Broad St. Turn right on Broad St. Through one traffic light approximately .3 mile). Courthouse is on the left.

Parking: On street parking is the only parking available to jurors.

G.A. 11 at Danielson

120 School Street, Danielson, CT 06239

Directions:

From Worcester, Massachusetts:

Take I-395 South to Exit 92. Turn right and proceed to the traffic light at the bottom of the hill. Turn left on Main Street (Route 12 South). Proceed down Main Street into the business section of Danielson. Turn left on Center Street and go to the end. The court will be across School Street on the right. Turn right on School Street and then right into the parking lot.

From Norwich:

Take I-395 North to Exit 92. Proceed straight at the first stop sign. Turn left at the second stop sign and proceed to the traffic light at the bottom of the hill. Turn left on Main Street (Route 12 South). Proceed down Main Street into the business section of Danielson. Turn left on Center Street and go to the end. The court will be across

School Street on the right. Turn right on School Street and then right into the parking lot.

From Rhode Island:

Take Route 6 West to Danielson. Turn right on Route 12 North. This will put you on Main Street. Proceed up Main Street over the railroad tracks. Turn right on Center Street and go to the end. The court will be across School Street on the right. Turn right on School Street and then right into the parking lot.

From Hartford:

Take Route 6 East to Danielson. Turn left on Route 12 North. This will put you on Main Street. Proceed up Main Street over the railroad tracks. Turn right on Center Street and go to the end. The court will be across School Street on the right. Turn right on School Street and then right into the parking lot.

G.A. 12 at Manchester

410 Center Street, Manchester, CT 06040

Directions:

From Hartford:

East on I-84 to Exit 60. At the end of exit stay to the right onto Center Street. Continue about 1.5 miles. Courthouse is on the right.

From Windsor, Windsor Area:

Take I-91 South to I-291, follow to I-384. Take Exit 1 off I-384 (Spencer St.). At the exit take a left, follow road going East for about 1.5 to 2 miles, road will then turn into West Center St. The court will be on your left. (There are also signs to the court after you get off the exit).

From Glastonbury, Eastern portion:

Take Hebron Ave. to Keeney St. (North) across I-384 and Hartford Road to McKee Street. At the next traffic light take right on West Center Street. Courthouse is 1/4 mile on the left.

From Glastonbury, Western portion:

Take Route 2 West to I-84 East to Exit 60. Stay to the right coming off exit onto Center Street. Continue 1.5 miles on Center Street. Courthouse is on the right.

Parking: Parking is available at the Courthouse.

G.A. 13 at Enfield

111 Phoenix Avenue, Enfield, CT 06082

Directions:

From Hartford Area:

Take I-91 North to Exit 47E. Turn right off the exit and take fork to right onto Phoenix Avenue. Courthouse is located on the left-hand corner of Phoenix Avenue and Post Road.

Parking: Free parking is available.

G.A. 14 at Hartford

101 Lafayette Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Directions:

From I-84 heading West:

Take the Sigourney Street Exit, then follow the signs to Capitol Avenue. When following the signs you will make three "quick" lefts then a right onto Capitol Avenue. Follow Capitol Avenue, just past the Capitol Building (gold dome), then look for the Lafayette Monument. On your right, take the right just before the Monument. Bear right at the fork to 101 Lafayette, on the right.

From I-84 heading East:

Take the Capitol Avenue Exit. Go left at the end of the exit onto Capitol Avenue, then take your first right just before the Lafayette Monument. Bear right at the fork to 101 Lafayette, on the right.

From I-91 North or South:

Take the Capitol Avenue Exit, stay over to the far left. You will come to a circle, travel halfway around to Elm Street. Go to the end of Elm Street, you are now facing the Capitol Building. Take a left onto Trinity Street. Stay in the left lane. At your first light take a left, after passing the Lafayette Monument, bear right at the fork to 101 Lafayette, on the right.

Parking: Metered Parking is available on both sides of Lafayette Street and Washington Street. Public Courthouse Parking is also available on Grand Street for \$6.00 per day. To get to Grand Street go down Lafayette Street past the Courthouse and juror parking lot and take your first right onto Grand Street, which is a one-way street.

G.A. 17 at Bristol
131 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010

Directions:

From the East:

I-84 East to Exit 33-34. To Route 72 Bristol, to Riverside Avenue to North Main Street.

From the West:

I-84 West to Exit 31 in Southington. Route 229 to Route 72 Bristol, to Riverside Avenue to North Main Street.

From the North:

Route 6 to North Main Street.

From the South:

North on Wilbur Cross Pkwy. To Berlin Turnpike (Rt. 5-15) to Route 72 West. Follow Route 72 West into Bristol, to North Main Street.

Parking: Parking is available in the Police-Court Complex or across the street in the shopping mall at Bristol Center.

G.A. 18 at Bantam
80 Doyle Rd., Bantam, CT 06750

Directions:

From Bridgeport:

Rt. 8 North through Waterbury. Follow directions from Waterbury

From Danbury:

Rt. 7 North to Rt. 202 East. Follow Rt. 202 through New Milford toward Litchfield. Doyle Road is on the left, just prior to intersection with Rt. 209 in Bantam.

From Hartford Area:

84 West to Exit 39 (Rt. 4). Follow Rt. 4 through Farmington, Unionville, and Burlington. In Harwinton, at junction of Rt. 4 and 118, follow Rt. 118 to Litchfield. At Litchfield green, proceed straight onto Rt. 202 West. Follow Rt. 202 West approximately 3.5 miles. Doyle Road will be on the right just past the intersection with Rt. 209.

From New Haven:

Rt. 63 North to Rt. 8 North in Naugatuck. Take Rt. 8 North through Waterbury. Follow directions from Waterbury

From New London:

I-95 South to Rt. 9 North. Follow Rt. 9 North through Middletown, to junction with Rt. 72. Follow Rt. 72 through New Britain to I-84. Take I-84 East to Exit 39 (Rt. 4) Follow Rt. 4 through Farmington, Unionville and Burlington. In Harwinton, at junction with Rt. 118, follow Rt. 118 West to Litchfield. At Litchfield green, proceed straight onto Rt. 202 West. Follow Rt. 202 West approx. 3.5 miles. Doyle Road will be on the right just past the intersection with Rt. 209.

From Waterbury:

Rt. 8 North to Exit 42. Take left at end of exit ramp onto Rt. 118 West to Litchfield. At Litchfield green, proceed straight onto Rt. 202 West. Follow Rt. 202 West approx. 3.5 miles. Doyle Road will be on the right just past the intersection with Rt. 209.

G.A. 19 at Rockville
20 Park Street, Rockville, CT 06066

Directions:

From the North (Somers-Ellington):

Rt.83 South to Rt.74 (Union Street). Take a left at this intersection. Continue to third light. Take a left onto Park St. Courthouse is on the right.

From the West:

Follow I-84 East to Exit 67. At the end of exit take left, proceed to light. Follow directly across intersection. At the second light take a left onto Main Street. At the next light take a right onto Park Street. Courthouse is on the right.

From Coventry:

Take Rt.31 towards Rt.44. Take left at intersection of Rts.31/44 (Rts.31 and 44 run together for approximately 1/2 mile). Follow Rt.31 under highway (84) Bridge to intersection Rt.30. Go straight. At the next light, take a left onto East Main Street. At the next light take a right onto Park Street. Courthouse is on the right.

From Bolton:

1. From Rt.6 go to Rt.44. Follow Rt.44 away from the highway and towards Coventry. Take left at Rt.31 under highway (84) Bridge to intersection of Rt.30. go straight. At the next light take a left onto East Main Street. At the next light take a right onto Park Street. Courthouse is on the right.

2. From Rt.85 go to 384 East. Follow to end of expressway. Get off at Rt.44 (Coventry). Same directions as 1.

Parking: There is free parking available on School Street (first right after the Courthouse) in the parking garage.

G.A. 20 at Norwalk
17 Belden Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06850

Directions:

Northbound:

I-95 South to Exit 15. Follow signs for Route 7 northbound. Take exit 1 off of Route 7 expressway. At the end of ramp turn right. Follow this road for approximately a quarter of a mile to Belden Ave. Proceed onto Belden Ave. , the courthouse is on the right.

Southbound:

I-95 South to Exit 15. Follow signs for Route 7 northbound. Take exit 1 off of Route 7 expressway. At the end of ramp turn right. Follow this road for approximately a quarter of a mile to Belden Ave. Proceed onto Belden Ave. , the courthouse is on the right.

Parking: Parking is available on the street and at the garage, which is attached to the Norwalk Mall.

G.A. 21 at Norwich
1 Courthouse Square, Norwich, CT 06360

Directions:

Follow 2E to Norwich. At the end of the Rt. 2 connection, bear right to Norwich (that's still Rt. 2, but you'll also see it called Washington Street). Continue on Washington St.; at second traffic light bear right. Continuing on Washington St. past the Norwich Marina to the seventh traffic light (approximately 1.7 miles) from the Route 2 connector. The Courthouse will be across the street on the left. Turn left onto Water St. A metered parking garage is located approximately one block on the left.

G.A. 22 at Milford

14 West River Street, Milford, CT 06460

Directions:**From I-95 North and South:**

Take Exit 39A (West Rt. 1) Milford. Turn right off exit-keeping right of fork in road (Rt.1). At second light past Friendly's, take a left onto North Street. Proceed to stop sign. Take right at stop sign, cross over bridge, and proceed approximately three hundred yards straight past Parsons Complex. Public parking lot on left.

From the North - Wilbur Cross, Merritt Parkway Route 15:

Take Exit 54 (immediately before Sikorsky Bridge) towards I-95 Milford connector. Follow to very end of connector. Take right onto Route 1 and proceed to second traffic light. Take a right onto North Street proceed to stop sign. Take a right at stop sign, cross over bridge. Travel approximately 300 yards straight past Parsons Complex. Public parking lot on left.

From the South - Wilbur Cross, Merritt Parkway Route 15:

Take Exit 54 (immediately after Sikorsky Bridge) towards I-95 Milford connector. Follow road to very end of connector. Take right onto Route 1 and proceed to second traffic light. Take a right onto North Street proceed to stop sign. Take a right at stop sign, cross over bridge. Travel approximately 300 yards straight past Parsons Complex. Public parking lot on left.

From Route 8 - (Derby Exit Rt. 34 East):

Exit which leads to Rt. 34 East. Follow Rt. 34 East approximately three miles to Grassy Hill Road (Rt. 121). Proceed approximately four miles to third traffic light (intersection Rt. 1) proceed straight crossing over Rt.1 proceed to stop sign - take right at stop sign cross over bridge. Travel approximately three hundred yards straight past Parsons Complex Building. Public parking lot on left.

G.A. 23 at New Haven

121 Elm Street, New Haven, CT 06510

Directions:**From West Haven:**

North on I-95 to Exit 47 (left exit) and on to the Oak Street Connector. Follow signs for downtown New Haven-Church Street. Take first exit off connector and turn right at the traffic light on to Church Street. Go to the fourth traffic light. The Courthouse is on the left, on the corner of Church and Elm Streets.

From Wallingford, Meriden and North Branford:

South on I-91 to Exit 3 (Trumbull Street). Straight on Trumbull Street to the third light. Turn left on to Temple Street. Turn left at the second traffic light on to Elm Street. The Courthouse is on the left at the next corner, the corner of Church and Elm Streets.

From Cheshire, Hamden and North Haven:

South on Whitney Avenue (continue when Whitney Avenue becomes Temple Street) to Elm Street. The Courthouse is on the left at the next corner, the corner of Church and Elm Streets.

From the Shoreline:

South on I-95 to Exit 47, which leads to the Oak Street Connector. Follow signs for downtown New Haven-Church Street. Take first exit off connector and turn right at the traffic light onto Church Street. Go to the fourth traffic light. The Courthouse is on the left, on the corner of Church and Elm Streets.

From Bethany and Woodbridge:

Take Whalley Avenue to Elm Street. The Courthouse is on the left, on the corner of Church and Elm Streets.

Parking: There is No Parking Available at the GA 23 Courthouse.

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