

## What type of cases will be heard in the IDV Court?

- ◆ Family cases (except divorce, family property and child protection) from either the court at 47 Sheppard Avenue or the court at 311 Jarvis Street, Toronto.
- ◆ Criminal cases where the charges involve domestic violence and the case was originally scheduled to be heard at Old City Hall, Toronto.

## What will the IDV Court do?

In family cases, the IDV Court will conduct conferences, make temporary orders where appropriate, and make final orders on consent of the parties. In criminal cases, the IDV Court will hear bail variation applications, conduct pre-trial meetings and accept guilty pleas.

## Will the IDV Court hear my trial?

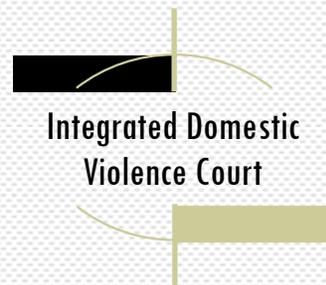
No. If the family or criminal matters cannot be resolved in the IDV Court without a trial, the case will be transferred back to the regular courts.



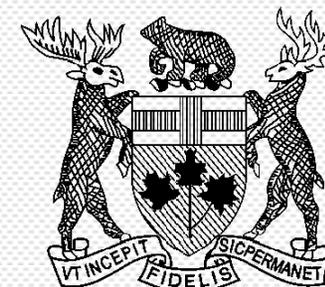
## Integrated Domestic Violence Court



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Toronto, Ontario



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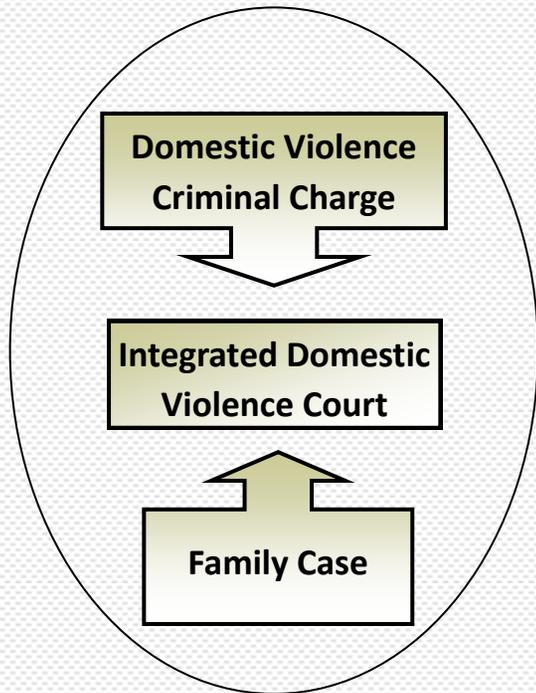
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## Integrated Domestic Violence Court (IDV Court)

### What is it?

The IDV Court provides one court where families can have their family cases (excluding divorce, family property and child protection) and domestic violence criminal charges heard before a single judge.

Instead of appearing in different courts before multiple judges, the IDV Court will connect one judge to one family.



### Why should I want my case heard in the IDV Court?

- ◆ The family will appear before a single dedicated judge for both the domestic violence criminal charge and the family (custody, access and/or support) matters.
- ◆ The criminal and family cases will be heard on the same day in the same courtroom.
- ◆ The IDV Court Judge will have more complete information about the family.
- ◆ Having one Judge will enhance consistency between family and criminal court orders.
- ◆ The IDV Court Judge will be able to monitor the family. This will increase accountability of the accused and enhance the complainant's safety.
- ◆ The IDV Court will include a Community Resource Coordinator, who will assist the parties in finding resources and services to assist with their problems.
- ◆ If a party qualifies for legal aid, Duty Counsel will be available for the family cases and, for the accused only, for the criminal cases.
- ◆ The family will have access to family supports and services including Family Law Information Centre (F.L.I.C) matters and court counter services.

- ◆ There will be access to support in the criminal cases including the Victim/Witness Assistance Program (V/WAP), Partner Assault Response (PAR), security, and court counter services.
- ◆ Delays in hearing the family and criminal matters should be reduced.

### How do I have my case heard by the IDV Court?

1. You must be dealing with both a domestic violence criminal charge and a family case (custody, access, support) to be eligible for the IDV Court.
2. You must fill out a consent form. Consent forms are available at all court offices in Toronto. You will need to talk to a lawyer before you sign the consent form to make sure that you understand what it means to have your case heard by the IDV Court. Duty Counsel at the courthouse may be able to help you with this.
3. All parties, including the Crown, must agree to have your criminal and family cases heard by the IDV Court.

If all three conditions are met, your case may be adjourned to the IDV Court.