

Court terms glossary table

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term	plain_language_meaning	where
Section 35	A Massachusetts civil process involving court review for certain alcohol or substance use disorder concerns and likelihood of serious harm.	/section
Petitioner	The qualified person asking the court to review the situation.	/section
Respondent	The person who is the subject of the petition or court process.	/section
Likelihood of serious harm	A legal standard referenced in Section 35 materials; do not interpret it as legal advice.	/section
Civil commitment	A non-criminal court process that can require treatment in specific circumstances.	/section
24D program	A Massachusetts impaired driving education/treatment program term often connected with OUI cases.	/24d-p
Court ordered therapy	Therapy requested or required through a court-related process; details depend on the order.	/court-
Court mandated therapy	A phrase searchers use for therapy required by a court or legal process.	/court-
Court ordered treatment	A broad phrase for treatment required through a court order or court condition.	/court-
Substance use evaluation	An assessment that may be requested in court-related situations.	/court-