

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT - ACT REENTRY COURT

EXHIBIT A to Policy Manual
Participant Agreement

Name of Participant: _____

Federal Case Docket #: _____

I wish to enroll in the District of Connecticut's ACT (Achievement/Commitment/Trust) Reentry Court program ("Reentry Court"). I understand and accept the following terms and conditions of my participation in the Reentry Court:

1. *The Purpose of the ACT Reentry Court.* I understand that the Reentry Court has been created in order to help individuals who seek assistance with "reentry" to society after serving a term of imprisonment.
2. *Voluntary Participation.* I understand that my participation in the Reentry Court is voluntary and is in addition to (and not in place of) my regular conditions of supervised release.
3. *Helping Me with My Goals and Needs.* I understand that the Reentry Court involves a "team" of people including a presiding judge as well as representatives from the U.S. Probation Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Federal Public Defender. I understand that the team will help me identify my goals and overcome obstacles, including by helping me connect with community services that may assist me with education, employment, housing, debt, legal problems, or my other needs and challenges.
4. *Attendance at Reentry Court Every Two Weeks.* I agree to attend the Reentry Court every two weeks when sessions are scheduled or as otherwise required. I understand that during these Reentry Court sessions I will speak with the presiding judge and other team members about how I am doing and my future plans. I understand that these court sessions will be public and that there will be other participants present at all sessions of the Reentry Court.
5. *Successful Participation for One Year.* I agree to participate in the Reentry Court until I successfully complete the entire program at the conclusion of one year. I understand, however, that this time period may increase if I do not attend a court session or if I do not otherwise comply with the rules of the program or my conditions of supervised release.

6. *Credit for Attendance as an Observer.* I understand that I can receive credit toward graduation for attending one session of Reentry Court as an observer before I formally agree to participate in the program. I also understand, however, that if I have attended more than one Reentry Court session before committing to the program, I will not receive credit for that time toward graduation.

7. *Compliance with Conditions of Program and Supervised Release.* I agree to comply with the rules of the Reentry Court program and all other conditions of my supervised release. I understand that if I do not comply with these rules, I may be subject to termination from the program and also possibly subject to proceedings for revocation of supervised release. I also understand that if I violate the Reentry Court’s rules, I may be subject to sanctions by the presiding judge as described in the Policy Manual of the Reentry Court.

8. *Truthfulness and Protection of My Legal Rights.* I agree to be honest and truthful in all my communications with the Reentry Court team. I understand, however, that I am not required to say anything that will incriminate myself. Therefore, I understand that I may exercise my right to be silent, but that my right to be silent does not mean that I may be dishonest or mislead the Reentry Court team. I understand that if I have a question at any time about my legal rights as related to the Reentry Court, or the terms of the Reentry Court program, I may consult with the representative of the Federal Public Defender or ask the presiding judge to appoint counsel to assist me.

9. *Withdrawal from the Program.* Because my participation in the Reentry Court is voluntary, I understand that I may withdraw from the program at any time by writing a letter of withdrawal to the presiding judge. Even if I withdraw, I understand that I will continue to be subject to my conditions of supervised release.

10. *Graduation from the Program and Reduction in Term of Supervised Release.* I understand that if I successfully complete the program, then I will graduate from the program and the presiding judge of the Reentry Court will recommend to my sentencing judge that the sentencing judge reduce my term of supervised release by one year (or by my remaining time on supervised release if I have less than one year on my supervised release at the time I complete the Reentry Court program).

Participant Signature / Date

Assistant Federal Public Defender / Date

U.S. Probation Officer / Date

U.S. District Judge / Date
 Presiding Reentry Court Judge