

Criminal duty counsel services

Service type	FE*	Covered	Not covered
Bail hearings (including WASH court)	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct bail hearings and speak to consent releases • Negotiate adjournments and releases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surety substitutions • Bail variations • Bail reviews • Accused has privately retained counsel for bail hearing
Day of court triage	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary legal advice • Disclosure review • Referrals to CLSC, community supports <p><i>Financially-ineligible accused will receive summary legal <u>information</u> only</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-court certificate eligibility assessments • Agency work for privately retained counsel • Independent legal advice (ILA) • Trial matters • SCJ matters
Resolution discussions			
In-custody	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For resolutions without a trial (e.g., withdrawals, peace bonds, guilty pleas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial matters or to narrow issues for self-represented at trial • Independent Legal Advice (ILA)
Out of custody	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include negotiation and representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial matters • SCJ matters • Agency work
Resolution advocacy (in court)			
In-custody	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance for withdrawals, peace bonds, and guilty pleas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial matters • SCJ matters
Out of custody	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include agency work for <u>certificate clients</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency work for privately retained counsel
In-court assists (including video remand)			
In-custody adults	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At discretion of DC manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial matters • SCJ appearances
Youth	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include agency work for <u>certificate clients</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency work for privately retained counsel
Out of custody adults - Priority communities**	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance on substantive proceedings for clients from priority communities • Routine/administrative appearances (e.g., adjournments) • May include agency work for <u>certificate clients</u> from priority communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of custody adults not identifying as part of an LAO priority community • Trial matters • SCJ matters • Agency work for privately retained counsel

*FE stands for financial eligibility. Income level determines whether a person qualifies for some legal aid services. When FE = Y, these services are only available to clients who are financially eligible. When FE = N/A, financial testing will not be required for these services.

**LAO places particular emphasis on helping clients with mental health and/or addictions issues, those experiencing domestic violence, and those identifying as Indigenous or from racialized communities.