# <u>Special report</u>

# THE 10 MYTHS OF DEFENDING YOUR DUI

You're about to discover the little-known strategies that can save you from needless heartaches and protect your future.

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If you have been arrested or charged with a DUI, it's likely you are frightened, worried about your future and concerned about money. There is a lot of misinformation out there from well-meaning family, friends and online searches.

We are here to help you get clear about your options.

Let's take a look at 10 common myths about defending your DUI.

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## **MYTH NUMBER 1:** I CAN HANDLE THIS ON MY OWN

From the very beginning of your situation, legal representation can arrange for bail and negotiate favorable terms for your release. An experienced DUI attorney can also ensure that you are being treated well by law enforcement and that the rules of evidence are followed thoroughly.

While hiring an attorney for a criminal charge is not mandatory, you could be risking your future trying to work through this alone. Understanding the intricate procedures involved during court proceedings can be challenging.

Your defense attorney can apply years of experience and offer the best outcome for you possible.

Or maybe you just want to ask someone what your rights are?

If you have been charged with a DUI, you have choices. A competent legal counsel can help you identify the choices and help you get the best possible outcome.

#### **MYTH NUMBER 2:** A DUI ATTORNEY ONLY HELPS ME WHEN I GO TO COURT

Actually, a lot of the work a DUI attorney does is spent outside of trial. There are countless hours spent preparing for the trial for each hour spent in trial.

A good DUI attorney will spend a great deal of time reading police reports, interviewing witnesses, doing legal research, writing motions, going to crime scenes, viewing evidence at police stations, sending subpoenas among many other tasks.

To think a DUI attorney will only help you when you go to court is not fully understanding the criminal justice systems and how they operate on a day to day basis.

Much of the work is done behind the scenes to help people get the best possible outcome.

#### **MYTH NUMBER 3:** IF I'm innocent, I don't need an Attorney

Innocent until proven guilty. It's important that you know this statement does not protect you at all.

In fact, you have likely been already convicted long before you ever enter the trial. If you are convicted, it may not affect you today or even your current job.

Should you change positions or apply to become a licensed professional, it is possible that a DUI will come back to haunt you. A conviction can have a major impact and it definitely can impact future employment.

You can be setting yourself up for real trouble by expecting to speak on your own behalf in court.

You may do jail time or be fined if you let the law speak for itself without being represented. The burden of proving your innocence with the help of a DUI attorney, could mean your case is quickly settled and the fears, removed from your conscience.

## **MYTH NUMBER 4:** Judges don't like dui attorneys

The complexity of the law can present many confusing challenges.

In some cases, a judge can become more frustrated with a defendant who is unable to follow the court rules or is not properly prepared in a DUI case.

Overall, judges expect a defendant to hire a DUI attorney. Less time is wasted explaining procedures and the judge will be able to move through the process more quickly.

He or she will be less frustrated by having to point out things and define terms to the defendant.

Let me ask you a simple question. If a judge was charged with DUI do you think he would go into a court of law without an attorney? You can bet he wouldn't. Don't you deserve to have all of the best choices on your side during a time like this?

#### **MYTH NUMBER 5:** I AM GOING TO JAIL ANYWAYS, WHY DO I NEED AN ATTORNEY?

There are no guarantees or absolutes in law. Just because you have been charged with a DUI does not guarantee jail time.

It is even possible that a DUI attorney can deal with the substantive issues of your situation before charges are ever filed. In fact, a DUI attorney may also be able to stop charges from ever being filed.

### **MYTH NUMBER 6:** They didn't have a right to arrest me, but I can't fight the system

If you have been arrested for a DUI and you are sure your rights were violated through the process, there is a great deal a DUI attorney can do about it.

A officer violation could result in evidence being inadmissible at trial. Accordingly, a DUI attorney will spend significant time reviewing all documentation to determine if the case can be won on Constitutional grounds.

In a situation like this one, time is not on your side. You need to contact us right away to explain the situation and let us go to work on your behalf.

#### **MYTH NUMBER 7:** The COP won't show up for my court date and I'll go free

Officers sometimes will have one court date per month and all of their cases are going to be on that day. There are times when the officers aren't there, but it's usually for a good reason.

Officers are often being trained somewhere, are serving in the National Guard, or were on duty at the time that they were supposed to be in court. When these things happen, they call the court. The judge then continues all of their cases to following month.

Don't gamble your case on your officer not showing up. The chance of a case getting dismissed for this reason is extremely rare.

## **MYTH NUMBER 8:** All dui attorneys are the same

DUI law is a complicated practice. The laws are changing all of the time and are different from state to state. These changing laws make it hard for people you to know your rights.

Not all lawyers perform all of the work necessary to aggressively defend his or her client in every case. A skilled DUI attorney will not compromise any professional standards and will take every action possible to best serve his or her client.

The best DUI attorneys are experienced in the law, the court you are attending and the process.

#### **MYTH NUMBER 9:** A DUI ATTORNEY WILL LIE TO ME ABOUT THEIR FEES

You may have been told that when you hire a DUI attorney that you will never know how much you will pay.

That is simply not true. When armed with the right questions you will know exactly what representation will cost you

You can receive the answers you need by just asking some simple questions.

- Do you charge a flat fee or are your fees hourly?
- If you charge by the hour, what is your rate?
- Will I have to pay a retainer fee and if so, how does that work?
- If you charge a flat fee, what does it include and what doesn't it include?
- Is it refundable?
- Do I have to pay it all up front?
- What are my expected expenses outside of the attorney fee?
- Can you provide an estimate for them?

# **MYTH NUMBER 10:** The best dui attorneys are expensive

There are many well-meaning people who don't always know the facts.

You may have been told that you have to hire the attorneys who drive fancy cars and wear expensive suits to be sure you will be served best. In fact, a co-worker or family member may be telling you incorrect information.

When interviewing a DUI lawyer, you should find out in detail what work the lawyer will do to defend you in your case.

Some questions to ask are:

- Will he go to the crime scene?
- Are there legal issues he will research?
- Will he interview any witnesses?
- How often does he go to trial?
- When was the last time he tried a case like yours?

- Does he view the case as complex or simple? Why?
- Is the lawyer smart? Motivated? Well educated? Experienced?

Ask these questions before factoring in price.

There's no shame in seizing the very best outcome. Seek advice from someone who is working on your behalf and who will discuss their fees in a straightforward manner. Your future depends on it.

It's important for you to act quickly. Contact an experienced and skilled DUI attorney as soon as possible. He or she will be able to provide you with the very best advice for your specific situation. Our firm is positioned to help you perfectly. We can help you but you will have to set up an appointment with us first.

You'll be amazed at the relief you will feel when this one simple question is answered:

"Do I know all of my rights?"

# FINAL THOUGHTS

Thank you for taking the time to read this special report. It was our intention in providing you good information that you can use to make a more informed decision.

There is no way that we could answer every question or cover every situation in this special report. The best way for you to get the most accurate information concerning your unique situation is to make an appointment today with my office.

You are under no obligation during this appointment and we can talk about your unique situation and help you determine the next step together.

Give my office a call today at (317)526-1453

Remove the stress, worry and doubt and speak to us today. You will be glad you did.

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