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## DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)

I cannot tell you how many times I am asked by persons arrested and/or charged with Driving While Intoxicated, “**Do I need a lawyer?**” So, if you are asking yourself that same question, let me give you my best answer—**YES**.

It seems that almost every year we see the penalties for a DWI conviction increase. And what the police or your friends may not have told you yet is that once you have a conviction for DWI, whether you pled guilty or whether a jury finds you guilty, that guilt stays on your criminal record for life. **Aggressively defending this charge now may be your LAST, BEST chance to keep your name clear of a LIFETIME criminal record (yes, a DWI conviction stays on your record FOR LIFE)! You owe it to yourself, your reputation and your future to do all that you can to obtain a NOT GUILTY finding from the court.**

I encourage you to schedule an appointment with me and let’s discuss some of the potential issues you will soon be dealing with, like:

1. JAIL TIME, either as your punishment OR as a condition of probation;
2. Driver’s license suspension;
3. Ignition interlock device (if a DWI—2nd offense or as a condition of bond);
4. Driver’s license surcharge of \$1,000 per year (1st offense) for 3 years or \$1,500 per year for 3 years for a repeat offense; \$2,000 per year for 3 years if you give a breath or blood alcohol test that results in a 0.16 BAC or higher;
5. SR-22 insurance and the much higher car insurance rates you will incur;
6. One year suspension of a Commercial Driver’s license;
7. DWI Education classes;
8. Victim Impact classes; and
9. Why you should **NOT** plead guilty until you have reviewed the video of your arrest, you owe it to yourself and your future!

Call me today at either **(713) 370-7100 in Houston, (972) 346-6501 in Dallas or (800) 313-1877 Toll Free** and let’s sit down together and discuss your case.

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