

HOW TO CHOOSE A DUI LAWYER

Let Facts Not Fear Drive Your Decision
3rd Edition

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BEFORE you
meet with a
lawyer!

- Can You Afford Not to Ask These 3 Questions Before Hiring a Lawyer?
- 3 Dozen (or so) Questions to Ask Before Hiring a DUI Lawyer
- Where Can You Learn About What Other Lawyers and Clients Say About DUI Lawyers?

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*Last night, hiring a good DUI lawyer
was the last thing on your mind.*

Today, it's all you can think about.SM



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How to Choose the Right DUI Lawyer: Let Facts Not Fear Drive Your Decision

You Already Made a Smart Choice

Congratulations! By reading this book you've already made a good choice. Many others charged with DUI will make the important, and in some cases life-changing choice, of hiring a lawyer without any information essential to making a smart decision.

Here, you will learn about the information you need, what questions to ask both yourself and any lawyer you consider hiring, and how to avoid the biggest mistakes made by others.

The best news is that you can get meaningful information quickly - *before* you meet with any lawyers. So, let's get started.

DUI Arrests are on the Rise

In 2018, a record number of motorists were arrested for DUI by the Pennsylvania State Police, according to a press release published on August 19, 2019. The Pennsylvania State Police made a total of 20,143 DUI arrests, which was an increase over the total in 2017. This represents the highest number of DUI arrests in Pennsylvania history. (And this total does *not* include the arrests made by local police.)

Most People Don't Know Where to Get Help

Many people who face allegations of DUI have never been in trouble before. They haven't needed a DUI lawyer until now and do not know how to choose one. Others may have had a DUI or other criminal charges in the past, but were disappointed with their lawyer - whom they hired because he was the first one who could meet with them or because he was inexpensive.

Choosing the Right Lawyer is Difficult

The process of choosing a DUI lawyer to join you in defending your freedom is both an important and difficult task.

Your ability to make a smart decision is more difficult now because of the fear and uncertainty you feel. Maybe, you thought that the officer might lose your paperwork. You hoped that the blood test results might be low enough that no charges would be filed. But when you opened the mail and saw the envelope from the Magisterial District Court, all of the fear from the night that the flashing overhead lights appeared from nowhere in your rearview mirror rushed through you again.

You Have Questions

As you read the court papers, questions race through your mind. You ask yourself, *Will I go to jail? If so, for*

*how long? And where? Will I lose my driver's license?
When? And for how long? Will I lose my job?*

You Need Answers

The DUI lawyer you choose is important because of what's at stake for you.

The penalties for a DUI conviction are harsh. A conviction can result in a mandatory prison sentence. Our judges have less discretion because of mandatory sentencing schemes imposed by the Legislature. A conviction will trigger a driver's license suspension and, for some, a license revocation. Those who have a CDL will be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle. Some will have to equip their car with an ignition interlock system. Others will be required to pay fines, attend classes, wear alcohol-detecting ankle bracelets and meet with probation officers.

Will you be convicted? Which of these penalties will apply to you? Which penalties will not apply to you? Right now, you have more questions than answers.

The Truth is Most Lawyer Advertising *Doesn't* Help

In Pennsylvania, there are thousands of lawyers. Just Google "DUI lawyer" and online pages are filled with lawyer ads. In any telephone book throughout our

Commonwealth you will see dozens of lawyers advertising that they handle DUI cases. The one who pay Google the most crowd the top of the page with paid advertising, even more fill several more pages of results.

Don't get me wrong. Advertising (even lawyer advertising) can be a good thing, particularly when it educates and informs consumers. The problem is that most of the lawyer ads include many of the same meaningless slogans like *"We're Aggressive"* or *"We're Experienced"* or *"We'll Fight for You."*

The only things that seem to distinguish one ad from another are size and color (as if the bigger or more colorful the ad the better the lawyer). Most websites look alike and contain the same, meaningless slogans.

The lack of any meaningful information in most lawyer advertising makes choosing the right lawyer for you and your case difficult. The truth about lawyer advertising is that it doesn't help you much and is, at best, only a starting point.

The 5 Biggest Mistakes Other People Make When Choosing a DUI Lawyer

1. They choose based on **availability**. Many people choose a lawyer solely because the lawyer was available to talk or meet on the day they called.

While this may be understandable given the fear and sense of urgency created by such serious allegations, this is no way to make such an important decision. You learn nothing about the lawyer except that he is not busy on other important cases (or his other cases are not so important to him) that he will take your call.

Simply being the first lawyer who has time to meet with you does not qualify the lawyer to be entrusted with defending something so important as your freedom.

2. They choose based on **price**. Many other people choose a lawyer because the lawyer is inexpensive. Although price is always a relevant consideration, a decision that will affect your freedom, your future and your family cannot be made solely upon price. For these people, any lawyer will do. The lawyer's qualifications, experience, familiarity with the unique issues presented in DUI cases, what other lawyers and former clients think of their legal abilities, or the time and attention they give their clients don't matter. However, it would seem obvious that these things *do* matter to anyone who faces the possibility of a mandatory prison sentence, a suspension or revocation of their driver's license and all of the other penalties triggered by a DUI conviction.

The people who choose the cheapest lawyer often are surprised when their telephone calls are not returned. They complain that they never get to see their lawyer - except in court. As a result, they don't know what to

expect and are not prepared for what lies ahead, often until it's too late.

3. They choose based on the **size, color, or position of Google ads or the number of full-page yellow pages ads**. When the paperwork arrives in the mail from the Magisterial District Court and panic and fear consume you, some people make decisions in haste and without thinking.

They assume that the first listing on Google or a bigger yellow pages ad means "better." They assume the paid ad on the top of the page means "top lawyer." Or they assume that more color means more qualified. They may see an ad on the cover of the phone book and never open the book for the names of other possible lawyers to consider.

These people tend let their fear and anxiety drive their decision. They don't gather information (even when it's free) or read what others say about the lawyer. For them, the sooner they hire someone - *anyone* - the better.

4. They choose based on **fear**. In some ways, fear plays a role in each of the first three biggest mistakes other people make when choosing a lawyer.

All of us, to some extent, fear the unknown. Most people charged with DUI have never experienced our criminal justice system. For them, most, if not

everything, is uncertain. For them, fear and uncertainty become almost overwhelming.

We don't make smart decisions when afraid and overwhelmed. Now is the time to get informed and learn as much as possible, as soon as possible.

5. They choose based on ***some combination of the first four mistakes.***

None of the first four biggest mistakes other people make when choosing a DUI lawyer allows them to make an intelligent or well-informed decision. And such a decision is rarely improved when the choice is based upon a combination of other poor reasons to choose a lawyer.

You Can Avoid These Mistakes

You can let facts, not fear, drive your decision about what DUI lawyer to choose.

You can get real information *before* you meet with any lawyers. You can get straight answers to your questions quickly. You can learn about lawyers, their actual experience, what other lawyers think of them, and what others who hired them say about them. You also can learn about other cases that they handled successfully. You can learn what questions to ask before you meet with a lawyer.

You can do all of this *before* you schedule any free consultations with any lawyers.

What You Need is *Real* Information

Your decision about who is the right lawyer for you and your case simply cannot be made on the basis of advertising alone. The lawyer advertising that crowds the internet, covers the telephone book and fills dozen of yellow pages, and most websites is practically useless because the ads all say the same thing. The empty slogans found in nearly all lawyer advertising provide you with little useful information upon which to base such an important decision. The same is true for most websites, which often offer no more information than an ad in the yellow pages. Likewise, for the unsolicited letters you receive in the mail from lawyers who offer only more of the same.

The best thing that you can do before making any important decision in your life is gather meaningful information. You should do the same thing when choosing the right DUI lawyer for you and your case.

You Need Answers. And You Need Them *Fast!*

Whether you were arrested last night or just opened the mail which included a notice of preliminary hearing from the Magisterial District Court, you don't have much time to choose a lawyer.

You have questions. You need answers and you need them fast. Your schedule at work and your obligations at home make it difficult to schedule free consultations with lawyers, interview them, ask questions and gather information. Such a method is not only impractical, it is inefficient.

You can begin to gather meaningful information before you meet with any lawyers. You want to make good use of your personal days at work and your time away from family. Here is a better way to get the answers you need and get them fast.

You Get Real Information Only By Asking the *Right* Questions

If you want real information, you must start by asking the right questions. We suggest a number of questions that you ask *before* you schedule your interview of any lawyer.

Your decision to hire a DUI lawyer may be the most important decision you make this year. Much hangs in the balance for you and your family. You should feel free to ask all of the questions suggested here.

Ask These 5 Questions *Before* You Meet Any Lawyers

A truly “experienced” DUI lawyer will be pleased to answer all of your questions even *before* you schedule

an appointment. The information you seek cannot be found in the telephone book or on most websites. The answers you receive can make all the difference.

In the end, choosing the right DUI lawyer for you and your case starts with asking the right questions at the beginning. Before you even agree to meet any DUI lawyer (and certainly before you hire one) ask the lawyer these five questions:

1. Do You Offer Any Free DUI Information? First, ask for free information about DUI in Pennsylvania. Ask the lawyer to send you any books or articles he has written on the subject. Ask the lawyer where you can download a book (or two) which provide information about DUI, the elements of proof, the penalties upon conviction or any alternatives to prison. Ask the lawyer to provide any other educational information that may help you understand what you can expect when facing an allegation of DUI.

You want to overcome fear of the unknown and minimize unnecessary anxiety as you prepare yourself for what lies ahead. More information helps you get smart faster. The better the information, the better the decisions you will make.

If the lawyer does not offer any free information without insisting upon a consultation, keep looking. Narrow your list of potential lawyers based upon

the quality of information they provide to you *before* you spend the time (away from work or your family) to meet with them.

- 2. Have You Won DUI Cases?** Second, you should ask whether the lawyer has successfully defeated DUI charges in other cases.

Although past successes do not guarantee any particular result in your case, you should know whether or not your lawyer has meaningful experience handling cases like yours. A DUI case can be fought in a number of different ways. As examples, it might be that the police lacked a good enough reason to stop your car in the first place. Maybe the field sobriety tests were administered incorrectly. Perhaps your consent (or refusal) to submit to chemical testing was coerced. Maybe the results from chemical testing are unreliable, should be reduced or suppressed by the Court.

A DUI lawyer with experience defending cases that involve any of these or other possible should be pleased to discuss these topics with you.

- 3. Where Can I Read About Your Other Cases?** Third, you should ask where you can read about other DUI cases that the lawyer has defended. Lawyers should be able to share with you either copies of transcripts or opinions (while protecting

the names of former clients) or summaries of other cases. Again, while past successes will provide you with no guarantees in your case, you can at least be comforted in knowing that your lawyer has handled cases like yours and handled them well.

- 4. Where Can I Learn About What Other Lawyers, Judges and Your Clients Think About Your Legal Abilities and Ethics?** There are several independent, peer review services (where lawyers rate each other) that provide information about lawyers, their experience, achievements in various areas of law, and ethics.

First, the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers*[®] list is an honor reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in their practice. Only 5% of attorneys in Pennsylvania receive this distinction. Selection to the *Super Lawyers*[®] list provides third-party validation of a lawyer's practice. *Super Lawyers*[®] selects lawyers using a patented multiphase selection process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with independent research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis. The objective is to create a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource for other lawyers and consumers, like

you, searching for legal counsel. Like any good peer rating service, a *Super Lawyers*[®] designation cannot be purchased and lawyers cannot nominate themselves and are prohibited from campaigning for this designation.

Second, the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings are designed to help people identify, evaluate and choose the best lawyer for their case. According to Martindale-Hubbell, the ratings are "an objective indicator that a lawyer has the highest ethical standards and professional ability and are used by buyers of legal services to justify their hiring decisions."

Martindale-Hubbell asks judges and lawyers who know a lawyer to rate the lawyer. Only if a lawyer is considered to have "Very High" general ethical standards is a lawyer considered for a rating. If considered, judges and other lawyers will rank a lawyer on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being the highest) in five areas: Legal Knowledge; Analytical Capabilities; Judgment; Communication Ability; and Legal Experience.

Lawyers who receive a rating below 3.0 are considered "*Ranked*"; lawyers who receive a rating below 4.5 are considered "*BV-Distinguished*" which "is an excellent rating for a lawyer with some experience [and] a widely respected mark of achievement, it differentiates a lawyer from his or her competition."

The highest ranking is “*AV-Preeminent*.” The AV Preeminent rating “is a significant rating accomplishment - a testament to the fact that a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence” and is the highest possible ranking a Pennsylvania lawyer can receive.

Only the highest rated Pennsylvania lawyers receive a rating of 4.5 or better and receive an “*AV-Preeminent*” ranking. According to Martindale-Hubbell, an “*AV-Preeminent*” ranking “shows that a lawyer has reached the height of professional excellence. He or she has usually practiced law for many years, and is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity.”

Next, another source of information about lawyers can be found at www.Avvo.com. According to Avvo, “The Avvo Rating is our effort to evaluate a lawyer’s background, based on the information we know about the lawyer. The rating is calculated using a mathematical model that considers the information shown in a lawyer’s profile, including a lawyer’s years in practice, disciplinary history,

professional achievements and industry recognition - all factors that, in our opinion, are relevant to assessing a lawyer’s qualification.”

Here’s why the Avvo Rating can help you find the right lawyer, according to Avvo.com:

It's unbiased. Because ratings are calculated using a mathematical model, all lawyers are rated by the same standards.

There's no favoritism. At Avvo, all lawyers are treated equally. They can't pay to change the ratings, and we don't play favorites to lawyers we know.

It's developed by legal experts for non-experts. The model used to calculate the Avvo Rating was developed with input from hundreds of attorneys, thousands of consumers, and legal experts.

It's easy to understand. With simple ratings from 1 to 10 or "Attention" or "No Concern," Avvo.com makes clearer the murky process of understanding lawyers' backgrounds.

Avvo.com also reminds (as do we) that the Avvo Rating (or any other lawyer rating service) is *not* intended to be the *only* thing you use in choosing a lawyer. It is only one tool and it is "our effort to provide a snapshot evaluation of the lawyer's background, so you can more effectively compare the available background information of different lawyers." This is true for all lawyer rating services.

The information you gather from these rating services should be a starting point for you in your search for the best lawyer for you and your case.

5. Will You Help Me Make This DUI the Last DUI I Ever Face? Finally, you should ask lawyers what they can do to help ensure that this is the last DUI you ever have to face.

Being a lawyer means more than simply knowing the law and being a courtroom advocate. A lawyer is a problem solver. If you think that you might benefit from alcohol counseling or even in-patient treatment for addiction, the lawyer should be familiar with where you can get help. He should support your efforts to make sure that this is the last DUI you ever face.

Ask These Questions *When You Meet Any Lawyers*

Only *after* you receive free information, you read about other cases the lawyer has successfully defended, you learn how other lawyers and clients rate the lawyer, you read what other clients say about the lawyer, and you get answers to your questions that satisfy you that the lawyer might be qualified to help you, should you then agree to schedule an initial consultation.

When you meet, ask even more questions before you decide whether this is the right DUI lawyer for you, like these:

- ✓ How long have you been in practice?
- ✓ Can you explain both the strengths and weaknesses of my case?

- ✓ What will happen at every stage of my case?
- ✓ What are potential defenses to my case?
- ✓ Is there any investigation that you recommend? If so, what?
- ✓ What is ARD?
- ✓ Do I qualify for ARD?
- ✓ What would ARD require me to do?
- ✓ Is ARD the right choice for me?
- ✓ What are the disadvantages of ARD?
- ✓ If I don't qualify for ARD, will I lose my driver's license?
- ✓ If I don't qualify for ARD, will I go to jail?
- ✓ Are there any alternatives to jail?
- ✓ What are those alternatives?
- ✓ What are the "collateral consequences" of each possible course of action in my case?
- ✓ Have you ever defended DUI cases before a jury?
- ✓ Have you ever prosecuted DUI cases?
- ✓ Why does it matter if you have prosecuted DUI cases in the past?
- ✓ Will you meet with me in person before and after all court appearances?
- ✓ If I think that a drug or alcohol evaluation might be beneficial to me, can you help me find a counselor?
- ✓ Do you discuss your fees in advance? If so, how much will my defense cost?
- ✓ Do you put your fee agreement in writing?
- ✓ Do you accept credit cards?
- ✓ Do you accept payments?
- ✓ Do you have a toll free number?

- ✓ Do you return telephone calls the same day that you receive them?
- ✓ How often do you check your email?
- ✓ Do you answer emails the same day that you receive them?
- ✓ If you are not available, do you have administrative assistants who can give me basic information about my case?
- ✓ Will you give me the names of other DUI lawyers that I can interview before I make a decision?

Ask Yourself These Questions *After* You Meet Any Lawyers

Here are several questions to ask *yourself* either during or *after* that “free initial consultation” that almost every lawyer offers:

- ✓ Did the lawyer listen to me?
- ✓ Did the lawyer speak in plain English and in a way that I could understand?
- ✓ Did the lawyer welcome all of my questions?
- ✓ Did the lawyer answer all of my questions to my satisfaction?
- ✓ Did the lawyer seem defensive or avoid altogether any of my questions?

You May Have Other Questions. Ask Them.

There may be other questions important to you because each case is different and your goals can be unique to your situation.

The lawyer that you choose should be pleased to answer all of these questions, together with any other questions unique to your special circumstances.

The Secret to a Winning Relationship with Your Lawyer

When many of us think of lawyers and communication, we envision a courtroom, a jury and a passionate closing argument. The lawyer talks (and talks) and everyone else just listens. The roles never change.

However, the kind of communication that makes for a winning relationship with your lawyer is quite different.

Real Communication Involves More than Just a Lawyer Talking

Meaningful communication requires listening, seeing one another, and time. Time to listen. Time to talk. Time to meet in person. Time to explain things.

And doing each of these things with enough frequency to make sure that you truly understand the process, your choices, and the best way ahead for you and your family.

As you consider the right DUI Lawyer for you, think about whether the fundamentals of successful communication are in place. Consider these keys to meaningful communication with your lawyer:

- ✓ Does the lawyer listen to you, or just talk?
- ✓ Does the lawyer limit the number of cases he accepts in order to make more time for real communication with you?
- ✓ Will the lawyer meet with you in person before every court appearance so that you have both enough time and information to make smart decisions?
- ✓ Will the lawyer also meet with you after each significant event in your case to make sure you know what will happen next so you can get ready for the next event in your case?

We Understand How You're Feeling Right Now

If you face DUI in Pennsylvania, you may feel overwhelmed, confused or even frightened by the possibility of losing your freedom, your job, or your driver's license. Many good and decent people - hardworking citizens with families and good jobs - make mistakes. Most are over-charged. Others are, quite simply, wrongfully charged with DUI and other crimes. You are not alone. We understand.

We Provide Free DUI Information

We provide lots of free DUI information including books, articles, answers to frequently asked questions, online videos. In 2010, we wrote *Defending Freedom: The Ultimate Guide to DUI Cases in Pennsylvania*. In 2012, we authored a Second Edition which revised and expanded the original edition and included even more information. In 2017, we published a Third Edition, with even more information including changes in the law. Now, in 2020, after still more changes in the law, we have revised and expanded the book again.

Get lots more information on our website. Visit www.YourErieLawyers.com where you can read articles, blog posts, and a sampling of our success stories. While there, you also can read what others say about us, watch informational videos, and get answers to dozens of frequently asked questions.

We Have Won DUI Cases

We have a record of success. Each case is different. Every case turns on its own unique set of facts. So, the details surrounding your arrest will determine the outcome, as past successes of a lawyer provide you with no guarantees in your case. However, you should know whether a lawyer has meaningful experience handling cases like yours.

You should know that good lawyers win some and lose some. What a good lawyer does in every case though is

give you a fair chance to keep your freedom (or at least minimize the harm to you and your family caused by a poor decision or a mistake that you made).

You Can Read About Our Success Stories

You can read about other cases we've defended by visiting www.YourErieLawyers.com and in our other free books.

Every case is different and your case will turn on the facts unique to your case. *You will get no guarantees from an honest lawyer.* But aren't you better informed when you know that your lawyer has actually defended allegations of DUI before and defended them well?

We are recognized on the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® list

Purchase, George & Murphey, P.C. is a law firm whose partners are all on the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers*® list. The patented multiphase peer review selection process, combined with independent research, results in only 5% of lawyers in Pennsylvania receiving this distinction. We're proud to be among them.

We have an “AV-Preeminent” Martindale-Hubbell Rating

Purchase & George, P.C. is a law firm with an “AV-Preeminent” Martindale-Hubbell rating. Martindale-Hubbell is the oldest lawyer ranking service in America.

AV-Preeminent is the highest ranking lawyers can receive from their peers for legal skills and ethics.

We have a “10.0 Superb” Avvo.com Rating

The lawyers at Purchase & George, P.C. also have “10.0 Superb” Avvo.com ratings based upon their experience and peer endorsements from other lawyers. 10.0 Superb is the highest rating lawyers can receive.

You Can Read What Others Say About Us

In addition to what other lawyers and judges say about us, you can read what others we’ve helped say about us by visiting www.YourErieLawyers.com. Read the reviews written by others there.

We Don’t Take Freedom for Granted

Most of us take our freedom for granted. Like many other things, we often fail to appreciate the value of our freedom until we are faced with the possibility of losing it.

What’s important is that we don’t take *your* freedom for granted. If you face DUI charges, then you understand this better than most people. The weight of a mere criminal *allegation* can result in not only the loss of freedom (such as the imposition of bond or a probation detainer), but such allegations also can result in loss of

employment and cause anxiety, stress and emotional strain for you and your family. The case - *your case* - becomes the central focus of your life.

We appreciate that people accused of DUI need more than just representation by “a suit” and we understand that merely being a skilled advocate isn’t really enough for most people. You expect and deserve a highly skilled and experienced professional who will listen, care and counsel you - and will fight for you like he’s fighting for his own freedom.

Our singular objective is to defend freedom and, in the end, help people and their families.

We Communicate with You

The kind of service we provide can’t be achieved through the efforts of only one person. We have a team. And everyone plays a role in taking good care of our clients, many of whom have never been in trouble before.

Our clients are supported by several full-time paralegals and administrative support personnel. We also often work with an investigator to develop all of the important facts about a case. We embrace the efficiencies of technology and, in particular, the many ways such advancements can improve the quantity, quality, and timeliness of the services you receive from us.

We believe that a winning relationship with your lawyer requires meaningful communication. And successful communication involves more than just talking. It requires listening - our listening. It requires that you see us, and see us often. And, most important, meaningful communication requires time - time that exists only when the fundamentals of successful communication are in place.

We Make More Time for You

For starters, we simply *don't* accept every case. We often decline cases. We can't be everything to everyone.

We are careful to limit the number of cases we accept because case preparation and real communication require time, especially with you who have never faced a DUI before.

Fewer cases means more time for you. Fewer cases also allows more time to meet, listen and explain, and doing so with enough frequency to ensure that you truly understand the process, their options and the best way ahead.

We Focus on What's Most Important

Our team is trained to put you and your concerns first. This lets your lawyer give his full attention to you and your defense.

Our experienced team lets your lawyer focus on you and your case (and not the telephone, copier, scanner, fax or countless other tasks which, although important and necessary, consume time that could be devoted to preparing your defense and preparing you for what lies ahead).

We Take Good Care of You

We assign at least one lawyer and one paralegal to each case. This provides you with prompt and personal attention when the lawyer is in court or helping someone else (without endless waiting for a return call or leaving messages results in “phone tag”). More information given soon by someone familiar with the case always seems to please our clients.

We Make it Easy for You

In 2004, we moved our main office to 2525 West 26th Street in Erie after overseeing extensive renovations made there. The location is centrally located and easily accessible, just one block west of I-79.

The location is convenient for clients throughout northwestern Pennsylvania and offers free parking. Later, we remodeled again - this time to move the reception area to the lower level and thereby eliminate all stairs and steps. Now, those with difficulty walking and climbing can park in front and walk with ease to our lobby and meeting rooms. In 2010, we opened a second office in Meadville to better serve people in Crawford County.

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We Aren't for Everyone

Our job isn't to tell you just what you want to hear. We tell you how it really is. We don't accept every case. We want to defend people who want good advice, smart information, and an excellent defense - not a cheap one. As a result, we're not a good fit for everyone. And if we're not a good fit for you, we will tell you - and then help you find another lawyer.

Want to Discuss Your Case? If you think we might be right for you, call us for a free, private, no obligation consultation at (814) 833-7100.



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What Other People Say

"It all starts with having a lawyer who understands what's important to his clients. Tim George and his team were patient, thorough, and empathic in my case. He got me the best outcome possible in a case that I thought was impossible to bare!"

Zoser, December 2019

"Tim George is a true professional... He communicated information and updates on my case as soon as they were available. Tim never stopped fighting for me even when things looked doubtful. In the end, all of his hard work and determination paid off... I would recommend Tim to anyone who needs a professional that gets the job done."

Client, December 2016

"The things I most appreciate about Attorney Tim George are how respectful, articulate, and honest he was about my case. He always presented every option for my consideration and welcomed my involvement and ideas. Also, his staff was always extremely professional, helpful, and courteous. Mr. George never made me feel like I was 'bothering' him and took the time to include my family in our planning and strategy. Perhaps, most importantly, I felt like Mr. George wanted a good outcome for me because he personally cared about me and saw my potential."

S.B., April 9, 2014



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- ✓ AV-Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Rating
- ✓ 10.0 Superb Avvo Rating
- ✓ Avvo Client's Choice Award
- ✓ Author of Two DUI Consumer Books
- ✓ Co-Author of Car Accident Consumer Book
- ✓ Former Criminal Prosecutor
- ✓ Iraq War Veteran



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