

## SEATTLE DUI ACCIDENT LAWYER ALCOHOL-RELATED VEHICULAR ASSAULT

A person accused of causing a DUI accident in Seattle, Washington may face serious criminal penalties if charged with and convicted of vehicular assault. Vehicular assault is a felony offense in Washington. Have you been accused of alcohol-related accident charges? Consulting with a Seattle DUI attorney is important if you would like to learn more about your particular legal rights and what can be done to fight these charges. The penalties for vehicular assault are steep, and as such we recommend that you act quickly to secure the criminal defense counsel you need.

### DUI CAUSING INJURY IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A driver may be guilty of alcohol-related vehicular assault in the State of Washington if he or she operates a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs and causes substantial bodily harm to another person.

#### **Substantial bodily harm is defined under RCW 9A.04.110:**

*"Substantial bodily harm" means bodily injury which involves a temporary but substantial disfigurement, or which causes a temporary but substantial loss or impairment of the function of any bodily part or organ, or which causes a fracture of any bodily part."*

Vehicular assault is a class B felony punishable by up to 10 years' imprisonment in a state correctional institution, and/or by a fine of up to \$20,000. If you are a convicted felon, you might experience difficulties finding a job, housing or loans. It is therefore important to do everything possible to avoid such a serious conviction.

### DUI CAUSING DEATH IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

A driver may be guilty of the crime of vehicular homicide in the State of Washington if he or she operates a motor vehicle and causes the death of any person ensues within three years of an accident. The driver must also have operated the vehicle in a reckless manner, with willful disregard for the safety of others, or while the influence of an intoxicating liquor and/or drug.

Vehicular homicide is a class A felony, punishable by confinement up to a life sentence, or by a fine in an amount fixed by the court of fifty thousand dollars, or by both such confinement and fine. A person previously convicted of DUI may also be subject to an additional two years incarcerated per prior DUI or related conviction.

No matter what your charges involve, you owe it to yourself to contact an experienced attorney as soon as possible after you have been charged. At the firm, the legal team is dedicated to protecting your rights and giving you a chance at receiving the outcome you desire in your DUI-related case.

**To learn more about what our firm can do to assist you, contact our office today!**