## Do I Need an Attorney?



## DO I NEED A SEATTLE CRIMINAL ATTORNEY UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS AFTER AN ARREST

Have you been arrested for a crime? Simply put, you have the right to an attorney under the U.S. Constitution. If you feel you can't afford one, a defense lawyer may be assigned to you by the court. Every person accused of a criminal allegation, regardless of whether charges have been filed or may be filed in the future, can benefit from an attorney who can guide them through the criminal justice process. In fact, hiring an attorney to represent you means you have an ally who will work for you and stand up for you in court, negotiate on your behalf, and use their thorough knowledge of the law to advise and strategize.

When you are considering whether or not to enlist the help of an attorney for your criminal case, keep in mind that there are many innocent people in jail or prison who were innocent, but failed to have the competent professional defense counsel that was needed to successfully defend serious charges in court. If charges have been filed against you, it is because a prosecutor believes they have enough evidence to convict you and penalize you under the law. This is a very serious matter that will have a direct and lasting impact on your future. Instead of taking a risk with your freedom, your reputation, and your future, we urge you to contact our Seattle criminal defense attorneys at once for more information about defending your case.

Here at Lewis & Laws, PLLC, we offer you a free and confidential case evaluation to discuss your situation. We have found that this consultation process affords you the chance to ask questions and get an idea for what legal options might be present for your case.

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT LAWYER FOR YOUR CASE

Once you have decided to enlist the help of a legal professional, your next step is to find the right attorney for the job. Every lawyer has a unique set of skills and abilities, and you cannot afford to be stuck with an inexperienced or apathetic attorney at this critical crossroads in your life. If possible, you should opt for hiring your own criminal defense attorney instead of a public defender. Public defenders are sometimes required to take on a heavy caseload and may not be able to devote the time and effort that your case needs and deserves.

Our firm aggressively pursues the best outcome for every case that we handle, and we will not give up on a case simply because it is challenging. During your free initial consultation, you can learn more about our legal background and experience and determine whether or not we are the right team for your case.

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO PRESENT A DEFENSE CASE SUCCESSFULLY?

The process of crafting a defense case takes time and insight, and requires an extensive knowledge of criminal law. Your attorney should take time to dig deep into your charges and the evidence brought against you in order to refute the prosecution's arguments against you. Once the defense case is established, there is another aspect that can greatly affect the outcome at trial - the courtroom abilities of your defense attorney. At Lewis & Laws, PLLC, we know how frightening it is to be facing criminal charges, and we take the time to hear your side of the story. We are interested in defending you, your rights, and your freedom, and we work tirelessly to find the best strategy.

How can you be free of your criminal charges and move on with your life? The first step to take is to contact our firm to discuss your case. We believe that once you have met with us, you will be confident that we are the firm that has the commitment and skills you need on your side. Don't ever take a chance with a criminal charge, particularly felonies. The

period of incarceration, you will lose your ability to hold certain professional licenses, and it is unlikely that you will be able to get any quality employment with a felony conviction on your criminal record. We know how much you need a hardworking attorney that will fight for every advantage, and we aim to provide each and every client with the highest quality of legal protection.