TYPES OF CRIMES
SEATTLE CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS

Being arrested under any circumstances can be a frightening experience. The uncertainty of the future, the possible penalties, and even the details of the charge are enough to overwhelm someone in a matter of moments. In these times, it is important for residents of Seattle to have dependable criminal defense to turn to for help.

One of our priorities at Lewis & Laws, PLLC is to make sure that our clients are informed of the steps ahead of them as we proceed through the criminal defense process in Washington. Under the defensive representation of an Seattle criminal defense attorney at our firm, you can effectively challenge the allegations that have been made against you no matter what type of criminal charges you are facing.

DEFENSE FOR ALL TYPES OF CRIMES

From misdemeanor offenses to felony offenses, our firm tackles criminal charges of every degree and nature. After an arrest, we urge you to contact a member of our team as quickly as possible so we can begin to build a defense for your case.

Many of the types of crimes that we defend can be found listed below; however, if you do not see your charges here, do not assume that we cannot help. A free case evaluation can determine if we can help with your case.

Arson

Arson is the criminal act of setting fire to a property or a piece of land. A person who causes a fire on a mountainside, in a home, or in a building can be charged with this serious offense, even when it was done so unintentionally. Contact an attorney immediately if you are under investigation for this crime.

Conspiracy

Conspiracy charges can be made when two or more people join together and engage in behavior that would be considered as a criminal offense. Under certain circumstances, conspiracy charges can be successfully prosecuted even if the crime was never committed. Planning the behavior is a criminal offense in and of itself.

Disorderly Conduct

If you've been accused of the gross misdemeanor of disorderly conduct, then you could spend up to 90 days in jail and be required to pay a fine of $1,000 if you are convicted. Learn how these types of criminal allegations can be challenged in court.

Driving Offenses

Traffic tickets can seem minor and very insignificant, but too many of these offenses can result in serious consequences. Traffic tickets include speeding tickets, red light tickets and radar tickets. If you accumulate too many tickets, a "point" could be added to your driving record and you insurance rates could increase as a result.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence, assault and abuse are all against the law in the state of Washington. Oftentimes, all that is needed to charge someone with a domestic violence charge is a witness statement; little to no evidence is needed. If you are accused of domestic violence, you could be facing charges ranging from a misdemeanor to a serious felony.

Drug Crimes

Have you been accused of possessing or selling drugs? If your drug offense was allegedly committed near a school, park, or to underage individuals directly, you could face enhanced penalties.

DUI

Driving under the influence of alcohol is a serious offense in the state of Washington that can result in license suspension, imprisonment, and fines. In some cases, individuals could lose their job as a result of a DUI conviction.

False Statements

Providing false information to the police, firefighters, investigators or any other type of public servant can result in serious charges, especially if a false witness statement led to a wrongful arrest.

Federal Crimes

Any type of criminal offense that violates an established federal law is considered to be a federal offense. Criminal behavior that is conducted on any type of federally owned property is also classified as a federal offense. Typically federal crimes result in a harsher set of penalties and sentencing.

Felony Crimes

Felonies are among the most serious offenses, and crimes that fall into this category are usually punishable by more than a year of imprisonment. Furthermore, most felony offenses cannot be cleansed from a record in the future.

Harassment

Harassment charges refer to threats such as causing bodily harm to another person, causing physical damage to another's property, subjecting a person to confinement against their will, or maliciously doing any other act intended to substantially harm the person with respect to their mental health and well-being.

Internet Crimes

Criminal activity that is conducted via the internet includes identity theft, false claims, online impersonation, utilization of zombie networks, hacking, spoofing, phishing, malware, and email worms. The best way to challenge the allegations that have been made against you is by enlisting the defense of a criminal attorney.

Juvenile Misconduct

When your child is caught doing something that is against the law, they could face harsh consequences, despite their age. In some juvenile cases, a prosecutor will push to have a child tried as an adult so that they can seek harsher penalties for the crime.

Malicious Mischief

Acts of malicious mischief include knowingly causing physical damage to a person's property and other types of intentional behaviors. Depending upon the amount of damage committed to the person's property, malicious mischief can be tried as a misdemeanor or a felony offense.

Obstruction of Justice

Obstruction of justice is generally described as an offense in which a person interferes with a criminal investigation or a criminal case. This can include tampering with evidence or concealing evidence, even if it is unintentional

Reckless Endangerment

Any activity that is said to create a substantial risk of serious bodily injury or death to one or more individuals is classified as reckless endangerment and can be punishable by law. Reckless endangerment is a gross misdemeanor offense that can be punishable by up to a year in jail and $5,000 in fines.

Resisting Arrest

Many actions can be viewed as resisting arrest, including running from an officer, refusing to be arrested or physically assaulting an officer during the arrest process.

Sex Crimes

Criminal offenses involving sex allegations are highly stigmatized and extremely serious. Whether you were accused of rape / sexual assault or failing to register as a sex offender, you can trust in the four decades of collective legal experience at our firm to build a defense on your behalf.

Theft Crimes

Theft offenses, including shoplifting, grand theft, auto theft, robbery, and petty theft, are all serious crimes that are punishable by criminal and financial consequences. A conviction for a theft offense could result in fines, restitution, and possible job loss.

Trespassing

If you entered a property without the consent of the owner then you could be charged with the criminal offense of trespassing. Knowingly entering and / or remaining on the property of another can be grounds for criminal charges.

Violent Crimes

Violent crimes, or crimes against another human, are serious offenses. They involve causing harm, bodily injury or death to another person, and are the most heavily prosecuted of all criminal cases. Violent offenses include crimes such as assault, murder, domestic violence, robbery, and more.

White Collar Crimes

Often committed in a financial or business setting—and rarely involving violence—white collar crimes can take months or even years to investigate. When the prosecution has this much time on their side, you need to make sure that you level the playing field. Our firm can help build a strong defense for your case.

DEFENSE AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!

If you have been arrested for a crime in Seattle, you could be facing dire consequences, regardless of whether the charge is a misdemeanor or a felony. Fines, prison time and future ramifications are overwhelming for any criminal conviction in Washington.

Protect yourself from an unfair conviction or sentence by retaining the counsel of an experienced attorney from our firm. Contact our office today to discuss your situation with a member of our legal team.