

## SEATTLE ROBBERY DEFENSE LAWYER

Committing theft by force, violence or fear best describes the crime of robbery. If you or someone you know has been accused of this type of offense, a Seattle criminal defense attorney at our firm can offer you valuable insight into what you are up against and what you can do at this point to begin handling your case. Even if you have not yet been formally charged, you may be in danger of facing felony charges and may face 10 or more years in prison if you are convicted. You will need to act quickly to retain legal counsel; law enforcement and the prosecution will be working actively to try to put you behind bars.

### WHAT DO I DO AFTER A ROBBERY CRIMINAL CHARGE?

Robbery is defined in Washington Criminal Code 9A.56.190 as “unlawfully taking the property from the person or from another’s immediate presence, when this act is committed by the use of force, violence or threatened violence that places the victim in reasonable fear of harm.” Force or fear would be used in order to obtain the property or to prevent the victim or another party from resisting the act. This offense may be classified in the first or second degree, depending on the circumstances of the alleged act.

First degree robbery (armed robbery, robbery causing injury, or robbery of a financial institution) is a class A felony punishable by up to life in prison and/or a fine of up to \$50,000. Second degree robbery (all other types of robbery) is considered a class B felony, punishable by up to 10 years in state prison and / or a fine of up to \$20,000. When your future is on the line, turn to a team you can trust like Lewis & Laws, PLLC.