



DUI/DWI - FAMILY LAW - CRIMINAL

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WHY HIRE US?

THE ATTORNEYS YOU WANT, WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST.

Experience and Expertise: Let us put our 50 years of combined experience to work for you and achieve the best possible outcome for your criminal or traffic case.

You need the best.

Track Record of Success: Real client reviews showcase our attorneys' history of winning criminal cases, securing outcomes such as acquittals, dismissals, and reduced charges.

Allow us to take over.

Availability and Responsiveness: Effective communication is crucial in the attorney-client relationship. We prioritize communication with a supportive staff to address your concerns throughout the legal process. We schedule calls and appointments based on your needs.

Don't try to do this yourself.

Strategic Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills: We build customized defenses to overcome your legal challenges. Our goal is to effectively navigate legal challenges and obstacles for our clients.

Don't put this off another day.

Empathy and Support: Facing criminal charges can induce stress and emotional turmoil. Our attorneys and staff offer empathy, providing support and guidance throughout the legal proceedings.

We can help.

A note from our Founder Nicole H. Naum, Esq.

I have dedicated my career to protecting the rights and interests of clients in criminal and traffic defense. From a very early age, I knew I wanted to be a lawyer because I wanted to help people. Now, I find defending clients' rights both rewarding and delightfully challenging.

At Battlefield Law Group, your success and future are our top priorities. As the owner, I am committed to zealously defending your freedom and rights. Our firm offers superior legal assistance, with a team of hand-picked attorneys who deliver effective and innovative strategies tailored to achieve the best possible outcomes for every case.



WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHECK OUT OUR CLIENT REVIEWS!

"I have had the pleasure of working with this Law firm for multiple legal matters, and I am thrilled with the outcomes. Thanks to their expertise, dedication, and strategic approach, I was ultimately found not guilty and had charges greatly reduced. Throughout the process, [the attorneys] were not only professional and knowledgeable but also supportive and reassuring. They kept me informed at every step and skillfully navigated the complexities of my cases. I am truly grateful for their outstanding representation and would highly recommend them and the entire firm to anyone in need of legal assistance. Thank you for the exceptional services!" - 2024 Google Review





Thank you for considering our representation!

At Battlefield Law Group, we have extensive experience in all areas of criminal and traffic defense in numerous jurisdictions throughout Virginia. Put our 50 years combined experience to work on your case. Whether you are facing a minor traffic infraction or a serious criminal charge, you need experienced representation that understands the complexities of the legal system and can navigate it effectively on your behalf.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS PROCESS!



SKILLED DUI/DWI DEFENSE

Our attorneys travel nationwide to attend seminars and conventions for cutting-edge DUI defense strategies.

At Battlefield Law Group, we are trial attorneys first which means we investigate ever possible defense for your unique case. It is a misconception that all DUI/DWIs are the same. Quite the contrary, all drunk driving case are as individual as are the person who is accused of the offense.

Our attorneys are skilled and knowledgeable about the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and we have read the manuals. We know the case law regarding the 4th Amendment defend against violations for unreasonable searches and seizures. DUI/DWI representation is a large part of our practice at Battlefield Law Group.

RECKLESS DRIVING

Class 1 Misdemeanor and 6 Demerit Points

- **Reckless Driving:** Classified as a Class 1 Misdemeanor in Virginia, reckless driving can result in severe consequences, including up to 6 months license suspension, up to \$2,500.00 in fines, and even up to 12 months jail time. Our attorneys have successfully defended countless clients against these charges, ensuring their rights are protected.

- **Accident Cases:** Even the most minor accidents can be charged as reckless driving. This can have financial civil consequences if not handled properly. Just because a crash occurred doesn't mean it was a result of reckless or improper driving.

- **Disqualified from Driving Jobs:** Violations can prevent you from working for Uber, DoorDash, bus driving and other driving related professions.

First offense or prior convictions, we develop defense strategies to reduce charges, minimize penalties, or achieve acquittal.

WE TAKE YOUR DUI/DWI SERIOUSLY

Battlefield Law Group has a deep understanding of Virginia's drug laws and will fight to protect your future.



"Absolutely top-notch lawyer! Their expertise and dedication really made a difference. Couldn't recommend them more!"
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COMPREHENSIVE CRIMINAL DEFENSE Misdemeanors and Felonies

- **Drug Offenses:** Facing charges for possession, distribution, or manufacturing of drugs? We have a deep understanding of Virginia's drug laws and will fight to protect your future.
- **Assault/Malicious Wounding/Murder:** Allegations of violent crimes can tarnish your reputation and lead to severe penalties. Our attorneys are skilled in defending against these charges and ensuring your side of the story is heard.

Theft and Property Crimes: From shoplifting to burglary to robbery, we provide aggressive defense strategies to protect your rights and strive for the best possible outcome.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

- **Personalized Attention:** We treat each case with the unique attention it deserves, developing tailored strategies to address your specific legal needs.
- **Transparent Communication:** We keep you informed every step of the way, ensuring you understand your options and the progress of your case.
- **Aggressive Advocacy:** We are dedicated to fighting for your rights, both in and out of the courtroom, to secure the best possible outcome.




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Don't leave your future to chance. Trust the experienced attorneys at Battlefield Law Group to provide the defense you need. Let us put our 50 years of combined experience to work for you and achieve the justice you deserve.

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THE COURT OVERVIEW PROCESS

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Most criminal cases begin in General District Court (“GDC”) or Juvenile and Domestic Relation Court (“JDR”).

If you hire a lawyer before your arraignment date, they can usually appear on your behalf or file paperwork so you can avoid this court date.

DISCOVERY

The first court appearance, typically an arraignment, notifies the defendant of the charges and the need for an attorney. The defendant can apply for a court-appointed lawyer if they are indigent and face a jailable offense. Most people do not qualify for court-appointed assistance due to their income.

It can take a long time to receive discovery.

Your attorney will receive discovery about a week before the trial date.

ARRAIGNMENT

Once you hire a lawyer and an adjudication date is set, you can request discovery. Discovery is the evidence the prosecution holds, which the defendant is entitled to review. This evidence typically includes, but is not limited to:

- **Criminal Complaint**
- **Police Reports** (if the officer(s) wrote one)
- **Body/Dash Camera Footage** (if the officer(s) has the technology)
- **Accused’s Criminal Record**
- **Written Statements**
- **Laboratory Analysis**
- **Breath Certificate**

*Typically, the videos are accessed via a streaming site, requiring the client to visit the attorney’s office once to review the footage.

MOTIONS

A motion is a formal request to the court that must be filed in writing, given to the Commonwealth’s Attorney, and scheduled for a court date. Attorneys cannot call the judge, as this is unethical.

COMMON MOTIONS

- Motion for Bond/Bond Modification
- Motion to Continue
- Motion to Suppress
- Motion for Restricted License

The District Court level handles motions differently than the Circuit Court. Your attorney will know how to file, handle and get your motion heard at the appropriate time.



IF YOU ARE CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR:

At this court level, misdemeanor charges can be finalized by a GDC judge, who handles trials, plea agreements, and dismissals. No jury trials occur here. If found guilty, the case can be immediately appealed to the Circuit Court to begin de novo, or a new trial.

Practically speaking, on a Preliminary Hearing court date, the accused can expect that case either be:

1. **Continued** – this means that the court date is moved to a later date; or
2. **Amended** – the felony charge(s) is amended a misdemeanor to dispose of the case at this level of court; or
3. **Waived** – you can give up your right to the hearing and have the case proceed to circuit court without a hearing. Waiving this right should be carefully considered; or
4. **Have the Hearing.**

In Virginia, each county handles the start of a criminal case in Circuit Court differently. Initially, the accused can expect an arraignment, term day, or grand jury. The accused must decide whether to have a jury trial or a judge trial, discussing the pros and cons with their attorney. A plea agreement can also be scheduled. Cases in Circuit Court can take months to years, depending on the court’s schedule and Speedy Trial considerations.

DISTRICT COURTS ARE “COURTS OF NO RECORD,” MEANING IF YOU NEED A TRANSCRIPT OF THE HEARING OR TRIAL, YOU MUST HIRE A COURT REPORTER OR HAVE YOUR ATTORNEY RECORD THE PROCEEDING.

IF YOU ARE CHARGED WITH A FELONY:

For felony charges, this court schedules a Preliminary Hearing where the prosecution or the Commonwealth’s Attorney (“CA”) presents evidence to establish probable cause. This is not a trial, and the prosecution does not need to present all evidence or prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt. It determines if the case should proceed to Circuit Court.

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COURT EXPECTATIONS

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL

In District Court, a misdemeanor trial usually lasts under 2 hours and occurs the same day as your court appearance if resolution negotiations fail. A judge hears the evidence, permits cross-examination, and decides your guilt or innocence. The choice to go to trial or enter a plea is yours.

RIGHT TO JURY

At the Circuit Court level, trials are handled like those in District Court, but you can request a jury.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IF YOU REQUEST IT.

Juries can decide misdemeanor appeals from District Court.

FIFTH AMENDMENT RIGHT

You have the RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. This means that you cannot be compelled to testify in your case. If you choose not to testify, no one can require you to speak. However, if you choose to testify in your defense, you will be subject to cross-examination from the prosecution.

Choosing to not testify does not mean that you are guilty. The judge should not consider whether you remain silent in the determination of guilt.

DEFENSE PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE

You have the RIGHT TO SUBPOENA WITNESSES to court and request certain evidence to be brought to court. You need to let your attorney know of any witnesses or possibly helpful evidence for your case so your attorney can request it. To subpoena a witness, provide your attorney with their full name, phone number and address to have them interviewed by your attorney and served. You are not required to present any evidence; the burden of proof is on the prosecution to prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

RIGHT TO APPEAL TO CIRCUIT COURT

If you are found guilty at the District Court level, you have the right to appeal your case to the Circuit Court. This **MUST BE WITHIN 10 DAYS** of the guilty verdict. This is 10 **CALENDAR** days. If the 10th day falls on a weekend or a holiday or a court closure, you will have until the next business day.

PLEA AGREEMENTS

If you choose not to exercise your right to trial, you are likely entering into a plea agreement. When you accept the plea agreement, you will be bound by the agreement and all of the terms of the agreement.

You will also be giving up certain rights including but not limited to, your right to a jury trial, your right to remain silent on that charge, the right to cross-examine your accusers, and the right to appeal.



APPROPRIATE DEMEANOR

Conduct yourself as if in front of a judge from the moment you exit your vehicle at the courthouse. You might encounter a prosecutor, judge, or potential juror. The right demeanor can help your case, while the wrong one can harm it.

This is a stressful time for you and others, many without a great lawyer. Mind your manners, avoid vulgar language, and be polite throughout the courthouse.

DO NOT TALK ABOUT YOUR CASE

Only discuss your case with your attorney. Anything you say outside of attorney-client privilege can be used against you in court. This applies both inside and outside the courthouse. Direct any questions to your lawyer.

That's what we are here for, after all.

FROM THE MOMENT YOU ARRIVE AT COURT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO BEING JUDGED.



KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. Be Polite.
2. Be Neat.
3. Be On-time.
4. Be Prepared.

PROPER ATTIRE

Always dress clean and neat for court. This is a humble time for you to show respect to the court. Business casual to business professional is recommended. Also, be mindful that standing out because of your clothing at court is not helpful to the legitimate issues and concerns you need to address.

If you lack formal attire, consider:

- Avoid revealing clothing—no exposed shoulders, midribs, or chest.
- Avoid jeans and shorts.
- Wear skirts conservatively, not too short.
- Some judges expect shirts tucked into pants.
- No hats or head coverings, except for religious purposes.
- Avoid excessive jewelry or expensive attire.
- This is not a time to protest. Do not wear controversial clothing, memes, sayings, or graphic shirts.

TESTIMONIALS

From Our Clients



Battlefield Law Group's attorneys have garnered over 250 five-star client reviews across multiple platforms, reflecting their unwavering dedication and diligent efforts to our clients.



"...Steve stepped in with the power and precision of a seasoned legal lion...Steve Duckett is more than a lawyer; he's a true advocate for justice. His ability to turn the tide in my favor when it mattered most has brought immense relief and peace to my life." - 2024 Google



"100/10 recommend! Lili and Jenni are rockstars! I had someone get a protective order on me based on lies, they seen through it and got it dropped!... Can't say enough good things about these ladies! Thank you soooo much!!!!" - Google 2024



"If I could give more than five stars, I would. Nicole was recommended to me by a friend and I'm so happy she was recommended to me. Without going into too much detail, she reduced my charges and was kind the entire time..." - 2023 Google



"...All of my 4 charges were dropped because of her knowledge and professionalism...I'm so happy to have found her. A human being with a big heart. English is not my first language and it is sometimes very difficult to express some feelings... However, at all times I felt listened to." - 2024 Google



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"Ms. Price-Cleare was very knowledgeable from the moment I spoke to her on the phone about my case...She came very prepared to fight my case and is an absolute phenomenal young lawyer. In the end she won my case...I can't recommend her enough." - 2024 Avvo



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We invite all prospective clients to read our reviews on Google, Avvo, and Facebook.



IF YOU GET PULLED OVER, YOU HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!

What to say to a police officer when you are pulled over:

Officer, I mean no disrespect, but I understand my rights. I have been informed not to talk to anyone and I do not want to answer any questions without an attorney present. Please do not search me or my property, do any test, do any line-ups, or any other identification procedures without an attorney present who is representing my interests. I will not waive any of my constitutional rights without first consulting an attorney. I do not want to perform any tests except as required under the DUI implied consent law.

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