### **SPECIAL REPORT**

## The 10 Myths of Defending Your DWI



You're about to uncover powerful strategies that can spare you unnecessary heartaches and secure your future.







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Being arrested or charged with a DWI can be an overwhelming experience, filled with fear, anxiety about your future and financial concerns.

Misinformation from well-meaning family, friends, and online searches can add to your confusion.

We're here to clarify your options. Let's debunk 10 common myths about defending your DWI.



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### Myth #1: You Can Handle This On Your Own

From the very start of your situation, an experienced DWI attorney will ensure you are treated fairly by law enforcement and that the rules of evidence are strictly followed.

While hiring an attorney for a criminal charge is not mandatory, attempting to navigate this complex process alone or with the wrong attorney can jeopardize your future.

Understanding the intricate procedures involved in court proceedings can be challenging.

A qualified defense attorney, with years of experience and expertise, can secure the best possible outcome for you.

Even if you just want to know your rights, a competent legal counsel can help you understand your options and achieve the best possible result if you've been charged with DWI.



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## Myth #2: A DWI attorney's assistance is limited to court appearances.



In reality, a significant portion of a DWI attorney's work occurs outside the courtroom.

For every hour spent in trial, countless hours are dedicated to preparation.

A skilled DWI attorney invests extensive time in reading police reports, interviewing witnesses, conducting legal research, writing motions, visiting crime scenes, examining evidence at police stations, and issuing subpoenas, among other tasks.

Believing that a DWI attorney only assists during court appearances overlooks the complexities of the criminal justice system and its daily operations.

Much of an attorney's effort happens behind the scenes to secure the best possible outcome for their clients.

### Myth #3: I Don't Need an Attorney...I'm Innocent

#### Innocent until proven guilty.

It's important that you know this statement **does not protect you** at all. In fact, you have likely been already being convicted long before you ever go to trial. If you are convicted, it may not affect you today or even your current job, however...

Should you change positions or apply to become a licensed professional, need a CDL license, etc. it is highly possible that a DWI will come back to haunt you. You can also face mandatory state issued super fines that may not be disclosed when you are convicted.

A conviction can have a major impact and it definitely can impact future employment, or even your ability to have a driver's license.

You can be setting yourself up for real trouble by expecting to speak on your own behalf in court.

You may do jail time or be fined if you let the law speak for itself without being well represented.

The burden of establishing your innocence with the help of a DWI attorney, could mean your case is quickly settled and the fears, removed from your conscience.

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#### Myth #4: Judges Don't Like DWI Attorneys

The law is complex and can present many confusing challenges.

In some cases, a judge can become more frustrated with a defendant or their incompetent attorney who is unable to follow the court rules or is not properly prepared in a DWI case.

Overall, judges expect a defendant to hire a competent and skilled DWI attorney.

Let me ask you a simple question. If a judge was charged with DWI do you think he would go into a court of law without an attorney? You can bet he wouldn't.

You deserve to have all of the best choices on your side during a time like this.



### Myth #5: I'm Going to Jail Anyway, Why Would I Need an Attorney?



There are no guarantees or absolutes in law.

Just because you have been charged with a DWI does not guarantee jail time.

It is even possible that a DWI attorney can deal with the substantive issues of your situation before charges are ever filed.

In fact, an experienced DWI attorney may also be able to stop charges from ever being filed or get charges thrown out due to improper police conduct in the stop or arrest.

#### Myth #6: They didn't have a right to arrest me, but I can't fight the system



If you've been arrested for a DWI and believe your rights were violated during the process, a DWI attorney can take significant action on your behalf.

An officer's violation could render evidence inadmissible at trial. A DWI attorney will thoroughly review all documentation to determine if your case can be won on constitutional grounds.

In such situations, time is critical. Contact us immediately to explain your situation, and let us start working for you.

# Myth #7: The cop won't show up for my court date and I'll go free anyway

Local police and Texas highway patrol officers are regularly subpoenaed to appear for court dates. The odds of a police officer ignoring a subpoena and just not showing are very low.

There are times when the officers aren't there, but it's usually for a good reason.

Officers are often being trained somewhere, are serving in the National Guard, or were on duty at the time that they were supposed to be in court.

When these things happen, they contact the court.

The judge then continues all of the cases to following month.

#### Don't gamble your case on your arresting officer not showing up.

The chance of a case getting dismissed for this reason is extremely rare.

### Myth #8: All DWI attorneys are the same

DWI law is a complex and constantly evolving field here in Texas, with laws varying significantly from state to state.

This constant change makes it challenging for individuals to fully understand their rights.

Not all lawyers dedicate the necessary effort to aggressively defend their clients in every case.

A skilled board certified criminal attorney will maintain high professional standards and take every possible action to best serve their clients.

The best DWI attorneys are experienced in the law, familiar with the court you are attending, and well-versed in the legal process.



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### Myth #9: A DWI attorney will lie to me about their fees

You may have been told that when you hire a DWI attorney that you will never know how much you will pay.

That is simply not true.

When armed with the right questions you will know exactly what representation will cost you.

The most experienced attorneys do tend to charge for a consultation to devise a strategy for your unique case. They won't discuss fees until they know the details of your case as each case is unique.

You can receive the answers you need by just asking some simple questions.

- What are your fees, and how are they structured?
- Do you offer payment plans or financing options?
- Are there any additional costs I should be aware of?
- How do you approach plea bargains and negotiations?
- How do you ensure that you maintain high ethical standards in your practice?

### Myth #10: The best DWI attorneys are expensive

There are many well-meaning people who don't always know the facts.

You may have been told that you have to hire the attorneys who drive fancy cars and wear expensive suits to be sure you will be served best. In fact, a co-worker or family member may be telling you incorrect information.

When you sit down in a consultation with the attorney, you need to interview the DWI attorney.

You should find out in detail just exactly what work the lawyer will do to defend you in your case.



Some questions to ask the attorney during your consultation are:

- Will the lawyer go over the evidence with you?
- Are there legal issues they will research?
- Will they interview any witnesses?
- How often do they go to trial?
- When was the last time they tried a case like yours?
- Do they view the case as complex or simple? Why?
- What issues do they see as good and bad in your case?
- Do they have expertise like board certifications?

Be sure to ask these questions before factoring in price. There's no shame in going for the very best outcome.

Seek advice from an attorney you can trust to be working on your behalf and who will discuss their fees in a straightforward manner with no surprises. **Your future depends on it.** 

It's important for you to act quickly. Contact an experienced and skilled DWI attorney as soon as possible. They will be able to provide you with the very best advice for your specific situation.

Our firm is positioned to help you. We can help you, but you will have to set up an appointment with us first.

You'll be amazed at the relief you will feel when this one simple question is answered: "Do I know all of my rights?"

#### **Final Thoughts**

Thank you for taking the time to read this special report.

Our goal was to provide you with valuable information to help you make a more informed decision.

An arrest does not guarantee a conviction. Many aspects of the arrest process and evidence can be challenged with the help of a skilled attorney.

As a board-certified criminal law attorney, Jacob Blizzard has demonstrated a deep understanding of criminal law, particularly in handling DWI cases. This expertise means he is familiar with the intricacies of Texas DWI laws, the legal process, and the best strategies for defense.

While we can't address every question or scenario in this report, the best way to get accurate information tailored to your unique situation is to schedule an appointment for a consultation with our office.

In our time together we can discuss your specific circumstances to help you determine the best next steps together. Call our office today at 325-313-5373.

Remove the stress, worry, and doubt by speaking with us today.

You'll be glad you did.

