

Criminal Defense Attorney

Criminal defense is the area of law that deals with representing individuals who have been accused of committing offenses against society. In order to be convicted of a crime, the prosecution must prove the defendant is “guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.” When a person is charged with a crime it will be classified as either a misdemeanor or a felony.

Misdemeanor crimes are less serious criminal offenses that typically result in probation, community service, fines not usually exceeding \$1,000, and short jail sentences of no longer than one year. Common types of misdemeanor crimes, often referred to as “disorderly persons offenses” include DUI/DWI, vandalism, petty theft, prostitution/pandering, trespassing, traffic violations, simple assault, minor drug possession, and probations violations.

Felony crimes are drastically more serious crimes that are typically punishable by no less than one year in a state prison, steep fines, probation, lifetime registration as an offender (depending on the crime), and even the death penalty in certain cases. Common types of felony crimes include murder, rape, terrorist acts, grand theft, arson, kidnapping, burglary, major drug crimes, and most types of white collar crimes, sex crimes, and violent crimes.

If you have been charged with any of these crimes, you need an attorney on your side who is familiar with the criminal defense laws and court systems. If convicted, you may face a variety of life-altering penalties and may suffer from a damaged reputation, strained personal relationships, and backlash from the community. The attorneys at the Law Firm of Shabazz & Associates are dedicated to building strong and effective defenses so that their clients are not subjected to harsh legal penalties. The attorneys are competent trial attorneys who are able to present compelling arguments before the judge and juries, which may lead to a dismissal or acquittal. Further, in cases where a trial may not be in the best interest of the client, the attorneys are experienced in negotiating with the prosecution to try and get their clients’ charges reduced. Most importantly, The Law Firm of Shabazz & Associates is committed to protecting its clients’ rights, and making sure they are not unjustly convicted of a crime.

If you are in need of a *New Jersey criminal defense attorney* or a *New York Criminal Defense Attorney*, call us today.