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How We Can Help:

If you are accused of committing a full or petty misdemeanor in New Mexico, retaining a highly competent criminal defense attorney will help protect your future and aid you throughout the legal proceedings in the following non-exhaustive list of ways:

(1). Assisting in the truth-finding process of criminal prosecution by reviewing the state's evidence for any possible legal defenses; (2). Reviewing the evidence to determine whether any constitutional and/or factual issues exist; (3). Avoiding or reducing potential jail, prison, and/or probation time; (4). Negotiating with the prosecutor to get specific charges dismissed (if not the whole case) or reduced; (5). Working to minimize any potential fees, fines, and/or costs you may have to pay; (6). Negotiating with the prosecutor to facilitate and provide you with the best possible options in your case; (7). Helping you understand the potential consequences of your case and providing you with reasonable expectations; (8). Assisting you with rehabilitation and counseling efforts to avoid future mishaps that may be caused by underlying mental and/or substance dependency struggles; (9). Appearing in court on your behalf; (10). Etc.

In the early stages of your misdemeanor case, a high-caliber defense attorney will carefully review the facts and circumstances of your case to identify whether any evidentiary, constitutional, and/or factual legal issues need to be raised in court. From the start of your case, good defense work involves meticulously preparing for trial while simultaneously engaging in calculated plea negotiations with the state prosecutor to provide you with your best options outside of facing the inherent risks of going to trial.

One significant advantage of hiring a skilled private defense attorney for your misdemeanor case (excluding DWI/DUI and domestic violence cases) is that most misdemeanor cases are commonly called “officer prosecuted” cases. This means that the officer who charged you must also act as the prosecutor and prove the allegations against you in court. As you can imagine, law enforcement officers are neither trained nor licensed attorneys, meaning hiring a skilled and knowledgeable defense attorney to represent your interests in court gives you a highly beneficial advantage over the prosecution. Consequently, many misdemeanor cases not involving DWI/DUI or domestic violence allegations result in either a dismissal or a form of adjudication that is highly beneficial to the accused.