

You are charged with DWI and are probably concerned about the potential consequences. At our first meeting, which costs you nothing, we'll go over what happened in detail. I'll explain what will happen if you are found guilty, the worst case scenario. This should ease your mind. A lot of your concerns come from not knowing what can and will happen. After we meet there won't be any potential punishment or consequences that you don't know about and that we've not prepared for.

If you'll give me a couple of minutes, I'd like to tell you how I approach a DWI case. Simply put, I begin every case convinced that the state can't prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt. It's unfortunate that most lawyers begin their analysis with the premise that you are guilty. Not surprisingly, most of their clients plead guilty or are found guilty. Of course, some cases can't be won, and in some there will be a substantial penalty for pleading not guilty. We'll consider that, and make an informed decision as to how to proceed with that in mind. If you do plead guilty, the District Attorney will usually dismiss all of the other related charges. This can be a great deal in cases where the related charges are serious or can lead to substantial penalties or a criminal record.

"But Marcus, won't the judge punish me more harshly if we plead not guilty but are found guilty?" Generally if I'm your attorney the judge will not punish you more harshly after a trial, but I'll make sure that's the case before we plan our strategy. We'll be ready for anything. You see, I look at a trial as a chance to win, but to win I need the judge to be paying attention. So we'll have some fun in court. Tell a joke; laugh at ourselves...because part of my job is to make sure we are the good guys. Your trial can't be a boring halfway attempt to get a break. I never try a case on the theory that a blind hog finds an acorn once in a while. I stipulate to what we must admit and only argue my good issues so we don't waste time. By knowing our plan, I am able to be more efficient and effective. The judges and district attorneys know that I don't waste time--theirs, yours, or mine. Thus everyone must be alert because things happen fast. I am always well prepared; I have the cases, the manuals, and experts when necessary, whatever I need to support our position.

In addition, you and I will discuss the rules for testifying and for being in the courthouse: how to behave, how to dress, and what will work in your case. You will know the sort of questions that you will be asked and how to convince everyone in the court room you are telling the truth. Of course, you will be telling the truth, but it's important that you know how to present yourself so you will be believed. We'll practice your testimony, practice your body language, and go over all of the details of your courtroom presentation. You see, chance favors the prepared mind. We'll be all prepared at every step, so that we miss no opportunity. I prepare very carefully for court and so will you.

"Ok Marcus, that sounds great, but what will happen to me if this goes badly and I'm convicted?" To answer that I'll need to go over your specific case. Then I'll be able to tell you exactly the range of punishments you will be exposed to, and the likely outcomes. You can look at my website for further information if you would like before we meet. You can find it at [www.marcusehill.com](http://www.marcusehill.com).

Finally, let me tell you that I win DWI's. I carefully prepare every part of your case to give you

the best chance of a great outcome. Believe it or not, in the United States you are still innocent until proven guilty, and I focus on fighting for you and getting verdicts of not guilty. If this describes the lawyer you have been looking for, then call me right away to set up your free consultation. Whatever you decide, you'll learn many things in our meeting that will help you plan your next step. We will work through this problem so that it will not mess up your present or future. Call me today!