



Vehicle & Traffic Law: *Frequently Asked Questions*

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Will my traffic ticket affect my insurance rates?

Different vehicle and traffic violations have specific 'points' associated with them, and points can and do affect your insurance rates.

Will I have to appear in court to fight my traffic ticket?

Not necessarily. We are often able to address traffic matters with the District Attorney's Office or the arresting officer by telephone or by mail. If a disposition can be negotiated to the satisfaction of all concerned, a submission to the court by mail can usually suffice, eliminating the need for any court appearances.

What is a driver's abstract, and where do I get one?

A driver's abstract is a document issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which reports your driving record. When discussing a traffic violation with the District Attorney's Office, you are required to submit your driver's abstract for review. You may go to any DMV branch to request your New York State driver's abstract. Check with your local DMV for the fee associated with obtaining your record.

What is DWI/DUI?

Driving While Intoxicated and Driving Under the Influence charges are serious matters. If you have been charged with an alcohol or drug related offense, please contact an attorney to assist you in the defense of these matters.

What is Felony Driving While Intoxicated?

If you have been convicted of DWI or DUI within the past ten (10) years, this new charge might be considered a felony. The charge may also depend upon various other factors as well. Please call our office to discuss any such matters further.