

Introduction

Being charged with a crime can be one of the most difficult and stressful experiences in life. You need a skilled criminal defense attorney who will guide you through the criminal justice system and ensure that your rights are protected. For over two decades, the criminal defense attorneys at Bolhouse, Baar & Lefere have been dedicated to providing experienced and cost-effective defense for individuals facing the prospect of serious criminal charges.

We have extensive experience in handling investigation, arraignments, discovery, preliminary examinations, pretrial conferences, motions, jury selection, trials and, if necessary, sentencing hearings. We are skilled negotiators who can effectively plea-bargain if that is in your best interest. If not, we are prepared to go to trial and vigorously defend you.

We promise to keep you informed and involved at every stage of your case, and are dedicated to getting the best possible resolution to your particular situation. Our extensive experience in West Michigan courts and our familiarity with local judges will benefit you.

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Criminal Law



*Protecting and Defending
your Rights*



CRIMINAL CASES WE HANDLE

We represent clients charged with many felony and misdemeanor charges including the following:

- Assault and Battery
- Domestic Violence
- Drug Offenses
- Alcohol Offenses
- Drunk Driving
- Driving Violations
- Stalking
- Embezzlement
- Fraud
- Violation of Probation/Parole

Pre-indictment and arrest representation including:

- Police Investigations
- Federal Investigations
- Polygraphs

Trials:

- Jury trials
- Non-jury trials
- All Michigan courts

Negotiations resulting in:

- Dismissal
- Plea
- Sentence Disposition

Record Expungement

Drivers License Reinstatement




AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE

Many criminal defendants choose to accept an attorney appointed by the court. There are many qualified and experienced attorneys who provide these services. However, public defenders' offices are quite often under-funded and, in many cases, an appointed attorney will not be paid for any efforts involved in representing a defendant, outside of appearing in court.

There are also many attorneys who you may privately retain and pay, who will handle your case on a flat fee basis. Payment of a one time, flat fee to an attorney does not necessarily guarantee that all possible defenses or theories will be researched, investigated and/or litigated.

Our offices require you to post a retainer of an amount that will most likely be the minimum amount of fees that you will incur in connection with our representation of you in the criminal matter. We will bill against the retainer at our hourly rate and provide you with monthly billings so that you



know how your money is being spent and are aware of your balance.

The flat fee arrangements used by some criminal defense attorneys create a disincentive to providing an aggressive defense, including a jury trial, if necessary. Our approach and strategy to criminal defense is to research possible defenses, obtain relevant documents or witness statements, investigate potential theories and consider feasible defenses whether legal, factual or technical, in order to ensure that we obtain the best possible result for your particular situation.

Furthermore, in many instances, if negotiations result in a quick resolution of the criminal matter, the fees that you will have paid to our firm will be less than what you would have paid to an attorney who agreed to handle the case on a flat fee basis. You get what you pay for in the legal world and our attorneys will provide you with the best possible defense at a cost that is fair and reasonable.
