

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

You do not have to speak with police or prosecutors, even if they ask you questions.

U.S. law states that you have the right to refuse to answer questions and to have a lawyer with you when you are questioned.

If you are questioned by police or prosecutors, you can say:

- “I will not waive my constitutional rights to remain silent and have my lawyer present.”
- “I do not wish to answer any questions without speaking to my lawyer first.”
- “I will not consent to participate in any search until I have spoken to my lawyer.”

TERMS TO KNOW

Defendant: the person charged with a crime

Deposition: a statement given under oath

Due diligence: all of the actions your lawyer needs to take to present the best possible defense for your case

Felony: a serious crime, including arson, rape, perjury and homicide, punishable by more than one year in prison

Misdemeanor: a crime punishable by a year in prison or less

Prosecutor: this lawyer is employed by the District Attorney and represents the victim



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LEGAL SERVICES



WE ARE THERE WHEN YOU NEED US

Queens Defenders usually begins work with clients after they are arrested but before they see a judge.

After an arrest, the police will take you to court. At the court, a lawyer will be assigned to represent you. The lawyer will meet with you and investigate your case.

Then your lawyer will work with the prosecutor and judge to settle your case so you do not need to have a trial. If we cannot settle with the prosecutor, we will defend you during your trial.

Your lawyer will work to eliminate your criminal record.

Our social workers can connect you and your family to help with benefits, shelter referrals, employment assistance, health services, and more.



CRIMINAL DEFENSE SERVICES

Our **Major Trials and Homicides** clients have been charged with **murder, armed robbery, and other major crimes.**

Our **Treatment Court** clients have been charged with **driving while intoxicated**, or have **mental illness** and have been charged with crimes, or are **veterans facing criminal charges**, or **have a record of criminal offenses and substance abuse disorders** and have been charged with crimes.

Our **Family Defense** clients have been charged with criminal and family offenses involving **domestic violence.**

Our **Immigration** clients have criminal cases in the Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, Federal District Court, or the Second Circuit of Appeals.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE

Queens Defenders represents youth, age 18 and younger in three different types of cases:

Juvenile Offenders are 13-15 years-old at the time of the crime and have been charged with murder, manslaughter, rape, and/or robbery in the first degree.

Youthful Offenders are arrested for a felony or misdemeanor prior to turning 19. Their cases may be moved by the judge from the adult part of criminal court to the youth part of criminal court.

Adolescent Offenders are 16 or 17 years old at the time of the crime, have been charged with felonies, and may have their cases moved by the judge to Family Court.