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## AGGRESSIVE DWI DEFENSE



THIS IS AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

DWI is the **most complex** and **serious crime** within the jurisdiction of **District Court** in NC. To highlight the seriousness of a DWI conviction, the following penalties can be imposed:

- **MANDATORY LICENSE REVOCATION;**
- **MINIMUM 340% INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE;**
- **JAIL TIME RANGING FROM 24 HOURS TO 36 MONTHS;**
- **FINES RANGING FROM \$100 TO \$10,000.**

Even though you have been charged with DWI, **you still have rights**, and you deserve to have a lawyer that will **aggressively defend** you. Choose a lawyer who truly **understands how to defend DWI cases**, which means someone who:

- Knows how and where to **spot issues** that can be used in your defense;
- Has the knowledge and skill to **fight** for you and **argue** your case at **trial**; and
- Knows how to **present mitigating factors** at a sentencing hearing to seek the most lenient sentence possible when there are no defenses.

### AWARD-WINNING, BOARD-CERTIFIED CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Over the course of my career, I have dedicated myself to providing the highest quality DWI defense I can, which is highlighted by the following:

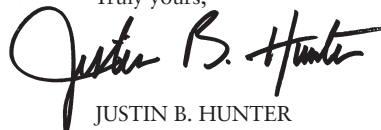
- I have defended someone charged with DWI at **every level of court** in North Carolina;
- I am only 1 of 2 members of the Duplin County Bar who has been certified as a **Specialist in State Criminal Law** by the North Carolina State Bar;
- Each year from **2014-2024**, I have been recognized by **Super Lawyers Magazine** in NC;
- I have received an **AV Preeminent®** peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell®, which means my peers rank me at the highest level of professional excellence; and
- I am a member of the National College for DUI Defense, Inc., National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and North Carolina Advocates for Justice.

### TRUST LOCAL EXPERIENCE

My firm isn't a traveling road show that takes cases here, there, and everywhere. The simple truth is this is a **Duplin County law office**. **I was born and raised here**, and this is where I have **chosen to raise my family**. My office is in a historic building in downtown Kenansville that is **100 yards from the Duplin County Courthouse**. If there's a day when traffic court is being held in Duplin County, odds are **I will be there, not somewhere else**. I have found that I can provide **better service** to my clients by **taking care of them in just one place – Duplin County**.

Please contact us for a **free consultation** before your court date and we'll tell you how we can help. Thank you for your time and considering my firm. With best wishes, I remain

Truly yours,



JUSTIN B. HUNTER  
Attorney at Law

## COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH. PROVEN RESULTS.

My approach to DWI defense is modeled after the three phases of an officer's typical DWI investigation. By having taken the same **DWI training courses** law enforcement officers take, **I learned their "playbook,"** which allows me to better assess **why the arresting officer charged you with DWI** as well as determine **if you have a defense** to assert at trial. The chart below outlines common issues in a typical DWI case.

PHASE I: OFFICER'S OBSERVATION OF YOUR DRIVING		
OFFICER'S FOCUS	CUES	
While your vehicle was in motion, were there any of the <b>24 "PRE-STOP" CUES</b> that may indicate someone is driving while impaired?	(1) weaving (2) weaving across lanes (3) straddling a lane line (4) drifting (5) swerving (6) almost striking a vehicle or object (7) turning with a wide radius, or drifting during curve (8) stopping problems (9) accelerating for no reason (10) varying speed (11) slow speed (12) driving without headlights at night (13) failure to signal a turn or lane change, or signaling inconsistently with actions (14) driving in opposing lane or wrong way on one-way street (15) slow response to traffic signals (16) slow or failure to respond to officer's signals (17) stopping in lane for no apparent reason (18) following too closely (19) improper or unsafe lane change (20) illegal or improper turn (21) driving on other than designated roadway (22) stopping inappropriately in response to an officer (23) inappropriate or unusual behavior (24) appearing to be impaired	
DEFENSE ISSUE: Did the officer have a "reasonable suspicion" to stop your vehicle?		
PHASE II: OFFICER'S INITIAL CONTACT WITH YOU		
What did the officer <b>SEE, SMELL, &amp; HEAR</b> when they approached your vehicle?	<b>SIGHT:</b> (1) bloodshot eyes (2) soiled clothing (3) fumbling (4) alcohol containers (5) drugs <b>SMELL:</b> (1) alcoholic beverages (2) marijuana (3) cover-up odors (4) unusual odors <b>HEAR:</b> (1) slurred speech (2) admission to using alcohol or drugs (3) inconsistent responses (4) abusive language (5) unusual statements	
Were there any of the <b>10 "POST-STOP" CUES</b> that reinforce the suspicion of impairment?	(1) difficulty with motor vehicle controls (2) difficulty exiting the vehicle (3) fumbling license/ registration (4) repeating comments (5) swaying or other balance problems (6) leaning on vehicle for balance (7) slurred speech (8) officer must repeat questions (9) provides incorrect or inconsistent information (10) odor of alcoholic beverage	
PHASE III: PRE-ARREST SCREENING		
ADMINISTER STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS (SFSTs)	TEST	CUES
	Walk-and-Turn	(1) cannot keep balance during instructions (2) starts too soon (3) stops walking (4) misses heel to toe (5) steps off line (6) uses arms to balance (7) turns incorrectly (8) incorrect number of steps
	One-Leg-Stand	(1) sways while balancing (2) uses arms for balance (3) hopping (4) puts foot down
	Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN)	(1) lack of smooth pursuit (2) nystagmus at maximum deviation (3) onset prior to 45°
DEFENSE ISSUE: Were field sobriety tests properly administered and interpreted?		
ADMINISTER PORTABLE BREATH TEST		
DEFENSE ISSUE: Did the officer have the authority to require you to submit to a portable breath test (PBT)?		
ARREST DECISION		
DEFENSE ISSUE: Did the officer have "probable cause" to believe you were driving while impaired?		
PHASE IV: CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF YOUR BREATH OR BLOOD		
DEFENSE ISSUE: Was the breath/blood test properly administered?		

# MEET YOUR ATTORNEY

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