

Chicago Criminal Attorney

Criminal Lawyer in Chicago

Welcome to Albuquerk & Associates, where we put aggressive and experienced legal representation on your side! Based in Chicago, Albuquerk & Associates is dedicated to providing the highest level of criminal lawyer defense, plaintiff's representation and general litigation while maintaining a relationship with our clients that is open and promotes constant communication. We cannot win big for you without your help and input. Our firm represents clients in all types of litigation. Our expertise extends from minor misdemeanors, DUI, all the way through major felonies such as homicide and rape.

What to do if charged with a Crime?

An arrest or being charged with a crime can be a very humbling and difficult situation. It is extremely important that you understand your legal rights and protect yourself. Since 1987 the courts have recognized and allowed [DNA analysis](#) to be used as evidence. Literally hundreds of people who have been convicted and are serving prison time have been proven not guilty. The lesson is that good representation is priceless. A defendant accepting the investigation performed by the police and not having his own investigation performed is tantamount to having the police represent you at trial. [Nick Albuquerk](#) will ensure that everything possible is done to give you the best possible chance to win your case.

What do you do if stopped on suspicion of DUI in Chicago?

There are some simple things to keep in mind if you are ever stopped on suspicion of DUI. While these suggestions are certainly not a guarantee or promise that if you follow them you will not be charged or convicted with a DUI, they are designed to help give you the best chance to beat a DUI.

Do not alarm the officer. Remain calm. Keep your hands on the top of the steering wheel where the officer can see your hands. Do not make any sudden movements. Wait until the officer asks for your license and registration before opening your glove compartment or fishing in a bag or pocket for your wallet.

Be polite: say "yes sir" and "no sir". THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT

Ask to speak to your [DUI attorney](#). This request will probably be ignored; if you can, call me!

It is your choice whether or not you answer any questions. An officer will most certainly question you about your drinking pattern, eating pattern, etc. The officer will make it seem that you have no choice but to answer his questions. Chances are, if you do answer the officer's questions then you are likely handing evidence of your guilt to the officer, or, giving the officer fodder to twist your words and actions into evidence of guilt. You do not have to answer these questions.

You may simply say, as politely as possible, to all alcohol related questions or commands to perform tests: "Officer, am I free to go?"

It is your choice whether or not you perform any field sobriety tests. Most people feel that they have to perform these tests when asked. You have a right to deny these tests. If you do the tests, again, all you are doing is handing over evidence of your guilt or giving the officer material to twist into evidence that he will claim proves your guilt.

Illinois Law Related to Breath Test and Drunk Driving

It is your choice whether you perform any breath tests. There are two types of breath tests: a small hand-held field test which is performed where the officer stopped you and a more accurate breath test machine performed at the police station. Officers have been known to make it sound like you must participate in this test. If you take the test and there is no alcohol in your system you will not be suspended. If you take the test and have ANY alcohol in your system (not necessarily over the legal limit of .08) you may be arrested and your driving privilege will be suspended. If you do not take the breath test the suspension of your license will be longer, but you stand a better chance of winning your DUI case and fighting your suspension. Clients can fight their suspension in a separate hearing called a Petition to Rescind a Statutory Summary Suspension. In any event, if this is your first DUI you can still apply for a BAIID ([Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device](#)) to be installed on your car and the Court will then give you a permit to drive during your suspension.

Again, these suggestions are no guarantee that you will win your case, but they should improve your chances.

Facing DUI charges? Contact a Chicago DUI Lawyer today for a free consultation: 773-847-2600

Non Criminal Cases

We have handled simple car accidents, medical malpractice, and wrongful death cases. Our consumer rights division has represented people under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fraud cases and business misconduct cases. Whether you or a loved one has been charged with a crime, is under investigation for a crime, is being sued or needs an aggressive attorney to fight for them so that they are properly compensated after being ripped off or debilitated, Albuquerk & Associates are the aggressive, honest attorneys that will see you through your legal crisis. Albuquerk & Associates is your best chance to win your case.

[Contact a Chicago Criminal Attorney](#) at 773-847-2600 to speak with our firm and find out what steps you need to take to protect your rights. We are ready to discuss your case with you, free of charge, and begin getting you or your loved one the help that they require.