

## **10 TIPS IN HIRING A DUI LAWYER OVER THE PHONE**

When you need legal services, most often it starts with a telephone call. We always encourage folks meet with us in person, the personal contact can help you "get a feel" before you decide who to hire to represent you. However, should you wish to hire an attorney over the telephone, these are a few questions you might want to ask:

- 1.** Who will ACTUALLY handle your case? Will your case be handed off to a new law graduate or paralegal? Or will your case be personally prepared and managed by an experienced attorney who is a partner in the firm?
- 2.** Will you have a direct line of communication to your ATTORNEY, will telephone calls and emails be returned promptly and will you will be kept up-to-date on the status of your case?
- 3.** How long have you been in practice and how many DUI cases have you handled?
- 4.** What percentage of your practice is devoted to the defense of DUI CASES?
- 5.** How many JURY trials have you tried?
- 6.** Do you do DMV hearings IN PERSON or on the telephone?
- 7.** Is there someone working on my case trained/certified in the use of the PAS and Intoxilyzer 5000 ? (the breath test machine used in most counties)
- 8.** Is there someone working on my case trained/certified in the use of field sobriety tests such as The-Walk-and-Turn, the One-Legged Stand, or the Eye Nystagmas Test?
- 9.** Do you possess the NHTSA Field Sobriety Training manuals? (If your lawyer doesn't know the training manual, how can he/she attack the way the arresting officer used it?)
- 10.** Do you have sufficient staff and experts to investigate and defend my case ?

### ***Extra Points!***

- 11.** When was the last DUI Continuing Education Seminar (CLE) you attended? (a serious DUI attorney should attend about 3-4 a every year to stay on top of the latest drinking driving issues)
- 12.** Do you belong the "National DUI College"? (the preeminent DUI organization)