
ABOUT THE FIRM

Criminal Defense Trial Lawyers Michelle Suskauer and Scott Suskauer began their careers as public defenders for Palm Beach County's Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. In 1994, Scott founded The Suskauer Law Firm and Michelle joined the Firm in 1997.



Our lawyers have more than 37-plus years of combined experience and they have participated in hundreds of criminal defense trials, both jury and non-jury. At The Suskauer Law Firm, our Florida Bar Board Certified Criminal Trial Lawyers help families through these challenging legal procedures, providing direction and support while effectively developing the strongest possible strategy for each case.

The Suskauer Law Firm focuses on representing clients in both state and federal court in the areas of domestic violence, alcohol related offenses, juvenile offenses, drug offenses, sexual offenses, violent offenses, white collar crimes and federal offenses.




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LEARN MORE ABOUT PALM BEACH COUNTY DUI DEFENSE

The Suskauer Law Firm provides aggressive, intelligent defense of DUI charges. Everyday our attorneys receive questions from people who have been charged with DUI and don't know who to turn to for help. We hope these questions help answer some basic concerns:

Q. Will my DUI charge impact my ability to drive?

We can help you try to keep your driver's license. Many people don't realize that they can often keep most of their driving privileges after being charged or convicted of DUI. We attend administrative hearings on your behalf and employ legal motions and strategies to try to keep you driving.

Q. Can I drive with a permit?

A suspended license often allows room for driving to work, school, medical and legal appointments, worship services, and meeting other individual and family needs.

Q. What are the penalties if I am found guilty of DUI?

For a first time conviction of .08% BAL, the fine will be at least \$500, six months probation, DUI school with potential treatment to follow, a mandatory 50 hours of community service, 10 day impoundment of your car, 6 month loss of license and up to six months of jail.

For a second conviction, the fine starts at \$1,000, 30 day impoundment of your vehicle, Level II DUI school, 26 weeks of treatment, one year ignition interlock and, if the offense is within 5 years of your last DUI, a mandatory 10 days in jail and 5 year revocation of license. If your BAL exceeds .20%, or there was a minor in the vehicle, the fines and penalties for your conviction may be substantially higher.

More serious penalties apply for third and fourth convictions and if a person is injured or killed as a result of a drunk driving accident.

Q. Is the breath test accurate?

You should never assume that the breath test evidence is accurate and will convict you. We are experienced, Board Certified criminal trial defense attorneys with experience and knowledge necessary to successfully challenge breath test results.

Q. Is it ok for the police to not follow the law?

Police officers often neglect driver's rights during a DUI stop and arrest. Police misconduct and neglecting your rights may be reason for dismissing or reducing your charges. We thoroughly investigate every aspect of your DUI charge, from probable cause for the stop, through police questioning techniques at the police station. Put our experience at your side as soon as possible after you have been arrested. They have to get through us before they get to you.

PALM BEACH COUNTY LAWYERS WITH EXPERIENCE YOU CAN COUNT ON

The only proper way to defend against DUI charges is with attorneys who know that an attack on the prosecution's case is the only way to get the best possible outcome. The police take DUI charges seriously and often neglect your rights when they are pulling you over, administering the breath tests, and pressing their case against you.

At the Suskauer Law Firm, we have the experience to investigate and challenge your DUI charge. We first look at whether the police had reasonable cause to suspect DUI or to stop your car. If there was not reasonable suspicion, your charges may be dismissed, or reduced to a moving violation. We also investigate the police behavior during the stop. Did the police explain the reason for the stop? Did you clearly understand your rights? In addition, we often challenge the field sobriety test and breath analyzer results.

We Prepare your Case to Win

We prepare your DUI defense to have all charges dismissed or reduced. We sincerely believe that by preparing well, we will be successful. In the event that charges cannot be dismissed, we resolutely fight for your freedom and to keep you driving. We have earned a reputation among former clients and prosecutors as DUI attorneys who give you everything we've got to protect your rights and your future.

Resources/Links

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle – www.flhsmv.gov

Florida Department of Transportation – www.dot.state.fl.us

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles – www.hsmv.state.fl.us

Students Against Destructive Decisions – www.floridasadd.org

Mothers Against Drunk Driving – www.madd.org

Stay Alive From Education (SAFE) – www.safeprogram.com

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety – www.iihs.org