

## DWI

New York State has some of the nation's strictest laws against drunk driving. Drivers pulled over on Central New York roads or highways and arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI), driving while ability impaired (DWAI) or aggravated driving while intoxicated (AGWI) could end up facing heavy fines and surcharges, higher insurance premiums, license suspension or revocations or imprisonment. There is also the mandatory enrollment in a Drunk Driver Program and attendance at a Victim Impact Panel. Offenders may even be forced to install costly and embarrassing ignition interlock devices (IID) in any vehicle they own or use at their own expense. Drug & Alcohol

Motor Vehicle Violations

DWI

> 0.08% BAC

ADWI

> 0.18% BAC

DWI/Child

> 0.08% BAC or drug impairment with a child under 16 years old in the vehicle

DWAI/Alcohol

0.05% BAC to 0.07% BAC

DWAI/Drug

Drug impairment

DWAI/Combination

Combination of drug and alcohol impairment

Chemical Test Refusal

Refusal to take a chemical test (e.g. breath, blood, urine)

Zero Tolerance Law

Driver under 21 years of age with a 0.02% BAC to 0.07% BAC

BAC: Blood Alcohol Content

How We Will Help

On top of the fees and penalties associated with drunk driving convictions, a DWI, ADWI or DWAI on your permanent record could impact your ability to retain or obtain certain jobs. And the penalties get worse if the driver is convicted multiple times within a 10-year period. The DWI attorneys at Tully Rinckey PLLC understand that the stakes are high. We are here to listen to you. We firmly hold to the belief that everyone is innocent until proven guilty and that every client deserves thorough and aggressive representation. That is why we have an arsenal of aggressive DWI defense strategies that includes: Pre- and post-arraignment advise and opinions

Determining whether you were pulled over for a valid, legal reason

Determining whether a breathalyzer test results are inadmissible in court as evidence in court because the test was taken outside a strict and limited timeframe

Scrutinizing the way an officer conducted a field sobriety test to determine if he or she followed the proper steps

Specifying any extreme hardships a license suspension would impose on drivers and making arguments for why he or she should retain the ability to drive, at least under specific and limited circumstances, until the case's conclusion

Requesting and providing representation at a Pringle Hearing where evidence disputing the validity of a chemical test can be presented to show the unreasonableness of the arrest

Raising mitigating factors, such as age and lack of prior record, to secure a more lenient sentence

## Underage and Commercial Drivers

Tully Rinckey PLLC's DWI defense lawyers in Syracuse, N.Y. also have experience representing underage drivers and commercial drivers. New York has strict zero tolerance laws against underage alcohol consumption and strict anti-drug abuse laws. While underage DWI cases are usually taken out of criminal courts and handled by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) administratively, drivers under 21 years could have their license revoked and be hit with heavy fines. Drivers with a commercial driver's license (CDL) face serious penalties for DWI or DWAI convictions. They could, for example, lose their eligibility for a CDL, or have their license permanently revoked in the event of multiple drug or alcohol-related offenses. Tully Rinckey PLLC's DWI defense lawyers can represent people throughout Central New York, including Syracuse, Cicero, North Syracuse, Manlius, Liverpool, East Syracuse, Cazenovia, Baldwinsville, and DeWitt. Call today to schedule a meeting with one of our DWI attorneys at (315) 748-5880

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Our office is minutes away from Destiny USA, formerly the Carousel Mall, and several courthouses. Located in Franklin Square, near exits for I-81 and I-690, our office is easy to get to and offers plenty of nearby parking.

If your legal matter is urgent, call 518-727-3593 to speak to an attorney 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The firm is responsive to the needs of current and prospective clients. We will respond to phone calls within normal business hours and e-mails within hours on the same business day. The quickest way to get a hold of us is by calling. During normal business hours, we have a client relations team that can put potential clients in touch with the attorney whom they need. If you call or e-mail us after hours, you should expect to hear from our office by the next business day.