On a Friday night, downtown Dallas fills up fast. People head to performances in the Arts District, walk Main Street to dinner, catch a game at the American Airlines Center in Victory Park, or meet friends at Klyde Warren Park over Woodall Rodgers Freeway. The drive home is where some of those nights go wrong. Dallas DWI Lawyers has its office right in the middle of it all, in the Republic Center at 325 North St Paul Street, a short walk from the DART St. Paul station. Downtown DWI stops often happen along a few familiar routes. The ramps onto Woodall Rodgers, the connections to Central Expressway and I-345, and the approaches to I-35E along the Stemmons corridor all see regular traffic enforcement. Drivers heading north toward Uptown on McKinney Avenue or toward Oak Lawn on Cedar Springs Road pass through areas with steady patrols as well. Arrests downtown may be made by Dallas Police or Texas DPS troopers, and people arrested are generally booked at Lew Sterrett Justice Center.

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Being close to the courts has practical value. Misdemeanor DWI cases are heard in the Dallas County Criminal Courts, and felony DWI, intoxication assault and intoxication manslaughter go to the District Courts at the Frank Crowley Courts Building, 133 N Riverfront Blvd. That is a short drive from the St Paul Street office. For clients, it also means meetings can happen downtown near DART without a long trip across the county. Someone who lives in Uptown or works in the Medical District can often reach the office without driving at all, which matters when a license suspension is on the table. The defense work itself is the same wherever the arrest happened. The team, including managing attorney Gary L. Medlin, who is Board DWI lawyers Dallas Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, reviews whether the stop had reasonable suspicion, whether there was probable cause for the arrest, and how field sobriety tests were given on a downtown street with traffic, lights and noise. Breath and blood testing records get a close look, as does dash camera and body camera video. Arrests after concerts and games can involve crowded, chaotic conditions, and those conditions can matter when the video is reviewed. Each case is prepared as if it is going to trial, and the ALR license case, with its 15 day deadline to request a hearing, is handled alongside it. When you need a DWI defense attorney after a night downtown, call or text Dallas DWI Lawyers at (945) 403-4331 at any hour for a free case evaluation. The office is at 325 North St Paul Street, Suite 3100, in the Republic Center.

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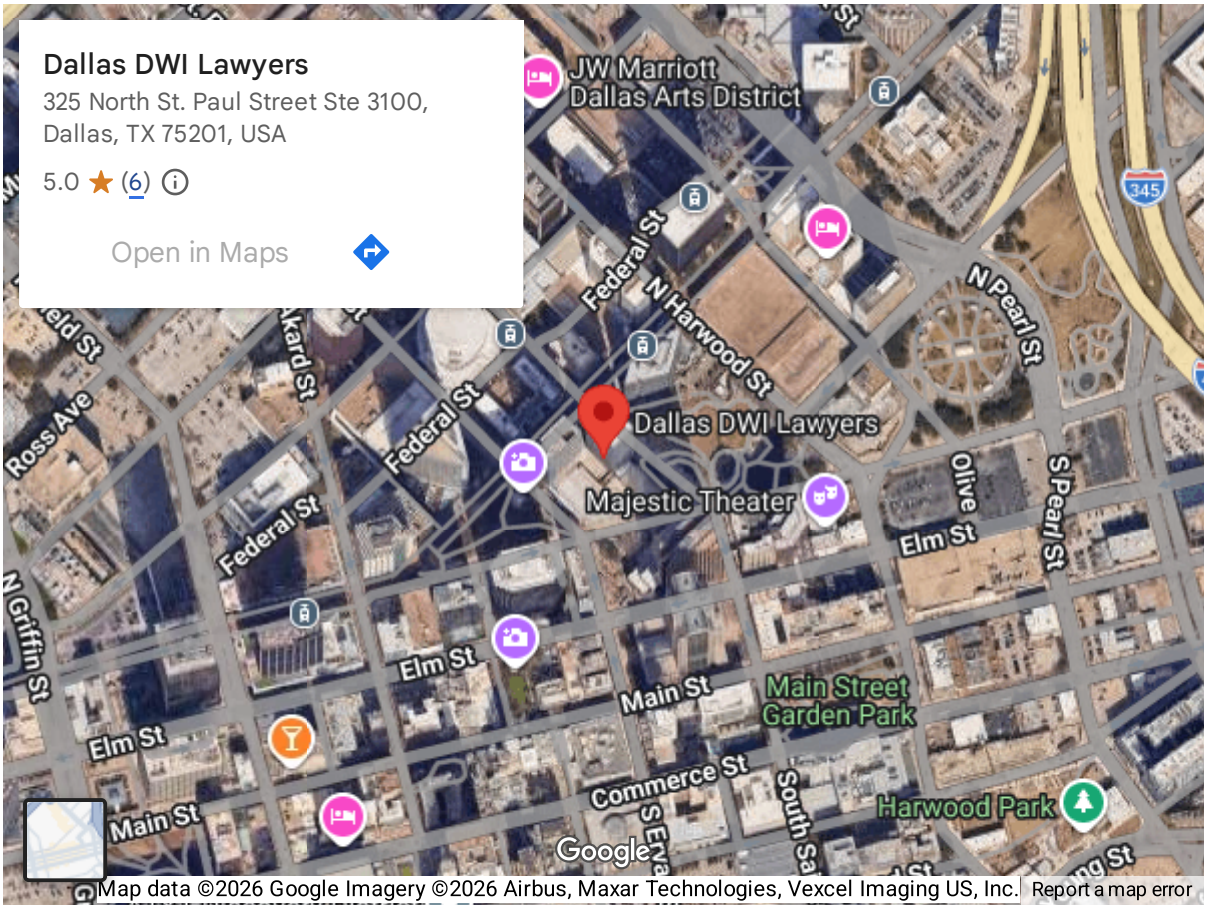

FAQ About

DWI Defense Attorney in Dallas How much is a DWI lawyer in Texas? Fees depend on whether the case is a first offense misdemeanor or a felony, whether there is an ALR hearing to fight, and whether the case goes to trial. Dallas DWI Lawyers starts with a free case evaluation so you can hear what your specific case involves before you commit to anything. Call or text (945) 403-4331 to set one up. What happens after a DWI arrest in Dallas? Most people arrested in Dallas are booked at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center and released on bond, often with conditions such as an ignition interlock. Misdemeanor DWI cases then move through the County Criminal Courts at the Frank Crowley Courts Building, while a separate license suspension case starts with DPS. The team at Dallas DWI Lawyers deals with both tracks from the first call. How long do I have to request an ALR hearing in Texas? The request must be made within 15 days of receiving notice of the license suspension, which is usually the day of the arrest. Missing that window means the suspension can take effect without a hearing. Dallas DWI Lawyers files ALR requests and represents drivers at the hearing, so call (945) 403-4331 as early as you can. Is a first DWI a felony in Texas? A standard first DWI is a Class B misdemeanor with a minimum of 72 hours and up to 180 days in jail, and a fine of up to $2,000. It becomes a Class A misdemeanor if a test shows 0.15 or more, and it can be a state jail felony if a passenger under 15 was in the car. Our downtown Dallas office on St Paul Street handles every level of these charges. Can a DWI be dismissed in Texas? Dismissals do happen, usually when the stop lacked reasonable suspicion, the arrest lacked probable cause, or the breath or blood evidence has problems. No lawyer can promise a dismissal, but Dallas DWI Lawyers prepares each case as if it is going to trial and reviews the video, reports and lab records for weak points. Should I refuse a breath test in Texas? Texas is an implied consent state, so a refusal can bring a license suspension of at least 180 days and can be mentioned at trial. Officers can also get a blood warrant, especially during Dallas County no refusal weekends. Every situation is different, so talk to a DWI defense attorney about how a refusal affects your own case. Can I still drive after a DWI arrest in Dallas? Usually yes, at least for a short time, because the suspension does not start right away and a timely ALR request can hold it off until the hearing. If a suspension does take effect, an occupational license may let you drive to work, school and essential errands. Dallas DWI Lawyers helps with both, starting with a call to (945) 403-4331. How long does a DWI stay on your record in Texas? A DWI conviction stays on your Texas criminal record permanently unless the law gives you a way to seal or clear it. Some first-offense cases may qualify for nondisclosure, and expunction is generally limited to dismissals, acquittals and no-bills. The firm can review your eligibility during a free case

evaluation. What makes a DWI a felony in Texas? A DWI becomes a felony with two prior intoxication convictions, a passenger under 15, a serious injury (intoxication assault) or a death (intoxication manslaughter). These carry prison ranges from 180 days in a state jail up to 20 years. Managing Attorney Gary L. Medlin has been Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1989. Do I need a lawyer for a first DWI in Texas? You are not required to have one, but a first DWI can still mean jail time, fines, a license suspension and a permanent record. A lawyer can challenge the stop and the testing, and may be able to pursue options such as deferred adjudication where the law allows it. Dallas DWI Lawyers answers calls and texts 24/7 at (945) 403-4331. Can a DWI be reduced to a lesser charge in Texas? In some cases, problems with the evidence lead prosecutors to offer a reduced charge such as obstructing a highway or reckless driving. Whether that is possible depends on the facts, the test results and your history. Attorneys at Dallas DWI Lawyers include former prosecutors who understand how those decisions get made in Dallas County. What is the difference between a DWI and a DUI in Texas? In Texas, DWI is the charge for adults who are intoxicated while driving, while DUI is a Class C charge for drivers under 21 with any detectable amount of alcohol. A young driver can face either charge depending on the evidence. Dallas DWI Lawyers defends underage drivers from SMU, University Park and across Dallas.