

What does a criminal defense lawyer do?

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At the Law Office of F. Clayton Tyler P.A. I have been practicing criminal defense in Downtown and North Minneapolis for decades. Over those years of respected service to people facing a wide range of criminal charges, I have taken on many different roles for a variety of clients.

Saying that a criminal defense attorney defends people accused of committing crimes only scratches the surface.

Primetime television paints lawyers in a way that doesn't match up with reality. The clients I serve rely on me not only to stand up and fight in court, but also to be a strong negotiator, an informed investigator, a reliable counselor, a fierce advocate, a savvy interviewer, and a constant source of knowledge and guidance.

I work hard to make sure that you get the professional and capable defense to which you are entitled.

For many of my clients, I am able to reduce the number of court appearances and the amount of time spent at the courthouse. Oftentimes the most important work a criminal defense attorney does is negotiating with law enforcement and prosecutors to seek pretrial interventions. Sometimes this becomes a plea bargain that allows a person to get reduced charges or penalties. Other times, if we can show that a district attorney or prosecutor doesn't have a very good case, it can even lead to a dismissal of charges.

Each client's case is as different and unique as the people involved and the evidence presented. That is why a defense lawyer also needs to be able to adapt quickly to a changing situation. As a highly experienced lawyer, I know the decisions I make with my clients will depend on the facts of the case, what the law says regarding the case, what evidence is being presented against you, and what evidence you can produce to support your defense.

I pride myself in giving people a realistic understanding of what they're up against and what the best options are. I attempt to insure that my clients always understand what is happening and what I expect to happen next, based on years of experience. Working closely with clients so that they can make informed decisions about their own case is as much, if not more, a part of the job as cross-examining witnesses or conducting investigations.

When you have been charged with a crime, the attorney you work with makes a big difference. As a private law firm, we make sure that we give every client the attention the client and his or her case deserve. Part of my job is to make sure that my talent, experience and workload is the right match for the clients I represent.

When it comes to your defense, I look at the facts of your case, and the law, and apply both to your defense. That's the core of what I do. But it's the many different ways that I work to pull the pieces together that makes the legal profession complex. Only a very small part of my job involves arguing in front of a judge – it's the other 90% of the work that will make the biggest difference in your case.

To find out more about how I handle criminal defense cases, or to find out if my firm is the right

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