

DWI Process in Louisiana

Criminal Case



Arrest

The defendant is usually booked and a bail amount will be set. The defendant can post bond to be released. The police officer should provide a temporary license if he took license.



Prosecutor Files Charges

Once the prosecutor receives the reports from the arresting officer, he will determine how to prosecute you. This is when your lawyer should be communicating with him.



Arraignment

The Arraignment is when the judge tells you the charges against you and you enter a plea.



Trial

At this hearing, you can either go to trial or plead guilty. Your attorney may negotiate a deal with the prosecutor on or before this date.

Expungement

Depending on the resolution of your case, you may be able to file a Motion to Expunge your arrest and/or conviction.

License Case

Administrative Hearing Request



The attorney only has 30 days to request the hearing.

Review Reports & Prepare



The attorney can examine the reports and any other discoverable information relating to the stop and arrest.

Administrative Hearing

The Administrative Hearing is for the purpose of determining if the officer can ask you to take the chemical tests. If the proper evidence is proven, your license could get suspended after the ruling.

DMV Suspension Letter



The DMV must send you notice of withdrawal of driving privileges in Louisiana. You may apply for a hardship license or file a Petition to Stay.