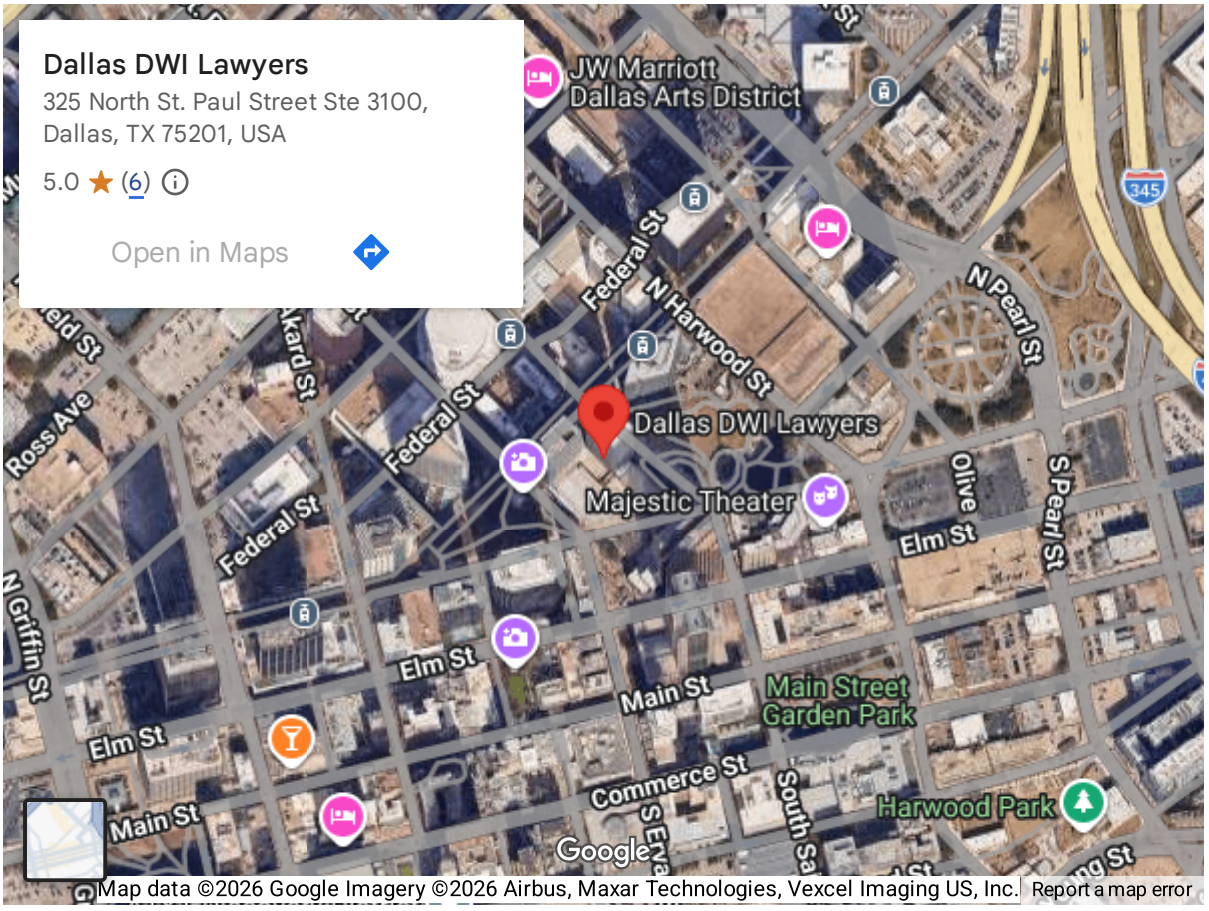
Dallas is home to people from all over the world, and plenty of them are more comfortable talking about serious matters in Spanish, Russian or Ukrainian than in English. A DWI arrest is stressful enough without having to follow the legal system in a second language. Dallas DWI *Dallas DUI and DWI lawyers* Lawyers, a downtown firm focused on DWI defense, has people at the firm who speak all three of those languages. Language matters most when details matter, and DWI cases are full of details. A client needs to understand the difference between the criminal case and the ALR license case, and that the ALR hearing must be requested within 15 days of the notice of suspension. They need to understand what Texas implied consent law under Transportation Code chapter 724 means, why a refusal can be used as evidence, and why an officer may have sought a blood search warrant. They need to know the possible ranges, such as 72 hours to 180 days in jail and a fine up to $2,000 for a first DWI, or a Class A misdemeanor if the BAC was 0.15 or more. Hearing these things in a first language can make it easier to ask questions and make informed decisions.

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Language can also affect the evidence. Field sobriety tests depend on instructions given by the officer, usually in English, often on the shoulder of a busy road like Northwest Highway or I-35E at night. If a driver did not fully understand those instructions, that can be relevant when the video is reviewed. The same goes for the officer's questions at the roadside and the implied consent warnings read before a breath or blood request. The team reviews the stop, the arrest, the field sobriety tests, the testing and the video in every case, and communication problems are part of that review. Families often want to be involved as well. A parent whose adult child was arrested near Love Field, or a spouse trying to understand a bond condition like an ignition interlock, may be more at ease speaking their own language. A DWI defense attorney at the firm, working with managing attorney Gary L. Medlin and Dallas office lead Jess Gambrell, prepares each case as if it is going to Dallas DWI Lawyers trial. Hearings in the County Criminal Courts or the District Courts at the Frank Crowley Courts Building can involve an interpreter when one is needed, but conversations with your own legal team should not have to wait for one. Call or text Dallas DWI Lawyers at (945) 403-4331, 24 hours a day, for a free case evaluation, and let the team know which language you prefer. The office is downtown at 325 North St Paul Street, Suite 3100, near the DART St. Paul station.

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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.