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## **Areas of Practice**

## Criminal

## Defense:

- Felonies
- Misdemeanors
- DUI's
- Juvenile Law
- Traffic Tickets

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## D.U.I./ D.W.I.

Driving While Intoxicated ("D.W.l.") is considered a serious crime in every state. D.W.l. and Driving Under the Influence ("D.U.I.") refer to the same crime. Drinking alcohol or taking drugs may affect your ability to operate cars, boats or industrial equipment in a safe manner. It is against the law in every state to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### Traffic Violations

Most traffic violations are considered minor criminal offenses. Even minor mechanical or speeding violations can have serious consequences, leading up to your license being suspended, if you have several infractions over a short period of time. Frequently, you will have to pay the fine listed on the face of the ticket, and there is also a strong possibility that your vehicle insurance premiums will increase.

#### **Felonies**

Felonies are any of several grave crimes, such as murder, rape, burglary, for which a punishment greater than that of a misdemeanor is provided. Such a crime may carry extensive jail time and fines. Felony cases are not handled in a District Court, but rather bound over to the Circuit Court.

## Misdemeanors

Misdemeanors are "lesser" criminal acts which are generally punished less severely than felonies but more so than infractions. Depending on the jurisdiction, examples of misdemeanors may include: petty theft, prostitution, simple assault, trespass, vandalism, and the like. In general, misdemeanors are crimes with a maximum punishment of one year or less of imprisonment.

### Juvenile Law

Many of the offenses for which children and young adults under the age of eighteen are charged are similar to adult crimes, ranging from traffic misdemeanors to violent felonies. Judy L. Simon, Attorney at Law has extensive experience handling every type of serious criminal charge that your child may face. A variety of juvenile court matters have been handled at Judy L. Simon, Attorney at Law including:

- Skipping school / Truancy
- Running away from home
- Staying out after curfew
- Underage alcohol consumption or possession
- Drug use, trafficking, and drug possession
- Arson or other vandalism
- Traffic violations, including speeding and driving without a license
- Assault and battery
- Shoplifting, theft, or other property crimes
- Gang-related activities
- Trespassing
- Sexual misconduct

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