

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. I think I recently missed my court date. What consequences could I face and how do I fix the problem?

If you think you have missed a court date, it is important that you take care of the situation as soon as possible. You generally have around 20 days to address the situation before increased fines and penalties are assessed. In some situations, the problem may be easily remedied by filing a motion with the court. More complicated situations may require additional work. “Failing to Appear” on your court date will also trigger the DMV to begin the process to suspend your license, and cause an order for your arrest to be issued. At The Law Corner, we will work quickly to take the necessary steps to fix your missed court date and have the order for your arrest recalled.

2. I have old tickets from the past that I would like to take care of. How do I handle this?

If you have old traffic tickets or criminal charges from the past, we can help! When you fail to handle a case in court, the case will be placed into “VL” status after a period of time. “VL” stands for Dismissed with Leave – But don’t be fooled, this doesn’t mean that your case is over or that the court system has forgotten about you. Once your case is in “VL” status, it will be hanging around indefinitely. These unresolved charges can cause many problems, such as a revocation of your license and additional criminal charges. At The Law Corner, we will use our experience to assess your situation and determine what steps need to be taken to clear up your old tickets and restore your driving privileges. Often times, we can even handle all of your old tickets without you even being present in court.

3. I recently received a traffic citation. Can’t I just send in my money to take care of it?

Many people simply mail in the payment of fines for traffic tickets to avoid the hassle of going to court. Just paying off a ticket without consulting with an attorney can result in points on your license and insurance, costing you much more money over the long run or even resulting in the suspension of your driving privileges. One of the problems with just paying a ticket off is that you lose the opportunity to have your charge reduced, or to negotiate a more favorable outcome with the District Attorney. A ticket that is not handled properly could result in an insurance increase of up to 400%, so it is important that you seek the advice of an experienced criminal defense attorney.

4. I recently got a traffic ticket, and my mailbox has been flooded with solicitation letters from attorneys. Should I just hire one of these attorneys?

You should be wary of lawyers that solicit business by writing letters. Choosing an attorney to represent you in court is a very important decision. You need to pick an attorney that will handle your case the *right* way, not the fastest way. Also, be wary of attorneys that offer discount legal services – you often get exactly what you pay for. At The Law Corner, we will explore every option and challenge every weakness in your case.