

## CHOOSING A CRIMINAL DEFENCE LAWYER - MELBOURNE

### Have You Been Alleged of/Charged with a Criminal Offence by Police?

If yes, you must engage a law firm with criminal defence lawyers who are accredited (Law Institute of Victoria) specialists in criminal law.

MK Law has a team of expert criminal defence lawyers across our 4 offices (Melbourne, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia) who liaise daily with Courts, police, prosecutors psychologists and child youth specialists to offer high quality criminal professional service to defendants and their friends and family who are impacted by the effects of the offending and need to be guided through the complex legislation and potential ramifications. We take all allegations very seriously. We have represented thousands of parties and prepared and defended a large and broad number of strong and successful criminal matters in Victorian Court trials and contested hearings. This has involved us carefully reviewing your case; explaining the Court process; answering questions you pose; discussing your options; planning your defence; and persuading the Court to obtain the most favourable outcome, including you avoiding a conviction or imprisonment and significantly reducing financial fines.

Contact our experienced team of criminal defence lawyers for free legal advice 24/7 on 1800 130 120 or [marcus.mklawfirm.com.au](http://marcus.mklawfirm.com.au).

Whilst we are flexible and can cater to your needs, ensure you consult us urgently and well in advance to your Court appearance. Preparation is often key to receiving a sound outcome and avoiding a criminal conviction.

### Charges/Matters

We often engage an investigator after you are charged, to help us put together information that was overlooked. This ensures we prepare the best possible defence for you.

Our Lawyers are well equipped to help defend the following criminal law charges and matters:

- **Council charges**
  - Dog attacks
- **Assault**
  - Aggravated burglary, threat to kill, false imprisonment, intentionally, recklessly or negligently causing injury/serious injury, kidnapping, stalking, using firearms or affray
- **Theft**
- **Criminal damage**
- **Computer/internet offences**
- **Breach of a family violence intervention order (FVIO) or family violence intervention notice (FVIN)**
- **Children's Court offences/matters**

- Good behaviour bonds, fines, probations, youth supervision orders, youth attendance orders, parole or imprisonment
- **Centrelink fraud**
- **Driving and traffic offences**
  - Speeding, drink or drug driving, driving whilst suspended/disqualified, reckless conduct and dangerous driving
- **Drug offences**
  - Cultivation of narcotics, manufacturing, introducing into another person's body, possessing, trafficking, supplying to children and large/commercial quantity use
- **Sex offences**
  - Illegal abortion, female genital mutilation, concealing a child's birth, sexual penetration of a minor, procuring sexual penetration by threats/fraud, abduction, rape, bestiality, bigamy, incest, indecent assault, possessing child pornography, producing child pornography and sexual servitude
- **White collar crime**
- **Violence offences**
  - Armed robbery, harassment, wilful destruction/damage and robbery
- **Weapon offences**
- **Firearm offences**
  - Resulting in arrest, a fine or licence cancellation
- **Fraud**
  - Blackmail, false statements, obtaining an advantage (whether financial/property) by deception and threatening to destroy/damage property
- **Murder, manslaughter, infanticide and defensive homicide**
- **Perjury**
- **Perverting the course of justice**
- **Infringement notices**
- **Asset confiscation**
- **Firearm/driver licence restorations**
- **Bail applications**

## **Legal Aid**

We liaise and work collaboratively with Victorian Legal Aid (VLA) to defend criminal law matters for those defendants who have successfully sought and obtained funding. Where you apply and are successful, this means a large amount of your legal expenses will be paid by VLA.

Raise this option with our Lawyers who are well positioned to advise whether this is a viable option for you. If you are not successful, we can represent you on a private basis.

## **Penalties**

All criminal offences are taken very seriously. Depending on which criminal offence you have been charged with depends on the penalty that will be imposed and the flow on effects on your employment (future/current), reputation (professional/community), relationships and finances.

Available penalties range from:

- Harsh financial fines
- Driving disqualification
- Criminal record
- Imprisonment

### **Other Important Points**

It works to our advantage to collaboratively assist police throughout the investigations, including providing them witnesses statements, other evidence we have prepared and which matters require further investigation before deciding whether to proceed to arrest or withdraw the charge/s. This is particularly important for more serious offences (like sex offences).

We remind defendants not to provide police all detail relating to the offence/s as they are experts who will try to use it to their advantage and your detriment. This includes undermining our case or the credibility of key witnesses they are relying on.