

Criminal Law



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The Nature of Criminal Law

Criminal Law is highly dynamic due to constant changes to legislation. Criminal Law covers a wide variety of areas from public nuisance offences through to assault and murder.

Getting a criminal conviction can threaten your freedom, your rights, your ability to travel and even your chances of employment. Additionally, being charged with a criminal offence can be very stressful for both you and your family.

Our wealth of experience will ensure that your matter is handled professionally and by people who understand how the system works, ensuring you receive the best possible result.

Our offices are conveniently located nearby the Courts which allow us to accept instructions to act and appear in Court or to file urgent documents at short notice.

Our offices are located in:-

- Brisbane
- Caboolture
- Cleveland
- Beenleigh
- Ipswich
- Gold Coast
- Jimboomba

Our Criminal Law Team

Our expert Criminal Law Team has been drawn from experienced Defence Lawyers and former Prosecutors who understand the intricacies of the criminal law system and can explain to you in plain English what happens when you are charged with a criminal offence and what your options are.



Do I Need a Lawyer?

The first decision many people have to make when they are contacted by the police or charged with an offence is “should I engage a lawyer to assist me?”

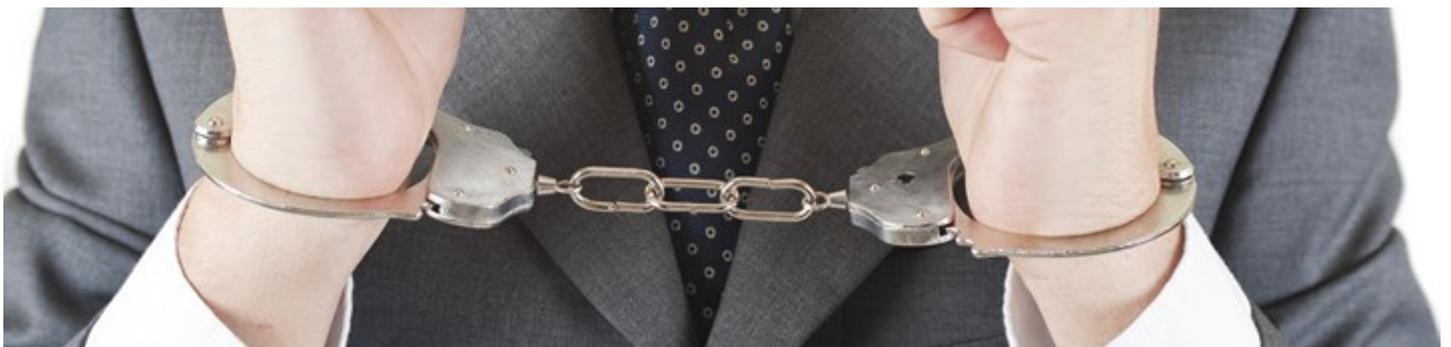
Usually the answer, as it turns out, is yes.

If the police have contacted you in relation to an alleged offence or have charged you with an offence, then the sooner you arrange for your lawyer to be on-side looking after you, the better.

Our Criminal Lawyers are very familiar with police processes and can assist you through this process right from the start. We can help ensure that anything you say or do is designed to ultimately get you the best result.

The entire Court process can be a daunting experience for someone who is unfamiliar with Court houses and how they work.

The Criminal Law Team at Quinn & Scattini attend Court every day and are very familiar with the procedures as well as the various people that work in the Courts. They can guide you through the system and can provide you with the advice and support you need in what is normally a very distressing and difficult time for you.



Guilty or Not Guilty?

Usually people who are charged with an offence are either pleading guilty or not guilty.

If you have been charged with an offence and you wish to plead guilty, then it is usually essential to have a good criminal lawyer with you to achieve the best result.

The team at Quinn & Scattini can make submissions directed to the relevant issues a Magistrate or Judge needs to hear in relation to your matter.

With our experience we can utilise the various laws and previous sentencing decisions to your advantage and make you stand out to the Court, rather than blend in with all the other people attending Court that day.

Importantly, retaining a lawyer shows the Court that you are taking the matter seriously which is quite often exactly what you are trying to demonstrate to the Magistrate or Judge who is hearing your matter.

The alternative is when a person wishes to plead not guilty to a charge. The law is very complex and even simple matters are sometimes not as straightforward as they seem.

The team at Quinn & Scattini can advise you on firstly whether you should be contesting or defending a charge and if so, your prospects of success.

We can forward submissions to the Prosecution requesting that charges either be withdrawn or substituted for a lesser charge.

If a matter is going to Trial then you can rely on the experience of our team to prepare your case professionally and competently. We can attend to obtaining witness statements, issuing subpoenas, briefing a Barrister (where necessary) and running your Trial from start to finish.



Offences

At Quinn & Scattini we regularly deal with a variety of criminal offences including:-

- Assaults
- Break and Enters
- Computer Offences
- Drug Possession
- Drug, Supply and Trafficking
- Fraud and Stealing Offences
- Minor Offences
- Murder
- Traffic Offences
- Sex Offences

We also represent clients who are charged or detained pursuant to the VLAD (Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment) Act.

If you have any questions in relation to any of the services provided by the team, then do not hesitate to contact us.





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