

Criminal Charges Checklist: What to Do and Expect

A Practical Checklist from Labbe Legal Services

Immediately After Arrest or Notification

- ☐ Stay calm and avoid discussing your case with anyone but your attorney
- ☐ Exercise your right to remain silent
- ☐ Request legal representation as soon as possible
- ☐ Document any details you remember about the incident or arrest

Before Arraignment

- ☐ Understand the charges filed against you
- ☐ Confirm your court date and location
- ☐ Discuss bail options with your attorney
- ☐ Prepare to enter a plea (usually “not guilty” at this stage)

During Pre-Trial

- ☐ Review discovery materials (evidence the prosecution will use)
- ☐ Work with your attorney to explore plea deals or dismissal options
- ☐ Attend all scheduled hearings and follow court instructions
- ☐ Avoid social media posts or public comments about your case

If Going to Trial

- ☐ Understand the trial process: jury selection, testimony, verdict
- ☐ Prepare emotionally and logistically for multiple court days
- ☐ Coordinate with your attorney on witness prep and defense strategy
- ☐ Know your post-trial options (appeals, expungement, probation terms)

About Attorney Jennifer Labbe

Your DUI, Criminal Defense and Family Law Attorney, Jennifer Labbe is a member of the North and South Carolina, Florida, California, and District of Columbia Bar Associations.

Jennifer Labbe received a Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University in 1996 and earned her J.D. from Nova Southeastern University in 1999. She worked as a public defender in Palm Beach County for three years.

Ms. Labbe is licensed to practice law in the State and Federal Courts of Florida, California, the District of Columbia, and the State Courts of North and South Carolina. She has tried numerous cases before juries and judges and maintains an outstanding success rate for her clients.

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