

DUI CRIMINAL COURT PROCESS TIMELINE*

First, a DUI citation is issued and an arrest is typically made.

Client bonds out or is ROR'd (Released on their own Recognizance)

A court date is written on your ticket, which you attend, unless told not to by your attorney.

The first court date is called an Arraignment. At this hearing, a Guilty or Not Guilty plea is entered, and the court determines if you have an attorney. (Rebecca's clients are excused from this Arraignment if her paperwork is filed and docketed in the Clerk of Court Records- Rebecca's filed paperwork indicates that your plea is NOT GUILTY and that she is your attorney of record. Always check with Rebecca to see if you need to attend a particular court date).

At the Arraignment, a pretrial will be scheduled within approximately 30 days.

By that first pretrial date, Rebecca will likely have just received "Discovery" from the State Attorney's Office (also known as the Prosecutor's office). Discovery typically comprises the police reports and witness list in your case. It is basically the evidence that the State plans to use against you.

Once I get the discovery, I am able to order the DUI video. This process typically takes about two weeks and so at the first pretrial hearing I typically ask for another 30 day continuance.

Before the second pretrial conference, we will typically have sat down in my office together and reviewed both the reports and the video. We will have come up with a strategy and so at this second pretrial conference, I will either set a new hearing date for a motion to suppress perhaps, or a new date to give the State time to review the case for a reduction to Reckless Driving, or we may know that the case needs to be set for Trial.

All in all, cases are resolved in approximately 4-6 months, give or take.

***TIMELINE IS APPROXIMATE AND DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU AN UNDERSTANDING AND OVERVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT**