



Steven George Law Champions ARIDE Training to Boost Officer Ability In Detecting Drug-Impaired Drivers

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Steven George Law is pleased to announce that Phoenix DUI Attorney Steven Scharboneau has successfully completed the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training program. This specialized certification is designed to equip professionals with the same skills law enforcement officers use to detect drivers impaired by drugs, including marijuana and prescription medications.

Developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in partnership with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), ARIDE serves as a critical bridge between the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and the more advanced Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program. While SFST focuses primarily on alcohol impairment, ARIDE addresses the broader spectrum of drug-related impairment—an increasingly relevant concern in Arizona and across the country.

By completing this training, Mr. Scharboneau gains a unique perspective on the techniques and procedures officers use during DUI stops involving suspected drug impairment. This insight allows the firm to more effectively evaluate law enforcement conduct, challenge improper assessments, and advocate for clients facing complex DUI charges.

The ARIDE program enhances an attorney's ability to understand and anticipate the methods used by law enforcement when identifying drug impairment," said a spokesperson for Steven George Law. "This additional knowledge translates into stronger, more strategic defense representation for our clients."

ARIDE-trained individuals are taught to recognize the physiological and behavioral signs associated with various substances, how to properly interpret those signs, and how to apply that knowledge in real-world roadside scenarios. For officers not yet certified as Drug Recognition Experts, ARIDE serves as a foundational program—and now, attorneys like Mr. Scharboneau are applying those same insights in the courtroom.

Steven George Law remains committed to leveraging specialized training and professional development to provide high-level advocacy for individuals facing DUI charges. The firm views the ARIDE certification as an important asset that sets it apart from many other defense practices.

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