



Hackensack Cocaine Distribution Attorney Adam M. Lustberg Explains the Penalties for Cocaine Distribution in NJ

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Hackensack cocaine distribution attorney Adam M. Lustberg releases a new article (<https://www.lustberglaw.com/drug-crimes/cocaine-distribution-lawyer/>) explaining the penalties for cocaine distribution in New Jersey. The lawyer mentions that the state of New Jersey is known for its tough and aggressive stance against drugs like cocaine, especially the possession, sale, and distribution. Even for a first-time offender, a conviction of cocaine distribution can lead to a lengthy jail sentence.

New Jersey statute N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5 makes cocaine possession with the intent to sell to a person or entity a felony. Even if all you did was share cocaine with a friend at a party in any county in New Jersey, you may be prosecuted for cocaine possession and distribution. While possession of cocaine itself is a serious crime under New Jersey law, the penalties for possession with intent to distribute cocaine are significantly more severe, says the Hackensack cocaine distribution attorney.

The lawyer explains that an individual's intention does not necessarily matter if they are allegedly caught with cocaine. If the amount recovered is more than half an ounce, it is common for prosecutors to add the charge of distribution to the charge of cocaine possession. Less than half an ounce of cocaine can be a third-degree felony crime.

Attorney Adam M. Lustberg adds that the penalties for possession of between half an ounce and five ounces of cocaine with intent to sell, distribute, or deliver are the incarceration of up to 10 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$150,000. If the person is allegedly caught with more than five ounces, they may face up to 20 years in state prison and up to a \$500,000 fine.

In the article, attorney Lustberg also says that the aforementioned penalties are for first-time offenders. However, if someone has prior criminal convictions, the penalties for possessing cocaine with the intent to distribute are likely to be more severe. Additional penalties may also be imposed if the person is charged with distributing in a school zone or a public park.

According to the defense attorney, "As one of the toughest states against drug traffickers, a person convicted of distribution of cocaine can potentially face a 25-year mandatory minimum prison sentence with no option for early parole. If convicted of distributing cocaine to a minor or pregnant woman, the penalty is doubled. If convicted of distribution or possession of the said drug on or within 500 feet of a school, public housing, drug treatment facility, methadone clinic, or homeless shelter, additional penalties will also apply."

Lastly, attorney Adam emphasizes the importance of having a skilled lawyer when facing cocaine distribution or possession charges. Having an experienced criminal defense lawyer may be able to help the client understand their rights and protect their freedom.

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