



## Long Island DWI Defense Lawyer Jason Bassett Explains The Difference Between a DWI and DWAI

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Long Island DWI defense lawyer Jason Bassett (<https://jbasettlaw.com/can-a-dwi-be-reduced-in-ny/>) releases a new article explaining the difference between a DWI and a DWAI. The lawyer mentions that getting charged with a DWI in New York is a serious offense. However, some charges can allow a person's charge to be reduced to a DWAI.

A DWI, or Driving While Intoxicated charge, is a misdemeanor that means that you are accused of driving at or over the legal blood alcohol content limit of 0.08%. A DWAI, or driving while ability impaired, is an infraction (and thus not a crime) where a driver is still accused of being impaired but to a lesser extent, the Long Island DWI defense lawyer says.

The lawyer explains that a DWI is a criminal charge whereas a DWAI is a traffic infraction. A DWAI will not have the same legal consequences as a DWI. While there are still fines and license suspensions for DWAI, they are significantly less than a DWI. This is why having a skilled lawyer is very important.

Attorney Jason Bassett adds that a skilled attorney may help a defendant make the most out of their resources and help ensure that their rights are protected. DWI charges are usually taken very seriously by law enforcement officers. A conviction for DWI may lead to a jail time of up to 1 year and about \$1,000 in fines as well as a suspension of the driver's license for six months.

In the article, attorney Jason Bassett adds, "Even though it may seem that any lawyer could defend you against a DWI charge, it is important to work with an attorney who understands the law and knows the court system. Seeking the legal advice of an experienced criminal defense lawyer with an extensive track record of success in handling DWI cases can raise your chances of protecting your freedom."

Lastly, the criminal defense attorney emphasizes how important it is to seek the help of an experienced criminal attorney if someone is charged with a DWI in Nassau County or Suffolk County on Long Island. Having a skilled attorney may be able to help the client understand their rights and what the next steps are going to be.

#### About Jason Bassett Criminal Attorney

Jason Bassett, Esq. has dedicated his practice to defending the rights of those who are accused of criminal offenses. He puts his unique perspective as a former prosecutor to work and provides the best legal assistance he can give to his clients. Mr. Bassett brings a unique combination of skill, experience, and zealous advocacy to provide his clients with the best possible outcomes if they are facing criminal charges in Nassau County or Suffolk County on Long Island. Contact him today to schedule a consultation.

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