

# Pyzer Criminal Lawyers Reaffirms the Presumption of Innocence

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Pyzer Criminal Lawyers has reaffirmed the presumption of innocence as the guiding principle in its approach to every criminal defence case. The firm's position comes amid ongoing discussion within Ontario's legal community about federal bail and sentencing reforms scheduled to take effect on July 15, 2026. The legislation introduces targeted changes affecting bail decisions and sentencing for specified offences and circumstances.

Defence lawyers across the province have noted shifts in the criminal justice system that call for careful attention to the procedural safeguards owed to every accused person. Pyzer Criminal Lawyers has responded by restating its commitment, which has anchored its practice since 2002. At the heart of that commitment is a simple but essential principle: every person charged with an offence is presumed innocent unless and until the Crown proves guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. That standard guides the firm's approach to each case and supports clients throughout the defence process.

The firm upholds that principle through thorough case preparation and close examination of every element of the Crown's case. Its lawyers review disclosure, witness statements, and compliance with Charter, evidentiary, and procedural requirements, while keeping clients informed and involved at each stage. That work involves holding the prosecution to its burden of proof and pursuing viable defences supported by the law and the evidence across a wide range of charges, including assault, sexual offences, impaired driving, drug matters, theft, property offences, weapons charges, and serious violent crimes. Where the facts support it, the firm also pursues technical and procedural arguments that can be central to a case. The approach has been refined over more than two decades of criminal defence practice in Ontario courts.

"Every person who comes to us is innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law," said Jonathan Pyzer, Criminal Defence Lawyer and the founder of Pyzer Criminal Lawyers. "Our role is to make sure that principle is respected at every stage of the process. We hold the Crown to its burden of proving guilt beyond a

reasonable doubt, and we ensure our clients understand their rights and options. The presumption of innocence is the foundation of the justice system, and we work diligently to protect it for every client we represent."

That work is carried out by a team of experienced defence lawyers, among them Jonathan Pyzer and Jasmine Mann, supported by trained legal staff. Together, they handle matters ranging from bail hearings and driving offences to the most serious charges heard in the criminal courts.

"Changes to bail and sentencing laws do not diminish the presumption of innocence," said Jasmine Mann, Criminal Defence Lawyer at Pyzer Criminal Lawyers. "Our job is to test the evidence, protect our clients' rights, and see that each person is judged on the facts of their own case. We prepare every matter carefully and keep our clients informed so they can make sound decisions about their defence."

The firm points to several ways it protects that principle in practice, including early legal advice when a client faces arrest or police questioning, careful preparation for bail hearings, and a defence plan shaped around the facts of each case. The firm offers 24-hour availability for urgent calls, including during the early hours after an arrest, when guidance matters most. Clear and consistent communication throughout a case helps each client understand the proceedings and take an active part in decisions about their own defence.

Pyzer Criminal Lawyers represents clients in Toronto and in surrounding communities across Ontario, including Mississauga, Brampton, Scarborough, Hamilton, Oshawa, Barrie, and Newmarket. The firm's lawyers are licensed by the Law Society of Ontario and participate in professional organisations, including the Criminal Lawyers' Association and the Toronto Lawyers Association, which keep the firm current with evolving legal standards and defence practice.

#### About Pyzer Criminal Lawyers

Founded in 2002, Pyzer Criminal Lawyers is a criminal defence law firm serving Toronto and surrounding communities across Ontario. All of the firm's lawyers are licensed with the Law Society of Ontario. Pyzer Criminal Lawyers provides criminal defence representation across all categories of criminal charges in Ontario courts, from first appearance through trial.

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