

Under 21 Drinking is a Crime

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Juvenile Defense Attorney

- Criminal defense in juvenile court is very different from the adult juvenile justice system.
- Talk with Juvenile defense attorney New York who has experience in juvenile court for the particular jurisdiction in which your adolescent son or daughter is charged.



What is Juvenile Criminal law?

- Juvenile crime law only deals with under-age individuals, who are treated very differently than adults in criminal law, and usually have their own courts of law.
- In Connecticut, New York, and North Carolina, a juvenile is a person under the age of 16.



Juvenile Drinking Laws

- The laws regarding juvenile drinking vary considerably from state to state.
- Depending on where you or your child lives and the circumstances involved, the juvenile offense of underage drinking might result in no punishment at all or a misdemeanor charge.
- The legal drinking age is 21 in all states.



Juvenile Drinking - Status Offense...

- Some states consider juvenile drinking a "status offense" an activity that is legal for an adult but illegal for a minor.
- In states where minors become adults at age 18, this status offense creates confusion.
- When legal adults under the age of 21 consume alcohol, the law can charge them as adults.



Juvenile Drinking - Status Offense

- In states that consider juvenile drinking a status offense, an arresting officer might release offenders younger than 18 into their parents' custody.
- Alternatively, they might charge them with a minor offense that generally does not involve juvenile detention.



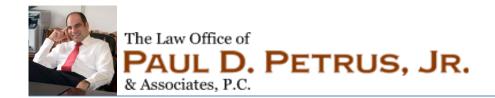
Laws Based on Location and Circumstances

- Many states base the offense of juvenile drinking on where the child is drinking and with whom.
- Few states allow a minor going into a bar or drinking establishment with a parent or guardian.
- More than half of all states allow a minor to drink at home or on private property with a parent's consent.



Penalties

- Younger teenagers may face restrictions on their driver's licenses.
- There may be fines or even jail time if the underage drinker is over 18.



Adults Can Be Charged

- In some states, adults who serve liquor to juveniles or knowingly allow juveniles to consume alcohol in their homes can be charged with a criminal offense.
- If juveniles are hurt or killed after drinking in a private residence, the adults responsible for the residence might face charges.
- In some states, parents will be charged even if they're not at home and therefore unaware that the juveniles are drinking.



Contact Juvenile Defense Attorney, New York

- Mr. Petrus understands that if your child has been accused of breaking the law, you will want representation considerate of your child's unique situation.
- Mr. Petrus will provided such representation and also listens to the concerns of parents.



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