

AUSTIN FRAUD LAWYER

Fraud Defense Lawyer in Austin

According to the [Texas Penal Code](#), fraud is a crime that involves deception in order to obtain property or money for someone to which it does not belong. [Fraud](#) crimes include forgery, credit card theft, [identity theft](#), telephone scams, and securities fraud. The penalties vary depending on the type of fraud committed. In Texas, most fraud charges are not considered as serious as a [burglary](#) or robbery charges, but they can be punishable by prison time if the sum is substantial. Fraud charges are usually treated as misdemeanors but can be charged as felonies in some cases.

For example, check forgery is normally charged as a state jail [felony](#). Stealing or receiving a stolen check is normally considered a class A misdemeanor. [Credit card](#) fraud can be charged as a state jail felony punishable by fines and up to two years in a state jail. Credit card fraud varies by the amount of money in question, and identity theft charges vary by the number of identities stolen.

Defense Against Fraud Charges in Texas

Law enforcement uses documented evidence to charge defendants in cases of fraud. Evidence can be presented as a signed bad check, receipts from stolen credit cards, or documents that have been forged to gain access to stolen property. In cases when fraud takes place over the phone or over the Internet, investigators may use traces to track fraudulent activity.

If you have been charged with fraud, you need the assistance of a qualified fraud lawyer. Let White and Measells help you at this difficult time. Contact us today at (512) 369-3737 for a free consultation.

Austin's Trusted Fraud Attorney

Make sure you have an attorney on your side who knows the inner-workings of the laws concerning fraud in Texas. For the most part, fraud-related charges are considered misdemeanors and are punishable by a maximum of two years in county jail. Because the consequences are less severe, you have a great chance of securing a dismissal if you have the right attorneys working for you.

Keep in mind that although a conviction may not bring you a prison sentence, it still may have a negative effect on your life down the road. A fraud conviction can bar you from being eligible to work in fields such as retail and other businesses where you will be responsible for handling money and personal information.

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Make sure you have an attorney that can help protect your rights and reputation. The attorneys at White and Measells will do our best to fight these charges by forcing the state to solidify their proof as to who signed any bad checks in question, forged

documents, or fraudulent charges online. If the acts for which you are being accused were not committed with [criminal](#) intent, there is a good chance that your case can be dismissed.

If you find yourself accused of fraud, call the attorneys of White and Measells at (512) 369-3737. Make sure your constitutional rights are preserved when accused of a fraud crime. [Contact an Austin fraud lawyer](#) today. We are here to shield you from wrongful prosecution and to minimize the adverse effects this accusation will have on you.