

It is an unfortunate fact of life that ordinary, decent, law-abiding citizens occasionally fall foul of the law.

And then, there are those people who just can't help themselves.

Most people find dealing with the Police to be a stressful and unpleasant experience, especially if they aren't familiar with law enforcement processes.

If the charges are serious enough, you may be facing a jail sentence. It may not matter that you don't have a criminal history.

Even in cases where your liberty isn't at stake, a criminal conviction might still affect your future employment prospects.

Depending on the charges, you might still be facing a substantial fine.

How would you cope if you lost your licence? Would it affect your weekend plans? Would it affect your ability to do your job?

Good legal representation can mean the difference between beating a charge or an unfortunate sentence.

Depending upon the number of charges and the seriousness of the offence, the right approach to Police can often result in charges being withdrawn.

Even when your guilt is beyond question, proper representation substantially improves your chances of a light

penalty. If nothing else, it will help you ensure that the charges are dealt with as quickly and as painlessly as possible.

When you finally appear before the Court, the right address to the judge or magistrate almost certainly means the difference between a favourable and an unfortunate sentence.

A proper explanation of your character and personal history, for example, can go a long way to convincing a court that you are a person who deserves a lighter sentence and a second chance. People are often surprised to find that some unlikely aspect of their background may, in all the circumstances, earn them a very good discount from a Court.

If certain factors or circumstances surrounding the offence are properly explained, the Court may well consider your offence from a much less sinister viewpoint.

People who represent themselves rarely get it right. In many cases, they risk a much heavier sentence than they would otherwise get away with if they were properly represented by skilled lawyers.

Depending on the charges and the impact a potential sentence may have your life (or maybe other members of your family) the cost of legal representation might be the best investment you ever make.

Don't talk to the Police, until you've spoken to us.

We have a long history of representing defendants in the Magistrates Court and County Court on charges ranging from minor road traffic infringements to serious offences, which potentially result in jail sentences.

We provide comprehensive advice and quality legal representation at all stages throughout the criminal process including:

- Police arrests and interviews
- Bail Applications
- Search Warrants
- Committal Hearings
- Trials
- Sentencing
- Appeals
- Proceeds of Crime
- Professional Misconduct
- Parole Applications
- Witness Advice.

If you have queries, or if you would like to discuss representation, contact: Neil Cust: nc@kellyandchapman.com.au
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Do yourself a favour. Give yourself a chance.

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