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"I care about my clients and I try to solve their problems," McKinney says. "They are great folks who are going through difficult times. Some are falsely accused. I guide them through a legal process that can be frightening and confusing so that they can get their lives back on track."

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STARTING A BUSINESS: SELECTING A GOOD LAWYER

Starting a business without the advice of legal counsel can be a big mistake. If you don't already have a lawyer representing your interests, this checklist will help you find a prime candidate.

There are basically two types of business lawyers: those who handle lawsuits (called business litigators) and those who primarily handle corporate and contract matters (called transactional lawyers). Some lawyers do both, but most of them tend to specialize in one area or the other. So if you are forming a new

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business, a lawyer who handles business transactions may be your best bet.

If you are starting up a small business where the ownership will be closely held and the organizational issues may not be too complicated, a sole practitioner or a lawyer in general practice may do a very good job in representing your interests. But it's worthwhile to try to look to the future needs of your business as it continues to grow. For example, think about retaining a lawyer or a law firm with expertise in areas that may better cover all of your anticipated business needs. It may be a good idea to look at a "full service" firm that does both transactions and litigation. It would also be to your benefit to

have access to lawyers with expertise in other law areas affecting your business (for example, labor or employment law, tax law, real estate law, banking and finance or IP).

You will probably want to hire a lawyer with at least a few years of experience. Look for lawyers that have experience in representing the type of business that you have or that you will be going into.

Look to see if a lawyer is affiliated with associations that cater to legal issues affecting businesses. For example, most bar associations have sections in business law and other related categories. Having a lawyer who is involved in a chamber of commerce or other local organizations may also be a good sign, depending on the your legal needs.

Unless there are special circumstances, you'll want to hire a lawyer who is licensed to practice law in your state and has an office located near your principal place of business. Special circumstances where you may have to go out of town would include a situation where local attorneys don't specialize in the area where you have legal needs, or where you're planning on expanding operations to another location.

CONDUCT INITIAL SCREENINGS TO NARROW YOUR LIST DOWN TO A FEW PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES:

- Does the lawyer appear to have expertise in forming business organizations (for example, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, sole proprietorships)? Does he or she profess to have expertise with start-up ventures?
- Look for a list of representative clients. Does the lawyer represent other businesses similar to yours?
- Search on the Internet under the name of the lawyer and their law firm. Can you find any articles, FAQs or other informational pieces that the lawyer has done that give you a level of comfort?
- There are two types of business lawyers: those that handle lawsuits and those who primarily handle corporate and contract matters (called transactional lawyers). Some lawyers do both, but most of them tend to specialize in one area or the other. If you are forming a new business, a lawyer who handles business transactions may be best.



- Look at a "full service" firm that does both transactions and litigation to keep on retainer to anticipate your needs as your business grows. It may also be to your benefit to have access to lawyers with expertise in other areas affecting your business (for example labor or employment law, tax law, real estate law, banking and finance or intellectual property).
- Look to see if a lawyer is affiliated with associations that cater to legal issues affecting businesses. Having a lawyer who is involved in a chamber of commerce or other local organizations may also be a good sign, depending on your legal needs.

BEFORE YOU HIRE A LAWYER:

Ask for references—you want to talk to people who can comment on the lawyer's skills and trustworthiness, such as other lawyers and banks. A business lawyer should also be able to give you the names of several CPAs as references. Find out if he or she has previously worked with venture capitalists or other financing sources.

- A great reference source for a good lawyer is word of mouth from satisfied clients. After getting appropriate consents, lawyers will sometimes develop a list of representative clients that they'll use for marketing and promotional purposes, and you might ask if it would be okay to contact some of them. You shouldn't be surprised, however, if the lawyer declines as attorney/client privilege binds lawyers to strict rules. It may even cause you to question whether the lawyer would keep your legal matters confidential if he or she volunteers too much information about other clients.
- Ask about conflicts of interest. Does the lawyer represent any opposing parties or potential competitors?

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DUI TRIAL PROCESS

Most people never intend to drive drunk. Some have a few drinks, not realizing their driving will be impaired. Their mistake in judgement leads to a drunk driving arrest—leaving them shocked and scared.

A drunk driving charge is very serious. You'll definitely need a lawyer if you were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while intoxicated (DWI).

An attorney familiar with defending drunk driving cases in your area can guide you through the trial process. It will help to know what's going to happen in court before talking to your lawyer.

ARRAIGNMENT

The first court hearing in your DWI case is likely to be an arraignment. The judge will read the charges against you and ask for your plea. Unless you carefully discuss the entry of a different plea with your attorney, you'll want to plead "not guilty."

The judge will decide whether to reduce your bail amount. The judge may agree to release you on your own recognizance without requiring additional bail.

The prosecutor gives your lawyer—a court-appointed lawyer or a private defense lawyer—copies of evidence about your case. This could include police reports and blood alcohol test results. This is called discovery.

Dates for pretrial motions and your trial will be set by the judge.

PRELIMINARY HEARING

At a preliminary hearing, the judge decides whether the prosecutor has enough evidence to possibly convince a jury that you were driving while intoxicated. While the procedures differ greatly from state to state, this is your attorney's opportunity to size up the prosecution's case and give you more information about your options.

PLEA BARGAINING

Plea bargaining involves negotiating a deal with the prosecutor. It is highly discouraged in DWI cases and is even outlawed in some states. Many legislators feel DWI is such a serious crime that plea bargaining is inappropriate under any circumstance whatsoever.



There may be cases, however, when an attorney can reach a deal with the prosecutor to have a DWI charge reduced to a less serious charge, such as reckless driving. It may also be possible to reach a compromise by agreeing to plead guilty to the DWI charge in exchange for the prosecutor recommending a less severe sentence than if the case went to trial.

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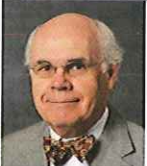
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In 2010 through 2014, Marcos Garza was one of only four lawyers in the states of Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi, under the age of 40 to be selected as a "Mid-South Super Lawyer Rising-Star," in the area of DUI/DWI Defense, a distinction given to the top 2.5% of all lawyers under the age of 40 or in the first 10 years of practice.

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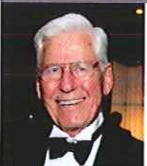
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Licensed in Tennessee, he specializes in personal injury, wrongful death, on-the-job injuries, defective products, and medical malpractice cases. One of the founders of the Tennessee Association for Justice, J. D. Lee believes the application of his expertise in the courtroom upholds the rights of those individuals who have been victimized by the negligence of others and no fault of their own.

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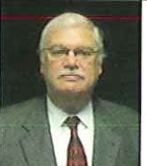
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