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DUI AND CRIMINAL DEFENSE WARRIORS

Suhre & Associates, LLC is committed to serving you. An award-winning law firm with offices across Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

GET TO KNOW THE TEAM [WORK] THAT MAKES THE DREAM WORK

WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

“Joe and his team are the best of the best... professionalism at its best - and in the end positive results. Will not ever call another lawyer. Suhre and Associates is who you want defending you.”

MITCH
FORMER CLIENT

“Beat DUI and possession.
The best lawyer I’ve worked with.
Won my jury trial in a small town court.
Not ridiculously priced for the services provided.”

ENOCH
FORMER CLIENT

“Love them. They go above and beyond for you! ... I called them today for help and they jumped right on it for me. Got a response back immediately. Love love love them.”

BRITTNIE
FORMER CLIENT

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“Joe, did a wonderful job managing my case and keeping me up to date with everything. He was very professional and proficient with the law, that allowed us to come out with the best possible outcome. 10/10 recommended.”

SCOTT C.
FORMER CLIENT

“Tremendous, personal service. Always available and they respond immediately. I was always treated as family, even after the case was closed. Absolutely the best legal experience I have ever had...during the most stressful time of my life - bar none.”

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JOE SUHRE

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Joe Suhre is the owner and principal of Suhre & Associates DUI and Criminal Defense Lawyers. Joe has dedicated his practice to the defense of OVI cases and other criminal offenses. Joe has over 20 years of criminal defense experience and an additional 5 years of experience as a police officer. He has handled hundreds of DUI cases before dozens of judges in numerous counties. Because of this, Joe is uniquely qualified to defend his clients against DUI and criminal charges.

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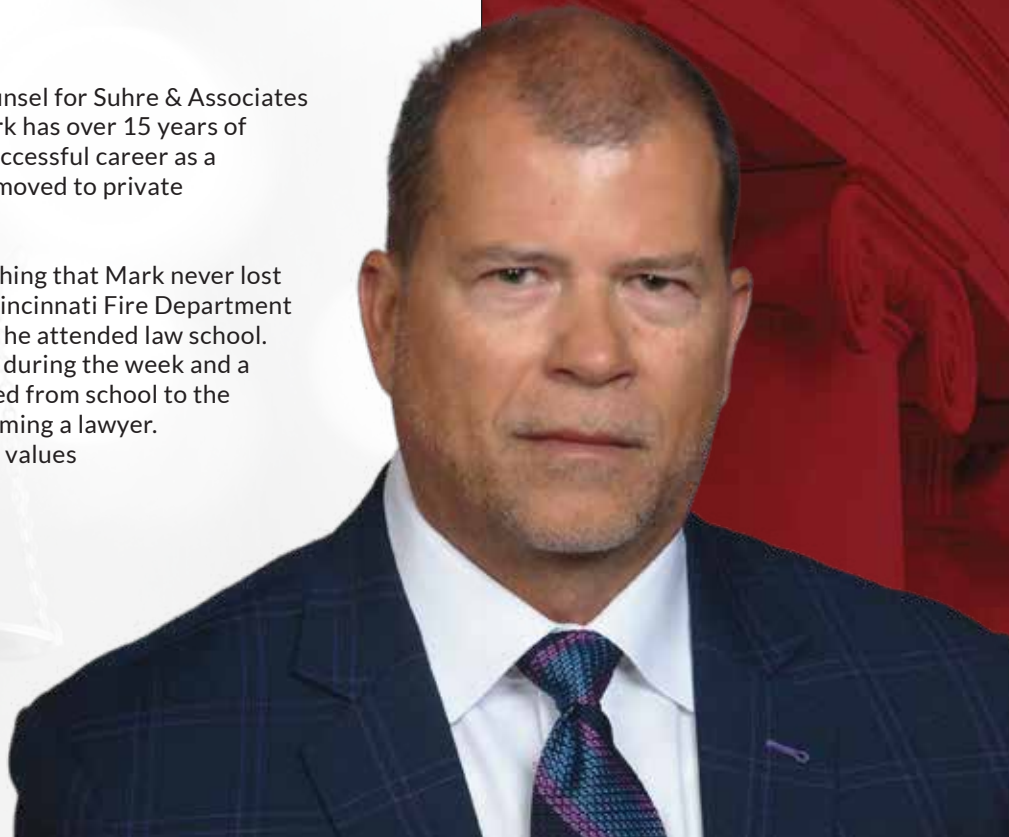
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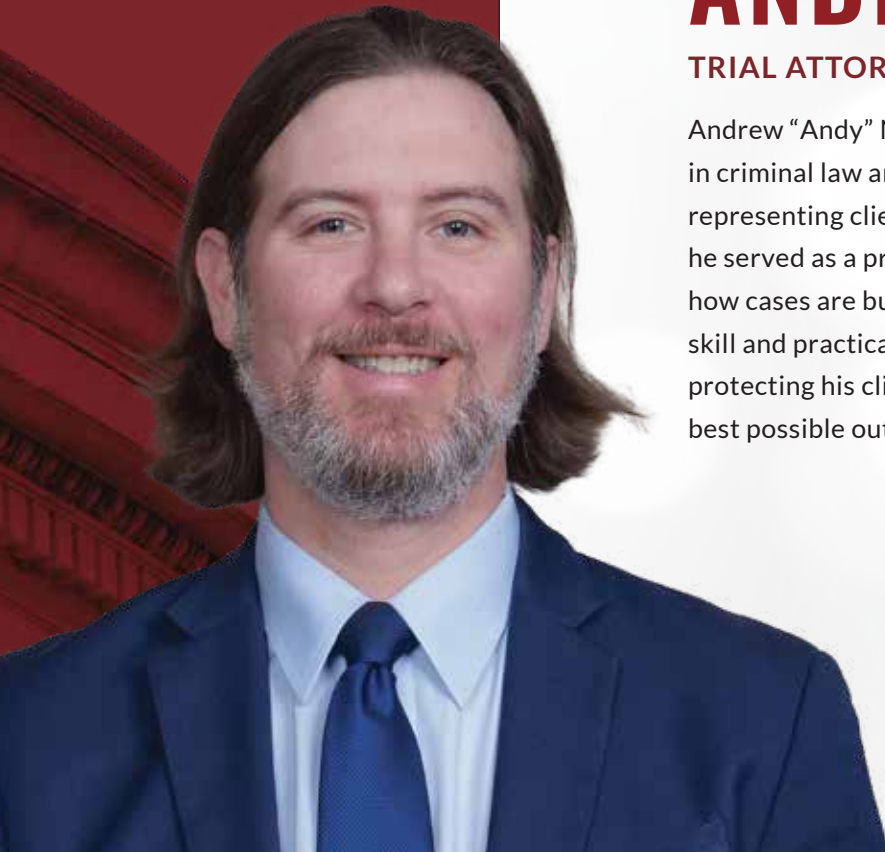
Mark Wieczorek, trial attorney, is of counsel for Suhre & Associates DUI and Criminal Defense Lawyers. Mark has over 15 years of experience in the legal field. He had a successful career as a Hamilton County, Ohio prosecutor and moved to private practice in 2009.

Stepping into the legal world was something that Mark never lost sight of. Mark was a firefighter for the Cincinnati Fire Department for nearly 11 years and during that time he attended law school. For 3 years, he was a law school student during the week and a firefighter on the weekend. He commuted from school to the firehouse and back with one goal – becoming a lawyer. His “grind” mentality and work ethic are values he still carries with him today.

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Andrew “Andy” Niehaus brings over a decade of experience in criminal law and domestic relations to Suhre & Associates, representing clients across Ohio. Before joining the firm, he served as a prosecutor, giving him valuable insight into how cases are built and tried. Known for his courtroom skill and practical approach, Andy is dedicated to protecting his clients’ rights and achieving the best possible outcome in every case.

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SCOTT ADAMS

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Scott Adams, trial attorney, joined Suhre & Associates DUI and Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2023. Previously, Scott was a solo practitioner in Indiana, focusing on criminal and family law cases. He has transitioned those skills over to the Suhre team seamlessly. “As a trial attorney for the firm [Suhre & Associates DUI and Criminal Defense Lawyers], I advocate for those who are in need, are in peril, or are lost,” Scott says. With over 20 years of experience, Scott is confident in his ability to give you the best possible outcome for your case. He is responsive, communicative and on your side.

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BRENTT MCGEE

TRIAL ATTORNEY

Brentt understands the value of hard work and perseverance. "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." – Thomas Jefferson. This quote by an American Founding Father and President is one of Brentt's favorites. He joined our firm with a unique combination of legal expertise and military experience.

Brentt spent much of his career in the United States Marine Corps where he served as a Prosecutor, Victims' Legal Counsel, and Defense Attorney. His service is where he honed his leadership skills and resilience. This experience not only instilled a strong work ethic but also helped shape his dedication to advocating for Marine Corps members and individuals in need of legal counsel.

Outside of work, Brentt enjoys staying active. He is a member at CrossFit Bluegrass and practices Jiu-Jitsu at local gym, MADE Fitness. He is married with two children and resides in the Louisville area. In and out of the courtroom, Brentt is a valuable asset to our firm and the community we serve.

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MICHAEL DURBOROW

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Michael Durborow is a dedicated trial attorney at Suhre & Associates DUI and Criminal Defense Lawyers, specializing in clients who are facing criminal charges and clients who have been injured. He is licensed to practice law in the state of Kentucky and primarily focuses on serving those in the Lexington, Kentucky area. With ten years of experience in the legal field, Michael brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his clients, ensuring effective and strategic legal solutions.

Success isn't just about winning cases; it's about providing unwavering support and advocacy to ensure that our clients feel heard, valued, and well-represented throughout their journey. "Hard work, honesty, and helping those in need are some of the values that drive me," says Michael.

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AARON OPEGARD

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A Lexington native, Aaron Opegard focuses his practice on criminal defense throughout Kentucky, representing clients in all Kentucky state courts and the federal courts in the Eastern and Western Districts. A graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, he began his career at a DUI defense firm before serving as a staff attorney in circuit courts and practicing at a respected mid-Atlantic law firm. Aaron is committed to defending the rights of those facing powerful institutions and securing the best possible results for his clients.

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Guided by her core values of integrity and open-mindedness, Mary plays a pivotal role at Suhre & Associates, balancing multiple responsibilities—including supporting her husband, firm owner Joe Suhre. As part of the operations team, she develops and manages training programs that keep the firm's systems running smoothly. Her goal: create an environment where team members feel supported, inspired, and free to focus on meaningful work.

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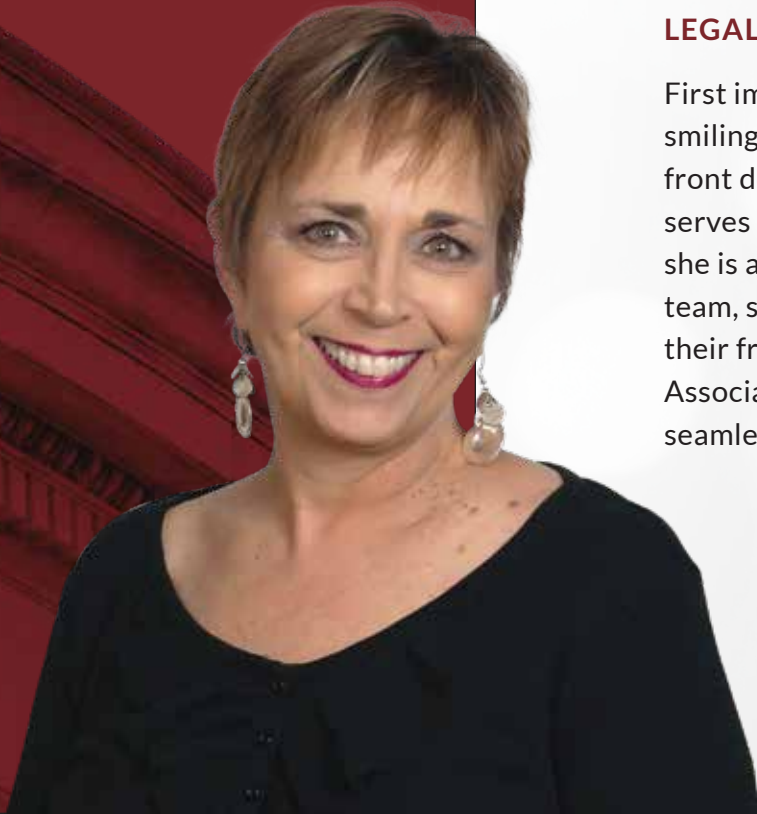
As the Client Intake and Relations Specialist for Suhre & Associates, Doug is dedicated to fostering relationships with those who interact with the firm. With nearly 15 years of experience in food service management (primarily in healthcare), he has discovered his passion for helping others. He believes his background in healthcare helped prepare him for the daily interactions he has now with individuals going through challenging times.

Doug believes effective communication and empathy are key players in this industry. He joined our team in 2024 and currently serves our clients and potential clients for all our offices across Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

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ANNETTE DENTON

LEGAL RECEPTIONIST

First impressions are everything. Annette is the first smiling face you see when you enter our firm. She runs the front desk and facilitates all phone calls with heart. She serves at the frontlines in many capacities, which is why she is a leading player on our team. Prior to joining our team, she worked at a law firm for many years serving as their front desk receptionist, so the transition to Suhre & Associates DUI and Criminal Defense Lawyers for her was seamless.

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HENRI HEYWOOD

CASE MANAGER

Growing up in a large family, Henri Heywood was always encouraged to be a role model for others. She would strive for the best possible outcome no matter the odds she faced. You could say she applies this life motto to her work at Suhre & Associates DUI and Criminal Defense Lawyers. She primarily serves as the case manager for our fearless leader, Joe Suhre. Although, that is not all that she does – her many hats worn behind the scenes do not go unseen.

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CLAYTON KUTE

CASE MANAGER

Clayton Kute serves as one of the case managers for the firm. He primarily is the right-hand man for our Kentucky attorneys and works from our Louisville office. He has extensive experience handling the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities that come with this role. Prior to joining our team, he worked for a law firm. The skills and knowledge he gained has helped him perform his duties as case manager effortlessly.

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CASSANDRA THEIS-VOGL

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Driven by compassion, Cassandra graduated from Montana State University with a focus in community health and has always tried to work to improve the outcomes and opportunities for her client base. She has a vision for a better, kinder tomorrow. One of the people that inspire her is her grandmother.

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MEGHAN KEITH

CASE MANAGER

With over a decade of legal experience, Meghan has worked in clerk's offices, served as a judicial assistant, and was a court reporter for the Honorable James D. Humphrey (ret.). She is pursuing a Criminal Justice degree at Indiana University and has spent more than 12 years with Dearborn County Water Rescue, becoming its first female captain. At Suhre & Associates, Meghan blends her legal expertise and dedication to service to guide clients with compassion and action. Her guiding belief: "It is not enough to be compassionate. You must act."

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Aimee earned her Bachelor's in Psychology from Shawnee State University and is pursuing her Master's in Social Work. Her experience includes internships at Scioto County Juvenile Court and the STAR Community Justice Center, as well as work for Child Protective Services in Highland County. She joined Suhre & Associates in 2025, serving clients in the Cincinnati area with empathy, transparency, and reliability. Aimee's goal is simple—make each client feel seen, respected, and supported, even in the most overwhelming moments.

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STAGES OF A CRIMINAL CASE

If you have been charged with a crime or are under investigation, retaining an attorney is one of the most important steps to take to protect your rights.



ARRAIGNMENT

At this stage, you will enter a pleas of guilty or not guilty. A judge will also set bond. It is imperative to have your attorney present to help determine the course of your case.



PRE-TRIAL

During this stage, we will receive evidence from the prosecutor, conduct our own investigation and asses strengths and weaknesses of the case.



MOTION TO SUPPRESS

We will move to file and argue a motion asking the court to throw out some or all of the evidence or even dismiss the case all together. Negotiating is active in this phase. If a plea is accepted, sentencing can occur in this stage.



TRIAL (JURY OR BENCH)

Witnesses and evidence will be presented by the prosecutor to support the charges the defendant is facing. Our job is to provide a bulletproof defense. If the defendant is convicted, sentencing will follow. It is possible to reach a plea bargain in this phase as well.



POST TRIAL

Appeals are filed in this stage. In addition to appeals, expungements or motions for a new trial (if convicted) can occur.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

The complexity of your case is the main factor here. For example, drug possession cases tend to be over quickly because they are relatively straightforward, while murder is often anything but. Occasionally, a matter can be resolved at arraignment, but this is rare and such a decision is based almost entirely on a desire to “just get it over with,” as opposed to the strength of the government’s case.

Doing this means forgoing your right to review all the government’s evidence and look for weakness before pleading. Hence, this approach may not always yield the best possible results.

Ideally, we will have all of the state’s evidence – and any additional discovery we have requested – ready for our review within 30-90 days off arraignment. This is usually the point at which we are able to advise you on how to proceed with your case, whether that be a suppression hearing, trial, or plea.

Suppression hearings typically take place in 90-120 days. Trials in misdemeanor cases usually occur around six months, with felonies tending to take a little longer to get to a jury. Pleas can occur at any time before trial.

AM I GOING TO JAIL?

This is often the biggest concern for our clients, with the answer depending on numerous factors: the attorney’s proficiency in both the courtroom and at the negotiation table, your criminal history or lack thereof, the nature of the charge/ offense, and other mitigating circumstances. At some point, you may have to decide what you are willing to sacrifice to avoid jail.

Are you willing to pay heavy fines? Give up your driver’s license for a period of time? Report to a probation officer? Take random drug tests? Have a misdemeanor or felony conviction on your record? These are all factors that will be discussed with you at length throughout the course of your case.

If you proceed to trial, jail is always a possibility. In Ohio and Indiana, the judge decides if any jail time will be imposed upon conviction. In Kentucky juries, not judges, determine the sentence should you be found guilty.

Some crimes, like failure to maintain car insurance, may not require mandatory jail time, while others, like a 2nd or 3rd offense DUI, do. Even then, in some counties, the prosecutor may agree to home incarceration if a good case can be made for it, but not all do and it is always in the judge’s discretion.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS IN CRIMINAL CASES

CAN MY CHARGE BE DROPPED OR REDUCED?

Yes, this is possible in any case; however, it is not something the prosecutor does simply because you're a good person and deserve a break. Whether a charge is dismissed or dropped down to a lesser charge (e.g., from felony wanton endangerment to misdemeanor wanton endangerment) will hinge on the strength of the state's case, the nature of the charge against you, and your criminal history, if any.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

If you're reading this, then you've received our welcome packet and already know the answer regarding our attorney fees. Litigation costs, may also include experts (toxicologist, psychiatric, forensic scientist, etc.) Even a plea results in expenses such as court costs, fines, and administrative fees.

Often there are collateral costs associated with pleading to or being found guilty of a crime like DUI a conviction for which causes your car insurance rates to go up, not to mention the classes you will have to get your license back or having an ignition interlock device installed on your car if a judge orders it.

CAN I GET THIS OFF MY RECORD?

Possibly, practically all misdemeanors and most low-level felonies (except violent and sex offenses) can be expunged. The waiting period depends on the jurisdiction and level of offense. There are some exceptions, like for DUI, which stays on your record forever in Ohio, but in Kentucky is eligible for expungement after 10 years.

The general rule is that you can have no pending charges when applying for expungement of an old charge. We understand how important it is to clear your record as soon as possible, because while most are aware that a felony strips you of your right to vote, run for office, and possess a firearm, the consequences of seemingly benign misdemeanors often go overlooked. Even a simple marijuana possession charge can keep you from obtaining student loans, federal housing, and certain jobs.

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The road may seem long, the obstacle insurmountable. But know that together we can overcome. Knowledge, preparation, and tenacity will allow us to prevail.

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