

Public Defender or Private Counsel: Which One is Best for Your Criminal Case?

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Public defenders are attorneys who are made available by the court to defendants in criminal cases who cannot afford to pay for private counsel. You will have to qualify to be represented by a public defender by providing the court with your financial information, and even if you are found to qualify, you may still be liable for some costs if the court finds you have the ability to pay.

Unfortunately, public defenders carry a heavy caseload and usually cannot afford to give the time and attention to your personal case as you might wish. Most public defender's offices are woefully understaffed and have a many more cases to handle than a normal private criminal defense attorney.

The fact is, it is almost always in your best interest to retain private counsel for your criminal matter. They are much more likely to have more time and resources to devote to your case, which can make a big difference in the final outcome.

About Elliott N. Kanter

30 years of experience on your side. With 30 years as a successful San Diego criminal defense lawyer and personal injury attorney, I am motivated by a sincere desire to help people. I always take the time to get to understand every client's unique situation. The Law Offices of Elliott N. Kanter is not a corporate law firm, we're here to help people like you.

We're not afraid of going to court. Believe it or not, most cases are negotiated long before they go to court. This saves a lot of time and as a result – saves you a lot of money. But we're here to fight for your best interests and if that means going to court, we're ready to do so. We prepare for every case as if we were going to trial. Our diligence pays off, because we get very good results, whether we go to court or not.

You want an experienced lawyer working for you. It's nice to believe that the legal system is a fair, impartial system. But the truth of the matter is, having the right lawyer can make all the difference. In the courtroom there's only one person looking out for your best interests. It's not the judge, it's not the jury, it's your lawyer. So even if you don't choose my services, please take the time to find a qualified lawyer you trust. The Law Offices of Elliott N. Kanter earned an AV rating – the highest possible – with Martindale- Hubbell, so you can be assured of our

commitment to do our best for you. Please don't hesitate to call the Law Offices of Elliott N. Kanter at 619-330-5881 for a no cost, no obligation consultation.

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