

Violent Crime Defense Attorney in Utah

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A violent crime conviction in Utah carries serious, life-changing consequences. A single charge could mean decades in prison, permanent damage to your reputation, and the loss of basic rights like firearm ownership. Before you are even formally charged, prosecutors are already building their case. That's why you need a violent crime attorney in Utah who knows how to fight back immediately and strategically.

At Wasatch Defense Lawyers, our team of violent crime defense attorneys has handled more than 650 trials across Utah. We are recognized as some of the top violent crime attorneys in Utah, trusted to defend the toughest cases with skill, urgency, and relentless advocacy.

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Know Your Weapons Rights

A violent crime conviction can strip away your right to own or use firearms. Utah's laws define weapons broadly, and prosecutors often add weapons charges that can dramatically increase penalties. From higher fines to longer sentences, these add-ons make charges even more serious. If weapons are part of your case, you need a violent crimes attorney who understands Utah's weapons laws and knows how to challenge them.

Utah Violent Crime Defense Services

We provide experienced defense for a wide range of violent crime charges. Select a service below to learn more:

1. **Murder/Homicide**

DefenseFacing homicide charges is one of the most serious situations under Utah law. Our attorneys have the trial experience needed to challenge the state's case and fight for your future. *(Learn more: [Murder/Homicide Defense](#))*

2. **Weapons Crimes**

DefenseBecause of Utah's broad definition of "weapon," prosecutors often add these charges to other offenses. We know how to fight back against stacked charges and unfair enhancements. *(Learn more: [Weapons Crimes Defense](#))*

3. **Charged with Threat**Being accused of making threats can lead to restraining orders, custody issues, and even jail time. We defend your rights and ensure your story is heard.

4. **Charged with Child Abandonment**These charges can devastate your reputation and family. Our attorneys challenge false claims and work to protect your parental rights.

(Learn more: [Charged with Child Abandonment in Utah](#))

1. **Domestic Violence Defense**A conviction can result in jail, fines, and a lifetime ban on gun ownership. Even if a victim drops charges, prosecutors may still proceed. Our team knows how to fight these cases aggressively. *(Learn more: [Facing Domestic Violence Charges in Salt Lake City](#))*

2. **Stalking Defense Attorney**A stalking conviction can lead to imprisonment and protective orders. We examine the facts carefully to challenge weak or exaggerated allegations. *(See also: [Stalking Defense Attorney in Salt Lake City](#))*

3. **Disorderly Conduct Defense Lawyer in Utah**These charges range in severity but always carry potential consequences for your record and future. *(Read more: [Disorderly Conduct Defense Lawyer in Utah](#))*

4. **Assault Defense**From simple assault to aggravated assault, convictions remain on your record permanently. Don't wait—time is against you. *(See: [Assault vs Battery vs Aggravated Assault](#))*





5. **Aggravated Assault** This felony offense carries severe penalties. We fight to reduce or dismiss charges wherever possible. (Guide: [Aggravated Assault Charge in Utah](#))
6. **Violent Crimes Resulting in Death** Includes manslaughter, homicide, and murder. Penalties may involve life in prison or worse. Our trial-tested attorneys fight for the strongest defense. (Related: [Wrongful Death Lawyer in Utah](#))
7. **Vehicular Manslaughter** A complex charge that requires a detailed investigation and a strong courtroom defense. (Learn more: [Do You Go to Jail for Vehicular Manslaughter in](#)

[Utah?](#))

8. **Manslaughter Lawyers** Severe penalties require a disciplined, experienced defense team that can attack weak points in the prosecution's case.
9. **Violation of a Protective Order** A violation can bring harsh consequences. (See more: [Violation of a Protective Order Defense Lawyer Utah](#))
10. **Probation Violation Lawyers Defense** Probation violations can mean additional penalties or incarceration. We work to contest accusations and keep probation intact. (Read: [Probation Violation Lawyers Utah](#))
11. **Battery Defense** Battery charges require careful examination of evidence and a strong defense. (More: [Battery Defense Lawyer in Utah](#))
12. **Criminal Mischief Defense** Property damage charges can seriously affect your record. We know how to challenge intent and evidence. (Read: [Criminal Mischief Defense Lawyer in Utah](#))
13. **Arson Defense Lawyer** Arson carries extremely serious penalties. We provide experienced defense in complex fire-related cases. (See: [Arson Defense Lawyer in Salt Lake City Utah](#))
14. **Failure to Remain** Leaving the scene of an accident can mean fines, loss of license, and jail. (Learn more: [Failure to Remain at the Scene of the Crime Defense Lawyer in Utah](#))
15. **Mayhem Defense** Mayhem charges are among the most severe. You need trial-tested representation immediately.

Why Choose Wasatch Defense Lawyers for Violent Crime Cases?

1. 30+ years of combined trial experience
2. 650+ cases handled in Utah courts
3. Nationally recognized for defense excellence
4. Hundreds of 5-star reviews

5. Membership in leading legal defense associations
6. Consistently trusted as some of the top violent crime attorneys in Utah

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Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if I'm charged with a violent crime in Utah

Call a lawyer immediately. Do not answer police questions or provide statements without an attorney. Prosecutors move quickly, and anything you say can be used against you. Early representation gives you the best chance at a strong defense.

(Read: [Utah Criminal Justice Process](#))



Our Service Area

Proudly defending clients across:

- Salt Lake City
- Ogden
- West Valley
- Sandy
- Provo and throughout Utah.

(Also see: [Best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Logan Utah](#))

Final Call To Action

Ready to talk to a violent crime attorney who will fight for you?

Your freedom and future are too important to leave to chance. At Wasatch Defense Lawyers, we combine trial-tested experience with relentless defense strategies. If you are facing violent crime charges in Utah, call 801.845.3430 today for a free case review. The sooner you call, the stronger your defense will be.

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Kerry Hyland

3 months ago

It is early in the case with a long road ahead, but up to this point we have been treated with understanding, kindness and compassion. Reed and Lane have been immediately responsive when contacted. I believe their team is competent and motivated to advocate through a difficult situation, and are highly invested in reaching the best possible outcomes. Thank you!



Ginger

a day ago

So, initially I didn't have the best experience with a specific attorney, after I had left a negative review, Lane personally reached out to me to offer to rectify the situation. I was blow away with how kind and professional he was, and his offer that if I ever needed help again, I could use him personally. Sometimes things happen, and maybe my experience was just a fluke, but I am truly surprised how quick Lane was to want to make things right. Because of that alone, I would absolutely recommend Wasatch Defense Attorneys. Not all businesses care about their clients and their customer service, and I can tell he really wants people to have had a good experience with his organization. Thank you, Lane!



Lauren W.

3 days ago

Wasatch Defense Lawyers were creative and resourceful in their defense of my son. Thank you for a job well done!



Charlotte Stewart

7 days ago

We really enjoyed our experience with this team! It was a pleasure to work with Mark and Lane. They provided clear guidance, support and always answered any questions we would have at any time during the process! Very helpful and informative. We also appreciated the care and empathy they showed for us just as people during a difficult time. They are great and I would highly recommend!



Anna Vongse

8 days ago

The team that helped absolve my case talked clearly with me and I have only positive feelings with everyone involved with Wasatch Defense. Thank you.



Damon Rushton

9 days ago

I live in New Jersey but used to live in Utah. This firm was patient and handled my problems swiftly and professionally. I would recommend to anyone especially if you're out of state and need help in Utah. they get the job done 🙌



Roger Maiure

10 days ago

When I found myself stranded at the doorstep of an unfamiliar legal system, I reached out for help. Scott and the team at Wasatch Defense Attorneys responded with remarkable speed, meeting with me the same day to listen, strategize, and provide clear guidance. Even after resolving my case, their continued support has been a tremendous comfort during such uncertain times. Wasatch Defense Attorneys are swift, effective, and, most importantly, always have your back.



RobRoy Thompson

10 days ago

Wasatch Defense Lawyers were right there when my son needed them. Lane made sure my son was protected from the start. We were treated fair and Darrell was straightforward and to the point which got the job done. Thank you Wasatch Defense Lawyers



angie mortensen lopez

11 days ago

Wasatch Defense attorney I spoke with and had a consultation with was extremely personable, helpful, caring, concerned and considerate towards the case I brought fourth to them! Absolutely would recommend hiring them to fight for you!



mandi Moon

14 days ago

Paul and the rest of the team at Wasatch defense are the best in the state for a reason.



Brian Swaner

16 days ago

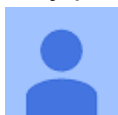
We really recommend Wasatch Defense Lawyers. Darrell, Layne, Amy and Victoria (Apologies if we forgot to mention anyone else) Great staff, they were very honest with us. Very trustworthy and very supportive! Definitely will reach out and work with them again. We really appreciate all the help and support. Thank you all!



Jenny L.

17 days ago

Wasatch defense was professional, knowledgeable, and great to work with. Lane was very personable and helped ease our concerns.



josh schultz

18 days ago

Tyler Ayres is a dedicated and knowledgeable defense attorney who has been invaluable in my case. He provided clear guidance, strong representation, and is always responsive to my questions. I highly recommend Tyler and Wasatch Defense Lawyers to anyone needing a reliable defense lawyer.



Chris Fraide

19 days ago

Very detailed and sensitive to issue.



Jennifer Stanger

25 days ago

The team did an excellent job more me. Explained everything in detail as we went through the process



Candace Baird

26 days ago

I really enjoyed my experience with this team! Their attention to detail and ability to stay calm under pressure truly set them apart. I always felt heard and supported throughout the process. Thanks to their expertise, we achieved a favorable outcome. I recommend Paul Johnson he made my experience top notch:)



maddie smith

29 days ago

I loved the service I got, Paul Johnson really knows what he's doing to keep me out of trouble! Highly recommend, these guys are so great they make me feel like family!



Mikaela Johnson

29 days ago

As a first timer utilizing a lawyer and going through the court system I was nervous to say the least. I had 0 idea on what to do, who to call and how to go about it. I called a few offices and all seemed to be very straight with 0 care and wanted to charge me an hourly rate. I ended up coming across Wasatch Defense Lawyer. From the get go they were very knowledgeable, patient, and answered all my questions. They walked me step by step on what the process would look like. Price point, WDL are more than fair in my opinion. It was a flat rate (at-least for my situation) and came out to about half of what the other lawyers wanted to charge me. Team, Victoria their paralegal was the first person I worked with. She was kind, understanding and very professional. She understood my frustration and was empathetic. My lawyer David, great man! He is very knowledgeable when it comes to his work. He's means business. He got the resolution I needed. Overall as a first timer going through the court system I'd highly recommend utilizing Wasatch Defense Lawyers. They are there when you need them and will be by your side the entire way. Victoria &

David, Thank you for making this process so seamless and having my back when I needed it the most. You guys are the best!



Josh

a month ago

Very helpful people with tons of expertise. I highly recommend them to anyone. If you want the best, go with them.



Preston Callahan

a month ago

Unreal service everyone there is nice and takes their time with you. Helped me from beginning to end and walked me through the process. Even though it was a nervous and scary process they held my hand step by step and even followed up with me.



OneStop Property Management

a month ago

Paul and Lane at Wasatch Defense Lawyers are an exceptional team! Experienced. Knowledgeable. Helpful. And most importantly, effective. How effective? Case dismissed effective. Best possible outcome for our family member. Highly recommended.



Sterling Jackson

a month ago

They worked with me till the end. Had some hiccups with the Idaho lawyer but they stuck with me and found a new one to help finish up my case. Everything went just like they said it would and they were with me to the end. They were helpful with any and all questions I had through out my ordeal. I can't thank them enough. It's nice to have others

who are willing to work hard for you. Thanks for everything your team did for me. If you need help this is the place to go!



Lee Knappenberger

a month ago

Guilty until proven innocent. The system is broken; you're not going to fully understand it until it happens to you or someone you love. Being faced with a false accusation, we contacted Wasatch Defense Lawyers. Our case was unique, one of no crime or evidence. This was the most terrifying experience of our lives; in order to fight for our freedom, we lost our home, vehicle and high paying job, we were homeless and penniless. The Wasatch Defense team represented us accordingly, walking us through each step of the way. There is only one thing I'd advise they not sugarcoat, being able to obtain work. It was impossible, with "pending" felony charges. It's a sad, frustrating truth to accept, so it's important you are properly represented by a strong defense team. Shortly into the process, Reed became our attorney. He was patient and took the time to answer our questions, he listened to our concerns, worries while sympathizing with great care. His demeanor and expertise were a perfect fit for us. Reed has a calming sense about him that is comforting. He fought the long 3 years for us, winning small, yet substantial victories along the way! We are forever grateful to Reed, as well as to the rest of the team Lane and Scott. Although we accepted a plea deal, we can have it expunged after 5 years. We are now ready to move on with our lives. For those facing this hardship, seek out all resources available to you, let family and friends help you along the way. Be patient and listen to the advice of your law firm family, Wasatch Defense Lawyers.



MickyAnn Amador

a month ago

Absolutely the best. Our adult child had been incarcerated for four days with no representation. I called on a Friday afternoon to schedule a consultation. Within minutes they dispatched a legal representative to the jail and scheduled the consultation. An attorney was retained by the spouse on Saturday. Wasatch Defense Lawyers honored the prior scheduled consultation. We received information from the visit to the jail, and information regarding the charges even though they are not his representatives. They are professional, courteous, and truly the best.



R & M Mallard

a month ago

I have an excellent experience with Wasatch Defense. I would recommend them a thousand times over. I wouldn't want to be represented by any other firm.



Datavian Gardner

a month ago

I really recommend Wasatch Defense Lawyers, They're lawyer who is trustworthy, available, professional, and caring. They always replies fast and makes time to talk with you and explain things clearly. They know the law very well and handle cases in the best way. Besides being professional, they are also kind and supportive, which helps a lot when you're dealing with legal stuff. You can really trust Wasatch Defense Lawyers, to look out for your best interests.



Sefi Shukrun

a month ago

Hello, my lawyer showed a deep understanding of my personal situation and demonstrated empathy throughout the legal process. This helped me a great deal to get through this difficult time. I was impressed by my lawyer's expertise. He handled my case with professionalism and achieved an outstanding result. He negotiated a very advantageous out of court settlement for me, avoiding a long and costly trial. His negotiating skills are impressive. Highly recommended 5 stars to my lawyer.



Mike Lado

a month ago

Great team of qualified professionals! The atmosphere and staff in the office are welcoming. I also appreciate the camaraderie in my dealings with this amazing group of Lawyers.



Aaron Gasper

a month ago

Wasatch Defense Lawyers delivered the absolute best results for me and my family. We were facing a very stressful and serious situation, and these professionals went to bat for us. I didn't serve a single day in jail. And, in an absolutely amazing manner, they followed through and attained an expungement of my charges. My record is 100% clean now for any/all background checks! So thank you for everything WDL! You guys rock!



skyler argyle

a month ago

Very helpful and informative staff. Helped me gain some clarity regarding a legal situation for someone I am close to and gather more information so that we may have more facts at our disposal. Kind and courteous as well. Lane was an excellent resource in particular.



Azure Ewing

a month ago

We spoke with Wasatch Defense Lawyers and they gave us some great advice. Would definitely recommend. They are AWESOME!!!



Jamie Sanchez

a month ago

The results speak for themselves—Wasatch Defense Lawyers, and Lane in particular, were instrumental in securing a favorable outcome for my case. If you need legal representation, especially in defense matters, I highly recommend reaching out to this team.



Cole Ross

a month ago

I'm truly thankful to have had Reed C. Amos represent me and help guide me through a challenging time. Reed's knowledge and experience made a significant difference in the outcome of my case. He was responsive to my questions, even when things became complicated, and always took the time to explain the process clearly. His professionalism gave me peace of mind throughout the case. I highly recommend Reed C. Amos to anyone in need of dedicated, knowledgeable legal representation.



Paul C.

a month ago

Exceptional Service and Unwavering Support from Wasatch Defense Lawyers!! I've relied on Wasatch Defense Lawyers since 2020, and they are truly outstanding. Their team is incredibly professional and always available, no matter the time. They've consistently shown genuine kindness and a deep understanding, patiently answering all my questions. Their advice is always strategic and focused on the best possible solution. For top-tier legal representation that is both highly effective and genuinely supportive, I wholeheartedly recommend Wasatch Defense Lawyers. They are simply the best!



adi shukrun

a month ago

This team is fantastic to work with for all your needs. They are quick to answer your questions and are fierce in the courtroom. Definitely give them a call you won't be sorry



Erin Brant

a month ago

Great communication and made a not ideal situation much much easier



Benjamin Egan

a month ago

My paralegal Lane did a fantastic job at advocating for me and keeping communication open with my detective. I also had a great experience with Darrel York; it was always great speaking with him and he could always calm my nerves about concerns I had or answering my many questions. Thanks again Wasatch Defense!



Isaac Hundley

a month ago

I had Katelyn Webb help me with my case, she was very attentive, always answered my questions. We always had a call before all our court dates. She put so much work and dedication into my case and convinced the prosecutor to dismiss my case. Lane has been very generous and is now trying to help me with my expungement process free of charge. He really cares about my record being clean for my future and my beneficial.



Maria Rios

a month ago

We worked with Wasatch Defense and they were able to help us know what decision we needed to make going forward with our case. They are very kind and all of the insight and valuable experience that they have is so great! I would love to work with them again!!



Ashley Speaker

2 months ago

Very positive, productive meeting, which was extremely valuable - very helpful and useful information. Highly professional staff. They receive my wholehearted recommendation.



Rob Speaker

2 months ago

A place of great respect. They were very courteous and answered my questions to my satisfaction



Rod Mueller

3 months ago

Wasatch defense lawyers are the best representation you will find. Reed, Scott, Lane, and Victoria are an incredible team that ensures every aspect of your case is done with the upmost care & detailed precision. They have everything covered from start to finish and never leave you feeling alone. They maintain excellent communication that is vital to reassure and instruct you on your case, which gives you the confidence needed at the most important time of your life. Highly recommend and couldn't be happier with not only the outcome but the entire process. THANK YOU WASATCH DEFENSE LAWYERS for coming to the rescue and REED for handling so much!



Tiffany

3 months ago

Since the moment I met with the fine people at Wasatch Defense Lawyer, they have treated me with dignity and respect. Big shoutout to Franklin, Lane and Mark! Thank you for your support and help through a difficult process.



Kelli Rexford

3 months ago

Great team! Very professional and thorough. Got my case dismissed rather than going to trial! Well worth it if you value your life or time



John

3 months ago

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 American Jurisprudence Award - Wasatch
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Lawyers