

5 TIPS FOR SAFELY DEALING WITH PROBATION TERMS

1. Keep a WRITTEN LOG of all communication with Probation. They are keeping a LOG on you. Your only defense is to ACCURATELY summarize e any communication you have with them.

2. If you request permission to DEVIATE from a probation term (seeking permission to miss a counseling session or traveling issues), follow up with a CONFIRMING EMAIL or LETTER that accurately summarizes the issue and what you are allowed to do.

3. If your REASONABLE request is denied, also CONFIRM the denial, but clearly indicate you will FOLLOW THEIR ORDERS. However, always ASK WHY. If they deny your reasonable request, their reasoning may permit a judge to OVERTURN their decision.

4. Keep DUPLICATE RECORDS for every PAYMENT and every COMPLETION CERTIFICATE you obtain. Sometimes courts lose documents and responsibility to PROVE past payments will fall on YOU.

5. At the end of probation, do NOT take the officer's word that you have COMPLETED PROBATION. Make sure the COURT formally DISCHARGES you.

I have successfully defended thousands of felony and misdemeanor cases for more than 18 years. When you are the target of an investigation or face criminal charges, please don't hesitate to call us at (912) 383-7581.

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