



ROBINSON LAW FIRM P.A.
RELENTLESS CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Instructions For Clients Charged With:

A. GIVE/SALE ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE PERSON

G.S. § 18B-302(a)(1)-(2) CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR
G.S. § 20-17.3 REVOCATION OF DL IF GIVE
MINIMUM \$250.00 FINE
MINIMUM 25 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PAY FEE

B. POSSESSION OF FICTITIOUS/FRAUDULENT IDENTIFICATION

G.S. § 14-100.1 CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR

C. UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

G.S. § 18B-302(b)(3) CLASS 1 OR 3 MISDEMEANOR
CLASS 1 IF UNDER YEARS OF AGE
CLASS 3 IF UNDER 19/20 YEARS OF AGE

D. UNDERAGE POSSESSION OR PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL

G.S. § 18B-302(b)(1)-(2) CLASS 1 OR 3 MISDEMEANOR
G.S. § 20-17.3 REVOCATION OF DL IF PURCHASE
CLASS 1 FOR ALL OTHER POSSESSION OR PURCHASE
CLASS 3 FOR ALL OTHER POSSESSION OR PURCHASE

E. USE OF FICTITIOUS/FRAUDULENT IDENTIFICATION TO ENTER ALCOHOL ESTABLISHMENT OR OBTAIN ALCOHOL

G.S. § 18B-302(e)(1)-(5) CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR
G.S. § 20-17.3 REVOCATION OF DL IF PURCHASE

First and foremost, thank you for retaining our firm and allowing us to represent you. The trust you have placed in us is very important and we intend to provide you with a defense which is competent, zealous and aggressive. Mr. Robinson has over 24 years of criminal defense experience. To assist us in our representation, we ask you to comply with the following:

Court Date: Your initial court date is indicated on your North Carolina Uniform Citation or Criminal Summons. Our office will notify you of each court date; please immediately advise us of any change in your mailing address, e-mail address, or telephone number. You may also check your court date at the website for *The North Carolina Court System*, www.nccourts.org. Click “*Court Calendars*” under *Favorites*, “*Court Calendars*”, “*District and Superior Court Query*”, select *Pitt County* and enter your name for *District*, *Superior* or *both*. On each court date, your personal appearance is required at 9:00 o'clock a.m. unless otherwise instructed by the court or by our offices. It is important that you appear in court on time. The Pitt County Courthouse is located at 100 West Third Street in Greenville. You may obtain more specific

directions by contacting our offices or visiting the website noted above. Click "*Court Directions*" under *Favorites*. **Please note that it is your responsibility to know your court date and appear at the designated time and place. If you fail to appear in court as directed, an order for your arrest will be issued and you will be arrested.**

Appearance: On each court date, please dress neat and clean. It is important that you create a good "first impression". Please remember that the first impression may be while you are in the hallways or in the courtroom before your case is actually called for disposition/hearing. Therefore, please avoid engaging in any conduct or actions which you would not want the Judge to see or hear, or which you would not engage in if you were sitting next to me while your case is being heard. Avoid expressive or flashy jewelry, and dress conservatively. Under no circumstances are you to wear shorts, or shirts with any lettering or quotes. If you have a mobile phone, pager, PDA or other electronic device, please turn it off before entering the courtroom. If it rings/beeps in the courtroom, it may be confiscated by the courtroom Baliff.

Community Service: Depending on the facts and circumstances of your case(s), the advance performance of community service may assist us in having your case(s) dismissed, or a favorable plea bargain negotiated on your behalf. If you are directed and instructed to perform community service, please do so as soon as possible. You may choose the agency at which to perform the community service. However, service must be truly oriented towards community or charitable purposes at a non-profit agency. Please obtain written documentation from your selected agency that specifies the number of hours, dates of service and signature of person supervising your performance. We will provide you with a list of volunteer opportunities if needed. You can also perform the community service as instructed above in your home county. Performance of the community service in this manner will avoid paying a \$250.00 community service fee.

Alcohol Assessment: Depending on the facts and circumstances of your case(s), obtaining an alcohol assessment and completing any recommended/prescribed treatment, may likewise assist us in having your case(s) dismissed, or a favorable plea bargain negotiated on your behalf. If you are directed to do so, please obtain the assessment at one of the following agencies:

1. *East Coast Counseling*
620 Lynndale Court, Suite C
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 752-8602
2. *Choices*
101 W. 14th Street, Suite 2
Greenville, NC 27834
(252) 439-1886
3. *Changing Seasons*
400 West First Street
Greenville, NC 27834
(252) 695-0203
4. *Bob Morphet*
Office of Student Conflict Resolution
East Carolina University
Room 201 Whichard Building, ECU
(252) 328-6824
5. *Your Area Mental Health Facility*

At *East Coast Counseling*, *Choices* and *Changing Seasons*, the cost of the initial assessment is set by law at \$500.00. At Bob Morphet's office, the cost is \$50.00, unless ECU has directed you to also obtain an alcohol assessment. Please complete any treatment recommended/prescribed to you.

BARS/RASE: Depending on the facts and circumstances of your case(s), enrolling in and completing the BARS (Be A Responsible Server) and/or RASE (Responsible Alcohol Sale Education) Programs may assist us in having your case(s) dismissed, or a favorable plea bargain negotiated on your behalf. You may enroll in and complete the BARS Program by contacting the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division at (252) 514-4720. You may enroll in and complete the RASE Program by contacting Agent Sasser of the Pitt County ABC Law Enforcement Division located at 2307 S. Memorial Drive, Greenville, North Carolina (252) 756-7459, ext. 228 or electronic mail at raseclass@earthlink.net. Once you have completed the BARS/RASE Program, please provide us with your original Certificate of Completion.

ECU Honor Code Violation: If you are a student at East Carolina University, notice of your alcohol-related violation may be provided to East Carolina University as the basis for an Honor Code Violation. This typically occurs when the charging officer is employed with the East Carolina University Campus Police. However, any charging officer can send notice of your alcohol-related violation to the University. If this has occurred in your case(s), please notify us immediately so that we can advise you of the appropriate steps to take, and provide us with copies of any paperwork you received from ECU (i.e. typically a document labeled *Judicial Action Report*).

Attorney Fees: All attorneys fees are immediately payable unless other specific arrangements have been made. For your convenience, we do accept **VISA®** and **MASTERCARD®**. Our attorneys fees do not include the payment of court costs, fines, community service fees, assessment fees, subpoena fees, witness attendance fees, private investigator's fees, polygraph fees, court reporter fees, driving or criminal history record fees, or other expenses which are incurred in your defense and considered out-of-pocket expenses or advances, attorneys fees for striking any order for arrest and/or called and failed, for obtaining continuances beyond the date for completion of any plea bargain, attorney appearances and representation if charges are dismissed and subsequently re-filed, a mistrial is granted and your case is continued, or an application for expunction. If you fail to timely comply with the terms and conditions of any plea bargain negotiated on your behalf, a minimum of \$450.00 additional attorneys fees will be charged to negotiate and obtain a continuance beyond the original date set for your compliance. This minimum fee must be paid before any continuance motion is made on your behalf. **Cases will not be resolved until attorneys fees are paid in full.**

Questions: We welcome any questions you may have about your case. We ask that you direct your questions to Leslie S. Robinson (e-mail address: les@therobinsonlawfirm.com), Mary Stokes (e-mail address: mary@therobinsonlawfirm.com), Nikki Garcia (e-mail address: nikki@therobinsonlawfirm.com) or Dee Vaughan (e-mail address: dee@therobinsonlawfirm.com), but note that Mrs. Garcia or Mrs. Vaughan cannot provide you with any legal advice. If your question does require legal advice, Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Vaughan will notify Mr. Robinson or Ms. Stokes and he/she will counsel you as to your questions.