Underage Drinking

Understanding Underage Drinking Laws in Pennsylvania

As a law firm with offices in both West Chester and Phoenixville, we understand the importance of being informed about the specific types of underage drinking crimes that college students can be charged with in Pennsylvania. College life brings new experiences, but it's essential for students and their families to understand the legal landscape and potential consequences associated with underage drinking.

Types of Underage Drinking Crimes

Pennsylvania has stringent laws in place to address underage drinking. College students, in particular, are at risk of facing charges related to alcohol consumption due to the unique environment of college campuses. Here are some specific underage drinking crimes students can be charged with:

Underage Drinking: If a college student under the age of 21 is found in possession of alcoholic beverages, they can be charged with underage possession of alcohol.

Public Drunkenness: Acting in a disorderly or disruptive manner while intoxicated in public can result in charges of public drunkenness.

False Identification: Using a fake ID to purchase alcohol or gain entry to venues where alcohol is served can lead to charges of false identification.

DUI (Driving Under the Influence): Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol as a minor can lead to DUI charges, even if the blood alcohol content is below the legal limit for individuals over 21.

Legal Consequences

Underage drinking crimes can have significant legal consequences for college students, including fines, probation, community service, suspension of driving privileges, and mandatory participation in alcohol education programs. While each underage drinking crime varies in penalty, each crime can have significant lifelong consequences for a college student's education and career goals.

Legal Support for College Students

If your college student is facing charges related to underage drinking, it's crucial to seek legal representation from experienced attorneys who understand the complexities of Pennsylvania's laws and how to guide them through the

criminal justice process. At Unruh Turner Burke & Frees, we strive to help college students navigate the legal system, protect their rights, and mitigate the consequences of these charges.

Understanding the specific types of underage drinking crimes that college students can be charged with in Pennsylvania is essential for students and their families, but that is only the first step. If you or your college student requires legal guidance or representation, the Criminal Defense Practice at Unruh Turner Burke & Frees is here to provide quality legal advice and support. We are committed to helping college students overcome legal challenges and safeguard their future.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us for the legal assistance you need to protect your college student's rights and ensure their success. Knowledge and informed action are essential when facing underage drinking charges, and we're here to provide the guidance you need.