

Southern California Drug Arrest Attorney Aggressive Criminal Defense

The district attorney will be anxious to convict you - who will be there to fight for you?

If you have been charged with a drug crime, you know that the district attorney sees you as just another conviction statistic. They are not interested in any extenuating circumstances and do not see drug use as a victimless crime. When you [contact drug defense lawyer Antonio J. Bestard](#) in Southern California you can count on being treated as a human being who deserves a good defense just like everyone else. [Attorney Antonio J. Bestard](#) has more than 27 years of broad legal experience aggressively defending clients following a drug arrest of:

- Heroin / Smack
- Cocaine or Crack
- Marijuana / Pot / Cannabis - Medical Marijuana Issues and Cases
- Methamphetamines / Meth / Crystal
- Ecstasy (MDMA) / Club Drugs / Date Rape Drugs
- LSD / PCP
- Prescription Medications like Oxycontin, Vicodin, Ritalin, Valium, Adivan
- Phony Prescription Cases
- Sales / Manufacture / Transport / Conspiracy

Whether you have been charged with possession, sales, smuggling, manufacture, distribution, transportation, or trafficking, Southern California criminal defense lawyer Antonio J. Bestard has the experience and knowledge to examine every legal loophole for your benefit and do everything possible to have your case dismissed or your sentence reduced.

Drug Laws in California are Tough !

Often, even casual or experimental drug users find themselves being charged with enhanced crimes like intent to sell or transporting because the state legislature has determined the amount of drugs needed to qualify for these crimes. Many users routinely buy drugs in amounts that exceed these limits, even though it is only for their own personal use. Thus, they are vulnerable to the increased penalties and problems of the enhanced charges, when they come to the attention of the police and are arrested with drugs.

Collective Possession

Collective possession is another legal concept that can be used to stack the deck against the defendant in a criminal drug case. When a group of individuals come to the attention of the police and there are drugs present or nearby, they can charge *everybody* at the scene with possession or even intent to sell!

Usually, these charges tend to stick on the people with drug or criminal backgrounds even though in the current incident for which they have been arrested they are completely innocent!

Separating an individual from these serious charges can be difficult, but it is something that Southern California drug defense attorney Antonio J. Bestard has successfully accomplished many, many times.

Repeat Offender Three Strikes Laws Gang Enhancements

Other unfair tools used by the prosecution to convict defendants in drug cases are repeat offender / three strikes laws, and gang enhancements. In criminal law, the term "enhancement" means that there is a condition or circumstance that is more egregious, or serious, than it otherwise might be. A [gang enhancement](#) means that a crime was committed for the benefit of a gang, or by someone who has (rightly or wrongly) been identified by the police as affiliated with a gang. The prosecution will also attempt to label a defendant in a drug case as a repeat offender or apply some part of the 'three strikes law' to make their work easier and send people to prison. Therefore, if the presumption that a defendant is a repeat offender or a gang member is allowed to go unchallenged and found to be true by the court, the defendant will receive a much harsher punishment than if the same crime had been committed by someone else.

When Southern California criminal defense attorney Antonio J. Bestard represents you in a drug case, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that everything possible will be done to reduce the charges or get the matter thrown out of court. If he is not able to get your drug arrest thrown out of court, Antonio J. Bestard will do everything possible to reduce your exposure and attempt to keep you out of jail.

Drug Treatment

While clients may undergo drug treatment as alternative sentencing through programs like Proposition 36, Drug Court, Deferred Entry of Judgment, and Sentenced Offender's Drug Court, assignment to such programs is not automatic and not always easy. Drug classes and drug treatment may have to be vigorously fought and agitated for! The district attorney will be dismayed at losing a quick and easy conviction, especially for repeat offenders.

More emphasis needs to be placed on treatment instead of punishment when drug use is the charge in a criminal case. The system is not always designed to address these issues and is looking for the quick and easy way to resolve the case. The quick and easy way is to send the drug user to jail or prison. But, that does not help the drug user, or society - for the drug user will only leave prison or jail with an ongoing drug problem.

Only through treatment can the problem be addressed. Only by having a caring and understanding lawyer such as Southern California drug defense attorney Antonio J. Bestard does the client have a chance of obtaining treatment instead of incarceration. Sometimes it takes an attorney with determination and strength to stand up to the system, point out its errors, and persuade the court and district attorney to do not only the right thing, but the *best* thing for everyone - treatment, not incarceration.

Antonio J. Bestard Will Fight For You

When criminal defense attorney Antonio J. Bestard works on your behalf to fight your drug arrest, he will work hard to present you in a favorable light and give the court every reason to give you another chance. Attorney consistently achieves significantly better results than other less experienced or aggressive attorneys, and has a much higher rate of placing clients in drug treatment programs.

Due to the "three strikes law", "collective possession," and "[gang enhancement](#)" law, it is even more important than ever to have the skill and tenacity that Antonio J. Bestard will bring to your drug defense. With the tougher laws in both adult and juvenile crimes, having a felony conviction on your record can follow you for the rest of your life and affect everything from your credit record to job opportunities.

Antonio J. Bestard Will Protect Your Rights

The terms of settlement of a drug case are very important. Seemingly, "good deals" that have no jail terms and look good at first glance may result in serious life-long complications and restrict your freedoms, including requirements that you register as a drug addict, forgo your right to bear arms, restrict your employment opportunities by denying you an occupational or vocational license, or mess up or invalidate your green card or immigration status. Southern California drug defense attorney Antonio J. Bestard has the background and experience to negotiate these case settlements in ways that will not restrict your life or have negative long-term consequences.

Call Today for an Initial Consultation

If you or a family member has been charged with a drug crime, call **24-Hour / 1-909-623-2629** to [contact criminal law attorney Antonio J. Bestard](#) and start working on a strong legal defense today.

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