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# Tarek Shawky

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## Practice Areas

Criminal Defense  
White Collar Crime  
Drug Charges  
Domestic Violence  
Theft & Robbery  
Assault & Battery

## Education

J.D.  
Southwestern University,  
School of Law  
  
B.A.  
University of California, Los  
Angeles, Economics

## Admissions

California  
  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Federal Circuit  
  
U.S. District Court for the  
Central District of California

For ten years I've dedicated myself to criminal defense and building an expert team of defense attorneys. Through public defense work and private practice I've obtained the most valuable criminal education and experience. I've learned how to win trials and how to negotiate the best results for clients through relationship building and by establishing trust with Judges and prosecutors. I've successfully reduced bail for clients and consistently provide creative, alternative sentences to keep clients out of custody. I know how to navigate the complexities of the criminal justice system to secure the best possible result in an otherwise unfortunate situation.

I received my J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law before working at the Public Defenders Office in Riverside and Los Angeles Counties. I completed the two year accelerated SCALE Program and was elected President of my law school class. Prior to Law School I attended UCLA where I received a B.A. degree. Constitutional guarantees against government infringement and equality before the law are two of the ideals that drew me to a career in criminal law. Armed with experience in advocacy and a passion for criminal defense, I have the knowledge, experience and drive necessary to ensure the best outcome for any client, any case, any time.

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## Success & Experience

- **Dismissed – Triple Robbery Case**  
Client was arrested at a luxury health food market in Santa Monica after he was accused of robbery. He was charged with three counts of felony robbery, each count is a serious and violent felony strike which would carry life long consequences for a young man with no criminal record. Our client was aggressively prosecuted by the DA at LAX court. Our staff conducted a thorough investigation and gathered extensive mitigation information and exculpatory evidence that was presented to the DA supervisor who eventually agreed to dismiss the case entirely. The client and his family were very grateful and most pleased with the result.
- **Dismissed – DUI Case**  
Our young Latino client was driving home from a bar in Redondo Beach. He had a few drinks but felt fine to drive. He was stopped by two officers after an illegal lane change. He admitted to drinking and was arrested for DUI. After extensive discussions with the City Prosecutor at the Inglewood courthouse, the DUI case was dismissed in November 2020 in exchange for a plea to unsafe lane change, an infraction, no fine. Our client was very pleased and felt vindicated after being wrongfully arrested.
- **Dismissed – Domestic Violence Case**  
Our client and his wife booked a weekend away at a beach resort in South Orange County. They went out to dinner and after a few drinks the wife began feeling agitated and upset. The couple soon headed back to their hotel where an argument ensued just outside the hotel entrance. A bystander called the police and our client was arrested and charged with domestic violence assault at Harbor Justice center in Newport Beach. Our office conducted extensive investigations and spoke to witnesses and staff who provided important details that allowed us to secure an outright dismissal.
- **Dismissed – Federal White Collar Conspiracy**  
Our client was arrested and charged in federal court along with 13 other codefendants. The felony conspiracy fraud case alleged \$10 million in credit fraud and our client was the alleged ring leader of the operation. The client fired three different skilled federal defense attorneys before retaining our firm. The LA based Federal US Attorneys already secured a number of convictions against the other codefendants by the time we were retained. After many months of aggressive advocacy, defense motions and countless court hearings, the case was dismissed against our client in its entirety. The result was a huge victory for our client and our firm.

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- Dismissed – Domestic Violence Case

Our client was falsely accused of domestic violence by his stepmother. While his father was away, the stepmother began arguing with our client and started insulting him. She and our client exchanged words for several minutes before she called the police and fabricated claims that our client hit her. The police arrived and saw rashes and redness on the stepmother's body. When asked about the redness she told them her stepson caused all of them and he was subsequently arrested and charged with domestic violence assault. After months of investigation and conversations with the prosecution, our team was able to convince the LA District Attorney that the case was fabricated and we were able to secure a dismissal for our client.

### Awards

- “Nation’s Top 1%” from National Association of Distinguished Counsel
- 10.0-rating and (Top Attorney, Criminal Defense) with Avvo
- “Top 40 Under 40” award by The National Trial Lawyers
- 2019 – Awarded “Top Attorney” by Pasadena Magazine
- 2019 – Won “10 Best in Attorney Client Satisfaction” by American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys
- 2019 – Won “Top 10 Attorney” by Attorney and Practice Magazine
- 2018 – Awarded “Top Attorney” by Pasadena Magazine
- 2018 – Received “Nation’s Premier Top Ten Ranking 2018” by National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys
- 2017 – Awarded “Top Attorney” by Pasadena Magazine
- 2016 – Awarded “Top Attorney” by Pasadena Magazine
- 2016 – Selected by Thompson Reuters for “Super Lawyers”
- 2015 – Awarded “Top Attorney” by Pasadena Magazine
- 2014 – Awarded “Top Attorney” by Pasadena Magazine
- 2013 – Awarded “Top Attorney” by Pasadena Magazine
- 2012 – Awarded “Top Attorney” by Pasadena Magazine