

# 6 Considerations After Getting a DUI In Georgia If You Have a Class C or Chauffeur's License



If you have been charged with DUI (Driving Under the Influence) or DWI (Driving While Intoxicated), the consequences can vary widely, and are often influenced by your age, blood alcohol content (BAC), previous charges, and if you caused injury or death.

The Statute of Limitations for a DUI in Georgia is two years. However, many people have a misunderstanding of how a statute of limitation applies to their case. If you are arrested for DUI in Georgia, [hiring the right Georgia DUI Lawyer](#) is very important, so they can work on your side, and be able to negotiate on your behalf.

## 1. Georgia 30 Day Warning

Drivers arrested for DUI in Georgia have 30 days from the date of their arrest to submit an appeal letter to stop the suspension of their license if they were served with a notice of suspension by their arresting officer. Your Georgia DUI Attorney needs to request an Administrative License Hearing (ALS) or to install an ignition interlock device to save your driver's license. The DUI case in court is separate from the ALS hearing.

## 2. Administrative License Suspension

In any case where the driver is suspected of and arrested for DUI in Georgia, there will be the possibility of an administrative suspension of your Georgia driver's license or privilege to drive in this state if the arresting officer serves you with a notice of suspension.

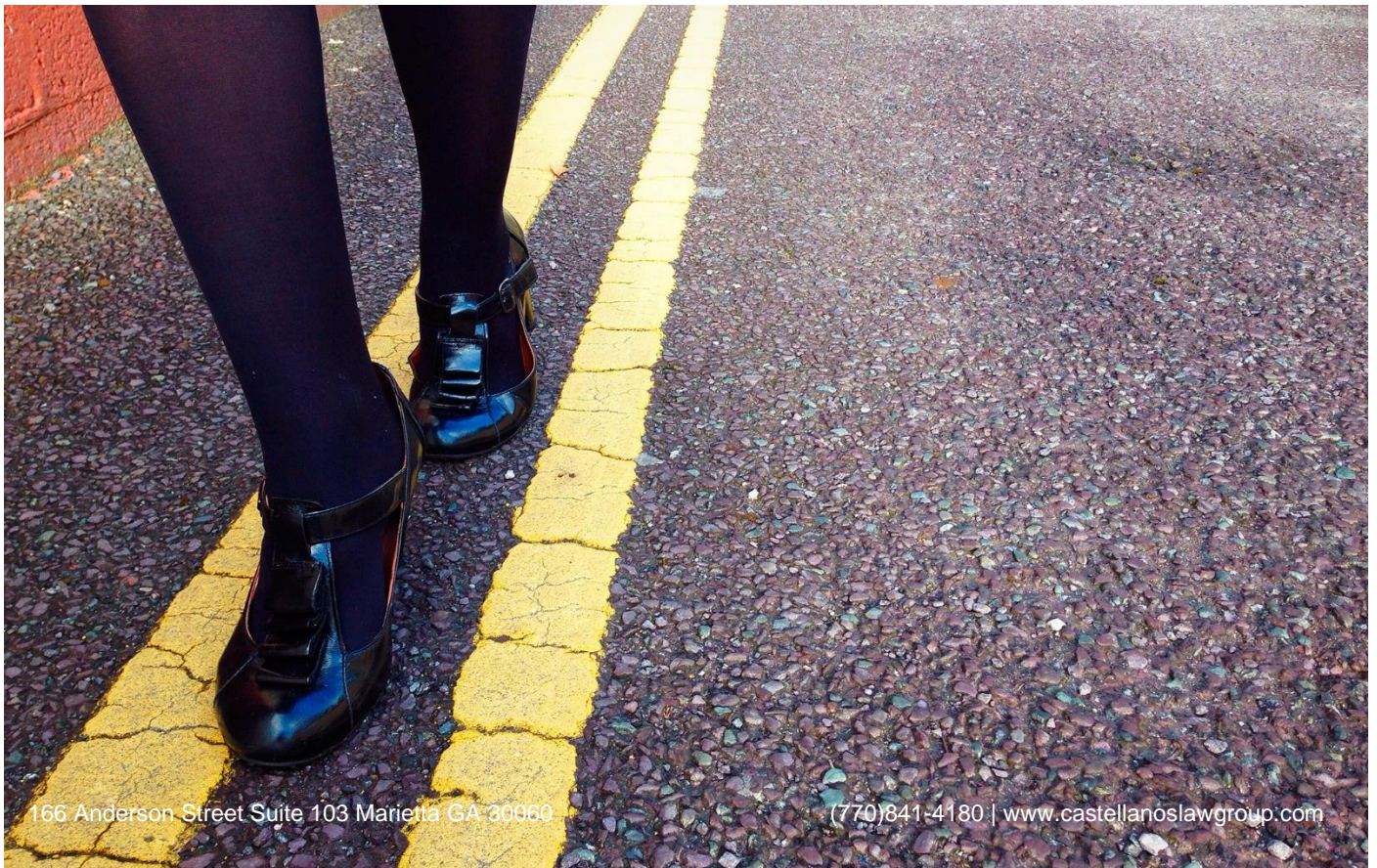


### 3. Filing an Appeal to Prevent Your License's Suspension

You only have 30 days after arrest to file an appeal to prevent this suspension. The appeal is commonly referred to as the “30-day letter” and must include certain basic information as well as state the grounds for the appeal.

### 4. First DUI Conviction

If this is your first DUI conviction, the maximum consequences are a fine of \$1,000 and up to 12 months in jail. The minimum consequences are 24 hours in jail, which may still be waived, and a \$300.00 fine. Your license will be confiscated by the court and surrendered to the local Department of Driver Services office. A minimum of forty hours of community service, DUI school and alcohol and drug evaluation should be expected also.



## 5. Second DUI Conviction

If this is your second DUI conviction within 10 years, Georgia DUI Consequences become more serious. The maximum consequences are a fine of \$1,000 and up to 12 months in jail. The minimum consequences are 72 hours in jail, with credit for any time served after arrest, a fine of \$600.00, 240 hours community service, completion of DUI school, a substance abuse evaluation and any recommended treatment, and 12 months' probation. A third DUI conviction within 10 years in Georgia is a high and aggravated misdemeanor.

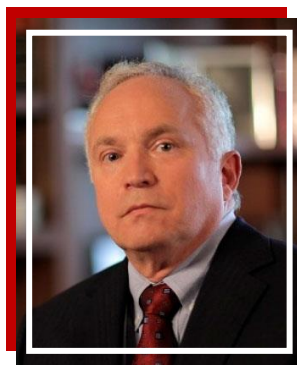
## 6. Driver License Suspension

For license suspension purposes, the look-back period to determine the number of prior convictions is only 5 years. If this is your first DUI conviction in Georgia, the maximum suspension period is 12 months. If you complete DUI school and pay a reinstatement fee you will be eligible for early reinstatement after only 120 days.



# Interested in DUI Legal Representation?

No Georgia DUI Penalty is a certainty. There are alternative punishments available. Your case may be defensible, and it is in your best interest to hire a Georgia DUI Attorney to evaluate your options. Having a qualified Georgia DUI Attorney (former judge) with 34 years of legal experience makes all the difference. Roland Castellanos will work on a flat fee, which will be discussed with you during the initial call. Don't wait another minute; [contact Castellanos Law Group](#) today at (770) 841-4180 to get your representation started immediately. Convictions affect more than just your driving privileges.



**ROLAND CASTELLANOS**  
Former Judge

With 13 years of experience as a State Court judge and an assisting Superior Court judge and 21 years of experience as a practicing attorney, Roland's perspective from both sides of the bench is beneficial to all clients. He has tried several hundred domestic and criminal cases before juries and judges and has presided as a judge over countless other. With his 34 years of combined legal experience, Roland's time both on the bench and before it has shown him how to take a difficult case and make into what it wasn't before – a winning case.

His legal work is focused on protecting his clients and fighting for them to help them obtain what is lawfully theirs. Roland concentrates on representing those facing domestic troubles and the defense of those wrongfully charged with criminal offenses

Roland was the first Hispanic judge in the State of Georgia and was appointed by Governor Roy E. Barnes. Thereafter, he was elected to the office for three additional terms. He is the first and only Hispanic to have served in Georgia as a Superior Court judge. Roland Castellanos's background, education and experience allow him to offer unique representation in your legal issues.