

At Blumenthal Law Offices our experienced, litigation-focused attorneys handle a broad range of criminal cases. We pursue the best possible outcome for every client, whether that means preventing the DA from filing charges, negotiating a favorable plea bargain, or asserting and protecting the client's constitutional rights through a jury trial. Here are some examples of the types of outcomes that our efforts have secured for past clients.

PROSTITUTION

People v. Peter R.

Peter was approached by a woman on University Avenue in Riverside, offering to perform specific sex acts. He was amenable and drove to a hotel to take advantage of his perceived good fortune. As it turns out, though, the woman was an undercover police officer. Worse (for him), once he got to the hotel the only thing she did was take him into custody. The police report alleged that the officer had offered to perform sex acts in exchange for money, which would make Peter guilty of soliciting prostitution. We demanded the audio recording of the encounter to challenge the officer's story. The recording revealed that she had not requested money or any other thing of value. Without an agreement for payment, the transaction was simply a date, not a crime. Case dismissed.

People v. Reza B.

Reza was an immigrant who held a green card for U.S. residency. One summer afternoon he responded to an ad on an online board for "escorts." After some texting back and forth, Reza went to a hotel to meet the woman that he'd been chatting with. As it turns out, that woman was a man. And that man was a police officer. And that police officer arrested Reza for solicitation of prostitution, a misdemeanor. We were able to show the prosecution that Reza faced the loss of both his career and his green card if he was convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, such as solicitation of prostitution. The DA agreed to a resolution for "disturbing the peace," which kept Reza's record clean enough to allow his life to continue on uninterrupted. We were later able to reduce the conviction to an infraction, essentially erasing the criminal conviction from his record. We also worked with Reza to put together a presentation for USCIS regarding the incident, which helped him avoid any lasting repercussions.