

## Client Reviews from [Avvo.com](https://www.avvo.com)

### CASE DISMISSED!

Posted by: Robert, a Criminal Defense client, 6 months ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **6-12 months ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5 lawyers**.

#### Client Review:

After crossing the CA/AZ border in Yuma, AZ, I was detained by the Border Patrol when it was discovered that I had a marijuana pipe in my car. I contacted Mr. Cates, an AZ criminal attorney who took my case. His expertise and professionalism, as well as his staff's professionalism was amazing. Mr. Cates took complete charge and worked diligently on my behalf for several months and was able to have my case dismissed. If you have any type of criminal matter that needs the attention of an outstanding Arizona criminal attorney Mr. Cates is the only one I would recommend. In retrospect his fees were an excellent value in light of the fact that I will not be subject to a criminal record.

### He Got My Case Dismissed!

Posted by: a DUI client, 6 months ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ○	Good
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ○	Good

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **6-12 months ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **DUI / DWI** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **no lawyers**.

#### Client Review:

I was on a road trip going from Ca to Az and got caught at the border patrol inspection center in Yuma. I received a citation for possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia with the court date attached. I immediately contacted Mr. Cates and his law office for help. The staff there are very knowledgeable and respond quickly to any phone calls or emails regarding the case. Mr. Cates was able to get my case dismissed, with all charges dropped. I'm amazed in how short of time he was able to get it taken care of for me. I would not hesitate to hire Mr. Cates, he is a very experienced and responsive lawyer that provides excellent results!!

### Best Criminal Lawyer Ever!!

Posted by: a Criminal Defense client, 8 months ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

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- ▶ I used Dwane **6-12 months ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

I was on a road trip going from Ca to Az and got caught at the border patrol inspection center in Yuma. I received a citation charging me with possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia. I immediately contacted Mr. Cates law office to try to avoid having to go to court. It was no hassle on my part; Mr. Cates and his assistants were very knowledgeable and responsive to any questions or concerns I had regarding the matter. I'm amazed in how short of time he was able to get the case dismissed with all charges dropped. I would not hesitate to hire Mr. Cates again, he is a wonderful lawyer that provides excellent results!!

### Best decision if looking for an Arizona Lawyer in Criminal Law

Posted by: a Criminal Defense client, over 1 year ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

My ex-fiance who came here on a fiance visa that was about to expire made false accusations of child molestations against me. Probably out of her hurt feelings because I explained to her that I was not going to get married with her anymore and probably also because someone had advised her to make these accusations because there is a special visa category for "victims of a crime". She was expecting permanent legal residency as a result of her false accusations.

This was like a nightmare for me and I could not believe that it was actually happening. I quickly learned that it is very easy for an innocent man to land in jail in these cases and I understood that I needed an experienced AZ attorney for Criminal Law. I could not sleep anymore in the night and was expecting the police anytime to come to arrest me. Dwane Cates knew what he had to do and sent me to an expert for polygraph tests. He was very friendly, professional and had reasonable fees. The polygraph test showed that I was saying the truth and I was never arrested or officially charged with anything. If someone would ask me for advise who to consult in a Criminal Law matter in Arizona, Dwane would be my first recommendation.

### Dwane Cates and his Staff saved my husbands life!!!!

Posted by: ERICHARD, a Criminal Defense client, 10 months ago.



Overall rating  Good

Trustworthy  Average

Responsive  Excellent

Knowledgeable  Average

Kept me informed  Average

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

My husband retained Mr. Cates in Oct. 2010 after he was arrested and wrongfully charged with possession of marijuana and transportation of marijuana for sale. Both charges were serious F2 felony violations and to add fuel to the fire my husband was not a "legal" u.s. citizen (but was in the process of obtaining legal status). Upon contacting Mr. Cates he was very confident he could be of assistance and very knowledgeable of the law. I'll admit after 2 1/2 months my husband and I became a bit pessimistic about the outcome of the case but Mr. Cates always assured me he was putting for a valiant effort. Well needless to say I received a call from Mr. Cates assistant on 2/15/11 stating the charges against my husband were being dropped!!! Mr. Cates remained confident the state's case was weak and he would go to bat for us. I say if you need a good criminal defense attorney PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL MR. CATES!! HE CANNOT WORK "MAGIC" BUT HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO ENSURE FAIR & JUST OUTCOME.

### best decision i ever made

Posted by: Cody, a Immigration client, 8 months ago.



Overall rating  Excellent

Trustworthy  Excellent

Responsive  Excellent

Knowledgeable  Excellent

Kept me informed  Excellent

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **6-12 months ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Immigration** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

I couldnt ask for more, i was moving from CA to GA and got caught up in a boarder inspection right inside AZ. I got a court date but was to be in GA at my new job i was starting so i called Mr. Cates. I did not have to appear in court and best of all my case was dismissed!!! thanks again for everything.

### very satisfied

Posted by: keith, a Criminal Defense client, almost 2 years ago.



**Overall rating** ★★★★★ **Excellent**

Trustworthy ●●●●● Excellent

Responsive ●●●●● Excellent

Knowledgeable ●●●●● Excellent

Kept me informed ●●●●● Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2 lawyers**.

#### Client Review:

I retained Dwane Cates from Cates, Hanson, Sargeant, Rakestraw when charged with 6 felony counts by Yuma county. Dwane and his assistants were very responsive, knowledgeable and informative. I am very satisfied Dwane pled my case down to 2 misdemeanors (conditional felonies until i complete my unsupervised probation). Needles to say i would highly recommend Dwane Cates. K in Gilbert, AZ

### None More Attentive to Champion your Cause!

Posted by: Lisa, a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



**Overall rating** ★★★★★ **Excellent**

Trustworthy ●●●●● Excellent

Responsive ●●●●● Excellent

Knowledgeable ●●●●● Excellent

Kept me informed ●●●●● Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2 lawyers**.

#### Client Review:

It was almost 5:pm on a Friday when the Ft Worth Texas Fugitive Unit came to my door to arrest me and have me transported back to Arizona over an arrest warrant from almost six years earlier. I quickly found Attorney Cates' office via the internet and my first contact was with his assistant Danessa. She was very helpful and assuring, in that they would be able to help me. Atty Cates immediately contacted the Ft Worth officers and informed them that I had retained him as counsel and convinced them that I was not a flight risk and his office would make immediate arrangements for me to appear in court, which prevented me from being taken into custody and dragged through the system. I was facing possible five years min if convicted of a Class 2 felony drug trafficking charge. Atty Cates negotiated three years unsupervised probation out-of-state. His office also worked an affordable payment plan that helped alleviate the financial hardship. I truly believe it a blessing having found and retained his services. I would not have otherwise had a more positive turn-out. I am forever grateful for his attentiveness and professionalism!

### Dwane Cates: When you need him, He's there

Posted by: a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



**Overall rating** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Excellent**

Trustworthy ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Responsive ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Knowledgeable ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Kept me informed ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

Dwanw Cate is the most available lawyer taht I've known. When you call him, he will answer you and he gets the answers for very promptly. His office staff is very professional and willing to assist the client day or night. Dwane helped us out at 10pm on the phone and met with us on a Saturday.

### Excellent, professional and compassionate attorney!

Posted by: Anne, a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



**Overall rating** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Excellent**

Trustworthy ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Responsive ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Knowledgeable ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Kept me informed ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

Mr. Cates handled the defense of my teenage son for criminal possession of marijuana and a DUI. His expertise and professionalism made the entire process easier. He promptly returned all calls. He pleasantly and reassuringly answered all questions. Having worked with several attorneys in a civil matter over the last few years I have learned that their service and professionalism varies GREATLY and that paying huge fees (>\$100K) does not guarantee service of the quality that was provided by Mr. Cates. Having been represented by some of the "top" in Phoenix made me start to believe in all the lawyer bashing. Mr. Cates renewed my faith and believe in the "profession" again.

### Truely cares about his clients

Posted by: Vicki, a Domestic Violence client, about 2 years ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **more than 3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Domestic Violence** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5 lawyers**.

#### Client Review:

I have actually have retained Mr. Cates on 3 different occasions for 3 completely different matters over the last 5 years. On all 3, The one previously listed, one breach of contract regarding a shipping of a horse, and a divorce case. All 3 cases ended with results that made me very happy. I found Mr. Cates to be professional and caring. I have trusted Mr. Cates with issues that have been very near and dear to me and he has never let me down or disappointed. He has always been very well prepared, well studied and always punctual with excellent communication. His office staff and assistant are top notch as well. They make you feel so welcome and cared for regardless of why you are seeking the help of an attorney. I have also consulted Mr. Cates for advice on other matters as well. I have recommended him to many and still continue to do so.

### Thank gosh for Mr. Cates!

Posted by: Dane, a Child Abuse client, about 2 years ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Child Abuse** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5 lawyers**.

#### Client Review:

I had an allegation levied against me that the police investigated. I was freaking out. Mr. Cates was recommended to me. And after I contacted him, I understand why he was recommended. He totally calmed my nerves and immediately took action; telling me what I should do/not do, what I should be aware of. He guided me through my polygraph testing. In the end, the allegation faded away, and I credit Mr. Cates for resolving so quickly.

### Mr. Cates professionalism and great help

Posted by: Peter, a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



**Overall rating** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Excellent**

Trustworthy ● ● ● ● ● **Excellent**

Responsive ● ● ● ● ● **Excellent**

Knowledgeable ● ● ● ● ● **Excellent**

Kept me informed ● ● ● ● ● **Excellent**

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **more than 3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

Thank you, Mr. Cates, and your law firm. You have been on track in taking care of my criminal matter. Even though I had you retained for the two years that I was incarcerated, when it came time for my court case, you were there for me even though it was such a long time ago. Again, thank you and Danessa for your courteous help when we called you many times throughout the two years.

### I Highly Recommend Dwane Cates - AS YOUR LAWYER

Posted by: Kevin, a DUI client, about 2 years ago.



**Overall rating** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Excellent**

Trustworthy ● ● ● ● ● **Excellent**

Responsive ● ● ● ● ● **Excellent**

Knowledgeable ● ● ● ● ● **Excellent**

Kept me informed ● ● ● ● ● **Good**

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **DUI / DWI** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **6-10** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

Dwane Cates did an Excellent job for me and I Highly RECOMMEND HIM. I had a very complicated case. He conceived the proper strategy, though I did question it at the time, he executed the strategy perfectly and delivered the results I and soo wanted. What makes him so effective is that he knows the law better than most of his opposition and he knows the opposition better then he knows the law. As a result, he is able to get to anyone he needs to and he is able to make your case for you because they will listen. They know Dwane Cates knows what he's talking about. Dwane charged me a fair rate for his services and he never nickeled and dimed me for more money because of "Extenuating Circumstances. He even did additional work for me that was not clearly defined when I retained him without any claim for additional fee. In comparison, most of the other attorneys I priced came in at 200% of his rates

### Tyson's Case

Posted by: Tyson, a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **more than 3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

At the first point from when I retained Mr. Cates, he was nothing but professional, and I felt that he really cared about my case. I could tell that after negotiating with the other attorney, delivering the verdict that was best regarding all parties was top priority for Mr. Cates. He was not the first attorney I have had help me, however, he was the best.

### A Lawyer We Will Never Forget

Posted by: Alan and Jill, a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **more than 3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5** lawyers.

#### Client Review:

I wanted to write a review explaining how satisfied we were with Mr. Dwane Cates' performance in and out of court during case preparation especially with dealing with the county attorney and superior court judge. What a nice professional, kind and qualified lawyer he is! I have used other lawyers in my past and would give him a 10 as far as being honest, reliable and qualified. He graduated top in his class and he really knows criminal law and can handle any case with expertise. He is very competent with understanding law, procedures and people. His office assistance Vanessa was also a joy to work with. As far as stress goes on the family, he took a lot of stress off us. I would highly recommend him as your lawyer to handle any criminal case and you will be pleasantly surprised how favorable the results will be for you, as they were for us. Now that the case is over, I can't imagine getting a better judgement anywhere, with anyone, at any time. I've had many remarks from friends that my son was very lucky to come out doing so well considering his plea to 7 non-dangerous felony charges- no jail time except for time served and 3 years probation. My advice is a top lawyer like Dwane Cates could make a tremendous difference in your life and you would be smart to protect yourself as much as possible by utilizing Dwane Cates. I'm glad we were smart and will always appreciate what Mr. Cates did for our son and family.

### Best attorney

Posted by: a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



**Overall rating** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Excellent**

Trustworthy ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Responsive ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Knowledgeable ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Kept me informed ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5 lawyers**.

#### Client Review:

Dwane recently handled a criminal case for me. He is extremely professional and very knowledgeable of the law. I would highly recommend him for any criminal matter. I really felt like he was fighting on my side. I am so impressed as to how fast my case was handled.

### Professional, available and efficient

Posted by: David, a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



**Overall rating** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Excellent**

Trustworthy ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Responsive ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Knowledgeable ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

Kept me informed ● ● ● ● ● Excellent

- ▶ I **recommend** Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **3-5 lawyers**.

#### Client Review:

Mr Cates handled my case in a efficient, and expedient manner. He was always very available for any of my questions and willing to listen and give me honest feedback. My case was resolved in the best possible manner, something which I'm more than certain would not have been the outcome without his help.

Having someone knowledgeable and more importantly responsive to my many questions, not only provided the best outcome for my case, it also kept my mind at ease. Something that is hard to do in a difficult time, and Mr. Cates did a wonderful job for me and I would recommend his services.

### Dwane Cates did a great job for me

Posted by: Daniel, a State, Local And Municipal Law client, about 2 years ago.



Overall rating  Excellent

Trustworthy  Excellent

Responsive  Excellent

Knowledgeable  Excellent

Kept me informed  Excellent

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane 1-3 years ago.
- ▶ Dwane handled my State, Local And Municipal Law matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with 1-2 lawyers.

#### Client Review:

Mr Cates is professional, helpful, explained the entire process and got me great results. I recommend him if you want someone knowledgeable fighting for you.

### Lawyer that will fight vigorously and passionately

Posted by: Garland, a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



Overall rating  Excellent

Trustworthy  Excellent

Responsive  Excellent

Knowledgeable  Excellent

Kept me informed  Excellent

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane 1-3 years ago.
- ▶ Dwane handled my Criminal Defense matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with 3-5 lawyers.

#### Client Review:

Mr. Cates defended my nephew to the best of his ability given the case with almost no chance to improve the situation, in fact turned it around and was able to get the sentence that he was looking to do reduced from 14 years to just over 1 year. He was not a judgmental person just fair and to the point. Didn't promise anything but worked to get a fair outcome. Some people think that a lawyer is supposed to get you off the charges. The reality is that some clients don't leave them any chance to do that so the option is medication of the charges. He did that and did it very well. He or a staff member was always available weekends and nights which was truly appreciated.

Thanks

## Pot/Possession charge

Posted by: Don, a Federal Crime client, about 2 years ago.



Overall rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Excellent
Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Federal Crime** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2** lawyers.

### Client Review:

I was busted @ the I8 checkpoint about 50 miles east of the AZ/CA border with a very small amount of pot, I called up Dwayne and his people took care of everything, thankfully I did not have to drive back to AZ and in the end the case was dismissed. Thanks Dwayne!

## Excellent Representation

Posted by: a Criminal Defense client, about 2 years ago.



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Trustworthy	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Responsive	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Knowledgeable	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent
Kept me informed	● ● ● ● ●	Excellent

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **more than 3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Criminal Defense** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **1-2** lawyers.

### Client Review:

I was arrested in Tempe for an assault charge because I was present and a friend of the person who got into a fight. When I tried to explain what happened to the police, they treated me as a criminal and cited me for assault. I went to Mr. Cates and explained to him what happened in detail and how I was merely a witness to the fight. He listened to everything I had to say, treated me as a person, and took the position that getting the charges reduced would not be sufficient as I was clearly not a participant. When I showed up to my hearing, I was met by his partner Mr. Hanson who aggressively pursued and received a dismissal in my case. All the charges were dropped and I was able to return to my life as it was prior to the bogus charges. I would recommend to anyone who feels that they have been wrongfully arrested or treated by the police to contact either Mr. Cates or Mr. Hanson as they were willing not only to listen, but to not take a position of compromise in a situation where a person has been treated unfairly.

## Dwane Cates ensured that my side of the story was heard by the judge. I did not spend one night in jail.

Posted by: Matthew, a Violent Crime client, about 2 years ago.



Overall rating  Excellent

Trustworthy  Excellent

Responsive  Excellent

Knowledgeable  Excellent

Kept me informed  Excellent

- ▶ I recommend Dwane Cates.
- ▶ I used Dwane **1-3 years ago**.
- ▶ Dwane handled my **Violent Crime** matter.
- ▶ I have previously worked with **no** lawyers.

### Client Review:

My father found Dwane on Google Ads when I was arrested one Saturday night in Glendale. Dwane was working on a Sunday morning and that was a good indication of the dedication that I would see during the course of my case.

I had drunk too much, had resisted arrest and, due to extreme intoxication, had kicked out a police car window. While I was talking to others in the holding cell, I had learned that people from out of state are often not released on bail. Dwane was extremely responsive and in the jail that day. He displayed my ties to the State of Arizona and secured not only release on own recongnizance, but permission to leave the country prior to my hearing.

At the hearing itself, Dwane ensured that my side of the story got through to the judge and the judge showed mercy, seeing it as, not an intentional aggressive action against officers of the law, but an understandable if aggregious mistake. My felony got knocked down to a misdemeanor and I had to pay around \$400. I had probation only until payment of the fine-- in other words for about 2 hours.

In communication, Dwane was always prompt and professional and he was patient when I needed to ask detailed questions and go through various what-if scenarios.

Overall, I thank Dwane for his great work and the justice system of Arizona for its understanding.