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CLIENT SUCCESS STORY: YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SENTENCES

Even in serious, punishable by life felony charges such as Armed Robbery with a Firearm or Drug Trafficking, Florida's Youthful Offender statute provides judges with a mechanism to sentence certain individuals as Youthful Offenders. Among other authority, the statute allows a judge - even if the State Attorney's Office does not consent or agree - to ignore certain minimum mandatory sentences that such serious felonies often carry when firearms or certain quantities of drugs are involved, the ability to cap sentence maximums so that a defendant faces significantly less exposure than the ordinary statutory maximum, and the ability to withhold adjudication (meaning no felony conviction).

The statute applies not only to juveniles who are "direct filed" (juveniles who are charged as adults in adult court), but also to non-juveniles who are 18 years of age or older as long as the criminal act was alleged to have been committed before the individual turned 21 years of age.

Attorney John Rockwell has successfully sought and received for numerous clients Youthful Offender dispositions for serious violent crimes such as Armed Robbery and Carjacking for both juveniles direct filed in adult court and for adults who had not yet reached the age of 21 when the offense was committed.

If you or a loved one is charged with a serious crime and you'd like a free case review to see if Florida's Youthful Offender law may be applicable to the facts of your case, give attorney John Rockwell at the law firm of Woolsey Morcom a call at 904-638-4235.



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