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**YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH FRAUD,
FORGERY OR A RELATED OFFENSE**



Below is a representative listing of **CASES OF THIS TYPE** that
THE HAGGARD LAW FIRM has won recently. *Any lawyer you consider hiring should be able to prove his expertise in this particular category of offense with many Dismissals & Trial victories. Results are what count.*

Thousands of Federal and State Felony, Misdemeanor and Juvenile Cases Since 1973

<p>Former Harris County DISTRICT COURT CHIEF PROSECUTOR <i>Responsible for Training and Supervising Trial Attorneys in District Attorney's Office</i></p> 	<p>Former Harris County MISDEMEANOR COURT CHIEF PROSECUTOR <i>Responsible for Training and Supervising Trial Attorneys in District Attorney's Office</i></p> 	<p>NATIONALLY PUBLISHED SPEAKER <i>(Washington, D.C.) and Author on Civil Rights and Constitutional Issues</i></p> 	<p>Licensed to Practice in the UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, <i>the United States Federal Judicial District Courts, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Texas Supreme Court, and all Texas Federal Judicial District Courts; Member Texas State Bar</i></p>
<p>Nationally Certified TRIPLE CERTIFICATION <i>Mediator - Arbitrator</i></p>	<p>CUM LAUDE TOP 10% OF CLASS <i>DOCTORATE GRADUATE FROM LAW SCHOOL</i></p>	<p><i>Former University of Houston Law Center Adjunct</i> PROFESSOR OF LAW</p>	<p><i>Full Time PROFESSIONAL STAFF</i> BILINGUAL OFFICE</p>

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Results

- Testimonials with clients' written permission.
- Real Dismissals only are listed, not "Dismissals" granted after Deferred Adjudication or Pre-Trial Diversion.
- All Dismissals and "Not Guilty" verdicts may be verified using the listed case numbers online through the Harris County District Clerk's office.

"Justice Doesn't Just Happen"

SAMPLE CASE VICTORIES † Following is a representative sample. See haggardlaw.com for other cases won.

FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN CREDIT Case No. 1360737 - Timothy E. **DISMISSED October 18, 2012**
Timothy was accused of **lying on a title loan application** at The Cash Store that the vehicle in question, an F-150 pickup, had no other liens or encumbrances. He exited the store with over \$5000 in cash. Including interest he caused a **loss of over \$6500** to the company. When Complainant later attempted to place a lien on Timothy's truck they discovered a **preexisting lien**. They contacted Timothy to provide a lien release but he **refused to return their calls**. A Grand Jury subpoena revealed prior loan documents signed by Timothy at The Loan Depot on the same truck. **Timothy owned 2 Ford F-150 pickups** and it is possible he made a mistake on the application. We were able to argue this case to a Dismissal.

FAILURE - MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE RECORDS Case No. 1700911 - Sharon E. **DISMISSED**
Sharon owned an auto title services agency and was the holder of a Motor Vehicle Title Service License. Had she been convicted of this charge, she **would have lost her license and her business**. But a conviction seemed likely to her as she had a **prior record for Fraud including False Title Application and Tampering with a Government Record to Defraud**. This was a **document-intensive** case in which Sharon was accused of failing to keep title records for a vehicle sold from a re-po center to a man with several aliases including a father with the same name. We argued our position

*Evidence of prior performance should not be taken as a guarantee of future success. Strategies and defenses will vary.

† Information obtained from public records.

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that the tax a/c gets the title originals and that our client had provided him with all the computer scans required by law to keep. We used witness evidence in the form of Affidavits, invoices and notarized mechanic lien forms from company personnel and the seller [**an ex-police officer who testified about the aliases** of the Complainant], on precisely who did the transfer, how it was done, the computer scans, etc. Furthermore, the VIN is supposed to be 17 characters but was showing 18 characters; Sharon believed the buyer was being accused of stealing it which further complicated and obscured the title issues. On the eve of setting the case for Trial, Mr. Haggard forced justice to prevail.

"My case involved a great number of records and was very complicated in the paperwork. Mr. Haggard showed extreme patience and diligence with the prosecutor. He worked very hard as my case was a "Dismiss or Try" case. [That is, she would not have pleaded.] My heart is pounding as I write this as he persuaded them to dismiss and save me a Trial. I think he's the greatest!!!" ~ SE

FORGERY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT Case No. 1260762 - Emily B. **GRAND JURY NO-BILL**

The Complainants in this case were the parents of Emily's recently-deceased fiancé. In a strange twist of events, Emily was **inside the bank trying to cash a check on their account** at the very time the **parents, inside the same bank, were attempting to close that account** due to **several negotiated checks they told police they never gave to Emily**. She also had a **Visa debit card for the same account in her possession**. The parents **alleged to police she had stolen their checkbook and forged several checks** after the death of their son. Yet, we claimed and compiled evidence in support of the contrary. Emily continued the relationship with her fiancé's parents including important **online communications through MySpace**. Although not guilty, Emily did as advised -**declining to answer police questions until her Miranda rights were read and she was formally interrogated**. We compiled a large amount of unconventional evidence in support of our defense: reconstructed timelines, bizarre **MySpace emails and photos showing conflicting motives** on the part of her father-in-law, and **cell phone and text message records**, as well as subpoenaing all **pertinent banking records**. Using his knowledge in Forgery laws and defenses and the Grand Jury procedure, Mr. Haggard moved to get the case as quickly as possible before the Grand Jury and then coached Emily on *how to testify to present her case in the best light before the Grand Jury*.

"Mr. Haggard believed in me and my case when no one else did. He worked extremely hard on my case and did everything in his power to get it dismissed. He helped me to feel more confident about my case by constantly keeping me informed on everything going on. I highly recommend HLF to anyone that needs a good attorney that will fight all the way for them." ~ Emily B.

FELONY INSURANCE FRAUD Case No. 10CR1639 [Galveston County] - Chad G. **REDUCED TO MISDEMEANOR**
FALSE REPORT November 1, 2010

Chad was a **doctor whose license was on the line** when he was charged with insurance fraud. We obtained an unbelievable result for Dr. G. in light of the evidence against him: **video surveillance** showing him **furtively looking around** to make sure no one was looking, then **carefully lying down** to simulate a slip and fall in the pool area of his yacht club. It was alleged he **made a fraudulent claim to the yacht club's insurance company in order to receive free treatment for a pre-existing back injury**. We fought this case on several fronts but argued that ultimately an **unaddressed problem with alcohol and stress was behind his bizarre behavior**; after sailing that day he was, as usual, intoxicated and did something he would normally not have done. We got him into alcohol treatment and psychological counseling for PTSD and used corroborating testimony from his treating professionals. This was then supported by impressive character and reference letters from well-placed friends and employees in his medical practice to prove that this was outside of his customary character. Finally, and most importantly, with a fine-toothed comb we perused the related **case documents, facts, evidence, and statutes regarding fraudulent insurance claims and sufficiently proved to the Prosecutors that, based upon the statutes and the facts, the case was more properly a Misdemeanor of False Report**. This was a victory for our doctor client as his license would have been imperiled with any type of Felony charge on his record.

"Mr. Haggard and his staff took my case for Felony Insurance Fraud and produced such a favorable outcome that I would recommend him to my closest friends and family. Without him I would have lost my practice and my livelihood." ~ Dr. Chad G.

FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT [CHECK] Case No. 1156928 - Chiara B. **DISMISSED**

Chiara was a struggling college student **victimised by an internet scam promising payment for online surveys** and work as a mystery shopper. Chiara received a **very large check and naively tried to cash it**, waiting patiently when told to wait, *not realizing the police had been called*. **Investigation revealed the account the check was written on had been closed for fraudulent activity**. This fact, plus other evidence, along with several excellent Affidavits including **from university and post office personnel** attesting to the care Chiara had taken to **ascertain the check's validity** before cashing it, as well as to her proven **probity and honesty**, helped us to save *her college career*.

FORGERY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT [CHECK] Case No. 1126694 - Michael S. **DISMISSED**

Mike was receiving SSI for an **emotional disability** at the time of his arrest on a Forgery charge. He was **victimised** by someone who took advantage of his **mental disabilities** to persuade him to negotiate several **high-dollar checks** from a

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“Trustee” for “yard work”. We tenaciously worked to prove Mike’s disability and lack of fraudulent intent and worked equally hard to prove malicious intent in the real fraud-purveyor.

Mr. Haggard took my son’s case with a confident and positive approach, kept us informed and explained the procedures so that we understood everything. He worked to get the case dismissed and truly believed in my son’s innocence. Mr. Haggard was persistent!.

FORGERY OF GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT [COUNTERFEITING] Case 1021305 - Wilson B **DISMISSED**

Our client was given several counterfeit \$50 bills by a bank upon cashing his paycheck. The next day he went to a store to make a payment on an account, using a counterfeit bill given him by the bank. The yellow ink turned black and our client was arrested. Prosecutors wanted a conviction and even accused Mr. Haggard and our client of changing their story. We remained firm, did not back down from our original presentation and, using the evidence which we had preserved, were able to prove our client’s innocence beyond a reasonable doubt by tracing the most probable source of the counterfeit bills back to the bank.

FORGERY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT [COUNTERFEITING] Case 847189 - Kenneth J **DISMISSED**

“Mr. Haggard pointed out all the things in my favor and strongly defended me by attacking this bad case. I was really worried, but Mr. Haggard was a real professional in court and stuck by me to the very end.”

FORGERY OF GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT [COUNTERFEITING] Case 866328 -Trenton T. **DISMISSED**

FORGERY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT [CHECK] Case No. 813583 - Clara A. **DISMISSED**

FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT [CHECK] Case No. 982275 - John B. **DISMISSED**

John tried to deposit a fraudulent check for a very large sum tendered to him in a real estate transaction. Although he was actually the victim in this transaction and was unaware the check was not legitimate, he was charged with forgery. We developed and used the favorable circumstantial evidence in the case to prove our client’s innocence.

MOTION TO ADJUDICATE GUILT ON FELONY INSURANCE FRAUD PROBATION Case No. 958059 **DISMISSED**

At the time of his arrest on the above Forgery charge, our client was on probation for insurance fraud. When he was charged in the above Forgery case, the State moved to revoke his probation. Mr. Haggard was able to reinstate his insurance fraud probation after getting the underlying forgery case dismissed.

TAMPERING GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT Case 1404135 Rony O **DISMISSED BY HLF’S 1ST COURT APPEARANCE**

Rony purchased insurance from someone he met at college who told him he worked for an insurance company and provided him with a written policy. Our client discovered it was fraudulent only when he presented it in traffic court and was shocked to find himself arrested.

“I was a senior finance major and bought some bad insurance from an acquaintance. Mr. Haggard got my case dismissed by the first setting. He is a brilliant and respected attorney who never stops fighting for his clients. If you believe in justice, call Carl.”

FRAUDULENT USE OF ID Case No. 1262431 - Tiffany G. **DISMISSED**

In a badly-bungled case, persistent police bent on making a case, overzealous loss prevention officers and rude store personnel mistakenly pegged Tiffany and her sister with shoplifting and then all cooperated in trying to transmute the nebulous, unproven “facts” into a Fraud case like some sort of police blotter alchemy. Rather than being arrested for their “theft”, the sisters were allowed to drive away, but it was alleged they returned to the store with their “stolen” items for a cash refund - although no evidence existed in support of this. Police contacted Tiffany’s sister to return the “stolen merchandise” or go to court; she said simply, “See you in court.” Perplexed police officer scratches his head and makes a Discovery: Tiffany has three prior theft offenses. Officer concocts fraud charges out of thin air with the help of store personnel who claim without evidence Tiffany returned stolen items using someone else’s ID. The woman whose ID was allegedly used was identified by police, in one and the same O.R., as being both black and white. Tiffany was selected out of a photo lineup. So many lies, absurdities and false allegations were made by store personnel, loss prevention officers and police it took us quite some time to untangle the knots on this one ...

POSSESSION OF FRAUDULENT/FALSE I.D. Case No. 896249 - Yvette Z. **DISMISSED**

FICTITIOUS / COUNTERFEIT INSTRUMENT Case No. 1415960 - Lymell C. **DISMISSED**

Lymell had surcharge-related problems with his Texas license and thought he could drive here legally using his Missouri license. When he showed police two licenses from two states he was charged with possession of a fictitious license and DWLS. HLF was able to help our client clear his license and then obtained the Dismissal of both charges.