

Misdemeanor Case Overview

Step 1: Arrest or Summons upon a filed complaint

Step 2: Arraignment

- Occurs within 48 hours of arrest
- Bond is set
- Public Defender represents defendants at this hearing
- Judge is assigned

Step 3: Contact Public Defender

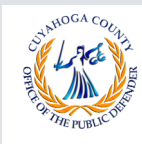
- Call to complete Municipal Public Defender intake: 216 443 2190 upon release from jail to complete intake process and get a Public Defender

Step 4: Pre Trial

- Meet with your attorney to discuss the case
- Review discovery with your attorney
- Bond can be reviewed if needed by the Judge

Step 5: Case Resolution

- Dismissal
- Plea (guilty or no contest)
- Trial
- If convicted --> sentencing hearing occurs



Cuyahoga County Public Defender Office: 216 443 7223
The Bail Project: 216 772 3436 <https://bailproject.org/cleveland/>

THE BAIL PROJECT

If your bond is \$10,000 10% or \$5,000 cash or less - and you are an eligible candidate the Bail Project will post your bond for free. Please note if the bond amount is higher it will require special approval.