

Safir Injury & Criminal Defense Law Brings Elite Forensic Expertise to DUI Defense in St. Petersburg

Attorney Rory Safir, one of only six ACS-CHAL Forensic Lawyer-Scientists in Florida, uses advanced scientific training to uncover flaws in DUI evidence.



Saint Petersburg, Florida Aug 9, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Safir Injury & Criminal Defense Law is redefining DUI defense in Florida by bringing real scientific firepower to the courtroom. Attorney Rory Safir has earned the prestigious *ACS-CHAL Forensic Lawyer-Scientist Designation*, awarded by the Chemistry and the Law Division of the American Chemical Society (ACS) making him one of only six attorneys in Florida and fewer than 150 nationwide to hold this title.

This rare designation reflects Safir's extensive training in forensic toxicology, chromatography, and pharmacology. Through a hands-on, lab-intensive curriculum at Axion Analytical Labs in Chicago,

endorsed by the ACS Institute, he has mastered the same scientific techniques used in government crime labs to analyze blood, breath, and drug evidence.

“Like poet-warriors or philosopher-kings, Forensic Lawyer-Scientists are a new breed of attorney,” said Rory Safir. “We don’t rely on smoke-and-mirrors courtroom tactics. We use validated science to expose bad evidence and protect innocent people from wrongful conviction.”

In DUI cases across Florida, the prosecution leans heavily on scientific evidence often assuming juries will trust test results without question. But forensic errors are shockingly common. Contamination, flawed instrument calibration, improper retrograde extrapolation, broken chain of custody, and even poorly administered field sobriety exercises can all lead to unjust outcomes.

As a St. Petersburg DUI lawyer with formal scientific training, Rory Safir is equipped to challenge every step of the process starting at the lab bench. He has personally operated the gas chromatographs, studied how forensic labs validate results, and knows exactly where the science can break down.

What Is an ACS-CHAL Forensic Lawyer-Scientist?

An ACS-CHAL Forensic Lawyer-Scientist is an attorney who has completed and passed three rigorous laboratory-based courses through the American Chemical Society’s official education platform:

- **Forensic Chromatography (HS-GC-FID):** Focused on DUI ethanol analysis
- **Forensic Drug Analysis (GC-MS, FTIR, TLC, Colormetrics):** Focused on solid drugs pre-consumption
- **Forensic DUID (Driving Under the Influence of Drugs):** Focused on drug pharmacology and analytical chemistry

These courses go far beyond lectures. Participants handle real blood and drug samples, use the same instruments found in forensic crime labs, and interpret the data themselves. Only lawyers who complete all three courses and pass a difficult proficiency exam are awarded the designation.

The program is backed by the **American Chemical Society**, a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress and home to over 200,000 chemists and scientists worldwide. Their mission: *“To advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people.”*

How This Impacts DUI Defense in Florida

Most criminal defense lawyers are not trained scientists. They often accept flawed lab results at face value or fail to spot errors that could change the entire trajectory of a case.

Rory Safir’s rare combination of legal experience and scientific expertise gives clients a powerful edge in court:

- **Identifying ethanol contamination or carry-over errors** in blood testing

- **Challenging faulty retrograde extrapolation** assumptions used to estimate BAC
- **Exposing breaks in the chain of custody** or pre-analytical errors that compromise sample reliability
- **Cross-examining lab analysts and toxicologists** using their own science
- **Educating juries** on scientific errors in a way they can understand

Rory Safir is a recognized member of the National College for DUI Defense and DUI Defense Lawyer's Association. He has been named to the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 for Criminal Defense and has been selected by his peers as a Rising Star through Super Lawyers for his outstanding work in criminal law in 2024 and 2025.

About Safir Injury & Criminal Defense Law

Based in St. Petersburg, Florida, Safir Injury & Criminal Defense Law focuses on DUI defense, serious traffic charges, drug cases, and select personal injury matters. The firm is known for bringing a strategic, science-based approach to high-stakes criminal litigation. Rory Safir's reputation as a Forensic Lawyer-Scientist sets the firm apart in an increasingly evidence-driven legal landscape.

If you're facing DUI charges in Pinellas County, Hillsborough County, Manatee County, or Sarasota County or anywhere in the Tampa Bay area, don't just hire a lawyer, hire a Lawyer-Scientist.

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