



Bail Hearings

Bail is a promise by a person accused of a criminal offense they will appear in court as ordered. A person may deposit the full amount of the bail with the court, and at the conclusion of the criminal proceeding, will receive that amount back if they have appeared as ordered throughout the process. If the person does not have the financial resources to deposit the full amount of the bail, they may contract with a bonding company. In this case, the person will pay a non-refundable fee to the bonding company, and the bonding company will make a promise to the court ensuring the person's appearance as ordered.

Although, bail is not intended as punishment, a person may not have sufficient financial resources to post their bail amount and may not be able to afford the services of the bonding company. There are many factors in determining an appropriate bail amount for each person, there is not one rule that fits everybody. An experienced attorney can present the individual factors in requesting a reasonable bail that ensures the person's appearance without creating an undue financial burden on family and friends.