

If you've received a traffic ticket that you believe was issued unfairly (or if you just want to keep points off your license), contesting the violation could save you from fines, points on your license, and higher insurance rates. Use this checklist to prepare a strong case and improve your chances of a favorable outcome. [Combs Waterkotte's traffic tickets lawyers](#) will review your case for free.

Contesting a Traffic Violation

1. Review the Citation Thoroughly

- Examine the details of the ticket, including the alleged violation, location, and date.
- Check for any errors in the citation that could help your case, such as incorrect information about your vehicle or the incident.

2. Understand the Specific Violation

- Research the exact law or code section cited on your ticket to understand what you're accused of violating. Missouri's traffic regulations can be found in [Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 304](#).
- Familiarize yourself with any relevant traffic laws or exceptions that could apply to your situation.

3. Consult With a Traffic Attorney

- Speak with a traffic attorney to discuss your options and get advice on the best course of action.
- An attorney can help you understand potential defenses and may improve your chances of contesting the ticket successfully.

4. Collect Evidence to Support Your Case

- Gather any evidence that could challenge the accuracy of the ticket, such as photos, videos, or GPS data from the incident.
- Obtain statements from any witnesses who can verify details that support your version of events.

5. Prepare Your Argument

- Organize a clear and concise argument that explains why you believe the citation was issued incorrectly.
- Practice your explanation, focusing on facts and any relevant laws that support your defense.

6. Decide Whether to Plead Not Guilty or Request a Dismissal

- Consider pleading not guilty if you have substantial evidence to support your case.
- In some cases, you may be able to request a dismissal based on specific issues with the citation, such as procedural errors.

7. Attend the Court Hearing Prepared

- If you have a history of safe driving, bring documentation of your record to the hearing.
- A clean driving record can be persuasive in showing that the violation was out of character and may help reduce penalties.

8. Know the Potential Outcomes

- Arrive early and dress respectfully to make a positive impression on the judge.
- Bring all evidence, documentation, and any witnesses with you, and be prepared to present your case clearly and calmly.

9. Plan for the Long-Term Outcome

- Understand that the court may decide to reduce the fine, dismiss the ticket, or uphold the citation based on the strength of your case.
- Be prepared to accept the outcome and, if needed, discuss options with your attorney for appealing the decision.

Want to Keep Points Off Your License? Call Combs Waterkotte's Traffic Violation Lawyers First

Contesting a traffic violation may feel challenging, but thorough preparation can make a difference. For guidance on your case, contact Combs Waterkotte to discuss your options and build a solid defense. You can call us at [wdac-phone] or [contact us online](#).