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## Avoiding Summer Trouble at the Shore



After a long, cold winter, warm weather is finally here and the official start to the summer season is almost upon us. We are all looking forward to beautiful beach days and nights out at the local shore town venues. However, things do not always go as planned, and serious problems can arise from unexpected events. In addition to our defense of complex white-collar crimes and government investigations, Stradley Ronon attorneys often

assist clients' friends and family members with the unfortunate and unexpected legal trouble that sometimes occurs at nearby shore points – whether it is a DUI on the way home from dinner, disorderly conduct at the local bar, trespassing at a nearby pool or a high school senior week gone wrong. Once the police get involved, legal representation is critical and necessary as these incidents – no matter how small they may appear – can have a significant long-term impact. Stradley Ronon attorneys have the ability to handle any legal problem that your clients and their families and friends might encounter at the various New Jersey shore points.

When issuing citations, law enforcement officers often tell people, “this is no big deal – just go to court and it will get taken care of.” **This is not true.** Any citation or complaint involving a criminal charge, DUI and/or related traffic offense, can carry substantial penalties and have significant collateral consequences. Going to court is a foreign process to many, and walking into court without an attorney can result in an outcome that is not exactly what you thought it was, placing your employment, driving privileges and your future in jeopardy.

Stradley Ronon attorney Ashley E. Shapiro, Esq. has substantial criminal defense experience and first-hand knowledge of the courts in New Jersey. Having grown up at the Jersey Shore, Ashley knows the legal landscape and can immediately assist with any legal troubles that your clients and their families and friends find themselves in this summer season and throughout the year. If you or someone you know has the need for such assistance please contact Ashley for help.

I hope everyone has a terrific summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AES", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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