Elements & Defenses

to Inchoate Crimes and Accomplice Liability

Elements & Defenses	Solicitation	Accomplice	Conspiracy	Attempt
Actus Reus Not Guilty If No Overt, Voluntary Physical Act	Incite, Counsel, Advise, Induce, Urge, or Command Another to Commit a Crime	Aid, Counsel, or Encourage Before or During Another's Crime	Agreement To Achieve Unlawful Purpose (Modern Majority: Agree To Commit a Crime & Overt Act)	Substantial Step Beyond Mere Preparation (Last Act, Danger, Prox.)
General Intent Not Guilty If General Intent Not Present	Intent to Ask	Intent to Aid, Counsel, or Encourage	Intent to Agree	Intent to Do the Act
Specific Intent Not Guilty If Specific Intent Not Present	Intent that Person Solicited Commit Crime General Approval Not Enough	Not Specific Intent Crime But Must Have Intent to Aid Mere Knowledge Not Enough	Intent to Achieve the Objective of Agreement	Intent to Accomplish the Crime
Specific Intent Defenses: Duress; Unreas. Mistake; Voluntary Intoxication	If Defense Negates the Specific Intent	If Defense Negates Intent to Aid	If Defense Negates the Specific Intent	If Defense Negates the Specific Intent
Merger	Merges With Target Crime (or with Consp.)	Not Applicable Crime Already Committed	No Merger (Old Rule Allowed Merger)	Merges With Target Crime

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Withdrawal or Abandonment	No Defense (Crime Complete Upon Asking)	 Repudiate the Request or Encouragement Neutralize the Material Aid Notify Authorities In Time to Stop the Crime 	No Defense to Conspiracy, But Det to Subsequent Crim Good Defense If Before Overt Act, Juridictions that Rec It
Impossibility	No Defense (E.g., soliciting an undercover cop Not Applicable Crime Already Committe		Good Defense if Of Person "Agreeing" Is Undercover Cop or Otherwise Not Guilty No Defense if Goal Conspiracy Factually Impossible to Achiev
Exemption or Exclusion From Intended Crime	Good Defense: If One Could Not Be Guilty of Target Crime, Not Guilty of Solicitation	Exemption: No Defense Inability to Be the Principal Does Not Bar Accomplice Liability Exclusion: Good Defense Protected Class Or Legislative Intent	Good Defense Wharton's Rule or Protected Class No Defense Legislative Intent
Mitigating Factors	N/A	N/A	Mistake, Insanit
Variations	If Solicitee Agrees, Conspiracy Formed (Merges with Consp.) If Solicitee Commits Crime, Guilty as Accomp. (Merges with Target Crime)	Accessory After the Fact Not an Accomplice; Separate Crime of Helping Felon Escape (Receive, Relieve, Comfort, or Assist)	Wharton's Rule Subsequent Crim Etc. (See Other Ch

Defense mes t, In equire	Once in Danger Zone: Majority: No Defense Minority: Defense if Permanent, Uneuivocal, and Successful	
Other Is Ity al of Ily eve	Factual: No Defense (E.g. Unloaded Gun) Legal: Good Defense (E.g. Attempted Act Not Illegal)	
	Not Applicable	
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