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Stay informed.

In today's climate there are always things happening that affect us in our daily lives whether we are aware of them or not. Although information, news, updates, etc. is much more accessible, sometimes it's the over stimulation of current events that force us to become impervious to it. That's our purpose, to keep you abreast of what matters most to you.

"We provide guidance throughout the divorce process from beginning to end."



There are several reliable resources to search for reputable family law attorneys. State bar associations, other professionals, legal search databases, etc.

One of the major issues parents and couples go through during break up and/or divorce have is finding a way to pay the exorbitant legal fees associated with divorce, child custody & visitation and divorce. One of those major expenses being attorney's fees, unfortunately these can soar so high that they can unduly influence the outcome of the case.

"He only won custody because he could afford a lawyer, not because he was the most fit parent".

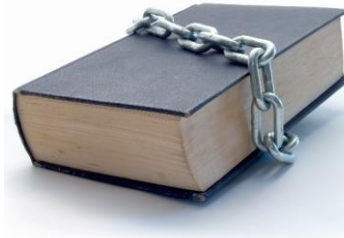
We understand that most cases require the representation of skilled, licensed professionals, mainly attorneys. But the best attorney for your situation does not necessarily warrant breaking the bank. Selecting and screening attorneys should be done with careful preparation and consideration.

Things to consider when choosing the right family law attorney:

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You should try to have a consultation with at least 3 attorneys before choosing which one to work with.

- 1.** Check for recommendations, read all reviews, and ask for references. Google, Reddit, social media, etc. are all very good resources for these. Be sure to weigh the negatives vs. the positives.
- 2.** Search for lawyers who specialize in family law and be sure they are well-versed in the specific sensitive issues in your case. For example, parental alienation, relocation, etc. cases fare much better with lawyers who are quite familiar with these topics. (Your questions should help to weed out the ones who just use terms for marketing purposes only.)
- 3.** Set up a consultation. Always meet potential attorneys, preferably in their office, to get a feel for how they run their office, how or if they create a strategy, their personability, and so on. Use all your senses (but not paranoia) to gauge whether they are who they say they are and will do what they say they will.
- 4.** Ask pertinent questions. Go to the consult with a list of prepared questions and make sure to get clear answers. You will need to compare them with other attorneys' answers. SEE BELOW FOR QUESTIONS.
- 5.** Make sure you get an Agreement and understand the major provisions before signing. Most reputable attorneys will take the time to explain the most important provisions to you.
- 6.** Get familiar with their approach to handling family law cases, especially if your case involves more sensitive issues. Some attorneys serve as guardian ad litem or law guardians so they may be more familiar to the



intricacies of “the best interests of the child”.

- 7.** Get a feel for the attorney's method of communicating with their clients, email, text message, and phone calls, to ensure that it fits with the method that suits you and their turnaround for responding or delivering info to you.
- 8.** Ask for transparency upfront. Although the legal community is massive, when lawyers have a specialization, they tend to become friendly with the other lawyers within that niche, this includes the judge, court clerks, etc. Nothing wrong with this, but just ask beforehand.
- 9.** Don't be afraid to say “no” and to ask for other references. As stated, the community is somewhat tight within specialties so the lawyer can give you some insight regarding other professionals.
- 10.** Always, always, always try to negotiate. Lawyers are human, believe it or not, so they may be amenable to working within your budget.

Questions to Ask When Interviewing Attorneys:

1. How do you handle uncooperative, difficult parties involved in the case?

It is important have an idea beforehand, how the attorney deals with attorneys who refuse to negotiate, with parties who shouts at them, with judges who do not let them speak, etc. Even if the attorney does not give a concise answer, you should be able to get a feel for how comfortable they are just from the way they respond.

2. Will I have access to my file, including correspondence, discovery, etc.?

You should be clear, from the beginning, about which documents will be accessible to you, when and how they will be too.

3. Can I speak to at least 2 of your previous clients?

Intentional or not, attorneys may not be forthcoming about their professional shortcomings, but they should be fine with honest feedback.

4. Will there be other attorneys making appearances on my case? Will I be informed beforehand?

This is not uncommon; however, every client has the right to prior notice when this occurs.

5. How familiar are you with the judge, the court clerk & staff, the other attorney?

A lawyer who specializes in family law will inevitably know all the players, may even be friends with each other. But you need to know if their familiarity influences the direction of the case.

6. What do you expect from me? If we have a disagreement how will that be handled?

The lawyer works for you, but you have a responsibility too. Lawyers are not magicians, a lot of how they proceed on your case depends on how you present your case, how you respond, and so on. Disagreements aren't unheard of; however, they don't necessarily warrant termination of representation.

THIS LIST IS IN NO WAY EXHAUSTIVE. IT SHOULD SERVE AS A STARTING POINT FOR OPEN DIALOGUE WITH THE ATTORNEY ABOUT THE PROCESS, WHAT TO EXPECT OF THE ATTORNEY, THE LAWS, AND THEIR APPLICATION AMONGST OTHER THINGS.

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